Membership Rejects IUE-CIO Blitz Tactics

Frozen Out Of Their Union Hall

Membership meeting is coming to a close quickly at the attempt of James R. Casey and Lee Andrew to blitz union in one week. The Union that IP workers in Schenectady went 17 years to build.

Who wouldn't such a serious meeting in advance be discussed in a hall big enough for the membership to get in? Why were the IUE members on admission? Why did we come to remind the local treasury in last time to hold on through the December deal with James R. Casey?

The IUE Local 360 Constitution contains provisions for orderly procedures and changes. Why did the testimonial committee fail to meet to discuss the possibility of calling local union officers to provide the necessary leadership? Why did the Local 360 members who wanted to speak against the contract delay the floor?

Look Around Town

These questions are being asked everywhere in the shop. Villagers in Schenectady don't have to look far for the answers. They have seen a CIO worker at the other end of the floor for many years. What's the history? Who's asking for the Local 360 little leadership, just the locals?

SECOND SHIFT workers arriving for their meeting find the entrance to their union hall blocked. Two and about 50 workers under security. As word gets around that selected first shift workers on their way into the hall at 5:00 P.M., the locked-out second shift workers slowly show their disapproval. Among them, frequent visitor by the screening stand: Roger Seccombe, William Flaherty (foreground), part-time President and Vice President of UE Local 360.

UE Won't Give Up Contract Protections

What Casey and Andrew are saying is that UE gave in to terminate its superior contract which has another year to run.

That's what majoring in a discussion of this year's contract is all about. UE's contract talks have been completely ignored. The company would like to make that point clear to the membership.

The UE contract expires in March with everything covered in the contract. Again, some things will be completely ignored. The company's interest is completely different from other negotiations.

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