UE BANKRUPTCY EXPOSED BY LIE ABOUT SENIORITY

For the past three weeks UE's National Office boys have been running frantically about telling anyone who would listen to them that, "In UIE-CIO you will lose your Seniority." That was the only argument UE had that came close to being a Trade Union issue. The only other thing UE has been able to talk about are smears and mud-slinging stories directed at the leaders of Local 301. But the seniority lie is just as unfoamed as the smear-attacks on the leadership of our Local. There is no truth to either of them.

Proof of this is provided by a simple examination of the current supplements with GE plants throughout the industry. These supplements (reproduced here and on the back of this page) show that where UIE-CIO Local 301 negotiated supplements with GE and wasted substantial Seniority, they made it a part of their Contract guarantees.

That is true of such important GE Locals as Holyoke, Mass. . . . Philadelphia . . . Cleveland, Ohio . . . Poughkeepsie, N.Y. . . . Warren, Ohio . . . and other Locals throughout the country.

And in every case these Locals saw to it that "Union strength of continuous service is considered the major factor."

The UIE-CIO National Contract with GE provides for recognition of Seniority to govern the lay-off and calling procedure. The supplements then implement that National Contract allowance.

The very UE boys have relied on to spread these lies in order to get the workers agrees just how laughable that claim is. It has been explicitly stated in the National Contract that nothing is to be done to change union positions in the union contracts.

GE workers win a substantial wage increase and other important contract improvements this year . . . or whether they continue the record of no major gains that has marked UIE-CIO's national negotiations for the entire past five years.

Important gains can be won if Local 301 is united with 78,000 other GE workers in UIE-CIO plants in New York . . . Holyoke . . . Philadelphia . . . Pittsburgh . . . Cleveland . . . Los Angeles . . . San Francisco . . . Boston . . . Kansas City . . . and more than 60 other locations throughout the country.

If UE could do something to unite GE workers it would be able to argue the issue on a Trade Union basis; it would not have to lie and throw mud at the respected leaders of Local 301.

These lies and smears prove just how bankrupt UE is.

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VOTE BY MAY 14!

We should have our election May 14 — five weeks from today. That shapes up as the most likely date, because . . .

1. The petitioning is out of the way.
2. The Informal Conference is over.
3. The formal hearings are over.
4. The deadline has been set for final agreement.

Now the only thing that remains is for the NLRB in Washington to hand down its order for an election. That should be done within a week after April 17, the date for filing briefs. Between now and the 27th the Board should complete its study of the entire record of testimony. That record undoubtedly establishes the fact that a "strike" — that is, that GE workers are demanding a change in their Union affiliation. Once the Board is satisfied with it, it will then hand down its election order.

An election on May 14 will give every party plenty of time to present its case. Any delay by UE after that time will only show just how low that outfit has stooped in its company's dirty work. UE is responsible for the delay and the company is taking full advantage of it. But UE tries to hold this fact and blame UIE-CIO Local 301 for it.

However, people can see through this shabby trick.

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FL-O-P Goes UE's Phony Legal Stunts

During the past week the trustees and officers of the National UE were being put up in a scramble to get the money and power they want. All their "jurisdictional" "suicide" . . . "stalemate" . . . "threat" . . . "cloud" and other legal jugglery have been used to try to make us forget the fact that the members of the locals were forced to accept the two-year contract that the company has been trying to impose on us. The "meaningless" order against UE by the December 30, 1924, by the UIE-CIO was vacated last Friday. The "insolent" rage against the Officers was also exposed as a lie when the New York judge refused to let a suit be filed over his name by the Screen Writers.

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Eric GE Moves To Join UIE-CIO

UE workers in Erie have followed the lead of Local 301 and are moving to join UIE-CIO.

Erie GE workers agree that UIE is through in GE. It is practically through in the entire electrical industry.

Erie workers in GE - while many of them are still on the job working are fighting for their right to free and fair collective bargaining. They are fighting for the right to strike. They are fighting for the right to be heard by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington.

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T-V TONIGHT

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Rosemary C. Smith, Secretary

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What Rome Workers Think of 'Mike'

(Printed below are statements made by some of Rome 301 GE workers denouncing Jimenez. Dozens of similar statements were made, but the press of other news would not permit use of more of them in this edition of the Local 301 News.)

Local 301 workers who have lived for years in Rome, New York, state that Jimenez is a vile person. "He is a terrible influence on the workers who work under his direction. He is constantly railing at workers who dare to stand up for themselves." One worker said, "Jimenez is a bully. He has no respect for the workers he works with. He is always trying to get away with something."

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The richly-furnished home of Mike Jimenez, UE Organizer, atop Sly (7?) Hill, overlooking Rome.

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I am interested in the scheme.

I am sure what it is.

I tell you how to do it.

I will try to do it.

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How National UE Permitted Seniority Sellout That Resulted in Harm to a Member of 301

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America

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October 1, 1965

Fred J. Shanahan
Assistant Business Agent
GE Local 301
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Brother Shanahan,

In reply to your letter of September 15, 1965, it is true that a number of plants have arrangements with the United Steelworkers of America to transfer employees from the steel industry. These arrangements have been developed in the past as a result of the need for moving employees from one industry to another, particularly in the areas of California and the Southern states.

The National Union has no agreement with the National Company of any kind concerning the above situation. The only agreement the National Union has is contained in the agreement between the UE and GE.

I hope this answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Tarkowski
International Representative

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U.E. Buys Shop Stewards

That is What Happened to San Barber at Cap III

San has been going to 214 Broadway and as a result of making deals with the Out-of-Team Conservatives, he is being paid for his time.

The National U.S., sold San a bill of goods — that U.S. will bring more work to Cap.

They did not show San that the G.E. plant in Long Beach, U.S., Local 301, laid off 225 of the workers because the refrigerator work was transferred to Louisville, KY.

They did not let San know that the U.S. lost the MEU election in Louisville and it is now represented by UE-CIO.

San Barber did not explain the undemocratic procedures carried on by the New York National Officers for the past 4 weeks.

Ask San how he can justify the following to the Local Shop Stewards, members:

1. Sent telegram from U.S. firing local officers who were elected by members.
2. Had a U.S. Judge grant an injunction against the Local against an attempt to continue our local treasury and take over our property.
3. They appoint temporary officers without consideration of membership.
4. They notified the U.S. not to recognize the elected officers, Executive Board members and stewards in order to stop the settlement of grievances.

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