Here's GE Reward for 24 Years of Continuous Service - $1.98 Check

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If GE, Westinghouse and other corporations were ever to step up GE could probably win with this June, 1946 check spent to continue to work at the present pace of production. Robert Cunningham, 404 Millard St., Schenectady.

'Generous Electric' Gives $1.98 Check As Retirement Pay

The first pension check which Robert Cunningham, 71, of 404 Millard St., Schenectady, received from the General Electric Co. was no trifling affair. For 24 years of service the check was for $1.98. He was retired last May 31 and the check was dated June 28.

"My maximum pension a month from GE is $44.33," he told the E.U. News.

In September, October and November his checks were for $44.33 each because of insurance deductions. He hasn't been able to figure out yet what bookkeeping method GE employs to arrive at the $1.98 figure.

Robert Service Record

Mr. Cunningham was a mill number his last years at GE, but was a machinist there earlier and held several other jobs. He worked at GE from 1899 to 1917, then went to Australia. Returning the GE Works in September, 1929, he continued work until Jan. 31, 1939, except for two years when he was laid off. When he returned to work in 1939 after lay off, he received a letter from management telling him to expect at his age, to return on Jan. 1, 1940. He didn't hear from him again until Aug. 21, 1943, when he was told to report back to work. On Aug. 28, 1943, he was notified that he would be laid off . The GE Works in 1944, he returned to work on Sept. 21, 1944, after having been laid off for three years. He continued work until May 31, 1945.

AER Grievance Case In Hands of Howell

Local 98's grievance committee to raise the AER on a hired plane week job was sent to the Works Manager J. M. Howell this week by the general committee of representatives of groups on these jobs. A. C. Herron, assistant to the general superintendent, had refused to recognize the production workers' hourly plant executive as applying to plane workers.

The committee at its meeting Monday night also discussed the situation among the various workers' planes and groups and found many complaints of plane work and group wages being paid below even when the higher which were paid elsewhere. Additional grievances will be filed by the committees.

UE Members Cleared In Philadelphia Trial

It took a Philadelphia jury only 90 minutes to bring in a verdict of "nonsuit" in the recent trial of 14 UE members accused of obstructing railroad operation. The jury was three to ten and were found not guilty by a vote of ten to one. The union's side of problems discussed at the trial is detailed in the E.U.C.E.O. office.

The proceedings of the trial are being held at the same time, but there is no evidence to support the charges made against the union leaders.

Newsprint workers are to be on strike on Monday at 8 a.m. at the New York Times and the New York Herald Tribune.

Clergymen's Group Meets With Union

A group of 22 clergymen of all denominations met with Local 981 representatives Tuesday at the union's home of west valley, pinedge, and four cents for a four, except the electricians and machinists who were in the 1944 through the spring's Labor Board case. It is to be held in July 1, 1946. It includes the machine

Pay Increases and Other Gains

Won for Building Trades Groups

The voice of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America - Local 981 CIO

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Blood Donors Needed

For Two Little Girls

Local 981, in conjunction with the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America - Local 981, CIO, has started a drive to provide a steady supply of blood for those who are saved when they are burned or armed by police for taking part in a number of police during last winter's strike.

The same milk was given to the women and children in the emergency pool at the Union's office. There wasn't any turkey dinner, only overcooked beef and baked potatoes.

Complete Program

For Children's Party

A complete program has been completed by the American Committee for the first child's Christmas party which Local 981 has staged since the war started. Each child will receive two gift bags, and the program will also feature dancing, singing, and other entertainment, ice cream and snacks. Miss Belle Butler is in charge.

Local 981 will help pay the costs of defending the Philadelphia UE members. The membership and committee meeting today. It also authorized the Executive Board to make an appropriate contribution.

It's Edmund C. Tanski

R.I.P. News by the Seattle police marked the death of the newly elected trustee of Local 981 as Edmund C. Tanski. We're sorry and we hope the error didn't create too much confusion.

Tune In

Local 981 radio broadcasts every Monday night at 11 o'clock over WEAF.

Legislative Group Elected for 1947

The members of the 1947 legislative committee, elected this month, are as follows:


Dean bridge

Until last week, the negotiations were deadlocked, with the negotiators refusing to agree to the union's demands for a new contract. The negotiations began on Jan. 1, 1946, and the two sides met in expanded sessions at the headquarters of the building trades.

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Prepare Proposals For 1947 Contract

Proposals for the 1947 General Electric contract will be submitted to the National Labor Relations Board Jan. 4 and 5 in New York City. Leon Jastrow, business agent of IBEW Local 801, is chairman of the Committee that.

From the reports has been issued that the new contract provides for a two-week, instead of the present nine-month, contract.

Other principal suggestions are:

- Increased wages
- Greater job security
- Better working conditions

The new contract is expected to be signed by both parties within the next few weeks.

Unemployment Insurance Question: What's the future? Unemployment insurance benefits, known as "unemployment insurance money," are paid to workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Benefits are paid on a bi-weekly basis and are usually awarded for a period of 26 weeks. The amount of benefits paid is determined based on the average weekly wage of the worker and the duration of employment.

Examining the effects of layoffs is critical to understanding the future of unemployment insurance. Layoffs are a common occurrence in the economy, and understanding how they affect unemployment insurance benefits is crucial. In this context, the question of whether there will be a "vicious" layoff within one week or two weeks is significant. If layoffs within two weeks are expected, then the unemployment insurance benefits will be paid on a bi-weekly basis. If layoffs are expected to last longer, then the benefits may need to be paid on a monthly basis.

Union Meets with Company On Toolmakers, Machinists

Local 501's demand for a general wage increase and contract terms were presented by its toolmakers and other toolmakers to the company's representatives. Despite the union's efforts, a settlement was not reached.

The company's representatives stated that they would consider the union's demands, but they emphasized that the company's financial situation was challenging.

301 Office Is Busy On Financial Report

John Smith, treasurer of Local 501, has been busy preparing the union's financial report for the upcoming meeting. The report includes detailed information on the financial status of the union, including income and expenses.

An important aspect of the report is the union's investment strategy. The union invests its funds in a diversified portfolio, including stocks, bonds, and other securities. This approach is intended to ensure that the union's financial resources are protected and expanded over time.

The report also highlights the union's commitment to its members and the community. The union has provided significant financial support to various community organizations and initiatives, demonstrating its dedication to social justice and community development.

CIO 'Big Three' Confer on Wages

Les Jacobs, the head of the CIO, and the other leaders of the CIO's "Big Three" unions met with company representatives to discuss wages and working conditions.

The meeting was productive, and both parties reached an agreement on several key issues. The union's demands for a wage increase were met, and both parties agreed on new contract terms that would benefit all involved.

December 31 Deadline

The deadline for the December 31 deadline is quickly approaching. Members are urged to submit their proposals and demand letters to the union office by December 31. Failure to do so may result in the loss of union representation rights.

GE Lay-offs

At this time, there are no reports of lay-offs at GE. However, union representatives are closely monitoring the situation and are prepared to take action if necessary.

Labor Faces Worst Legislative Fight in 1947

Nixon Warns of Attack on Trade Union Rights

The toughest legislative fight in labor's history is about to begin. The NEA, AFL, and CIO are all working together to stop the Lincoln team from passing a bill which would infringe on the rights of union members.

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