400,000 Workers Didn’t Quit UE In Order to “Lose Their Seniority”

In the past four years, 400,000 workers have quit UE and joined IUE-CIO.

As a result, UE has lost more than 100,000 members. And it is losing more and more every day.

In GE, more than 80,000 workers dumped UE and joined IUE-CIO.

In Westinghouse, approximately 55,000 did the same. (Today UE represents less than 10,000 Westinghouse workers.)

In General Motors, 40,000 voted overwhelmingly for IUE-CIO. Today UE does not represent a single GM worker.

Ever since 1950, when the overwhelming majority of GE workers joined IUE-CIO, more and more GE plants have quit UE in order to unite the GE chain.

In every election against UE unity is the issue, and time after time GE workers endorse IUE-CIO.

That was the issue every year for the last three years in Lynn when UE tried to win back the shop that was second in the GE chain. Every time the GE workers in Lynn repudiated UE and endorsed IUE-CIO.

The need for unity all GE workers in one Union, they all agree, is too important to let tradition or personal perversions stand in the way.

The result of this drive to unite the GE chain is that today IUE-CIO can speak with the strength of 100,000 GE workers when we meet Boardwalk at the collective bargaining table.

That is too much for them to bear. Now they won’t be able to throw our demands back in our face.

The story is the same in Philco and RCA—they’re all in IUE-CIO. And on the list—Sperry Gyroscope, Emerson Radios and TV, Exide Battery, Federal Tel and Tel, etc.

The workers in those plants and hundreds of others all quit UE because they wanted to be united and in the mainstream of the labor movement.

None of these workers last seniority, lost piece-work protection, lost any thing else. Indeed, they gained. They won stronger Contracts in IUE-CIO than they ever enjoyed under UE because they were solidly united in their locals and in their chain set-ups.

Furthermore, these workers realized that the UE was unable to organize new plants, especially the run-away shops the chains are opening up in the South. IUE-CIO organized these plants... such as the big new GE Appliance Park in Louisville, Ky. . . . GE’s big tube plant in Alamance, Alabama . . . the new GE fractional horsepower motor plant in Linton, Indiana . . . and is organizing the others that are just now being opened, in such places as Rome, Georgia.

UE’s inability to organize proves that it cannot do the job required for GE workers and the hundreds of thousands of other workers in every industry.

Unifil, a strong industrial Union can do that job. That Union is IUE-CIO—the Union that represents more electrical manufacturing workers than all other unions combined.

Petitions Demand Election

GE workers want an immediate election and they are letting the NLRB know it. Petitions were circulated through the plant on Tuesday urging the Board to order an election immediately. At press time, practically the entire plant was on record in support of the petitions, which will be sent to Washington.

6,000 Lose Jobs
In UE Erie Plant

In Erie, UE’s only major GE plant left, six thousand workers are seeing their jobs moved out. That is half the Erie plant.

The entire Refrigeration Division in Erie is being moved away. The move will be completed this fall.

Already more than 1,200 Erie GE workers are walking the streets because UE could not keep their jobs. Those jobs are in the Locomotive Division, primarily the Motor and Cabinet units.

GE announced its move of Refrigeration work to its new Louisville plant more than a year ago. UE went down to Louisville and tried to organize it. It failed.

But IUE-CIO succeeded in organizing Louisville. In that election, which was held last August, IUE-CIO defeated UE by a vote of 1,047 to 186.

Eventually UE will employ 16,000 people in the Louisville plant.

So you see why UE sheets about “unemployment” here in Schenectady. In order to cover up its own miserable failure in Erie, Sunbury today page 3) and dozens of other plants where the company took advantage of UE's weakness.

Unity of 100,000 GE Workers Means Higher Wages and More Job Security

The Following 56 GE Locals Are United in IUE-CIO

Alamosa, Colo.
Albemarle, Ala.
Altus, New York
Anniston, Conn.
Asheville, Ala.
Batesville, Miss.
Belton, S.C.
Boise, Idaho
Borning, S.C.
Butler, Ohio
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Chesterfield, Va.
Clayton, Ga.
Cleveland, Ohio
Coopersville, Mich.
Covington, Ohio
Crawfordsville, Ind.
Denton, Texas
Dover, Del.
Duluth, Minn.
Dubuque, Iowa
Durham, N.C.
Evanston, Ill.
Elkhart, Ind.
Erie, Pa.
Fairfield, Conn.
Fargo, N.D.
Flint, Mich.
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Beware — Outsiders Push Blank Petitions

It is reported lately that the outsiders are staking out the buildings in and around the plant.

As usual with the UEB, reports in tertiary, the petitions are not included in their purpose. Many are just plain potted.

This, therefore, is to warn all UEB workers about their plans.

Sometimes the outsiders will say a petition is for "taxy," some other time it will be a "petition" — and some other time it will be for some other purpose.

The point is: Beware of these plans, UEB. You might think you "taxy" petition and say "sign it." But when it comes out in a UEB paper or official, you might find that it was a "loyalty pledge to UEB."

Like all the way UEB told Charlie Munson, Stewart in Blg. 52. Here is the way Munson announced the petition in his column in a UEB affidavit.

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Outsiders Fail in Attempt To Steal Local 301 Funds

All last week the outsiders continued their harassment of the elected Local 301 leadership. Again they tied up the officers in court to keep them away from their job of handling grievances and solving problems in the plant.

Their "fishing expedition" continued.

Attorneys for the outsiders continued to get around to see if they could find "proof" to substantiate their phony charges. They even tried to get one of their outside accomplices into the Local 301 office to get his hands on Local 301's financial records.

This exposed the outsiders' real reason for this procedure: They are only trying to get their hands on the funds and property of the Local 301 members.

But the Officers refused to give the outsiders this chance.

Further testimony by the Officers of Local 301: That there was no violation in any way of the law by any order UEB obtained in New York.

That "kicker" permitted continuation of normal expenditure. The Officers testified that in the period March 13 to March 31 the period UEB was investigated by only 5,000,000 had been expended. This is only 60% of what would normally be spent in the same period of time.

Furthermore, a single cost of Local 301 money has not been spent since that time.

All of the outside people involved in the investigation have been cleared of any wrongdoing.

Upgrade Voting

Charlie Brackin in Blg. 35 was laid off for lack of work from his job as a foreman's job. The UEB has not given him a job.

The weekend it turned out that the UEB is the only union that has not given him a job. The UEB has not given him a job.

Local 301 Women Leaders BLAST UE Lies

In the same way as the ILWU, women workers have been staying on the job, inciting the Contract and solidifying the organized women. The women are the front line in the battle against the outsiders.

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Local 301 Women Leaders at their last meeting at Union headquarters.