

## Nearly \$2000 Raised For March-of-Dimes

With \$1,899.69 turned in already, the Local 301 collection in the shops for the March-of-Dimes drive is expected to pass the \$2,000 mark.

Adam Boss, in charge of accounting, has asked that all committeemen who have contributions yet to report bring the money at once to the union office.

Board Member William Stewart's section, Bldgs. 49 and 60, led the donation list with \$250.76. Dewey Brashear's section, Bldgs. 81 and 89, was second with \$198.58 and Shop Chairman Sam Scott, Bldg. 285, turned in \$154.49 for third place.

Other donations reported by Tuesday afternoon through Board members were:

Willard Kushel	\$130.62
Bldgs. 42, 46 48 and 50	
Albert J. Spears	\$123.68
Bldgs. 57, 87, 91, 95, 98A, B, C, D, 99A, B, 101, 105 and 107.	
Michael Tedisco	\$122.13
Bldgs. 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19	
Albert Davis	\$118.18
Bldgs. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28	
Leland Sisto	\$117.73
Bldgs. 59, 269 and 273	
Alfred Peirah	\$91.70
Bldgs. 29, Front End 64, 67, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79 and 234	
Stanley Bishop, Shop Chairman	\$89.58
Bldg. 69	
Eugene LeMoine	\$85.55
Bldgs. 35, 98, 97 and 109	
Anthony Villano	\$85.39
Bldgs. 5, 37 and CAP	
George Judway	\$84.72
Bldgs. 18, 18A, 40 and 40B	
Henry Busse	\$64.43
Bldgs. 68, 70J, 72, 76, 80, 84, 227, 238 and 241	
Anthony Esposito	\$64.39
Bldgs. 53 and 65	
Charles Ferris	\$58.33
Electric-Patrol Powerhouse, 13, 13F, 61, 63, 259, 265, and 53 Patrol	
James Cognetta	\$49.93
Bldgs. 52, 64 and 66	
The union office gave	\$9.50.

President Andrew Peterson represents the local on the Schenectady County March-of-Dimes committee.

## Washington Hearing

The National UE will present testimony Feb. 27 before the Senate Committee on Labor and Education at Washington to oppose anti-union bills now in Congress.

## Veterans Lead List With 1947 Program

The 1947 program of the Veterans' Committee was to be presented Tuesday night (after this week's issue of EU News went to press) to the Local 301 membership meeting. The former GI's were the first of the new standing committees to draft a full program.



Joseph Dominelli

J. 64, chairman of the 1946 committee, was reelected chairman at the organizing meeting Monday night and Dewey Brashear, Bldg. 89, was reelected secretary.

Several other committees also organized that night.

Edward Wallingford, Bldg. 60, was elected chairman of the Constitution Committee and Blanchard Mowers, Bldg. 77, secretary.

Albert J. Spears, Bldg. 64, was chosen chairman of the House Committee, with Sidney Friedlander, Bldg. 17, secretary.

George Judway, Bldg. 18, chairman of the Activities Committee, with E. J. La Bombard, Bldg. 97, secretary.

William Templeton, Bldg. 11, chairman of the Editorial Committee, with Mary M. McCartin, Bldg. 28, secretary.

## Union Members Urged To Use Union Laundries

CIO laundry workers in Schenectady have asked Local 301 members to remember that only two Schenectady laundries have contracts with their union.

They are the American Coat, Apron and Laundry Co., Inc., 1030 Barrett St., and the Service Linen Supply, Inc., 249 Green St., Local 432, Laundry Workers Union, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, needs cooperation in signing up the others.

## Richard Opens Door

Third shift workers who thought recently that they could no longer make purchases at the company store in Bldg. 66 were simply off the current crop of popular songs.

"Open the door . . ." addressed to Dick Gorman at the archway in 56 will let them make purchases as usual.

## New Work Dispute In Turbine Division

The special committee of union representatives of the Turbine Division, which met with the company in Bldg. 41 two weeks ago on the alleged chiseling and price-cutting drive there, plans to go into 41 again today because of an immediate situation in Bldg. 60 involving the use of carboloy tools in price-cutting.

In the West gallery of 60 Foreman Bernard Gardener notified Committeeman Roy Lash last Thursday that studs being made by one operator on a turret lathe would be placed on new temporary prices in a week, with vouchers specifying the use of carboloy tools. This followed weeks of experimentation with carboloy tools in the department.

Gardener said the company was claiming the use of carboloy tools as a change of method. Lash pointed out that carboloy tools had been available to the operators on this type of work for fifteen years. Therefore there was no change in method he argued. Gardener's reply was awaited when this paper went to press.

Earlier this week A. C. Stevens, assistant to the general superintendent, told the union that he was not yet ready to discuss the general complaint presented to him by the Turbine Division committee. He said he was correcting the move of an assembly job from Bldg. 60 to Bldg. 49 at a lower job rate.

## Toolmakers, Machinists At New York Meeting

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ford, 60, and Anthony Esposito, 53. Charles Roth will represent the Bldg. 69 model makers.

Both committees are assisted by Leo Jandreau.

## Women's Meeting

All women members of Local 301 are invited to meet with the women committeemen at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the union hall for discussion of their shop problems. The session is one of a series called by Mary M. McCartin, Executive Board representative for women-at-large.

## 301 on Air

The weekly radio broadcast of Local 301 is at 7:15 p.m. every Monday over Station WSNY.

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## Hits New Attack On Free Speech

President Andrew Peterson of Local 301 has sent a telegram to Mayor Mills Ten Eyck asking him to investigate the forces behind a proposed ordinance to prohibit the use of sound trucks and loud-speaker equipment on Schenectady streets.

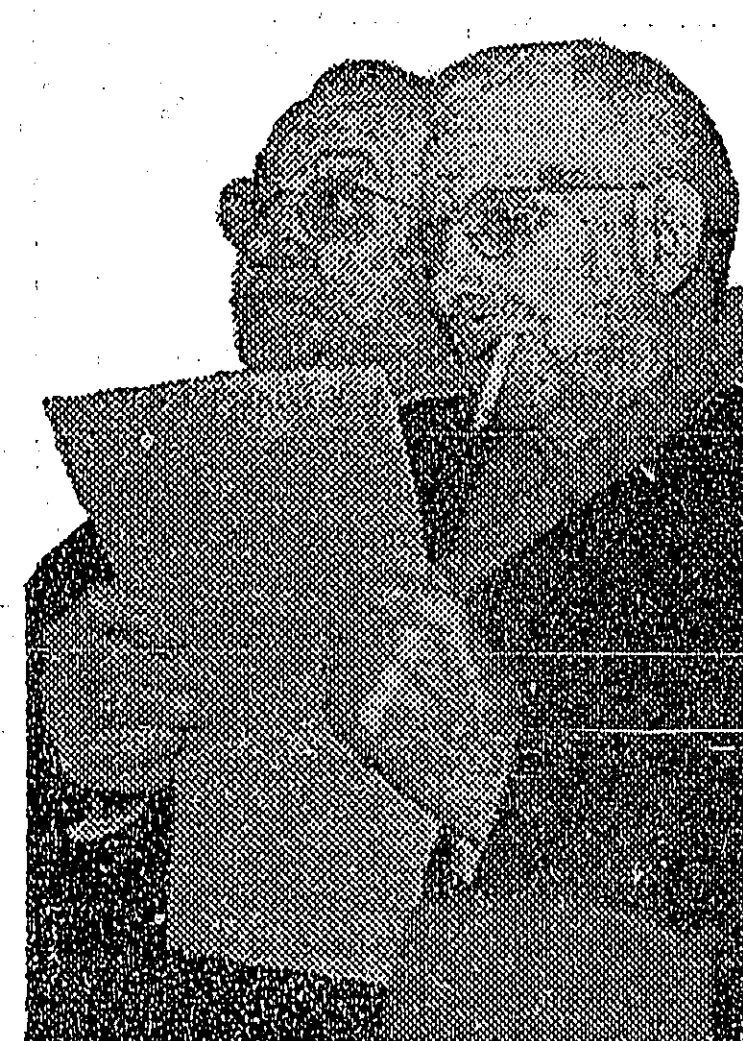
The ordinance was introduced Monday night into the City Council by Councilman Charles Merriam. There will be a public hearing on it Mar. 10.

At least a dozen Local 301 members, headed by Brother Peterson, were at the Council meeting Monday to make sure the bill wasn't rushed through without public discussion.

"Loud speakers are among the means most readily available to the working man to reach the community with his side of the story," President Peterson told Mayor Ten Eyck.

"The prohibition of sound-trucks would be another step in the drive to suppress free public discussion and civil liberties. This drive is now being pushed by Big Business spokesmen in Washington and Albany. Evidently these undemocratic forces are at work here too. I feel it is your duty to let the people of Schenectady know who these forces are."

## What's The Answer?



These two GE pensioners are worried about a big question—how to live on their small GE pensions. They've decided the answer is organizing to press for bigger pensions. See other pictures and story on page 3.

## Union Broadcast

Local 301's weekly radio program will be at 7:15 p.m. Monday over WSNY.

## 301 Won't Divide Time or Efforts Now By Pressing Charges Against Members

In order to place the greatest possible membership unity and effort behind the GE contract negotiations and behind the fight against anti-labor legislation, the Local 301 Executive Board has decided not to act at this time on charges against union members "who went to the public press with false statements and propaganda to disrupt our union."

The Board went on record, however, as "condemning these members for their anti-labor activity." The Board also recommended amending the local Constitution to make it grounds for expulsion for a member to make statements concerning union business to the press, without authorization, before exhausting the procedure available in the union.

## Membership Votes Approval

The Feb. 18 membership meeting of Local 301 approved the Board policy statement in full. As a result, the pro-

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## Turbine Group To Present Pay Demands Today

A demand by all Turbine Division committeemen that a proper pay basis be established for the pending carboloy tool speed-up will be presented to the company this morning by the special committee of 10 representatives of the division.

A special meeting of committeemen from Bldgs. 49, 60, and 273 Monday took the stand that the company's proposed speed-up would "run machines at the limit of their capacity and remove any incentive feature from the work."

## Committeemen's Proposals

Therefore, the committeemen declared, the company should "either place all this work on day work with the present average earnings as the day rate, OR revise the piece pricing basis to restore the possibility of increased earnings, by raising the AER because of the higher skill required, and through proper percentage allowances for fatigue, housekeeping, necessary safety measures, etc."

The committeemen also demanded that any change in prices be withheld until the problem was worked out. And, in view of the company's constant harping on its claim that increased productivity helps the workers, the committeemen also demanded a guarantee against any reduction of force in the respective departments because of the speed-up.

## Speed-up Problem

The committeemen felt that this issue involves the whole question of speed-up and price-cutting in the production of turbines and in the use of carboloy tools. The immediate question was a notice given by Foreman Bernard Gardener in Bldg. 60 to Committeeman Roy Lash, that prices on certain studs would be cut on the basis of the use of carboloy tools.

The special committee took up the question with A. C. Stevens in Bldg. 41 last Thursday. He admitted that carboloy tools had been used right along, and that speeds and feeds had not been specified. But he claimed that by study

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## Contract Negotiations

Leo Jandreau, Local 301 business agent, went to New York City this week for the start of the 1947 GE contract negotiations.

Scheduled to begin Tuesday, the opening session was postponed until yesterday because a National Labor Relations Board's case against GE was being heard Tuesday.



## Here's Proof UE Does Real Job for Workers; Saturday Evening Post Picks It for Attack

As new contract negotiations started all over the country, red-baiting attacks against active unions reached new heights during the past week. As usual, the commercial radio, newspaper and magazines were the backbone of the attack.

Because of the outstanding job UE has done for industrial workers, this union has become a special target of these Big Business propaganda agents.

Topping the attacks last week was the piece featured by the "Saturday Evening Post" and written by the Alsop brothers, two typical, high-paid spokesmen for Big Business in newspaper "columns" all over the country.

### Schenectady Workers Know Better!

As usual, lies and distortions were the main weapon. Schenectady UE members can spot, for example, one flagrant lie in the Alsops' piece. This was the statement that James Carey "built the electrical workers' union," and that needing "subordinates," he "welcomed" Julius Emspak into the UE. Countless Schenectady GE workers know of their own knowledge that Emspak, right here, was one of the leading organizers of the electrical workers and did more than anyone else to build the union nationally. He was in at the very founding of the UE. Carey became president in the same convention at which Emspak became secretary-treasurer, on a simple agreement between the electrical locals and the radio locals, as Carey represented a radio local.

That is just a sample. The Alsops' piece abounds in such falsehoods. You can expect more in their second piece this week.

### Foreman Uses Post Story

At least one GE foreman with whom the union has had recent trouble used the Saturday Evening Post article in an effort to turn a union member against the union. And of course the Schenectady Gazette, through Jim McGarry, its two-bit imitator of the better-paid stooges, called attention to the piece as "dandy."

The Gazette also went to town in support of the so-called "anti-Communists"

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## CIO and UE Groups Hit Albany Action

The action of Governor Dewey and Republican legislative leaders in barring rent and housing delegations from the Capitol by the use of state troopers Feb. 18 drew protests from the UE legislative conference at Albany the next day and from the Capital District CIO Council meeting at Troy.

Both groups unanimously passed resolutions condemning the high-handed action as a threat to all voters and as a violation of civil liberties.

In addition, the UE conference passed a special resolution, introduced by Albert Davis of Local 301, condemning Speaker Oswald D. Heck for his inflammatory remarks about the rent and housing delegation.

Heck repeated many of these remarks when a UE committee, visiting him at the Capitol Wednesday, protested about the Tuesday episode.

## Experts at Your Service

Two federal government income tax experts will be at Local 301 Hall from Monday, Mar. 3, through Mar. 14, to assist union members in making out their returns. They will be on hand weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during that period and Saturdays, Mar. 8 and 15, from 9 a.m. to noon.

who have been trying to break up the Bridgeport GE local.

Workers who want to maintain their freedom and their standards of living will have to take this sort of stuff without fear. This country is now witnessing a drive against labor and civil liberties which comes close to the one which swept Germany, Italy and Spain before World War II. Likewise the Big Boys here rely on the cry of "Communism" when the real danger is from Hooverism and worse. In its drive Big Business is mobilizing not only its politicians, its radio, and its press, but also many people and institutions who think it more important to appear "respectable" than to be honest.

## Labor Board Case Heard Against GE

A National Labor Relations Board hearing on UE charges that the General Electric Co. has discriminated against strikers opened this week in New York City. The union filed the charges because GE, in violation of the strike settlement agreement, adopted the policy of deducting the nine weeks' strike period from the service records of production workers.

Joseph Dermody of the national UE office testified about the background of the strike and its settlement. He showed that Section 3 of the settlement pledged the company to a policy of "no discrimination" against the strikers.

Later, however, the company arbitrarily lopped the nine weeks off service records and refused to discuss the matter with the union or to submit it to arbitration. GE employees outside the UE jurisdiction were not penalized this way, Dermody said.

The case involves workers at Schenectady and elsewhere.

## Turbine Workers To State Demands

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of the grinding and use of carbide tools, the company had found it possible to step up the machine speed as much as six times, and to double the feed. He said the company claimed this was a change of method, and proposed to cut prices on the speeded-up part of the process. He said the men should make the same earnings as before, but no more, for the greatly increased production. He said he did not believe greater effort was involved.

Following a caucus, the Turbine Committee told Stevens it did not admit a change of method, but only a speed-up. It also challenged the safety of the speed-up. After some discussion, Stevens agreed to hold off any change in price pending a further meeting.

The committeemen's meeting brought out the fact that some of the complaints regarding pay rates and prices, and reduction of services, had been corrected as the result of the general grievance meeting on the subject three weeks ago. Others remained unsettled.

## Aid for Strike Victims

The Feb. 18 membership meeting voted to give \$250 toward the legal defense of UE members indicted on "riot" charges in connection with last winter's GE strike at Philadelphia.

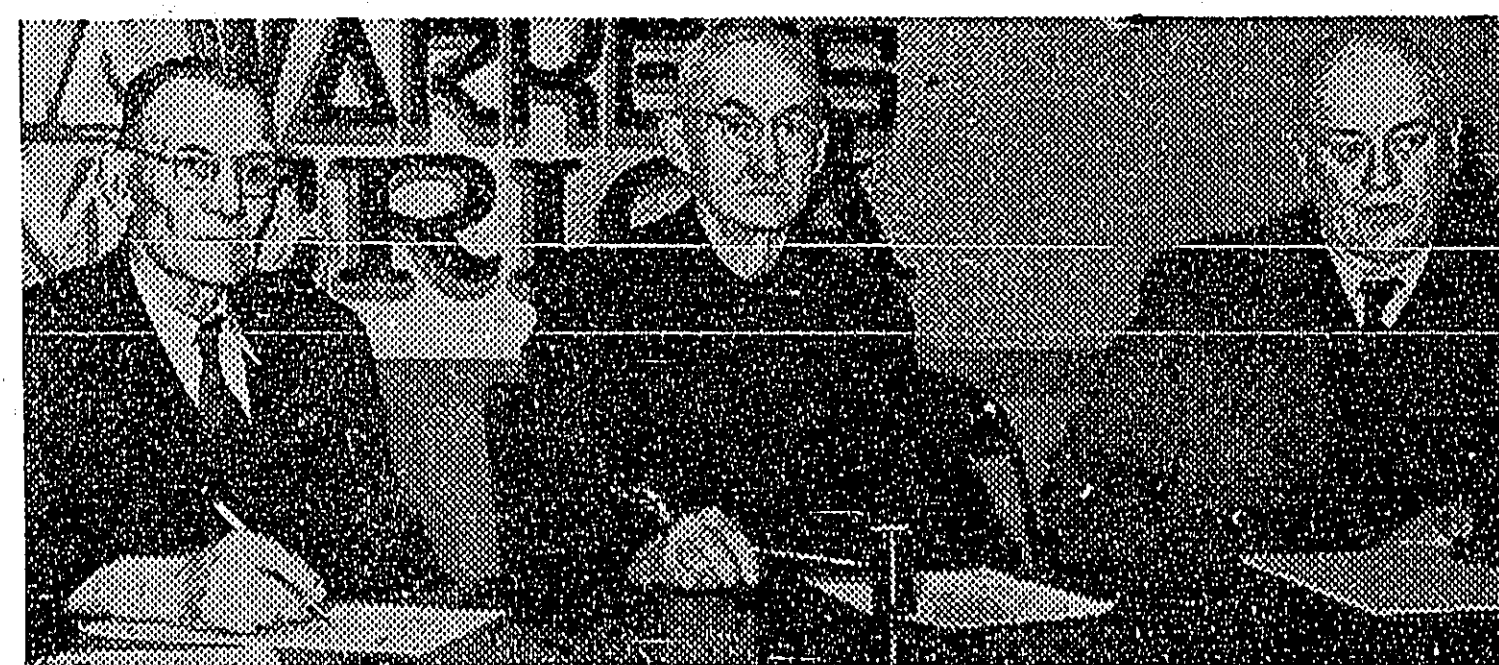
## GE Pensioners Organize; Back Union Demand for Higher Pensions

There's no age limit to fighting spirit. A group of 200 retired GE workers has formed the UE-CIO 301 Pension Organization to press for a GE pension of at least \$100 a month, over and above Social Security benefits.

The organizing meeting Feb. 19 at 301 hall voted unanimously to back the UE in its efforts to raise pensions and in its contract negotiations. The members pledged their support to the union's fight against anti-union legislation.

### Van Der Zee Elected President

Albert T. Van Der Zee of Carman, a charter member of 301, who retired from Bldg. 60 in 1943, was elected president



Officers of the new UE-CIO 301 Pension Organization. Left to right, Charles H. White, vice-president; Albert T. Van Der Zee, president, and William Cooke, secretary. Below, at left, is a cross-section of the pensioners' meeting Feb. 19 at 301 Hall.



## Machinists, Toolmakers Wait for GE Decisions

J. W. Burnison, representing GE top management, opposed any wage rate increase for machinists (machine repair) and tool room machine operators throughout a lengthy meeting Feb. 20 with a Local 301 committee in New York City.

At the end of several hours of arguments he said he would study the case further and give his answer within a week or so.

The outcome of his meeting the same day with a Local 301 toolmakers' committee was about the same. The toolmakers had understood that model makers in Bldg. 69 were covered by the agreement recently reached with GE on the toolmakers' case. Burnison insisted the improvements don't affect them. He said he'd take the case under advisement.

Business Agent Leo Jandreau took part in the discussions of both cases last week.

Meetings of machinists and toolmakers will be called as soon as Burnison announces his decisions.

## Movie Program

Formation of a permanent organization to present a program of children's movies will be discussed by a community group in the Draper School district of Rotterdam at 8 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) at a meeting in the old Fire Station Hall, Duaneburg Rd. Local 301 members started the activity. Four sample movies will be shown.

of the new, permanent organization. Charles H. White, a former 301 Executive Board member, was named vice-president. He retired last December from Bldg. 49. William Cooke, former recording secretary of 301, was elected secretary.

President Van Der Zee, who had taken a leading part in a preliminary meeting the previous week, addressed last week's Local 301 membership meeting. He warned that unless the workers, the small business men and the farmers unite against Big Business, the United States faces the same kind of disaster that swept Europe.

### Pensions Too Low

A resolution passed by the pensioners declared "GE pensions have always been inadequate and have become steadily worse because they remain fixed while costs of living soar."

The resolution also said:

"Even under the much-ballyhooed new pension plan most pensioners will receive no more than one dollar a month from

GE for every year of continuous service, while many now retired under the old pension plan are receiving less."

"The company is using the pension plan as a means of forcing workers out on a pension which is a mere pittance and leaves many of us destitute."

### To Fight Anti-Labor Bills

Another resolution called for the defeat of all pending bills "to hamstring labor" and demanded the strengthening of the Wagner Act to give "really effective protection to the right to organize into the industrial unions which have brought a measure of improvement in the living standards of workers in GE and other mass production industries."

## Next Pension Meeting

The next meeting of the UE-CIO 301 Pension Organization will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 5, at 301 Hall.