

Saccocio Gives Dose of Facts to U.S. Senators

"A little of the truth won't hurt them."

This was John Saccocio's comment when he returned to Schenectady from testifying in Washington before the Senate Banking Committee on the need of price control.

In answer to congratulations on his plain, forceful testimony, which made headlines from coast to coast, the Local 301 committeeman said, "I tried to do a job."

Saccocio confessed he was "a little nervous" when he started addressing the Senators.

"After all, I'm only a small man to be tangling with the cream of the crop! But once I got going, I lost all nervousness."

Certainly he didn't sound nervous when he told the Senators Apr. 25:

"Heaven help us if OPA goes out of business. Keep OPA and give it some teeth. We want jail sentences for everybody who violates OPA ceilings."

A Senator inquired, "If we put all these black market people in jail, where would we get the jails?"

"Build more jails," Saccocio said.

He gave them a copy of his family budget which has jumped from about \$29 a week in 1941 to \$60.

Senator Charles H. Tobey, (N.H.) who favors price control, said: "Mr. Saccocio, it's a very healthy thing for this committee to have people like you come before it."

As a closing message, Saccocio said to the Senators.

"I don't know any of you. But men like you don't represent the people. You represent the manufacturers and big business. But we elect you. We are the majority. We are the people.

"When you vote against us, we lose faith. Democracy sounds fine when you gentlemen are making campaign speeches, but it's what happens after elections that counts, and that's when you forget us."

HARD TO EQUAL

Local 301 received 327 new membership applications in nine days recently, — a record hard to equal. At this rate there should be few "free riders" left at the Schenectady GE plant. The goal, of course, is a 100 per cent union shop.



John Saccocio, Local 301 Committeeman, his wife and their sons return from Washington where he testified at the Senate Banking Committee hearing on price control. Fred, 11, and Mrs. Saccocio listened intently while he told some plain facts to the Senators, but Richard, two, strolled around the Committee Chamber.

CIO Speaker Raps Congressmen, Warns Vets on Super-Seniority

Congressmen who are attempting "to rob the veterans of their last few dollars by killing the OPA and letting prices sky-rocket" were criticized by Meyer Bernstein, Washington representative of the national CIO Veterans Committee, at a meeting of the GE and ALCO Steel Workers Veterans Committees Apr. 25 at CIO Hall.

He presented details of the CIO veterans' legislative program. The program includes a bill which would provide terminal pay for enlisted personnel. At present, officers below the grade of major receive the \$300 mustering out pay plus terminal leave which sometimes goes as high as \$1,000.

Much of the meeting was devoted to the serious problem of super-seniority which is resulting in displacement of employes with many years seniority at GE and ALCO.

Bernstein pointed out that company policy of forcing veterans to displace other workers with a great deal of plant seniority not only results in extreme hardship and injustice to the displaced worker but also for the veteran, since the veteran's job is guaranteed for only one year.

"Strict enforcement of seniority clauses under the union contract is the only sound method of determining who shall work at what job," Bernstein said.

Saccocio Budgets

	1941	1946
Rent	\$10.00	\$10.00
Food	10.00	25.00
Clothes	4.00	5.00
Insurance		3.00
Medical Care	1.00	2.50
Dentist	2.00	2.00
Phone	1.00	1.00
Light and Gas88	1.50
Social Security66
Income Tax		6.30
Total for Week.....	\$28.88	\$60.25

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Local 301 Fights GE Policy on Vets UE Board Asks Dues Raise To Meet Increased Problems

Local 301 will carry its fight against the GE policy on super-seniority to court on the grounds of contract violation. Leo Jandreau, business agent, told L. H. Means, GE representative, and Selective Service officials at a meeting in Albany Apr. 29.

"We will start civil suits," he said, "to recover pay lost to GE workers by dismissals and lay-offs in violation of the seniority clauses of our contract."

Jandreau and other Local 301 representatives also took up at the conference complaints that many returned GE veterans are earning less at their new jobs than they were when they left for military service.

"The company doesn't care a hoot about super-seniority when it comes to pay for veterans," Jandreau declared. "We think the letter and the spirit of the law requires the GE to guarantee veterans the same earnings when they come back."

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GE Contract Sessions Resumed in New York

As contract negotiations with GE were resumed this week in New York City, UE representatives announced tentative agreement has been reached on 17 articles. They were to tackle 11 other articles on which no progress has been made.

No agreement has been reached on the following: Article II, Union security and maintenance of membership; VIII, negotiating of rates and classifications, information of rates, classifications and incentives, and piece prices; IX, classification of jobs (contract formulations); X, vacation; XI, job classifications; XV, transfers; XVII, seniority preference; XVIII, leave of absence.

Also XX, arbitration; XXI, local understandings; XXVI, travel time, pension plan, severance pay, apprenticeship, group insurance, pay for lost time on union activity (supplement), holidays with pay for hourly workers.

Because the cost of living has increased for Local 301 as well as for its members, the new budget worked out by the Executive Board with the advice of the union auditors made it necessary to recommend increasing dues 50 cents a month. Dues have not been raised since the union was formed in 1937.

The Constitution Committee has unanimously endorsed the Executive Board's recommendation that dues be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a month.

The proposal will be brought before a special membership meeting Tuesday night, May 14, at union headquarters. Committeemen of all shifts were to discuss the matter earlier.

"From experiences with the General Electric Company in the past and from our experiences in the present contract negotiations, it is obvious that the union

must gear itself to perform additional services and handle increasing problems," Leo Jandreau, business agent said.

"To meet the obstacles placed in our way by General Electric we need additional funds."

At the meetings in which the increased budget was discussed, Board members pointed out the need for increased action and expenditures in the political field, such as the fight to save price control.

During the strike, it was pointed out, the union learned from first-hand experience the need of keeping public opinion constantly and well informed on the problems of the union.

"That means radio and newspaper publicity," Jandreau said, "and it means money."

Costs of the district UE and the international UE have also increased, Jandreau said, and Local 301 can pay its proportionate share of these increases by the proposed raise in dues.

The job of organizing the office workers also calls for extra funds.

Union Calendar

Tuesday, May 14—Special membership and committeemen's meeting. Report of Constitution Committee on proposed changes.

Tuesday, May 21—Membership meeting. 8 P. M. meeting of Office Workers Organizing Committee.

Wednesday, May 22—Capital District COI Council meeting, CIO Hall.

VETERANS ON JOB

Union GE and ALCO veterans' committees are getting set for political action by making lists of their members according to wards and election districts.

The veterans will use CIO ward headquarters throughout the city for social affairs as well as political discussions and meetings.

UE WINS UTICA VOTE

The UE won a National Labor Relations Board Election May 3 at the Utica Tube Works of GE at Utica. The vote was 157 for UE and 41 for no union. Talks with management start soon.

UE District Meeting To Talk Organizing

Organization of the unorganized workers in the upstate area will be the main subject discussed at the UE District conference at Rochester Saturday and Sunday. There are five new GE plants to be signed up and many others scattered over upstate counties.

Other topics to be discussed include political action and education.

Local 301 delegates will be: Andrew Peterson, president; Leo Jandreau, business agent; William Mastriani, chief shop steward; Sidney Friedlander and Roy Lash, committeemen.

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Office Workers Hear Facts on Labor Unions

Jerry Steinberg, UE field organizer assigned to Schenectady, gave the first talk in a series on "The History and Functions of Industrial Unions" at a meeting of the Office Workers Organizing Committee Tuesday at CIO Hall.

The opening talk dealt with the background and development of labor unions in the United States. Union parliamentary procedure will be the next topic. The discussions were arranged on request of office workers for information of the "why" and "how" of union organization.

Sadie Iovinella made a preliminary report on the survey now being made by the Office Workers Organizing Committee on the kind of jobs held by the people who have applied for union membership. Many veterans of World War II and long service employees have signed up, she found.

The publicity committee reported that a news letter, Union Digest, will be ready to mail each member by May 16. Meetings of the Office Workers Organizing Committee are conducted every other Tuesday.

Missing—Some Committeemen

Since V-J day there have been so many changes at the Schenectady plant that in some spots people don't have any committeemen.

It's important for all groups to have representation, the Local 301 office has pointed out. Anyone knowing of a vacancy in the committeemen's ranks should notify the Executive Board member of the section or one of the business agents.



Sadie Iovinella

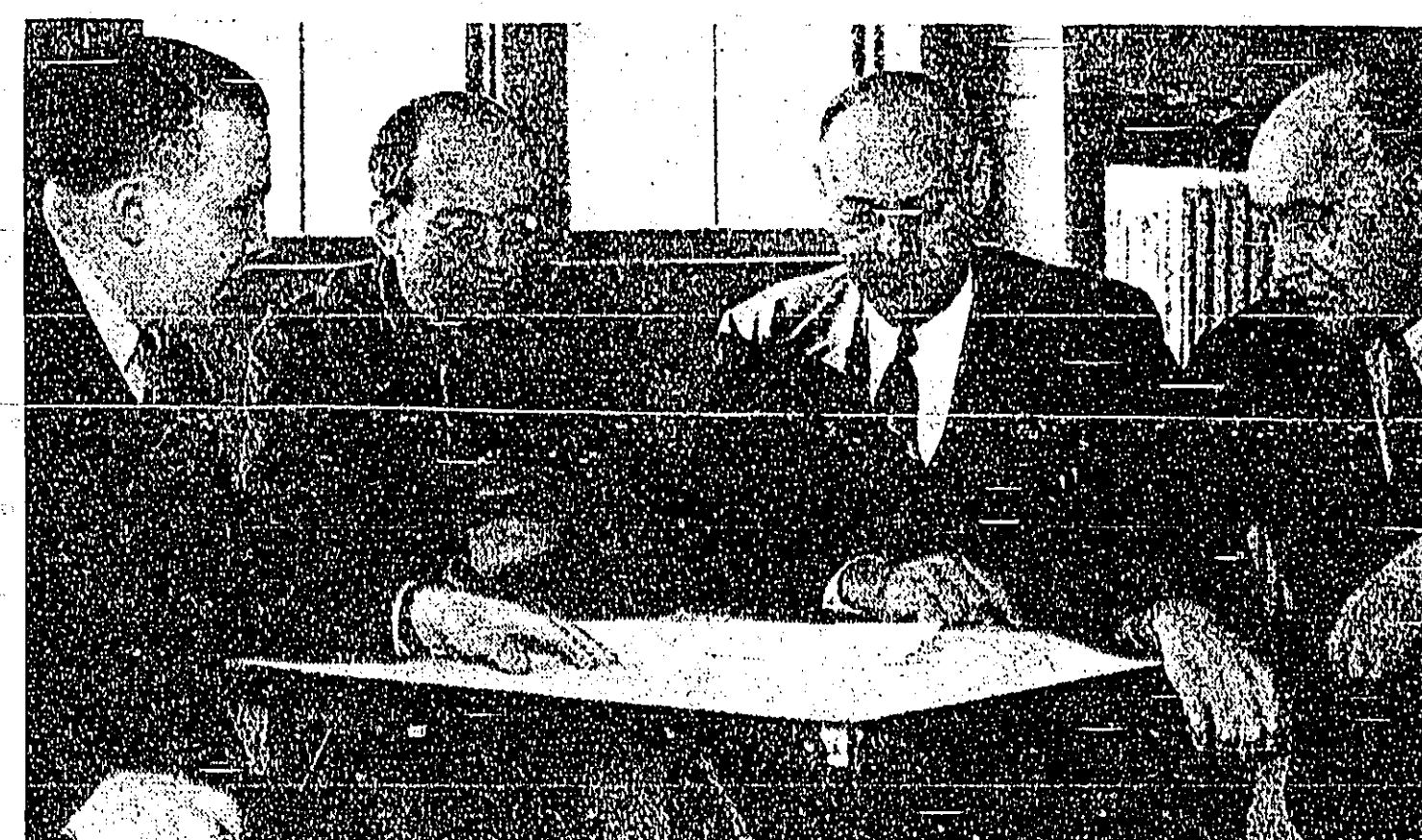
Name 1946 Mutual Benefit Chairmen; Secretaries To Be Announced Later

The list of General Electric Mutual Benefit Association chairmen for 1946 is printed below. How about saving the list for future reference? Names of secretaries will be available later. The chairmen are:

No.	NAME	Department	Tel.	Building No.
1.	Tom Bonner	Motor	3205	40
2.	William A. Jones	Motor	2756	18
3.	J. Pfaffenbach	S & O	2047	46
4.	T. Millett	Screw Machine	4264	42
5.	D. E. Irwin	Testing	3986	48
7.	C. Lewis	M. & G.	4357	16
8.	Dow Kimmy	M. & G.	2805	14
9.	Marshall Cory	M. & G.	5485	16
11.	Vincent DiCarlo	I. C.	4701	73
13.	Charles Seber	Forge	3601	95
14.	F. Campbell	G. & B.	622	107
15.	N. Pasquini	Steel Fdry.	3300	57
16.	W. F. Ossenfort	I. C. Tool	4438	53
17.	F. Pusez	I. C. Insp.	8613	60
18.	Mabel Whitmyre	Volt. Reg.	3292	11
19.	Walter Simmons	Ind. Heat	2697	105
20.	T. Sweeney	Mch. Repair	2898	101
21.	R. Paterson, Jr.	Pattern	2727	99
22.	Charles Chandler	Cable	2382	85
23.	Josephine Parola	Wire	706	109
24.	D. R. Long	Shipping	4882	50
25.	D. Albanese	Porcelain	3180	68
26.	H. F. Martin	Mica	3759	29
27.	H. B. Chriss	Carbon Prod.	2717	64
28.	J. R. Waterman	O. & S.	750	59
29.	J. Winkler	Cabinet	2576	72
30.	H. E. Dawson	Transportation	3870	84
31.	John Johanson	Tool & Die	3975	15
32.	C. A. Burrows	Patrol	2141	53
33.	F. Walton	P. H. & L.	739	61
34.	J. R. Dickson	Aero.	3134	28-2
35.	R. K. Benedict	R. I. M.	4779	77
36.	Joseph Richardson	Motor	2758	18
37.	John Knowles	Motor	4282	40
38.	J. F. Howard	Elec. Tube	675	269
39.	A. M. Reinhart	Crane	2740	107
42.	Andrew Peterson	Welded Prod.	4807	52
43.	George Hunter	Turbine	3154	60
51.	E. Godfrey	Turbine	4477	273
52.	A. McNally	Turbine	3250	60
53.	C. J. Stegmiller	Turbine	2776	49
54.	John H. Turnbull	Turbine	5596	49
55.	L. Stone	Turbine	2859	52
56.	Harry Bowers	Punch Press	5033	19
58.	William Pears	Gen. Eng. Lab	5144	32
59.	Leo Cummings	Res. Lab.	2959	37
61.	E. H. Follett	Turbine Eng.	3841	56
62.	B. D. Miller	I. C. Eng.	3271	69
62.	A. F. Heitkamp	Ind. Motor	3181	16A
63.	B. H. Thelin	M. & G. Eng.	2685	41
64.	Paul Young	Payroll	5191	41
66.	George J. Jackson	Adv. & Sales	2502	6
67.	L. C. Robbins	Order Service	4687	2
68.	Jeanette Ennis	Corp. Affairs	2744	2
69.	W. J. Smith	G. O. Acct'g	2144	4
70.	H. S. Bush	Refr. Eng.	2372	23

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Preparing For Rochester Conference



Four of the delegates who will represent Local 301 at the UE District 3 conference this weekend at Rochester. Left to right, William Mastriani, Sidney Friedlander, Roy Lash and Andrew Peterson, president of the local. Business Agent Leo Jandreau, the fifth delegate, was in New York City at contract negotiations when the picture was made.

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The union spokesmen said Local 301 will turn over to Selective Service all such cases for federal action against G.E. Selective Service officials agreed that handling such complaints is a duty of their office.

On the matter of dismissing long-term employees because of super-seniority of veterans, the draft officials lined up with GE.

They said that until or unless the U.S. Supreme Court rules differently, they will act under General Lewis B. Hershey's interpretation of the law. General Hershey, U. S. Selective Service head, maintains that any veteran has seniority over any non-veteran, regardless of length of employment service or contract provisions.

The union position is that a veteran's seniority should be figured on the basis of length of service with the company plus time in military service. The Local 301 veterans' committee backs this stand.

Beside Jandreau, representatives of Local 301 at the Albany meeting were Edward Wallingford, Frank Emspak, Joseph Dominelli, chairman of the local's veterans' committee, William Stella and Dewey Brashear.

Selective Service officials present were Col. W. H. Boughton, Maj. Charles Henderson and Maj. C. A. Foss.

UE Union Members Repay Blood Bank

Members of the UE local at West Lynn, Mass., donated eight pints of blood recently to a Boston hospital to pay for blood transfusions given at the hospital to the wife of a member of Local 301.

The Schenectady UE member came to the Local 301 office with this problem: he owed eight pints of blood to the blood bank of Deaconess Hospital where his wife was a patient.

Local 301 contacted Assistant Business Agent Frederick M. Kelly, of Local 201, West Lynn, who took the matter up with the Executive Board there.

Next news was that eight UE members from West Lynn had donated blood to repay the blood bank. If they had not come to the aid of the Schenectady worker, he would have had to pay more than \$200 to the hospital.

Union Office Explains Dues Collection Method

To clear up misunderstandings on dues collections, the business office has asked members to remember the following facts.

Dues will be deducted from pay on the first Thursday or Friday of the month, whichever is the individual worker's payday.

Anyone working 10 days in any one month will have his dues deducted for that month.

Union members who have been off the payroll and are re-engaged will find in many cases that the first deduction is \$2.00. The reason is that they worked at least 10 days in the previous month but were not on the payroll when the deduction was made for that month.

For example, John Jones was rehired Apr. 15, after dues deductions had been mad for that month. Therefore on the first payday in May the company correctly deducted \$2.00 covering both months.

BONUS THIS YEAR

General Electric has informed UE that the bonus will be paid this year. The percentage to be paid and the date of payment have not yet been announced.

AID FOR STRIKERS

Collections for the Westinghouse strikers must be turned in tomorrow at the latest so that the report of Local 301 members' donations can be made.

The signs all point to a generous response to the needs of the UE members on the Westinghouse picket lines. Committeemen are the collectors.

Business Is Good, Thanks

Applications from workers who wish to join Local 301 are still pouring into the office. It is important that applications be turned in immediately in order for the names to be sent to the company for the June check-off.

NAME 1946 MUTUAL BENEFIT CHAIRMEN

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71.	V. C. Gutch	I. G. E.	3166	36
72.	W. F. Griesemer	Aero. & Mar.	4662	28
73.	F. J. Scharbach	Punch Press	2350	19
74.	R. V. Burleigh	Prod.	2853	41
75.	J. Kot	Office Serv.	2349	2
76.	George F. Male	Plane & Wage	4603	66
77.	L. Sauter	Cons. Engr.	680	23
80.	Jesse Sprong	Ft. Edward		