

Correction

In last week's EU News several persons were listed as candidates for office although their declinations had already been received by the union office in accordance with the local constitution.

Those who were incorrectly listed as candidates were Ignatius Mack, for recording secretary; Raymond Cartier for treasurer, John De Graff for chief shop steward and Joseph Hils for trustee.

Cartier subsequently announced his intention of seeking election as a write-in candidate.

Call Top UE Leaders Before NY Grand Jury

In a new move to harass the national leadership of our union, a federal grand jury in New York City Tuesday summoned UE President Albert Fitzgerald, Secretary-Treasurer Julius Emspak, and Director of Organization James Matles for "hearings" on the Taft-Hartley non-communist affidavits which they have signed.

They were among a group of approximately 100 trade union leaders called up. Emspak was unable to appear because he is convalescing from a recent eye operation.

In the cases of the other two UE leaders, the hearings were brief and no charges of any sort were made against them. This was similar to the procedure followed this past summer in summoning UE Local 301 Business Agent Leo Jandreau before a grand jury in Albany. As in the New York hearings, absolutely nothing was brought out against the Schenectady leader.

The apparent purpose of all of these hearings is to divert the union leaders from their jobs and to make smear headlines in the anti-union newspapers.

Honor Roll

Continued from page 2

F. Neidbalski, RT
L. Marra, RT
W. Celinski, RT
F. Renak, RT
F. Jennings, RT
L. Passikoff, RT
B. Shepard, 60
A. Carrara, 285
A. Owens, 273
L. M. Smith, 273
R. Ross, 273
J. Roberts, 273
W. Herodes, 273
E. Badulucco, 273
A. Stofelano, 273
R. Stepp, 273
T. Risslund, 273
A. Daszewski, 273
W. J. Keller, 273
R. Livingston, 18
C. Simmons, 18
F. Karins, 40

Three Slates, One Independent Candidate Seek Local Office in Vote on Dec. 4 and 5

Three slates will be in the field in the UE Local 301 elections for 1953 officers which will be held in the union hall on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4 and 5. In addition, there will be one candidate running as an independent. The setup on the ballot which will appear on each

Murray Finally Opposed Freeze

In his final officers' report written just before his death, CIO President Philip Murray came around to the point of view that the wage freeze should be abolished.

This has been the position of the UE from the beginning of the present wage control and so-called price control machinery. Our union has pointed out time and again that the price controls are strictly on paper and much too weak to impose. UE has maintained that the wage freeze is strictly a big business device to keep the pay of working people down while profits and prices were both allowed to soar.

On the other hand, the CIO, up until the publication of the final Murray report, had gone along with the wage freeze. In fact, both CIO and AFL have been largely responsible for letting big business impose the freeze. Without the participation of the two labor organizations on the Wage Stabilization Board and other government groups, the wage freeze could never have been imposed on the working people.

The Murray report urges labor to work for abolition of all controls.

UE Crushes IUE At Westinghouse

Jersey City Westinghouse workers have repudiated another IUE-CIO raid by voting nearly 2 to 1 to retain UE as their bargaining agent.

The latest UE victory, the seventh in the two big electrical industry chains in recent weeks, was scored by a vote of 397 to 214. It followed on the heels of crushing UE victories at Westinghouse plants in Trenton, N. J., Sunbury, Pa. and Essington (Philadelphia), Pa., and in GE plants in Fort Edward and Hudson Falls, Niles, O., and Tiffin, O.

In all cases the usual IUE-CIO red-baiting and splitting tactics were completely rejected by the workers. Apparently, the IUE leadership still hasn't learned that the workers have become wise to their disruption and want no part of it.

of the eight voting machines to be used for the election was decided in a special drawing for position conducted by the elections committee on Wednesday.

It will be the independent candidate, Henry Kaminski of Building 76 who is running for treasurer, who will occupy row A on the voting machine. Row B will be given over to a slate headed by John Clune of 273. It will include William McColl, 273, as candidate for vice president; Robert Popowitz, 273, for assistant recording secretary; Rodney Bardin, 273, for chief shop steward; and Anders Christensen, 273, for trustee.

Three names will appear on Row C. Dewey Brashear, 89, is candidate for president on this line. He is supported by William Fisher, 81, nominee for treasurer, and Nicholas Fioriti, 53, who is seeking a trusteeship.

Row D will have a complete slate led by James Cognetta, 52, who is seeking re-election. Other candidates on this line are Joseph Alois, 273, for vice president; Roy Schaffer, 60, for recording secretary, Rudy Rissland, 273, for assistant recording secretary; Joseph Whitebeck, 69, for treasurer; William Mastriani, 73A, for chief shop steward; Leo Jandreau, running for reelection as business agent; Mario Bagnato, 52, for guide; Joseph Saccocio, 52, for sergeant-at-arms; and Edward Luberta, 17, William Garrison, 73A, and Vincent Palazzeke, 60, all candidates

for the three trusteeships.

One other candidate threw his hat in the ring at the Wednesday meeting. He was Raymond Cartier, 273, who will seek election as a write-in candidate for treasurer. Cartier explained that he was originally nominated at the October membership meeting, but declined unintentionally by incorrectly filling out the acceptance form which was forwarded to all candidates. His formal, although accidental, declination made it constitutionally impossible for his name to be printed on the regular ballot.

Cartier's candidacy is endorsed by slate B, headed by Clune, on which he originally intended to run.

Actual balloting will take place during 30 consecutive hours beginning at noon on Thursday, Dec. 4, and winding up at 6:00 p.m. of the following day.

Get Your Strike Card

Have you gotten your strike support card yet? If not, don't delay in making your contribution to aid UE strikers and to make sure that our union is financially able to meet the corporation attacks that are coming.

The strike support cards show that you are doing your part in an effort to protect our union contract and conditions. Carry it with you at all times.



I'VE A GOOD MIND TO REPORT THEM TO THE GOVERNMENT.
THEY DIDN'T DECLARE HALF THEIR PROFITS...

ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS

ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS

THE VOICE OF THE UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO & MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA UE LOCAL 301

Vol. 10 — No. 47

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

Friday, November 28, 1952



Chicago—A ruling that they had not received fair trials freed 14 UE members who had been framed up for their activities in the 1949 Elkay strike. The reversal of the decisions by an appellate court came on the eve of a new frameup trial in Chicago—that of Harvester strike leader Harold Ward on murder charges. The Elkay strike, like the recent Harvester strike, was marked by police brutality and violence against the pickets. In all 26 men and women had been arrested on charges of assault with deadly weapons. Fourteen of these people were convicted.

Washington—George Meany this week became the third president in the long history of the American Federation of Labor. The former secretary-treasurer was named as AFL high command on Tuesday. He will hold the office until at least next September, when the next convention of the federation is scheduled.

Philadelphia—UE Local 155 has scored the first major victory against the wage freeze for tool-makers by winning a 6c inequity adjustment for 700 skilled workers in the Philadelphia area. The victory climaxed a 3-month campaign to thaw the freeze.

Boston — In another decision striking at the heart of working conditions in the textile industry, an arbitrator last week ordered CIO workers to speedup by tending 40 looms each instead of the present 20. The arbitrator cited the brutal speedup conditions in the unorganized South as the basis for his decision.

Chicago—A 10c hourly wage increase retroactive to Aug. 1 has been won by workers at the Ampro after several months of strike. The Ampro workers, members of UE Local 1114, also won a much stronger seniority clause and vacation improvements.

New York—The Greater New York Negro Labor Council has opened a drive for more jobs for Negro workers in the city's hotel industry.

WARD FAMILY. The family of Harvester strike leader Harold Ward is pictured below. Ward is facing trial on a phony murder charge framed by the corporation. Standing by him are his wife, June; his son Michael, 5½ years old; his mother, Mrs. Birdie Morton; and his 7½-year-old son, Douglas. (Story on page 2.)



Save Our Boost in Wages By Signing WSB Petition

Spurred by a warning from Washington that the Wage Stabilization Board might fail to approve part of the wage increase won by UE from the General Electric management,

UE Local 301 members put their names down this week on petitions to the board demanding full OK of the boost. According to a report made Monday to the executive board, 3,500 members had already signed the WSB petitions.

It is 10 weeks since UE and GE representatives sat down and agreed on the terms of a contract for the coming year. However, Russ Nixon, UE's legislative representative in the nation's capital, recently reported that our wage boost is now stalled in the analysis sub-committee of the WSB.

He noted that this was true despite the fact that our wage boost falls well within existing patterns and actually needs no analysis. Nixon pointed out that, as the situation stands, the boost might not be approved until next Spring or Summer, or worse, might not be OK'd at all by the anti-labor wage freeze outfit. Nixon said that the labor (CIO and AFL) members of the board are not pushing for approval because IUE-CIO dictator Carey and his spokesmen have tried to stall our case to cover up the loss of one month's increase by IUE members because of their "leaders'" fantastic maneuvers in recent negotiations.

The UE Washington representative said that an even greater danger existed from the so-called public and industry members of the board who are always looking for a chance to harden the wage freeze.

Behr on Board

Martin Behr has been elected as a new member of the Local 301 executive board. Behr replaces Al Davis who has retired on a pension.

Local 301 to Elect Officers In 30-Hr. Voting Next Week

Local 301 members will go to the polls next Thursday and Friday to decide in the democratic, UE way who will lead their union in the coming year. The election of all local officers

will get underway in the union hall at noon on Thursday, and continue for the next 30 hours until the polls close at 6 p.m. Friday.

Twenty members of the local are seeking 12 elective posts in the balloting. The names of the candidates will appear on ballots in 8 voting machines, which are borrowed from Schenectady elections authorities for the occasion. All but one of the aspirants are running on three slates. The independent is Henry Kaminski, Building 76, who is trying to be elected as treasurer. Kaminski will have row A on the voting machine.

Row B will consist of a slate of candidates led by presidential nominee, John Clune, 273. Also on this line will be William McColl, 273, for vice president; Robert Popowitz, 273, for assistant recording secretary; Rodney Bardin, 273, for chief shop steward; and Anders Christensen, 273, for trustee.

Row C will have three names on it, led by Dewey Brashear, 89, who is seeking the presidency. William Fisher, 81, is the candidate on this line for treasurer, and Nicholas Fioriti, 53, for trustee.

Incumbent President James Cognetta, 52, is seeking reelection at the head of a slate which will appear on row D. This slate is the only one which has candidates for all 12 posts. Joseph Alois, 273, is running for vice president; Roy Schaffer, 60, for recording secretary; Rudy Rissland, 273, for assistant recording secretary; Joseph Whitebeck, 69, for treasurer; William Mastriani, 73A, for reelection as chief shop steward; Leo Jandreau, for reelection as business agent; Mario Bagnato, 52, for sergeant-at-arms; and Edward Luberta, 17, William Garrison, 73A, and Vincent Palazzeke, 60, all candidates for the three trusteeships.

There will also be provision for voting for write-in candidates. At least one person, Raymond Cartier, 273, has announced his intention of campaigning for write-in votes for the post of treasurer.

Honor Roll

Each week the EU News is publishing a list of men and women who join the "55 Club" by contributing \$5 or more to help UE members who are out on strike, or who have been on the picket lines in recent months. This week, 119 Local 301 members join the 121 who have been previously listed. The new names on the honor roll are:

Building 85
H. McMullen
L. Hathaway
B. Tagliatela
W. Shaw
I. Bryant
J. Thomas
J. Zalucki
E. LeMoine
J. Devereaux
C. Keller
J. Cramer
P. Pillig
W. Broland
E. Puff
A. Tucker

Building 37
E. Relyea

Building 46
H. Maltz

Building 73
J. Rispoli

Building 17
W. Williamson
R. Pease
N. Falvo
E. Luberda

Building 60
J. Hines
J. Judway
R. Ghnac
D. Messere

Building 16
E. Tompkins
C. Sengenberger
R. Banagan
E. Pelotte
E. Nezman
K. Gavin
T. Harris
A. Fieger
R. DeSantis
H. Williams
F. Sassenbury
F. Kenney
K. Knowles
L. Wilkins
R. Wieszies
S. Weaver
E. Rossi
W. Grzevozowski

P. Giebitz
A. Siciliano
E. Burton

Building 40
C. Bevell
W. Nuciewicz
F. Didichsen

Building 89
W. Zaleski

Building 81
M. Virgil
R. Herbert
R. Roberts
W. Swarczewski
L. Brandos
D. Birch
R. Fracassi
L. Roscioli
C. Mangieri
B. DiNicola
M. Peck
A. Petroski

(Continued on page 4)

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

2nd SHIFT
Monday, Dec. 1, 1952
1:00 P.M. (before work)

1st and 3rd SHIFTS
Monday, Dec. 1, 1952
7:30 P.M.

Local 301 Hall
Erie Blvd. & Liberty St.

First Ward Trial Opens in Chicago

The first of two frameup trials of Harold Ward, Negro leader of the Harvester strikers, got under way in a Chicago court this week.

The case involving Ward this week grows out of the claim of a scab that he was assaulted by the UE leader. The prosecution hopes to gain a conviction on this comparatively minor charge in order to set the stage for a frameup of Ward for the alleged murder of a non-striker.

UE has hired the best possible criminal lawyers to defend Ward from this frameup, which stems solely from his militant leadership against the Harvester corporation's brutal union-busting. It is estimated that the defense of Ward will cost the union \$75,000, one of the many major expenses still hanging over from the Harvester strike even though the actual stoppage is over.

UE ON THE JOB!

Bldg. 14: The group working on the repair of pneumatic tools and in maintenance and repair of torches employ skill and have experience which entitles them to an increase in job rate. The union therefore demands an adequate adjustment.

Bldg. 22: Mary Keller, a cleaner, was laid off for lack of work six weeks ago and has not been recalled although 4 co-workers with less experience have been brought back. The union demands that this woman be immediately reengaged.

Bldg. 29: Due to a lack of work condition on the 27" tape machine, 3 operators have been assigned to 18" tape machines and been given a lower rating. This has resulted in an unfair loss of earnings for the 3 workers and the union demands restoration of their old rate.

Bldg. 52: Welded products workers in buildings 52 and 66 are working in an area which is filled

Xmas Party Tickets Go Fast As Deadline to Apply Nears

Only a few tickets for the big UE Local 301 Christmas parties remained as the deadline for applying for admission approached this week. All persons who want to come to the parties with their children must notify their shop stewards by Monday.

The parties, which are to be held in the auditorium of Mont Pleasant High School on Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, will accommodate 2,000 persons. A big program of entertainment is planned, and each child who attends will be given a Christmas present and refreshments. There will be no admission charge since the parties are being financed from the profits made by the local on previous social events during the year.

According to reports of the office, it is likely that all tickets for the Saturday afternoon party will have been claimed by the time this newspaper appears. However, some Sunday tickets probably will be left. It is suggested that those people who can go on Sunday rather than Saturday should ask for tickets for the second party.

CIO Seeks Compromise

A last-ditch effort to avoid an all-out fight between the steelworkers and the autoworkers over who shall succeed Philip Murray as CIO president will be made by the union leadership today.

Thus far, the steel union, which supports CIO Vice President Allan Haywood for the job, and the auto union, which is backing its president, Walter Reuther, have been unable to agree.

Both affairs will have the same program of entertainment featuring such outstanding acts as those of Harlan Matson, a ventriloquist, Madej the Magician and comedy juggler Marty Lynch.

New Defense Secretary Bitter Enemy of Labor

Nothing in General Eisenhower's choices for his new cabinet has in any way lessened the worst fears of organized labor that the incoming administration will be owned lock, stock and barrel by the big corporations.

Perhaps the bitterest pill for working men and women to swallow was the announcement that General Motors president Charles E. Wilson would occupy the key post of Defense Secretary. GM's Wilson, like his GE namesake, is a bitter enemy of organized labor, and he's likely to throw all of his weight behind any anti-union legislation.

Ironically, the appointment of Wilson came during the same week the government opened up the biggest anti-trust suit in history against the DuPont interests, most important of which is General Motors. The charge against the firm headed by the new cabinet member is that it conspired to violate the laws of the United States by engaging in widespread monopoly practices.

Thousands of grievances are handled by UE Local 301 each year at all levels from the steward up to final appeal in New York City. To keep members posted, we shall each week list some of the grievances that have not been settled at the steward-foreman level and have been referred to the executive board-management level.

Recently, he took over the job of a C inspector group leader and therefore is entitled to a \$1.99 rate. The union demands this rate adjustment.

A group of pipe fitters protests the recent assignment of steamfitters to do their jobs. Ill feeling has been created and the union demands management correct this situation.

Bldg. 273: Painters group protests the assignment of floor assemblers to do painting work. This is a violation of contract and the union demands an end to this practice.

Knolls: John B. Smith is classified as a B metal processor at the rate of \$1.86. His work merits an increase to \$1.99 an hour. He is performing the full job and has broken in several men who are now receiving higher rates. Smith has 41 years of service, and has received no non-contractual rate adjustments in 15 years. The union demands that he be given the \$1.99.

ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS
UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO & MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA (UE)
Local 301

Published by the Editorial Committee

President.....James J. Cognetta
Vice-President.....Roy Schaffie
Treasurer.....Helen Quirini
Recording Secretary.....Rudy Risland
Asst. Recording Secretary.....Frank D'Amico
Chief Shop Steward.....William Mastriani
Business Agent.....Leo Andreato

301 LIBERTY ST. SCHENECTADY 5, N. Y.

ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS

UE Strike Support FOR VICTORY!

General Cable—Since June 1
Local 301 Harvester—Since Aug. 22

Fight to Save WAGES AND CONTRACT

STILL IMPORTANT. Don't forget to get your strike support card which shows you have aided UE members who've had to fight it out on the picket lines. They still need our help.

Strike Fund Tops \$4,000 But Bigger Effort Needed

Over \$4,000 has been collected by UE Local 301 in its drive to aid union members who are on strike or who have been on strike in recent weeks.

Reports made to the executive board meeting showed that the collections had been considerably stepped up in the last week to reach a total of \$4,063.86. However, the Schenectady local is still well below its quota of \$1 per member per month for October and November.

This goal was set by the national convention and approved by the 301 membership. The quotas were established on the basis of a realistic estimate of the needs of the strikers both during and immediately following their strikes.

The national union has been forced to dig deeply into its reserves to finance these strikes, all of which have been in order to protect the union contracts, wages and conditions of the workers who took to the picket lines.

The importance of the collection to GE workers is great. There can be no doubt that General Electric management would regard failure to make a good collection as a sign of weakness. This would encourage them to seek to break our union just as the Harvester and General Cable corporations have attempted to do.

Our next negotiations with the company come on the economic reopener in February. Our chance of getting anything out of this reopener hinge largely on the strength we can show now.

An outstanding job in the collieries has been done at the Opbell Ave. Racetrack where Executive Board Member Harold McLean reports that \$160.75 has been brought in. Since this section has only 75 members, this represents 214% of their monthly quota. The largest sum brought in by any single section, exclusive of turbine, was accounted for by

UE Maps NY Legislative Program Here on Dec. 7

Delegates representing UE locals from New York City to Buffalo will gather in Schenectady on Sunday, Dec. 7, for a statewide legislative conference by the union's districts 3 and 4.

The purpose of the conference will be to work out a legislative program for 1953. The emphasis will be on state laws, but attention will also be devoted to national questions such as the wage freeze, Taft-Hartley, taxes and civil rights.

Repeal of the Hughes-Brees law, which greatly curtails unemployment insurance benefits, measures to improve workmen's compensation, eliminating the loopholes in statutes which bar discrimination in pay on account of sex, establishing a state minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour and tax legislation will all be on the agenda of New York legislative problems.

The workmen's compensation problem will be given particular attention because of big business plans to curtail benefits with a "new Hughes-Brees." UE Local 301 attorney Leon Novak will participate in the discussion.

Business Opens Drive On Compensation Laws

A drive by New York State's big corporations to give the "Hughes-Brees treatment" to workmen's compensation laws has been uncovered by UE. The opening gun of the campaign was fired recently by the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the joint legislative committee on industrial and labor conditions. The joint committee is an official unit of the state legislature.

The Chamber of Commerce spokesmen told the committee that the big business organization was preparing a bill which would reduce the cost of workmen's compensation to the companies. They complained that current costs are higher than those in neighboring states, and this gave New York business a "competitive disadvantage."

This same phony argument was used by the chamber when they cooked up the Hughes-Brees law two years ago. Hughes-Brees greatly curtailed the amount of unemployment insurance by reducing the maximum period of payments from 52 to 26 weeks, and by establishing a setup which rewards managements which chisel on unemployment insurance. All of organized labor has opposed the Hughes-Brees deal. Apparently the chamber of commerce big brass is planning to try and jam a similar law on compensation down the throats of the working people of the state.

UE has been pressing for major changes in the compensation law but they are changes far different from those planned by the corporations. The union has maintained that the present \$32 weekly maximum payments for totally disabled workers are entirely inadequate in these days of high prices and high taxes.

Plan FEPC Drives

The National Negro Labor Council's second annual convention this week mapped major drives to end discrimination in employment by airlines, railroads, hotels and retail stores, particularly the Sears Roebuck chain. The council convention was presided over by William Hood, recording secretary of Ford Local 600 of the CIO autoworkers.

Strike Collection Breakdown

A total of \$4,063 had been collected by UE Local 301 for the UE strikers as of last Monday night's board meeting. The EU News here prints a breakdown of that sum, with the amount turned in by the stewards under each board member. The percentage figure in the right hand column is figured on \$1 a month for each member in the section, the quota set by the UE national convention. Check your section. If you're not approaching your quota, see what you can do to improve the collections.

Members in Section	Board Member	Amount Contributed	% of Quota
75	McLean	\$160.75	214.0
550	Donato	415.75	75.6
400	Brashear	261.75	65.4
200	Moon	114.00	57.0
750	DiLorenzo	340.50	45.5
350	Slocum	131.25	38.0
550	D'Amico	191.10	34.7
475	Friedlander	145.00	30.5
450	Villano	101.95	22.7
550	Rosa	86.25	15.7
950	Oberlies	132.50	14.0
350	Templeton	44.00	12.6
925	Lighthall	74.25	8.0
450	Scott	30.50	7.0
475	Hildreth	148.25	6.0
525	Kaminski	23.00	4.4
325	Behr (Davis)	10.00	3.7
250	LaBombard	5.00	2.0
250	Esposito	5.00	2.0
650	DeMasseo	12.25	1.5
400	Thomas	5.00	1.2
375	Palazske	5.00	1.2
575	Marine	5.00	0.9
875	Simpson	5.00	0.6
450	Agius	.00	0.0
Turbine			
1675	1st shift Christensen	275.00	55.2
	Linka	326.31	
	Stewart	323.00	
1100	2nd shift Alois & Vitallo	381.00	34.6
825	3rd shift Gebo	425.50	51.6
Total		\$4,063.86	

ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS