IUE-CIO

"IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH"

AN INVITATION AND A PLEDGE

Every Schenectady GE worker must be aware by now that certain events of recent days are going to have a vital effect on those of us who work for GE and on the welfare of our families.

Because the IUE-CIO had the foresight and wisdom to write a code of living clause into its GE contract, 65,000 GE workers in plants throughout America are now eligible to receive an eight to ten-cent per hour wage increase, based on Bureau of Labor Statistics figures for March 15, 1951.

This victory was won, despite organized efforts on the part of the big business to make cost of living adjustment illegal under the current wage freeze.

Big business, led by GE, wanted to enforce a ten-cent per hour limit, with no exceptions. But the American labor movement, the CIO, AFL and major independent unions, through the United Labor Policy Committee waged a successful battle and forced the Wage Stabilization Board to issue an order allowing cost of living increases above the ten-cent per hour formula.

But GE workers are Schenectady are not among the 65,000 who will receive the cost of living increase. The UE at its convention last September, went on record condemning such cost of living increases. The UE said in Schenectady can hope to receive under the UE-GE agreement is five cents per hour, as allowed under the ten-cent per hour formula.

And the reason is plain. UE stands alone, unassisted by the rest of organized labor. While all other unions were doing a real trade union job, UE was, and still is, spending money in the defense of Julius Emspeck, James Matier, and the other UE staff members who are being tried because they refused to answer the question, "Are you a Communist?"

This is the reason UE families will suffer - and it is the reason why UE stands alone today. All the rest of organized labor stands UE. When UE made application for membership on the United Labor Policy Committee, all the CIO, AFL and independent unions voted "No."

BUT WE, THE WORKERS AT GE, CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SITUATION! IUE-CIO AT ITS GE CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING MARCH 3 AND 4, MADE A PLEDGE TO ALL GE WORKERS AND ISSUED AN INVITATION AS WELL.

"It is our intention in IUE-CIO to fight to see that all GE workers enjoy the same benefits and the same opportunities for promotion and new job creation that we, the UE workers, enjoy. We will continue to fight for a better life for the workers in this company."

BROTHE R SISTER GE WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE NATION HAVE ISSUED THIS INVITATION TO US - AND IT CONSTITUTES A CHALLENGE TO EVERY RIGHT MINDING MEMBER AND OFFICER OF LOCAL 501, AND TO EVERYONE WHO WORKS AT THE GE SCHENECTADY PLANT.

We have the opportunity to rebuke Local 501 within the framework of CIO, to join the vast majority of GE workers throughout the country in the fight for economic justice. We have the opportunity to unite the new divided house of GE workers - to take our rightful place in the ranks of America's labor movement."

We can do this by signing IUE-CIO applications for membership cards today, so that IUE-CIO will be able to petition the National Labor Relations Board for an election.

All of us must resolve now to stand firm in our beliefs, for we can never remember the days when we did not have the majority of GE workers. The record has proved this a fact.

Now UE has already begun its life campaign; claimed that AFL and CIO leaders signed the wage freeze order. This statement appears in a recent UE District Three publication, but the record shows UE false, because it is a matter of history that labor representatives walked out of the meeting without signing the union 10-cent per hour contract.

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