6,000 Erie GE Workers Lose Jobs As UE Proves Too Weak to Halt Run-away

More than 6,000 Erie GE workers today are caught in the worst fix of their lives. The company is preparing the move that will take their jobs (the entire Refrigeration Division) out of Erie and move it to Louisville, Kentucky.

Hundreds of other Erie workers are walking the streets and have found that their union — UE — could do nothing to save the jobs for them. Their plight stems directly from the weakness of the National UE because it now represents less than 20,000 GE workers in the entire country.

This special edition of the IUE-CIO Local 301 News tells the full Erie story — not as we see it, but as seen by the UE itself. All of the clippings are taken from recent editions of the UE Local 306 Union News, official publication of the UE Erie Local.

As you can see from this clipping, “Refrigerator employees are laid off, Locomotive employees are laid off, Motor employees are laid off, Foundry employees are laid off, throughout the plant, in every division, employees are laid off.”

Those are UE’s own words.

Now see inside.
This is the RESULT of UE's National Weakness in GE; It Spells One Word for UE Members in Erie--DISASTER!

Because UE was so weak, it could not stop the Company from moving half of the entire Erie Works to Louisville. On top of that UE failed in its attempt to organize Louisville, which eventually will employ 16,000 GE workers. For the Louisville story as it affects Schenectady, see back page.