



# IUE-CIO NEWS

"IN UNION  
THERE IS  
STRENGTH"

Volume 1 No. 17

Published by IUE-CIO

202 Clinton Street

July 19, 1951

## UE's "BIG LIE" EXPOSED BY IUE-CIO

Ever since IUE-CIO was chartered at the 1949 CIO Convention - the historic meeting at which UE and the other Communist unions were expelled from CIO - - UE has been saying that IUE-CIO is a company union.

This is UE's "big lie". For the IUE-CIO record in negotiations proves that IUE-CIO, even though it is a new union, has done a more militant job of negotiating than UE ever did.

Several weeks ago, IUE-CIO published a partial list of wage increases won in plants throughout the nation. Here is additional information on this subject - a list of plants, together with wage increases won by IUE-CIO in a year's time or less.

Judge for yourself. Can a "company union" negotiate in such manner? The obvious answer is "no". This list is proof that IUE-CIO is a fighting trade union, and is further proof that UE is a lying organization.

Remember that the figures printed below represent only straight across-the-board wage increases. In every case, IUE-CIO also won other economic demands, such as company-paid pensions, insurance, extra paid holidays and longer vacations.

- General Motors - 24 cents
- General Electric - 19 cents
- Westinghouse - 19 cents
- Monsanto - 21 cents
- Arma - 24½ cents
- Acrometal - 18 cents
- Allis-Chalmers - 19 cents
- American Radiator - 15 cents
- Buffalo Meter - 20 cents
- Wagner Electric - 19 cents
- Century Electric - 19 cents
- Emerson Electric - 19 cents
- Exide Battery - 22 cents
- Ferrand Optical - 18 cents
- Ford Instrument - 22 cents
- Globe Union - 18 cents
- Geartner Scientific - 17 cents
- General Mills - 17 cents
- Ingersoll Rand - 16 cents
- Liquidometer - 25 cents
- Leland Electric - 26 cents
- Minneapolis Honeywell - 15 cents
- Minneapolis Moline - 18½ cents
- Monsanto Chemical - 25 cents
- Otis Elevator - 19 cents
- Package Machinery - 19 cents
- Rudolph Wurlitzer - 28 cents
- Sperry Gyroscope - 22 cents
- Shallcross - 15 cents

### UE Negotiators Accept Victory Won By IUE-CIO

GE is not the only corporation for which UE does the dirty work. Last March, when IUE-CIO won a nine-cent hourly increase from GE, UE leaders condemned the increase, and condemned the union that won it, IUE-CIO.

Six weeks later, UE made an about-face, and accepted the nine cents which IUE-CIO had won from GE workers.

A repeat performance is being given now in Westinghouse. IUE-CIO, after weeks of hard negotiating with the second largest manufacturer in the electrical industry, was able to negotiate a nine-cent hourly increase for its 44,000 members in Westinghouse.

IUE-CIO won approval for this increase from the Wage Board in record time. UE, all during negotiations, condemned IUE-CIO and made up dozens of false stories about negotiations.

But the last issue of UE's national newspaper carried a bulletin stating that UE's so-called negotiating committee had accepted the nine-cent increase already won by IUE-CIO. UE's committee didn't bother doing any negotiating. It merely waited until IUE-CIO won its victory, and then accepted same!

UE has less than 10,000 members in Westinghouse plants, compared with IUE-CIO's 44,000.

Yes, UE has a purpose in spending thousands of dollars on anti-IUE-CIO propaganda every time IUE-CIO goes into negotiations with a company. The companies, too, spend thousands of dollars for the same purpose - - to disunify the workers, and to attempt to break up negotiations.

So far UE and the companies have been unsuccessful. IUE-CIO's record of wage increases won in one year is proof positive of that.

### MAQUA ELECTION SET FOR AUGUST 8

Workers at Maqua Printing Company, which is part of GE, will vote August 8 in an NLRB election between IUE-CIO and no-union. UE tried to get on the ballot, and failed. Now UE is campaigning for a no-union vote. Some 225 workers will vote in this election, and on August 9, another 100 workers, in the Bindery Department, will vote in a similar election, but will have a choice of IUE-CIO, International Bookbinders Association, or no-union.

### SHOP TALK

UE must be getting desperate. There are more lies in the latest issue of its national news than ever appeared in that lying paper before. UE National News always carries a lot of pictures of its supposed members. But a mistake was made in the latest issue. A picture of a large group of workers appeared. They were supposed to be UE members in New York City. One of them carried a banner indicating he represented UE members in the Hammerlund plant. The joke is that a month ago, Hammerlund workers voted 200 to 12 to leave UE and join IUE-CIO! Pictures do lie - if they're carried in UE News!

The big question now in this: How much is GE paying UE for carrying double-page ads in the local UE newspaper? Or is that coming out of the members dues too?

UE apparently has filed another phony petition in part of the Lynn GE Works. That's the third try in as many months. Other petitions have been thrown out by the NLRB. And the petition comes as no surprise to IUE-CIO. IUE-CIO entered negotiations with GE for a new contract on June 29. UE wants only one thing: To do a job for the company in breaking down those negotiations. But that was tried in Westinghouse, and it failed. And it will fail in GE. The workers won't be fooled by UE any longer!

Al Dorries asks this question: Why should second shift workers have to suffer the indignity of being spied on every time they turn around by a would-be Pinkerton who is part of GE management? If you step outside to get a breath of fresh air during the hot weather, this snoop is with you, and a warning notice is coming up. If you want to go out to buy your lunch, you might get as far as the gate, but there, the guards, who have been alerted by the same snoop, will stop to ask where you're going, and a warning notice is coming up. Some shop stewards have tried to correct this situation, but they do not have the backing of the UE or the rest of the stewards. The tottering UE has no strength left to do anything for the members. The company will respect strength and unity, and nothing else, so Al says, "Let's all join IUE-CIO, and be united and strong"!

# IUE-CIO CALLS FOR UNITED FRONT OF GE WORKERS

On September 15, 1950, IUE-CIO signed a one-year contract with the General Electric Co. That contract gave IUE-CIO's 70,000 members in GE a 10-cent hourly increase, and provision was made for a wage re-opener based on cost of living figures as of March 15, 1951.

Immediately after IUE-CIO signed its contract, UE, representing some 35,000 GE workers, signed a similar agreement, except that the agreement runs for two years.

On April 23, 1951, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the cost of living had risen to such an extent that IUE-CIO's 70,000 members in GE immediately became eligible for a nine-cent hourly increase, retroactive to March 15.

Thanks to IUE-CIO, Schenectady GE workers, although they are covered by UE contract, received that increase too. Last Friday, Schenectady GE workers received a substantial retroactive pay check. IUE-CIO's negotiations last September paid off not only for the 70,000 GE workers in IUE-CIO, but also for all other GE workers, who received substantial wage increases as a result of IUE-CIO's negotiations.

On June 29, IUE-CIO met with GE in a preliminary session to present demands for 1951 negotiations. IUE-CIO is determined to improve its contract and to win substantial economic gains for GE workers.

For a year now UE has been sitting back and accepting for its members whatever IUE-CIO has won. But this time, UE won't even be able to do that, for UE signed a sellout two-year contract.

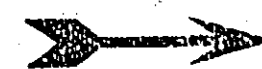
IUE-CIO's formal negotiations opened with GE July 17, and will continue until IUE-CIO has victory.

Strength and unity of GE workers is a major factor in winning such victory. IUE-CIO's own ranks are solid, but there are still 35,000 GE workers who have no real representation in bargaining with management, for they are under UE contract.

To have real strength and unity, it is necessary that all GE workers join together in one union. In order that all GE workers have an opportunity to win a better contract and economic gains in 1951, it is necessary that all GE workers be united in IUE-CIO.

FOR VICTORY, JOIN IUE-CIO

Sign today for victory.



Send your card to IUE-CIO,  
202 Clinton St., 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
GE Plant, Schenectady \_\_\_\_\_  
Department \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_

# ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

8:00 PM - FRIDAY - JULY 27

STEELWORKERS HALL - 140 CLINTON STREET

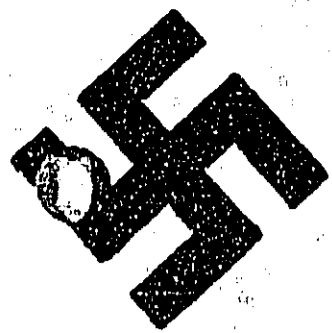
-----  
All IUE-CIO members and all GE workers are urged to attend this very important meeting, to learn of the part the American Labor Movement is playing in the fight for equal rights for all.  
-----

### SPEAKERS:

Herbert Hill, Assistant Field Secretary, NAACP  
Jack Suarez, President, Atomic Workers Local 301, IUE-CIO  
Ralph Light, International Representative, USA-CIO  
Sterling Conaway, IUE-CIO Organizing Committee Member  
E. Kermit Hightower, Legal Counsel, Schenectady NAACP

THIS RALLY IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE SCHENECTADY BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

(Note: The Steelworkers Hall is air conditioned!)



# A New Hitler-Stalin Pact!



***The stab in the back—now infamous in history—when Stalin and Hitler signed a "friendship" treaty that plunged the world into World War II, had a repeat performance here in Schenectady last week!***

In a single day more than 10,000 UE-CP check-off cards were circulated through the General Electric plant and signed!

Such an enormous undertaking as this could never have been accomplished without flagrant, illegal collusion between GE and UE, between foremen and other management representatives and leaders of the defunct, Communist-controlled UE!

***Here is company unionism with a vengeance! Here is GE's vaunted "impartiality"—collusion with RED COMPANY UNIONISM! Here is GE giving active assistance to a bankrupt minority because it figures it can make a better deal with the spineless UE!***

Since last May when negotiations started, GE has been kicking UE and its absurd "\$500 package" around in one negotiating session after another. GE knows that a contract with UE will save the company money, will stifle any new pay increases or keep them at a minimum. GE knows that UE, on its last legs, desperate and weakened, hasn't the strength to drive a strong contract.

THE COLLUSION BETWEEN GE AND UE IN CIRCULATING THESE CHECK-OFF CARDS IS PART OF A HITLER-STALIN TYPE UNDERSTANDING DESIGNED TO KEEP GE WORKERS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE UE-CP AND SAVE MILLIONS IN PAY RAISES FOR MANAGEMENT.

This conspiracy will not succeed! Neither in Schenectady nor in other GE plants where the same attempts will be made.

GE workers will not be made suckers of. They are much too aware of how the Communists have wrecked their union and what the bankrupt UE-CP has done to their badly needed wage increases. And they remember too well the company union days to which GE would like to return.

FOR GE WORKERS THE ANSWER TO THIS STAB IN THE BACK IS THE ANSWER ALREADY GIVEN BY MORE THAN 250,000 ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS WHO ARE NOW MEMBERS OF 150 CHARTERED IUE-CIO LOCALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

## JOIN the IUE-CIO

International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers-CIO  
Local 301 10 State Street, Schenectady, N.Y.

# Does the Communist Party Speak for You?

## The Daily Worker Boasts:

- That the Communists Still Have a Grip on Local 301.
- That GE Workers In Schenectady Aren't Interested in Decent American Trade Unionism.
- That the Communist Fight To Destroy the CIO Has the Backing of Schenectady GE Workers.

**Daily Worker**

The Communist Party locally has helped to take some of the steam out of the red-baiting by issuing regular weekly leaflets for the past 44 weeks dealing with fundamental economic and political issues facing the workers. These leaflets, distributed in thousands of copies, have given the workers a better idea of what the Communist Party stands for, Redbaiting has always played

## The Communist Party Lies, Because:

- More Than 250,000 Workers Chartered in 150 IUE-CIO Locals Have Given the UE-CP Their Answer!
- The IUE-CIO in Philco Has Won One of the Best Pension Plans Anywhere in American Industry!

**GIVE YOUR ANSWER TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY!**

# JOIN the IUE-CIO!

INTERNATIONAL UNION of ELECTRICAL, RADIO and MACHINE WORKERS-CIO  
LOCAL 301 . . . . . 10 STATE STREET, SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

7/26/51

# IUE-CIO Opens Negotiations for New Gains for All in GE

IUE-CIO opened negotiations June 29 for a new contract with General Electric. IUE-CIO put its demands on the table for a new contract effective September 15, 1951. UE will be able to talk to the company about wages ALONE — after the middle of September.

Again IUE-CIO leads the way for benefits to ALL GE WORKERS. As you know, IUE-CIO's new contract with GE last fall made gains for all, including the recent 9c raise for GE workers. Even greater benefits can be won for all GE workers in IUE-CIO's new contract proposals. In addition to a substantial wage increase

### This Is IUE-CIO 4 Point Economic Program

#### **COST OF LIVING**

1c an hour rise for each 1.1 increase in BLS index, adjusted every 3 months.

Payment September 15, 1951 for cost of living rise since March 15 PLUS CATCH-UP SUM COVERING INCREASE DURING PAST SIX MONTHS.

CAN AFFORD this adjustment judging by its profit record. GE helped wreck inflation controls. We must not suffer lower living standards because of rising prices.