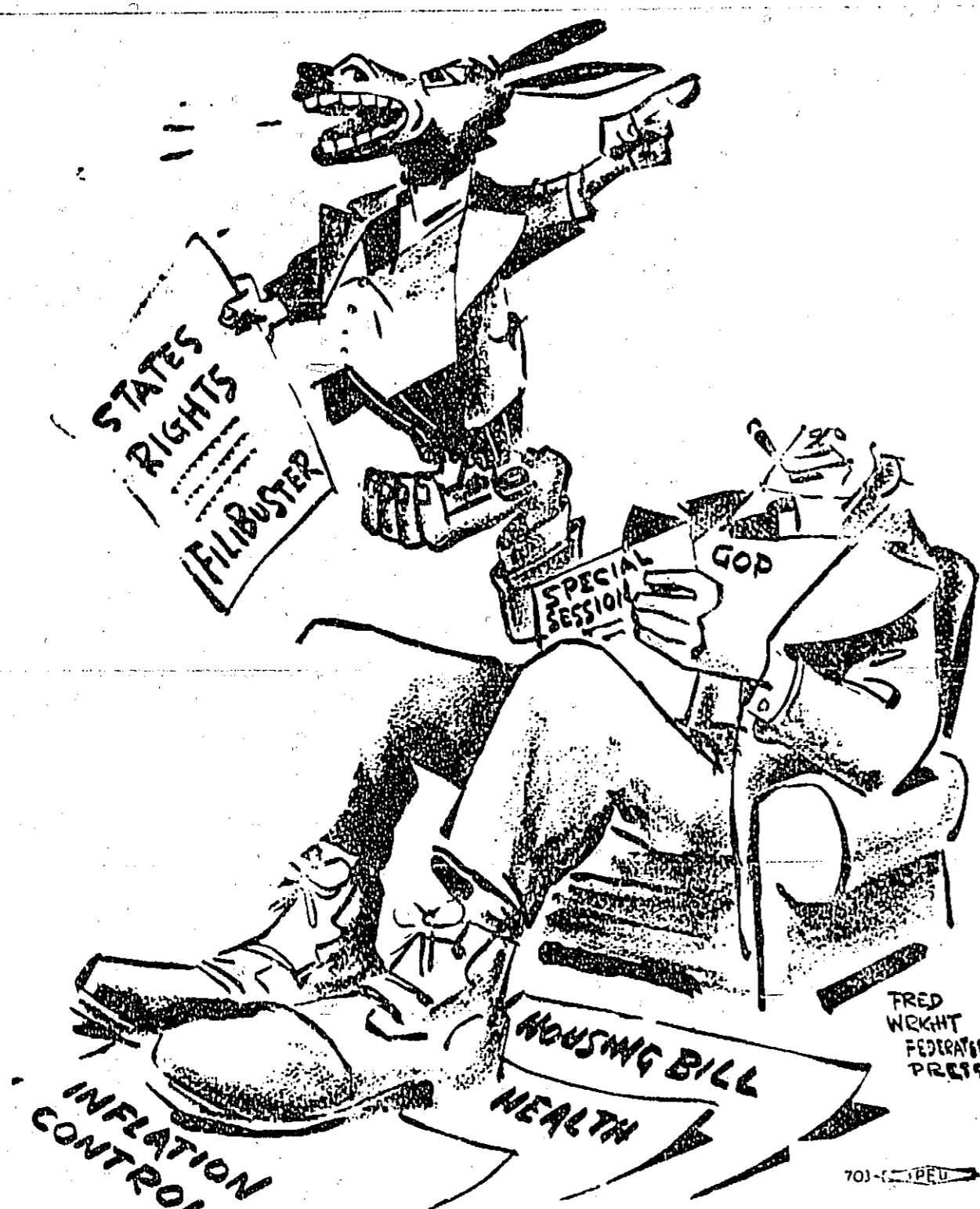


Vote Primary Day, Tuesday, August 24, Noon to 9:00 P. M.



Craft Rates

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vacations, sick leave, and other government benefits, and such minor plants as Bear Manning in Troy, V and O Press in Hudson, Federal Bearing, and Dela Valve Separator in Poughkeepsie.

Male also refused to consider the comparison with direct competitors of GE in various cities, cited by Jandreau at the previous negotiating session.

The committees felt the company simply was still determined to say "no" at present, and had prepared the figures to dress up its refusal.

Male Says Rates Off But Okay
Male started by saying that the union's policy of demanding flat cents-per-hour increases had caused craft rates here to get out of line. Jandreau pointed out that the policy of flat cents-per-hour raises had become general in industry, but that other companies had also adjusted craft rates.

Male said that on the basis of the "community survey" he felt the craft rates here were okay. Jandreau asked how they could be okay when Male had just blamed the union for their being out of line. Male did not try to explain that.

After his refusal to raise job

Farmers' Union Backs Peterson for Congress

Schuyler Lake, N. Y.—Local 301 President Peterson, running for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Democratic primary Tuesday, received the unanimous endorsement of the Farmers' Union of Otsego County at a meeting here last Friday night.

The meeting acted after hearing Peterson explain his program and urge full cooperation between farmers and labor unions in their common interest. He called for legislation to guarantee milk farmers prices of 150 percent of parity, or one dollar per hundredweight over the cost of feed. He added:

"And in Congress I shall fight to restore the subsidy payment plan for milk farmers, so that their standard of living can be protected and at the same time our children can get milk once again at a reasonable price.

"The interests of the family size farmer and of the factory worker are the same. We face the same problems of high cost of living, lack of housing, unfair taxes on low incomes. We have the same urgent need to fight the food trusts which profiteer at the expense of farmer and city dweller. That is why they try to divide us, and that is why we must have complete cooperation between labor and farmers.

"I am happy to see that you farmers are organizing, and I shall help you all I can in doing it. You need farm unions, and you need cooperatives. I pledge you that I shall oppose all the efforts of the Manufacturers' Association and their National Tax Equality Association to tax farmers' co-ops out of existence."

Membership Meeting Postponed Two Weeks

The membership and shop stewards' meeting which would usually have been held this week was postponed by the Executive Board because of the fact that a large part of the plant was just returning from a vacation shutdown.

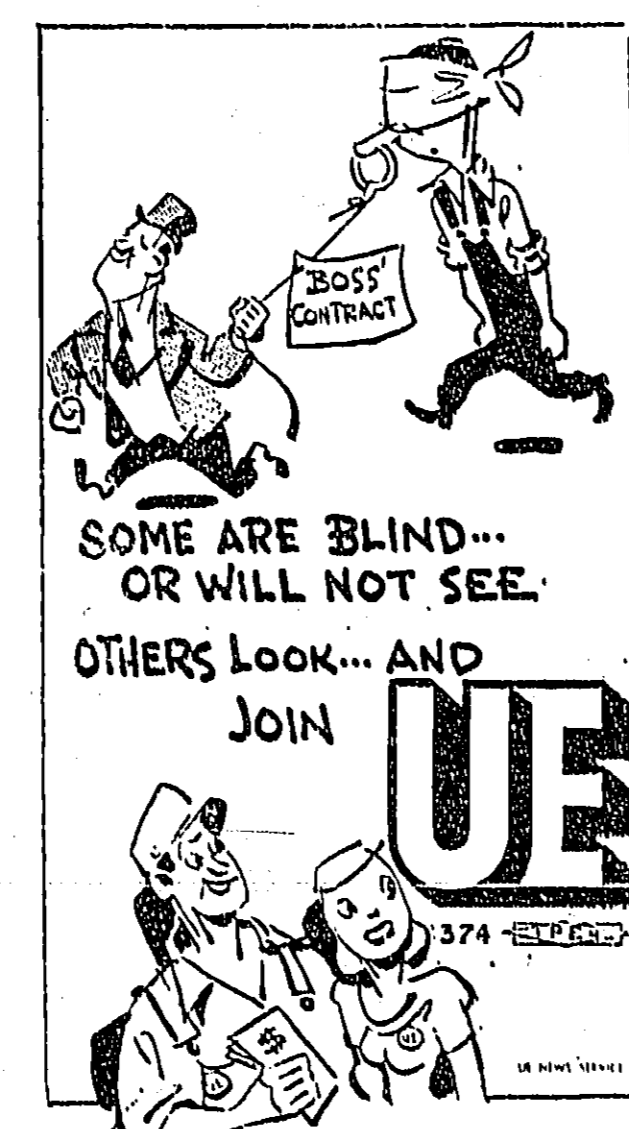
This means that the first and third shift members and all shifts of shop stewards will meet Tuesday, August 31, at 7:30 p. m., and the second shift members the next day at 1 p. m.

Raises Up to 16 Cents

The Wagner Electric Corporation, St. Louis, Mo., has signed a new agreement with UE Local 1104 providing pay raises from 10 to 16 cents an hour. The increases are retroactive to Apr. 1 and cover 6,000 employees.

rates. Male said the company could still consider individuals. But when Jandreau pinned down the question to men already receiving the A job rate, Male said No, these men could not receive any individual increase.

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National CIO Asked To Confer on Changes

By unanimous vote, the Capital District CIO Council has asked the national CIO office to send a representative to Schenectady to discuss changes proposed by the national CIO in this area.

John J. Brophy, director of industrial union councils, had informed the Council of the chartering of a Troy Area Council and asked for the return of the Capital District charter, to be replaced by a charter for a separate Schenectady County Council.

The Capital District Council's letter said that "it is our unanimous opinion that geographically speaking the new Troy Council is as unrealistic as is a Schenectady Council. For that reason we would very much appreciate discussing the matter with your representative so that the serious work of the Council may continue."

The action to split the Council into two or more smaller bodies was announced by the national CIO after the Capital District Council voted to continue its "hands off" policy in regard to two controversial issues, the Wallace candidacy and the Marshall plan. Because international unions, locals and delegates were divided on these issues, the Council decided to take no stand on them but to leave any action up to the affiliated locals. Brophy sent a warning letter that any Council would be disciplined if it did not remove officers or committee members who refused to attack the Third Party or to back the Marshall Plan.

Delegates who voted to obey the Brophy order joined with those who voted for the "hands off" policy in protesting the move to divide the Council's territory. Members pointed out on the floor that only on a Capital District basis can a full-time secretary-treasurer be retained, or can a radio program be conducted and effective help given in strikes, wage campaigns and organizing drives. It was also emphasized that splitting the council weakens the political action program of unions in this district.

Don't Buy Hoover Goods

The campaign initiated by UE Local 709, of Canton, Ohio, to get going a nationwide consumer boycott of Hoover vacuum cleaners and irons, is now well under way following a tour of the country by teams of Hoover strikers who brought their story to UE Locals everywhere in the United States.

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Results Are Close In Primary Fight

With outlying areas still to be heard from, the returns in Tuesday's Democratic primary indicated an extremely close result. Local 301 President Andrew Peterson was trailing William M. Murphy, the Schenectady machine choice, by about 170 votes out of about 5,000 reported in most of the 31st Congressional District.

Dr. Walter S. Gross, running for state senate, also with the endorsement of the Local 301 membership and other unions, was in a similar close race. The state senate district includes Schenectady and Montgomery counties, while the Congressional district includes these two and Fulton, Otsego, and Hamilton.

Carry Montgomery

Peterson and Gross lost Schenectady county and carried Montgomery. Peterson lost Fulton and apparently carried Otsego. There were no returns available from Hamilton, where the Democratic vote is very small.

The winning of Montgomery county was largely the result of outstanding work by a small group of Local 301 members living in Amsterdam.

Excellent work also was done by many 301 and other volunteers in Schenectady county in canvassing and getting out the vote.

Peterson and Gross carried Rotterdam as well as the second and ninth wards of Schenectady, and many election districts in different parts of the city and Glenville.

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In Tight Race



ANDREW PETERSON

Peterson Says Thanks To His Supporters

Andrew Peterson gave the following statement to the Electrical Union News on Wednesday:

"When this was written, results of Tuesday's primary were inconclusive. However, regardless of the outcome, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of my friends, neighbors and co-workers who did such an outstanding job in this primary election. An especially good job was done in Amsterdam and Montgomery County, which we carried by a substantial majority.

"I ran in this primary because I was thoroughly disgusted with the bankrupt policies of the Schenectady Democratic organization which put up only token opposition to Congressman Kearney. I ran because I feel that our people cannot continue to pay the outrageous prices now being charged for the necessities of life. I ran because we need to take effective action on the plight of the hundreds of pensioners and elderly people who are now trying to live on a lower-than-subsistence allowance. I ran because along with all sections of the labor movement and the Clergy, I oppose the first peacetime draft. I ran because veterans are living in trailer camps and furnished rooms because of the failure of the government to build low cost federal houses. I ran because I know what the Taft-Hartley Law has meant and will mean to Ameri-

Union Reopens Case, Wins Member \$2,000

An additional workmen's compensation award just made to Jerry Suburro, 301 member, as the result of a reopening of his case by Marshall Perlin, the union's attorney, will bring him over \$2,000 in back pay because of reduced earnings. The amount is being computed now by the company.

Brother Suburro suffered a severe back injury in March 1944. At the time he was a piece worker. He was not represented by a lawyer when his case came up in compensation court then. He was given 33 1/2% disability, but nothing was said of loss of earnings.

Since then, because of his injury he has been forced to work at low-paying jobs in the plant. Under the law, he is entitled to have two-thirds of the reduction in earnings made up by workmen's compensation.

When Suburro's case came to the union's attention recently in connection with a grievance, the union attorney pointed out that the case should not have been closed. "I can workers, and because I want to return to the principles of the Wagner Act.

"I stood for these things before the primary. Indeed, I have stood for them all my life. Regardless of the outcome, I shall continue to stand for these things and to fight for them. I am proud of the support you have given me. Dr. Gross and I will still be candidates in the November election."

Similar views were expressed by Dr. Gross.

Membership Meeting

The August joint shop stewards' and membership meeting will be held next Tuesday at the union hall.

All shifts of shop stewards and the first and third shift members will meet at 7:30 Tuesday night, August 31. Second shift members will meet the following afternoon, Wednesday, September 1, at 1 p. m.

The meeting would normally have been held last week, but was postponed by the executive board because of the fact that a large part of the plant had just returned from a vacation shutdown.

No Overtime Rule Kept by Skilled Crafts

Skilled craft groups packed the 301 hall and overflowed into the street Wednesday afternoon, in protest against the company's refusal to correct the inequities in their rates. They decided, on a standing vote, with less than ten dissenting votes, to continue to refuse all overtime.

The meeting was called by the joint craft steering committee to act on the report of the negotiations last week, in which J. M. Howell, works manager, told the committees representing the tool room and machinist groups that the company would grant no raises in job rates for any of the crafts.

Call For Conciliator

While continuing to refuse the overtime, the crafts will not hold further walk-outs at the present time. The meeting instructed the steering committee to call for a government conciliator to enter the dispute. It also authorized the steering committee to make recommendations to the membership on further efforts to win the adjustment of rates.

A motion to resume weekly protest demonstrations was tabled after discussion showed that there was considerable sentiment for it, but also enough opposition to cause disunity.

Tailor-Made Survey

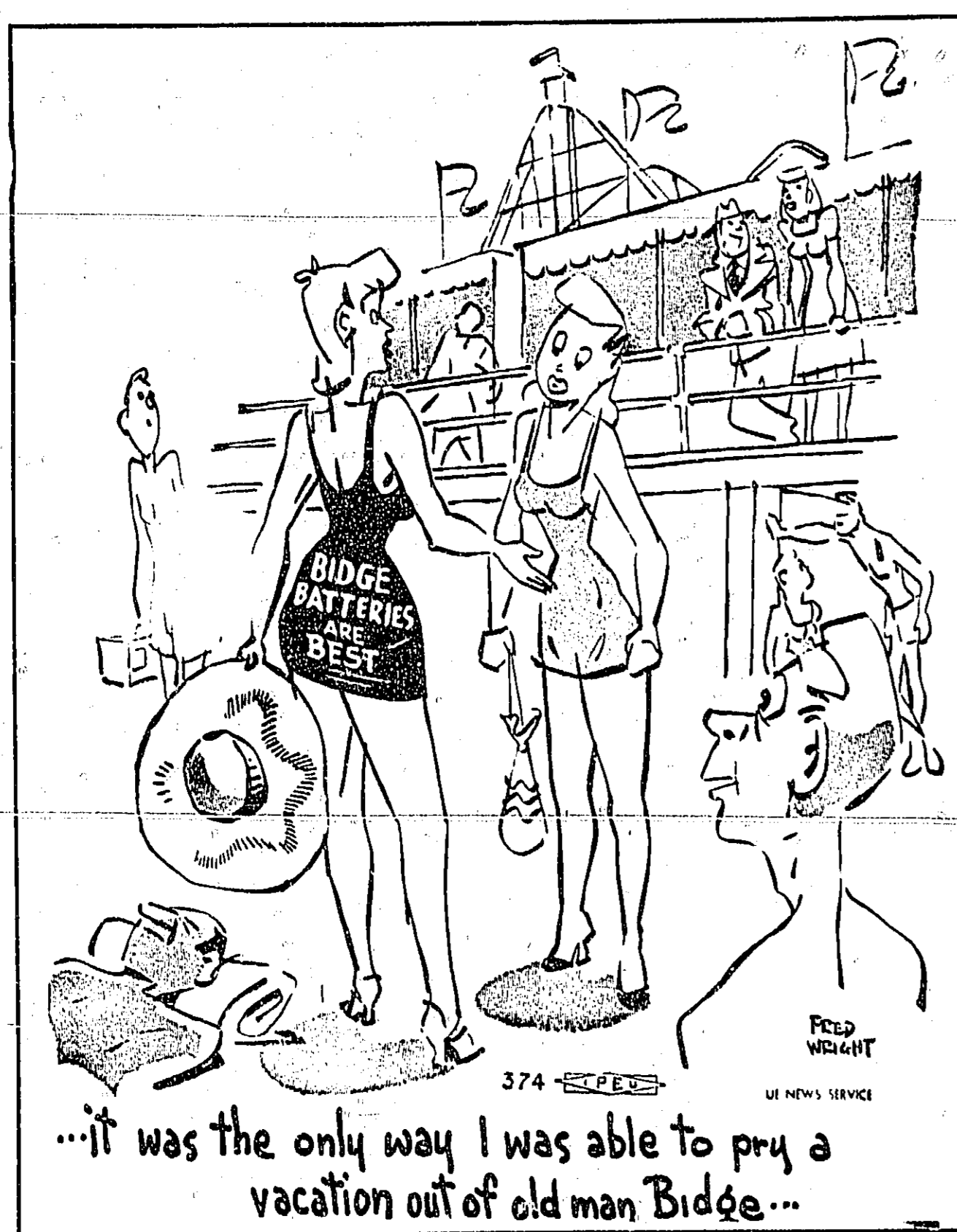
Leo Jandreau reported to the meeting that the company had chosen plants in the so-called "community survey" extending from Poughkeepsie to Rochester, in such a way as to obtain a "tailor-made result" to defend its present rates for skilled crafts.

The company on the one hand said the union was to blame for the craft rates being out of line, and on the other hand said the craft rates were adequate, Jandreau reported. He said that Superintendent Louis Male was unable to explain this contradiction.

Exclude High Rates Plants

Jandreau also pointed out that the company's "community survey" excluded certain very high rate companies in the area, even though their work was directly comparable to GE's, but included certain com-

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Appropriate

Philadelphia—We've heard of strikers setting up headquarters in some pretty unusual places but none quite as unique and at the same time as appropriate as the headquarters of the strikers at the Schutte and Koerting Cornwell plant here.

During their strike, which ended Aug. 2, S. & K. Cornwell workers who belong to UE Local 155, carried on their strike activities from a room in the Union Fire Station. Perhaps it was the fire-brigade technicians inspired by their surroundings that won a quick settlement of their strike.

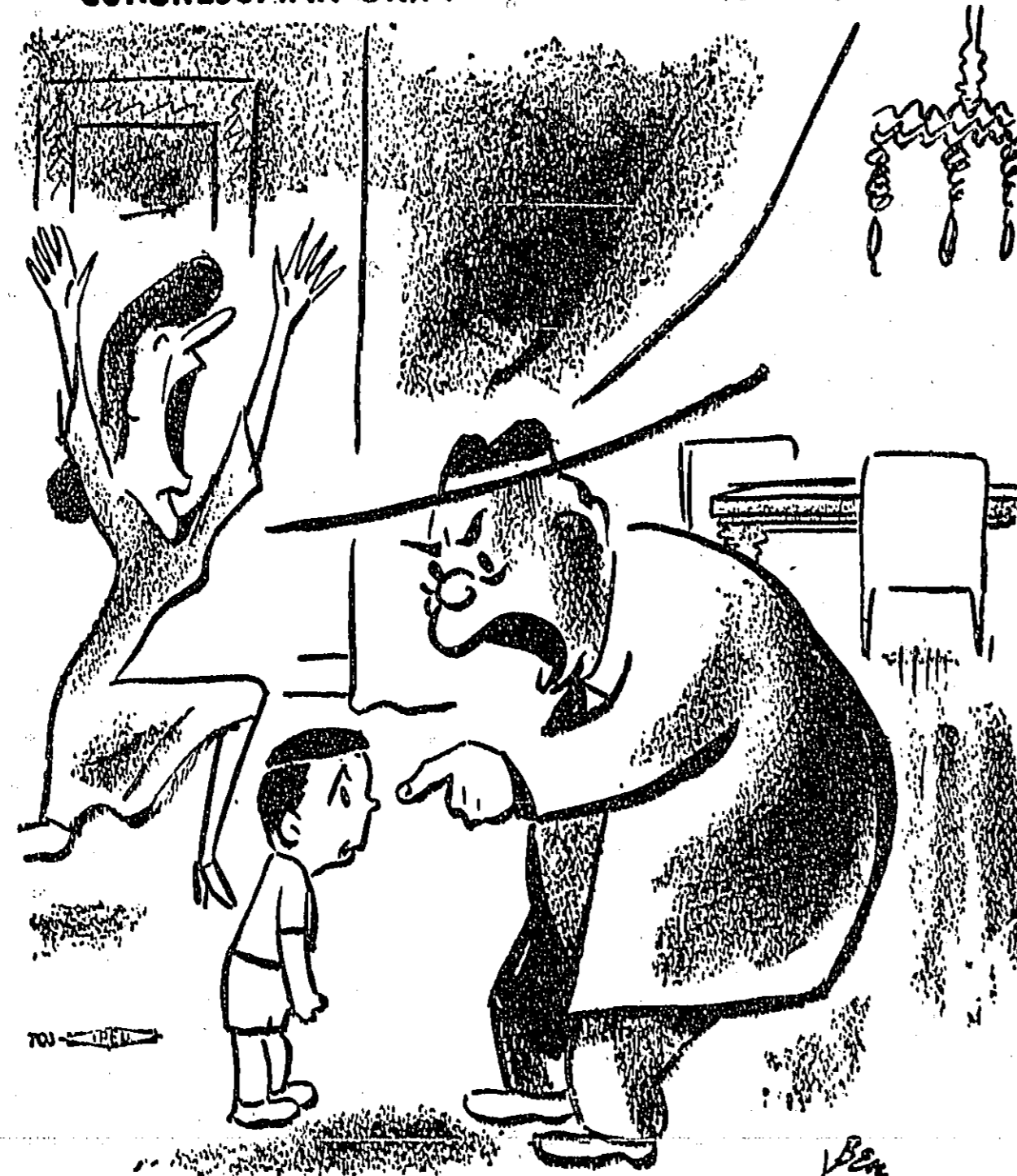
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The Special Session of Congress

By BRUCE WAYBUR
of UE Washington Office

The special session of Congress is over and it is time to tally up the score sheet. It looks like a great big goose-egg. You can't even say that they tried to accomplish something, but were blocked by one thing or another. They didn't even try.

If you count the number of hours Congress spent in session you can see how little they tried. In the whole two weeks they were here, the Senate met for the equivalent of 7½ eight-hour days, about half of which was spent in polite bipartisan filibuster on the poll tax bill. The House spent less than 4 eight-hour days in session; most of the time it just recessed and waited to see what the Senate would do.

What Congress Did

In all this time, what did they accomplish? They voted a \$65 million loan for the United Nations headquarters in New York City. They voted more help to the real estate interests to build homes that most of us can't afford. They voted to fight inflation by making it harder for us to buy refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, etc. on the installment plan. And that's all—except for one thing on which Congress acted with

remarkable unity and speed. That was to vote themselves about \$208,000 to pay their train fares to Washington and back home again, so they could go on with their campaigning.

When you consider that we pay our representatives in Congress \$15,000 a year for this—it doesn't look as if we got our money's worth. No price control. No public housing. No slum clearance. No anti-poll tax bill. No FEPC. No anti-lynching bill. No increase in the minimum wage or in old-age pensions. No aid to education. No flood control. No nothing.

UE Members Watched

The UE delegation that came to Washington August 4 and 5, saw and heard plenty to show that neither of the two old parties could or would do anything to help the people.

The Democrats called the session, but their leaders in the Congress told the UE delegates they couldn't even make their own members stay in line and vote for price control, public housing, and civil rights legislation. All of that stuff in their platform was just for campaign purposes.

Record Suits GOP

The Republicans stood arrogantly on their record of high prices for the housewife, Taft-Hartley injunctions for workers, and Quonset huts for veterans. They cozily cooperated with the Southern Democrats in filibustering against doing anything constructive in the special session. Senator Taft renounced his own housing bill, and Dewey's man, Senator Ives, strongly supported him.

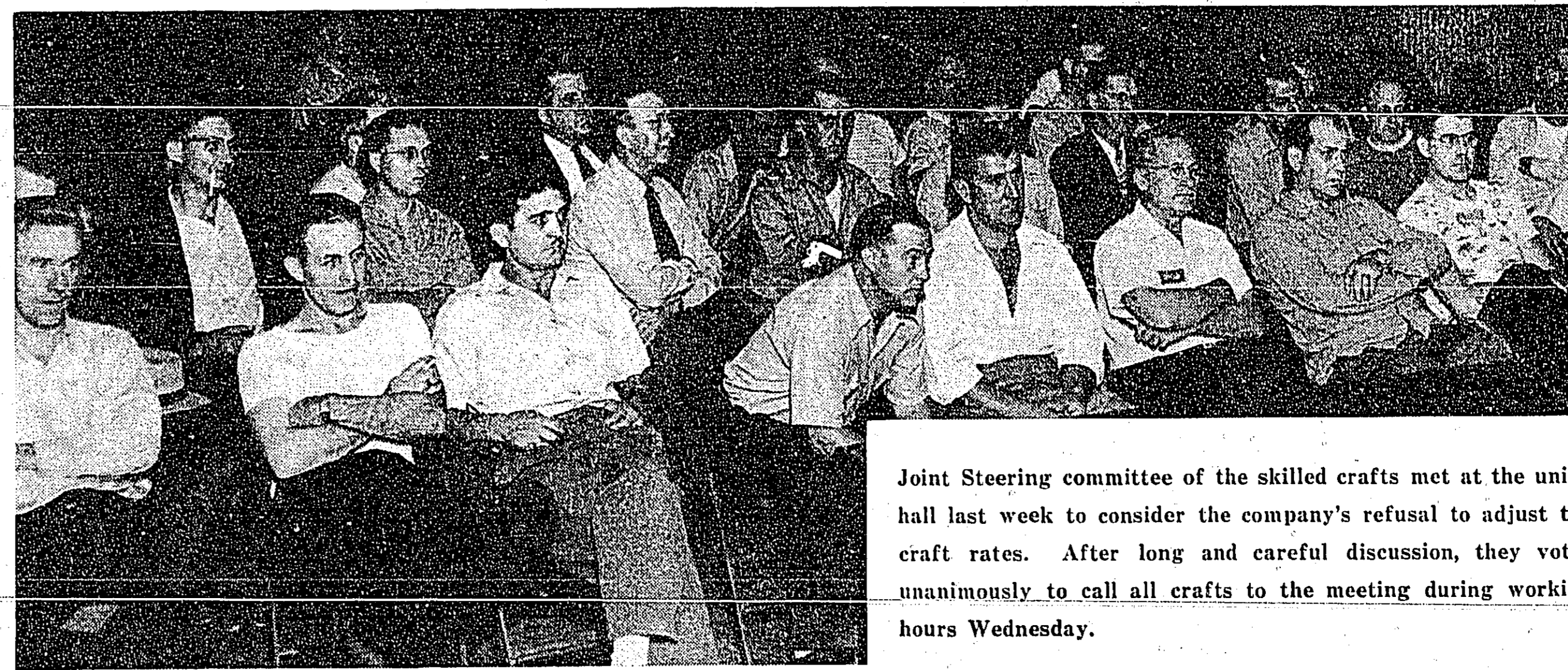
As one Senator told the UE delegates, the special session was a "1,000 percent political jamboree on the part of both the Republican and Democratic parties."

"Sweet Poison?"

Newspaper cartoons are one of the principal means by which Big Business gets its propaganda across against the people. They tell untruths pleasantly and make them sound convincing.

Typical was the cartoon in the last Works News (August 20), picturing "Prices" and "Wages" taking turns chasing each other. The fact is, of course, that since the end of price control, it has been entirely one way. Wages have been chasing desperately after prices, and not coming near catching up with them at any time.

Craft Delegates Plan Meeting



Joint Steering committee of the skilled crafts met at the union hall last week to consider the company's refusal to adjust the craft rates. After long and careful discussion, they voted unanimously to call all crafts to the meeting during working hours Wednesday.

Craft Fight

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panies whose work was not related to GE's.

The company also refused to consider rates of competitors in the industry, like Westinghouse and General Motors Electrical Division, and would not consider a government survey of rates in the industry showing higher tool and die rates, Jandreau reported.

A number of speakers declared that small groups within the various crafts were working overtime in violation of their groups' own decision, and appealed for full compliance with the membership mandate.

Strange Coincidence

Chicago—Here's one for your collection of strange coincidences. A few hours after the Belmont Radio Co. sent a letter to its striking workers asking them to come back to work, the strikers received another letter from Local 1031 IBEW promising them "all this and heaven too" if they would quit the UE and string along with them. Whether by accident or design both communications could have been written by the same person.

UE Local 1149 members answered both letters by turning out full force for their weekly picket line demonstration the day the company told the workers its doors were open. Not a solitary scab crossed the line to enter the plant.

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Control Stewards Fight Price-Cutting Drive

Union shop stewards are being called upon to fight increasingly frequent chiseling in the company's price-cutting drive in the Control Division.

An example was given in a grievance now pending in Building 81, in which 69 cents was taken off a \$16 price, by ordering a change which the men claim actually requires more time on the job.

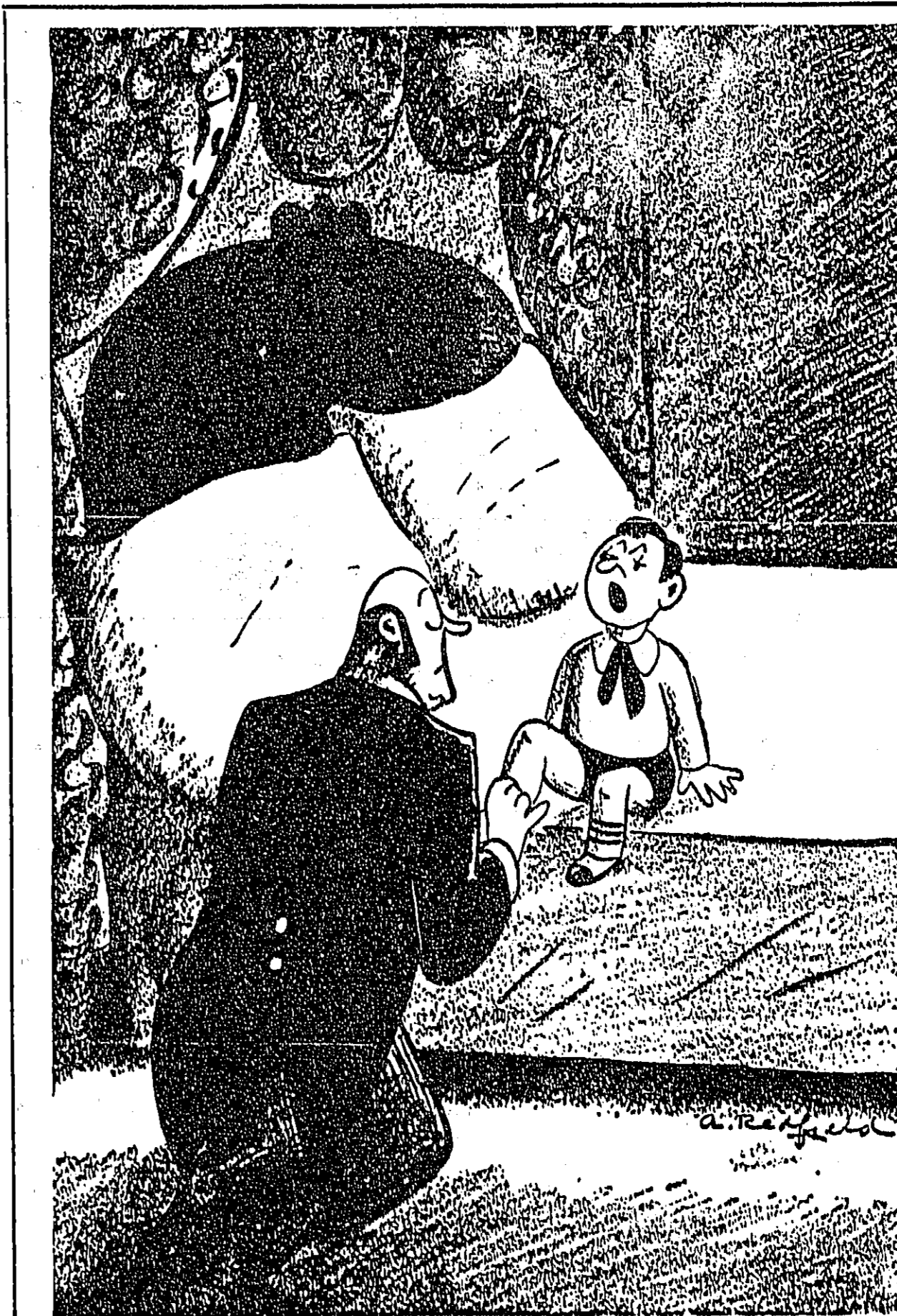
The job consisted of wiring a panel. The men tagged the longer wires, so they could be traced from one terminal to the other. The standard price for tagging was one cent per wire tagged.

On the job in dispute, Foreman H. R. Anderson decided that tagging was "not necessary", and that if the men wanted to tag the wires, they could do so without pay. Shop Steward Arthur Di Lallo pointed out that the tagging had always been the practice, and that it would take longer to do the job without tagging, because of the difficulty in tracing the wires.

The dispute has been referred to a sub-committee meeting of union and company representatives.

Pensioners to Meet

The monthly meeting of the UE-CIO 301 Pension Organization will be held next Wednesday, September 1, at 2 p.m., at the union hall, Liberty Street and Erie Boulevard. All GE pensioners are welcome.



"Until Cook files a Taft-Hartley affidavit, James, I cannot discuss your wages."

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