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IUE-CIO TO NEGOTIATE NEW CONTRACT

The IUE-CIO GE Conference Board met in New York last Saturday, May 10, to make preparations to enter negotiations with GE this summer on a new and improved contract, wage increases and other benefits.

The IUE-CIO contract with GE expires September 15, 1943, and the union sees no reason to expect any major changes in the national contract this time.

IUE-CIO leaders said that the GE districts have already considered several important proposals. Attempts have been made both by the national and the profit sharing plans, which would have been agreed to last year is now being discussed by the leaders. It is expected that the proposals will be brought to the workers for a vote in the near future.

The Union GE work is under UE supervision in some cases, and in other contracts with UE is under the supervision of the UE. The union is working on these proposals to improve the contract.

The IUE-CIO has been able to negotiate a contract with the GE district that is considered to be favorable to the workers. The agreement is expected to be signed by both parties within the next few weeks.

IU-CIO members in the past few weeks have been working on the agreement, and are expected to continue working on it in the future.

The agreement with the GE district is considered to be favorable to the workers.

SHOP TALK

Nowas one understands that it's the workers' right to negotiate for better working conditions. This right is protected by law, and is upheld by the IUE-CIO.

The IUE-CIO has been in the forefront of the struggle for better working conditions. The union has been successful in negotiating agreements that provide for better working conditions.

One of the most important aspects of the agreement is the provision for a one-year agreement. This provision is expected to be renewed in the future.

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The IUE-CIO Conference Board meets in New York this Saturday, May 12, to make preparations to enter negotiations with GE for a new and improved contract, wage increases, and other benefits.

The IUE-CIO contract with GE expires September 30, 1931, and the union has the right to negotiate whatever changes the members want at that time. IUE-CIO locals in the GE state have already considered several important proposals. Among them, there is raising both the profit sharing plan, which would have increased last year to six cents on hourly earnings, and the members need more than just that. The six cents should be paid by GE.

Other changes under consideration are a larger number of total hours worked, additional leaves, and increased benefits.

The IUE-CIO has been demanding wage increases for many months, and their latest proposal, if GE makes NE permit wages and working conditions.

In past years, the IUE-CIO has been able to keep wages of the workers employed by GE up with those of other industries. The union has been successful in negotiating a contract that would raise wages.

The agreement for three 8-hour days last summer to win those benefits and to prepare to fight such a move now that the union is in a stronger position.

IUE-CIO has been seeking recognition under the National Labor Relations Board since 1935. It is in the best interest of the workers to have the IUE-CIO represent them in negotiations with GE.

The IUE-CIO Conference Board is meeting in New York on May 12 to discuss what to do about the present contract negotiations. IUE-CIO has made some gains in the new contract with GE, but the union is still fighting for more. The workers are determined to improve their working conditions and wages.

The IUE-CIO is a union that represents workers in the electrical industry. They are fighting for fair wages and working conditions.

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SCHENECTADY GE WORKERS DEPRIVED OF RIGHT TO VOTE BY UE LOCAL 301

Some 200 UE members attended a meeting last Monday at UE Local 301 headquarters. It was generally believed that those present would have the opportunity to vote on whether or not they wanted the nine-cent an hour increase won for GE workers by the largest union in the GE chain, the IUE-CIO.

But that right was denied the membership. Almost every other UE-GE local has had the right to vote on the question, but not the local in Schenectady.

The business agent of the UE in Schenectady said that this local should wait until after the UE-GE Conference Board meets next Sunday, and see what the board recommends before voting.

The business agent also reported that UE in Erie held a plant gate meeting at which 8,000 workers voted to reject the nine-cent offer.

THIS STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS AGENT IS AN OUTRIGHT LIE! THE UE HAS NEVER HAD A VOTE AT A PLANT GATE MEETING IN ERIE ON THE NINE-CENTS. THE UE IN ERIE HAS NEVER HAD A PLANT GATE MEETING WITH MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE PRESENT.

THE UE LOCAL IN ERIE DID VOTE ON THE NINE-CENTS AT A MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 9. THERE WERE LESS THAN 150 MEMBERS PRESENT. THE MAJORITY VOTED TO REJECT THE NINE-CENTS PROPOSAL.

At least the people in Erie did have a chance to vote, even though less than two per cent of the GE workers attended the meeting. The reason for this may be that so few of the Erie GE workers belong to UE.

Workers in the smaller GE plants under UE have been voted on this issue, too. Many of them have voted to accept the nine cents.

The UE Business Agent charged that IUE-CIO lied when it quoted figures regarding expenditures for last time and salaries by UE Local 301.

FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES TAKEN FROM UE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH PROVE IUE-CIO'S STATEMENT THAT UE SPENT OVER $25,000 ON SALARIES AND LOST TIME IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1951: LOSS TIME FOR JANUARY WAS $6,446.69; FOR FEBRUARY, $4,396.99; FOR MARCH, $8,179.26. SALARIES FOR JANUARY AMOUNTED TO $3,258.07; FOR FEBRUARY, $3,179.23; FOR MARCH, $3,179.35. THESE ACTUAL FIGURES AMOUNT TO $28,249.73. IN CASE THE UE BUSINESS AGENT DOESN'T KNOW IT, $26,000 IS QUITE A BIT MORE THAN $25,000. IUE-CIO DID NOT LIE!

The new financial statement for the month of April shows that last time expenditures and salaries are as high as ever.

Whatever IUE-CIO has to say it printed in IUE-CIO News, or recorded in IUE-CIO radio and television shows, UE on the other hand has used the Communist trick of a rumor campaign to ruin the reputations of IUE-CIO leaders.

UE of IUE-CIO are proud of that fact. It gives UE and its leaders the chance to sue this organisation if we like.

But the rumor campaign is an un-American method of spreading false propaganda. UE-CIO entails its challenge any UE leader to a debate on television regarding these issues which are so important to GE workers. Let UE come out in the open, or forever hold its peace.
U.S. CONGRESSMAN SAYS UE LIES!

CIO SOLD OUT FIGHT FOR FEPC, T-H REPEAL, REP. POWELL REVEALS

UE News—Just Two Days Before the Westinghouse Election—Printed this "Exclusive Interview" With Congressman Adam Clayton Powell.

It was a Desperate and Despicable Last Minute Fake Designed to Swing Westinghouse Votes to the Tottering UE.

Congressman Powell Himself Has Denounced This Rotten UE Trickery As a Pack of Lies, Distortions and Untruths. Here is Congressman Powell's Own Description of This UE "Interview."

"This is a sorry spectacle — all in all, it is lies, half-truths and distortions in a one-page newspaper article. And for the purpose of obscuring the issues in a fight for trade union democracy!"
Congressman Says UE Lies!

Congressman Powell Charges:

"The UE News falsified my remarks in order to attack the CIO..."

Congressman Powell Says:

"I was shocked when a recent article in the newspaper of the United Electrical Workers Union, purporting to be an interview with me, maligned the leadership of the national CIO..."

Congressman Powell Hits UE's Trickery:

"Instead of presenting these facts accurately, the UE reporter twisted my remarks into an attack on President Truman and the CIO..."

Congressman Powell Found:

"The same distortion is repeated throughout the article, ending with another false quote—attributed to me—that the CIO has definitely weakened labor's whole flight by its appeasement tactics..."

Congressman Powell Asserts:

"In addition to the specific distortions listed above, the article is full of half-truths, and constantly quotes me out of context..."

Congressman Powell Concludes:

"My position, then, is clear: I insist on the rights of the UE, the Communist Party itself, and all other groups to hold and express their opinions, no matter how repugnant, for this is the American way.

But no one can understand their antiforeign activities, and so long as their tactics constitute an attack on democratic trade union leadership, I must refuse to have anything further to do with them..."

Here, in His Own Words, You Have the Bitter Experience of a United States Congressman with the Lies, the Forgeries, the Fictions of the Communist-Controlled UE. Perverting the Truth, Falsifying the Opinions and Statements of a Member of the U.S. Congress—Nothing Is Too Low or Too Unethical for UE to Use in its Attempts to Deceive and Delude the Workers in Our Industry.

Congressman Powell refuses "to have anything to do with them." Hundreds of Thousands of Electrical Workers Are Also Refusing to Be Suckers for Further Communist Lies.

Vote IUE-CIO!

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FOR A 40-HOUR WEEK:
Oil Workers Get $17.20 More A Week Than You Do!
Rubber Workers Get $12.30 More A Week Than You Do!
Auto Workers Get $10.92 More A Week Than You Do!
Steel Workers Get $5.00 More A Week Than You Do!
These Are NOT UE Figures They Are U.S. Government Figures!

How About Wage Levels Today? What Has UE Done To Your Paycheck In Comparison With What Other Unions Have Done For Their Members?

Here Are The U.S. Labor Department Figures On Straight Time Hourly Rates:

CIO Oil Workers Now Get — $1.84 An Hour
CIO Rubber Workers Now Get — $1.73 An Hour
CIO Auto Workers Now Get — $1.67 An Hour
CIO Steelworkers Now Get — $1.61 An Hour
ELECTRICAL WORKERS NOW GET — $1.41 AN HOUR

There Is The Final Proof That UE Hasn’t Done — And Can’t Do — A Job For The Workers In Our Industry!

How About Pay Raises Since The War? How Does UE’s ‘Success’ In Getting Post-War Pay Increases Compare With Other Unions?


CIO Oil Workers’ Pay Increased 30% An Hour
CIO Rubber Workers’ Pay Increased 55% An Hour
CIO Steelworkers’ Pay Increased 47% An Hour
CIO Packinghouse Workers’ Pay Increased 48% An Hour
ELECTRICAL WORKERS’ PAY INCREASED — 40% An Hour


— Half of UE’s Reported Contracts — 7 Of Them — Did Not Obtain A Single Penny In Pay Increases
— 17 UE Contracts Got Only 1 To 3% Pay Increases
— 36 UE Contracts Got Only 3 To 5% Pay Increases

There Is The Picture — Drawn Not By UE But From U.S. Department Of Labor Files — Of What Happened To The Fantastic ‘5000 Package’ For Which UE Started Negotiations In May 1949!
The Fact Is—As The Department Of Labor Figures Show—UE Has Dragged The Wage Levels Of The Electrical Industry Down To The Bottom Of The Pile Of Major Industry!

The Wage Scales In The Electrical Industry Should Be Up Where They Are For The CIO Oil Workers And For The CIO Rubber Workers.

There's No Reason They Shouldn't Be—EXCEPT THAT COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP CAN'T TAKE THE TIME FROM SUCH THINGS AS THE HENRY WALLACE THIRD PARTY AND VARIOUS COMMUNIST FRONTS TO DO A REAL NEGOTIATING JOB!

That's Why You Get $17.20 Less A Week Than An Oil Worker!

That's Why You Get $12.80 Less A Week Than A Rubber Worker!

A Vote for IUE-CIO Is a Vote for More Take-Home Pay!

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The Communist Party
Thanks You For Your UE Dues

More Than $750,000 in Dues—Paid By You, the Present or Former Members of UE—Have Been Squandered By UE Leaders on the Communist Party and on a Score of Communist Fronts During the Past 10 Years!

In Almost Every Case, Your Money Has Been Thrown Down the Drain to Organizations Which the U.S. Attorney General Has Declared Subversive—Outfits That Would Destroy American Democracy and Free Trade Unionism.
Here's Where Your Dues Went... Down the Communist Drain

During the Three Months In Which These Checks Were Issued, UE Had No Less Than 20 Strikes in Progress Around the Country!

More than 125,000 UE Members—Including 75,000 Westinghouse Workers—Were On Strike At One Time or Another During the Brief Period These Checks Were Turned Over to the Communist Party and Its Fronts.

UE Men and Women Went Hungry; They Needed Money For Food, Clothes, Doctors’ Bills, and for Their Children. 125,000 Strikers Needed The Money—THEIR OWN MONEY!—But UE With Cold Contempt, Turned It Over To The Communist Party!

One of These 20 Strikes Was At Phelps Dodge, Elizabeth, N. J. For Eight Long Months, From Jan. 4 to Sept. 9, 1946, nearly 2000 UE Members Walked the Streets. They Could Have Used the $250 Checks That Went to the Communist Daily Worker From Their Own UE Local's Strike Fund!

One Man Was Murdered During the Phelps Dodge Strike. Mario Russo, a 27-Year-Old War Veteran With a Wife and Four Children, Was Shot Down on the Picket Line, and Died a Short Time Later.

Russo Might Be Alive Today If UE Had Spent Its Money To Protect Its Picket Lines—Instead of Helping To Finance The Communist Party.

Without Your Knowledge...
UNLESS you have your dues to the Communist Party... VOTE UE-CIO

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