

RAND PLANT IS MOVING TO EUROPE

The Remington Rand Co. will transfer its manufacture of standard and portable typewriters to a European site by Jan. 1, 1961, it was announced on August 19, 1960.

The move, previously rumored, was made known in a joint statement by Bernard F. Anderson, vice-president of Remington Rand, a division of Sperry-Rand. It was indicated perhaps a few hundred would be absorbed in other manufacturing operations in Elmira by Remington Rand including production of electric typewriters and Univac equipment.

The impact of foreign competition on the market was believed to have prompted the move. There was a report, unconfirmed, the new manufacturing site would be in Switzerland.

Officials of Lodge 826, International Association of Machinists which represents production workers at the Elmira plant, protested bitterly against the company move.

JAPANESE CONCERN GETS FEDERAL POWER PROJECT CONTRACT FOR 1ST TIME - HITACHI TO SUPPLY TURBINES

For the first time, a Japanese company was chosen to supply electricity-generating equipment for a Federal power project.

The Interior Dept. named Hitachi New York, Ltd., to supply two turbines for a power plant near Redding, Calif., for \$664,860. The agency also picked English Electric Export & Trading Co., Ltd., of New York, a British company, to build two turbines in a plant near Lewiston, Calif., for \$832,830. English Electric has had other Interior Dept. contracts, but this was its first turbine contract.

In both cases, the difference in bids by the foreign companies and those by U.S. concerns was greater than the 6% differential that the "Buy American" Act requires.

Actually, the two foreign concerns offered lower bids than U.S. companies on two other turbine contracts, but a department rule specifies that a company which had not previously made turbines for Federal reclamation projects should be allowed only one major turbine contract for the first time.

Because of this rule, Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. won a contract to build two turbines for Spring Creek power plant in Shasta County, Calif., even though bid was higher than offers by Hitachi and English Electric.

"THINGS TO THINK ABOUT" by Frank Masterson

Payola at Chrysler

Unethical practices of "top brass" at Chrysler Corp. prove that Big Business has a big job to do in cleaning their own house!

The now ex-president of Chrysler Corp. was one of the worst offenders of Chrysler brass who had interests in companies that sell supplies to Chrysler Corp. Although Chrysler is enjoying the increase in sales of 34% in the first quarter of 1960, its profits as compared to the 1959 period are down 28%. Chrysler is determined that none of this drop should be caused by executive "rake-offs". Farm-outs also present opportunities for "rake-offs" and graft.

JAMES B. CAREY, PRESIDENT OF IUE-AFL-CIO, has said. "we of labor have learned, re-learned actually, something that we knew long ago, that the union movement is morally and ethically cleaner than business and industry. We have learned that while we are determined to complete our housecleaning, industry and business have not done a substantial job in reforming their own malpractices. We of labor are now paying the price of apathy and inertia...we are intent and eager about reform...we want to continue to be the largest and most influential labor movement in the world and we also want to be the cleanest and most democratic.

"We of organized labor have pledged ourselves to a world of social and economic justice, integrity and brotherhood. Therefore, we of the democratic labor movement know that our unions must be clean, cleaner in policies and practices than industry and business."

• DID YOU KNOW THAT Mead-Johnson & Co. has announced that it has bought Charles McDonald Phy., Ltd., Australian drug company for \$800,000. This is Mead-Johnson's fourth foreign acquisition in eight months. American business is after a fast dollar and they don't care whom they make it from. American dollars invested outside of the U.S. are our real competition.

See you at the Sept. 19th membership meeting.

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COMPANY'S OFFER UNSATISFACTORY

Leo Jandreau, Business Agent of Local 301, IUE, termed the contract offer presented by General Electric Wednesday as "unsatisfactory inasmuch as it did not even mention vacations or holidays and was not responsive to the proposals asked for by the members of the IUE."

Jandreau said: "Real collective bargaining did not commence until both parties laid their proposals on the bargaining table and now the real task of collective bargaining should begin to take shape."

The G.E. proposal calls for termination of the Cost of Living Clause and for a wage reopener in April 1962. The cost of living has been increasing at the rate of 2% a year; therefore, without a Cost of Living Escalator, the 3% wage increase proposed by the company for October 1960 would be wiped out before April 1962. It should also be pointed out that there are no provisions for a wage increase for the entire year of 1961.

Jandreau stated that the company's proposal to abandon the cost of living increase indicates their complete disregard of the principle that wages of G.E. employees should be protected against inflation.

We are, however, happy that the General Electric Company finally agrees that Employment Security is a problem, and, while their proposal is a step in the right direction, it has many shortcomings. For example, in their proposal for re-training, the selection of the individual is entirely in the hands of the company and is not a subject for collective bargaining. The union does not feel that re-assignment and re-training opportunities should be left to the discretion of local managers but should be subject to negotiations.

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