

JANDREAU DESERTS!

Leo Jandreau, business agent of UE Local 301, has announced his resignation. The bare facts of the case, as reported to the local newspapers, state that he gave ill health as a reason, and announced that he would remain in office until December 31, 1951, if necessary, in order to train his successor in office.

In view of recent events, this announcement has great significance. Just a week before the announcement of his resignation, the IUE-CIO publicly stated that it would be in a position to file a petition for an NLRB election at the Schenectady Works in a short time. A few months ago, local newspapers announced that a Congressional Committee was making plans to investigate Communist activities in the labor movement in Schenectady.

Fear can make a man sick--fear of an investigation--fear of defeat in a democratic election.

Jandreau's resignation follows closely the removal of two of his most notorious compatriots from the staff of UE Local 301. Last summer, Victor Pasche and Emil Redosevich both left the UE staff. IUE-CIO had proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, that these two men were out and out Communists. The Communist Party and the UE saw to their removal, because the Communist Party and the UE wanted the workers at GE to think they were cleaning house. Naturally, the Communist Party and the UE took care of these Party comrades. Pasche was sent into Cleveland, Ohio several months ago as a UE field representative.

Jandreau's resignation may be the last step to be made by the Communist Party and the UE to "clean up" UE Local 301--that is, to remove those whose records are "hot" with others who are loyal to Party principles, but who have been kept in the background.

In order to assure that the right man takes over the job of business agent, a committee of five has been named by the UE Local 301 executive Board to select that man.

A committee of five is working on the selection of a business agent for a union which represents the thousands of GE Schenectady workers.

That's UE and Communist Party democracy.

Leo Jandreau's job in Schenectady was to keep the local here in compliance with the Communist Party line, whether the members wanted it that way or not. Leo Jandreau did that job well.

The announcement of his resignation, no matter what the real reasons are, is a sign of UE disintegration. Although Leo Jandreau told the Executive Board of his plans, UE did not want a public announcement until the stage was set. Someone in UE spoke out of turn. The UE Executive Board members themselves were unprepared to answer questions. As a result hundreds of rumors have been heard throughout the GE plant.

The real facts are few, but GE workers can be sure of this: If they want a strong union, they don't want UE. Even Leo Jandreau, UE's leader for 14 long years, has deserted.

For strength and unity, for real democracy, sign with IUE-CIO today so that an early NLRB election can be held.

International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO

I want to join with 70,000 other General Electric employees who have affiliated with the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO, which has won greatly improved contract conditions including a recent wage increase—the third that IUE-CIO has won from GE in one year. For those reasons and also because I wish to belong to a democratic, anti-Communist union, I hereby designate the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO as my sole collective bargaining representative.

(This authorization supersedes any prior authorization)

Date _____ Signature _____
 Employed by: _____ Address _____
 GE Plant, Schenectady
 Department _____ Received by _____

Sign today for victory.



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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE!

Recently the Supreme Court upheld the conviction of 11 of America's top Communists for conspiring to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the government.

The 6-2 decision of the highest court in the land upholds the controversial Smith Act of 1940.

The Communist Party immediately filed a petition for a review of the case. Such a move is absolutely the last means to be taken to free the 11 traitors. It is expected to fail, since it is an unusual step. Several Communist Front organizations have also demanded reversal of the decision. Among them, according to the June 10 Daily Worker, Communist newspaper, is the UE.

The UE, regardless of the feelings of its membership, demanded freedom for the 11 top Communists. During the original trial of these 11, the UE set up defense Committees to raise funds for the 11, and worked right with the Party to build up public sentiment against Judge Medina, who presided at the original trial.

As a result of the Supreme Court decision, 21 more Communists were ordered picked up for trial by the FBI. It is believed that many Communists, perhaps as many as 10 to 12 thousand, will be arrested and tried under the Smith Act.

And where does UE stand in all this? Many UE leaders were among the best friends of the 11 top Communists. Ruth Young, now Mrs. Leo Jandreau, former UE District Four secretary, served on the campaign committee of Communist Benjamin Davis when he ran for New York City Council. UE has always worked very closely with the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, whose secretary, Irving Potash, is among the 11 convicted Communists. Right here in Schenectady, the "Knight of the Air Hose," William Mastriani, signed a petition so that the Communist Party could appear on the ballot in New York State.

With the conviction of the 11 top Communists, and with the arrest of 21 more, it is evident that the government intends to put a halt to the activities of the Communist Party in the United States. It is evident that the government intends to move into the smaller

industrial cities where the Party has established a foothold.

Schenectady, the home of one of the nation's most vital defense plants, will not be overlooked.

For the Communist Party has had, and still has more strength here than anyone is aware of. But government agents know, government agents have proof of the many activities of the Party in Schenectady. These government agents know just which UE leaders are doing the Communist Party's work in the union of GE workers.

It is no wonder, then, that resignations are forthcoming. It is no wonder that the GE Works is filled with rumors about these resignations--both the one that was made known, and the ones that are expected in the near future.

Certain leaders may attempt to hide their shady pasts now. It is believed in fact that the whole Communist Party will go underground now. But it's too late for that.

The record has been made. For too long, the UE has said nothing, done nothing, except what the Party dictated. A glance at recent issues of the Communist Daily Worker proves this.

On June 3, the Daily Worker announced UE had endorsed a new Communist "trade union council" in New York. On June 7, the Daily Worker reported that the UE Executive Board had passed a resolution calling for the withdrawal of United Nations troops from Korea and the surrender of that country to Stalin. On June 10, the Daily Worker reported UE's support of the 11 top Communists.

Less than two weeks ago UE brought in members from all parts of the country to Washington, on the pretext that they were to talk to Congressmen about lower prices and other economic issues. But very little of that was done. UE took these delegates, many of them innocent ones, and used them to try to convince Congressmen that UE's membership wanted the C.P. program for Korean peace enacted!

And the government knows all this! It's too late now to hide. It's later than you think!

NEW VICTORIES WON BY IUE-CIO

A good example of what IUE-CIO can do for its members has been experienced first-hand by Wurlitzer Co. workers in North Tonawanda, N. Y.

These men and women, members of Local 350, IUE-CIO, have won 28 cents an hour in wage increases in the 11 months that IUE-CIO has held bargaining rights for them. They received nine cents in May, 1950; 10 cents an hour more in October, and nine cents an hour in cost of living increases, making a total to date of 28 cents an hour, in less than a year.

Another record-making increase was just won by IUE-CIO for some 7500 Singer Sewing Machine Workers in Elizabethport, N. J., who have received a six-cent across the board wage increase, even though there was no wage re-opener clause in their contract.

While UE does nothing but talk about discrimination against day workers and women workers, IUE-CIO does something about it. In a large majority of the contracts signed by IUE-CIO, there is a clause providing for a fund to correct inequities existing in day and skilled workers' rates, and in women's rates. In every case, the inequities were leftovers from UE days. It seems that UE liked inequities--the old theory of divide and conquer!

Workers at the Steinberg Co., Jersey City, N. J., is one of the latest groups of workers to benefit from IUE-CIO.

Just before these workers voted for IUE-CIO, UE Local 437 had prepared to sign a sell-out contract providing for a five-cent increase only. But these workers voted to join Local 427, IUE-CIO. This is their reward!

Hiring rate increased from 85 cents to \$1.10 an hour.

Hospitalization plan, including family coverage.

Additional paid holiday.

Improved vacation schedule.

The package won by IUE-CIO totalled 15 cents an hour. Naturally, 100 per cent of the workers in this shop joined IUE-CIO. They discovered that they didn't need a Communist union to bargain for them!