

Why Industry Says "NO" to Labor

A great part of American management has for months been on strike against the American people. In their unreasonable drive for excessive prices and profits, they have been holding up reconversion and peace-time full employment.

This may sound extreme, but remember the stakes are high. Business is striking to raise prices, slash wages and weaken or crush unions. Too many American businessmen have never reconciled themselves to bargaining with strong labor unions—strong unions that bar the road which leads back to the kind of industrial feudalism under which workers lived before 1935—before the CIO brought protection into mass production industries.

This feudal attitude, this attitude which denies its responsibilities to the public as well as to its own workers, is neatly summed up in a recent statement by Harry Anderson, vice-president of the General Motors Corporation. After turning down the union's request for information on the company's ability to pay wage increases, he added, "We don't even open our books to our stockholder." That remark speaks volumes of "the public be damned" attitude that large sections of American management have always maintained in private if not in public. And remember, this is the same Harry Anderson who was responsible for the GM labor spy system back in 1935.

This strike by management is delaying reconversion and destroying our chances for full employment. Because of it, collective bargaining in steel, auto, electrical, and other industries has all but entirely collapsed.

In the electrical industry, for example, the union made a careful presentation in support of its wage demands. It produced overwhelming evidence to demonstrate the industry's ability to pay substantial wage increases now.

It adds up to an ugly pattern. Back of the companies' unyielding stand lies some of the greatest legislative swindles ever practiced on the American people—the carry-back carry-forward tax law. If in 1946, the profits of the General Electric Company fall below the company's "normal" pre-war earnings the U. S. Treasury will refund enough of General Electric's wartime tax payments, to lift the profits up to the pre-war average.

Here is a wonderful inducement to union busting. GE can goad the union into a long and costly strike. Meanwhile the company would be eligible for refunds of many millions. This type of guarantee isn't confined to GE; it's true of all those corporations that participated in the record profit-making of the war period.

*1936-1939 average profits.

The plan to sit back and force unions into strikes is not confined to GE either. It has received support from other sources. The Munn Automobile News Letter, an industry sheet, speaking of management's lack of interest in getting plants started and in bargaining with workers, suggested to its subscribers, "Perhaps the only solution is a policy of sitting tight and waiting until the economic pinch forces workers to realize they must stay on the job or starve. At the moment there is no disposition on the part of management to become frantic over labor unrest."

The unsavory efforts of industry to compel OPA to boost prices have delayed reconversion. The automobile industry for example blocked OPA Chief Bowles' attempts to set ceiling prices for 1946 cars, thereby holding up production. Bowles described the automobile dealers' efforts to raise car prices as "the greatest single pressure operation" in the history of price administration.

Although OPA's studies revealed that 1942 price ceilings were more than ample to allow most industries to profit, the companies are continuing to put the squeeze on the government. The General Electric Company is a notorious case in point. U. S. Steel, General Motors and General Electric are merely examples. The same profits-first, public-last attitude has been also conspicuous in lumber, in textiles, and else-

where. In the work-shirt and radio parts industries manufacturers held back production for months, until OPA was forced to grant them price increases.

Anticipating the end or weakening of OPA controls and the end of the excess profits tax, manufacturers and shippers throughout the country have been deliberately delaying reconversion. Others are counting on carry-back tax refunds to help them smash the labor movement in 1946. Business advisory services have cynically advised their clients to hold up shipments in 1945 to avoid the very taxes designed to prevent just this sort of profiteering.

Veterans, too, are involved. Many of them have been trying to purchase machinery and other supplies, in order to get into business. But manufacturers with bulging warehouses have turned them down, waiting for 1946.

It comes down to the fact that labor's effort to compel management to bargain in good faith and to strive for all-out production is really an attempt to galvanize the entire society into action—an effort to bring about full employment and rising living standards for all.

It's not only the unions whose social and economic well being are in the balance. Labor's fight for higher wages is a fight for all classes, for purchasing power is the main prop of a healthy economy.

GE Propaganda In Ghost Ads

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picket line and the loss of their incomes, now seeks to lay the blame on the strikers.

If any Schenectady merchant is impressed by the figure, \$138,600, how much more would he be impressed by the income loss that Schenectady has suffered through the General Electric Company's lousing up the negotiations with the UE since last summer?

This figure if calculated would make \$138,600 look like the asking price of a cigar-lighter in Satan's kingdom.

And the responsibility for its loss to Schenectady's commerce lies at the door of the General Electric Company.

No Wolf Visible On Wilson Doormat

As a sidelight on the electrical workers' strike, A. J. Fitzgerald, general president of the UE, has pointed out that "the last reported salary of Charlie E. Wilson, president of G-E, was \$167,000 in 1942." "This amount to \$3,200 a week. The average G-E worker now on the picket line to win an increase was making less than \$35 a week. That's why he is on the picket line."

Figures from the same source show that A. W. Robertson and B. E. Bucher, board chairman and president respectively of Westinghouse, G-E's "impoverished" ally, took home \$3,515 a week and \$2,700 a week respectively during 1924.

Picket Meals Better Than Ever

Arrangements have been improved considerably for getting food to the pickets since the opening day of the G-E strike.

Sandwiches are now being served at the Rice Road picket station in addition to coffee. Beef broth is being served at all the picket lines. For pickets changing shifts, UE headquarters at Erie and Liberty is serving home-made soup, coffee and doughnuts. Pickets who have completed a shift are served these meals

People or Profits?

By WILLIAM ROTH

Member Local 301 Veterans Committee

During the war, the people were urged to buy war bonds and to make sacrifices in order that the government could purchase the supplies and tools of war. The people bought the bonds and

made the sacrifices. The war materiel was purchased from big industries, which did not sacrifice their profits, but in most cases increased them very substantially.

The corporations made their huge profits by increasing their output at a greatly lowered cost per unit of production. When the working people, who did the work and bought the bonds, asked for a reasonable (\$2 a day) increase in wages, these companies, including GE, raised a howl as if they were being robbed.

Do these great corporations, grown rich on the labor and sacrifices of the people, consider themselves to be independent of and above the people. They can't justify their existence, except as servants of the people. People come first—profits last.

GOING UP?

In deciding who would and who would not go into the plant, the company negotiator was submitting lists to Leo Jandreau the day before the strike. Jandreau was saying NO to everyone whose entrance to the plant was not justified from our standpoint. The company man suggested an elevator operator for building 2 stating: "You know there are 4 or 5 floors the big shots admitted in will have to climb."

Jandreau put his refusal very neatly by remarking "They're lucky there are not 40 floors. . ."

THINK YOU'RE GOOD?

Any union members who feels they are competent at checkers, pinocle, darts or other games, and those who just play for the fun of it are invited to play at union headquarters any time. There are always capable opponents.

Hits Contract Scrapping Move

NEW YORK—Cancellation of its contract with the UE announced by the Westinghouse Corp. follows "the general pattern of provocation which the company has adhered to for many months", A. J. Fitzgerald, general president of the UE, said today.

"It is also evidence of the concerted attempt by Westinghouse and G-E to destroy our union, since G-E took similar action several weeks ago," Fitzgerald said.

"In December G-E announced it would terminate the UE-CIO contract at the same time that the company made its unacceptable 'offer' of a 10 percent increase, thus making an offer with one hand and taking it away with the other. Now Westinghouse has matched this G-E double-talk and the two corporations have joined hands in a war against their employees and the nation."

COMING SOON

A 4-LEGGED PICKET

WATCH FOR HER

STEEL and G-E

If the conference going on at the White House to avert the pending nationwide strike of steelworkers should prove successful, what will it mean to striking workers of the General Electric Company?

Judging from the past pronouncements of G-E President C. E. Wilson, NOTHING.

Developments in other industries do not penetrate the hide of the G-E spokesman, according to his own pronouncements in defending the G-E position of 10 cents or 10 percent and "NOT ONE PENNY MORE".

The steelworkers are trying to get the management negotiators to meet the 19½ cent increase recommended by the fact finding board in the General Motors strike. Supposing this should happen, and the steel strike be averted, would it influence Mr. Wilson and the G-E?

For the present, the public can only judge from Wilson's statement that he doesn't care what happens in steel, automobiles, or the national wage situation—the G-E has offered its last cent.

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An Appeal to:

Office and Salaried Workers of GE

Today, the office and salaried workers of the Schenectady GE plant are faced with a great responsibility. It is up to you to decide whether GE will be able to prolong the strike, and thus increase the suffering of the majority of the working people of Schenectady.

For many years, General Electric has exploited office and salaried workers, through low wages and poor working conditions. Now the Company is plotting to use you as strike-breakers against your brothers and sisters, against your mothers and fathers who are on strike to make GE pay living wages.

General Electric wants to march you through the people who are picketing the plant for decent wages for you as well as for the factory workers. They want to march you through the striking veterans who fought for all of us on the battlefronts all over the world, and who are fighting again to make GE live up to its pledges to the people.

Many thousands of office and salaried workers have joined our Union, the UE-CIO. They are actively supporting the strike on the picket lines, right here in Schenectady, the home office of General Electric. They are working at strike headquarters, helping with clerical and other necessary work.

The white-collar workers of General Electric in Schenectady are in the worst position of any salaried workers in the entire GE system. The Schenectady GE plant is the only plant of the Com-

pany in which the office and salaried workers remain unorganized and without bargaining rights.

Because you are unorganized, GE feels that it can use you as guinea pigs, that it can experiment with you as it does with the production of appliances in the plant. They not only exploit YOU, they now plan to use you to hurt OTHERS.

The issue today is not the "right to work." Sixteen thousand men and women are striking to have bread on the table, clothing on their children, and a roof over their heads. If they win, you win. If they lose, you lose.

Office and salaried workers, open your eyes to the cruel and dangerous game in which you are to be used against your own people. Most of Schenectady is with us, merchants, housewives, professional people, the ALCO workers, too, many of whom are white-collar people like you.

We urge you to tell GE that you cannot be used against your families—that you will not permit them to pit one group of working people against another. Such an action would produce a bitterness from which Schenectady would not recover for many years. The responsibility for such an unhappy development would lie with the management of the General Electric Company.

Office and salaried workers, we are all in the same boat. If one sinks, all sink.

Don't Let GE use you as Seabs and Strike-Breakers.

Little Hope Held For Mediation

Mediation, without power for the mediators to do more than recommend, is worth giving a trial. The union has agreed to the request of the secretary of labor to do all it can to bring about a quick settlement with General Electric through mediation, but it seems wishful thinking to expect very much to come of it.

Industry's record of voluntary cooperation is none too savory. Look at what has taken place. U. S. Steel has shown contempt for the President of the United States in his efforts to bring about settlement of the steel dispute.

General Motors figuratively thumbs its nose at the United States Government by its refusal to abide by the decision of the President's fact-finding panel in the Auto Workers' strike.

Mediation carries with it even less power than the methods used in the President's effort to settle these two cases and when used with the cheapest of all the corporations in the anti-labor conspiracy—General Electric—can it be expected to do much better?

It is the apparent aim of these profit-swollen corporations to control the nation's economy and in their efforts to do this they have assumed the attitude evidenced by both Steel and GM—the public be damned.

MEMBERSHIP

MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 23
8 P. M.

Speaker:
JULIUS EMSPAK
UE National
Secretary-Treasurer

MT. PLEASANT
HIGH SCHOOL

Free Revue and Dance Planned For 301 Strikers This Weekend

There are big things ahead in the recreation line for all 301 members and their families.

High on the list arranged by the Strike Recreation and Social Activities Committee is a free entertainment scheduled for Friday, January 25, at Union Hall.

Notable on the list of attractions for the evening are Belle Baxter's dancing class of children of union members, who will present a dance revue. The dancers will include Joan Ann Capitumino, Sally Vacca, Stella Gilio, Dora Candeloro, Rose Gentile, Shirley O'Brien, Angelina D'Amico, Ernestine Johnson.

Among the entertainers also will be Charles O'Rourke, blind singer, who will present his "Novelty Surprise." Joseph Noisseau and his doll, Elmer, will tell you what they both think of Charlie Wilson. Warren Kilmer, wizard of the strings, will perform, and there will be community singing.

Jitterbug Sunday

For the benefit of the younger members of the union particularly, the committee has arranged a dance for Sunday, January 27, from 2 to 6 p.m. Jitterbuggers can frolic to their heart's content to the music of Cyril Sille and his orchestra, which is composed of GE employees and veterans, who are donating their services.

Remember, these events are free, and all members of the union and their families are invited.

Sardine Challenges

On Monday evening, January 28, Joe Sardine, the check-out expert, will take on all comers at one time. He will be willing to tackle up to 35 players at one time. All interested are asked to sign up at the information desk.

A radio and juke box have been added to the recreational facilities at Union Hall. Popular recordings are on tap now at all times—come and make the most of them.

Checkers, chess, dominoes and cards are available—and they are being enjoyed continually by the members.

Bossy Arrives As Promised



Alfred Mead, Schenectady Farmer's Union leader leads the 4-LEGGED PICKET around the line.

ORIGINAL TORN

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January 3, 1946

TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

We the undersigned members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine workers of America, Local 301, working on full time jobs for the Union, are notifying the Executive Board as of the above date, that we will voluntarily contribute our services to the Union without pay, if and when the local takes strike action against the General Electric Company.

We expect the above to be effective for the duration of the strike.

Signed,
 Leo Jandreau
 J. H. Bross
 Raymond J. O'Brien
 Raymond D. Flanagan
 Lulu J. Jovine

Struck Companies Can't Miss With Tax Rebate

Whether we know it or not, you and I and every one of us is paying for General Electric's financing of this strike. Everyone of us who gets his pay check with the notation that so much has been deducted for withholding taxes is footing the bill for G-E, General Motors, Steel, the meat packers and the rest of the unholy anti-labor alliance that is determined to be the deciding factor in our national economy by permitting—even encouraging—these wasteful strikes.

How are we forced to do this?

All reconversion legislation passed by the Congress is one-sided in favor of the profit-rich bosses. They have nothing to lose—can't lose anything under this legislation. There are no chances for them to take. You and I have to take all of them, for the laws are so written that the industrialist is "cushioned" against any loss during the reconversion period—and "cushioned" with the dollars of the working people of the United States. Our income taxes provide the "down" on which they land if they should come a cropper.

Not only that, the rebate provisions of the tax laws and the "carry back" and "carry forward" clauses actually provide them with money to wage their war against the American workman.

Your government has gone just about the absolute limit in its efforts to bring an end to these labor "troubles." In the Steel case, for example, it has offered to the industry a ceiling price increase estimated to bring into its coffers \$224,000,000 at the same time it suggested a wage increase which would have cost the industry only \$184,000,000.

Of course, industry could not be expected to snap at this \$40,000,000. It stands to make much more by keeping its plants idle through the "rich man's" tax laws.

Senator Harley M. Kilgore (D. W. Va.), who has made a study of monopolies and cartels, said in Washington recently: "These large corporations, swollen with war profits, are more concerned with asserting their rights to dictate working conditions than they are with maintaining production."

"The Steelworkers, by their acceptance of the President's compromise, showed a desire for continuing uninterrupted production."

"The responsibility for the present shutdowns of production now rests squarely upon the steel monopolies. These corporations, like General Motors, have said in effect to the President, the Congress and the American people: 'These wage disputes will be settled on management's terms. The workers can strike and be damned.'"

Committee Named For Local Meet

The Local 301 General Strike Committee has named a committee to work in conjunction with the Steel workers' union's committee from Locals 2054 and 3180 to arrange a city-wide mass meeting of striking CIO members to be held early next month.

Mutual Benefit Checks Slow

Many complaints have been received at Local 301 headquarters that people who have benefit payments due them by Mutual Benefit have not received their checks. This despite the fact an adequate force is allowed into the G-E plant by the union to handle these payments.

CIO Is Bulwark of Democracy

The continuing threat of fascism in the life of the United States, in spite of its defeat on the battlefields of Europe, thoroughly realized by the CIO leadership, it is shown in the call for the national CIO policy conference to be held next week in Atlantic City.

In issuing the call for the convention, at which 250 leaders of the CIO unions will discuss the strike situation, wage increase program, and Congressional attacks on labor, the national headquarters of the CIO said:

"It is not impossible for fascist ideas to conquest even though Axis military might is crushed. Reaction, which was temporarily partially silenced by the war, is again becoming prevalent. Those who place profits before people, those who believe the Negro should be kept 'in his place,' those who seek a scrapheap in the few, are now as vociferous as ever. Likewise those who seek to crush labor as the protagonist of democracy are determined to use unemployment as their tool and the financial reserves built at the taxpayers' expense as the weapon.

"Political action, social reform and economic security are all aims which affect the daily life of the worker and in which we must participate to secure our goals of full employment, full production and an annual living wage for all workers.

"If the CIO is weakened through reactionary attacks and legislation, the people's cause will lose its most able advocates and the clock of progress will be turned back.

"Now, more than ever the need of cooperation between all men of good will becomes evident. Only through the unity of those in the labor unions, on the farms, in the businesses and professions, and among the consumers of America, can we hope to achieve a real victory—a world order based on law and human rights.

"Therefore, in this most crucial year of world history, let each of us dedicate ourselves anew to the ideals of CIO organization, economic justice and legislation in the interests of all, irrespective of race, creed or color."

Letters Reveal Strike Support

Excerpts from letters sent voluntarily to Local 301 shows the true public sentiment. It comes in daily, unsolicited, (unpaid for as is GE's Opinion Poll paid for as is GE's Opinion Poll. A few are printed here.

From an office worker comes, "I am a white collar worker and sympathize with the stand the CIO has taken against these corporations. . . union papers and leaflets should be distributed throughout the country to educate and inform our people how our representatives in Washington take good care of Big Business and neglect the workers."

From Watervliet came the following word: "As an ex-GE employee I am glad to see the way the union is carrying things out. You have a great number of people with you whom you do not know."

From Schoharie County Farmers: "We will stick it out with you to the end. . . You have our fullest support."

A business man wrote, "I earnestly hope the strikers are aware of the principles involved that are important as the gain in wages from a well deserved victory."

What is more significant, checks from those able to contribute to the strike fund accompany many of the letters. GE may have its money bags but the union has the people.

World War II Vets Vote Full Support

The Veterans Committee of Local 301 announces a wide-spread backing of their resolutions in regards to Unemployment Insurance Law and the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944. At a recent meeting in Albany prominent legislators assured a Vet-Labor group that immediate steps would be taken to correct existing laws that exclude a veteran involved in a labor dispute from receiving any benefit whatsoever. Amendments have already been drawn up that will be acted upon immediately.

Foster Campbell, Chairman of the Veterans Committee of Local 301 states that a meeting of the Veterans of Local 301 will be called as soon as it is learned when these amendments will be acted upon so that a delegation may be sent to Albany as (interested spectators.)

A communication has been received from the Veterans World War II, Inc., stating that their organization has adopted a resolution supporting the workers and Veterans at the G. E. plant.

Good Service

George Churchhill, Schenectady superintendent of streets has given splendid cooperation to the picket committee by sending slippery spots and keeping the pickets paths safe to walk on. Chairman William Mastriani reports.

More Radio Time

CIO radio programs over WSNY have been extended to five times a week, Monday thru Friday, 7:15 p.m. to give members and the city complete up-to-the-minute strike news.

Strictly Impersonal

MORE DOUBLE TALK

By Charlie (10c) Wilson-Wilson

"Dear Fellow Workers, Well Dear Fellows, anyway—

"I am very disappointed in you. Since my last letter in which I told you why the Generous Electric Co. had to reduce your wages, you went and pulled a strike on me! You should know by now that I am just like the man in the Model Tobacco adv.—'when I said 10c—I meant 10c'."

I am afraid you don't fully realize how much ten cents really amounts to. Ten cents will buy, yes even today, a Bromo Seltzer—for a headache—that is! And Brother, Have I got a headache! Ten Cents will also buy you over half a pack of cigarettes, or buy one whole egg! It will also buy a glass of beer. I don't think I should have mentioned the beer though, since some of you might want 20c so you can have an egg in your beer.

Ten cents will also buy—well, it will buy you a stamp so you can write your congressman and ask him what the hell good a dime is anyway.

I do wish that you wouldn't keep making remarks about our Company being so cheap. People (the Consumer) will surely get the impression that the goods we make are cheap, too, and they will never quite understand why they will have to pay so much more money when they buy. Please remember that when I refer to people I mean Consumers. I never consider employees as people.

Let me again say that you can gain nothing by striking that you could not gain by working. Of course I am doing my best to give you nothing, anyway.

I will write again soon, but it is time for my aspirin. In the meantime, don't believe what those Union papers say about me, they are only saying those things because they are true anyway.

Your puzzled employer,
 Charlie (I can spare a dime)
 Wilson-Wilson

Charley Wilson Says:-

"Labor has won its fight against managerial selfishness but doesn't know it." Reported in the Schenectady Gazette, Jan. 21.

G-E's Record of Selfishness

- * Has offered the lowest wage increase of any major company.
- * Has consistently paid the lowest wage rates in the industry though its products are always in the highest price brackets.
- * More than doubled its total assets, during the 5 war production years.*
- * (Source: Co. statements to Securities Commission).
- * Held back appliances many months to force higher prices and avoid tax payments.
- * Forced long-service employees and others to take low-rated jobs.
- * Refused to give returning servicemen jobs with adequate pay to maintain themselves and family.
- * Demands back from workers in exchange for 10c increases, unlimited speedup in production, the right to cut prices, the right to hire and fire at will without regard for seniority rights.

General Electric Has Offered Nothing

LOCAL 301 PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Insist Veteran Benefits Must Have Priority

Action in the Legislature to obtain for striking war veterans equal consideration under the unemployment insurance law must take precedence over all other business, legislative leaders were told by a delegation from the Capital District CIO Council which visited them in Albany this week.

"This bill cannot pass through the routine channels of the Legislature. It must have top priority," Assembly Speaker Oswald D. Heck was told by Roy E. Lash, secretary-treasurer of the Council, who headed the delegation. He referred to a measure to be introduced by Assemblyman Pillion of Erie County, under which veterans if on strike would receive unemployment compensation of \$20 per week after seven weeks, and extending for the same period for which they would normally be entitled to jobless benefits under the GI Bill of Rights.

At present veterans are for the most part barred from benefits under the state law by the provision

Herald-Tribune and Star Do Not Mind Fairless' Defy

Being on the spot is the proper description of the situation the pro-management, anti-labor press of the country found itself last Saturday. They had been taking pot shots at the American working people who through their unions are trying to salvage enough folding currency to provide, not a luxurious but a fair living.

But low and behold, they find their fair-haired boy, a Mr. Fairless of U. S. Steel Corp. (he's no relation to Chas. GE. Wilson—but you'd never know it), telling the President of the United States to go to . . . even if this might mean national disaster.

How do the papers get around that one? First they take a little bitty slap at Mr. Fairless' wrist for being a naughty and unwise boy and then they wind up and take a good healthy sock at the working people and the government so Mr. Fairless won't feel offended.

To illustrate, two well known papers are quoted: The New York Herald Tribune and the Schenectady Union-Star. Could similarity between the two commentaries be purely accidental? Let's see.

Here we have excerpts from both:

H-T: "We can regret that Mr. Fairless has not seen fit to accept the compromise . . . Mr. Fairless could have made his stand far stronger."

U-S: "Mr. Fairless does not make out the strongest case." They didn't even slap Mr. Fairless at all but watch out now.

H-T: "The United Steel Workers were brazenly-violating their contract."

U-S: "The union has a contract with a no-strike provision . . . A strike is a violation of contract."

H-T: "It is impossible to forget the role of the government . . . it has been a sorry role . . . It has been conspicuous for its hesitations."

U-S: "The government's role from the beginning has not been one to be proud of. It has been conspicuous for its hesitations."

Not being such a large paper, the Union Star limited its rambling to only about 6 inches long, but if it had been labor defying of the government, we'd probably see pages of criticism. On the other hand, the Herald-Tribune, being much larger, allotted about 15 inches, 3 regretting about Mr. Fairless' strategy and the other 12 to lambasting labor and government.

It is high time that the people of this city and every other city who are the subscribers of papers, (and this is not referring to the Star, Tribune or any other paper directly), demand that patriotism and devotion to country not be measured by political or business expediency.

In the steel case, Philip Murray and the CIO went all the way with the President in order to help bring an agreement and avert a strike even though it meant relaxing its just demands. By doing so, CIO proved beyond all doubt, its devotion to America.

Management, firing from behind a wall of financial armor which it has collected as profit on war production at taxpayers' expense, has shown its devotion is not to the red, white and blue but to green backs.

And the rags back them up!

Welfare Office Established

Any union member on strike, either at General Electric or Alco who finds it necessary to apply for emergency aid should apply at the new welfare office, 381 State street which is on the third floor above the Unemployment Insurance offices at the corner of State and Broadway.

The office will be open daily except Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is supervised by John Polack, 301 welfare chairman and Eugene Sabourn, Alco workers' welfare head. Separate phones have been installed for the benefit of the respective groups. Local 301 - GE strikers phone is 2-3884 and Alco, 2-0304.

Chairman John Polack has stated that several community welfare agencies are cooperating and have representatives stationed at the offices including Catholic Charities, Family Service Bureau and Salvation Army.

Meet Saturday In New York

The UB strike strategy committee, on which Leo Jandreau represents General Electric strikers and which also includes representatives of Westinghouse and GM Electrical workers, will hold a meeting in New York Saturday to consider strike developments to date.

VOLUNTEER FOR ODD JOBS AT UNION HALL

ORIGINAL TORN

Ex-GE Worker, 82, Donates Fur Coats To U-E Pickets

Pickets at the main gate of the G-E plant were surprised to see an aged man coming towards them while on picket duty last Tuesday. He had two fur coats in his arms and with firm steps and a determined gleam in his eye he approached the nearest picket. "I want to donate these two fur coats to you people," he said, "because this is the least I can do for you who are waging a fight for decent living standards."

Upon further questioning, the benefactor, Emerson B. Cramer, of 2026 West Side Ave., Schenectady, said he was employed by G-E from 1902 to 1921. During those 19 years of servitude, Mr. Cramer turned in many valuable suggestions to the company on improved production methods and means of affecting operating economies. "And all I ever got for my efforts was a 'dinner' sponsored by G-E executives," he related.

Today Mr. Cramer is 82 years old. Life has nothing further to offer him so he has resigned himself to raising chickens on a modest little farm which he bought out of years of saving. "When I was a young man I lived on a farm and only knew what I read in newspapers," he told the pickets. "I thought union people were devils. But after learning to know them and what they were organized for, I realize they are good men just trying to earn a decent living."

A statement simple in itself, yet it carried the deep significance of coming from a man who had poured his whole life's efforts into the welfare and progress of G-E and had received NOTHING in return.

Deeply moved, the pickets accepted Mr. Cramer's fur coats and to add to their surprise, discovered he had filled the pockets with fresh eggs!

Real Thoughtfulness

Too much can not be said of the wonderful spirit of Mr. Joe James, 72-year-old friend of labor, who lives at 1054 Howard St. He gets up at 3 A.M. every morning to fix the fires for pickets on the Rice Road.

Senator Urges Rebate Repeal

Repeal of the tax rebate provisions which permit General Electric, U. S. Steel and General Motors to draw upon the Treasury of the United States to finance their attacks upon American workers is the most important step Congress could take to restore production says Senator Harley M. Kilgore.

"The responsibility for the present shutdowns of production now rests squarely upon the steel monopolies. These corporations, like General Motors (and General Electric), have said in effect to the President of the United States to the Congress and to the American people:

"These wage disputes will be settled on management's terms. The workers can strike and be damned."

Newspaper Guild Active In Support of Strike

Tri-City Newspaper Guild heard Milo Lathrop, educational director of Local 301, at its annual meeting Sunday in Albany and after listening to his discussion of the issues of the strike voted its full support to the strikers. James D. White, of the Knickerbocker News editorial staff, who was elected president of the Guild, appointed a strike committee with F. Allen Craigie of the Knickerbocker News and Al Deyo of the

Times Union as co-chairman. Weekly salary contributions and the donation of professional services on strike publications are planned by the newspaper workers.

Another area local of the American Newspaper Guild, that in Kingston, also has taken action in support of the strike and sent an initial contribution of \$10.75 to the strike fund. The Kingston Guild consists of 20 members, all but two of the eligible employees of the Kingston Freeman.

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UNITED ELECTRICAL RADIO & MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA
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GENERAL OFFICE January 16, 1946 PLAZA 3-1950

Mr. Leo Jandross, S.A.
Local 101, UER & MRA
501 Liberty Street
Schenectady, New York

Dear Brother Jandross:

I have made arrangements to send my weekly paycheck to the Local. I intend to endorse it over to Local 101-UER. I assume that this endorsement will be acceptable to whoever you bank the money. If it is not, let me know and I will make it out in whatever way is necessary. Maybe I will see you in a few days.

Fraternally yours,
Julius Emspak

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General Secretary-Treasurer

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Farmers Know the Score — Bossy Brings the News

The squawk of crated chickens resounding through union headquarters and the sight of a heifer making the rounds with the picket line at the GE main gate told strikers this week that the "men who raise your food" are with them in the strike battle.

The cow wore signs reading "Two Bucks a Day is Our Beef" and "G-E Can't Cow Us". Together with the poultry and a truckload of other farm produce, the animal was the gift to the strikers from the Farmers Union, Northeastern Division, Schoharie County Local, with headquarters in Gilboa.

A Farmers Union committee escorted the livestock to town and joined the picket line, one carrying a banner saying "Were Out Till the Cows Come Home—If Necessary." Alfred Mead, Grand Gorge, spokesman for the committee, declared the action of the Farmers Union in support of the strike is in part due to the support the farmers' organization received from organized labor in the Capital District in the 1939 milk strike. The Farmers Union action also was prompted, he said, by the realization that the prosperity of farm people through the marketing of their products at profitable prices is directly tied up with the fight of the wage workers for higher earnings.

Resolution

The Executive Committee of Schoharie Local, Farmers' Union, North Eastern Division, offers to our brothers, the members of the above union, the hearty support and sympathy of the farmers in the union's efforts to maintain a living wage and the American Standard of Living.

We further assure you of our assistance, financial as well as moral, in the event you are obliged to resort to strike action. We appreciate the fact that if we had to depend on

G. E. executives to buy our produce we could all take a vacation and starve.

County Executive Committee
Signed William Briggs,
Louie Robinson,
Alfred Mead,
Katherine S. Harrington.

Food Donations Acknowledged

Aid to the General Electric strikers in the form of food, so badly needed and so thankfully received, have come in liberally.

An especially fine food contribution was made by an elderly couple operating J. A. Winders store, a very small store on Veeder Ave.

Other contributions of food have been received from Mohawk Bakery, 869 Crane; Co-op Food Market, 1207 Eastern; Miller & Salad, 1138 Albany; Friedman & Co., 63 N. Broadway; Kinzel & Son, 807 Albany;

Non-cooperating, according to the Food Committee reports, are Zak Market on Cutler St., which "Wasn't interested," and the store at 130 Nott Terrace, which said "We don't feel that way about it."

Kronman & Sikora, 945 Crane; Kivvin, 1848 Watt St.; Joseph Nasal, 838 Eastern; Louis Wasserman, 354 B'wy; P. Campbell, 721 Altamont Ave.

Also Ruby's Quality Foods, 2639 Broadway; Romano Bros., 2619 Broadway; Mohican Co., 161 Jay; Johnnie's Fruit and Vegetable Store, 1704 Van Vranken; James Peismart, 138 Jay; Kelly's Liquor Store, (food) Jay St.; Oregon's, Broadway; New York Market, 175 Jay; Albany Pork Store, 861 Albany.

Also George's Food Market, 706 Albany; Schenectady Pork Store, 854 Albany; Sanitary Market, 128 N. Broadway; Jacobs, Chrysler Ave.; Pleasant Valley M't, 588 Broadway; Bellevue Sweet Shop, 2326 Broadway; Mechem Grocery, 885 Eastern, and Daley Restaurant, State St.

Louis Panster, 610 Broadway; Mt. Pleasant Baking Co., 941 Crane; Milano Importing Co., 1016 Crane; Klein's, Craig St., and many others who request their names be withheld.

Kidnap UE Picket

NEW YORK—A sharp protest was made to the Navy and Army Departments by Julius Emspak, General Secretary-Treasurer of the U-E-CIO over the "kidnaping of a UE picket by military police" and resulting intimidation of union war veterans who are supporting our strike on the picket line.

The union's strike of 200,000 workers at plants of the General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric Corp., and the electrical division of the General Motors Corp. is receiving widespread support by war veterans, who are participating in large groups in picketing," Mr. Emspak declared.

In letters sent today Mr. Emspak asked Secretary of Navy Forrestal and Secretary of War Patterson to launch "a thorough investigation and make public the fact that war veterans, to engage in strike action, to picket and to otherwise support their union in its activities."

The charge of kidnaping referred to the arrest and detention, for three hours last Saturday, of Charles J. Rosie, Newark, N. J., an honorably discharged navy veteran, who was seized on a picket line at a Newark plant of the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

"Rosie was seized by members of the Navy Shore Patrol and taken to New York, where he was held in a cell containing five drunk men, threatened and finally released after he was forced to sign a paper which military authorities did not permit him to read," Mr. Emspak stated.

"He was taken to New York despite the fact that he was not in uniform and despite the fact that he displayed his discharge papers to the three members of the Shore Patrol.

"Servicemen who are holding protest meetings overseas because of the failure of the military authorities to speed their return to the United States, and war veterans who have been discharged, have a perfect right to free expression of their beliefs. As Admiral of the Fleet Halsey declared recently in a speech, 'We fought so those people could strike. I believe every American citizen should have a right to do and say what he pleases.'"

Aids Subway Pickets

Bill's Lunch, Ace Diner, Bob Sorelatta and Key and Adams lunch are making every effort to help the pickets on Kruesel Avenue.

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