G.E. Conference Board Ratifies Contract

The IUE-CIO General Electric Conference Board met at New York City on September 9th and voted to ratify the new contract negotiated with the General Electric Company for the period beginning September 11th and ending July 11th, 1956. Local 311 delegates to the Board in Great Falls of the ratification in accordance with the provisions taken by the local officers of the International Executive Board of the International Union, of which Local 311 is a member, and the provisions of the agreement and ratification procedures, as determined by the International.

Field Day This Sunday, Sept. 12 at Republican Park

National UE Still Trying to Grab

With its membership dwindling daily to the point where it is next door to expiring, the UE now makes a third attempt to give itself a shot in the arm by using Local 301 officers and their influence, from Novak, in a quarter of a million dollars, claiming that the funds of Local 301 should be devoted to the UE.

This week a unit was started by Albert J. Pflanzl, 11 East 60th Street, New York City, claiming that all of the funds of the local

Another Field Day Attraction

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Union Petitions Governor Dewey

Han: Thomas W. Dewey
Executive Chamber, State Capitol, Albany, New York

September 8, 1924

Dear Governor Dewey:

Local 301 IUE-CIO represents some 20,000 workers at the Schenectady General Electric Plant. There is a serious unemployment situation with reference to some thousands of these workers and the prospects for re-employment are not bright. Commissioner of Labor, Edward Cord, meeting with a delegation of our Union some two months ago, expressed considerable concern with this unemployment situation. It is the purpose of this letter to indicate to you as Governor of the State a method by which you can contribute materially to the solution of this unemployment problem in Schenectady.

The heavy equipment of the electrical industry is built at the Schenectady plant of the General Electric Company. The skill of our workers in building heavy electrical equipment is in conjunction with the high standard and experience of General Electric engineering, is exceeded by no company in the United States and equaled by no company outside the United States. The heavy electrical equipment required for the St. Lawrence Power Development is estimated to cost some twenty million dollars.

If General Electric Company is a successful low American bidder this will mean a ten million dollar pay roll for Schenectady workers and will solve in part the unemployment problem for General Electric workers.

In an Associated Press release of June 14, 1924, concerning the use of additional power at Niagara Falls, Mr. Robert Moses, State Power Authority Chairman, is quoted as saying in answer to a statement made by Lynvo A. Price, President of Westinghouse Electric Company, the following: "Maybe if people like Mr. Price persist in mixing in state policies, we shall have to get equipment bids from foreign companies which keep out of politics and stand strictly to business." On the same subject, Col. William R. Chapin, General Manager of the Power Authority, is quoted as saying that the authority will buy its equipment "where it can get the best price.

These statements of responsible officials, sitting under your appointment, are alarming to American workers and American industry. American industry, as you know, cannot compete with foreign-manufactured goods, largely because of a differential in wages paid. Price is but one consideration and is not all-important. Adequate and available power is fundamental to both domestic and foreign sales. In the latter instance it is vital to national defense. The adequate service and supply of spare parts and, wherever required cannot be overlooked when considering price. If we are wise we do not overlook these factors when we purchase equipment for our own mills.

General Electric and its workers built the first two generators for the Mohawk Dam. These were the largest, rotating electrical machines ever built and were delivered ahead of schedule. It was the American bidder for generators 13 and 14 for this project. That theEnglish-speaking electrical company was accepted because of a differential of $641,225. This company has no previous experience in building generators of this size. A generating unit is supported by vital thrust bearings on which the load is four million pounds. The electrical company has successfully built, the swings of the electrical company's experience is limited to one-third of this size.

On the subject of dollars it has been estimated that the taxes that would have been paid by the General Electric Company if it manufactured the grounds and sold them to the stockholders, would have exceeded a million dollars. The employment of American workers on American projects, financed by American taxpayers, is basic and fundamental. This discrimination against American industry and American workers in the instance above referred to makes significant indeed the quoted statements of Mr. Moses and Col. Chapin, with the St. Lawrence Power Development in the affing.

The organization desires to place these facts before you at this time so that these contracts are awarded for the St. Lawrence Power Development, New York State, and all other industry, taxpayers and workers will receive the full consideration that is their due. An expression of opinion from you on this subject would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]
Business Agent.