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Kriss Blasts Commies At City Council Meeting

Everyone was there but Victor.

The city council chambers were jammed with Begley Democrats, Buhrmaster Democrats, Republicans, GE workers, even 35 UE goons.

We wonder what the goons thought when their leader, Comrade Victor Pasche, failed to show up. Come to think of it, Leo Jandreau wasn't there either. Nothing like good, honest, courageous leaders, boys — always ready to speak up for What They Believe In.

You all must know what happened by now—but maybe you don't, because the Gazette didn't publish it (no, we're NOT going to say that John E. N. Hume, Jr., Gazette editor, is the son of a retired UE vice-president).

PASCHE INVITED

Anyway, on the suggestion of councilman James E. Smith, the city council invited Mr. Pasche and Business Agent Frank C. Kriss of IUE-CIO local 301 to come to the council meeting to give their points of view. Seemed like a reasonable enough suggestion — a forum for the expressions of opinion — an old American custom.

Dr. Smith's stand was this:

He pointed out that Kriss had detailed Comrade Pasche's Communist career at an informal hearing (Pasche ran out on that one, too) and felt that Pasche ought to have a chance to answer. Dr. Smith also wanted to know which union was serving Schenectady's best interests.

PASCHE BACKS OUT

But Victor didn't come. Neither, come to think of it, did Leo.

Instead, Victor wrote a letter which was signed "Leo Jandreau" and was blamed on the UE executive board. It was worthy of the Daily Worker. (Maybe Vic can get a job there this summer.) Because Dr. Smith wanted to hear Vic's side, he was compared with the Dies committee. And, so help us, even the Schenectady Railway Co. into that letter!

Mayor Begley, leaning over backward, had the letter read in full.

Then Frank Kriss got up and told how Pasche had been a Communist

minor executive in St. Louis, and how he was assigned to Schenectady to further the cause; how Jandreau, known as "Comrade Hummel" in inner Party circles, has been ordered to keep his Communist affiliations under cover so that the members of the "Democratic" UE won't know their own business agent's political leanings.

MORE RECORDS

Kriss also pointed out two of the better known party liners in the UE
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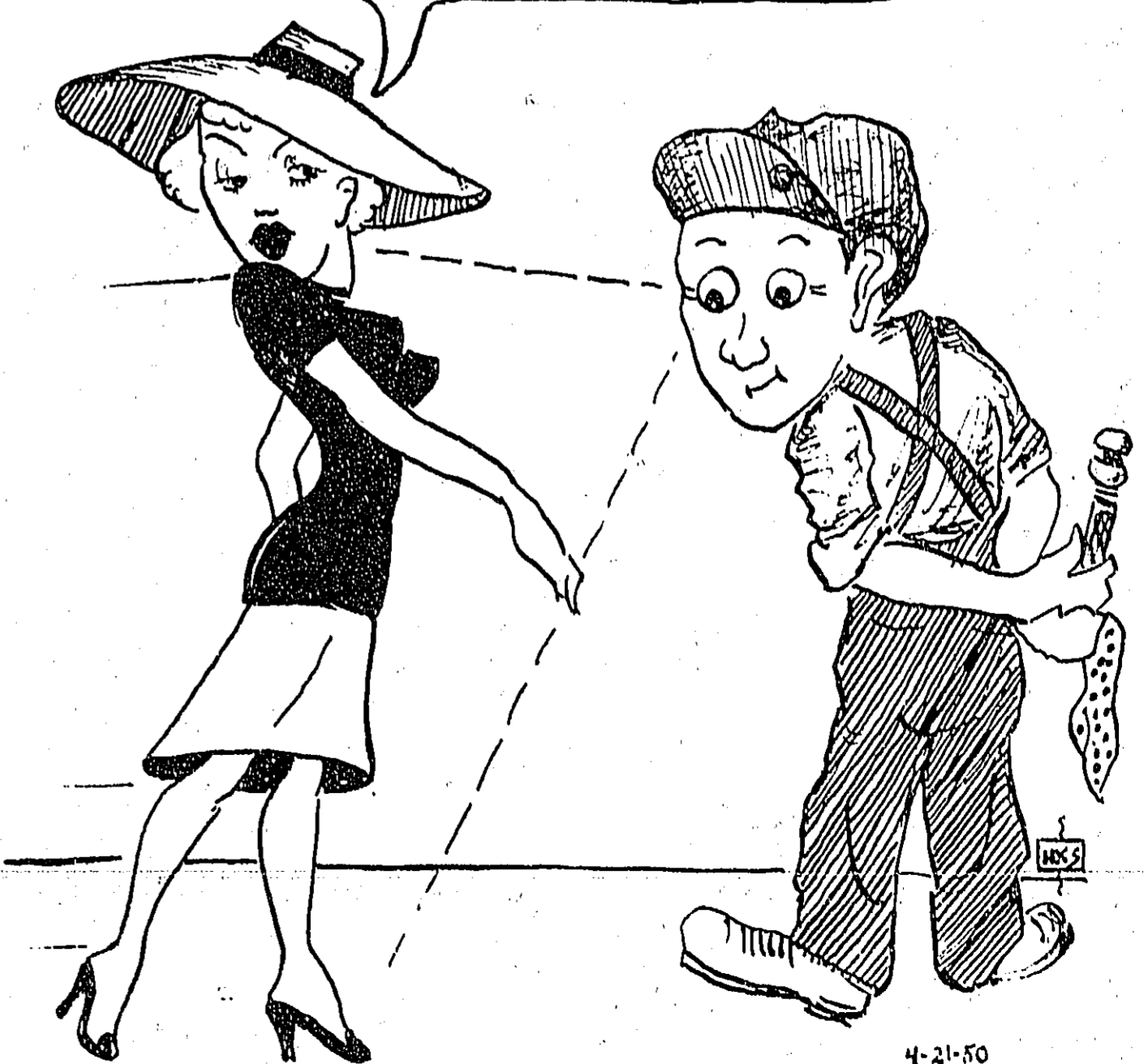
WESTINGHOUSE VOTES TODAY

Today is the day for some 60,000 production employes of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Today is the day they will cast their ballots to determine who will be their union representative, IUE-CIO or UE (IND).

The decision these working men and women are making at this very moment is the same decision you, the General Electric workers, will make in a few weeks.

IUE-CIO is confident that any group of American workers, having been presented the issues, will vote overwhelmingly for honest trade unionism in the ranks of the CIO.

**DON'T WATCH ME —
WATCH WESTINGHOUSE!**



WHO'S WHO IN UE

This is the seventh in a series of articles on the Communist leadership of UE. The material for these articles is taken from authentic government information.

BEN RISKIN

In 1943 Ben Riskin was issued a card in the Communist Party bearing the number 37414. He is a UE international representative and was a delegate to the 1948 UE convention.

Before his exploits in the Communist dominated UE, he was editor of the "New Order," official organ of the International Workers Order, branded on May 7, 1942 as one of the strongest Communist organizations.

Two excerpts from one of Riskin's articles ably illustrate his Communist philosophy:

"Over one-sixth of the earth has been established a workers' and farmers' land, rising with incredible speed to a state of real general security and comfort, crowned with an evergrowing richness of science and life."

"And thus we find our present problems already outlined. They are the fight against the imperialist war and thus for the defense of Soviet Russia and Soviet China, the only workers' and farmers' lands."

(This last sentence was written in 1935. The Communists worked a long time to conquer China and finally have succeeded!)

CWA OFFERS AID TO IUE

The CIO Communications Workers of America—next to IUE, the CIO's youngest union—this week joined the ranks of labor organizations pledging full organizational and financial support to the IUE-CIO election campaigns. CWA President Joe Beirne pointed out that in a strict sense CWA workers are closer than any others to IUE-CIO members because frequently they have had the same employers and have shared similar jobs.

IUE - CIO MARCHES TO VICTORY AT PLANT AFTER PLANT

Victories in nine more representation elections this week brought IUE-CIO's totals to 55 against 11 wins for UE. The nearly five-to-one margin for the IUE was characterized by an increasing number of instances in which the fading outcast union pulled its name off election ballots.

Here are IUE's new triumphs:

Dayton, Ohio—Ohmer Meter Fare. IUE, 187; no union, 22; UE pulled off the ballot.

Minneapolis—Stainless & Steel Mfg. IUE, 131; UE, 6.

Minneapolis—Dayton Rogers Mfg. IUE, 191; no union, 4; UE pulled off the ballot.

Minneapolis—R. R. Howell Co. IUE, 36; UE, 35. (No challenged ballots; no void). (Note: These three victories in Minneapolis give IUE-CIO 11,000 of the 15,000 members UE had a few months ago. UE has left only 3500 in two Moline plants and 500 scattered.)

Dayton, Ohio — Simonds Worden White Co. IUE, 104; no union, 1. UE pulled off the ballot.

Hartford, Conn. — Gray Mfg. Co. IUE, 113; Independent, 27. UE pulled off the ballot in the last four days. (Note: This gives IUE six out of seven shops in Amalgamated Local 281.)

Brockville, Ontario — IUE, 331; UE 329. (Note: Although IUE polled more votes than UE, IUE lost the election under Canadian law which requires clear majority in order to change the bargaining agent.)

Dayton, Ohio—National Foundry & Furnace Co. IUE-CIO, 54; no union, 1; UE again ran out and withdrew from the ballot.

Buffalo, New York — Pratt-Letchworth Co. IUE-CIO, 320; UE, 115; no union, 3; challenged, 2.

UE Dumped In Indianapolis

UE found no magic lamp at Alladin Industries, Indianapolis, on April 13 as the IUE-CIO rubbed out the tarnished UE by 181 to 157 in an NLRB representation election. Ten votes were cast for no union, and 12 challenged.

IUE Wins By Six to One

By a margin of better than six to one, IUE-CIO ended UE's hold at the Liquidometer Co., New York City, on April 13. An NLRB representation election tally showed: IUE, 157; UE, 24; No union, 3.

IUE Union Shop Victory

An NLRB-conducted union shop election at the Farrand Optical Co., Bronx, N.Y., eliminated the tottering UE for once and for all as members of IUE Local 475 voted 400 to 50 in favor of the union security clause. UE leaders performed their usual treachery in union shop elections by campaigning for a "no" vote, which would have deprived the employees of the type of job protection that IUE and all other U.S. unions are now obtaining in new contracts.

KRISS BLAST AT COUNCIL

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(IND). He mentioned the record of Charles Rivers (District Three Sec. for UE (IND), and how he had graduated from the Lenin School. After his return to the USA from Moscow, he was made upstate organizer for the Communist Party and for Trade Union Unity.

He also had documentary evidence to show of the Communist affiliations of one "Willy Mastriani."

He then told how UE (IND) president Fitzgerald, Secretary Treasurer Julius Emspak, and B.A. Leo Jandrea refused to pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States at the armory membership meeting.

COUNCIL CHEERS

The multitude of Begley and Buhrmaster Democrats, Republicans and even a couple of Socialists cheered Kriss until City Hall rocked.

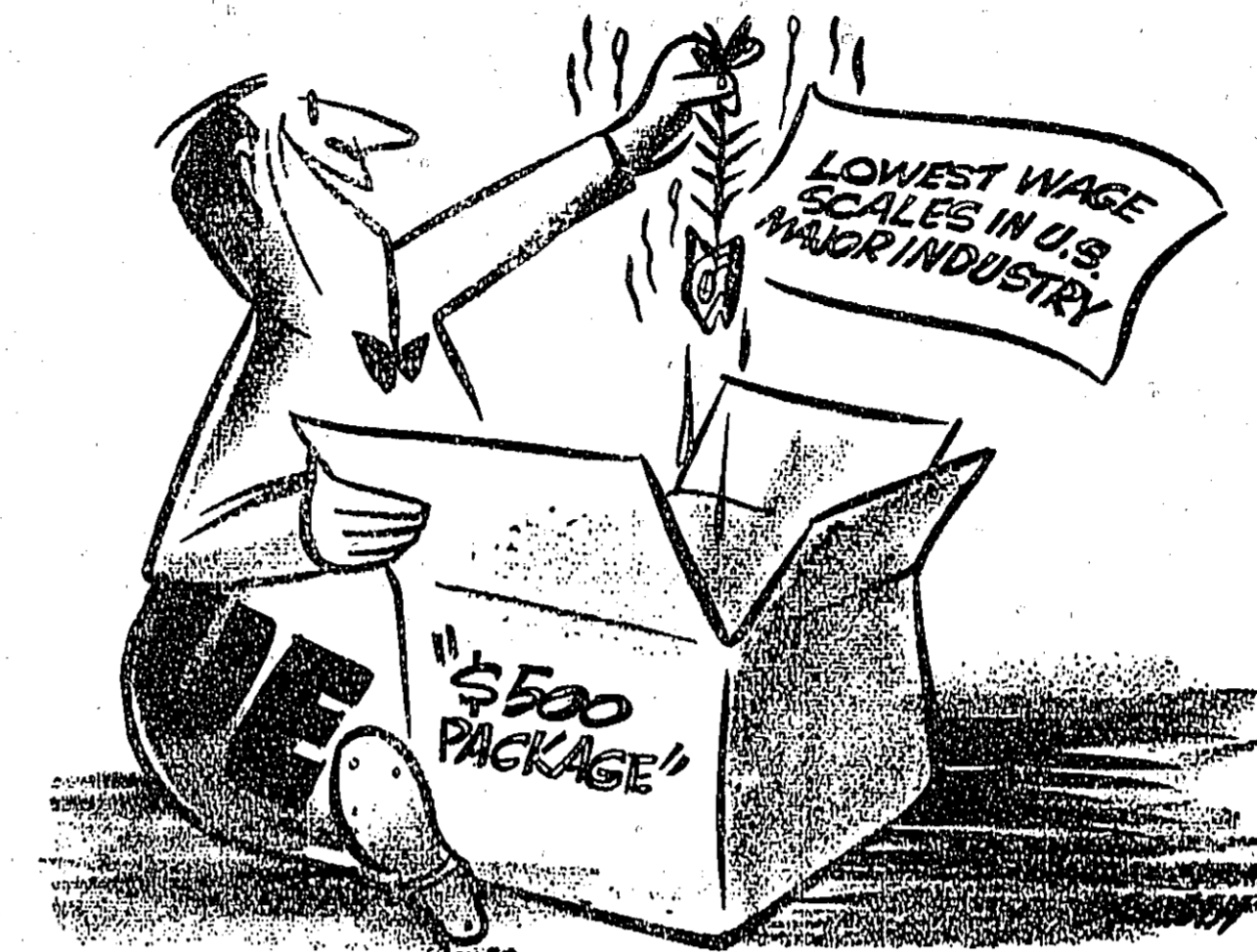
Dr. Smith then allowed as how he didn't wonder Vic didn't show up... "with that kind of a record."

All this was too much for Billy Mastriani, who, sure enough, was lurking in a row near the rear.

Goaded into ignoring Vic's orders to ignore the elected representatives of the people of Schenectady, he stood up and "demanded" to be heard.

But Mayor Begley pointed out that Billy's boss was the one invited to the meeting and that this was not a public hearing (the mayor was acting according to council procedures of various Socialist, Democratic and GOP administrations, in case Billy cares to bone up) and that was all for Billy.

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LOCAL 2054 PLEDGES SUPPORT

President Anthony Barbieri, speaking before the IUE-CIO stewards meeting last week, pledged full support of Steelworkers Local 2054 in the fight to win coming NLRB elections.

Barbieri said: "We haven't got the biggest local union in the country, but we promise that our full physical strength will be yours to use before the coming election. And after you win, we shall join together to fight for the just demands of all the workers in the community."

Speaking of the years of mis-rule of the leaders of the UE (IND) he had this to say: "After they (UE) collected the tremendous amount of dues that has been paid into your local treasury for the last thirteen years, you as rank and file union people have nothing to show for your money except one of the dirtiest union halls in the area. One that isn't even owned by the members."

He also spoke of having all CIO unions in the area join in one vast fighting force for the many causes of labor. United in a common front against the forces of reaction.

The stewards joined in a rising vote of thanks to President Barbieri after his speech.

IUE-CIO SUES WESTINGHOUSE

IUE-CIO Counsel Benjamin Sigal instructed IUE locals this week to bring suit against Westinghouse wherever the company has withheld checked-off dues that belong to IUE. In a letter to IUE attorneys, Sigal said:

"We would be willing to let the NLRB elections determine who should get this money, but we know from previous experience, particularly in General Electric, that the UE is afraid to make such an agreement for obvious reasons.

"Inasmuch as we would like to clear the decks as quickly as possible, in anticipation of our negotiations with Westinghouse which will take place after the elections, there should be no further delay in filing suit."

"CHOWDER HEAD AL" RUNS OUT ON DEBATE WITH JAMES B. CAREY

In one of the most incredible displays of cowardice seen in the American trade union movement in years, UE President Albert Fitzgerald first agreed to debate James B. Carey in Baltimore on April 25, and then — taking fright — ran away from the encounter last week.

In order to escape a rigorous examination of UE policies over the past 10 years, Fitzgerald, thru President Eugene Watts, of UE Local 130 in Baltimore, laid down a 12-point ultimatum that included:

- 1—The issue of Communism in UE must not be discussed or mentioned either by Carey or Fitzgerald!
- 2—Daily press and radio to be barred, and even representatives of the UE and IUE papers to be excluded!

Carey was notified by telegram from Watts on April 18 that Fitzgerald had finally accepted his challenge issued by the IUE leader more than a month before — on March 15. Carey quickly agreed to the date proposed by Watts and on the same day sent Albin Hartnett, his executive assistant, to Baltimore to work out details.

ASSISTANT SENT

As soon as Hartnett arrived, how-

ever, it became apparent that UE's New York headquarters had instructed Watts that the debate could not go on. The absurd ultimatum was given to Hartnett who declared that the IUE-CIO would not consider surrendering to such terms.

MORE "IFS"

Other points in the UE ultimatum included:

- Only members of UE Local 130, Baltimore, would be permitted to attend the debate. Other UE members and IUE-CIO members would be barred.
- Normal debating rules would not be followed. The UE refused to accept an impartial authority selected by the pro-labor mayor of Baltimore to settle issues of standard debating procedure.
- Fitzgerald must be allowed to speak last. UE would not agree to the usual flip of the coin to determine the speaking order.

FLASH

We have just learned that the debate will go on as scheduled. But Chowder Head will be represented by a vacant chair (to match his head, we presume).

Rank and File Views...

To the Editor:
I'm not an old-timer in the shop, so I can't remember the old days before the Union came in, but yet I have respect for what unions have done for the working man. I've worked in the plant steadily since 1940 except for my few years in the Army.

I remember that we got two wage increases about that time. Seems like it was something called the "Little Steel Formula."

Then I went to work for Uncle Sam and I remember many times in the barracks arguing with my buddies about unions. Lots of the fellows had never worked in a shop and were not too sympathetic toward unions. They kept saying how the unions were run by Communists.

With the war over, there was a lot of agitation to discharge all the servicemen. In fact, I remember reading the newspapers how my own union was one of the organizations shouting "Bring the Boys Home." I didn't know at the time that the Communist Party was behind all this.

About that time we saw a change in the UE's policy which seemed to coincide with the cold war with Russia. The UE News attacked the President, Congress, our foreign policy, the Marshall Plan, the Air Lift, the FBI and anything else that was anti-Russia.

But, the pay-off came when UE chose to back Henry Wallace for President, Fitzgerald was chairman of the Progressive Party Convention and every UE organizer became a progressive party organizer. Now we could really convince the members that the UE Communist officers must be thrown out. But we found that it was impossible to vote out these Communists.

When I see some of the good people who are still following UE here, I realize how skillful the Communists are at twisting the truth and confusing the real issues. The way I see it, if a guy wants to support the UE he might as well go all the way and hop the next boat to Russia. But if a guy wants an American Trade Union affiliated with the CIO, and backed by such friends of the working man as President Truman and Secretary of Labor Tobin, then he should vote IUE-CIO.
Sincerely,
"A Lynn GE Worker"

MALE SITUATION WANTED

"Business Agent, available anytime after June 15, with 14 years service; trained to follow instructions to the letter; desires to make new connections."

This advertisement has never appeared in public print as yet, but its counterpart did appear in the April 21 edition of *EU News* under the heading "IUE Approaches the Wrong Man."

IUE may have had the wrong MAN, but UE had the wrong MEN.

J. K. McCormick, although a good, honest citizen, is not even a member of IUE-CIO. And what is more important, he is not in a position to make any "deals" on behalf of IUE.

Elmer Flagler is an IUE shop steward, and a good one at that. IUE is willing to take his word against Kelly's any day in the week.

The word from Elmer is: "Sure, I know Kelly, in fact I even talk to him. But this story is nothing but lies from beginning to end. I wouldn't ask Jandreau to be dog catcher in IUE."

It is sad, but true, UE is falling apart all over the country, so we can't blame Leo and Kelly for putting out

"peace feelers" on the front page of *EU News*.

But the verdict, as ever, is: your species of animal is neither wanted nor needed by IUE-CIO.

(We advise, however, that you get on the New York State Unemployment List — it's cheaper than front page ads!)



SHORT CIRCUITS

Since UE 301 seems mighty reluctant to issue a statement of its financial status to the membership, IUE-CIO will take the liberty of introducing a few facts. The finances in question revolve around the publication of *EU News*. The last issue, April 21, set the few deluded dues payers back \$493.00. More specifically:

EU News	\$274.00
Overtime	61.50
Inserts	157.50

—plus the expenditure for distribution which our UE informer didn't tell us about.

THIS IS UE (IND). Friedlander held another noon session in Bldg. 17, Friday, April 21, at which he said, "I am a member of the Communist Party and have been for a number of years. I think that the Communist Party is a better party than the Republican or Democratic parties."

We do not believe that the punch press operators are following this avowed Communist around like a flock of sheep. Before any action of the group is undertaken it will be by a concerted move of everyone, and not the blowing of a whistle by some crackpot who is so outspoken in his support of a foreign ideology.

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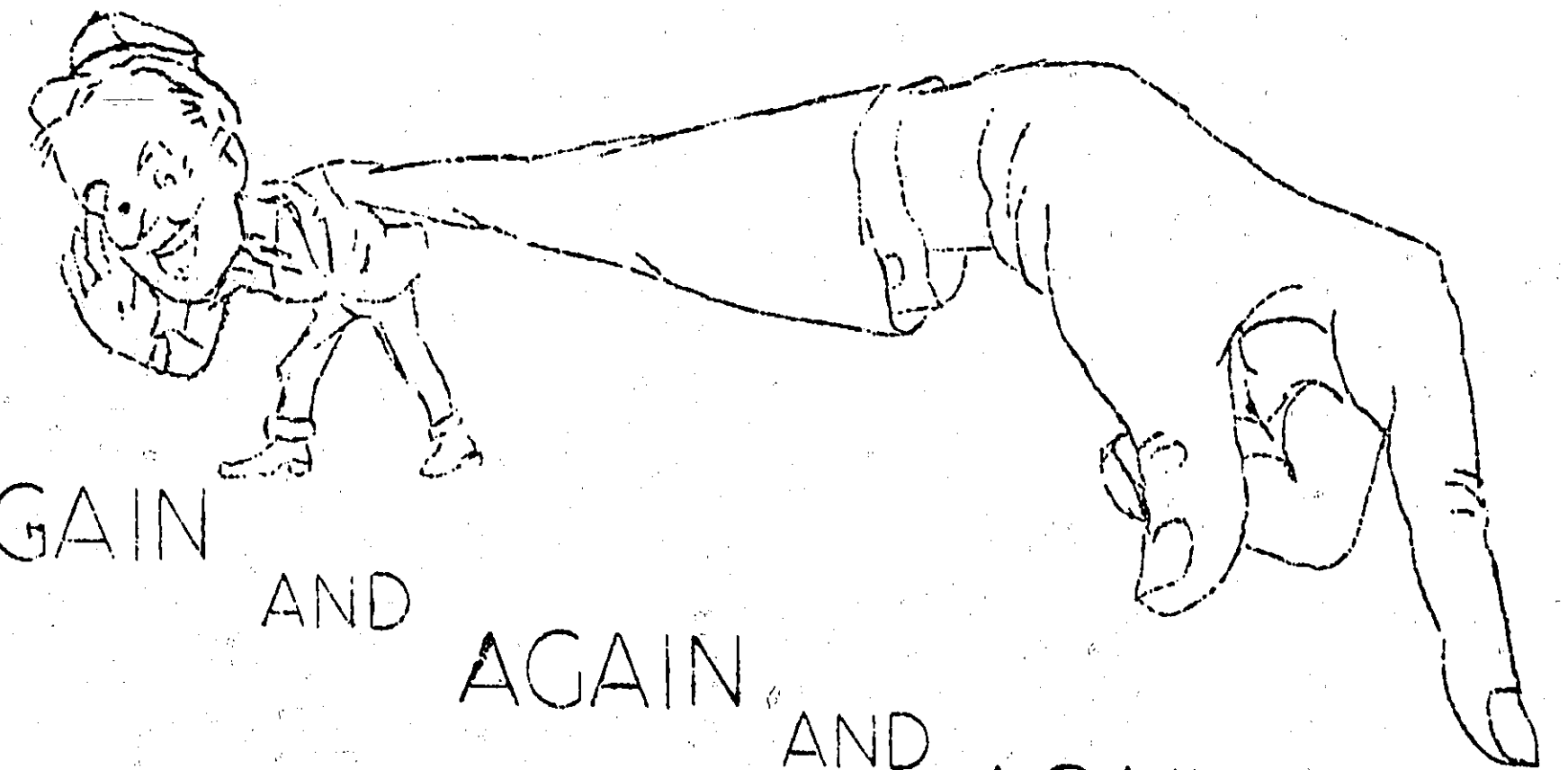
IUE-CIO On The Air

EVERY SUNDAY

WSNY—The Polish Hour..... 1:15 to 1:20 P. M.
The Italian Hour..... 6:35 to 6:40 P. M.

EVERY MONDAY

WPTR—A Report to the People of the Capital District at at 6:20 to 6:25 P. M.



AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN
IUE-CIO WINS ELECTIONS

FORD INSTRUMENT, JAMAICA, NEW YORK

IUE-CIO	868
NO UNION	12
UE(IND)	0

REMINGTON-RAND, ELTON, NEW YORK

IUE-CIO	1074
NO UNION	928
UE(IND)	0

GRAND TOTAL

IUE-CIO	UE(IND)
UNITS	UNITS
79	31

VOTE IUE-CIO VOTE