UE WINS JOB FIGHT

UE has shown the labor movement that a united front can stop a big corporation from carrying out plans to move thousands of jobs to a low-wage area sweatshop. This great victory was scored last week when the Westinghouse Company announced that it was abandoning plans to move more than 2,000 turbine jobs from its Eastingon, Pa., plant to Kingsport, Tenn.

This development spelled out victory in a year-long fight of tremendous importance to UE, which is the largest independent union in the United States. UE Local 502 accomplished at Eastingon, UE Local 391 can and will accomplish here.

UE's fight began when Westinghouse announced plans to move the Airframe Gas Turbine division to Kingsport. The Navy announced that it was making a $25 million gift to the Westinghouse Co. to help set up the new plant. Although UE Local 502 was in the midst of an IUE/CIO raid at the time, the union immediately launched a fight to save the jobs of Eastingon workers. The 8000 men and women at the plant rallied behind the union and support followed. Pressure was put on Philadelphia area political figures.

As this was going on, the company was depending on IUE/CIO disruption to drive the UE campaign onto the rocks. However, Eastingon workers settled that by driving the FUR $560 to $368 in an NLRB election. From that point on, there was no stopping the job fight. (For full story of the Eastingon fight see Page 2 and 3.)

UE NEGOTIATORS. George Burt, Big. 399, and Helen Quinlin, Big. 502, were UE Local 502's members of the UE National Negotiating Committee at last week's successor talks with GE. See story on left.

UE PETITION SPARKS DRIVE FOR TAX CUT

The UE Local 391 campaign to get workers to sign an 8% on hour raise petition to be considered by Congress is being powered by a petition.

UE leaders throughout the country are mobilizing support for the George 95-A base — which would raise hourly tax exemptions by $55, the equivalent of an 8 cents an hour raise.

The petition taking the rounds of the Schenectady Works calls upon Senator Lehman and Rep. Bayhery to back the bill.

Keynotes of the UE-American Federation of Labor committee is reported as voting against a similar tax cut bill. This hostility of Carey and Nader is a friend of labor.

The petition states in part: "The present Congress has given billions to already wealthy corporations by killing the excess profit tax. Congress has reduced taxes on dividends. The American people are seriously yearning for more. Lower taxes must be the keynote of a new Congress."

Plan Big Delegation

To UE Women's Parley

Schenectady GE women workers this week continued to make plans for settling a large Second UE National Women's Conference to be held in New York City on May 18 and 19. Purpose of the conference is to launch the second round of UE's national fight to end pay and parity discrimination.

In order to finance a big delegation, the women workers here have begun distributing tickets to a Give-Away Program. Prices include a Shakespearean dinner, a 50 cent dinner and 20 theme boxes.

DIRECT PHONE LINE TO UE INSTALLED

A direct line has been installed between UE Local 502's office at 2015 Broadway and the GE switchboard. Workers who have union business now go out and get their union by asking for UE Local 502.
STACKERS’ UNITY WON RATE CUT FIGHT IN 273

UE management let word was found. In May, a strike was called at the company’s plant in New York. The strike was a demonstration of the stackers’ unity, but it also showed that the issue was more than just money. The stackers decided to stay until the strike was settled.

The UE has scored big economic gains since split by Carey

The UE-CIO has been able to negotiate a new contract for the workers since the split. The contract includes:

- Wage increases ranging from $4 to $12 per hour.
- Three weeks of paid vacation after one year.
- $125 minimum pension.
- Seven paid holidays.

The wage hike amounts to $3 per hour, which is a significant gain for the stackers who have been working at a low wage.

CAP Machinists Fight Downgrades

Machinists in CAP2 have been laid off and given upgrades to downsized workers. They are currently working in a new location. They are planning to send a letter to the company stating their concerns.

200,000 Jobless in Steel

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 200,000 steelworkers are now unemployed, and thousands more are on short-time. A report to the OEO by the UE-CIO states that unemployment is on the rise.

Westinghouse to Start Final Phase of AGT Move in Near Future

Westinghouse announced that they will start the final phase of the AGT (Air Gas Turbine) move in the near future. The company has been laying off workers in recent months, and this move will likely result in further layoffs.

ALL FOR ONE, SAY SHIPPERS

A unity petition is being circulated among the shippers. The petition calls for unity among all workers and says that the community must unite to save jobs.

COMPANY YIELDS, 2,000 JOBS STAY

A victory for the UE in the Westinghouse case. The company has agreed to keep 2,000 jobs, and the workers are now looking forward to a future with stability.

Here Is How UE Did It!

A big job move by OE’s major competitor was stopped by UE in one of the most significant labor battles of 1954.

Last September, Westinghouse announced plans to move the AGT (Air Gas Turbine) plant to Kansas City. The move would result in the loss of 2,000 jobs.

In marked contrast to the way the Jandran case was handled, UE Local 107 came out fighting for the jobs of the members. UE united the workers, mobilized the community, and won the battle against Congressmen — and stopped the job move.

This victory was achieved in the midst of a disruptive UE-CIO raid and an NLRB election. The vote was 50-46.

The victory proved that when a fighting union, backed by a united shop, takes on the fight to keep a plant working, we can win our fight for jobs too!
Operation Jobs

Every GE worker in Schenectady has a vital interest in joining UE Local 301’s fight to keep Schenectady working.

GE Pres. Cordier has said the Co. plans to cut Schenectady down from 40,000 salary and production workers to 30,000. Two thousands production jobs have already gone. Whether or not your own job is one that is being moved out, GE’s policy is a threat to your earnings and conditions. There is bumping; downsizing; loss of overtime; short work week; rotation; undesirable shifts. The Company takes advantage with speed-up, reclassification, automation, formalizing out work. GE doesn’t plan to get out 33 per cent less work with 33 per cent fewer workers — It plans, by all the means outlined above to get out more work for less money. That means huge short-term profits for GE, but for GE workers long-term misery. For the country, in the long run it means depression, for the jobless can’t buy.

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**CIO’s NEW ROLE**

**UAW Assumes 'Stray Boss' Role To Boost Output**

The new day program being put into effect at Willys-Overland Motors, Inc., is a unique experiment in labor-management cooperation. The basic idea is to have the workers do the work, instead of the foremen doing it. The UAW-CIO is expected to prove that the Willys is stronger than in any other plant in the world, and that it can now adjust the size of its future lines to demand, instead of the other way around. The new organization will work with the UAW-CIO in an unprecedented manner.

This is line with the program presented to the Willys workers by Richard T. Dewey, UAW-CIO vice-president, and approved by them in a mass meeting at the Fords Factory, Wednesday.

**Transfer Of Workloads**

Two days later Mr. Dewey told the workers assembled in their assembly line that the old Willys is no longer the same. The workers, instead of being told what to do, will now be able to work and will be expected to follow the rules and regulations of the UAW-CIO.

**CIO Loads Wage Cut Drive ... Forces Speedup On Workers**

CIO Vice-President Stands Over Assembly Line to Increase Work Load and Cut Down Forces

CIO Official ‘Proud’ That Reuther-Carey Formula Throws Many Out of Work

CIO ‘Strength’ Is Judged By Ability To Jam Speedup, Pay Cuts, Layoffs Down Workers’ Threats

Medium induction motor workers are learning what it means when it says it’s going to spend $100 million for new assembly lines. The union, the company, and the workers.

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**Tube Workers Fight To Save Their Jobs**

UAW-CIO 260 workers, based on UE Local 301 this week, went into action to block plans for job-melting and large-scale layoffs in the Tube Division. The 260 workers, who are employed in the Sectional Hitting and Die Shop, worked to prevent the plans from going through. The workers said that the plans were based on a mistaken belief that the company could not afford to keep them working.

**EU CHALLENGES CAREY, JANEDRAN TO DEBATE**

James B. Carey, Lou Janedran and James Cognetta of the IUE-CIO have been challenged by UE Local 301 to a series of “Subway Gate” debates starting May 3.

**By a debate on the job situation with Carey and Cognetta the case for their respective unions,**

**Marles and Carey would return on May 6 to debate**

**whether McCarthyism and red-baiting are an “oath of guilt” to labor.**

**The window on May 7 would**

**be between Jimenez and Janedran on unionism.**

**All debates would be at the noon hour.**

**Voters Snow Under Un-American Thomas**

When J. Farrell Thomas tried last week to make a political comeback by seeking the Republican nomination for Congress on a platform of "100% McCarthyism," the voters in the New Jersey GOP primary answered by giving him only 12% of their vote.

**Thomas, the former un-American committee chairman, who went to jail for operating a vicious kickback racket, was squeezed out by a vote of 15,000 to 3,000.**
They Were Sold Out by Carey


8 Arrested on Violence Flares in General Electric Strike

SYRACUSE STRIKERS—Last year Syracuse GE workers represented by IUE fought company violence and strikebreaking at the plant for ten months. They were seeking to get back a part of the seniority and wage increases they were promised by the merger, but were sold out when Carey threw them under the bus.

Syracuse GE Lost UE Rate Protection and Seniority

Seven thousand workers at General Electric’s Syracuse plant went out on strike April 15, 1953. They had plenty of reason to strike. Three years before they had been forced to red-label and Carey promised to switch them from the UE to the IUE.

Under the IUE-CIO, the workers had lost the plant seniority they had in UE.

Under the IUE-CIO, they had lost the rate protection they had in UE; their rate still being 50 cents an hour and their wages had been slashed as a result of speed-up.

To compensate, the Syracuse GE workers quit their jobs and threw bitter lots around the-squealing Electronic Park plant. When they left the factory, the IUE-CIO members were forced to work-slowly, and the factory goes on strike.

IUE-CIO workers were left completely alone to fight the GE company, which for its part, spent millions of dollars to break the union. Company propaganda writers were able to take full advantage of the fact that the Syracuse workers were completely isolated by the Carey gang.

The Syracuse strike had the hoped-for result of the Carey gang of making—

“Little Matter” of $40,000.00

Leo Jendrusch for the IUE-CIO and Herbert Diike, attorney for the UE, have completed the long time hearing on the UE-GC rate dispute. The hearing lasted 10 days and the decision is due soon.

Jendrusch argued that the UG-C would appoint a new union leader to the IUE-CIO and that the contract will be settled.

Diike argued that the contract will be settled and that the workers will go back to work.

Another big difference in the two sides is the number of workers: union—35,000, UE—7,000.

No Right to Vote on Contract

No Right to Vote on Strike

“Nothing Will Happen”

Charles DeBakey, Regional Director for the National Labor Relations Board, was one of the first to call the IUE-CIO to the Syracuse General Electric workers. He said he will make the decision on the IUE-CIO contract with them if they go back to work.

Anyone who has seen the strike will realize that the IUE-CIO contract is the one that will benefit the workers.

IUE-CIO workers are up for a fight.
These are their words...

"UE-CIO is not uniting GE workers but exploiting them, wherever it has gotten into a plant. The GE Co. knows the union's weakness in every plant, and so do officials of the IUE-CIO. This is the reason why IUE-CIO has to grab at every chance the company offers; why it can't protect the workers in the day to day operations in the shops; why it sells out the workers in negotiations, and why it has to depend on empty threats and red herring to cover up its miserable record."

— Leo Jandrebom, Aug. 31, 1952.

"To defeat the strength of the IUE-CIO in 1950 and 1951 is split and disrupt our unity in UE, to keep a fighting union and our contract conditions, it was worth it."

— Leo Jandrebom, Feb. 21, 1952.

"Gerry is willing to risk any suffering on the part of the IUE-CIO membership if he thinks that the suffering will serve his purpose, trying to split UE."

— Leo Jandrebom, Sept. 19, 1952.

"The IUE has always been disrupting, antagonizing, trying to undermine the strength that exists for the people of the GE, trying to take away their ability to defend their interests with the company. It seems to me, this is not the way to get out of this mess."


"We did a good job and the fact is that we won the battle back in 1952 that they can't take us on our terms and on our record."

— Vincent Palmiero, Jan. 8, 1954.

"The decision of the union, the winning of the 1952 strike, was the last of many that the company will have to live with."

— William Matteini, Jan. 8, 1954.

"Our contract stands as the best in the country. Our unity is as strong as ever."

— Harry Williams, Jan. 8, 1954.

SPECIAL 2nd shift MEETING
for all bldg. 269 workers
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1954
1:00 P.M. (afternoon — prompt)

UE HALL
269 Broadway

1. What do we do about saving our jobs?
2. Clearing up all grievances

THE SITUATION IS URGENT!
SO IS THIS MEETING!

U.R. URG. EVERYONE TO ATTEND
No Politics With Turbine Grievances!

Turbine has always been the heart of the Schenectady Works and for that reason UE has always tried to keep the heart out of Turbine.

For months before the raid, Turbine workers have had this in stoppages only to go back without settling their grievances. The position of the company has been to refuse even negotiations during the stoppages. Too often the present UE-CIO clique has accepted this position, so that we have to go back to work -- getting nothing but vague promises which are never kept.

In the works since Coray and Jandrouc made their deal, the company has not only stopped up its program of seniority violations and rate cuts but has tried to provoke Turbine workers into disrupting actions. The Coray UE-CIO clique has cooperated with the company.

Among those who have been hurt most since the UE-CIO raid are the Stockers, scrapers, rigging mill crew, repairmen, smoke operators and fellers, loggers, salterers and bucket gangs. No one should be allowed to turn Turbine grievances into a political football in the company's game of layoffs, speedup and rate cutting.

Turbine workers want an end to short-time stoppages, irresponsibly called, indifferently led -- with the members kept in the dark and always abandoned. This has unfortunately been Jandrouc's way in recent years for persons which are now coming out.

The UE way, as demonstrated in the Stockers' successful fight against a rate cut, is regardless of union affiliation -- to

UNITE THE GROUP!
GIVE EVERYONE THE FACTS!
CHART A CLEAR COURSE OF ACTION!
GIVE FIGHTING LEADERSHIP!

In the Stockers' case, UE Local 301 united the rank and file, the Stewards and all three shifts.

There can be no successful fight against company attacks except through this kind of unity!

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL
NO UNION POLITICS WITH TURBINE GRIEVANCES!
KEEP THE MEMBERS FULLY INFORMED!
UNITY OF ALL TURBINE WORKERS UNDER THE UE CONTRACT!