

YOUR CARD MAY BE THE ONE THAT COUNTS

Every card signed these days by a GE worker brings all of us closer to another election—an election which will give each of us a chance to decide, by a free and secret vote, whether we wish to remain in a weak and discredited organization like UE, or whether we want to return to CIO.

Just as soon as IUE-CIO has 6,000 cards signed, a petition for an election can be filed. Each one of us has an important stake in that election.

Today, the bargaining agent at the big GE plant in Schenectady is the UE. Because of its weakness, because it stands alone, cut off from all the rest of organized labor, UE is unable to do an efficient job of collective bargaining.

But IUE-CIO has proved, in the year and a half that it has been in existence, that it can make gains for GE workers, and for all electrical workers. In just one year, IUE-CIO has won 19 cents in wage increases for its members in GE, as well as an extra paid holiday, and improvements in the pension and sick benefits plan. IUE-CIO has proved that GE workers don't need a Communist dominated union to win gains for them.

In view of these facts, each GE worker must consider his duty to himself, to his family, and to the community in which he lives. After such consideration each GE worker must decide whether he wants to remain in the Communist-Dominated UE.

If you decide against a Communist union, sign the card below, and send it to IUE-CIO, 202 Clinton Street. Do it today - - your card is needed!

UE AND DEMOCRACY DON'T SEEM TO MIX

On May 23, UE Board Members throughout the GE Schenectady Works gave a report on UE negotiations with GE, and then took a vote, supposedly to see whether or not Schenectady GE workers wanted the nine-cent hourly increase won a month earlier by IUE-CIO.

Since the vote was held in such a fashion that there was no adherence to parliamentary procedure, the whole business was completely illegal.

But the pay-off is this: The UE Negotiating Committee, including Julius Emspak, a man convicted on charges of contempt of Congress, signed an agreement for the nine cents with the company on May 17, six days before workers in Schenectady had a chance to express their opinion on this matter.

That may be the UE brand of democracy, but in the eyes of most Americans, that's Stalin's way of doing business!

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 un'on, 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: _____ Address _____
 GE Plant, Schenectady

Department _____ Received by _____



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IUE-CIO SETS NEW RECORDS

IUE-CIO is proving every day that electrical workers don't need a Communist-dominated union to make gains for them.

A list of 16 wage increases, NEGOTIATED WITHOUT A REOPENING CLAUSE IN THE CONTRACT, was published last week by IUE-CIO. In every case, workers had received an increase through IUE-CIO less than a year before the new wage increase was negotiated.

Among the locals making these gains were Metric Metal, Erie, which won seven cents in February, Formica, Cincinnati, which won six cents in December; Packwood, St. Louis, 10 cents in January; American Radiator Co., New Jersey, 10 cents in December; Minneapolis Moline, Moline, Ill., five cents in January; Stewart Stamping, Yonkers, N. Y., seven cents in November, and Ingersoll-Rand, New Jersey, five per cent in January.

These increases were won even though the contract did not call for wage talks, and even though workers had received increases less than a year before.

Besides these increases, 126,000 IUE-CIO members under 20 contracts with various firms have received sizable increases through cost of living clauses during the past year. In every case, workers received straight wage increases, as well as the cost of living raises listed here.

Workers at GM, Sperry, Ford Instrument, Monsanto Chemical, and Farnand Optical all have received 13 cents an hour. American Gas Accumulator workers won 12 cents; while those at Liquidometer and Allis Chalmers have received 11 cents so far. Among those winning nine cents were workers at GE, Wagner Electric, Package Machinery Rudolph Wurlitzer, Foote Gear, Chapman Valver, Otis Elevator and National Rubber.

Exide Battery workers have received 8½ cents so far, and will receive another three-cent increase, based on June 1 cost of living figures, very shortly. Other workers who will receive the three cents as of June 1 are those at Allis Chalmers, American Gas Accumulator, and General Motors.

Besides these workers, 35,000 GE workers under contract of the Communist UE also will receive a nine-cent increase because of the IUE-CIO contract just as soon as the wage stabiliza-

tion Board grants approval. Some 70,000 GE workers under IUE-CIO contract received this increase automatically in May according to the provisions of the IUE-CIO contract.

IUE-CIO WINS IN WESTINGHOUSE

Negotiations concluded last week between the Westinghouse Corp. and IUE-CIO won for the union a nine-cent hourly wage increase and a union shop.

The wage increase is subject to Wage Stabilization Board approval. Westinghouse Corp. can also request the right to raise prices from the Office of Price Stabilization. If the company does this, and if the price stabilization board refuses, Westinghouse may fight the wage increase. IUE-CIO is ready to meet this profit-hungry organization in battle if it is necessary in order to win this increase.

UE has done a lot of talking about Westinghouse, but the only action they've taken is to file a petition for the big East Pittsburgh works. This petition was thrown out for the lack of sufficient evidence. Apparently, UE filed again but this petition will be as useless as the first, because Pittsburgh Westinghouse workers are behind IUE-CIO.

CORRECTION

LAST WEEK'S IUE-CIO NEWS CARRIED A REPRINT OF AN ARTICLE ABOUT BEN GOLD WHICH APPEARED IN THE AUGUST 28, 1950, DAILY WORKER, OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. BY A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR, THE DATE APPEARED AS AUGUST 28, 1951.

MANY WORKERS WHO NOTICED THE DATE REALIZED IMMEDIATELY THAT IT WAS A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR, BECAUSE THEY RECALLED READING ABOUT THE STATEMENT LAST SUMMER. OTHERS, HOWEVER, THOUGHT THAT IUE-CIO PRACICED MIND-READING. WHILE WE CAN'T CLAIM THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT, WE DO CLAIM TO DO A GOOD JOB OF TELLING THE TRUTH AND CORRECTING OUR ERRORS WHEN WE MAKE THEM!

SHOP TALK

In Erie, Pa. so many UE members have quit that Communist-led outfit in the past three months that UE got excited. The local president went to the company and asked management please not to recognize those revocations. Management didn't want to hurt UE's feelings, so, despite contractual provisions to the opposite, management decreed that a worker who wanted to withdraw would have to notify his paymaster in person. That's exactly what workers in Erie are doing. UE won't stop Erie workers in their fight to have a decent union!

UE is showing its inconsistency more and more every day. First that outfit condemns all escalator clauses. Then its leaders accept an increase won from GE by IUE-CIO through an escalator clause. Then UE puts a big propaganda campaign which declared that UE wants to improve the government's system of computing cost of living figures. All the real trade unions, the CIO, AF of L, and other bona fide unions, have been battling for years to improve this system, and they finally got their point across, and forced a Congressional committee to look into the matter. Then UE sneaked into the act, to claim credit for a job which took months and months of hard work by decent union leaders. Now that committee is studying the cost of living figures, and CIO, AF of L, and other union leaders are in there fighting the battle for their members. But where is UE? That outfit has no recognition. Even if some of its Commie representatives do testify, their testimony won't mean a thing. How can people who have pledged their support to the Communist Party have the nerve to try to convince the government that they want to improve something in America? That's just another UE inconsistency.

Sidney Friedlander pulled a phony sit down in Buildings 15, 17, and 19 about a month ago. The workers haven't been able to figure out just why the demonstration was ordered, but Al Dorries has discovered what the answer is. The sit down lasted from one o'clock to eleven on the morning of May 1. In Moscow, the same time was from eight A. M. to six P. M., the very time that Stalin was reviewing the Russian troops in his notorious May Day parade. Could be there is some connection.