

GE IS GIVING ACTIVE SUPPORT TO CAREY'S "IMITATION UE"
(A report to the 301 membership - Nov. 29, '49)

Last Friday the 301 executive board held a special meeting with Works Manager Lewis J. Male over the help being given by the company to the Carey company union.

We got no satisfaction from Male, but we did smoke him out. When we got through, it was clear to the entire board that Male was acting on orders from top management, and that the company is going all out to help the stooges.

Here are the points we raised with Male, and his answers that proves our accusation was correct:

1) We had notified Bldg. 41 that Stanley Bishop, board member for building 69 who took a public stand against UE, was no longer to be recognized as a board member under the contract. Male's office had put the change through, but Male personally told supervision in Bldg. 69 to recognize Bishop again. He also indicated the company would interfere in the selection of shop stewards.

The management will try to tell us how to run our union. Male was forced to admit that if he found a foreman working for a rival company, he would be fired. But he objects to Local 301 protecting itself under the contract.

2) As previously told you, the company is illegally withholding the November check-off money, on the request of Kriss and Ficrillo. Even if they were still officers of 301, which they are not, they would have no authority to make such a request. GE is simply supporting them in their efforts to sabotage 301 and the member's grievances.

3) The company now allows the "Imitation UE" to hand out literature on company property. That right belongs to UE only, as the bargaining agent under the contract. Male admitted meeting with Kriss and Ficrillo on this matter and defended the deal as "impartiality". It is nothing but giving the Carey boys a right which they have not got.

On top of all this, there have been many verified reports of foremen openly permitting Carey stooges to circulate application cards during working hours. In some cases this was stopped because the UE members in the department showed they wouldn't stand for it. But obviously the stooges have the company's blessing in trying to enroll people.

A careful check shows that the phony outfit has obtained very few signatures. GE knows this. The GE is out to destroy UE because of what it has achieved for GE workers. GE is out to establish a company union. It is trying to take advantage of the confusion created by Carey's stooges to terminate the contract, as we warned many times before. The membership had better be prepared to fight to defend the union, the contract and 13 years of gains.

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GE Would Love to-- But Its Quite a Job



Male Defends GE's Stand Against UE

The General Electric Company here came out actively during the past week in support of James B. Carey's "Imitation UE."

The company's actions showed that it hoped both to destroy the contract protecting the workers' conditions, and to establish a company union.

The company's actions also showed that GE executives realize the stooge outfit is beaten. In its effort to save the stooges, GE is dropping its pretense of neutrality.

Board Meets Male

After the pattern of interference by the company had developed last week, the whole Executive Board held a special meeting with Lewis J. Male, works manager. The board got no satisfaction from Male, but it did smoke him out. The board was unanimous in reporting to the membership that Male was acting on orders from top management in going all out to support the stooges. Male repeated the Bulwark line about being "neutral" but remained silent when Leo Jandreau charged he had orders to help the Carey outfit.

GE Ignores Bishop's Removal

Boldest of the company's actions was its insistence on recognizing Stanley Bishop as Executive Board member for Building 69 after he had publicly taken his stand for Carey and against UE. The union had given the company the usual written notice that Bishop no longer was a board member. Male's office put through the change, but Male personally reversed his office and instructed supervision to continue to deal with Bishop. In the grievance meeting Male tried to interfere with the running of the union, and indicated the company would seek to interfere with the selection of shop stewards. Jan-

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Want Premium Cut For Night Shift?

Steelworkers in major plants, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, etc., under contracts negotiated by Philip Murray, receive a premium of 4 cents an hour for second shift, 6 cents for third shift.

Ford workers, under a contract negotiated by Walter Reuther, have premiums of 7 cents for second shift, 10 cents for third.

Chrysler workers, also United Auto, receive 5 per cent for second shift and 7½ per cent for third.

Under the UE contracts at both GE and Westinghouse, the second and third shifts both receive a 10 per cent bonus. This amounts to 11 cents minimum and ranges up to 20 cents and more.

Perhaps "Labor Statesman" Jimmie Boy Carey will tell you he can negotiate better than his

301 Membership Votes To Support National UE

The membership of Local 301 came out in large numbers last week at meetings by sections at the union hall to vote practically unanimous support for national UE policy. The members carried out the union business which Carey disrupters had made it impossible to take up at the Nov. 17 meeting.

Nominations were made for officers for 1950 and elections were conducted for an elections committee and an auditing committee. As two of the sectional meetings were to take place Wednesday night, after EU News went to press, the list of nominations and the results of the committee elections will not be printed in this paper until next week.

bosses who have been negotiating for many years? Soon we'll give the members some hard facts about Carey's "negotiating."

Stewards to Meet In Two Groups

First and third shift shop stewards will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the union hall.

By membership decision the second shift stewards should meet at the same time, but because of the injunction obtained by Carey stooges it will be impossible to pay lost time to them. So the second shift stewards will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The injunction issued by Supreme Court Justice John Alexander limits the membership in using the union's funds.

Pensioners' Meeting

The UE-301 Pension Organization will meet at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the union hall.

301 Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 10 and 11
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dreau told Male that it was the membership's business, not the company's, to run the union. Male was forced to admit that if he found a foreman working for a rival company, the foreman would be fired. But he objected to Local 301 protecting itself under the contract.

The company still is withholding the November check-off, wholly without authority to do so, and solely to help Frank Kriss sabotage the union's work and the members' grievances.

Although UE is the only union recognized under the contract, as GE admits, the company now allows the "Imitation UE" to distribute literature on company property. On Monday, at the 41 gate, the company even had a sweeper go out and pick up the stoooges' paper whenever copies piled up because so many workers threw it away.

In many buildings supervision has given the "Imitation UE" freedom to campaign openly during working hours. At the same time supervision in some buildings protested when UE board members went around on legitimate visits to shop stewards. In Building 69 and at Campbell Avenue Carey representatives made speeches during working hours in full sight of foremen. In other buildings Carey workers roamed at will, and when stewards protested to foremen, foremen said they could do nothing about it. The Carey activity was stopped in a number of buildings where the members showed they would not stand for this business very long.

The Executive Board report to the members declared that GE was trying to take advantage of the confusion created by Carey's stoooges to terminate the contract, and that the membership had better be prepared to fight to defend its gains of 13 years embodied in the contract.

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Carey Makes Claims, But Workers Stick to UE

The Carey clique in GE here has been blowing hard to the newspapers about enrolling thousands of workers in their "Imitation UE." However, a careful check when this paper went to press indicated that they had signed up less than 2,000, including of course anti-union workers who had stayed out of Local 301 but recognized the IUE as a union-busting move.

The membership sentiment was reflected in the actions of the shop stewards. An overwhelming majority of the stewards signed a renewal of their membership pledge to UE. At the time of going to press, some shop stewards had not yet been reached, but it was clear that at most 10 to 15 percent of the total would refuse to sign. Some of these went over to the Carey stoooge outfit, and some just wanted to avoid taking a stand.

The Executive Board asked all the stewards to sign the pledge as a means of confirming or disproving reports that certain stewards were working for the "Imitation UE."

Fourteen men who have publicly taken a stand as leaders of the Carey outfit have been dropped as representatives. They did not reply to registered letters from John P. Green, acting recording secretary, pointing out that their announcement meant withdrawal from UE-301 and giving them an opportunity to deny the announcement.

Their names were removed from the membership rolls and the company was advised that they no longer represent 301.

Two of the stewards listed by the Carey outfit advised the union office that their names had been used without their permission, and that they remained with UE. (See story in next column.)

Confidentially, Boys, You Sound Plain Silly

The Carey boys' stories are becoming so fantastic as to embarrass even their best friends, the Gazette and Union-Star. In the past these papers have given a big play to any big brave statement made by the little clique.

When Frank Fiorillo and Martin Stanton came out Nov. 23 with claims of 7,000 members signed up for the "Imitation UE," both local papers printed it, but modestly far back, where few readers would notice it. After all, the papers must remember the claims of the Carey boys about the 8,000 signatures to petitions before the UE convention. No one has seen those petitions yet! And there's a limit to how red an editors face must get for the sake of dear old GE.

There are a couple of editors around town whose faces will be awfully red one of these days. Almost Communistic.

Jimmy Boy Stages Rump Convention

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Fitzgerald Reports Majority Backing UE

The overwhelming majority of UE's members are supporting the union "on the basis of gains they have won during the 13 years that UE has been organized," UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald declared Saturday.

"Contrary to newspaper and radio reports, the evidence at hand shows that UE members are not being stampeded into the company-union type of organization which CIO top officials have set up to make backdoor deals with employers," he said.

Fitzgerald recalled how "Carey and his gang" prophesied they would take over UE at the last national UE convention, but were decisively repudiated by the delegates.

Steve Ricci Spurns 'Imitation UE' Post

One more example of the manner in which the Carey "Imitation UE" operates:

Steve Ricci, a UE 301 shop steward in Building 40, was listed by the outfit in a newspaper announcement of their handpicked temporary executive board members. On Monday he came to the Local 301 office and signed a statement that his name was used without his authorization, and that he was not even approached by the group before they published his name. He pledged to fight to preserve the UE in the plant.

Previously, another shop steward, Stephen Matarazzo, had made a similar statement that his name was used without permission and that he was a UE supporter.

301 Appeal Pending In Injunction Fight

Newspapers this week gave the misleading impression that 301 has lost its appeal from Supreme Court Justice John Alexander's injunction limiting the membership's right to use its own union funds.

The appeal from this injunction, obtained by the Carey stoooges, has not even been argued yet. It will come before the Appellate Division this month.

What happened in court this week was that the Appellate Division refused to suspend or stay the injunction pending its decision on the appeal.

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Carey claimed the "delegates" represented 122 locals, out of over 1,000 UE locals. Most of them were self-appointed "delegates" from small rump cliques, like the Kriss-Fiorillo outfit.

The Carey stoooges attending from Schenectady included Kathleen Herring, who resigned several months ago from 301. The "delegates" also included members of other unions and paid CIO representatives.

Murray's Role

Newspapers played up, of course, a message of congratulations from President Truman. Philip Murray is credited personally with securing this message. He is in high White House favor for turning over his Steel dispute to President Truman's fact-finding board and dropping the Steelworkers' wage demands for 1949 and 1950.

Murray ridiculed the \$500 package demand of UE as "a dreamer's dream." His own Steelworkers started out this year with a \$600 package demand which he chopped down without membership vote.

The Murray and Carey stoooges in UE have carried on disruptive activities which are the chief reasons for the current difficulties in UE negotiations.

Carey Doubletalk

Carey talked at his "Imitation UE" convention about fighting for a wage increase. He of course didn't mention that Murray had given up his wage demands or that his friend Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers, also a principal speaker at the convention, had done the same thing.

Carey announced he would press for a \$100 pension in addition to Social Security. Nobody mentioned the awkward fact that his bosses Murray and Reuther had settled for the difference between social security and \$100.

Fred Kelley, former business agent of the Lynn UE local, obviously sulked at the high praise Murray heaped on Carey. There is a bitter fight on between Kelley and Carey for presidency of the "Imitation UE."

Carey rammed through a motion to postpone "indefinitely" adopting a full constitution or electing permanent officers.

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP

By YOMEN



Un-American Committee Seeks New Headlines

The Un-American Activities Committee has postponed until Monday its new investigation of UE. Secretary-Treasurer Julius Emspak and Director of Organization James J. Matles have been subpoenaed to appear then in Washington in this new smear move of the anti-labor committee instead of on Thursday of the present week.

Maybe the committee realized that it was a little too obvious to do its dirty work the very week the Carey company union was having its so-called convention. Or maybe it expects bigger headlines next week. But nothing can disguise the fact that the hearing is just another attempt to help Philip Murray and James B. Carey and the General Electric Company in their anti-UE campaign.

This committee and the Hartley Committee have been used four years in a row to smear UE and they always rehash the same slander at their hearings.

Santa Claus to Appear Afternoons, Not in A.M.

Almost everyone who has requested tickets for the 301 children's party Dec. 10 and 11 at Mont Pleasant High School has signed up for afternoon tickets, rather than morning ones. Therefore the Activities Committee has dropped plans for the 10 a.m. programs and will stage the entertainments at 2 p.m. only, both days.

Replacement tickets and letters of explanation are being mailed to the people who obtained morning tickets.

Get Your Children's Xmas Party Tickets

Fill out the form printed below to obtain free tickets for the 301 children's party Dec. 10 and 11 at Mont Pleasant High School. The age limit is 10 years. Give the form to your shop steward to turn in at the union office, or mail the form to the union or hand it in at the union office yourself.

I want _____ tickets for my child (or children) for the 301 Christmas party.	
Name of child (or children)	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
My Name is _____	Check No. _____
Address _____	
I prefer to have the tickets for the following time: (Place X in square opposite the time you prefer.)	
Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Gains for Radio Workers

UE has just negotiated wage raises and welfare benefits totaling 7½ cents an hour for 5,000 workers in 23 New York radio and television plants. The workers ratified the contract at an overflow membership meeting of Local 430 which voted full support of UE and condemned James Carey who had tried to disrupt negotiations.

Both weeklies agreed on one of their untruths, that the meeting "voted CIO." The CIO News said "7,000 to 2,000."

The facts of the meeting are well-established. By actual count of available seats, the attendance was slightly under 4,000. Not a single legal vote was taken, as Kriss and his followers kept the meeting in chaos. But on Kriss' call for a vote on a motion to leave