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Wage Reopener — March 15th

The membership-stewards meeting went on record to instruct the delegates to the U.S. Conference Board to fight for a substantial increase, particularly for the day workers.

In the Schenectady G.E. plant the really severe cutout in our bargaining unit are the day workers. The ratio between day workers and plant workers was approximately 10000 day workers to 6000 plant workers. The day workers have a long-standing complaint that they are affected by the opening equally as much as the plant workers, but their gains are frozen at the job rate. A day worker's job rate is usually three or four below a plant worker's job rate for the same job. Liberal, a plant worker is expected to average his job rate when working at a pace to execute his normal expectancy performance.

The percentage of day workers is much higher in the Schenectady plant than in any of the other plants of the Company. This gives a great unrest in the fact that only the plant workers get a chance for a raise. The day workers have received a satisfactory raise that 6.50 per day on the Company's schedule.

Along with the speed-up that affected the plant workers as well as the day workers with this new contract, the day workers have seen the job rate generally increased and the job rate of the day workers in the Schenectady Works in addition to the 36% increase. However, an increase of 20% in the job rate has been agreed upon after a satisfactory deal has been negotiated.

Another matter that is of concern to the members is the limited opposition. A considerable number of small jobs were not considered at all.

Another matter that is of concern to the members is the increased cost of living and the gradual increase of skill in the general economy due to wages. Women's raises are practically on all hands. The average raises on the Company's schedule is $1.00 per month. This, among the day workers, is making it more difficult to work the work with the necessary degree of skill and efficiency.
Union Meetings On New Schedule

The membership of the General Electric Company in the Local 1117, G.E. Conference Board, has approved the following schedule for union meetings:

1. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th, at 8:00 P.M.
2. The second meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, at 8:00 P.M.
3. The third meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 8:00 P.M.
4. The fourth meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9th, at 8:00 P.M.
5. The fifth meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th, at 8:00 P.M.

Compensation Awards

All members are reminded that the Compensation Awards, which were approved by the Executive Board, are due to be paid out on March 1st. Members are requested to file their claims as soon as possible.

Economic Stabilization Process

A group of members has been formed to study the economic stabilization process. The group is to meet weekly for the purpose of discussing the impact of the process on the members.

Committee to Survey Executive Board Repudiation

The committee to survey the Executive Board repudiation has been formed. The committee is composed of members from the local union and is to meet monthly to discuss the repudiation.

Civic Group Representation

A group of civic-minded citizens has been formed to represent the interests of the union members in local civic affairs.

Membership Drive

The annual membership drive is under way. All members are urged to participate in the drive.

Annual Auditing Committee

The annual auditing committee has been established to audit the accounts of the union.

For more information, contact the Executive Board.
Attention G. E. Workers
Members of U.E. Local 301

Wages . . .

The U. S. contract provides for a wage increase on March 15, 1951. At that time the union will enter into negotiations with the Company for a wage increase. As a regular meeting Local 301 members went on record to make a fight for a substantial increase for day workers. There are approximately 15,000 day workers and 6,000 piece workers in the Schenectady plant.

Washington officials are doing everything possible to bring about an immediate wage increase. Some of them are talking about a longer work week with the elimination of overtime premiums. Rising prices have wiped out every round of wage increases since World War II. The U.S. appeared before the public members of the Economic Stabilization Board and presented the union's position, pointing out that prices have been constantly rising and the tax increases which are to be wage cuts to the workers.

Company Profit . . .

General Electric is currently earning 23 percent on its shareholders' investment.

Manufacturing corporations are paying themselves about 53 cents in profits for every dollar they pay out in wages.

Economic Control Agencies . . .

The Government agencies administering the Defense Production Act are completely dominated by representatives of big U. S. corporations.

C. E. Wilson, former G. E. President, Director of Defense Mobilization, controls jobs, wages, prices and virtually everything else.

W. Stewart Symington, former President of Emerson Electric Company, advises the President on coordination of military, industrial and civilian mobilization.

Eric Johnson, former President of National Chamber of Commerce, is Administrator of price and wage controls.

Cyrus Ching, former Vice-President of U. S. Rubber, is Administrator of wage control.

Taxes . . .

Along with the wage freeze and high prices, the workers will be hit by increased income taxes and plenty of hidden taxes on things they will buy. For an average family earning from $2,000 to $3,500 the total direct and indirect taxes — Federal, State and Local, comes to between $600.00 and $700.00. The 10 percent increase in withholding taxes, effective Oct. 1, 1951, comes to between $60.00 and $70.00. The 30 percent increase in withholding taxes, effective Oct. 1, 1951, comes to between $60.00 and $70.00. The 30 percent increase in withholding taxes, effective Oct. 1, 1951, comes to between $60.00 and $70.00. The 30 percent increase in withholding taxes, effective Oct. 1, 1951, comes to between $60.00 and $70.00. The 30 percent increase in withholding taxes, effective Oct. 1, 1951, comes to between $60.00 and $70.00.