

UE FLOPS MISERABLY IN ATTEMPT TO BREAK UP ORGANIZATION FORMED AT MAQUA

There is a plant in Schenectady where women are hired for a wage of 75 cents an hour, and where they are forced to work for months, in some cases years, without an increase. The top rate for women in this plant is \$1.15 an hour.

The plant is owned outright by GE, and, in fact, is listed by GE as one of its departments. That plant is the Maqua Printing Co.

Years ago, all the workers in the various printing crafts were organized by various craft unions. But no organization offered a helping hand to the production workers, who are for the most part women.

UE, which has had bargaining rights at the main GE plant for 14 long years, never raised a hand to offer help to these workers.

Then a group of these workers voluntarily came to IUE-CIO, to ask for help in organizing. They were determined to take action to better their pay and working conditions.

In just two days, that group signed up enough members so that IUE-CIO was able to petition for an election. That's when UE reared its ugly head. William Mastrianni, that stalwart of American Labor Party infamy, and a group of paid UE agents, spent a whole day before the gates of Maqua in an effort to win support. Mastrianni was told by the workers that they wanted an American union, not a Communist union. Then UE put out a lying leaflet. When the workers saw that it was UE literature in an envelope, they collected copies, and sent them right back to the UE stooges who put them out.

UE held its June membership meeting last night. About 80 members, including stewards and officers, were present. The main topic of discussion was the Maqua Co., which UE has ignored for 14 long years. UE members were told to do all in their power to stop Maqua workers from organizing in the CIO. That's the kind of unionism UE preaches.

UE officers did manage to discuss some business which concerned their own local. They admitted that UE went into debt to the amount of \$1,500.00 on the dance held recently.

UE doesn't practice unionism--but it does practice union-busting.

In the past year and a half, IUE-CIO has met UE on equal ground in plant after plant throughout the nation. In every case the workers at the plant decided which organization they wanted. In an overwhelming majority of these plants, IUE-CIO has been victorious. IUE-CIO is preparing now to meet this outfit again in Schenectady, and let the workers be the judges. IUE-CIO is not afraid of that, nor is it afraid to meet UE and let Maqua workers decide which organization is best. IUE-CIO is not afraid, for UE's record is against it!

IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED FOR AN ELECTION THIS YEAR, SIGN THE APPLICATION BELOW. SEND IT TO IUE-CIO, 202 CLINTON STREET, SCHENECTADY.

International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO

I want to join with 70,000 other General Electric employees who have affiliated with the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO, which has won greatly improved contract conditions including a recent wage increase—the third that IUE-CIO has won from GE in one year. For those reasons and also because I wish to belong to a democratic, anti-Communist union, I hereby designate the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO as my sole collective bargaining representative.

(This authorization supersedes any prior authorization)

Date _____	Signature _____
Employed by: _____ GE Plant, Schenectady	Address _____
Department _____	Received by _____



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UE GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT IN ERIE

The Communist UE, which once pointed to Erie, Pa. as one of its strongholds, has suffered another blow in that city.

One of its last locals there, at the Erie Resistor Co., is lost to UE forever. In an NLRB election held last week, IUE-CIO received 446 votes, IAM received 349 votes, and the Communist UE came in a very weak third, polling a mere 124 votes.

There will be a run-off between IUE-CIO and IAM to determine the bargaining agency.

This leaves UE with practically nothing in Erie, for its local at the GE works there is falling apart rapidly, and its only other local, at the Penn Union Co., voted to disaffiliate from UE and join IUE-CIO just last week.

IUE-CIO now represents some 325,000 workers in plants throughout the country, and with the destruction of UE's control in New York City it is obvious that the days of Communist control of electrical workers are numbered.

The Schenectady GE works now represents UE's last stronghold, with Erie running a weak second.

IUE-CIO's election triumph at Emerson Radio, Jersey City, opened the way for IUE-CIO to take over UE's last group in the Metropolitan New York area, Local 430.

While UE is falling apart, IUE-CIO is growing more solid every day. IUE-CIO has not lost a single union shop vote. To date, some 80,000 workers have voted in these union security elections, and despite drawbacks, IUE-CIO has received 80 per cent of the votes cast—far above the national average. In most major union shop elections for IUE-CIO, UE has campaigned, along with the companies, for a no union vote. The best example of this took place at the big RCA plant in Camden, N. J., where UE used every weapon at its command to inspire a no union vote. The results, 5,170 for a union shop, and 1,088 against shows that UE failed in this effort.

IUE-CIO's victory over UE at Pre-Vacuum, Toronto, Canada, gives IUE-CIO four GE plants in Canada. IUE-CIO has filed a petition for a representation election among 3,700 production workers at GE's largest Canadian plant in Peterborough. IUE-CIO victory in this plant will mean certain defeat for the UE and the Communist Party throughout Canada.

SHOP TALK

The General Electric Co. is up to its old tricks of saving pennies at the expense of the workers. In order to avoid paying six days of vacation pay to workers who have been on a six-day schedule for some time, the company has cut most of these workers to a five day schedule during that period on which vacation pay will be computed. Vital defense work may be slowed down as a result, but GE is more interested in saving a few dollars than in helping the nation's defense effort—at least that's the way it looks to a casual observer. A good example of this is in Building 69, but it is not exclusive to that building.

Art Rost, Sr. of Building 16 went fishing last week and came home bragging, or complaining, that he caught a "UE pike." That's a pike that's small, weak and not fit to keep! In fact, the government has a law against keeping small, weak pike—just as it doesn't allow a small, Communist union, the UE, in atomic energy plants.

The Electrical Union News is getting its figures slightly mixed these days. UE says IUE-CIO has exactly 94 members at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. The officers of the IUE-CIO Atomic Local will show anyone who is interested that 360 Atomic Lab Workers are paying dues to IUE-CIO. That's 85 per cent of those eligible to belong, since there are some 425 workers in the production and maintenance unit at Knolls Two. Here's how UE got mixed up. IUE-CIO also represents the office workers in Erie. On several occasions, UE put out the lying propaganda that IUE-CIO had only 94 dues-paying members among Erie office workers. So, in its frantic searching for a new lie, UE saw a piece of their own propaganda, and just mixed the locals a bit. That's one way of mis-informing the membership.

Al Dorries of the second shift, Building 15 says, "The UE dopesheet for May 25 makes the Knight of the Air Hose Mastrianni a charter member of the UE. I wonder what some of the other old-timers, like myself, and what some of our first committeemen have to say about that. The Knight of the Airhose was first heard of when he signed a pe-

tition to put the Communist Party on the ballot in New York State, and that was years after the Union was founded. He along with Friedlander and some imported party boys are not the ones who built the union. They are the ones who made a Communist cesspool out of it!"

Over in Building 18, UE stewards never seem to have time to fight out a grievance, but they certainly have been doing all right with the water fights lately. Such recreation is O. K., but there's a time and place for everything!

Office Service workers out of Building 12 are really taking a beating these days. These women don't even have time for a five minute rest period, and on many days they don't have time to wash up before going home. This is due to unequal distribution of work, but the steward there isn't doing anything about it. Steward Ricciardi has plenty of time for conversation, and for personal business, so he doesn't worry about the department too much. But the floor lady over there threatens the girls with a week off if she so much as sees them using the telephone. The girls think a new steward, or even better, a new union, would help them a lot!

GE workers were subjected last week to a propaganda blitz by the Communist Party. Not one, but three pieces of literature were put out at certain gates by the Party boys and girls. The Party was crying because its top leaders, 11 of them, were sentenced by the Supreme Court. This, cries the party, is an abridgement of the right of free speech. Every good American holds dear the right to free speech, and every good American knows that if the Stalinists had their way, there would be no free speech at all in America. That's why the sentence of these top Party leaders was upheld. These traitors to America got just what they deserved - - for their objective was, and is, to set up another Russia in America. Another piece of Commie literature praised Russia because in Russia you can buy 50 or 60 different kinds of sausage. What the Party doesn't tell you is that if you don't follow the party-line in Russia, you're likely to be ground up into sausage. That's why they've got so many brands.

"IN UNION
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STRENGTH"