

# ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS

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

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SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

## 15 to 1 GE WORKERS VOTING AGAINST WAGE OFFER

GE workers are making up their own minds about the company's penny-sale wage offer, with its up-and-down escalator clause.

DAY WORKERS, WOMEN WORKERS,  
THE WORKERS IN THE SKILLED TRADES SAY:

"Not a penny in it to meet the day workers problems."

"The company wants to keep on chiseling on women's rates."

"The company is rolling in dough. They've got to let go of some of it."

INCENTIVE WORKERS SAY:

"It's peanuts. We won't even be able to see it in the pay envelope."

"The new taxes will eat it up."

In Division meetings held yesterday and Thursday in part of the plant some 8,000 voted overwhelmingly against GE's miserable 2½ percent package.

Buildings 285, 46, 60, 40-18, 278, 63, 85 and 73 shop meetings were unanimous against the offer. In buildings 28, 24, 57 and in one section of Turbine, there were a few scattered votes for acceptance, with an overwhelming majority against the offer. Division meetings in the plant are continuing Tuesday.

Word comes to Schenectady that workers in other GE plants throughout the UE chain are united in their indignant repudiation of GE's penny proposition.

## IUE-CIO IN SWEAT

Meanwhile, off in New York, the officials of the company union IUE-CIO are in a sweat. They know GE workers are repudiating the company offer. At the same time, IUE's contract is running out on Sept. 15, and unless Carey and his crew sell out the workers' wage demands, they won't have any dues check-off after September 15. That is why IUE-CIO is trying to make GE's offer of a few pennies look good. It's all IUE asked for in money in the first place. No matter what IUE officials decide, IUE members won't get a chance to vote on it.

## WE CAN DO THE JOB

The UE National Contract with GE is secure. It runs to September 15, 1952, with wage reopeners every six months. UE is going into national negotiations with the company on its Sept. 15 contract reopener on wages, rates and other economic issues.

The company can't stampede UE with the fear of losing contract rights. UE is on the job to get what the membership needs, out of the company's \$3,000,000 a week in net profits.

FOR A REAL JOB IN NEGOTIATIONS

**MAKE SCHENECTADY 100% UE**

**—VOTE UE LOCAL 301—**

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## DEFEAT UNION-BUSTING!

There are current threats of a union-busting Taft-Hartley offensive against ALL ORGANIZED LABOR.

A New York City "scratch sheet" yesterday carried the dope that a number of unions, including UE, are slated first for the full treatment.

The attack, if and when it comes, should come as no surprise. UE is among the unions which have produced for the members AND HAS STEERED CLEAR OF ALL POLITICAL ENTANGLEMENTS.

## No One Spared!

The attack, if and when it comes, will not spare the membership of those unions whose leaders have knuckled under to corporation executives and anti-labor politicians. The membership of those unions will be in the worst possible position to fight back BECAUSE THEY DO NOT CONTROL THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONS.

The threats of a savage Taft-Hartley attack are in the air at this time because of the success of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers in winning a 19½c an hour package increase from powerful Kennecott Copper.

## Union-Busting Formula

Every union which protects its members against corporate greed will be called red. That's the union-busting formula, whether it be used by corporations, politicians or CIO officials like James Carey.

It will be recalled that the ultra-conservative railroad workers were called a "bunch of Russians" when they were on strike. The equally conservative Typographical Union has been tied up in Taft-Hartley law suits for the last two years because of its outstanding job for its members. The United Miners have been fined millions of dollars under Taft-Hartley for their refusal to knuckle under to mine operators and politicians.

A number of top CIO and AFL officials have found it profitable to live under the Taft-Hartley Law which they at one time condemned. But not the rank and file. They don't get political favors and trips to Europe because of their leaders' sellout.

## This Is The Issue!

The issue of any future Taft-Hartley attack upon UE or any other decent trade union is whether unions will be able to survive FREE OF BUSINESS AND POLITICAL CONTROL . . . whether they will be able to function IN THE INTERESTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP . . . whether they will be allowed to strike when the MEMBERS VOTE a strike is necessary.

We can be sure that organized labor from coast-to-coast will fight any new Taft-Hartley crackdown. They, and we, will fight TO SAVE OUR UNIONS.

An overwhelming UE vote on September 14 will preserve our gains and our organization. AND, it will inspire the entire labor movement.

SCHENECTADY WILL LEAD THE WAY!

**UE**

**VOTE UE LOCAL 301**