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VOTE UE-14 Years' Gains Are at Stake Mark Your NLRB Ballot Today Like This

United States of America
National Labor Relations Board
OFFICIAL SECRET BALLOT
FOR EMPLOYEES OF
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY - SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK WORKS

This ballot is to determine the collective bargaining representative, if any, for the unit in which you are employed.
If you spoil this, return it to the Board Agent for a new one.

MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE

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In marking your ballot as above, be sure you mark the "X" inside the square as shown, and nothing else. Any signature or other writing or marking will VOID the ballot.

GM Workers Tied Down 5 Years for Low Benefits

Now the CIO is trying to say that a 5-year General Motors contract, which cannot be reopened by the union on any count, is a victory. It is another typical CIO sell-out which hog-ties the workers in return for meager benefits. These benefits are ridiculously low in the light of the record speed-up at GM and record profits being made by GM.

The maximum pension under the plan, if you meet all the requirements, is \$100 a month, including Social Security. It may go up to a top of \$117.50 a month if the pending better Social Security bill passes. The first payments under the plan will not be made until Oct. 1.

There is a 1-cent raise added to

the previous automatic 3-cent raise for increased productivity. There is the same "up and down" cost of living clause, which cut the GM wages 2 cents on Mar. 1.

Workers pay half the insurance. The contract is for the benefit of the company, not the workers. The price of GM stock jumped on the

Hear Election Returns Tonight at Union Hall

The UE Women's Club will have an open house at 9 o'clock tonight at UE Local 301 headquarters for people who drop in to wait for the election returns. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

stock market as soon as the contract settlement was announced, because business knew the company had made a good deal for itself.

UE Moves on GE Negotiations

A meeting of the Conference Board of GE locals of UE has been called for Sunday, June 4, in New York City to elect the national negotiating committee. UE has notified GE that it wants an immediate meeting with the company about reinstating the contract and starting negotiations on the UE proposals for improvements.

Vote UE Local 301

People from the Shops Tell Why UE Local 301 Will Win the GE Election Today

Evelyn Patnode
Bldg. 12, hand mica taper

"Just recently UE won another grievance for girls in our building about a job that was priced too low, and got 30 of us more money. It's things like that that make us so strong for UE."



John Ciabotti
Bldg. 42, screw machine operator

"Our whole shop sat down in March over set-up prices. The grievance was settled by UE, and even the people who were swallowing IUE propaganda before that saw how UE settled it. There's been a big shift to UE since then."



Frank Washington
Bldg. 49, chipper

"UE has given the colored people an equal break with the white. It has gone to bat for upgrading of Negroes."



Allen T. Claypool
Bldg. 273, boring mill operator

"Our pension at GE is in addition to social security, but the CIO pensions include social security."



Mrs. Anna Zinszar
Bldg. 29, mica packer

"The girls are solid for UE on my floor. We've always been represented wonderfully by UE and we'd like to keep it that way. IUE doesn't even try to talk to us any more."



Henry Frey
Bldg. 77, tinter

"In our shop the people see through all the red-baiting. Our building is 90 per cent UE."



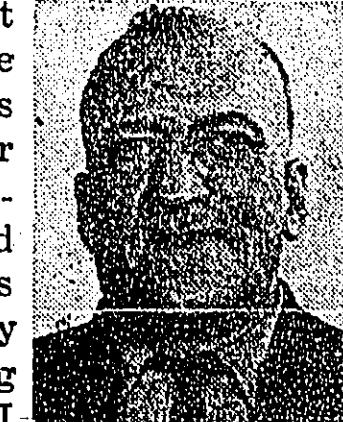
Harold Rollins
Bldg. 17, enameler

"The IUE leaders from Philip Murray down are after their own personal benefit and don't care anything about the benefits of the men at all. UE has fought our fight all the way through and we want them to keep on doing it."



Vedder Burke
Bldg. 40, machinist

"Ninety percent of our floor are UE. UE has handled our grievances satisfactorily and has won us practically everything we've got. I don't see why we should make a change. We might step off in a hole some place."



Lewis Craft, Jr.
Bldg. 13, electrician

"We've made a lot of gains in the last 14 years with UE and we want to keep them."



J. S. Lindsay
Bldg. 89, toolmaker

"I belonged to the old Machinists Union at GE and was vice - chairman of the Works Council. UE has got more benefits for the workers than any other union I ever belonged to. UE stood by the workers better than anything I know of. This IUE propaganda is a lot of nonsense."



Anthony Leva
Bldg. 269, spot welding leader

"UE has done a lot for us and has changed conditions a lot. The IUE promises are just going over the dam. You know how politicians work."



Margaret Calkins
Bldg. 69, miscellaneous operator

"I believe in UE and I just can't see the IUE. Just ask the older workers how things were before the union, when they had to sneak out to eat a sandwich."



C. F. Aussicker
Bldg. 95, moulder

"I was in the AFL Moulders when we lost our strike here in 1921. Then we had the Works Council. It was strictly a company union. Workers had nothing till UE went in. It's the grandest thing that ever was in the plant. Nearly 100 per cent of our shop are UE."



Anderson Williams
Bldg. 52, welder

"I know we'll win regardless of outside pressure. If the outside public really knew the facts they would feel the same as the workers do about UE. UE is strictly for the workers."



James Whyte
Bldg. 66, assembler

"Looks solid for UE, particularly in our division. They've all had cause to call on the union and are satisfied with the service they got. The IUE doesn't even dare come in Building 66 or 52. IUE is a company union as far as I am concerned."



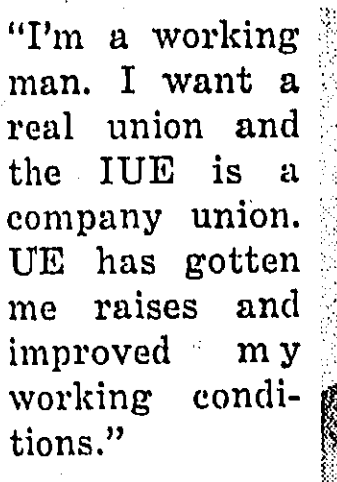
Louis De Angelis
Bldg. 52, arc welder

"Our building is about 100 per cent UE because they know the way UE improved conditions. IUE tried coming in our building a couple of times and gave it up."



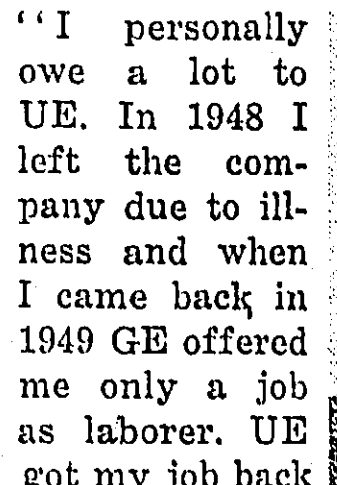
Joseph Occhino
Bldg. 227, truck driver

"I'm a working man. I want a real union and the IUE is a company union. UE has gotten me raises and improved my working conditions."



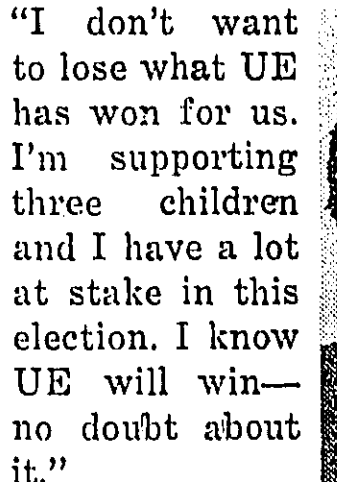
Kendall R. Whitaker
Knolls 1, bench assembler

"I personally owe a lot to UE. In 1948 I left the company due to illness and when I came back in 1949 GE offered me only a job as laborer. UE got my job back for me, with the same pay and full seniority. Our shop is practically 100 per cent UE."



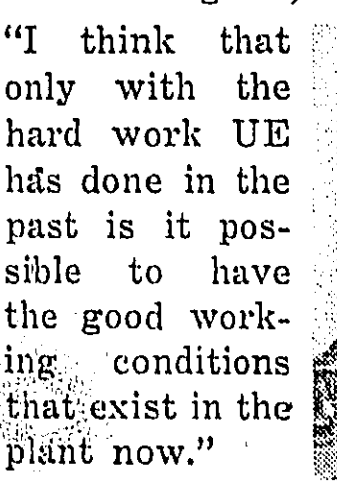
Gertrude Bruch
Bldg. 68, porcelain cleaner

"I don't want to lose what UE has won for us. I'm supporting three children and I have a lot at stake in this election. I know UE will win—no doubt about it."



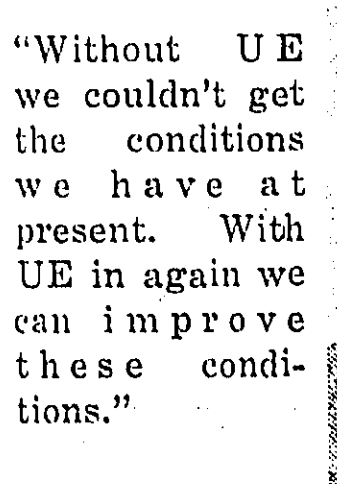
S. J. Kirby
Bldg. 46, assembler

"I think that only with the hard work UE has done in the past is it possible to have the good working conditions that exist in the plant now."



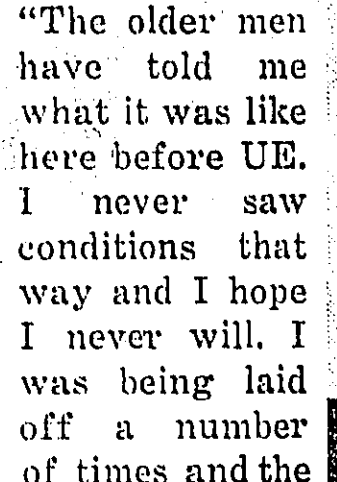
F. J. Marhafer
Bldg. 46, assembler

"Without UE we couldn't get the conditions we have at present. With UE in again we can improve these conditions."



Norman Freeman
Bldg. 24, painter's helper

"The older men have told me what it was like here before UE. I never saw conditions that way and I hope I never will. I was being laid off a number of times and the union helped me stay on the job."



Betty Di Nicola
Bldg. 81, wireman

"I remember when the company laid off married women—you were afraid to let them know you were married. I was laid off a whole year for that reason. Now because of the union they can't discriminate against anyone. It's only seniority that counts."



Walter Bielawski
Bldg. 273, machinist

"It was largely the efforts of UE that got GE to recognize the apprentice course as on-the-job training after the war so we veterans could collect a government allotment for it."



William Brannigan
Bldg. 84, mechanic

"The way I've sized it up—UE is the labor people's union and the other one isn't. IUE is Phil Murray's union. He seems to be the boss and have all the say."



Peter Mauro
Bldg. 105, milling machine operator

"I have 34 years' service. Old-timers have a sense of security under UE. With newer workers, whatever seniority they have, at least it's respected. If people vote any other way I think they're crazy!"



Elliott D. Potter
Bldg. 59, tallyman

"We older workers in our place are quite solidly UE because of our experiences before the union."



William J. Spencer
Bldg. 101, machine repair

"For a square deal, vote UE. Don't be misled by IUE propaganda."



John P. Steslow
Bldg. 273, turbine erector assembler

"The UE has got us everything we have in GE. We've always had good contracts and we'll continue to do so as soon as we get rid of this IUE. That's the way the boys in Turbine feel. The way the company is trying to push us around now, putting the older men on heavy jobs they never dared to do before—it just shows how IUE is messing things up. All this red talk of theirs doesn't mean a thing."



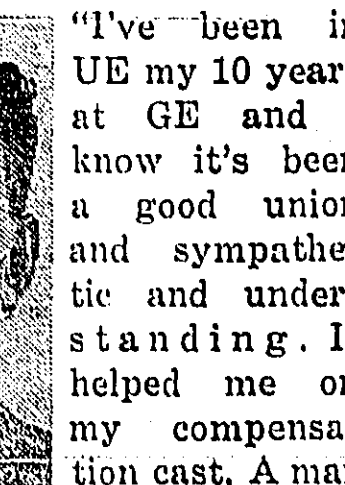
Stephen Senecal
Bldg. 18, lathe work

"I've been at GE 41 years and I've belonged to a lot of unions here. This is the best union. The members run this union, not the leaders."



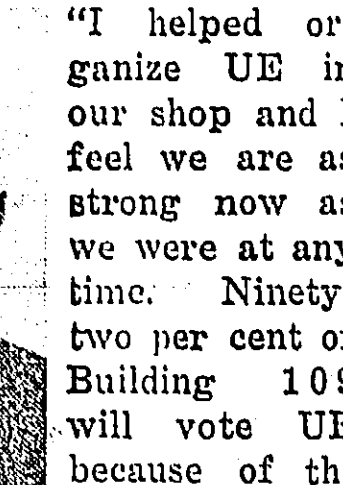
Michael Kulchinsky
Bldg. 57, sand mixer

"I've been in UE my 10 years at GE and I know it's been a good union and sympathetic and understanding. It helped me on my compensation cast. A man is foolish to lose what he's got in order to take something he doesn't know."



Emmett Creasy
Bldg. 109, machine operator

"I helped organize UE in our shop and I feel we are as strong now as we were at any time. Ninety-two per cent of Building 109 will vote UE because of the gains and conditions brought about by UE."



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