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**35 HOUR WEEK at 40 HOURS PAY TO PROTECT JOBS**

**EXTRA**

This special issue was ordered by the editorial committee in order that the membership may promptly get the facts on the membership meeting last Thursday night. The newspaper stories were distorted as usual.

**MEMBERSHIP ACTS ON BARGAINING AND CONVENTION**

Despite a highly-organized effort by Carey supporters to destroy democratic procedure and prevent consideration of the bargaining situation, the membership meeting Thursday night took the following important actions:

1. It unanimously ratified the program of the UE and Westinghouse Conference Boards. This program calls for activities to put pressure on the company in support of the union's objectives. It authorizes the national negotiating committees to call for a strike vote if the company still refuses to budge. Leo Jungreis pointed out that in UE strikes authorization can come only from the membership's secret ballot vote.

2. The membership by a big majority adopted the report of Local 301's ten delegates to the UE convention. The big first and third shift meeting at the Armory gave the report an overwhelming majority, despite an effort by Frank Kriess to break up the meeting by a completely illegal attempt to declare it adjourned without a vote or even a quorum. The two smaller second shift meetings at the union hall which included numerous shouting and booing Carey supporters from the first shift, voted to table action. The first meeting's margin of votes for the report was considerably more than the whole second shift attendance. This means an over-all majority for the report.

3. The Carey group showed its hand from the start by moving to postpone discussion of the strike issue until after the convention report. The later developments showed that this would have prevented any discussion of bargaining at all by tying up the whole meeting in futile issues.

Organized groups of Carey supporters also started right in baying and threatening to show their power.

James B. Carey and his defeated candidate for UE president, Frederick Kelley, made a surprise appearance and were admitted. After their uninteresting red-necking, they left before the vote and while Leo Jungreis was still speaking.

Frank President C. Kriess put the adoption of the 301 delegates' report to a vote. When a show of hands resulted in a big majority voting "aye," Kriess did not take the "no" vote but accepted a motion to table. A member pointed out that this was an obvious violation of procedure. Kriess suddenly declared the meeting adjourned and ran off the platform. He was followed by Frank Picciamo, recording secretary. A small group was left. Standing left the hall with them. When Picciamo arrived, William G. Miller took the chair and ruled that there had been no adjournment. Assistant Recording Secretary John F. Green, who was there, was an overwhelming show of hands for the report and a hand count of members present showed that they were a quorum.

Hodges declared that Kriess' conduct was "in gross violation of all rules and democratic procedure."

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