

Was The General or McCarthy "A Disgrace to the Uniform?"

What about McCarthy's war record? Hank Greenspan, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, has turned much needed light on this question which the McCarthy smear of General Zwicker has made particularly pertinent. In a signed article, Feb. 6, 1954, Greenspan called the "great patriot's" service with the Marine Corps a "fraud". The publisher went on to charge: "McCarthy kept his feet firmly planted on a desk in zones which had been made safe by the Marines months before. How many Marines were able to spend half the war years back home campaigning for public office? McCarthy did."

"How many Marines were permitted to resign from the Corps when the going got rough? McCarthy did. McCarthy had been applying for leaves to stay in Wisconsin to campaign for public office. The Marine Corps finally issued an ultimatum to Joe to fight or resign. Joe left the service."

"How many Marines had to wait 10 years before it could be determined if they were brave enough to merit a medal? McCarthy was decorated in 1952 in his senate office after browbeating the Marine Corps for 10 years to give him a medal. The Corps needed his vote in the Senate at appropriations time and McCarthy got his medal. Nobody knows what the decoration was for unless it was for bravery in action when he slipped and broke a bone in his foot while emerging from a swimming pool during a 'shellback' initiation aboard the Navy tender 'Chandeleur' as the ship crossed the equator."

The Las Vegas publisher has repeatedly challenged the "great patriot" whom he has called a thief and a pervert in print to sue him. McCarthy never has.

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Here is the Army record of General Zwicker, the man McCarthy says is "a disgrace to the uniform".

Fifty years old, Zwicker was in the D-Day assault of Normandy and commanded infantry in Northern France, Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe.

The general is a West Pointer and a graduate of the National War College. He served as commander of the 18th Infantry Division in the occupation of Germany. He returned to the U.S. in 1952 and was assigned to Camp Kilmer last July.

His decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, British Distinguished Service Order, French Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre with palm.

Outsiders Try To Split Us

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Going to the public press before utilizing the procedures within the Union is the course always followed by those who eventually turn out to be agents of outside groups planning election raids on our Union at contract time.

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ABOUT U.E. LOCAL 301
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The Real Issue

McCarthy can insult and abuse union leaders before each meal without the New York Times lifting an editorial eyebrow. But when McCarthy tries to dictate to the U.S. Army as in the General Zwicker incident, it raises the roof. Said the Times in a lead editorial—The Real Issue—Feb. 23:

"... we have seen our defense measures interfered with, our foreign policy handicapped, the plain intent of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights contravened by Congressional committees and notoriously by Joseph R. McCarthy."

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Bldg. 24: Assembly and wire control units job has been converted to P. W. and job rate reduced although there has been no change of method. Union demands 1,785 A.E.R. on this job.

Bldg. 29: For the past 8 months A. De Braccio has been assigned majority of time as slitter. Union, therefore, demands he be reclassified to slitter 1,905 A.E.R.

Bldg. 40: W. F. Hunt, Toolmaker Class "B", based on skill, knowledge and job content, requests reclassification to Class "A" with adjustment in rate.

Bldg. 46: Assemblers under Foreman Melleur feel that job 97911373 Gr. 2—S.O. 714-4530-3 should be reclassified Class "B" based on skill, knowledge and job content.

Bldg. 49: Welders in this division have refused to work overtime because of continuous lost time and layoffs. As a result supervision has threatened to farm the work out. Union demands correction of this violation of contract.

Bldg. 49: The Chipper for this group of Nozzle Assemblers was told there was a lack of work and at the same time a Nozzle Assembler was told to do the chipping. Union demands proper personnel be retained and assigned to work.

Bldg. 52: A. Swanson protests the price of 3.65 on hub drawg. 164C-

614-7 S.O. 216-1379. Union demands price increase of 4.00.

Bldg. 68: V. Lamanna as a result of layoff on small machines was placed on large machines. Because of back injury this job is too heavy. Union demands he be returned to small machines where shorter service people have been placed.

Bldg. 68: M. Porter protests the price on job \$39543 and requests a new time study to arrive at a fair price.

Bldg. 68: Foreman Mitchell promised J. Sroczyński 1.69 when on day work as result of lack of piece work. He now refuses to do so; therefore, Union demands he abide by agreement.

Bldg. 68: Foreman Albanese is performing duties such as cleaning, porter and handyman's work. Union demands that either he perform the duties of a foreman or be properly classified as common labor for the work he is doing.

Bldg. 77: Groups in Chemical Division demand the vacation shutdown be cancelled. Last year the skeleton crew worked 12 hours a day causing a lack of work at the end of the shutdown. They do not want this situation repeated.

Bldg. 265: The production operators dismantled No. 7 coal pulverizer due to foreign matter. This is maintenance work. Union demands that the division abide by agreement reached in Docket No. 27-52.

Bldg. 273: Group under Foreman E. Allen protests the lack of adequate porter service creating a

safety hazard and impairing the efficiency of the group. Union demands immediate correction of condition.

Bldg. 273: M. Shufelt was told by foreman to turn in extra work required on 137-002-380-21-WW90-79110-88. Union demands division make payment as agreed.

Bldg. 273: H. Newkirk was unable to accept upgrading to tallyman at time offered. Union demands he be given opportunity to accept recent opening which he was not offered but can now accept.

Bldg. 273: Foreman Sugalski refused to show breakdown on prices for stop valves. Union demands discussion of detailed breakdown on these prices.

Bldg. 273: Foreman Sugalski is unable to process within a reasonable time vouchers where there is a price change or question. Union demands correction of this condition.

Bldg. 273: Foreman Sugalski violated the contract, Article VI-5-(d) and (e), in cutting standard prices concerning use of a new machine. Union demands correction and retroactive adjustment.

Bldg. 273: The enamel group, 3rd shift, protest the unequal distribution of day work among all three shifts. Union demands equalization as foreman has previously agreed.

Bldg. 285: A. J. Pipino and O. De Marco, Class "C" Maintenance and Repair, do not feel they have been given proper consideration for upgrading. Union demands management investigate and correct this situation.

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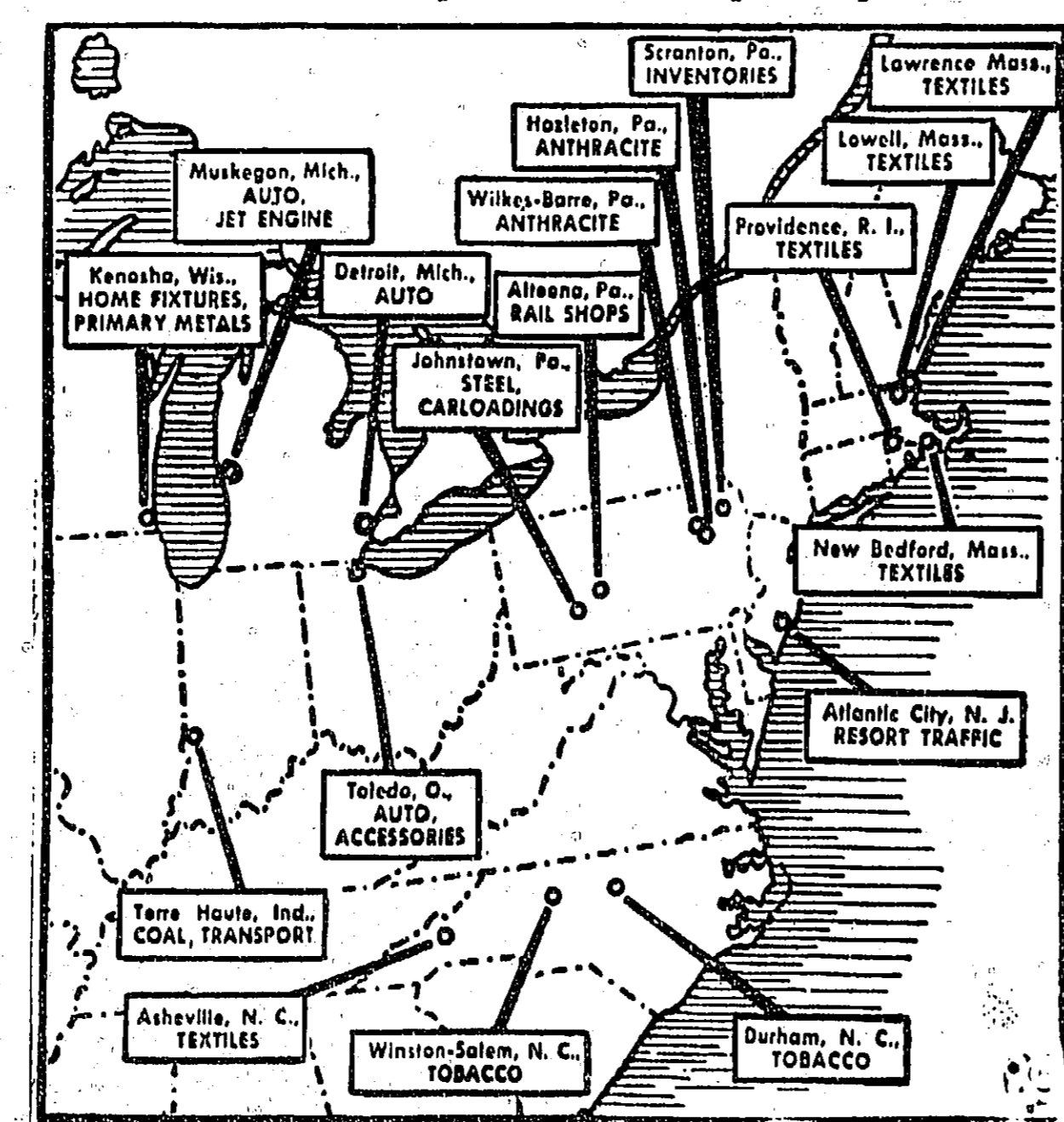
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The company, he added, made \$186 million net last year, 9 percent more than the year before.

With a fat profit balance and a \$90 million tax savings, as of Jan. 1, GE is not worried about keeping up payrolls in 1954, Matles warned.

"They are concerned with how they can bust the unions and lay off workers anyway they see fit," the UE leader said. Current attacks upon UE are tied in with this objective, Matles emphasized.

Recalling that UE was viciously assailed by Congressman Kersten a year ago, also on the eve of national negotiations with GE, Matles noted that movements to "clean up" are always timed with contract talks.

"The issue—the only issue—how do we protect the jobs our people, their prices, their grievance procedure," Matles told the stewards. He urged them not to be diverted from doing a job for the people by newspaper stories.

The assembled stewards laughed and applauded as Matles expressed his "surprise" at finding his picture on page 1 of the Schenectady Union-Star on Monday with a story that he had "sneaked in to town."

Obviously amused, Matles said, "I was here two weeks ago, two months ago, six months ago, during the NLRB campaigns of '51, '50, the '46 strike, and before that . . ."

"I've been coming to Schenectady on union business for 17 years but this is the first time it's been news."

Matles returned to New York after the stewards' meeting on the same day that he had arrived "in broad daylight."

Credits

Photos of GE-McCarthy hearings in last week's issue of Electrical Union News were by courtesy of the Schenectady - Union Star; also DeCesare Studio.

Friedlander, Northrup Vacancies Filled

Sidney Friedlander and Robert Northrup who were suspended under GE's Fifth Amendment policy were replaced as Executive Board member and steward respectively in elections held Monday.

The elections were ordered in accordance with the union's constitution requiring that union vacancies for any cause be promptly filled.

Replacing Friedlander as a Board Member for Medium Induction Motors (Punch Press) is Gerald O'Brien. Frank Melrose and Reuben Mickle were elected as second shift stewards for M.I.M. workers formerly represented by Northrup.

Of the six suspended under the GE-McCarthy 5th Amendment policy, Friedlander and Northrup were the only ones to hold any union post. They have 90 days with pay to prove they are innocent of accusations voiced against them by Jean Arsenault, former GE janitor now living in Canada.

New Stewards Welcomed



The standing-room-only meeting of Stewards last Monday night (above) listens attentively as new stewards are sworn in (below) by Mario Bagnatto, UE 301 Guide. Taking the UE oath to be true to the members' interests are (front row 1 to r.): D. Frescatore, C. R. Vaughn, H. E. Pulver, J. Shelton; (second row) L. Cosbie, J. Westover, W. Nichols, W. Miller.

Resolution

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301 by signing these petitions. We condemn these petitions as propaganda from an outside group which has plans to do harm to our organization; and be it

RESOLVED further, That any changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of our Union or its program must be done in accordance with the rules and regulations established in the constitution itself by the membership.



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Bldg. 77: Shop Steward F. Genzsch's group are protesting upgrading of shorter service employee maintenance group. Union demands seniority be given proper consideration.

Bldg. 84: Brakeman, Conductor and Motorman groups under Steward J. Coppola feel that their job rates are inadequate. Union demands proper increase based on skills and responsibilities of these jobs.

Bldg. 269: G. Bunt and L. Roberts are classified as Class "B" Ex-

haust Operators; however, they work exclusively on quartz seals and exhausting quartz manifold. Union demands proper increase in rate for this specialized work.

Bldg. 269: Supervision has refused to give R. Spitzer, Toolmaker Class "B", an opportunity to do Class "A" work. Union demands he be given this opportunity so that he can be upgraded.

Bldg. 273: The sub-area group under Steward Palleschi request a relief man or more cooling off time on the job. As a result of this health hazard, several of the group are now under doctor's care. Union demands management correct this condition.

Bldg. 273: K. Brantley protests the inadequate price on 180-3633 series clips. The price offered is

no more than paid for smaller work. Union demands proper increase in price.

Bldg. 273: K. Brantley demands payment at average earnings according to past practice for assignment to time study on 180-3633-324E71.4 Pillows.

Bldg. 273: H. Ross, R. White and J. Harrington, Assembler Erectors Class "C", are doing Class "B" work. Union, therefore, demands reclassification to Class "B" and increase in rate.

Bldg. 273: The group of Stackers under Steward K. Brantley are protesting the time study supervision has initiated on the 3rd section only after 2 sections have been assembled in the core. They feel that if a time study is necessary for pricing it should cover the complete operation.

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Ten Suspended From IUE Plant

The GE "Fifth Amendment" policy aimed at the unions has been picked up by Sperry Gyroscope.

This company has fired 10 as alleged "subversives" from its Long Island plant represented by IUE-CIO Local 450. Seven more, it is reported, are on the company's blacklist for early action.

Early editions of a New York City tabloid inaccurately reported this to be a UE plant. The IUE didn't bother to make any correction.

W'house Board For 35 Hr. Week

With layoffs and threatened layoffs spreading through the Westinghouse Electric Co., the UE's Westinghouse Conference Board met on Feb. 19 and 20, to draw up demands for a general wage increase, shorter work week and other measures to raise living standards and expand employment.

The demands are to be submitted to the company in April for the opening of wage and contract negotiations after ratification by the local unions.

Shorter Work Week

The necessity for reducing the work week will be stressed especially in view of the need of providing work so that the people will be able to start buying goods they produce. The demand is for a 35 hour work week with 40 hours pay.

Layoff pay of one week's pay for each year of service is another immediately vital demand.

Bishop Calls McCarthy Tactics "Un-American"

The Rt. Rev. Horace W. E. Donegan scored the "un-American tactics" of McCarthy from the pulpit of the Church of the Holy Innocents last Sunday.

"In our fear of communism," Bishop Donegan warned, "we must not allow the disgraceful abuse of our own people, or we will find ourselves in alliance with those who do not believe in freedom of ideas, freedom of discussion or freedom of social action."

Blodgett Defends "Fifth" Against McCarthyism

The issues and problems which confront witnesses and all America in McCarthy-style hearings were discussed over television last Wednesday by the noted Schenectady attorney, Harold E. Blodgett.

Mr. Blodgett represented UE Local 301 at the one-man McCarthy hearing in Albany and was introduced to the television audience by Business Agent Leo Jandreau.

Tracing the history behind the Fifth Amendment, Mr. Blodgett warned that if the Bill of Rights is struck down "our free institutions vanish."

Mr. Blodgett then went on to explain why the witnesses had invoked the Fifth Amendment and why, in the attorney's word, they would have been "foolish" not to. Following are some key passages from Mr. Blodgett's address:

Under our law every man is innocent until proved guilty by legal evidence beyond a reasonable doubt. He cannot be compelled to take the stand in his own defense and the Court is required to charge the Jury that his failure to deny the charges shall not be considered by it as any evidence of guilt. Occasionally a guilty man goes free, and sometimes an innocent man is convicted. But shall we turn back the clock some three hundred years to give validity to the McCarthy method.

On the testimony of Arsenault no defendant in any Court of Justice would be required to make answer. And, if answer were to be made, opportunity would be given to cross-examine Arsenault and to offer witnesses to controvert his testimony.

We were told in advance that under the rules of the Committee these fundamental rights would be withheld. On this kind of testimony can it be said that the management of the General Electric Company has been indifferent to the national security? If we accept Senator McCarthy's conclusion based on the testimony of Arsenault we must answer in the affirmative. Still everyone knows that the security staff of the General Electric Company is alert and fully informed and has these many years done a thorough job. We also know that the F.B.I. is thoroughly vigilant and has performed its work

well. So, notwithstanding Mr. Arsenault, there is not the slightest evidence of any act on the part of any General Electric worker in Schenectady subversive to the national interest.

Against this unsupported evidence of an Informer and a self-confessed Communist, there is, to my mind, a defense that no fair-minded person would or could dispute. We fought a World War for the survival of a free world. This Union, representing many thousands of workers, made a "no strike" pledge for the duration. There were no strikes, slow-downs or sit-downs. The pledge was kept. The same was true during the time of the Korean War. There never has been a charge of espionage against any General Electric worker here.

What was accomplished by this investigation? Arsenault says that there were fifteen Communists in the whole General Electric plant at Schenectady. Six of the people subpoenaed were named by this witness. They were interrogated under most trying conditions. The tenseness of the situation, before microphones and flashing cameras, was in a hostile forum. If they refused to answer without asserting their Constitutional privileges they could be sent to jail for contempt; if they denied the testimony of Arsenault they could fear an indictment for perjury. If they admitted the testimony of Arsenault they might risk indictment under the Smith Act. These witnesses were laymen and they were questioned under the most trying circumstances. They had the right to invoke their constitutional privilege and I believe that under the circumstances they would have been foolish if they had not done so. I am satisfied that the F.B.I. and the security staff of the General Electric Company know all there is to be known about these people and if there had been any wrongdoing they long since would have been called upon to answer.

High GE Official Bares Plot Against Unions

Lemuel R. Boulware, chief of GE's labor relations, bluntly stated this week that the company wants laws to outlaw any union accused of being "Communist-dominated" before congressional committees.

Speaking before a Senate Committee, Boulware endorsed the Goldwater Bill, which is the same as the Butler Bill. Both would enable employers to get rid of unions by pinning "subversive" labels on them.

It thus becomes clear that GE is trying to create a climate of hysteria for the passage of laws to banish real collective bargaining.

Companies should not be required to bargain with unions simply because employees choose the union they want, Boulware said. Nor should the NLRB have to certify them, he added.

Boulware's testimony contradicts the statements of Manager Stevens that the company is not out to get the unions.

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The vote was regarded as an expression of resentment against irresponsible attacks upon the loyalty of union leaders.

Never Helped The Union

Maynard F. Columbe, was initiated into the union in 1950, but paid no dues until 1951.

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"I cannot in conscience participate in the drafting of American youth for service whose guiding precept and example appears to be that of appeasement and surrender."

Mrs. Roosevelt Hits Spread of Fear

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in a statement on Feb. 27, hoped that people would be aroused and react against McCarthy who, she said, is "creating fear throughout the country."

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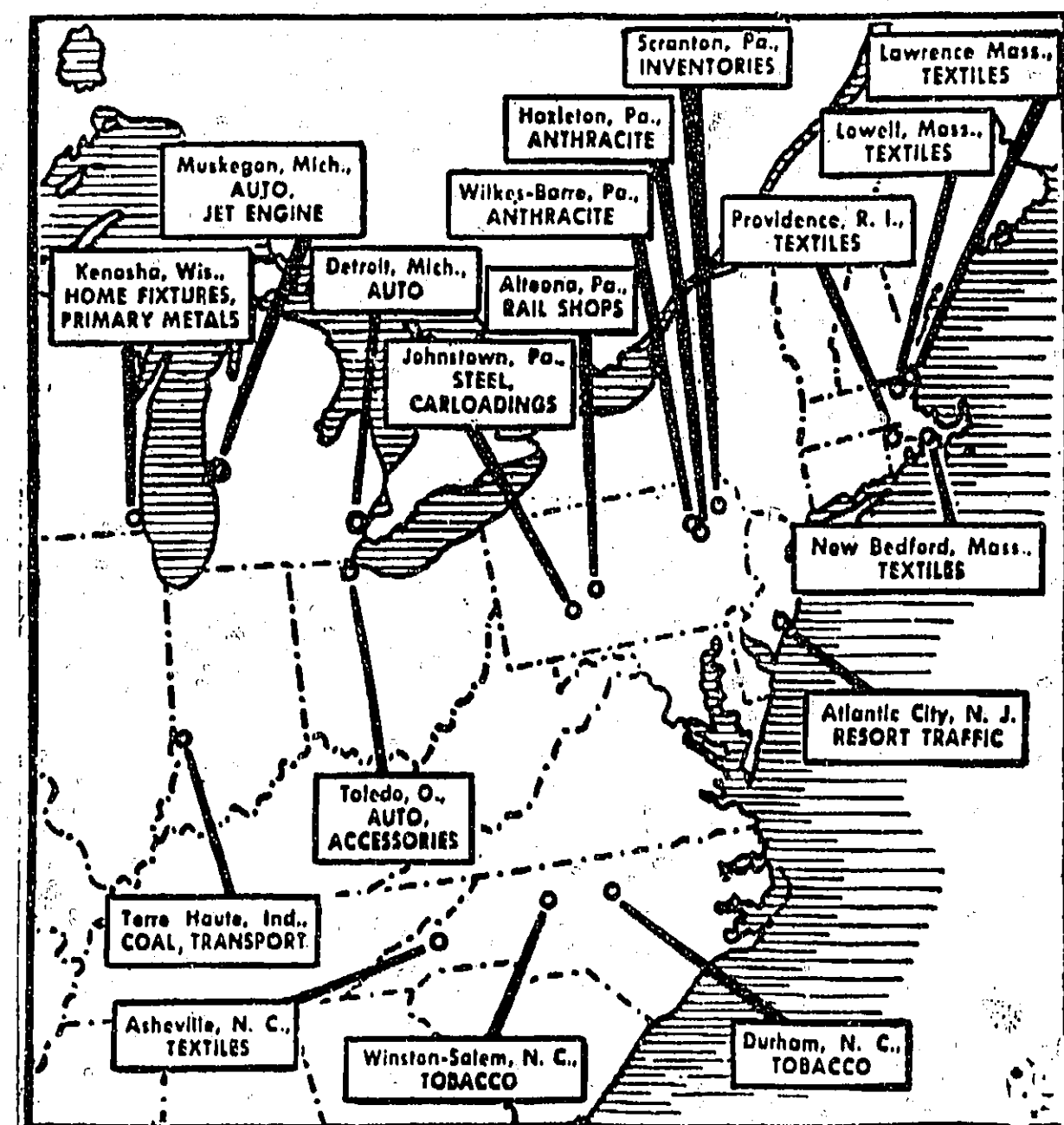
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With a fat profit balance and a \$90 million tax savings, as of Jan. 1, GE is not worried about keeping up payrolls in 1954, Matles warned.

"They are concerned with how they can bust the unions and lay off workers anyway they see fit," the UE leader said. Current attacks upon UE are tied in with this objective, Matles emphasized.

Recalling that UE was viciously assailed by Congressman Kersten a year ago, also on the eve of national negotiations with GE, Matles noted that movements to "clean up" are always timed with contract talks.

"The issue—the only issue—how do we protect the jobs of our people, their prices, their grievance procedure," Matles told the stewards. He urged them not to be diverted from doing a job for the people by newspaper stories.

The assembled stewards laughed and applauded as Matles expressed his "surprise" at finding his picture on page 1 of the Schenectady Union-Star on Monday with a story that he had "sneaked in to town."

Obviously amused, Matles said, "I was here two weeks ago, two months ago, six months ago, during the NLRB campaigns of '51, '50, the '46 strike, and before that . . ."

"I've been coming to Schenectady on union business for 17 years but this is the first time it's been news."

Matles returned to New York after the stewards' meeting on the same day that he had arrived "in broad daylight."

Credits

Photos of GE-McCarthy hearings in last week's issue of Electrical Union News were by courtesy of the Schenectady - Union Star; also DeCesare Studio.

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Friedlander, Northrup Vacancies Filled

Sidney Friedlander and Robert Northrup who were suspended under GE's Fifth Amendment policy were replaced as Executive Board member and steward respectively in elections held Monday.

The elections were ordered in accordance with the union's constitution requiring that union vacancies for any cause be promptly filled.

Replacing Friedlander as a Board Member for Medium Induction Motors (Punch Press) is Gerald O'Brien. Frank Melrose and Reuben Mickle were elected as second shift stewards for M.I.M. workers formerly represented by Northrup.

Of the six suspended under the GE-McCarthy 5th Amendment policy, Friedlander and Northrup were the only ones to hold any union post. They have 90 days with pay to prove they are innocent of accusations voiced against them by Jean Arsenault, former GE janitor now living in Canada.

Resolution

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301 by signing these petitions. We condemn these petitions as propaganda from an outside group which has plans to do harm to our organization; and be it
RESOLVED further, That any changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of our Union or its program must be done in accordance with the rules and regulations established in the constitution itself by the membership.

New Stewards Welcomed



The standing-room-only meeting of Stewards last Monday night (above) listens attentively as new stewards are sworn in (below) by Mario Bagnatto, UE 301 Guide. Taking the UE oath to be true to the members' interests are (front row 1 to r.): D. Frescatore, C. R. Vaughn, H. E. Pulver, J. Shelton; (second row) L. Cosbie, J. Westover, W. Nichols, W. Miller.



Bldg. 5: W. Bathrick feels that the stockroom under Foreman Greenbury is improperly classified as Class "C". Union demands reclassification to Class "A" based on the diversity of materials both raw and manufactured.

Bldg. 77: Shop Steward F. Gengenbach's group are protesting upgrading of shorter service employee maintenance group. Union demands seniority be given proper consideration.

Bldg. 84: Brakeman, Conductor and Motorman groups under Steward J. Coppola feel that their job rates are inadequate. Union demands proper increase based on skills and responsibilities of these jobs.

Bldg. 269: G. Bunt and L. Roberts are classified as Class "B" Exhaust Operators; however, they work exclusively on quartz seals and exhausting quartz manifold. Union demands proper increase in rate for this specialized work.

Bldg. 273: K. Brantley demands payment at average earnings according to past practice for assignment to time study on 180-3633-524E471-4 Fillers.

Bldg. 273: H. Ross, R. White and J. Harrington, Assembler Erectors Class "C", are doing Class "B" work. Union, therefore, demands reclassification to Class "B" and increase in rate.

Bldg. 273: The group of Stackers under Steward K. Brantley are protesting the time study supervision has initiated on the 3rd section only after 2 sections have been assembled in the core. They feel that if a time study is necessary for pricing it should cover the complete operation.

Bldg. 273: K. Brantley protests the inadequate price on 180-3633 series clips. The price offered is

no more than paid for smaller work. Union demands proper increase in price.

Thousands of grievances are handled by UE Local 301 each year at all levels from the steward up to final appeal in New York City. To keep members posted, we shall each week list some of the grievances that have not been settled at the steward-foreman level and have been referred to the executive board-management level.

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Ten Suspended From IUE Plant

The GE "Fifth Amendment" policy aimed at the unions has been picked up by Sperry Gyroscope.

This company has fired 10 as alleged "subversives" from its Long Island plant represented by IUE-CIO Local 450. Seven more, it is reported, are on the company's blacklist for early action.

Early editions of a New York City tabloid inaccurately reported this to be a UE plant. The IUE didn't bother to make any correction.

W'house Board For 35 Hr. Week

With layoffs and threatened layoffs spreading through the Westinghouse Electric Co., the UE's Westinghouse Conference Board met on Feb. 19 and 20, to draw up demands for a general wage increase, shorter work week and other measures to raise living standards and expand employment.

The demands are to be submitted to the company in April for the opening of wage and contract negotiations after ratification by the local unions.

Shorter Work Week

The necessity for reducing the work week will be stressed especially in view of the need of providing work so that the people will be able to start buying goods they produce. The demand is for a 35 hour work week with 40 hours pay.

Layoff pay of one week's pay for each year of service is another immediately vital demand.

Bishop Calls McCarthy Tactics "Un-American"

The Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan scored the "un-American tactics" of McCarthy from the pulpit of the Church of the Holy Innocents last Sunday.

"In our fear of communism," Bishop Donegan warned, "we must not allow the disgraceful abuse of our own people, or we will find ourselves in alliance with those who do not believe in freedom of ideas, freedom of discussion or freedom of social action."

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Blodgett Defends "Fifth" Against McCarthyism

The issues and problems which confront witnesses and all America in McCarthy-style hearings were discussed over television last Wednesday by the noted Schenectady attorney, Harold E. Blodgett.

Mr. Blodgett represented UE Local 301 at the one-man McCarthy hearing in Albany and was introduced to the television audience by Business Agent Leo Jandreau.

Tracing the history behind the Fifth Amendment, Mr. Blodgett warned that if the Bill of Rights is struck down "our free institutions vanish."

Mr. Blodgett then went on to explain why the witnesses had invoked the Fifth Amendment and why, in the attorney's word, they would have been "foolish" not to. Following are some key passages from Mr. Blodgett's address:

Under our law every man is innocent until proved guilty by legal evidence beyond a reasonable doubt. He cannot be compelled to take the stand in his own defense and the Court is required to charge the Jury that his failure to deny the charges shall not be considered by it as any evidence of guilt. Occasionally a guilty man goes free, and sometimes an innocent man is convicted. But shall we turn back the clock some three hundred years to give validity to the McCarthy method.

On the testimony of Arsenault no defendant in any Court of Justice would be required to make answer. And, if answer were to be made, opportunity would be given to cross-examine Arsenault and to offer witnesses to controvert his testimony.

We were told in advance that under the rules of the Committee these fundamental rights would be withheld. On this kind of testimony can it be said that the management of the General Electric Company has been indifferent to the national security? If we accept Senator McCarthy's conclusion based on the testimony of Arsenault we must answer in the affirmative. Still everyone knows that the security staff of the General Electric Company is alert and fully informed and has these many years done a thorough job. We also know that the F.B.I. is thoroughly vigilant and has performed its work

High GE Official Bares Plot Against Unions

Lemuel R. Boulware, chief of GE's labor relations, bluntly stated this week that the company wants laws to outlaw any union accused of being "Communist-dominated" before congressional committees.

Speaking before a Senate Committee, Boulware endorsed the Goldwater Bill, which is the same as the Butler Bill. Both would enable employers to get rid of unions by pinning "subversive" labels on them.

It thus becomes clear that GE is trying to create a climate of hysteria for the passage of laws to banish real collective bargaining.

Companies should not be required to bargain with unions simply because employees choose the union they want, Boulware said. Nor should the NLRB have to certify them, he added.

Boulware's testimony contradicts the statements of Manager Stevens that the company is not out to get the unions.

Anti-Union Petitions Scored by Stewards

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James J. Matles, UE National Director of Organization, in a speech largely dealing with economic questions noted that the company would rather have us talking about "spies in the sky" than "pork chop issues."

In the final minutes of the meeting the stewards voted their willingness to sign the Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits now signed by UE officers.

The vote was regarded as an expression of resentment against irresponsible attacks upon the loyalty of union leaders.

Never Helped The Union

Maynard F. Columbe, was initiated into the union in 1950, but paid no dues until 1951.

Theodore J. Langenbahn and Robert Sherman were not members of the union until 1952.

Wilbur M. Haake was initiated in 1948.

ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS

Think Back - Think Ahead!

The UE contract with GE is in full force and effect until April 1, 1955.

UE will take all steps necessary to protect the wages, conditions and benefits of all who come under the UE contract.

For the third time in four years, General Electric is trying to force the IUE-CIO down the throats of Schenectady workers. The company filed petitions with the NLRB in 1950, asking that Carey's union be certified as the bargaining agent. But Schenectady workers crushed the IUE in elections in '50 and '51.

Now GE is trying it again. This time with the help of Leo Jandreau.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JANDREAU?

Only a week ago Monday, and in the union newspaper last Friday, Jandreau urged the stewards and the members not to sign petitions aimed at UE. He said they were against the welfare of GE workers. What happened to Jandreau over the week-end?

Jandreau has many times declared that the UE contract is the best in the GE chain and in the industry.

Why suddenly does he lead a movement to ditch the superior piece work protection and job security of the UE contract? Why is he now trying to sell Carey and the inferior IUE contract to GE Schenectady workers?

Everyone wants to know: WHAT'S THE DEAL, JANDREAU?

UE is confident that it will defeat this new attempt to split GE workers.

NO DEAL

No deal with IUE-CIO and GE can solve the problems of layoffs and company attacks on seniority and piece rates. Our conditions can only be defended and improved by standing up to the company — not by crawling to the repudiated and discredited IUE.

UE — the union that organized and represented GE Schenectady workers for the 17 best collective bargaining years of their lives — will protect the workers' interests against all comers... against the company's IUE raiders, anti-union politicians and the "captive," Jandreau.

DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING IN THESE NEXT DAYS. YOU MAY BE SIGNING AWAY YOUR JOB AND PIECE PRICE PROTECTION.

UE IS TAKING ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF UE LOCAL 301.

Signed:

Joseph Dermody, Secretary UE-GE Conference Board
Michael Jimenez, UE Intl. Representative

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THE MEMBERS WANT TO KNOW

Everywhere you hear GE workers asking questions:

What's the deal?

Why the secrecy?

Why the hurry?

The first news GE Schenectady workers had that there was a move to destroy UE Local 301, after 17 years, were the front page stories in last Monday's newspapers and the pictures of guards around Union Hall.

What happened to Leo Jandreau to make him lead a secession movement which would wreck UE Local 301—the local of which he was Business Agent for 17 years?

Why suddenly does he embrace Carey and IUE-CIO?

JANDREAU VS. CAREY

Jandreau held the spotlight on Carey for many years as a disruptive agent of the General Electric Co. He convincingly proved that Carey gave away plant-wide seniority and real piece rates protection in the IUE plants.

He showed that the UE contract provides plant-wide seniority, piece rate protection and is superior in other respects.

UE CONTRACT VS. IUE-CONTRACT

Have the UE and IUE contracts changed?

There's no plantwide seniority in any IUE—GE contract. In GE Syracuse last year, the workers were on strike for 13 weeks in a vain attempt to get back the superior UE protection of piece prices and seniority.

This explains in great part why fewer than 40,000 workers pay dues to IUE-CIO, in all the GE shops under IUE.

These facts are well known to Jandreau. He has explained them many times.

ENTER McCARTHY

What happened to Jandreau?

There were the secret meetings between Carey and Jandreau now out in the open. But nothing happened until after the McCarthy hearings in Albany, February 19 and 20.

(Note that the exchange of letters by Jandreau and Carey were dated March 4 and 5.)

SURRENDER TO McCARTHY

What did Jandreau agree to do that caused McCarthy to leave Albany without putting him on the witness stand? Jandreau had been subpoenaed! Why wasn't he called before McCarthy? And what is the deal with Rep. Kearney of the Un-American Activities Committee?

If, as many suspect, Jandreau is running from McCarthy and GE, why should GE workers give up their UE contract, seniority, time values and other benefits?

SURRENDER TO GE

GE wants to break down the protection of piece prices and end plant-wide seniority in Schenectady. But, the Company is getting only token resistance from the union leadership.

You can't run from McCarthy and fight the company, too. GE workers have noticed that the union office wasn't tackling the growing lay-off crisis of fighting effectively on rate cuts and seniority violations of the UE contract.

NEED UNITY BEHIND UE

GE workers need unity behind the protection of the UE contract in view of growing layoffs, the drive to lower the earnings of the people. Amid the storm signals of depression, our local is being seriously split for the first time in our 17-year history!

With his "blitz" stalled by the rank and file workers, Jandreau is now complaining that he is the victim of "outsiders."

This is a strange cry from those who are trying to hand over the 16,000 UE members to an outside outfit in violation of their oath of office and the UE 301 constitution.


DEFEAT THE OUTSIDERS

Who are the "outsiders?" Is it UE, the union that has represented GE workers for 17 years—that organized GE workers, united them and negotiated the National Agreement for Schenectady, or is it the repudiated IUE which was twice defeated by GE Schenectady workers in secret ballot elections in 1950 and in 1951?

ATTEND YOUR MEETING

It required a Federal court order to open the doors of the Union Hall to the UE Local 301 membership and to members of UE.

**BE SURE TO ATTEND THE MONDAY MEETING!
IT IS YOUR RIGHT!**

United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE)
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