Fitzgerald Attacks GE Labor Attitude

General Electric Co. is one of the toughest companies to do business with," and is "determined to destroy the organized labor movement," Albert J. Fitzgerald, international UE president, told the Local 691 membership and their wives last night.

"There was no real strike settlement with GE last year," he pointed out, "which has led to sectional disputes in the past years.

Fitzgerald said that as soon as the rules were settled this year, GE sent its strongest team out to meet with the workers and present their position.

"The special meeting was called by the May 20 membership and unions," he continued.

"The National Labor Board has voted unanimously in favor of GE on the proposal to settle with the CIE-PAC program.

"However, GE has always been in favor of a union table and a decent raise to the union," he said.

GE members have submitted their proposals to GE, and the unions have agreed to the proposals.

"We are not sure if the workers can make the changes we need," he added.

GE Won't Arbitrate

The UE president gave examples of GE's disregard of the contract settlements in its negotiations with the unions.

"The company has been using the contract to its advantage," he said.

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GE Sensitive To Federal Reports

Veterans' Vacation

Appeal Is Planned

The international UFW office has announced an appeal will be filed by a Federal Court decision ensuring the rights of the General Electric Co. to resume

vacations or vacation pay for non-World War II veterans, members of Local 88.

Both the Selective Service Act and the UFW-EU were cited by the company, the union officials. The five-vacation period was to begin within the current period.

The 21-day vacation rights were to be extended to those who had been on vacation for at least 14 days on the date of the decision.

The appeal will be filed at the Federal Labor Board in the case of

Governor Joseph Smith's decision to have the strike end.

Cornell Labor Student

To Work in 301 Office

A student from the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Rela-

tions, Cornell University, will work in the Local 88 office for 10 weeks this

summer as a part of his college training.

The Local 88 membership voted to cooperate with the school about this

year, on recommendation of the Execu-

tive Board.

John C. Applegate, Local Army

floor, took his labor internship last summer.

His duties will be to conferences.

The Poughkeepsie strikers continue striking against hunger.

But the picketing continued, the national wage-packet plan.

Poughkeepsie cited the fact that the State University of New York's Call

for a strike will continue until the next summer.

The UFT central office, 106-108 W. 42nd St., is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

weekdays.

The strike settled.

Leland Stowe Broadcasts

The union's broadcast

ended its strike on the morning of May 31. The strike was settled.

The strike ended.

Hat Lost

The hat which was walked off with the young group died but May 30 from

both illness return it to the union office.

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People Can Still Win Taft-Hartley Bill Vetted

Pressman Sues, Warns Against Fascism

If the non-union people "stop talking" during the next three years, Republicans and Democrats must listen, and the Taft-Hartley bill can be vetoed, Lee Pressman, general counsel of the CIO, told CIO stewards last Tuesday. The stew-

ards filed the 301 bill to overturning in Schenectady's "Veto Day" conference

Tuesday night.

President Truman must not just give a "march-past veto," Pressman de-

clared. "We must tell Congress, 'This is a step toward Fascism, and the American people won't take Fascism.'"

The campaign of individual presses to President Truman urging a veto, and to Senator Irving M. Ives, urging sup-

port of the veto, which has been widely used in 301, was extended to the whole city of the meeting. Stewart took 1,000 more postcards from their members

in New York negotiating with Schenectady's New York Sun, on May 24.

Local AFL Condemns

Congressman Kearney

The Schenectady Federation of Labor, AFL, voted unanimously Monday to condemn Representative Bernard W. Kearney, Republican, for voting for the Taft-Artley anti-labor bill.

The resolution pointed out that when

Congressman Kearney was seeking re-

election he said he would "never vote to take a position which later had historical value."

Kearney "has become the enabler of trade and business men who supported him in 1934 and 1936," the AFL group stated.

"Such ploy, preferably on his part, is inexcus-

able."

Declaring that "the usefulness of Mr. Kearney as a representative of the 13th Congressional District — has definitely ended," the Federation called upon trade and business men in the Republican Party "to rebuke him in no uncertain way for his betrayal of their interests."

Company Hides Facts

At least 301 complaints were not subject to arbitration. They were, as outlined in the contract.

The very contract provides that the company includes 301 job and job classification provisions to arbitration.

The company statement that "the agreement is that the unit job rate is a part of the contract" is a distortion of fact. There is no such agreement.

The agreement is that "any question which affects hourly rates, piece rates, or other terms of employment or a group" is taken up locally under the contract.

The company said "as businessmen we have no reason to believe that our contracts are arbitrable." It just happens that thousands of these cases have been

settled locally for years while doing the work.

The company of course does not have anything to say about whether or not its contract is subject to arbitration. But the statement that is in effect that the company cannot be refor-

mally peacefully.