

Turbine Problems Sent to New York

The dispute over the proposed carbonyl tool speed-up without adjustment in the earnings basis was sent by Local 301 this week to New York, for discussion there between national UE and GE officers. Local management had refused to make concessions to the proposals of the Turbine Division committeemen.

However, A. C. Stevens, assistant to the general superintendent, agreed to withhold any action on the proposed speed-up and price cuts pending the New York discussion. That discussion will be rushed.

This week, after the case had gone to New York, Stevens phoned William Kelly, assistant to the business agent, to say that Louis Male, general superintendent, would like to discuss the problem further with the local union. A meeting between Male and the special committee of Turbine representatives was set for this morning.

Arguments on Incentive

The special committee of Turbine representatives met with Stevens on the issue last Thursday. Stevens tried to deny the committeemen's charge that running machines at the limit of their capacity would remove any incentive feature. He held the incentive would be maintained on handling time and related factors other than machine time. The committeemen disagreed with him.

Stevens then rejected the proposal that either the work be put on day work with present average earnings as the day rate, or that the pricing basis be revised to restore the possibility of increased earnings.

Won't Give Work Guarantee

As to the demand for a guarantee against reduction of forces resulting from the speed-up, Stevens said that he did not expect any now, because on the particular line of work "we have more work than we can handle." He said that on a long range basis he could give "no guarantee", but that increased production had meant more employment and the workers must "have faith in our economic system, that this will work out."

Committee members asked him if he remembered 1929 and 1932.

301 Broadcast

Don't miss the weekly radio broadcast of Local 301. It's at 7:15 p.m. every Monday over Station WSNY.

Bldg. 60 Welders Meet on Wages and Grievances



All three shifts of welders of Bldg. 60 met Sunday, Feb. 23, at 301 Hall to discuss grievances and wage problems. At the table are Board Member William Stewart, presiding and facing group; William Kelly, assistant to the business agent, with his back to the camera, and Fred Sefcovic, day shift committeeman, acting as secretary, facing the camera.

Oh What a Difference a Few Years Make In Saturday Evening Post View of Carey

The Saturday Evening Post's red-baiting attacks on UE in the Feb. 22 and Mar. 1 issues make a hero of James B. Carey, whose role today is to attack his own union and praise Charles E. Wilson, GE president.

But in 1939, when Carey was part of the UE administration and was going along in building a fighting, democratic union, the Saturday Evening Post treated him quite differently!

Here are quotations from the 1947 build-up of Carey in the Saturday Evening Post.

Today's Story

"Carey was . . . boiling with energy and deeply imbued with the social convictions implanted in so many young people by the years of the great depression. . . . Carey built the electrical workers' union up into one of the strongest in the CIO. Always, however, he had trouble finding subordinates. . . . he welcomed into the UEW two hardworking, fast-talking men, James Matles and Julius Emspak, who promised to make useful lieutenants."

The present-day Saturday Evening Post also praises Carey as "the best kind of fighting Irishman" with "the no-

quarter-asked-or-given spirit of his race."

Back in 1939

But in the Sept. 2, 1939 issue, the same Saturday Evening Post said of the same Carey:

"Carey is still in his twenties—an excellent office manager and nothing more. He is the perfect boy scout who reports his daily good deed to Lewis (John L.) and is rewarded with a pat on the head. In his own union, which is one of the most successful in the CIO, he is the Charlie McCarthy of James J. Matles."

Anti-Discrimination Bill

The Austin-Mahoney Bill to outlaw discrimination for race, color or creed in schools or colleges is high on the list of state legislation endorsed by Local 301. The Feb. 18 membership meeting voted to work for the adoption of this bill.

The bill does not apply to schools run by religious denominations.

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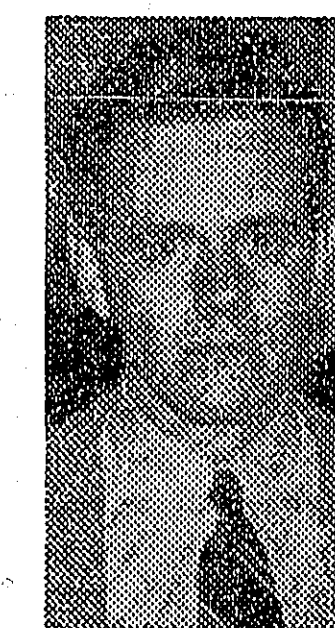
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GE Seeks Right to Cut Piece Prices

1000 New Members by April 1

A drive to enroll into Local 301 the remaining 3,000 non-members in the works here who are covered by the UE agreement was launched this week by the local's Organization Committee.

The aim is to complete the job by May 1, and to have one thousand new members signed up by Apr. 1.



Rudy Ellis

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William Stewart

Wants Chance To Curb Earnings By Time Studies

The General Electric Co. wants the 1947 contract with UE to give it the right to cut standard prices and to reduce earnings of piece workers.

The chief proposal that GE has made in this year's contract negotiations would let GE time study jobs with standard prices when management feels the earnings of operators are too high.

Company negotiators suggested removing or changing the contract safeguards which now provide:

There can be no change in standard prices except where there is a change in method.

Where a change in method is made, the new price must be such that the operator's earnings on the new price will be the same as on the old.

Joseph Dermody, secretary of the GE Conference Board of UE, will report on contract negotiations at the Local 301 membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mar. 18 at 301 Hall. Business Agent Leo Jandreau, a member of the negotiating committee, will also speak on this year's sessions.

Negotiations entered their third week Tuesday. At the request of the company committee, there will be a week's recess next week to give the GE negotiators time to discuss the union's proposals with management committees and officials.

The company has not stated its position yet on the UE proposals. When negotiations continue the week of Mar. 24, the GE committee is expected to announce the company's stand on all points.

301 on Air

The weekly radio broadcast of Local 301 will be at 7:15 p.m. Monday over Station WSNY.

Veterans!

The Veterans' Center at 301 Hall will be open every Tuesday and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., instead of every Wednesday and Friday, Chairman Joseph Dominelli has announced. The change to Tuesday will start next week.

State CIO Condemns Dewey, Legislature

A statement condemning the Dewey administration and calling the Republican-dominated legislature "the most destructive, callous, anti-democratic, anti-labor session since the end of World War I" was adopted by the New York State CIO executive board Monday at a special meeting in Albany. Business Agent Leo Jandreau of Local 301 was among the Board members present.

Presidential Ambitions

"The urgent interests of our people have been submerged in the political ambitions of one selfish individual who hopes to ride into the White House as the Strong Man who broke the back of labor," the CIO leaders declared.

The group attacked the Young-Demo bills which would "raid the Unemployment Insurance Fund for the benefit of the large employers."

They called also for defeat of the Condon-Wadlin bill to discipline state, county or municipal employes for trying to better their pay or working conditions.

Ask Bonus for Veterans

They urged a veterans' bonus to be paid for by "those best able to pay," not by Governor Dewey's unfair tax plan.

They attacked bills which would limit the people from exercising their full voting rights.

The CIO demanded that public hearings be called on all this legislation, and on rent control and housing.

"There must be an end to hysteria and the jamming of legislation at the closing days. There must be no adjournment of the Legislature until laws which meet the pressing needs of the people of the State have been enacted," the CIO statement declared.

Still No Answer

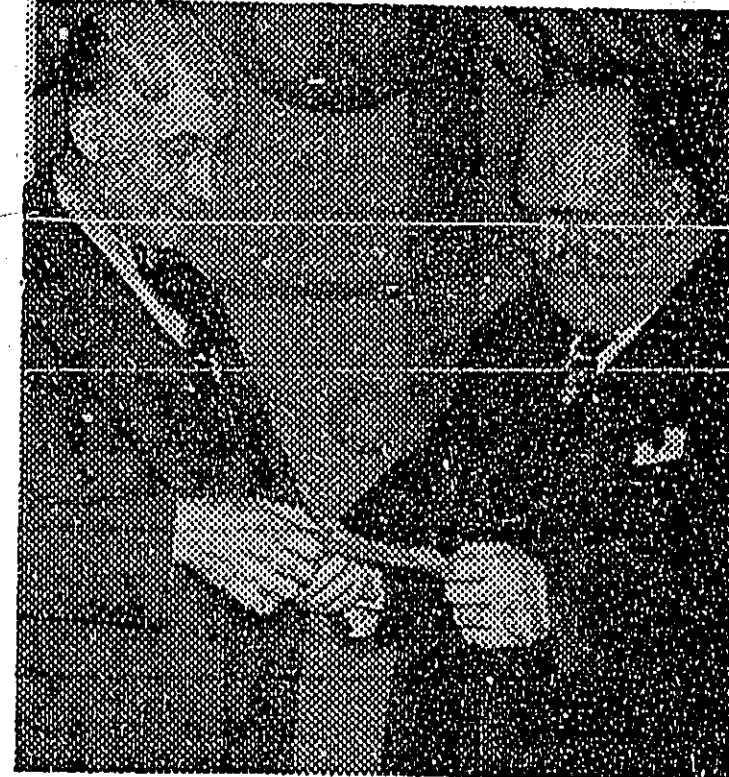
The union last week received a request from James Burnison of GE for more time to study the case of the machinists and tool room machine operators.

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\$2,000 For Polio Fund City Doesn't Act On Sound Trucks



President Andrew Peterson of Local 301, left, hands a \$2,000 check to William L. Mayotte, campaign director for the March-of-Dimes in Schenectady County. The money was collected by the union in the shops for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims.

Union Asks for Promotions For Electricians' Helpers

Local 301 committeemen are pressing the cases of electricians' helpers who feel they have advanced sufficiently to be considered for promotion to B journeyman rating.

Last week an electrician was hired from the outside in violation of the agreement that the company would upgrade qualified helpers first. When the union protested, four helpers were made mechanics immediately, and A. C. Stevens, assistant to the general superintendent, said the company needed many more journeymen.

Individual claims by other helpers are being taken up with their foremen. Where the committeeman does not obtain satisfaction from the foreman, the cases will be taken higher.

Legislature Passes Measures To Continue Wartime Hours

Both the Assembly and the Senate have passed bills extending for another year the wartime permission letting women work until midnight in factories. The measures will let women work until midnight from Apr. 1 of this year to Apr. 1, 1948.

Local 301 has pressed for continuation of the midnight work permission. A poll the union took of women workers at the plant showed them overwhelmingly in favor of the midnight work. Returning to a 10 p.m. deadline would mean loss of wages.

At the close of a hearing Monday night on a proposed ordinance to prohibit sound trucks and loud speaker equipment, Mayor Mills Ten Eyck announced the measure would be sent back to the City Council for further consideration. No vote was taken on it. The Council chambers were crowded.

President Andrew Peterson of Local 301 obtained the Mayor's word that the union will be notified if the ordinance comes up again. Brother Peterson attacked the ordinance at the hearing as a threat to freedom of speech, and the rights of union members.

Sound Trucks Important

"Local 301 has made considerable use of sound trucks in carrying its message to the community, whether in our wage disputes or in political action," he said.

"Organized labor does not get a fair break in the newspapers and on the radio. . . .

"It is no secret that our union has just begun negotiations with the General Electric Co. for a substantial wage increase. . . . We are doing so in the face of the worst anti-labor drive in Congress in the memory of most men. . . . You know that we are going to be seeking public support, the backing of our neighbors—in pressing for a fair wage increase and paid holidays and in opposing the vicious legislation now pending. We shall be visiting the neighborhoods, calling neighborhood meetings. You know that we shall use sound trucks to help call such meetings.

"Is it an accident that an ordinance to forbid the use of sound trucks is proposed at this time?"

Mastriani Speaks

William Mastriani, chief shop steward, spoke as chairman of the Schenectady County American Labor Party.

He pointed out the importance of sound trucks to a party of working people with small funds and little political machinery. The Schenectady ordinance threatens the ALP and other minority parties just as some newly introduced state bills do, he declared.

All Speakers Oppose Measure

The 12 speakers all opposed the ordinance. The group included representatives of the United Steelworkers, and of the Capital District CIO Council.

President Peterson expressed satisfaction over the prompt response of Local 301 members to the threat of the ordinance. He pointed out the need for taking action again if the measure is revived.

Introducing the Newest Group of Local 301 Shop Committeemen



George Walker, Local 301 guide, swearing in the latest group of stewards at the Committeemen's meeting Mar. 4 at 301 Wood, Bldg. 49; Marie Westcott, Bldg. 69; Fred F. Wilson, Hall. Left to right, Dominick Gabriele, Bldg. 73; Henry Fas-Bldg. 81; David Fiore, Bldg. 69, and Felix Paprocki, Bldg. 13F.

Assemblers Receive Raise in Job Rates

Raises were won for 46 assemblers on instrument work in Searchlight and Ordance, Bldg. 46, last week, as the wind-up of several grievances. Some of the grievances had been sent back to Schenectady from New York for discussion again here. This led to a general review of the rates and classifications of the men.

In addition to giving these raises, the company agreed to name five leaders who will receive 10 cents above the job rates. The General Assembly group was changed to "General Instrument Assemblers" with the job rate increased from \$1.485 to \$1.585. The job rate for Class A Assemblers in the department was raised from \$1.885 to \$1.485.

Handling the case in Bldg. 41 last week were Committeemen Jack Arcand and G. A. Mele, Board Member Willard Kuschel and William Kelly, assistant to the business agent.

Basketball Victories

New victories have been reported by the UE-301 girls' basketball team. Capt. Bonnie Evans and her players beat the Atoms by a score of 25 to 18 in a Schenectady Girls' City League game. They won an exhibition match against an all-star team at Hudson Falls by a score of 38 to 28.

They will play the Commandos Monday at Central Park School.

The UE team beat the White Sox Monday, 51 to 25.

EU News Changes Publication Day

Starting next week, EU News will be published every Friday, instead of every Thursday.

The change will make it possible to report Tuesday night Committeemen's meetings, membership meetings and Legislative Committee meetings the same week they take place. In the past, members have had to wait till the next week to read about the meetings, because the paper had to go to press too soon to cover them.

The new Editorial Committee's recommendation to change the publication date was approved by the Executive Board.

It's Getting Very Close To Income Tax Deadline

You still have time to get help at Local 301 Hall on making out your income tax return.

The two U. S. tax officials assigned to assist members of the union will be at the hall today and tomorrow, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

\$100 Gift

After listening to a talk by Miss Mary Hall Landrath, executive secretary of the Schenectady YWCA, the membership of Local 301 voted Feb. 18 to give \$100 to the "YW" world-wide reconstruction fund.

Information Wanted For Call-In Pay Case

Any member of the union who was sent home from the GE plant last December during the gas shortage and who was not allowed to punch in should report the fact at once to the Local 301 office.

The information is needed for discussions with the GE in New York on the question of call-in pay for people who weren't permitted to punch in, during the fuel shortage last December.

At first the company refused to pay anyone the two hours pay required by the contract for reporting to work and finding no work available. Then James Burnison agreed to pay workers who punched in, but wanted to exclude all who didn't punch in.

Pacelli Opposes Bus Fare Boost

Fred Pacelli, chairman of the Local 301 Legislative Committee, spoke against a proposed 10 cent bus fare for Schenectady at a hearing before the Public Service Commission in Albany recently. Board Member Albert Davis and John Kasitch also appeared at the hearing on the Schenectady Railway's Co.'s application for permission to increase the fare.

Bus service is not satisfactory, Brother Pacelli declared. He said the union has received complaints about buses being overcrowded and people being left standing on the streets. Many workers would stop driving their own cars if they could depend on better bus service, he added.