GE Locals Close Ranks in IUE-CIO
To Tackle Company in Negotiations.

GE locals are consolidating their ranks in order to take on the company in negotiations. On Tuesday of this week representatives of 100,000 GE workers got together for the first meeting of the IUE-CIO GE Conference Board since Local 301 disaffiliated. The purpose of the special meeting was to complete contract modification demands on language.

Local 301 was given full representation. And Local 301 representatives made many suggestions on contract improvements that were unanimously approved by the entire Conference Board.

The meeting of the Conference Board constituted the first meeting in five years where representatives of more than 100,000 GE workers sat down together, united for negotiations.

Representative were GE plants from Kansas to Los Angeles ... from Schenectady to Seattle.

The Conference Board adjourned Tuesday night.

On Wednesday and Thursday the IUE-CIO Section Committee continued meetings with company representatives, demand for a substantial wage increase. Improved benefits; pensions and insurance, in addition to a fair equal pay for equal work, and other demands.

Unity of 100,000 GE Workers Means Higher Wages and More Job Security.

The following five GE workers are United in IUE-CIO:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Minnesota
- Michigan

The prospect for winning the full measure of our demands in negotiations this year is much better than at any time in the past five years. That is because of the increased bargaining power that results from the unity of 100,000 GE workers.

In the previous five years, Schenectady GE workers have been hurt substantially by UE's weakness nationally. No substantial gains have been made by UE since 1949.

Now the UE is weaker than ever.

Today it represents only about 18,000 GE workers, with Erie its last big local — and it has already petitioned for an election, to give the people a choice to join IUE-CIO.

Not only has UE's weakness nationally hurt GE workers in terms of failure to win their demands, this weakness also constitutes a direct threat to our jobs.

For UE has failed to organize any new GE plants. Therefore, GE's runaway plant program — unless stopped — would mean the eventual removal of much work from Unionsized plants in the North. IUE-CIO has succeeded in organizing those runaway plants. Long-time strike actions in Detroit, Marquette, Michigan, and Cleveland, Ohio, were not imposed.

On top of that, in the last year alone the IUE-CIO has organized other GE plants. Not UE had never been able to organize these three in Philadelphia, Cambridge, Mass.; Auburn, N.Y.; Cleveland, Ohio, and other locations.

Why did these workers join IUE-CIO?

Because they realized that IUE-CIO is the only Union that can unite the entire GE chain. And that is a pay as large as wage increases and job security.

As soon as we have our election and get the outsiders off our backs, construction will start on our new Local 301 Headquarters.

Following final approval of plans by the Executive Board at its meeting Monday night, it was announced that bids will be called Y as soon as the election is over.

This mammoth, modern three-story building that will be erected at the corner of 30th Street and Eaton Avenue, will be the official Union home of 20,000 GE workers.

Not only will this building provide GE workers with a headquarters nearer the plant than our present office at 301 Liberty St., it will also provide us with many facilities and services that have not been available in the past.

Funds to pay for the building have been set aside from Union dues at the rate of 50c a month since Jan. 1, 1953.

Among the facilities provided by the new headquarters will be:

- A multi-purpose auditorium that will seat 1,800 people. This will give us our own meeting hall large enough to accommodate a mass membership meeting.
- Several group meeting rooms.
- AUSted in West Virginia

On May 3 workers at the Westinghouse plant in Huntington, W. Va., will vote whether to go out of UE and join IUE-CIO. Formerly Local 60, which had been driven up in the state of West Virginia.

The Headquarters will be a steel-framed structure 225 feet by 91 feet by three stories high. It will be modern, air-conditioned and fully equipped to meet the needs of an active and ever-growing Local 301.
Boulware Sees Union-Busting Victory in Sight

Today the United States Senate is debating amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act, giving thesocial and economic power of the General Electric Company and the United Automobile Workers Union a setback that could wipe out half the jobs in America and ruin trustees in meaningless.

Ever since Boulware took over the department of "Employer Relations" for GE, he has been doing everything he could to squeeze unions.

He has spent millions of dollars in newspaper ads and direct mail to break up the radical branch of the United Steelworkers. During his tenure, Boulware took over an angry call-in program on the World News program and plugged his special ideas on legal strategies.

In this enigmatic Boulware, there are few things as "steelheadcraking." What Boulware really considers "steelheadcracking" is when a worker has a 24-hour job for free. His most recent "steelheadcracking" is that he is employing union members who are trying to get their jobs back in an attempt to get their jobs.

Boulware says that all the jobs Union has been trying to get back are being "steelheadcracked" by him. He also denies that he is trying to get any of these jobs back.

Victory in Bldg. 69

As a result of a grievance hearing, the UAW Local 301 at Bldg. 69, LLC, has filed a case against the company. The case involves the unfair discharge of several union members.

The members involved claim that they were unfairly discharged for trying to organize a union and for engaging in protected activities.

Local 301 Carries Demand For Early Election to Capitol

Yesterday a delegation of UMW Local 301 leaders went to Washington and presented the NLRB with a petition signed by more than 12,000 workers demanding an immediate election.

The petition, signed by union members in the sheet-last shop, stated that the workers were not entitled to an election after the NLRB had failed to act on the petition.

The petition also stated that the workers were entitled to an election because they had been denied the right to vote on the issue of organizing.

On April 5th Local 301 of UMW was organized. The membership voted by a margin of over 1,000 workers for the union.

The UMW is the largest union in the country, with over 2 million members.

IUOE-CIO Pushes GE to End Slow-Motion Sessions

During the past week representatives of the IUOE-CIO have been seeking to end the slow-motion sessions that are scheduled at General Electric.

The IUOE-CIO executives have stated that the slow-motion sessions are a waste of time and money and a violation of the workers' right to a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.

The union has been seeking a meeting with the company to discuss the issue.

Looking at the Outsiders—

JOE INFANTE—Known as "The Thief from Philadelphia"

Another of the UAW officials who is considered by many to be a "Thief from Philadelphia" is George "Joe" Infante.

George Infante was a member of the IUOE-CIO and was a strong supporter of the union movement.

Infante was known for his work in organizing the electrical workers of Philadelphia.

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, Infante was involved in many labor disputes and strikes.

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Board Reports Show It's IUOE-CIO Overwhelmingly

The regular meeting of the IUOE-CIO Board of Directors was held in New York City last week. The board praised the IUOE-CIO’s leadership for the resolution of the recent strike.

The board also approved the budget for the upcoming year.

Self-Perpetuating Umphrey

Self-Perpetuating Umphrey is a group of members who have been elected to the IUOE-CIO’s Executive Council.

Umphrey is known for his conservative views and his close ties to the IUOE-CIO’s leadership.

The group has been criticized for its lack of diversity and its failure to address the needs of the rank and file members.