UE STALLS ELECTION!

For two hours and 20 minutes Wednesday afternoon UE's New York City boys complained, criticized, spilled and appealed at the NLRB hearing at Court House in attempts to delay an election. Then David Scrbner, UE Attorney, picked up his brief case and asked for an extension of the hearing until some time in the future on grounds that he had to "catch a train!"

Local 422, Bloomfield GE, Quits UE, Joins IUE-CIO

Another big GE shop has quit UE!

On Monday, March 22, the Officers, Executive Board and Shop Stewards of Local 422, Bloomfield, N. J., voted to disaffiliate from UE and affiliate with IUE-CIO.

This was followed by a membership meeting Wednesday night when the vote was 710 to 88 to get out of UE and united with 98,000 other GE workers in IUE-CIO. In taking their vote, Local 422 members took full recognition of the importance of the decisions by Local 301 to unite the entire GE chain in one Union.

They all agreed that UE is through in GE.

Local 422 was the last GE plant held by UE in District 4.

The decision was overwhelmingly in spite of a last-minute appeal to the Bloomfield leaders to stay in UE by Joe Domany, one of the New York City boys who made a real duel to Bloomfield from Schenectady. For the past two weeks Schenectady has been in Bloomfield trying to drum up some form of leadership for the UE.

Leading the group that endorsed IUE-CIO in the GE bond are President George Begina and Chief Steward Charles Ziegler.

Bloomfield GE is an Air Conditioning plant. It presently employs approximately 1,400 people and is growing due to the expansion of air conditioning by GE.

Actions by Local 422 followed by one week the move made by Local 301 to unite the entire GE chain in IUE-CIO.

The same day as Local 501 disaffiliated, the members of Local 1227 GE in Long Island City did the same thing.

Just previous to the disaffiliation of Local 422, the 1,000 members of UE Local 438, Newark GE Lamp, also disaffiliated by overwhelming vote at two membership meetings. Newark workers are now awaiting their election so that they can officially confirm their membership in IUE-CIO.

In the meantime, UE has shown its contempt for the rights of members in Newark as they have in Schenectady. After the leadership of Local 438 recommended that the membership join IUE-CIO, UE's ever-present National Officers moved in.

They declared that the elected officers did not represent the members. So they appointed their own representatives. A woman who had been an insignificant division steward was suddenly told she was "President" of the Local and that 31 people who came to her meeting were the "memberships."

So the pattern is the same everywhere. As soon as the members exert their democratic rights and show that they intend to run their own affairs, UE's New York City Officers, with their New York lawyers and their New York organizers move in and take over.

That's democracy - UE style!
Outsiders Base Campaign on Rumors, Fear, Smear, Lies and Confusion

UE's campaign of rumors, fear, smear and confusion is continuing. In case you haven't heard, the latest lie is that in UE-CIO you stand to lose money. When you question these professional lies from New York City, Rome and elsewhere as to just how you can lose money, they answer: "Don't worry about how—you'll lose."

They can't tell you how you will lose. So they try to scare people into making them think they might lose.

The truth is that nothing will be lost. The UE-CIO Contract provides the same pay/work safeguards and protection of standard prices as the UE Contract. Both provide for maintenance of the "none-hourly" plan.

The basic provisions of UE's current contracts with GE were won when all GE workers were united in one Union—the CIO. Furthermore, the important thing is just how strong and able a Local Union is in carrying out its responsibilities.

It is this militant policy of our Local Security Committee and Supplement of grievances that has enabled Local 301 to win the highest rates and the best conditions of any UE shop in the GE chain. The National Officers were not responsible for winning what we have today. In fact, if the negotiations were to start again, every GE worker would see an immediate loss in his wages and conditions.

It is the application that counts. And that application will continue in UE-CIO just as it has in the past. But in UE-CIO, Local 301 members can be sure of winning an improved National Contract, for then we will be united with almost 100,000 GE workers throughout the country.

Cognetta Raps Disruption By the Outsiders

Last week the outside organizations, with the aid of the press, began spreading the grievance machinery of Local 301 and work was suspended on the members to a desperate effort to prevent the settlement. GE workers from uniting with the great majority of all GE employers.

The time was sent a telegram, signed by the GE Vice President, to the Secretary of Labor, stating that the settlement had been reached and would be announced. The telegram, dated March 16, stated that the settlement included a number of provisions that had been negotiated in the past.

It further stated that the defense of the International Longshoremen's Association was not in the interests of the workers.

Local 301 President James Cognetta opposed this action on the grounds that it was an attempt to disrupt the negotiations.

President Cognetta said that the National Officers of UE will continue to do this job, but the members will not be successful unless there is support from their members in the local.

There is a real danger that the members will not support the negotiations. If the members do not support the negotiations, they will not be successful.

Get involved in the negotiations and show your support to the members. If you do not support the negotiations, you will not be successful.

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McCarthy's Record Of Smear-and-Run Finally Catching Up With Him

J. Edward McCarthy, the man who in the words of Senator Joseph B. Clark is "the most dangerous man in America," is in real trouble now. The election of 1962, when he failed to get re-elected, was a real blow to McCarthyism. Since then, the tide has been turning against him. The U.S. Senate, in a vote of 51 to 49, voted to censure McCarthy, the first such action taken against a member of the Senate. This is a significant victory for those who believe in the rule of law and the Constitution.

UOE-CIO Demands Raise, Union Shop

In an attempt to show the strength of its membership, the UOE-CIO, a union of naval construction workers, has called for a strike if the company does not grant its demands for a raise and a union shop. The union has been struggling for many months to improve the working conditions of its members, who work in hazardous environments. The company has refused to negotiate, and the union has decided to take action.

We Did It Before - We Will Do It Again!

GE Schenectady Workers have been united for more than 15 years. Unity is in us at Schenectady means better pay envelopes. It means better working conditions. It means better treatment by management. It means that we are united and we demand our rights. This is the spirit of the Schenectady workers.

But the Company and the IUE say the workers have it all wrong. They say unity means giving in on the UE contract which has been in effect for more than a year. They say unity means giving up the right to strike, to protect their jobs and to demand better working conditions.

The spirit of the UE workers is in the UE contract. It is a contract of unity, of solidarity, of dignity. It is a contract that says we will not accept less than what we deserve. It is a contract that says we will not be deprived of our rights.

We Are United.

The UE workers have not been beaten yet. The UE workers have not been defeated. The UE workers will fight back. We are united. We will win.

301 Pioneered In Gains For Women

Mona Quinlan knows facts. She knows that the first agreement providing for maternity leave for women workers was made in 1934, in Local 530 of the IUE. This is a fact. She also knows that the first agreement providing for maternity leave in the electrical industry was made in 1938, in Local 301. This is a fact. These agreements were important because they helped to improve the working conditions of women workers.

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