Meeting Announcement

The Local 301 Officers and March membership meetings will be held at the headquarters on March 15th at 3 p.m. The meetings will take up the question of Local 301, in light of the recent recommendations made by the Membership Committee. Specifically, the recommendation to disaffiliate from the IUE-CIO is to be discussed.

Contract Belongs To Members

The Officers of Local 301 have taken the necessary precautions to protect the funds, the property, the name and all the financial interests of Local 301 members from any action by the National Labor Relations Board. The local has not been affected by any legal action.

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“I Congratulate You”

The following telegram was received at the office of Local 301 on March 17th:

To: Local 301 President

The U.S. government has declared war on Germany.

Yours sincerely,

S. McDaniel

Local 301 Stand On McCarthy

Local 301 stands by its support of Joseph McCarthy. The union does not agree with the accusations made against him by the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Internal Security of Government.

Local 301 The Members Come First

The Officers and Board of Directors of Local 301 have taken steps to prevent any further disruption of the members’ work. The officers have been in contact with the members and have assured them that the union will take all necessary steps to uphold their rights and interests.

Local 301 members were not affected by the recent strike.

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MEMBERS ENDORSE UNITY IN IUE-CIO

Both meetings of Local 301 voted overwhelmingly yesterday to disaffiliate from the IUE-CIO. The vote in the afternoon meeting was unanimous. Of more than 650 people at the second meeting, only 14 voted against the proposal.

The membership meetings thus enthusiastically ratified the meetings in the plant last week where 11,307 members voted to join IUE-CIO.

Thus members of Local 301 are now united in one solid block comprising 90,000 workers mobilized against the GE Company.

The vote followed the regular democratic procedures of Local 301. It followed a full and open discussion of the subject in which both National U.E. officers—James Bell and Julius Emspak—addressed the meetings.

The Union Hall was completely full. All but two newspaper reporters and photographers were kept out in order to permit Local 301 members to attend. Many members
Chief Steward Bill Mastronardi cleared the air of confusion created by Matles and Empak when he said:

"This move we're making now isn't the result of pressure from politicians — it's because of the basic Trade Union issues involved and because in order to negotiate with Boulware we have to have more strength."

Brothers Bill Stewart, Fred Shehan, and Joe Mangano also discussed the proposal and endorsed it 100 percent.

In addition to joining IUE-CIO, the members also voted to protect the Local Union funds. This now assures the members that no stealing or seizing of funds by outsiders can take place.

The meetings were chaired by President James Cognetta.

After the meetings were over, Brother Jandreau stated the feelings of the people when he said:

"Now that the members have acted and the outsiders have been overwhelmingly rejected, I hope that these outsiders will pack their bags and get out of town. Their continued presence here to carry on a campaign of disruption and smear will only play into the hands of the company."

Disruptors Kept Out

Only Local 301 members were permitted to attend the meetings yesterday.

Michael Jiminez, who is not a member of Local 301 and a gang of outsiders attempted to strong-arm their way into the hall to disrupt the meeting.

In his speech to the meeting, Brother Jandreau effectively exposed the outsider as a conspirator of a "Trojan Horse" clique that has been trying to work its way into the affairs of Local 301 for the past year.

YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Schonectady GE workers yesterday got a taste of IUE-CIO "democracy." Here's how it shaped up:

The meetings were held in which were obviously rigged and stacked. To accomplish this, the IUE-CIO worked night and day. Starting at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, several hundred people from the day shift were shoved into the UI Local 301 Hall on 1st Street. Most of them were kept all the entire day. They made it virtually impossible for all but a few second shift workers to squeeze into the hall to have their own meeting. The few second shift workers who did get in had to be screened by Joe Saccone who told members, "If I say no, stop." For the first shift meeting at 7:30 P.M., the same rigging and shocking tactics were used. Again, the rank-and-file union members were forced by cops to brave the freezing temperature and biting winds to "listen" to their union meeting from the streets. Many chauffeurs estimated that the cost of the planned meetings in last time amounts was $10,000.

When the votes were taken, cameras were turned on all those who dared vote to protect their union, their contract and their job security against IUE-CIO attacks.

During the day shift meeting, many sought in vain to take the floor and speak against the illegal ascension resolution.

The only reason that Jandreau and the IUE-CIO had to stack the meeting was that they had no arguments to support the forces presented by UI Director of Organization James J. Kilpatrick and by UI National Secretary-Treasurer Julius Hapke, who served as a charter member of Local 301.

Against the UI record of 19 years of service for the people, the ascension has taken its toll and is contributing to the downfall of the UI. Now is the time to destroy in a court that tax on a filing fee.

But the battle has only begun. The issues are still the same — to keep the IUE-CIO dictators from wrecking our union, our contract, our grievance procedure and our democratic way of running our union.

Jandreau has on many occasions testified to the superiority of the UI contract over the IUE-CIO agreement. He has frequently blasted Curley as a disruptor of the unity of GE workers and as an agent of Secrecy.

Schonectady GE workers know that this is true, and the IUE-CIO knows it. How we can expect that the IUE-CIOs will be able to do their tricks in the book to confuse the workers. It is important to go on ahead and attempt to prove your case. Your money is now being used to help get the IUE-CIO ready to commit.

Remember your UI agreement runs until April, 1936. The basic gains are protected in our contract regardless of our contract or our age of the coming year. The IUE-CIO contract expires in 1938. Our case has to put everything on the hustings.

One fact stands out. Only UI can protect Schonectady GE workers, their democratic union and their contract rights.