IBEW CHALLENGES REMOVAL OF 1675 MEN FROM BARGAINING UNIT

BULLETIN REVEALS UWUA UNIONISM

A UWUA bulletin designed to color the unionism of IBEW officials now telling the fight to gain bargaining recognition for AFL-unionism of IBEW utility workers was being circulated last week.

The bulletin is a rehash of purported maneuvers within the UWUA Utilities Workers which led to the demise of that organization. It typifies the sort of political unionism practiced by present UWUA officials.

There are only two full time officers serving the interests of the IBEW Utility Workers in the Local 1324 jurisdiction. They are C. P. Hughes and Merritt Snyder, both international representatives. They are assisted by about 26 elected but unpaid officials in the four units of the Local.

UNIONISM—NOT POLITICS

These men are not concerned with politics. The five thousand workers who bolted the UWUA because of internecine politics and back-door deals elected them to do a job that the UWUA failed to do—improve their economic and job conditions.

Let the UWUA stick to their politics, and its subversive propaganda, is the consensus of IBEW officials. The Local 1324 group will continue to devote their free time to bringing about the existence of a one-union, a union reflecting the views of its members, on PG&E property.

A full slate of all Local 1324 officers and meeting nights for the respective units appears elsewhere in this issue.

IBEW WINS RSTRAINT EDICT ON PG&E DUES 'CHECK-OFF'

The PG&E and the UWUA on Monday of this week were restrained by San Francisco Superior Court Judge Melvyn I. Cronin from collecting or withholding dues from IBEW members. The order was temporary and hearing was set for February 8 at which time both the PG&E and UWUA will have to show cause why it should not be made permanent.
**Rumor**

Rumor is an insidious thing. It crops up in the best of circles and it grows as it travels until he who speaks of it and the spring will not, in the end, recognize his brainchild.

There has been a lot of rumors floating around the PG&E premises lately. Most of them are aimed at the interest and welfare of you, the Utility Worker.

Adolph Hitler subscribed to the theory that if you told a big lie and told it often enough, it would come to be accepted as fact. That may have been true in Germany, where there was no such thing as free assembly and free speech.

There is no reason why it should be true in America.

Over here anyone who has the gumption to check a little further than his ears can scotch a rumor.

A GI cleaned up in a crap game in the interest and welfare of you, the Utility Worker. A GI cleaned up in a crap game in the system-wide jurisdiction of the IBEW.

A GI cleaned up in a crap game in the system-wide jurisdiction of the PG&E Put to the membership of the locals the final determination of the issue by demanding that the IBEW sign a contract the UWUA made with the PG&E bargaining agent, Mr. J. Scott Milne.

A GI cleaned up in a crap game in the system-wide jurisdiction of the IBEW again made an offer to the UWUA to sign a contract the UWUA made with the PG&E bargaining agent, Mr. J. Scott Milne.

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**Election Progress Made Before NLRB**

Officers and attorneys of IBEW Local 1324 looked back this week on the San Francisco hearing before an NLRB examiner and felt that good progress had been made in support of the petition for a PG&E bargaining agreement. As reported in the February issue of the Utility Facts, a preliminary reading of the evidence so far given at the hearing indicated that the UWUA opposition was weak.

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New Safety Order for Subs And Underground
By HAROLD MAYHEW
Meetings on proposals submitted by California State Electrical Workers Assn., representative of Utilities, General Industry and State of California met with the IBEW Safety Rules Committee at Santa Barbara, January 25-26 and set up new safety orders for high voltage electrical substations and high voltage underground work.
The new electrical safety orders which will be Nos. 2605 and 2606 if they are able to pass before public hearings to be held by the State Department of Industrial Relations, represent a substantial agreement with the original proposals of IBEW and all "intermediates" parties expressed a belief that they were both necessary and a real forward step to safety on the job.
Highlights of the provisions are high voltage, defined as any voltage above 750. Qualified standby employees to act as observer for accident prevention when working on the hot stuff. Winch or hoist operators not to leave machine while lowering or raising equipment. All manholes to be guarded by a standby worker.
Members of the Northern California committee are Wm. Cook, Local 50; E. F. McDaniel, Local 1245; and Harold Mayhew, Locals 1245 and 1324.

Pledges Its Aid To Local 1324
BY JOHN FANTE
Local 1324 has affiliated with the Northern California Joint Conference of Electrical Workers, and Brothers L. Glasson, W. Kennedy, L. Riave, H. Mayhew and J. Fante attended the conference held in Sacramento 15th.
All attending IBEW locals reported and discussed the organizational and contractual problems of their respective locals, Delegates of Local 1324 and International Representative Merritt Snyder explained the setup of their union. The local was welcomed as an affiliate and full support and cooperation in our fight for recognition by P. G. & E. was indicated by sister I. B. E. W. locals.

Local 1324

Enjoy Joint Dinner
IBEW Vice President Harbak on January 8, sponsored a Joint dinner of the two Utility Locals, 1245 and 1324, in San Francisco.
Unified action of both locals on the slogan "One Union on the System" was discussed. Everyone had a good time and a general feeling of cooperation prevailed after the dinner.

OAKLAND-FRISCO LOCALS ARE CO-OPERATING, LETTER SHOWS
The photostatic copy of the letter below shows that the two sister locals, IBEW 1245 and 1324 are working together for the accomplishment of one Union unity on the system:

To Local 1324

January 31, 1949

Mr. G. F. Hughes, Sec., Local 1324.
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
1948 Grove Street
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Hughes:

After your discussion on Sunday, January 26th, with Vice-President Harbak, the Executive Board of Local 1245 and myself learned that the impression has been created that Local 1245 is not in accord with the I.B.E.W., completing the organisation of the PG&E system.

Upon learning of this the Executive Board has asked me to direct this letter to you correcting this erroneous report and to assure you that Local Union 1245 is extremely desirous of seeing the I.B.E.W. established as the sole bargaining agency for all employees of the PG&E Company.

We would like at this time to extend our fraternal greetings to local 1324 and wish for them the happiest and healthiest relationship in their Local that we are enjoying in Local Union 1245.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Charles W. Mason
Business Manager

For the Record! Anti-Commny Pledges In

To Push Labor Bills

The State Federation of Labor will map plans to combat the growing opposition of special interests to its legislative objectives in Fresno February 26.
The call for the meeting went out from the office of Secretary C. J. Haggerty, of the State Federation, who urged that all councils send at least two delegates.
Besides the delegates, the executive council of the federation will also be in attendance.

WARNS LABOR
"The anti-labor forces are organizing more actively than ever before," Secretary Haggerty said. "We will undoubtedly face a clearly defined program of activity in coming elections, which will seek to prevent labor from attaining its legislative objectives—federally, as well as in the state and in the respective divisions of the state. Conditions do not permit us to wait for this to happen.
The Fresno conference, which will be held in the ballroom of the Hotel California, beginning at 10 a.m. will seek to mobilize labor's forces to achieve labor's political goals.

For the Record!
Anti-Commny Pledges In

Following is the text of a telegram from William Connelly of the Bureau of Labor Standards affirming that all officials of Local 1324 have signed the anti-communist affidavits as required by the Taft-Hartley act of unions seeking redress before the NLRB:
Local 1324—
Registration letter issued today care of you. Fiscal year will end October 31, 1948. NLRB can use this as notice of complete registration of original filing.
WILLIAM CONNELLY,
Bureau of Labor Standards,
Department of Labor.

A copy of the above Western Union Telegram is in the files of IBEW Attorney Tobriner, and will be used before the NLRB if necessary after the fact and in the respective divisions of the state. Conditions do not permit us to wait for this to happen.

Over sleeping will never make your dreams come true.

Dunking doughnuts in your coffee may be bad form, but it's awfully good taste.

Will Open Contract, IBEW Tells PG&E

The following letter dispatched to the PG&E by Attorney Matt Tobriner on behalf of the IBEW Utility Workers, on behalf of itself, Pacific Gas & Electric Company 245 Market Street San Francisco, California:
Attention Mr. Nevaumont Gentlemen:

We have been informed that, despite our letter to you dated November 19, 1948, pointing out the illegality of contracts executed with any of the contestants in the pending certification proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board with respect to your employees, you have engaged in negotiations and concluded certain wage adjustments with Utility Workers Union of America, CIO.
Please be informed that Local 1324, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, will not be bound by any such negotiations, and in the event of its certification in the pending representation proceedings, it will insist upon further collective bargaining negotiations and demand from you further wage adjustments.

Very truly yours,

MATTHEW O. TOBRINER,
Attorney for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, A.F.L.
IBEW WINS RESTRAINT EDICT ON PG&E DUES 'CHECK-OFF'

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The order gives weight to the Local 1324 contention that the recently made UWUA-PG&E contract is illegal and was made without the consent of a majority of the workers it covers.

The order applies to employees in the San Francisco, East Bay, San Jose, and North Bay divisions of the company, and the Central Supply Department, Building Department, and General Office.

It also:

Restains the company from:

- Demand or recovering any such monies so deducted.
- Expending any such monies unless such authorization was given.
- Authorizing the UWUA to demand or receive any such monies so deducted.
- Giving or making such deduction from wages of members of the UWUA, unless such authorization was made in 1949.

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"recognizing or giving effect to any authorization for the deduction from wages of membership dues" for the UWUA, unless such authorization was made in 1949.

Restains the UWUA from demanding or receiving any such monies.

Restains the UWUA from expending any such monies already collected.

The action was brought by Matt Tobriner, IBEW attorney.

Plaintiffs were Gene Howard, William Haars, and Edward Bishop, the San Francisco District; Ignace Labak and John Weaver of the San Francisco Division; Ralph Harwick of the North Bay Division; and Emil Hintz and Russell Place of San Jose, who petitioned the court on behalf of themselves and all others in the affected divisions who are members of the IBEW.

Judge Cronin said in the order:

"Upon reading the verified complaint of the plaintiffs in this action, it appears to the satisfaction of the court from said complaint that this is a proper case for the issuance of a temporary restraining order, and that if the injunction and temporary restraining order prayed for in the complaint be not granted, great and irreparable injury will result to the plaintiffs before the matter can be heard (more fully)."

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IBEW Utility Workers Reg. Monthly Meetings

UNIT No. 1—MARTINEZ

2nd and 4th Monday of each month.
Next meeting February 14. I.O.O.F. Hall, Martinez, 229 Ferry Street, Martinez.

UNIT No. 2—REDWOOD & SAN MATEO

2nd and 4th Monday of each month.
Community Hall, Belmont, 8 P.M.

UNIT No. 3—SAN FRANCISCO

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.
(Day workers) Building Trades Temple ( AFL)—Progress Hall, 14th and Guerrero Streets, 8 P.M.
(Day workers) Building Trades Temple (AFL)—Progress Hall, 14th and Guerrero Streets, 8 P.M.
Last Monday in each month. (Night workers).

UNIT No. 4—SANTA ROSA

2nd Thursday of each month. Odd Fellows Hall, Cotati, 8 P.M. (Next meeting February 10).