



**Robert Barnes**

We would like to have you meet Robert Barnes, an IUE Local 301 steward.

Bob has been with the G.E. Company for 9 years. Since his return from service with Uncle Sam's Army he has worked in the Atomic Energy Division.

Here is what he has to say about IUE-CIO:

"We as workers in the AEC know that for many, many reasons the IUE-CIO is the only union that can do the job of bargaining for the workers in our field. The UE is strictly out as far as negotiating for us.

"We want the best union in the CIO to take care of our problems, we also want a union that will be representative of us. Not an organization that is so subversive that it cannot even send its officers in to handle our grievances.

"It's about time that all the workers in the GE system get together as they did in GM and send the UE fakers on their way. We are all together in our support of a real trade union, the IUE-CIO! !"



**SHORT  
CIRCUITS**  
(With apologies to L. F.)

**NEW OATH:**

The Communist Party has a new loyalty oath:

*Cross my heart, hope to die  
I'm not a member of the FBI!*

**NEW SLOGAN:**

The CP also has a new campaign to get members:

If you get three members for the Communist Party, or if you get three new subscriptions to the Daily Worker, you won't have to pay Party dues for six months, OR if you sign up five members, or five subscriptions you will get a certificate that you never belonged to the Communist Party.

**WHAT ODDS?**

Over at the Campbell Avenue Plant some brave UE steward tried to bait an IUE group by offering 2 to 1 odds on a UE victory. When the IUE men called the bluff, the odds were lowered to 3 to 2. Then on a show of money, the UE'er pulled out altogether. The IUE unit is now offering 2 to 1 odds on its victory, but still no takers. Come, come, comrades, do you want us to spot you 2,000 votes?

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# The IUE-CIO News

**T**HERE is strength in numbers.

Vote for a strong  
**CIO UNION**

Vote **IUE-CIO**

## UE Stooge

Speaking of stooges, get a load of this guy Henry Kaminski, UE Local 301, treasurer.

Kaminski, the stalwart UE flunky, has now taken to saving GE money, even when GE doesn't want to save it.

Seems as if John Jeraleman was transferred from Bldg. 50 to Bldg. 76, but continued to do the same job, with the same classification.

John's sharing rate in No. 50 was 69 percent, and he was guaranteed the top rate in his new place of work.

But company stooge Kaminski went crying to GE because John was making the best rate.

After 30 years experience at GE Jeraleman wasn't entitled to a decent take-home pay, according to the UE stooge.

GE, believe it or not, wanted to give John his rating in the new job, but Kaminski caused such a stink that a vote had to be taken in the department.

IUE steward Myles Barry fought for Jeraleman, while Kaminski tried to under-cut him.

After sufficient UE knifing John had to take a 62 percent rate.

At last it can be seen what UE means when it calls itself "militant" -- they're "militant" company stooges.

## Who's Who in UE

*This is the fifth in a series of articles on the big shots in UE. The material for these articles is taken from authentic government information.*

### RUTH YOUNG

As Executive Secretary of UE District 4, Ruth Young, is one of the top Communist Party string pullers in the red labor movement.

Ruth's married name is Mrs. Irving Velson, and, under this false front she is a member of the New York State Committee of the CP.

Being a loyal member, Ruth also is quite a "front" girl in her spare time. The partial list is as follows:

American Youth Congress, 1938.

International Women's Day, 1942. This outfit sent loving greetings to the Soviet Union.

Jefferson School of Social Sciences.

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, 1944.

Committee to sponsor the *Daily Worker* and the Worker 1945 Fund Campaign.

Civil Rights Congress, 1947.

National Wallace for President Committee, 1948.

Back in 1938 Ruth penned her "J.H." to a Young Communist League manifesto which read: "Forward to build a strong and powerful Communist Party. Forward to the American October."

Some Girl!

## IUE-CIO LISTS GE CONTRACT DEMANDS

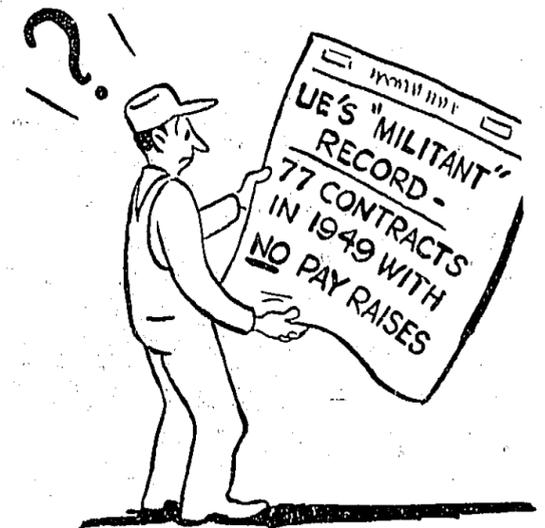
Representatives of General Electric workers in all parts of the United States gathered in Pittsburgh last week to map out contract proposals to be presented to the company at coming negotiations.

After six hours of slugging through a mass of details and proposed recommendations from the various locals in the GE chain, a complete set of recommendations were resolved.

Based upon the tremendous profits made by the GE Company, amounting to the sum of 125 million the greatest in history, and sales amounting to 1 billion 600 million dollars, the GE Conference considered evidence enough that the workers are entitled to adjustments in wages, pensions, hospitalization and to eliminate the inequities that exist under the present contract.

The following is a summary of economic and contract demands approved by the GE Conference Board of the IUE-CIO, Saturday, April 1, 1950, at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

- (1) A substantial wage increase.
- (2) A pension plan, conforming with the CIO and the IUE-CIO type, including minimum pensions, severance pay and death benefits.
- (3) A complete security and health program paid for entirely by the company, including group insurance, insurance for persons immediately on retirement, hospitalization and surgical care for workers and their dependents, and non-



occupational accident and sickness payments amounting to about 2/3 of gross pay for a period of 26 weeks.

(4) Nine paid holidays, regardless of what day they fall on, and with no strings attached. Work on holidays to be paid at triple time.

(5) Automatic progression to the top rate of the job and elimination of the right of the foreman to pass on progression increases.

(6) Steps be taken to establish a union shop.

(7) Elimination of discrimination because of race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

(8) Differential for night shift employees should be 15%.

(9) The following vacation schedule is recommended: one day for each month up to 10 months; 2 weeks vacation to 10 years; 3 weeks after 10 years; and 4 weeks after 20 years.

## PASCHE'S FIRST READER

A glossary of common UE words and phrases gleaned from Vic and Leo's New International Dictionary

The Word or Phrase	The Definition
<i>The 301 Executive Board</i> <i>Served Notice</i> .....	Leo Jandreau flexed those Jandreau muscles and said "Boo."
<i>UE Wins Big Gains</i> .....	UE puts two cents in the workers left pocket. Then it snitches 10 cents from his right.
<i>Speed-up</i> .....	A thing usually caused by UE gang leaders so that Vic can cry great big crocodile tears all over his <i>EU News</i> .
<i>Fake</i> .....	This word is used by Vic to describe IUE gains. He uses it to contrast IUE gains with Real Gains—like the UE's \$500 package.
<i>UE Stewards Met</i> .....	A half dozen stewards nodded their heads sleepily while Vic spouted the CP line.
<i>Many Members Paid</i> <i>UE Dues</i> .....	Translated, this phrase, an obscure one, means, "many members contributed their copies of the <i>EU News</i> to the UE Women's Club paper drive."

# STEWARDS ASK: "Where Do We Go From Here?"

April Fool's Day has come and gone with no action on the part of the big, bad UE to carry out its "no contract, no work" threat.

Apparently the only suckers in UE's April Fool's prank were the CP leaders who tried to railroad the strike action across. But the UE threat, and the big propaganda campaign used to build it up fell flat on their respective kissers.

UE may still try to pull its irons out of the fire with a phony walkout, but it will be anti-climatic now that the April 1, deadline has passed unnoticed.

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At a meeting the Thursday before the UE-GE contract expired, IUE Local 301 stewards were briefed on what the procedure would be in the shop.

Many questions arose as to what grievance procedure would be used; how grievances are to be handled, and what strings were attached to GE's noble gesture to "extend the terms of the contract."

This is the first time since IUE petitioned for representation in the GE plant that the Company and UE were forced to abandon their collusive deals so that IUE can represent its membership.

Unlike any other company, GE has insisted on bludgeoning IUE with a phony

and inoperative contract, and sticking to their labor sweetheart, UE.

In the past four months UE has had the sole right to settle grievances and represent the workers to management. No one needs to tell the GE workers how badly the UE has fumbled the ball in this period.

Now that the contract has expired and GE-UE can no longer hide behind their legal lace handkerchiefs, IUE stewards will process grievances and carry out their rightful function as representatives of GE workers.

In the days following the April 1 deadline, IUE-CIO has moved in on the piled up grievances and started cleaning house.

In one department an IUE steward got a worker 50 percent more on his job rate. In other departments time studies have been protested and adjusted, rates boosted and many unhealthy conditions straightened out.

Even management, following through on its forced position of accepting IUE stewards, has equipped its foremen with cards specifying which steward the worker will be represented by.

The tone of the stewards at their meeting was one of determination, both to do a job for the workers, and to see to it that GE did not try to back-slide on its



Frank Kriss, Business Agent, reported on the policy statement issued by GE. Other speakers were, left to right; Sy Cohn, CIO Representative, Frank Fiorillo, IUE District Director; Milt Danko, Local 301 President; Joe Swire, International Representative; Ralph Light, CIO Representative.



IUE Local 301 stewards met before the April 1 contract expiration to learn what the new procedure would be. They made it clear that under-cutting by either UE or GE would not be tolerated.

<b>LISTEN!</b>	<b>LISTEN!</b>	<b>LISTEN!</b>
<b>IUE-CIO ON THE AIR</b>		
EVERY SUNDAY WSNY	The Polish Hour - - -	1:10 to 1:15 PM
	The Italian Hour - - -	6:35 to 6:45 PM
EVERY MONDAY WPTR	A Report to the People of The Capital District at 6:15 to 6:20 PM	

promises.

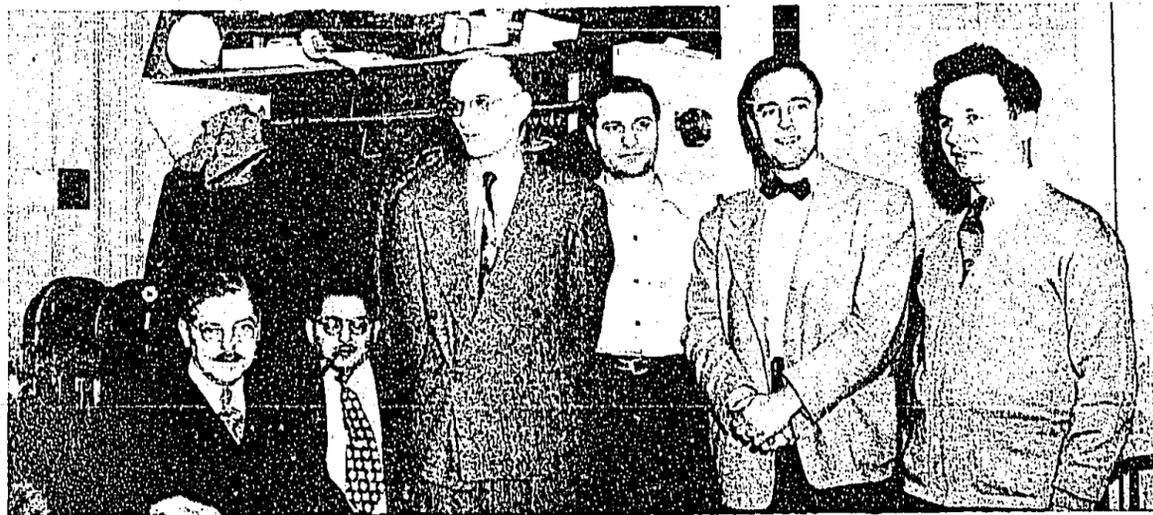
The stewards made it clear that if GE should start playing footsie with the UE again, or under-cutting conditions there would be trouble.

They affirmed, however, that if GE lives up to its promises, IUE would do

the same.

IUE-CIO and UE have both committed themselves to a democratic vote of the workers. Until this vote is held IUE will do everything in its power to uphold and maintain the conditions of the GE workers.

## Education Classes Begin



The Education Committee of IUE Local 301, pictured above, put the first part of their extensive program into operation last week. Left to right are: Art Rost, Sy Cohn, staff advisor; Dave Fisher, Mike DeLavilla, Dr. Murphy, professor at Union College, and John Rej.



The first class in Parliamentary Procedure was held at union headquarters last Wednesday night. Other courses in Grievance Procedure, Public Speaking and Labor History are regularly scheduled during the week. Come in, sign up, and get in the educational swing of things.

## IUE VICTORIES

IUE-CIO chalked up two more election victories against the defunct UE. The vote last week at the Fomica Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio, was: IUE-CIO, 814; UE-Ind, 244. This week at Eagle Lock Co., Terryville, Conn.: IUE-CIO, 253, UE-Ind, 174.

To steal one of Party-Man-Pasche's favorite expressions: "You didn't see nothin' about this in the EU or UE News!"

## Finances Still Fuzzy in UE Auditing

The second and final report of auditors inspecting UE Local 301 finances was issued last week. The auditing of the books was ordered by the New York Supreme Court to determine if UE-301 had violated a restraining order limiting its expenditures to \$3,500 per week.

For over a month now Certified Public Accountants have been pouring over the records. Some of these auditors were employed by UE, some by IUE-CIO. A court appointed referee was present at all times to make sure everything was fair and legal.

Several weeks ago the IUE received a preliminary report on the finding of the auditors. It showed that UE had deliberately spent more than the \$3,500 limit for 8 weeks out of 13 weeks under investigation.

One of the weeks UE spent \$11,049.65, an over expenditure of \$7,549.65. The report also revealed that UE has failed to keep a proper account of "lost time" expenses. And has failed to pay U. S. Government income tax and social security deductions made during 1949. This oversight may cost the membership a substantial amount of money in penalties and fines.

The first report was based on the actual amount of money spent each week by the Local. In order to further check on the state of affairs, the court auditors investigated UE's "incurred expenses." In other words, how much money in unpaid debts UE piled up each week.

Again, out of the 13 weeks period, UE has incurred more than its share of debts for seven of the weeks.

But the significant factor is that UE refused to give the auditors a certified statement that it had turned over all the records of its outstanding debts.

It is obvious that the picture of UE's finances is even blacker than is painted in the official report. Any organization that operates openly and above board; in

an honest and straight forward fashion would not hesitate to give such a statement to an accounting firm.

UE has been squandering and wasting the membership's money. But even more important it has shown a callous disregard for the orders of a free American Court.

The court order was issued to protect the workers, to insure that their hard earned money was not poured down the drain.

By its action UE has demonstrated how much respect it has for the rank-and-file; how much it thinks of the membership's best interest.

## Sperry Votes IUE-CIO 7 to 1

Over two weeks ago nearly 6,000 workers at the Sperry-Gyroscope Corporation, Long Island, N. Y., voted in an NLRB election.

Have you heard the results?

The NLRB impounded all the votes in order to give UE an opportunity to appeal its phony unfair labor practice charges to the labor board in Washington.

UE was in for another horse whipping at Sperry, following true to form it filed charges to hold up the elections; to play for time in the hope of picking up a few more votes.

UE filed similar charges in General Motors, and they were thrown out. It filed charges at Wurlitzer, with the same results.

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As we go to press we have received official election results at Sperry, they are: IUE-CIO, 4,016; UE, 622.

<b>IUE-CIO:</b>	<b>4,016</b>
<b>UE-Ind.:</b>	<b>622</b>