GE Workers Want Full Cost of Hospitalization

The UIE-CIO wants the full cost of hospital expenses paid and to be paid from the contract with the General Electric Company. Today, every time you pass to a hospital, you pay over part of the bill. You pay premiums regularly over a period of years. You never use the hospital. Then, all of a sudden you have an emergency situation and have to go to the hospital. Youfigure you've been paying premiums for years. You should have to pay any more when you get sick. But the GE workers are used to the shock of finding a hospital bill on their door while they are in the hospital. They always have to pay, and they have to pay higher prices, sometimes.

Kearney Supports Minimum Wage

"We support the federal wage bill provision for $1 more than which passed the House yesterday," was the last word from Siemens announced by Local 311 on July 21. It was confirmed by Congressman T. J. O'Neill. On July 24, the House and Senate Conference Committee of Local 311's committee announced that the conference committee was also invited by Local 311 to a vote to increase the minimum wage to $1.00.

The International Union of Electrical Workers-CIO, acting for itself and in behalf of all UIE-CIO locals currently certified as bargaining units on Federal employees, hereby notifies the General Electric Company that it will negotiate the National Agreement on behalf of the National Agreement on behalf of the National Agreement and the General Electric Company, effective September 15, 1955. This notice is sent to the Company pursuant to the provisions of Article XXIV, Section 1(a) of the National Agreement.

Very truly yours,

James B. Carey
President, UIE-CIO

John H. Calahan
Chairman, National Electric Conference Board, IUE-CIO

No Contract, No Work

Here is the resolution of the GE adopted by the GE Conference Board, by the Miami Beach convention and by all GE locals:

Resolved, that in the event a satisfactory agreement is not negotiated by September 15, 1955, that there will be no work in IUE-CIO GE shops until such agreement is concluded.

The following letter has been sent to GE in compliance with the provisions of the Contract:

International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
Affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations

July 18, 1955

Mr. Virgil Day
Manager, Union Relations
General Electric Company
200 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

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Mayor Wemple Replies to Union

In a letter to IUE Local 311 July 17, Mayor Wemple assured the "good will in industrial peace is still burning" and said in part, "I am confident that labor will not seek to disrupt the peace and order before and after the contract between us is signed. These workers are not only the best prepared to do a job but they will also find another letter in the next coming days."

The Mayor's letter was in answer to the Union's reply to a resolution passed by the City Council a few weeks ago. The resolution had expressed general support of the possibility of a strike at the (Continued on Page 3)

Monday Meeting to Act on Constitution Changes

The Executive Board of the Monday meeting, approved the changes to the Local 311's Constitution that have been recommended by the Constitution Committee. The recommendations to the Monday meeting was followed by a request from the Convention of the National Riggers Convention, Monday night, to ratify the recommendations of the Constitution Committee. The recommendations to the Convention was followed by a request from the Convention of the Constitution Committee to ratify.
GE Lags on Pensions

GE is one of the biggest and most visible companies in the world. Today, a group of people, many of whom work for GE, are pressing for change. They are demanding that the company address the issue of pension benefits.

In November, the General Electric Company recognized the importance of pension planning and announced a new plan. The plan, which will be effective January 1, provides for an increase in pension contributions. This is a significant step forward, but it is not enough. GE needs to do more to ensure that its employees have a secure retirement.

The current pension plan is funded at less than 100% of the actuarial value. This means that the company has less money than it needs to pay out pensions when the employees retire. This is unacceptable. The company must take action to fully fund the pension plan.

GE Workers Want Full Cost of Hospitalization

Several GE workers have expressed concern about the cost of hospitalization. They believe that the company should be responsible for the full cost of hospitalization for all employees, regardless of their age or health status.

Under the current plan, employees are responsible for a portion of the cost of hospitalization, even if they are not eligible for Medicare or have a pre-existing condition. This is unfair and unreasonable. The company must take action to fully fund hospitalization.

City Manager Appoints Local 301 Executive Board Member to MHA

Paul Robb, who has been a member of Local 301 since 1965, has been appointed to the Municipal Housing Authority. He replaces Robert M. Parkinson, who has been a member of the MHA since 1961.

City Manager Robert M. Parkinson stated, "Paul Robb has demonstrated a strong commitment to our community. His experience and dedication make him a valuable addition to the MHA. I look forward to working with him to serve our residents."