The Kids Take Over!

The kids from New York City took over last Friday when Local 301 hall was turned into a camp site for some 250 Fresh Air Fund children who will stay in the Schenectady area for two weeks or more.

The kids were greeted by their temporary parents and cried, and for the ice cream donated by UK Local 301. Pictures on this page.

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GE's First Bargaining Offer Includes 8¢ to 13¢ Pay Hike

General Electric management made an initial wage offer to UIU national negotiators which would mean increases of 8¢ to 13¢ an hour to workers in GE shops across the country. This offer, made Monday in New York, represented a substantial progress over previous management proposals.

However, it still fell short of meeting the needs of UIU workers as represented by the unions' demands for a 20¢ an hour hike for everybody.

The company's wage offer was made on the basis of a 5% increase, apparently tied to production productivity, and a 1.5% of total hourly wage.

This included a 1.5% general increase, which applied to present rates would mean an 8¢ to 13¢ hike for workers in the common labor classification and an 8¢ to 13¢ hike for workers in the skilled labor classification.

Negotiations resume.

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Humphrey Prepares New Drive on Labor

In a tailwind of a political season, Vice President Hubert Humphrey is preparing a major campaign offensive for the fall. His goal is to mobilize a strong labor vote and to take control of the Senate Caucus of 23 dual-union leaders who have helped to control the Senate in recent years.

Humphrey, who is running for re-election, is expected to announce his plans this week. He will try to appeal to labor by promising to stand up for workers' rights and by making economic issues a key part of his campaign.

**UE Petitions for Election In Pittsburg GE Plant**

The United Electrical Workers have filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board to determine the bargaining agent for the hourly employees at the GE Pittsburg plant in California. The petition was filed by the UE Local 408, which represents about 2,000 hourly workers at the plant. The NLRB will hold a hearing at a later date to determine the bargaining agent.

**AFL Maps Fight on T-H**

The AFL's national council has voted to strike against the Tidewater & Harpeth RY in New York City, beginning on October 1. The strike is in response to a 10-day notice given to the union by the railway company.

**Voters Rent Out Labor**

In the Senate in Franklin, Rep. Kenneth S. McCollum, who is seeking re-election to the first term, announced that he will run for a seat in the Senate. He is expected to announce his candidacy in the next few days.

**UE Drive in Saratoga Threatens End to Spa's Low Pay**

The United Electrical Workers have placed a strike on the Saratoga Spa, a well-known spa in New York. The union is seeking a new contract with the spa, which currently offers low wages to its workers.

**Negotiations (Continued from Page 1)**

The company's proposal was to offer the union a new contract that would include a wage increase to $1.50 per hour, and a provision for annual raises. The union rejected the offer and is now planning to appeal to the National Labor Relations Board.

**Set Inventory Schedule For Many Works Units**

Inventory data have been set in a number of divisions of the Schenectady works according to information sent to the union by management. In addition, tentative dates have been arranged for taking stock in several other departments. The division of which office will be affected in this area has not been decided yet.

**Stil Owens U.S.**

H. Harlowe Davis, General Manager, reported that the company is now working on a new contract for the Schenectady works. The company is expected to announce a new contract in the next few days.

**Report Fitzgerald Hits GE Contract Proposals**

In the first full day of contract negotiations held this week, the United Electrical Workers presented a series of proposals to General Electric. The union's proposals include a wage increase of 10 cents per hour, a new pension plan, and a new health insurance plan.

**Having Their Say**