

## Delegates Elected For UE Convention

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The resolutions adopted call on the national convention to take the following actions:

1. Reaffirm its allegiance "to the policies and program of this union, and praise the general officers for their outstanding application of these policies and leadership of the union."

2. Include in the UE collective bargaining program a demand for a minimum pension of \$100 for single workers and \$150 for workers with dependents, to be available at the age of 60. (The full text of the pension resolution will be printed in next week's EU News.)

3. Reaffirm the basic principle of the UE constitution that the union shall be governed by its membership only and all members shall have equal rights and shall be judged solely on their records. (See page 2 for full text of this resolution on membership rights and control.)

### Political Action

4. Endorse CIO-PAC as a means of uniting labor and working with other groups to "secure the nomination and election of a president and Congress who will represent the people instead of Big Business." (See page 2 for full text of political action resolution.)

5. Order the dissolution of the Carey-Block clique which misuses the name of "Democratic Action" to destroy the unity and democracy of the union. (See next week's EU News for text.)

6. Call on the next CIO convention to defeat James B. Carey as CIO secretary-treasurer for using his office for the purpose of disrupting the UE.

7. Call on the CIO to repudiate its splitting plan to organize Western Electric into a new, dual organization and instead to give help to UE in organizing Western Electric.

### Labor Unity

8. Call for continuing efforts to unite the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and other unions into one general organization of affiliated unions and press meanwhile for "the utmost joint action, both economically and politically, of all branches of labor." (See next week's issue of EU News for full text of resolution.)

9. Call on the American working people to recognize that abroad, as well as at home, the government now "speaks only for Big Business." The resolution states "If we are to restore and main-

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Said Congressman Kearney, "I Fear There's a storm blowing up at my rear! With these dollars for PAC Piling up on my back, I'm afraid I'll be buried next year!"

## Company Stubborn On Carboloy Prices

New prices based on the carboly tool speed-up went into effect Monday on the stud job in Foreman Barney Gardenier's department in the Turbine Division. A special meeting in New York late last week brought no change in the company position, and George Pfeif of top GE management refused to delay the change in prices until the pricing basis issue was settled.

Local 301 will press all the way its claim that the men on the job must be able to earn more money because of the increased effort.

The company here had agreed to make no price changes until the pricing basis issue was settled. But eight days after the Taft-Hartley bill became law, the company announced the new prices would take effect. The prices had been held up for four months.

Pfeif insisted the speed-up was a change of method, and refused to recognize the increased effort as justifying higher earnings. It is expected the dispute will be taken to arbitration.

Indignation ran high in the department over the company's position, but the workers involved abided by the union policy of avoiding undisciplined action.

tain our democratic liberties and save this country from disaster, we shall have to fight for the foreign as well as domestic policies of Roosevelt and Wallace." (See full text in next week's EU News.)

## Local 301 Supports Independent Slate

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approved report said they might be men "such as Leo Vosburg, William Alheim (Local 301 member) and Alfred Pelrah (Local 301 member), Republicans with ALP endorsement; Albert Male, E. A. Smith, Chester Trombley, Ben Franken, Frank Parker and Fred Cameron (301 member), Democrats with ALP endorsement, among others, as well as Milo Lathrop (District 3, UE staff member) and certain other CIO members on the ALP slate."

The report approved by the membership said that in order to avoid any situation in which two candidates supporting the PAC program would oppose each other, "we should work for the write-in nomination of our proposed candidate for mayor on the ALP line also. This would give voters their choice of voting for the same independent group of progressives from various parties, on either Labor Party or Independent line."

### \$500 Voted for Campaign

The membership authorized the Executive Board to work with the rest of the CIO and other groups to carry out the political action plan. The meeting also voted \$500 toward the campaign. The Taft-Hartley Act does not restrict donations toward an election not involving a federal office.

The Board pointed out that the union donation "does not make the PAC dollar collection any less urgent," because the dollar contributions are necessary to get the all-important 1948 campaign under way.

The membership meeting approved the 301-PAC program recommended by the Board, applying the Roosevelt program to a town, city and county level.

It will be hard work to get the independent nominating petitions filled out by Aug. 11, the Board pointed out, but "what we do this year will serve as the basis for our drive to elect a pro-Roosevelt administration and Congress in 1948 and repeal the Taft-Hartley law."

The Board predicted the proposed independent lineup "will rally a tremendous vote, not only of union members but of thousands of other citizens disgusted with what the old political machines have done to Schenectady."

## Reminder to Veterans

The 301 Veterans' Center is open from 1 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday at the union hall.

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## Union Takes Part In Primary Fights

Local 301 is concentrating its PAC activity right now on campaigning for those candidates who have endorsed the PAC program and who face primary fights next Tuesday.

At the same time the local is working out its plan for entering a complete, independent citizens' slate for city and county elections this fall. The nominating petitions must be filed by Aug. 11.

Alfred Pelrah, a member of the 301 Executive Board, the union's candidate for supervisor in the Tenth Ward, is an enrolled Republican with ALP endorsement. He is trying to get the Republican nomination in a contest against the present supervisor, Arthur H. Wright, machine candidate.

A steward in Bldg. 64, Pelrah has been a union representative since 301 was chartered. From 1932 until the union was formed, he was on the old Works Council.

His opponent, Supervisor Wright, although a 301 member on strike against GE, voted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors last winter against a resolution calling on GE to enter into a speedy and fair settlement with the union, in accordance with the national wage pattern established by other UE and CIO strikes.

Leo H. Vosburg, endorsed by 301 for reelection as county welfare commissioner, faces opposition in the Republican primary from Walter S. Wood. Vosburg has ALP endorsement.

During the GE and American Locomotive Co. strikes last year Vosburg's handling of relief and welfare cases was commended by Local 301 and the United Steelworkers for its fairness.

Local 301 members who are Democrats are urged to vote for Allen Mc-

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## Primary Day

If you are enrolled in any political party, be sure to vote next Tuesday, Primary Day. The polls are open from noon to 9 p.m.

## Special Sessions For Stewards On Union Problems

Problems before the membership of 301, from shop grievances and contract changes to political action, will be discussed in a series of special meetings of stewards by sections, during the next two weeks.

In order to make possible the fullest attendance of all stewards, the Executive Board decided that they will be called in during the day.

Such meetings have been the practice in Local 301 from time to time, in order that the membership may be kept fully in touch with the activities of the union.

The present meetings are in line with the recent membership decision to tighten up the steward machinery to meet the day's difficult problems.

In addition to grievances and new contract provisions, these meetings will discuss the present attitude of GE, the effect of the Taft-Hartley law, current attacks upon the union, the CIO political action program, and any union question the stewards may bring up.

Union officials will be on hand to answer questions.

## Company Agrees to Raise Rate for Lamp Trimmers

The rate for lamp trimmers will be increased four cents, from \$1.14 to \$1.18 as the result of a meeting on the national level July 17 in New York City between President Andrew Peterson of 301 and James Burnison, representing GE top management.

About a dozen workers are affected by the case which has been pending since January. Local GE management refused to raise the rate.

## New Supply of Contracts

The first 5,000 copies of the 1947 UE-GE contract, ordered by Local 301, were rapidly distributed to members by shop stewards. A second batch of 5,000 is now on hand. Any member can get one by asking his steward.

## Committee to Aid Rem-Rand Strikers

The ranks of the 15,000 Remington-Rand strikers are holding firm after five weeks of picketing, but the union members need food and funds.

A Schenectady Civic Committee to Aid the Remington Rand Strikers has been formed to help meet this need. Its secretary, I. J. Goldfine local businessman, outlined the committee plans at a meeting of the 301 Executive Board Wednesday. The Board authorized the committee to use the union hall for a fund-raising dance and to store donations of canned food and other supplies at 301 hall, for shipment to the strikers.

### Herkimer County Situation

The nearest UE strikers are in Herkimer County, the workers who walked out of the three plants at Ilion and the plant in the town of Herkimer.

Sheriff Leslie B. Hoffman, a power in the Herkimer Republican organization, is the same anti-union sheriff who in the Mohawk Valley Formula days, during the 1936 strike, swore in 300 deputies to crack the picket lines. The deputies included professional strike-breakers from the Burns agency and others.

UE strikers today charge Sheriff Hoffman with using his political influence to keep relief and welfare aid from them. The Rem-Rand strikers haven't wartime

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## Guards to Meet

The effect of the Taft-Hartley law on GE guards will be the subject of a special meeting for guards which the union has called for 10 a.m. Sunday at 301 hall. All guards not on duty are urged to attend.

## 'Un-American' Group Opens Fire on UE

The Thomas Committee on Un-American Activities was scheduled to start hearing testimony against the UE yesterday as part of its attack on the American labor movement.

UE President Albert J. Fitzgerald has charged that the committee "is a willing agent of big business interests who want to weaken or destroy any organization that fights wage-cutting and the lowering of living standards."

Every member of the "Un-American Committee" voted for the Taft-Hartley bill.

With great cooperation from the Big Business press, the committee made big headlines with the announcement that three UE members, Joseph Julianelle and Michael Beresick of Bridgeport, Conn., and James Conroy, New York City, and a former 301 member, S. M. Vottis of Schenectady, would be its witnesses.

### Witnesses Discredited

Vottis, who has been thoroughly discredited in the eyes of the Schenectady membership for his efforts to disrupt the local, is now a Schenectady business man. While a 301 officer, he used his office in the service of the Cushing Republican machine.

Conroy recently ordered UE members to cross a Remington-Rand picket line in New York City. He is on record in support of provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Julianelle and Beresick are the two leaders of Local 203, Bridgeport, who recently expelled without a hearing 26 union members who opposed them. Their support for provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act brought public praise from the General Electric Co. in a newspaper advertisement.

Only last month the "Un-American Committee" sent representatives to Winston Salem to smear the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers during their strike against the Reynolds Co.

During the 1946 UE strike against Westinghouse the committee sent people

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## Vosburg Likes PAC Program

Welfare Commissioner Leo H. Vosburg, Republican candidate for reelection with ALP endorsement, wrote the following letter to President Andrew Peterson about the 301-PAC program.

"Having carefully considered each paragraph of the program you sent me, I have come to the conclusion that it is the American Way of Life and I approve of it in its entirety."

## Davis Radio Speech Urges Labor Unity

The need for joint political action by the CIO and AFL was stressed by Albert Davis, Local 301 Executive Board member, in the Capital District CIO Council radio program Monday over WTRY. The broadcast is at 5:55 p.m. every Monday.

The Council also has a program every two weeks over WGLN in Glens Falls. UE Local 332 of Fort Edward will provide the speakers for the next one, at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31.

into East Pittsburgh for a similar anti-union purpose.

### Committee Really 'Un-American'

The "Un-American Committee", which Martin Dies used to head, has been attacked for its unfairness by President Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, Henry Wallace and many other leaders. President Roosevelt accused it of lying and of being "Un-American". Willkie said the committee was "undermining the democratic process."

The New World, official organ of the Catholic arch-diocese in Chicago said in an editorial in 1938, "If it is really a committee to investigate 'Un-American Activities' it really should begin with itself."

The committee won't let people who are attacked defend themselves. It won't let accused people have a chance to cross-examine witnesses who have testified against them.

The 301 Executive Board Wednesday voted that President Andrew Peterson should go to Washington to listen to the committee proceedings.

As this week's issue of EU News went to press, it was reported that local members of the "Committee for Democratic Action" were cooperating with the Thomas committee by distributing red-baiting leaflets to union members.

## Labor Makes Blacklist On Basis of Veto Vote

Labor now has a blacklist that includes every senator and congressman who voted to over-ride the veto of the Taft-Hartley bill, Russ Nixon, UE Washington representative has pointed out to all UE locals.

"No excuse exists for taking any of these congressmen and senators from the blacklist," he declared.

The list includes 106 Democrats and 225 Republicans in the House of Representatives and 20 Democrats and 48 Republicans in the Senate.

"Without qualification, without exception, each of these anti-labor voters must be listed for political destruction," he said. "Labor must not rest until each of them is driven from public life."

Senator Irving Ives of New York and Representatives Bernard Kearney of Gloversville and Dean Taylor of Troy voted to over-ride the veto.

## GE Quarterly Profit Reaches \$21,215,886

Business is booming for GE President Charles E. Wilson said net sales billed for three months ended June 30 amounted to \$303,937,903, "a record quarterly total for peace-time operations."

Sales for the first six months were \$537,757,070, an amount approximately 30 per cent greater than the billing for any full year prior to 1941.

GE profit available for dividends amounted to \$21,215,886 for the three months ended June 30, according to the report. For the first half of the year the profit available for dividends was \$39,079,536.

A second-quarter dividend of 40 cents a share will be paid today.

## Taft-Hartley Law Okay with Dewey

Before the Taft-Hartley Bill became a law, Local 301 asked Governor Dewey, in a newspaper advertisement, to speak out against the anti-union legislation. There was "no comment."

Knowing the Dewey record, nobody was in doubt that the governor, like the Republican U. S. Senator Irving M. Ives, favored the bill. And finally Dewey himself admits it. The United Press quotes him as saying at Salt Lake City July 17 there is "nothing detrimental" about the Taft-Hartley law.

You can hear the Local 301 radio program at 7:15 p.m. every Monday over WSNY.

## Additional Back Pay For 80 Machinists

The General Electric Co. has agreed to move back to Mar. 2 the effective date of the five cent raise it gave about 80 machinists this spring.

The group includes machinists in laboratories in Bldg. 5, Bldg. 37 and Campbell Ave., in the development shop of Bldg. 269, in development work in aeronautics in Bldg. 28 and at Malta; one machinist in Bldg. 66 and three in Bldg. 89.

After settlement of the union's general machinists' dispute several months ago, management claimed the group was not covered by the case. Management agreed to give them the raise, but refused to make it effective as of Mar. 2, the retroactive date for the big machinists' case.

James Burnison, GE representative, at a meeting with President Andrew Peterson July 17 in New York City, agreed to extend the back pay to Mar. 2. That means at least an additional month of the increase for everyone involved.

## Baseball Strikers Celebrate By Helping Rem-Rand Strike

Money and pickets provided by Local 301 and other CIO unions were important in bringing about the settlement of the six weeks strike of Local 574, Textile Workers of America, against the Wilson Athletic Goods, Mfg. Co., a baseball factory.

The strikers went back to their jobs Tuesday after getting a pay raise average seven cents an hour. Six paid holidays a year are to be given starting in 1948.

The Textile local voted Monday night to send \$135 to the Remington Rand strikers. A large part of the meeting was devoted to expressing appreciation for the support received from CIO locals. The baseball strikers reported donations from 15 locals.

## Six Machinists Get Raise Through Reclassification

Through negotiations with the local GE management, the union has obtained a change in classification, with an increase of five cents an hour, for six machinists in Bldg. 73 A.

The shop investigation was made by Michael Tedisco and Alfred Pelrah, Executive Board members, and Shop Stewart J. C. Richtmeyer.

## They Will Represent Local 301 at National Convention



Leo Jandreau



William Hodges



Helen Quirini



W. Mastriani

## Carey-Block Clique

This is the resolution on the Carey-Block Clique adopted by the membership meeting last week to be introduced in the national UE Convention:

"UE is outstanding for the effectiveness of its service to its members and its complete democracy and protection of the rights of all members and their freedom of expression.

"Local 301 has had bitter experience with the work of the little group who misuse the name of 'Democratic Action' to destroy the unity and democracy of this union. The representatives of this Carey-Block clique in Schenectady have carried their slanders to the anti-labor press. In particular they distributed anti-UE literature in the GE works during the 'escape period' under the maintenance of membership provision of the contract. Consciously or unconsciously, they have served the purpose of 'GE' to split and vilify our union. They have served the aims of the various anti-labor forces in community.

"Resolved, that Local 301 call upon the Twelfth Convention to order the dissolution of the so-called Committee for Democratic Action, and to take action to bring its leaders to trial on charges looking to their expulsion, in accordance with the provisions of the UE Constitution."

The membership also adopted a resolution calling on the next CIO convention to defeat James B. Carey as CIO secretary-treasurer because he has used his office to interfere with the internal affairs of UE for the purpose of disrupting the union at the behest of forces outside the labor movement.

Resolutions on pensions and labor unity will be printed next week.



A. Peterson



Marshall White

The 301 delegates to the national UE convention Sept. 22-26 will be the six local officers, shown above, and Julius Emspak, right, national secretary-treasurer, a charter member of Local 301. They were elected at the membership meeting July 15.



Julius Emspak

## Primary Fights

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Cabe of the Transport Workers Union, CIO, in his fight to get the Democratic nomination for supervisor in the Fourteenth Ward. The Democratic machine candidate is Edward M. Dunning. John Broome, the present supervisor, a member of Local 301, is running unopposed in the Republican primary and George Watson, a retired 301 member, is unopposed in the ALP primary.