It’s over a million dollars, at the very least.

It’s your dues money, the $150 which you paid, month by month, into the treasury of UE Local 301.

And it’s been squandered—almost all of it—by UE Local 301 officials in the last four years.

In the same manner, the more than $200,000 which Local 301 had in its treasury at the end of 1948 had dwindled down to $10,000 in November, 1949.

WHAT WAS SPENT

UE Local 301’s dues since 1948 has amounted to nothing less than $200,000 per year, but this dues money had been swallowed up by the Tammany Hall power-buying policy of the local UE leaders.

Beginning in 1949, last time reports showed, so that from 25 to 40 per cent of the local's annual budget went for that purpose.

Despite the local's tremendous income, monthly deficits in 1948 and 1949 have been one, amounting to a loss from $2,000 to $7,000 in almost every month.

In those few exceptional months when a profit was noted, it amounted to only a few hundred dollars.

Last year's expenditure month by month amounted to from $41,000 to $77,000, while the annual expenditures for last year and 1949 amounted to $87,000 in 1948, and $80,000 in 1949.

A depleted treasury and huge monthly deficits are a long period of time can make just one thing. The UE fund was spending more money than it was taking in. Why? The UE officials in Schenectady, swallowing the benefits from the money that was spent, are justifying their answer must be a reassuring “NO”!

Here is the picture of monthly deficits for parts of '46 and '48:

1948 DEFICITS
April, 1948 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $2,452.07
May, 1948 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7,633.29
June, 1948 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,380.20
July, 1948 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3,964.30
August, 1948 . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5,100.09
September, 1948 . . . . . . . . . . 4,648.40

AND IN 1949
January, 1949 . . . . . . . . . . . . . $112.00
February, 1949 . . . . . . . . . . . . 5,223.00
July, 1949 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4,124.50
August, 1949 . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8,124.00
September, 1949 . . . . . . . . . . 4,518.00

Issued current expenditures by the following amounts in the following months:

May 25 -- D-Day

D-Day ... Decision Day for all workers everywhere...is the day we've looked forward to for months.

It's our day to take a free and secret election, for the union we want to represent us with management.

The choice is ours to make. We, the workers in GE, will be the judges in this case, just as General Motors and Westinghouse workers, and thousands of others have decided before us.

And the choice is clear...the issue is clear. The issue is Commitment in labor organizations versus legitimate American trade unionism.

Up until now, we, the workers in GE, have always been a part of CIO, and as a part of CIO we have made gains, following the pattern set by our other unions in the auto and steel industries.

As we've always gotten are just and fair share of the profits of this giant enterprise, for which we work. The struggle for control of this billion-dollar corporation must be carried on.

For the strength of labor lies in the unity of labor...only through CIO can we have the strength necessary to win the just demands from the giant corporation.

Our fellow workers in General Motors and Westinghouse know this...and they CIO by an overwhelming majority. And workers in Philco, Sperry, Wagner Electric, Motor Mule, Dodge Dodge, Apec Washer Co., to mention just a few, know this.

But there is more to our decision. In IUE-CIO we will be joined with electrical workers throughout the nation in the new, the only recognized, union in the electrical industry. Through IUE-CIO, GE workers will enjoy unity with their fellow electrical workers, along with the backing of CIO's six million members.

On the other hand, stands alone—out of the rank and file of workers, not as a separate corporation, but as a part of a giant corporation.

Workers and the A.F. of L., whose leaders recently said that all of labor could not get forward to real unity, which we until now has been impossible because Communists were holding certain CIO unions.

In just a week, each of us will enter a voting booth in our plant, and will place our "X" under the union of our choice.

The decision is ours...and that decision will affect our whole future and the welfare of ourselves and our families.

Yes, it's up to us. Let's choose wisely and carefully, for we, the workers in GE, are the ones who will gain or lose through the decisions that we make.
Congressman Accuses UE Of Lies — Half-Truths

An angry congressman who has been called by UE strike-back at the UE for "distorting and slanting" statements made during an interview with the "UE News" re- turns to the U.S. Congress. Representative Adam Clayton Powell of New York, charged that an article quoted him as saying the U.S.O. had "sold out" the struggle for fair wages to the U.S.O.

Representative Powell said: "I was asked when a recent article in the New York Times whether the United Electrical Workers Union was going to be able to hold on to its national organization, and that he had been quoted as saying: "I don't think so."

"I was told that this was a statement by the United Electrical Workers Union, and that I was part of that organization."

"I have been quoted as saying that I will not support the UE in its struggle for fair wages, and that I believe it is going to be able to hold on to its national organization."

"I have been quoted as saying that I believe the UE is going to be able to hold on to its national organization, and that I am part of that organization."
NEED FREE UNIONS
GE WORKER PROVES

BY AL DORSHEN
Building 72 — Second Shift

Back in 1921, over 17 years ago, I came to Samsung from my home in Germany... from a home which I left because of Commism.

This is a story which I want to tell all the workers in our plant because it shows what can happen when Communists control trade unions.

Before the first big strike, I was a member of one of them. But after the war, the Communists took control of our company, and succeeded in destroying their power. Communism gained full control in certain parts of Germany, particularly in the West and South. I lived in Hanover, which did not have Communist government, but where the factories were taken over by these enemies of democracy.

FIGHT COMMUNISM

And the bosses passed the word. We lived in a military state—cared for like rats in a hole. So, we had to be prepared to fight the Communists when they decided to make an attack on our lives.

In August of 1932, the Communists asked a convention of our company to form a union, and to work together. But we, the workers, the citizens of Hanover, had to decide whether we were to be happy, or whether we wanted to work in this country.

Yes, we won the battle, but not the war. I am not in the chest, but I have left all I could, as I decided to come to America.

HOW HITLER ROSE

It is no wonder that a man like me is a man who knows more about politics in Germany than in America, because before the Communists destroyed the strength of the unions, the war for them was the same. Yes, the unions were the strongest force for democracy in Germany, but when the Commies destroyed the unions, they made Hitler possible.

As soon as I came to America, I started working at GE. I remember the early days of our plant.

I remember meeting Leo Zaneh and saying, "We must join the CIO—trade unionism is what we need." That's what I said then. Our strength is in numbers—now.

I remember how the US quickly changed its policy after losing against war to stop war as soon as Hitler invaded Europe, and how the US always supported what the Commies said.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

If the Communists had taken over all the unions here, as they did in

GE News—Just Two Days Before the Westinghouse Election—Printed this "Exclusive Interview" With Congressman Adam Clayton Powell.

It was a Desperate and Despicable Last Minute Fake Designed to Swing Westinghouse Votes to the Tottering US.

Congressman Powell Himself Has Denounced This Rotten US Trickery As A Pack of Lies, Distortions and Untruths. Here Is Congressman Powell’s Own Description of This UE Interview.

"This is a sorry spectacle — all in all, it lies, half-truths and

distortions in a one-page newspaper article. And for the purpose of blackening

the issues in a fight for trade union democracy!"
CONGRESSMAN SAYS UE LIES!

Congressman Powell Charges:

"The UE News falsified my remarks in order to attack the CIO..."

Congressman Powell Says:

"I was shocked when a recent article in the newspaper of the United Electrical Workers Union, purporting to be an interview with me, maligned the leadership of the national CIO."

Congressman Powell Hits UE's Trickery:

"Instead of presenting these facts accurately, the UE reporter twisted my remarks into an attack on President Truman and the CIO..."

Congressman Powell Found:

"The same distortion is repeated throughout the article, ending with another false quote—attributed to me—that 'the CIO has definitely weakened labor's whole fight by its antagonistic tactics.'"

Congressman Powell Asserts:

"In addition to the specific distortions listed above, the article is full of half-truths, and constantly quotes me out of context."

Congressman Powell Concludes:

"My position, then, is clear: I insist on the rights of the U.S. labor movement, the Communist Party itself, and all other groups to hold and express their opinions, no matter how repugnant, for this is the American way. But so long as falsehoods remain their artillery, and so long as their tactics constitute an attack on democratic trade union leadership, I must refuse to have anything further to do with them."

Here, in His Own Words, You Have the Bitter Experience of a United States Congressman with the Lies, the Forgeries, the Fictions of the Communist-Controlled UE. Preventing the Truth, Falsifying the Opinions and Statements of a Member of the U.S. Congress — Nothing Is Too Low or Too Unethical for UE to Use in Its Attempts to Deceive and Delude the Workers in Our Industry.

Congressman Powell refuses "to have anything to do with them." Hundreds of Thousands of Electrical Workers Are Also Refusing to Be Suckers for Further Communist Lies.

Vote IUE-CIO!

International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO
734 15th Street, N.W. Washington 5, D.C.

What Was UE Doing in the Communist May Day Parade?

For Years the New York May Day Parade Has Been Run Completely For and By the Communist Party. On May 1, 1950, There Wasn't a Single Non-Communist Union, Not a Single Non-Communist Organization of Any Kind in the Parade!

The Communist May Day Marchers Used Moscow's Slogans; Shouted Moscow's Demands for:
- Ending All U.S. National Defense Measures!
- Abolishing the Marshall Plan!
- Wiping Out the Conviction of the 11 Communist Leaders!
- U.S. Recognition of Communist China!
- Renewed Attacks on All Anti-Communist CIO and AFL Leaders!

This Is the Sort of Un-American and Pro-Russian Demonstration That UE Leaders Marched in. Even UE's Top Lawyers, Like Frank Scheiner, Appeared in the Parade.

UE Leaders Thus Committed UE to the Support of the Most Brutal Dictatorship in History, to Stalin's Destruction of Democratic Unions, and to the Soviet System of 8,000,000 Slave Laborers!

March With Democracy — Not With Communism!

Vote IUE-CIO!

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ELECTRICAL, RADIO & MACHINE WORKERS — CIO
734 15th Street, N.W. WASHINGTON 5, D.C.
Don’t Let It Happen Here!

We Americans live in a blessed land. We are blessed with freedom, and we are blessed with a Constitution that guarantees us the right to be free. And so we work in America's best interests and we fight to win the right to establish free trade unions.

Now we are in another struggle. For certain of our minds have fallen asleep, and in America's struggle and foreign in American principles. Have you read the constitution of the United States? Do you know the rights of the workers? Can you write the Constitution? Do you know what has happened to the workers in the past? We must guard against the Communist menace.

For we know what has happened in the rest of the world. We know what the people of the free world have fought for their freedom from the hands of the Communist Party.

In Germany, the Communist Party has been arrested. In France, the Communist Party has been defeated. In Italy, the Communist party has been arrested. In Poland, the Communist party has been defeated. In the United States, the Communist Party has been defeated.

What has happened in the United States? The workers are on strike. The workers are fighting for their rights. The workers are fighting for their freedom. And so we work in America's best interests and we fight to win the right to establish free trade unions.

What Remains of UE Is Now — More Than Ever Before — a Captive of the Communist Party, Goose-Stepping in Time With the Communist Party As It Did in This May Day Parade!
On the Condition of Labor in the Albany Diocese

Within our Diocese there is a very grave problem. It is the issue of Communism with which our faithful in Schenectady are confronted. Our people must be mindful that in Italy, the very heart and center of Catholicity; also in Catholic Poland, Catholic Czechoslovakia, Catholic Hungary and all the other Catholic countries behind the “Iron Curtain,” Communism gained power only because it first controlled the trade unions. The Catholic Church lends her support and gives her blessing to free trade unions. The Popes have spoken repeatedly in support of their aspirations. Their struggles to obtain a more equitable share of the enormous profits of big business have been spearheaded by the encyclicals of Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI. Therefore, there can be no question that the Church stands side by side with the free trade unions of the world.

However, the Church is ever alert to evil influences, that, by clever propaganda and trickery influence the thinking and decisions of some unions. The most flagrant example of this is the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America. Only after the most painstaking study and mindful of the serious nature of the charge, Our Most Reverend Bishop and the priests of the Diocese of Albany declare the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America to be Communist dominated and Communist controlled. It no longer functions as a free labor union, but is merely a tool of the Communist Party and is, therefore, the enemy of God and the Catholic Church.

In view of this fact it becomes a matter of conscience NOT TO SUPPORT THIS ORGANIZATION IN ANY ENDEAVOR WHATSOEVER! Some of the good Catholic, Protestant and Jewish people have been entirely misled into favoring the U.E. (as it is commonly known) because of the material benefits they have derived from it. But it is undeniable that all over the country large and free labor unions have derived more and better benefits for their members because they have unity based on true Americanism. Remember that even our Blessed Saviour Himself was tempted by the devil with these words: “All these things will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me.”

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Official Publication of the Catholic Diocese of Albany

YOU Make The Choice

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STANDS FOR
AMERICAN UNIONISM — IUE-CIO
BACKED BY
CIO'S SIX MILLION MEMBERS

STANDS FOR
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM
UE (Independent)
STANDS ALONE

It's Your Decision

VOTE IUE-CIO

United States of America
National Labor Relations Board

OFFICIAL SECRET BALLOT
FOR EMPLOYEES OF
General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York Works

This ballot is to designate the collective bargaining representative, if any, for the unit in which you are employed. You may spoil this, return it to the Board Agent for a new one.

Mark An “X” In The Square Of Your Choice

IUE-CIO LOCAL 301
NEITHER
UE Local 87, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE)

To Stay In The FIRST Ranks of Organized Labor In America, Put Your “X” In The FIRST Box On The Ballot.

Note: The NLRB Ballot is a Secret Ballot. No one will ever know how your individual vote was cast.
WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER TO GE GREED, UNION BUSTING, AND REFUSAL TO BARGAIN IN GOOD FAITH?

What position and demand union 1900 had seen time in this fight for survival?

Since June 19, 1960, the union representing the large number of GE workers involved is in negotiations with the General Electric Company. The U.N. had initiated these last major negotiations that U.N. has met the problem at least of the wage increases, premium, insurance, benefits, and security, that had been set by the steel industry in the United States. We, on the other hand, have taken the position that we have been living under a better conditions and rights and are too weak and disunited to force us to give anything.

We have spent millions of dollars on full-page advertisements throughout the country and other publications designed to further any position that may exist. They have brought pressure on the "right" peace to break up any confusion they might happen in the minds of their employees.

In short, they have used every means available to break the spirit of this movement.

They now say that if the union men, they have established a good agreement, and a fair share makes among the employees similar to such agreements throughout the country. They have said that if they now get away with another, another agreement will die.

"What will you do to stop the use of a second class contract? You must get that far back to us that we can make sure that not only will competition have an equal but an equal and honest standard of living, without any restrictions. Either your company, must set the pattern for the employment of an additional 20 cents on men's wages, and be willing to accept that without any compensation.

We are going to take advantage of our good union, to obtain a higher standard of living for all by ending down your company line, and then continue to demand a higher standard of living than your fellow workers throughout the country.

Our faith in the millions of union men will not be shaken by the help of such people. The only solution is to change the system to the point of saying that if any company is to be a success, it must be a success, but success must be based on the principle that company must be for the benefit of the workers, not just for the benefit of the company. We are the only answer that can help.

ATTEND THE MEETING TONIGHT AT STEELWORKERS HALL, 140 CLINTON ST.
FIRST SHIFT-8:00 PM.
SECOND SHIFT-12:30 A.M.
TONIGHT.
In this issue:

Our second issue is now here. As you are aware, our first issue did not meet with the approval of the editor in chief. We have also been told that we need to improve our work. We have been asked to submit our issue for the next issue. We have been asked to submit our issue for the next issue. We have been asked to submit our issue for the next issue.

The purpose of this issue is to improve our work. We have been asked to submit our issue for the next issue. We have been asked to submit our issue for the next issue. We have been asked to submit our issue for the next issue.

The local negotiating committee consists of Jack Davis, John J. De Blons, Frank McEwen, John Moore, Harvey Baker, and Warren Ellis.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE TO BUILD A STRONG UNION

"Union proposals for supplementary agreement".

Job rates, classifications, classifications and classification schedules,

Overtime rates - 7:00 - 9:00.

Additional schedules for skilled classifications.

Ten cents an hour more bonus to all job rates.

Failure of work - fuller's - 20% above job rates.


Overtime and weekends

Compensation for travel time.

Temporary layoffs of job locations will be paid at permanent rate.

Rotating shifts. The second shift, plus a half hour, is a 12-hour, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. schedule. This schedule will be in effect.

Overtime in certain areas, such as service, is available.

Job security.

Scheduling Committee.

Job security and classification.

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Desperate Men Resort To Desperate Tactics!!

Jandreau Resorts To Deceit, Trickery, Intimidation
And Fraud To Get "P-U-E" Checkoff Cards Signed!!

Leo Jandreau, Communist Business Agent of the disgraceful outfit that calls itself a Union, told his "Stewards" that if they wanted to keep riding the gravy train of last times, they had to get the checkoff cards signed. He didn't care what these "Stewards" did to accomplish this, just so the cards were signed. As a result of Jandreau's "under" working men and women who had once looked at their union for protection against oppression, loss of their jobs, discrimination and intimidation, now heard themselves threatened with these very evils, NOT BY SOMEONE SUPPOSED TO BE THEIR ENEMY! NOT EVEN BY THE G.E. COMPANY! THESE THREATS TO THEMSELVES CAME FROM PEOPLE WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THEM! Workers were threatened by their so-called "stewards" with one or more of the following "unfortunate happenings" if they refused to sign a card for their monthly $1.50 tribute to the Communist party, they were told:

1. If you don't sign a card you will lose ALL of your seniority and may be laid off at any time and a younger man will take your job! A despicable lie! You are protected by law from any discrimination during this period before an N.L.R.B. election.

2. If you refuse to sign a card the Company will have the right to do anything it wants to you as an individual and you will not be given protection! Another Communist inspired Lie!

The Old Wagner Act and the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, which is the law of the land, gives you full protection to process your grievances, WHATEVER IT MAY BE and if your so-called "Steward" refuses to process your grievances, bring it up to IUOEIO headquarters and we will inform you of your rights and take steps to defend you! DON'T LET ANY SMALL BUNCH OF COMMUNISTS TREAT YOU AS LUCKY! THIS IS AMERICA! NOT RUSSIA! NOT NAZI GERMANY! We, as free American workers will make our own decisions and our decision will be to throw off the shackles of Communism and rid ourselves of the disgrace brought upon our Union by the Red faction clique that now controls the UE. WE'LL VOTE IUOEIO!!! The pamphlet distributed by P.U.E. on Monday, Jan. 7th, contained the threat that if anyone refused to sign a checkoff card they would be punished. THIS IS A VIOLATION OF THEIR OWN ROTTEN CONSTITUTION!! THEY HAVE EXPelled MEMBERS FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE UE CONSTITUTION BUT THINK NOTHING OF VIOLATING IT THEMSELVES!!

As rotten as their Constitution is, at least they should live up to it themselves!!

SUPPORT THE MARCH OF DUTES: WHILE YOU FIGHT THE PLAGUE AFFLICTING LABOR, FIGHT ALSO THE PLAGUE AFFLICTING MANKIND!!

IUE — 10 STATE ST. PHONE 24140 — CIO
YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

The investment made by Atomic Workers Local 301, IUE-CIO, takes in their union pays off!

Just one recent experience proves this.

Workers made a 500 per cent investment—this was the return in 1959:

- a 25-cent per hour increase negotiated by IUE-CIO.
This means $2000.00 per year.

- an additional 25-cent per hour adjustment for skilled workers. These workers saw a return of $900.00 on their investment.

On March 16, the contract will be opened to negotiate wages. Because IUE-CIO made a one-time investment based on the contract, all hourly workers will receive about an eight cent per hour increase, despite the wage freeze.

This is the return, in actual as well as only, on the investment Atomic Workers made by paying dues to their IUE-CIO Local.

Other gains were made by improving the Pension and Hospitalization Plans and an extra paid holiday.

Atomic Workers Local 301 is now negotiating a local supplemental vacation, seniority, lay-off and working procedure for the protection of all its members. The negotiating committee, Jack Maurer, John S. Maurer, and John Stoyan, are negotiating the replacement of the top dead with real bonuses. Management has not been able to support its negative position on the union demands.

IUE-CIO Local Council 301 will be presenting a brief to present to the Davis Panel of the Atomic Energy Commission. The brief will support the Local's demands for its employees.

Finally, Atomic Workers Local 301 is an 85 per cent batting average in winning grievances.

These are just a few of the returns Atomic Workers get on their investment in their union.

The increase of $2000.00 per year, as ratified by the membership, as Article 12 of the Local Constitution. The increase was necessary because the International needed 75 cents per month for the striker's strike committee to operate successfully, in order to pay the local needed a treasury in order to pay the expenses involved in negotiating and settling grievances.

But the investment pays off—can you afford not to belong?

Distributed 3/14/51
The following letter has been sent by James B. Carey, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, to Senators and Congressmen:

I am addressing this letter to you on behalf of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, a labor organization which was chartered by the CIO last November 2, following expulsion of the Communist-dominated United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

We wish to bring to your attention an exceedingly ominous situation in our industry which we believe not only menaces democratic American trade unionism but also involves grave questions of national security and defense.

The IUE-CIO is now engaged in a crucial nationwide contest with the UE over the right to represent more than a half-million men and women in our industry. Sometime in the near future that contest will culminate in a series of representation elections conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

We of the IUE-CIO have bent every effort toward the earliest possible settlement of this representation question through NLRB elections because: (1) We are confident that we represent the overwhelming majority of workers in the electrical, radio and machine industry, and (2) We are anxious that industrial stability be restored in this important field of production through the establishment of sound collective bargaining relations.

There have, however, been numerous obstacles placed in the way of a swift and amicable settlement of the representation issue. Most of these obstacles have been erected by UE in a deliberate and vicious campaign to postpone— and even prevent, if possible — the holding of elections. And in this campaign, as we shall show, certain sections of management, particularly the General Electric Company, have given active assistance to the discredited Communist-led minority represented by UE.

It would require a small volume to describe to you the insidious legal maneuverings and harassments employed by UE to block resolution of the representation ques-
tion. In almost every city in the country where the electrical, radio and machine industry is organized, UE has filed law suits, petitions for injunction and other court actions to prevent the membership from making their own democratic determination of their collective bargaining agent. Suits to tie up union funds, suits to prevent use of our union's name, suits to prohibit union meetings, suits to force solvent local unions into bankruptcy—all have been commonplace. The deluge of disruptive judicial jockeying has spared no one; even the NLRB itself was sued for $100,000 by the UE. Here again we claim that the position taken by management in this dispute has abetted and encouraged the UE in its prolonged legal wrangling.

We would like to emphasize as strongly as we can that this is definitely not a common jurisdictional squabble between two labor groups. This is a fundamental fight—which has long since passed from the "cold war" to the "hot war" stage—between two diametrically opposed concepts that affect the entire U.S. labor movement and, through it, our entire economy. It is a fight to the finish between democratic American trade unionism and the attempts of the Kremlin to preserve the UE as a mass base for the expression of Soviet foreign policy in this country. It is a fight, in one of the nation's most critical industries, between loyalty to traditional American ideals and the menace to national security represented in a type of "union leadership" whose only loyalty is to the totalitarian foreign power. It is for these reasons that we have become increasingly apprehensive over the role that management is playing in offering aid and comfort to these implacable enemies of American liberties.

That the UE is Communist-led and Communist-dominated and that under this leadership it represents a direct threat to our national security has been recognized again and again by Congressional committees and the Atomic Energy Commission among others. The accumulative evidence is overwhelming that in this "sensitive" industry, UE's leadership is more than 90% Communist or pro-Communist. The irrefutable truth of this was attested by the Atomic Energy Commission when it completely outlawed the UE as collective bargaining representative for any workers employed on classified or secret atomic energy projects.

A subcommittee of the House Labor Committee, headed by Representative Charles J. Kersten, made a report on December 14, 1948, following an intensive investigation into UE. The report, which recommended contempt citations against 15 UE leaders, including Leo Jondreau, the top Communist leader of UE in Schenectady and upstate New York, proposed several measures for tightening security regulations, all of which were clearly aimed at the threat to national safety represented by UE. The subcommittee declared that Communists have seized control of UE's "national office, the executive board and paid staff, the union newspaper and a number of its districts and locals."

This evidence of UE's flagrant subservience to Communist Party dictates and Kremlin control has, as I say, been documented repeatedly by other Congressional and non-Congressional groups. Consequently this information has been fully available to the employers in our industry such as General Electric.

Therefore, at no time could General Electric plead ignorance of the subversive character of the organization with which it was bargaining.

In my testimony before the Kersten subcommittee on September 2, 1948, I charged under oath that management in the electrical, radio and machine industry has been guilty of aiding the Communist forces and discriminating against the anti-Communist elements among rank-and-file employees. I emphasized that "it has been my whole experience that the employers find it easy to get along with Communists because the Communists cannot be aggressive in adjustment of a grievance." In addition, I pointed out—giving the names of individuals—that in some instances management even discharged known anti-Communists from their jobs at the behest of UE.

In the face of such evidence presented to the subcommittee, Congressman Kersten, not once but twice, declared that the collusive arrangements between management and the Communist-controlled UE should be investigated.

At one point Congressman Kersten asserted, "Certainly if it is true that any management is so stupid as to cooperate with Communists, the light of day should be thrown on that situation as well as any other situation where people are cooperating with the Communists. If there is cooperation on the management side, that should
be brought out, too. I CAN SEE WHERE IT IS PROBABLY EVEN MORE DANGEROUS WHERE THERE IS COOPERATION BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND THE COMMUNISTS.'

On this same theme, Representative Carroll D. Kearns, who is still a member of the House Labor Committee, remarked, "I think the industry should be called upon to explain that type of action within their own industry, regardless of what it may be, if they are following procedures of that kind." Other members of the Committee expressed similar sentiments.

I cite these facts for the reason that although these hearings were held in September and October 1948, there has been no move of any kind to investigate charges of collusion between management and the totalitarian left. We in IUE-CIO believe it is a fine thing, and important, for Congress to be concerned about the Communist occupation of China and Formosa, about the containment of Soviet expansion in Europe and the necessity of spending billions of dollars in Marshall Plan funds to repel the threat of spreading Bolshevism. But we also believe that Congress could wisely turn its eyes homeward toward the even greater danger constituted by opportunistic management collaborating with the Communists. It is the clear and immediate duty of Congress to investigate these charges; to ascertain, for example, whether management's patronage of Communist-controlled unions is dictated in any way by advantageous contracts the companies may hold with Amtorg, the Soviet trade agency. National security demands that the whole field of this question be publicly explored and exposed.

In this period of "cold war" with the world threatened by a new totalitarian wave, there can be no such thing as "neutrality," particularly on the part of giant corporations whose functioning determines both the peace-time health and wartime strength of our economy. Yet management, General Electric conspicuously, pretends to a position of "impartiality" in this struggle which is concretely reflected in the current dispute in its plants between IUE and UE.

There is ample evidence that GE's "impartiality" is not only a pose and a pretense but that it also disguises a definite pattern of collusion with the Communist UE. Let me offer just one example, a very recent one.

Last week, while IUE was preparing its campaign for the forthcoming NLRB elections in General Electric, more than 10,000 dues check-off cards were circulated through the vast GE plant in Schenectady, New York. The circulation and signing of several thousand of these cards was accomplished by UE within the space of a single day. We know that such an enormous undertaking as this could never have been accomplished without flagrant, illegal collusion between GE and UE, between foreman and other management representatives and leaders of the Communist minority of UE. We know that men were threatened with loss of their jobs, told that they would lose precious seniority, and deceived with the argument that by signing the cards the workers would only be speeding up the date of the NLRB elections. Foremen and other management representatives facilitated the distribution of these cards and actively promoted the threats and lies circulated by the UE representatives.

Such seemingly eccentric behavior by management becomes much more understandable when it is viewed against the background of the company's policies in the past. L. M. Bouware, GE's vice-president in charge of labor relations, has, for example, inserted full-page ads in daily newspapers titled "A Plague on Both Your Houses!" This truly amazing statement by a major American corporation professes to find absolutely no difference between democratic American unionism and the revolutionary arm of the Kremlin in the United States which is dedicated to the overthrow of our form of government.

These advertisements, read by millions of Americans, expressed as GE's opinion:

"While frequently the leader and his associates on one side are termed left-wingers, and the leader and his associates on the other side are termed right-wingers, we believe they have in the end the same objectives. We believe that what each side advocates would result in the long run in substantially the same thing for our employees, our company and our country. In our opinion, whether they realize it or not, BOTH ARE COLLECTIVISTS — believers in government being big and in people being little."

GE's attitude toward Communist control of its employees in wartime was disclosed when GE President Charles E. Wilson remarked during a session of the War
Labor Board, "Mateles and Emspak may be Communists but they are very easy to work with. It's just like having a company union and having the workers pay for it."

Time and again it has been indicated that GE would like to see the "left" and "right" destroy each other or absorb each other to such a point of weakness that collective bargaining would be reduced to the level of company unionism.

When we learned last week of GE's complicity with the Communist-led UE in the circulation of the 10,000 check-off cards through the Schenectady plant, we promptly sent the following telegram to GE President Wilson:

"The International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, has learned that General Electric Company has entered into a collusive deal with Leo Jandreau of Local 301, UE at Schenectady, N.Y. under which the local would be paid over checkoff monies in return for turning in new signed checkoff cards.

"This was done right in the plants, with UE working with the aid and abetment of management.

"This came at a time when an application for an election was pending with the National Labor Relations Board and at a time when GE has a suit pending in the federal court of New York covering the Schenectady plant seeking a determination as to whether the dues should go to IUE-CIO or to the UE, and when GE has been proclaiming that it is impartial.

"This action by GE is a clear act of favoritism and a flagrant violation of the law. Such conduct can be cleared only if GE extends the same privilege to UE.

"Will GE agree to provide IUE-CIO with the same consideration in similar situations as with UE in Schenectady regarding the checkoff or is this agreement confined to financing the Communist controlled UE 301?

"We demand an explanation and an answer."

As of this date we have received no reply. If and when we do receive a reply we will be glad to forward a copy to you for your information. Possibly, however, you may wish to obtain a direct answer from General Electric to our charges of favoritism and violation of the law on behalf of UE-CIO.

No objective observer of the labor scene in America today can escape the compelling fact that it is management's temporary advantage to deal with Communist-led unions. Because they are the objects of public antipathy, because they have lost irretrievable ground numerically and financially, Communist "union leaders" today are willing to make any sort of deal, any sort of concessions to maintain their dwindling power over sections of American labor. We are prepared to show the extent to which management has found this situation immensely to its liking because the contracts it has been able to impose are frequently spurious and regressive. In some instances Communist "union leaders," to the intense satisfaction of management, have agreed to accept wage cuts for their members. But in nearly every case pay raises, pension plans, and other contract improvements have been measurably weaker where the union has had Communist leadership. An instance in point is UE's negotiations with General Electric over the entire year of 1949. UE's absurdly vague proposal of a "$500 package" increase, unprecedented in the history of American labor's contract demands, was born out of the weakness, confusion and disunity that has corrupted UE's strength in recent years. Management, of course, has simply laughed at the "$500 package" idea, and as a result workers in the electrical, radio and machine industry have gone without any wage increase, pension plan or other benefits while hundreds of thousands of auto and steelworkers have won new and precedent-setting contract improvements.

When these facts are considered coolly and calmly, it can surprise none that GE publicly proclaims a policy of "Plague on Both Your Houses." It is to GE's very substantial advantage to give surreptitious aid to the Communist-led minority, to facilitate the circulation of dues checkoff cards and to compound the confusion of representation as much as possible.

But we in IUE-CIO hold the conviction that the masters of great corporate wealth and power in this country have a sacred responsibility to the American people and to
American democratic principles. They must not be permitted, for purposes of financial expediency, to assume a false pose of "impartiality" to cloak a policy which nourishes a Fifth Column in America.

The nation has been exceedingly generous to the managers of this industry. Their profits have been enormous, their return on investments, huge. They have benefited greatly by large tax rebates and through cost-plus contracts during the war. In numerous instances where companies, such as General Electric, have been found guilty of international cartel conspiracies or violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, they have escaped with astonishingly light penalties.

General Electric, for example, increased its net profits from $40,900,000 in 1939 to $131,600,00 in 1948, an increase of 222%. Profits after taxes rose from 3.5% in 1943 to 5.7% in 1946, to 7.6% in 1947, and 8.1% in 1948. GE's annual dividend rate of $1.40 per share jumped to $2.00 in the third quarter of 1948 and to $2.50 in the fourth quarter of 1949. All other financial statistics involving this company provide proof of GE's growing power and profitability.

These facts offer additional reasons why GE's employees and the American public have a right to expect a degree of responsibility and devotion to democratic ideals that is not reflected in the company's policy of cooperation with a totalitarian "labor" organization.

It has long been established that UE's leaders are interested only in the proposition of proving that democracy cannot work. If in that undertaking they are given haven and sustenance by General Electric and other companies the crime is an outrageous offense against American principles and national security.

For our part, we in IUE-CIO are wholly convinced that the employees of General Electric and the rest of the industry do not want to remain in a Communist-led "union." Within the short space of two and one-half months, more than 250,000 workers in the electrical, radio and machine industry have given their blunt answer to Communist control of UE by taking membership in 150 chartered local unions of the IUE-CIO. The UE will not win the right to represent the GE workers in Schenectady or in any other plant through default by the IUE. To retain control over the economic lives of thousands of workers in this industry, the Communists need the support of inaction or reaction on the part of management.

For these and other reasons we strongly urge you to propose an immediate investigation by the proper committee of Congress into the activities and policies of some sections of industrial management in providing collusion support and encouragement to totalitarian and anti-democratic elements that have infiltrated into American trade unionism.

We cannot, of course, speak for GE or other corporations. We ask for your assistance in requiring them to speak for themselves on this grave question.

Please accept our assurance that the IUE-CIO, its leaders and representatives, will give the utmost cooperation to any Congressional inquiry into this question, and will gladly make available the evidence accumulated over many years of painful experience with this problem.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Carey
Chairman
Administrative Committee