Local Contacts GE On Copper Cartel

Local 201 has called on GE officials to see their influence to break up the world copper cartel which has created an artificial shortage of copper and has caused many recent layoffs at the Schenectady GE plant.

A resolution passed unanimously at the membership meeting Monday night asked the GE heads to "exercise their influence with their controlling interests, the House of Morgan and the First National Bank in New York, to assure that the International Copper and Phases Dodge will throw off the world cartel and resume full production in order that there may be a full supply of copper to keep our members employed."

World Copper Monopoly

The Federal Trade Commission has charged that Phases Dodge and International Copper are two of the six copper cartels which, through an international cartel, created an artificial "unnecessary" shortage of copper to keep copper prices high.

The Schenectady Wire Workers Group, a local of Local 201 which is in a contract dispute with GE, announced that it will file suit with the Schenectady Labor Group to have the GE contracts challenged.

FOOTNOTE

About Jim McGarry

Jim McGarry, who was honored at the Schenectady Union's annual meeting last night, was named the "best laborer of the year" by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

His award was presented in recognition of his efforts to improve working conditions for electrical workers throughout the country.

Even Hugh Crane Now Admits High Profits

Remember how Hugh Crane, who wrote a column for the World News, boasted at the National Labor Council meeting that "the whole country is being taxed to support the war effort"? Now he has come out and admitted that his words were based on "inaccurate" information.

Crane, who is known for his extreme anti-communist views, has been forced to admit that he was wrong in his previous statements.

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The local 201 executive board is urging all members to support the city workers' strike, which began last week.

Members Vote Tuesday On 301 Constitution

Proposed changes to the Local 201 constitution will be voted on by the membership meeting at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the union hall. The Constitution Committee has recommended the changes.

Villano Winner of Contest for Union Members

Villano, 35, has won the contest for the Best Electrical Worker of the Year award, sponsored by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

Radio sophomore Lucy Perrelli will attend the ceremony in New York City to receive her award.

Machinists' Cases

The staff of the Machinists' Union officials has been helping workers at the local plant to settle their grievances.

The union has been successful in many cases, including the one involving the workers' demands for better working conditions.

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Three Candidates In Race for Queen
The first candidacy entered in the annual contest for queen of the Local 601 was that of Edna Jones, of 810 North Broad Street, Wilmington, Del. Other entries are Evelyn Harker, Bilge, St. and Bertha Reids, Bilge, St. The committee of the secretary has asked all Local 601 members to see that candidates are reported from their departments. The girl whose name scores highest in the field shall be announced as queen at 1:00 and the second place will be selected later. The contest will begin on Monday, March 1.

President, N.C. Labor Union
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Newcomers Hired On Skilled Jobs
Within recent weeks the company has hired persons with practical service skills and new employees who have been trained for specific occupations, including skilled and semi-skilled jobs, such as mechanics, electricians, machinists, welders, and inspectors. These new hires have been welcomed into the workforce, and their integration into the company continues to be a priority.

Volunteers Needed
The local union is seeking volunteers to help organize new local organizations and expand the existing ones. Volunteers are needed to assist with organizing new local organizations, including assistance with membership drives, recruitment efforts, and other activities aimed at increasing unionization in the region.

Hearse Mourned Tonight
National CIO president Charles F. Murphy will be honored tonight at a special service held in his memory. The service will be attended by dignitaries from the labor movement, including union leaders and members. The event is a fitting tribute to his lifelong dedication to the labor movement and his commitment to improving the lives of workers.