GE OFFERED

WAGES
AN INCREASE AVERAGING 6% AN HOUR
BASED ON 'ADDER' INCREASE FROM
17% TO 19% ON SEPT. 51 RATES.

DAILY RATES
NOTHING

JOBS
NOTHING

40-HOUR WEEK FOR 40-HOURS PAY TO FIGHT
LAYOFFS. END TO SUBCONTRACTING, FARMING OUT, GEOGRAPHICAL
DIFFERENTIALS.

PENSIONS
NO IMPROVEMENTS

$16 MINIMUM EXCLUSIVE OF SOCIAL SECURITY . . . . . FULL PENSION AT EMPLOYEE'S OPTION AT AGE 60 (55 FOR WOMAN) . . . . PENSION ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE ALREADY RETIRED WORKERS.

INSURANCE
NO IMPROVEMENTS

MINIMUM SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT BENEFIT INCREASED TO $40 A WEEK . . . . . ALL BENEFITS TO PENSIONERS, WIDOWS AND DEPENDENTS . . . . FULL COVERAGE FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS . . . . ALL COSTS PAID BY GE.

HOLIDAYS
PAYMENT FOR SATURDAY HOLIDAYS
EIGHT PAID HOLIDAY . . . . ALL STRINGS REMOVED FROM HOLIDAYS.

VACATIONS
NO MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

2 WEEKS AFTER ONE YEAR
1 WEEKS AFTER 10 YEARS
4 WEEKS AFTER 20 YEARS

* This is only a list of some of the most important GE goals.

The Company offer is tied to extension of the UE Contract, which already runs until April, 1955, and to acceptance by June 7, 1954.

THE UPPER WEARING HOUSE

Inside Staff

Among the claims which UE forces into the open is the current hearing for $15,000 made out to Marshall White, the "independently" run, by Lee Jerodine and Joe Whitehead. It is Whitehead who is the "independent." They were "merged" more than $15,000 in UE Local 301 funds without the knowledge and cooperation of the bookkeeper, Whitehead.

Some who turn up in this mess as ten and tenancy are
Yap, Frank Fleishman, Lee two weeks after taking a $20,000 "advance" from GE and withdrawing all but $250
Joint the local's other $12,000.

They are attempting an independent union, UE Local 301 members, the Jerodine clique, without the UE-CIO
leadership. And what passed out the UE are not the UE
leaders, they are the Jerodine clique, Florio.

The none are older than the best and the few cards at
most outnumber them workers.

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Let's swap!

UE Presses Demands In GE Negotiations

UE negotiators met with the company in New York City on contract improvements on Tuesday. This was the day on which the UE-CIO contract, had at it on seniority and rate protections, went on a day-to-day basis.

TURBINEUNITYGROUP
SURVEYS GRIEVANCES

The fight of the Turbine workers to achieve unity on the basis that an injury to one is an injury to all has merged forward last week with the meeting of a 12-member unity group representing all of the U.S. GE-CIO workers.

This group, in turn, was formed over a grievance over the Turbine worker's contract. GE's offer was to pay an extra $1,700,000 per hourly rated worker.

TURBINE-GE workers have decided to make a protest against the company's offer of a "Take It or Leave It" basis. The company has been unable to get their offer accepted by next Monday.

In nothing with the Turbine group, which has rejected the offer on the basis in the last four years, there has been the GE proposal "Take It or Leave It."
Nothing today is more important to Schenectady GE workers than the FIGHT FOR JOBS — the fight to protect our livelihoods, our wages, our working conditions, the right of our families to live in decency.

In order to coordinate this fight the U.E. Local 301 Policy Committee, made up of representatives from throughout the Schenectady works, has adopted a statement of U.E. goals and methods in the FIGHT FOR JOBS. Excerpts from that statement and a partial list of signatures are published below:

GE President Seidler's statement of last November that 10,000 workers would be laid off from the Schenectady plant has been followed by a series of company statements to the effect that there is no reason for concern. Mr. Seidler as recently as last month tried to quiet the concern of GE workers and the community by announcing that $10 million would be spent on improvements to the Schenectady Works...

We find however, that in the last six months more than 3,000 GE Schenectady workers have been laid off in production and maintenance. A 32 per cent output is scheduled for Turbopump. Every day, more familiar faces are minus, more workers are forced to scatter from the plant and to go to the streets working for a subsistence. A 32 per cent output is scheduled for Turbopump. Every day, more familiar faces are minus, more workers are forced to scatter from the plant and to go to the streets working for a subsistence.

In the bumming process, many are becoming disorientated — family relations, friendships, hopes dashed, increased work loads. For as the 32 per cent output will be reduced to 27 per cent, it is every reason to believe that by "improvements" he means automatic machines which will be operated by fewer workers.

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Company Defines "Patriotism"  
As Loyalty To GE Profits

Loyalty to the General Electric Co. is the same as loyalty to our country, GE declared in a shocking statement before a Washington Court, Friday, May 27.

For reaching policies were proclaimed by GE in hearings before Judge Tanen in a

Bldg. 107 Worker Exposes

Intimidation by IUE-CIO

Jim Petit, a war veteran who is still under hospital treatment as the result of a crippling polo attack, the other Frank D'Anjou, IUE-CIO "Boys" member and three others, with intimidation. Here's the story in Petit's own words: "I am employed out of Bldg. 107 as a central fitter. On Thursday, May 20, I went out on strike and did not return. That night, I received a phone call telling me the GE cards are back and the IUE cards have to be a job. If I refuse, I will be blacklisted. As we see it in the main halls are being cut off to their jobs, building our reviv- 

JIMMY HENNESSEY, 14th. "What impresses me most is GE's democracy. That's what I like, it's a ques- tion of a selfish act or some- thing, that the number is on the one side.

POWERHOUSES ACT

On negotiations

Powerhouse workers are moving through UE to improve working and overcome the results of their operations

A petition hearing, the name of many powerhouse workers in the Shoreham plan, will be made part of UE's national negotiations. Calling for holiday pay, the shutdown of work schedule, and the end of the 18-hour shifts, the petition will be brought to the New York City negotiations by an enlarged powerhouse workers' delegation.

UE HALTS PAY SLASH IN 273

Selvatore Castiglione, a radial drill press operator, in Bldg. 273 has been idle since taking a wage cut of $1.60 an hour thanks to the UE Local 301 grievance machinery.

Castiglione, who has 19 years service, has been on piece work since taking an average earnings of $2.00 an hour. Recently, the company told him that he was to be transferred to a new machine, adding in the process of being de- cimated, a new hour, a new machine. Management warned him that he would have to accept day rate of $1.80 on the machine.

When Castiglione refused to take such a huge pay cut ($1.30 a week), he was told by GE that unless he would take it or his job would be
"At the time that I went out on strike, I do not have a job. In my 27 years, I have never been blacklisted. The same thing applies to the IUE cards. I will take the IUE cards and the IUE cards are back to work. If I refuse, I will be blacklisted.

UE STOPS GE SHORT-CUT

UE Local 301 rallied to company for short-changing the workers by B&O and precluded management in making good all the time. The new GE workers have taken their time and have set up a system that is not only working for them, but also for the GE workers.

UE Local 301 MEMBERSHIP AND STEWARDS' MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 7

1st and 3rd Thurs., 7:30 P.M.

2nd Thurs. - 12 Midnight

SCOTTISH HALL

20 CLINTON STREET

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RAISING DON’T PAY!

Official National Labor Relations Board figures show the complete failure of the IUE-CIO raiders to make a dent in UE strength within the GE chain since the original split in 1930.

In the four years since the split, Casey has launched hundreds of raids, spending millions of dollars of his members without their authorization — disrupting, dividing, confounding.

In the period following the 1950 split, according to the official U.S. government figures, the IUE-CIO has been able to take from UE only the following:

- A group of 8 boiler room workers in Cleveland; 2 warehouses in New York and California with a total of 56 workers; 6 men in Fort Wayne; 4 California shops with 84 workers; the 300-worker Phinney Glass shop in Ohio; and a 700-worker shop in Des Moines, Ill.  — TOTAL: 996 workers, and that's all.

At the same time, 1,500 workers who had left the UE, turned back to raids and returned to the ranks of UE.

- In addition, despite the IUE-CIO interruption and confusion, UE has succeeded in organizing seven new shops and units in GE since the split including:

- Lowell, Mass.; Toronto, Ont.; GE Lock Medical, Rahway; Youngstown, Ohio; Embick's Works, Ontario, Canada; Madison Falls; and Fort Edward, New York — TOTAL: WORKERS ORGANIZED 2,492.

The net gain for UE in the GE chain since 1958 has been 7,254 workers.

These figures show how poorly are Casey's claims that UE is dying and that his raiding is aimed at achieving unity. In 1940 and 1950, the Casey raiders, helped by the company, split GE workers who had been united in UE. Now in 1954, the Casey-Jandreau raiders have created confusion, disruption, disunity in Schenectady GE, even as they did in '50 and '51.

In 1949, Leo Jandreau told the UE National Convention:

"No honest trade unionist can condone raiding or reversion." Jandreau added:

"We can not afford to give those people time who are hell-bent to bust this union up."

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