Union Demands GE Observe State Law

Although a state investigation has shown that GE is failing to comply with certain provisions of the Wisconsin Compensation Law at the Sherman plant, the company apparently made no move to correct these conditions when this week's news of a new lawsuit against GE is announced.

The union, which originally called these violations to the state's attention, this week notified the Wisconsin Compensation Board that the violations are continuing. The union's letter stated that unless GE complies with the law, Local 301 will ask the Board to withdraw the notice of an OSHA hearing.

GE has not responded to the union's letters about the rights of workers, as required by law. The company has also failed to give workers a notice to sign when they are trained at GE by a company director, or to a doctor selected by the company. Workers should be informed by the company of their rights to choose their own doctors.

In a letter to the Wisconsin Industrial Commission, the union stated, "We are not satisfied with the results of the investigation. We have been told that the violations are continuing. We wish to bring this to the attention of the Commission so that the company can correct these violations."

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Work Gets Underway On Membership Drive

As the first step in the organizing drive, the UE office this week went to all shop stewards for a meeting to discuss the new leadership in the company's unions. The meeting was held at the UE office in the evening.

Unemployment Insurance Is Under Attack Again

The Wisconsin Industrial Commission on Monday approved the proposed changes in the number of weeks for which unemployment insurance benefits are payable. The number of weeks is now reduced from 26 to 20 weeks. The new UA will take effect on February 16, 1968. The new UA will be effective for all unemployed workers.

Letter to Heck

Lea Jardine has written to Speaker Gerald D. North of the Assembly and to the Ways and Means Committee about the March 31st deadline for the state budget. Lea Jardine, in a note to the speaker, asked if the January 31st deadline for the state budget has been extended.

Membership Meeting

The Constitution Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 7th to vote on the proposed changes in the state budget. The meeting will be held at the UE office in the evening.

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The General Electric Company has announced that it will ban a UE booklet that has been distributed to employees. The booklet, "The UE Worker's Guide," is a publication of the General Electric Company and was distributed to employees.

General George W. Catlett, president of the General Electric Company, said in a letter to the UE office, "We have decided to ban the booklet because it contains information that is in conflict with our company policies." The letter also stated that the UE office will be given a copy of the booklet and that the UE office will be given a copy of the booklet.
Teachers Ask UE Aid in Legislative Fight
All groups of teachers in the states, CSD, AFL, and independent, are fighting to reverse the "right-to-work" system of giving raises to teachers. They also are fighting against freezing raises by local "business towns" and they are backing the Taft-Hartley bill which would double the money given to local schools from state funds.

Under the existing law passed last year by the state legislatures, "right-to-work" gives teachers the right to vote on salary increases for their schools. This was voted down in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and in both states the teachers are now organizing a new system of raises based on national and state conventions.

In a letter to Local 227, the Sympathy Teachers Association asked members to support the complaint against the Ohio convention. The Sympathy Teachers Association of New York, AFL, has also issued a letter to its members, which is dated the 2nd, presenting the arguments of the Ohio convention that a new system of raises is necessary to give the teachers the "right to work." Sympathy teachers are urging their members to begin to take their own action to secure fair treatment for their children.

Pledge CIO Support for "Swan" Strikers
Workers at the Swan Clambers and Dynes, 1550 State St., had been set on strike for over a week when this week's EJ News went to press Wednesday. The union involved, District 1, United Mine Workers, says that about 90 percent of the employees walked out. The strike was called because of the failure of the United Mine Workers to obtain funds to help finance the strike. The CIO and AFL are working in the area to organize the miners.

Check-up On GE Very-Hush-Hush
Since Workmen's Compensation officers, who are now refuse to release Local 261 a copy of the state report on the special investigation into irregularities of the General Electric Plant at Schenectady in observing the Workmen's Compensation Law, in fact, the state officials now work on a per-case basis instead of a per-case basis. At the last meeting of the state Board of Education, the idea of a new state law was discussed. In fact, it is, of course, that the investigation was made several weeks ago and confirmed charges made by Local 261. The union executive bureau of the union has received the report from the state Board of Education.

Other UE Pension Groups Follow Schenectady Lead
Pensioners from other GE plants are following the example of retired Schenectady workers by forming UE Pensioners organizations. Both Piffizzer and Lunnary now have such groups, and others are being organized. The UE-CIO Pension Organization at its monthly meeting last week at 311 Hall pledged full support for the CIO contract demands and made plans for the future. The UE-CIO has adopted a resolution supporting the union's demands and has also asked that Local 261 members give them the name of retired relatives or friends who haven't yet joined the Pension Organization. We are sharing our needs at the next meeting.

Churchil Warmly Welcome Heir to the Union
The 261 group met at 3 p.m. last Thursday at the office. The members are planning an active spring program with streets in hand. An article will be shown at the next meeting.

On What a Difference UE Contract Makes
The latest issue of a recent EJ News, entitled "UE Workers and GE Employees," reviewed the situation since the difference in basic wages between GE and Local 301 was announced. The new agreement, which was ratified by the membership, provides for a 25 percent raise for all employees. The difference ranges from 17 cents up. As of last week, the new agreement went into effect. The union has a 'human factors' policy on strikes and against his methods. The treatment of the "human factors" group should be to the state in the 261 group.