Board Votes to Back "Eye Bank" Plan
(UE Local 361's executive board Monday endorsed the working of a "no profit - "eye bank" to house tissue from eye donors who have died.

The endorsement came after the group was informed that the Eye Bank in northern New York was in danger of closing down due to lack of funds. This eye bank is designed in the state to ensure that blind people can obtain eye tissue for operations.

GE Admits Writing Latest Measure To Break Unions

Gil, last week admitted that he had helped to write the newest union-busting measure before Congress, the Goldwater-Blandon bill. The admission came in testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee on the measure.

Gil stated that the bill was written to protect corporate interests and to prevent organized labor from organizing workers.

GE Could Boost All Pay 13c From '53 Profits Tax Rebate

While GE is trying to palm off an average 3.5c hourly pay increase on its employees in all 13 states it will give in 1953, it is expecting a lot better treatment from the government. In fact, the expectation is likely to prove the benefits of a tax cut will be more than offset by the benefits of a tax cut.

The tax cut will come in June when the union profits tax deduction. Faced with this problem, the union is looking into the possibility of diverting its surplus profits tax rebate into its own affairs. This tax cut will be a good move for the union. It will give the union a better chance to divert its surplus profits tax rebate into its own affairs.

'Red Fund' Raids Indict Joe Ryan

J. T. Layman, the sharpie from the labor movement, this week was indicted on two counts of tax evasion for his activities.

Ryan has been involved in various tax evasion schemes in recent years, and this indictment is another indication of the lengths to which some union officials will go to avoid paying taxes.

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GE ’53 Profit Figures Jump

GE laid one of the best years in its history for a profit in 1953, according to the latest earnings report. "Our company has shown a steady increase in profits for the past five years," said the General Electric Co., "and we expect to maintain this trend in the future." The company reported a net profit of $500 million, compared to $450 million in 1952.

Methods of Supervision and Rate Men

Force Gas Turbine Groups To Walk Out

Failure of Gas Turbine supervision to follow the simplest rules of normal procedure in converting jobs from day work to piece work resulted in a strike by the Gas Turbine Workers in Schenectady, New York.

In resisting the pressure of this threat, the Gas Turbine Workers were led to realize that the Gas Turbine Groups were holding out for higher wages and better working conditions.

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Pressures from both sides led to a deadlock in negotiations. The Gas Turbine Workers were determined to get better wages and working conditions, and the Gas Turbine Groups were determined to keep their wages as high as possible. The result was a strike.

Lynn Members’ Vote Spurs Growing Unity Drive in IUE

Reports from IUE-CIO-represented plants in the Lynn area indicate that a rapidly mounting demand for union action is developing in the area. This growing pressure on the Lynn locals is being increased by the efforts of the United Electrical Workers to work with the Lynn locals in their efforts to organize the workers. This development is particularly significant because the United Electrical Workers are the only industrial union in Lynn.

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Another Unity Vote

IUE members at the Big Westinghouse Chemical Plant in Pittsburgh, Pa., voted last week to direct their union to work with the United Electrical Workers in their efforts to organize the workers. This vote was taken as a result of the growing pressure on the union to take a firm stand against the local management’s efforts to weaken the union’s position.

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GE's Own Measure

A Bill To Wipe Out Organized Labor

There is a bill now shaping up in Congress which could well destroy organized labor if it is enacted into law. The big industrialists, landlords, and bankers are strangely silent about this measure, a scheme which could only stem from the hope that the working people of America can be kept from getting knowledge of the measure until it is too late to defeat it.

All Washington representatives have discovered that there is a strong possibility that the proposal—the Goldwater-Blandes bill—will be passed unless all of organized labor can be assembled with an efficit unity, united for its defeat.

Examinations of the measure are being made by members of Congress, but from Arizona where there is little organized labor. However, the real push behind the bill is the big business lobby represented by the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce.

General Electric's role in introducing the bill was disclosed in the testimony of company labor relations lawyer William Harris. Harris made it clear that Goldwater-Blandes is a GE bill, just as Taft-Hartley was a GE bill. Harris gladly took credit for a role in writing the proposed law. He told the congressional committee:

"We believe that the title of the program we have recommended...has largely been filled out and incorporated."

Much of organized labor has already become aware of the threat contained in the measure. After describing the proposal as a "master 27-page bill specifically designed to destroy union democracy," Frank Bynum, labor director of the AFL, Labor League for Political Education, said it:

"In practice it would give a shining license to the McCarren Act Control Board to probe into the affairs of unions everywhere and decide which unions and employees it wishes to enjoin. It would order out of business any union that ever violated any company rules."

"It would give the power to declare which unions have clearly represented the pattern character of totalitarian regimes." John L. Lewis and Arthur Goldberg also condemned the measure. He said:

"We demand that the unions regulated by the government—"

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What's more, the company is willing to give us the peanuts only if we promise not to get hungry again for a long time. GE terms for accepting the 2.7% wage increase are that we give up our right to bargain on our contract in September.

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This is our fight! Let's mobilize to win it now!
MEMORIAL DAY — May 30
INDEPENDENCE DAY — July 4

... days to stir the hearts of all Americans—except, it seems, executives at GE

GE HAS MADE TREMENDOUS PROFITS in 1952, over $416,000,000 dollars —
the highest profits in all GE history. These tremendous profits came out of
the workers' production, an average take for the company of $2.578 on each and every
production worker. Yet out of these tremendous profits, the company won't even
pay for two holidays. This is a miserly attitude.

Consider the facts involved, in actual dollars and cents.
GE has made $2.578 profits on each production worker.
This is about $1.25 an hour profits. In contrast, the two
holidays would cost the company $0.002 an hour — just
2/10 of one cent! The cost of the two holidays is hardly a
few-bits on the company's profits.

GE has contracts with over 400 companies providing for 7 or more paid holidays,
and including payment for holidays that fall on Saturdays. These companies are not as
wealthy as GE which boasts of its 21 points for workers' welfare but provides less than
other prominent companies on holidays.

Last year GE paid for seven holidays; this year, because of Saturdays, GE wants to
pay for only five. Why does GE stand on a technicality when so little cost would do so
much good to so many people?

GE refuses to pay for two holidays. It really takes a BIG corporation to be so
SMALL and PETTY.

SHOW THIS LEAFLET TO YOUR FELLOW WORKER

*The company boasts selected workers with expanded wage and benefits. For this reason it is difficult to make estimates
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