JANDREAU DESERTS!

Leo Jandreau, business agent of UE Local 301, has announced his resignation. The he can facts of the case, as reported to the local newspapers, state that he gave it health as a reason, and announced that he would remain in office until December 31, 1951, if necessary, in order to train his successor in office.

In view of recent events, this announcement has great significance. Just a week before the announcement of his resignation, the IUE-CIO publicly stated that it would be in a position to file a petition for an NLRB election at the Schenectady Works in a short time. A few months ago, local newspapers announced that a Congressional Committee was making plans to investigate Communist activities in the labor movement in Schenectady.

Fear may make a man sick-four of an investigation—four of a defeat in a democratic election.

Jandreau’s resignation follows closely the removal of two of his most prominent communist members from the staff of UE Local 301. Last summer, Victor Paolas and Emil Radozehich both left the UE staff. IUE-CIO had proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, that there had been no out and out Communists. The Communist Party and the UE were their removal, became the Communist Party and the UE wanted the workers at GE to think they were changing horses. Naturally, the Communist Party and the UE took care of these Party comrades. Paolas went into article, Cleveland several months ago as a UE field representative.

Jandreau’s resignation may be the last step he makes be made by the Communist Party and the UE to “clean up” UE Local 301—that is, to remove those whose records are “hot” with others who are loyal to Party principles, but who have been kept in the background.

In order to assure that the right men take over the job of business agent, a committee of five has been named by the UE Local 301 executive board to select that man.

A committee of five is working on the selection of a business agent for a union which represents the thousands of GE Schenectady workers.

That’s UE and Communist Party democracy—Leo Jandreau’s job in Schenectady was to keep the local here in compliance with the Communist Party line, whether the members wanted it that way or not. Leo Jandreau did just that well.

The announcement of his resignation, no matter what the real reason was, is a sign of UE disintegration. Although Leo Jandreau told the Executive Board of his plans, he did not give public announcement until the stage was set. Someone in UE spoke out of turn. The UE Executive Board members themselves were unprepared to answer questions. As a result hundreds of workers have been heard throughout the GE plant.

The real facts are few, but GE workers can be sure of this: If they want a strong union, they don’t want UE. Even Leo Jandreau’s UE leader for 14 long years, has deserted.

For strength and unity, for real democracy, sign with IUE-CIO today so that an early NLRB election can be held.

International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO

I want to join with 70,000 other General Electric employees who have affiliated with the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO, which has won great improvements in this industry including a recent wage increase—the third that IUE-CIO has won from GE in one year. For those reasons and also because I wish to belong to a democratic anti-Communist union I hereby designate the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers—CIO as my sole collective bargaining representative.

[This authorization supersedes any prior authorization]

Date______________ Signature______________

Endorsed by:__________________________

Address:__________________________

Department:__________________________

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