



U.W.U.A. 'CONFUSION' THEME

Smear Campaign Launched to Obscure PG&E Campaign Issues

Malicious Attempt Made to Discredit This Publication

The CIO News, California edition, official paper of the Congress of Industrial Organization whose president, Phillip Murray, has refused to sign an anti-communist affidavit, launched a red-smear against IBEW Local 1324 last week.

The officials of Local 1324, IBEW, all have signed anti-communist affidavits, the NLRB has stated.

The smear is the newest effort of the officials of UWUA to confuse the PG&E workers about the real issues confronting them in the present campaign.

In a deliberately deceptive paste-up on the front page of the CIO News the masthead of Utility Facts appears in one corner and that of the communist People's World appears in the other. Over a story picked from each paper appears a caption "The Party Line."

Both stories note that the company has instituted a speedup in some departments, thus taking advantage of the "do-nothing" non-enforcement of the contract by the UWUA.

Both stories note that serious accidents have increased on the system due to by-passing of established safety measures.

The CIO News does not deny that these things have occurred. Instead it chooses to draw a parallel from the fact that a communist sheet has reported an appalling fact—that the safety of workers has been sacrificed to the speedup.

The CIO News does cry that the UWUA is being maligned for these things because of laxity in the processing of grievances, some of which involve laxity in protecting PG&E workers from accidents.

IBEW CHALLENGES UWUA'S SHEDLOCK ON COMMUNISM

"The IBEW is not interested in communism, nor the support of any party member or paper. In view of the charges made in your UWUA Newscaster and UWUA CIO News you are hereby asked to furnish the name of any PG&E worker whom you know is a member of the Communist Party, or the name of anyone who follows the teachings or 'Party Line' of that party.

"If any such employees are named (after submission of proper proof) steps will be taken immediately to remove them from IBEW membership. The IBEW takes no middle road on communism. The IBEW wants no communist members or sympathizers, period.

"IBEW Local 1324 will expect your organization to take similar action on the names of communists, IBEW may submit to you.

"Let's quit this tearing down of the reputations of PG&E employees. Let's have the facts.

C. P. 'CHUCK' HUGHES,
IBEW Representative."

The UWUA will continue to be maligned in Utility Facts for failure to carry out basic union obligations when such failure is brought to its attention and verified.

The first paragraph in the Daily Worker story (titled: Speedup—death at PG&E projects) which the CIO News reproduced is interesting. It says that the facts were reported by members of the CIO Utility Workers Union (UWUA).

The Utility Facts report on the accident which cost one man his life was very restrained. It merely mentioned that in an IBEW meeting held in San Francisco one of

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Efforts to Confuse Employees On Revoking Checkoff Shown

Letters and calls to the offices of Local 1324-IBEW indicate that the UWUA was at least partially successful in creating confusion among PG&E workers signed to dues checkoff. One operator in the IBEW office was kept busy nearly all of one day answering such calls and explaining that dues revocation cards could be signed without heed to rumors of UWUA reprisals for the IBEW was sure that the company would not be a party to any such reprisals.

The letter advised PG&E employees that they should not pay any attention to a letter which accompanied the revocation cards. "We ask you to sign nothing that comes from the IBEW," the letter said. It tried to convey to the reader that signing the cards meant nothing, even according to President Glasson and Secy. White, whose signatures they carried.

LETTER

The Glasson-White letter said that signing of the cards would permit IBEW office workers to set the files up in a more businesslike manner. With hundreds of IBEW members who signed pledge cards listed in the files, the Local 1324 officials thought it right that records of these people should also indicate that their dues were no longer going to support UWUA ineffectiveness.

Local 1324 also thought that by sending out the cards a lot of the confusion created by the UWUA could be eliminated by giving the employees a chance to get off UWUA's check-off hook after June 30th.

Because the checkoff matter was and is still pending in Superior

Court, the local felt duty bound to advise its members and all PG&E employees of rights regarding the checkoff.

The IBEW wants none of this checkoff money. It does feel that the employee should have it if he feels the UWUA is not giving him his money's worth for it in union service and contract enforcement. The IBEW has repeatedly stated this position in open meetings.

IBEW POSITION

The check-off card sent out by Judge Shapiro did not just apply to members of the UWUA who had been expelled or who had resigned, but to all employees on the check-off. The IBEW position on this card, which the UWUA well knows, despite the lies in their letter on the checkoff, is that it should have been accompanied by a letter from the judge defining what constitutes a member of the UWUA.

Such a letter was necessary because the company had also sent out a letter to the employees telling them that they did not have to be a member of the UWUA to continue to work, but that they would have to continue to have UWUA dues deducted from their checks because they had signed a card authorizing such deductions by the company.

NO MEETINGS

If there was confusion about the signing of the dues revocation cards sent out it should be clear that that confusion lies on the UWUA doorstep. For the UWUA has repeatedly refused to meet in open meetings with the IBEW to

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UTILITY FACTS

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Local 1324



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Confusion!

After reading some of the news items appearing in this week's edition of Utility Facts it should be apparent to the reader that the UWUA is attempting to cover up a weak and vulnerable PG&E organization by a calculated attempt to spread confusion.

By spreading misinformation through their publicity sheets and by word of mouth on the job, the UWUA apparently hopes to cause enough confusion among the workers to change the river of sentiment running against their sick union.

The communist blast is the latest and most despicable UWUA confusion effort. The use by UWUA officials of such organization tactics is a commentary on their irresponsibility and their lack of interest in the basic union matters that are of interest to the average worker.

Their pitch for support to date has not been based on what is good for the PG&E worker or what he desires.

The policy of the UWUA, as handed down by Consolidated Edison Fisher, seems to have no foundation on basic union considerations such as contract enforcement, democratic participation in union affairs by the membership, or advancement of the hours and conditions of such membership.

The UWUA policy, which has been exposed repeatedly in Utility Facts, is one which the worker can easily see through. For him it spells out bondage to a group of entrenched officials who expanded a notorious company union into a national organization.

That policy's lack on consideration for the interests of those it is supposed to benefit has cost the UWUA one bargaining election after another. These defeats came about in all cases through the efforts of the employees whose trust they failed.

Not until the UWUA wakes up to the fact that the average worker measures the value he receives from his dues from what he takes home each week on his pay check, or by the conditions under which he labors on the job, will it (the UWUA) fare any better on the PG&E than it has in the East on

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the members reported "on an accident on a Market Street job that sent three men to the hospital when a switch was thrown before the usual safety procedure was followed."

In another part of the same meeting report Utility Facts said that the UWUA has allowed the company to emasculate some sections of the PG&E contract (the abolition of certain job bidding and seniority privileges existing in the steam plants by the San Francisco UWUA local).

If Utility Facts is disseminating the Party Line by publication of such facts, as the CIO News says, then it readily pleads guilty.

Officials of the IBEW who are assisting Local 1324 with its organizational campaign and the Local 1324 officers and PG&E employees who are volunteering so much of their time in the interest of getting One Good Union on the System are naturally very concerned with the vicious and loose charges being spread against them by UWUA's Shedlock.

However, they are quick to point out that if such unfounded propaganda is all he has to sell to the PG&E worker then he has a poor store of merchandise to offer.

For the PG&E worker is confident that communism, wherever it may appear, regardless of whose ranks are affected, will eventually be exposed and obliterated.

The Executive Council members of the American Federation of Labor, with which the IBEW is affiliated, have all taken the anti-communistic oath. So have ALL local officers of the IBEW.

Since the UWUA has started this thing, Utility Facts must point out that the head of the CIO, President Murray, has not signed a non-communist affidavit. In the CIO News of June 13 Murray made this statement after a meeting of the CIO Executive Council had discussed the removal of CIO officials for not following CIO policy: "A man can be a Communist and be on the Board (the CIO Executive Council) if he adheres to CIO policy."

Expressed in terms of 1939 dollars, average weekly earnings of workers in December 1948 were down to \$31.95.

Rheumatic fever is said to be the chief killer of children of school age.

such systems as the big Duquesne Power and Light Co., and on numerous smaller utilities where it lost bargaining rights to the IBEW.

CIO-CWA Authorizes Bell System Telephone Strike

News dispatches out of Chicago and out of CIO headquarters in Washington have stated that nation-wide strike action has been authorized for the new CIO affiliate, the Communications Workers of America.

The strike action was authorized by the CWA convention in Chicago. It should be pointed out this convention was composed of delegates representing not more than 71,731 communications workers, for by that is the figure—given out by CWA President Bierne himself—who voted recently to affiliate with the CIO.

The affiliation deal itself was similar to one arranged on top levels when UWUA President Fisher took his company union, the Brotherhood of Consolidated Edison Employees into the CIO and made it a national union.

In the voting to approve CIO affiliation by the Communications Workers, only 71,312 of those workers approved. Only 105,731 of 230,000 members claimed by Bierne bothered to vote at all.

The strike action was taken despite the fact that 20 Bell System divisions have petitioned the NLRB for a collective bargaining election.

The CWA-CIO tactics of 71,000 workers attempting to force into their union by strike action nearly 450,000 workers is typical of high level CIO policy being practiced currently.

Union observers do not expect much employee support for another CWA-CIO strike. The abortive 1947 telephone strike which got the workers nothing and all but wrecked their union is still too fresh in their minds.

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work out programs which would benefit all PG&E employees regardless of affiliation. Nor would they meet in open meeting to discuss issues.

The IBEW position still remains

the same as it was several months ago. Its representatives will meet with UWUA representatives on issues in an open meeting anytime, any place. The PG&E men will decide this thing and not UWUA's Shedlock or UWUA's Fisher.

SECOND CALL:

In case you did not receive a dues revocation card through the mail and want to be sure that the company does not continue to deduct your dues for the UWUA's inaction, the card is reproduced again. By signing it you will make sure that the company is notified to stop your dues checkoff. If you do not sign the card, dues checkoff will automatically be continued after June 30 unless you notify the company to stop it by letter.

Cut this out, sign and mail to Local 1324, 1918 Grove Street, Oakland 12, California. We will forward it to the company along with the many hundreds on file.

Check-Off Revocation

(Fill in with ink)

Date.....

TO PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

I (print)....., hereby revoke any authorization to deduct from my paychecks dues for Utility Workers Union of America, CIO, or for any local union thereof, which may have heretofore been given you.

(Signed).....

(Department)

(Social Security Number)

Confusion Delusion:

UWUA Officials Confused On How Many Lies They Can Get An Intelligent PG&E Worker to Swallow

IBEW Will Pay Cost Of Joint Open Meet

Apparently the facts on the PG&E issues which have appeared in Utility Facts are hitting the UWUA where they hurt most—loss of prestige among the union-minded PG&E worker who will be the backbone of any organization emerging from the coming election as the bargaining representative.

The UWUA has been unable to successfully answer many of the facts thrown at their doorstep. So the UWUA has tagged these facts as "confusion". Any confusion existing among PG&E workers at the present time about the issues before them is there because of UWUA refusal to discuss those issues. If the UWUA officials think that the average PG&E worker is not capable of recognizing a fact when it is properly presented to him, then there is a lot of confusion among UWUA thinking.

Officials of IBEW and Local 1324 are so sure that the facts of the current campaign are working for an IBEW victory in the coming election that they will pay all expenses of an open meeting of PG&E workers. In such a meeting the worker himself will decide who is causing confusion on the system!

The IBEW offers the following for clarification by UWUA officials in their publications or in open meetings:

Why Did the UWUA Delay the Election?

It has been shown in Utility Facts that the UWUA, through various tactics before the NLRB sought since last fall to avoid first, and later to delay, an election.

When the hearings were concluded, these delaying tactics were continued. Their June 7th Newscaster implies that their brief was filed with the NLRB by the May 31 deadline.

Actually, the UWUA requested an extra 20 days for the filing of briefs, thus delaying consideration of the IBEW petition for an election by NLRB officials in Washington.

The IBEW had its 120-page brief on file long before the UWUA got in its 20 pages of mere notes taken from the transcript of the hearing.

(It has just been reported that Darwin, attorney for the UWUA, is asking the NLRB in Washington, D.C., for an oral hearing, which means further delay.)

Is the Worker Stuck Forever With UWUA?

The June 7th Newscaster also claims that the contract is a bar to an election. In layman's language this means the UWUA feels that once a contract is made for them, the employees are bound by that contract indefinitely, regardless of how the union may enforce it in the interest of those it is supposed to protect.

When further analyzed, the UWUA's position is revealed to be against the interest of the employee in other ways. The UWUA has contended that inasmuch as the NLRB once certified it and its eight local unions as the collective bargaining representative for the four Bay Divisions, there are no grounds for establishing One Union on the System or on the four divisions.

Such a multiplicity of organizations for collective bargaining would not seem to be in the interest of the worker.

Is There No Consistent UWUA National Policy?

In the East, where the UWUA's main bastion is the company union, the Brotherhood of Consolidated Edison Employees, the UWUA preaches the merit of One Union on the System. However, the UWUA in California has worked consistently against the idea. In California the interest of the company at the moment is also to keep more than one union on the system.

It is possible that the UWUA is fighting to retain the bargaining rights for any group of PG&E workers it can retain—even on one division — because the National UWUA treasury needs the money after the many losses suffered recently to the IBEW.

What Happened to the CIO One Union Idea?

The CIO has always claimed to be the champion of the One Union idea of industrial organization. The UWUA is supposed to be a part of the CIO. Yet the CIO industrial principle has been cast by the UWUA wayside in the interest of high national UWUA policy that does unionism in general and the worker in particular no good.

What's the Truth 'Bout The Brag About F. Bragg?

Again in the June 7 Newscaster it is reported that Shedlock and Geltz met on May 27 with the Ft. Bragg membership. About sev-

en PG&E workers are employed there and not all of them showed up at the meeting. It was the first visit by a UWUA official to the area in several years, and only the fact that an IBEW unit was set up to service PG&E employees in this district as well as Willits, Lakeport, Ukiah and other communities on the outskirts of the PG&E brought out the UWUA per capita conscious representatives.

Previously these employees were too far from Oakland for the UWUA to bother. However, it is the UWUA's right to claim them as members. Claiming them and getting their votes in the coming election are two different matters and the group have been in touch with IBEW officials of the Ukiah Unit.

UWUA Says No Raise; IBEW Got 30 Cents

Before space runs out, another Newscaster misstatement should be pointed out. It claimed that the IBEW asked for 22-cent raises for Salt River Valley Water Users Assn. employees and then agreed to a contract extension with no increase. Letters, which may be checked by UWUA officials or PG&E employees, are on file in the IBEW office showing that some classifications of workers at the Assn. received wage increases that ran as high as 30 cents an hour. Both physical and clerical workers are covered by the IBEW contract.

Sometimes mistakes happen. When they do they should be acknowledged by a newspaper. When they are not mistakes it is evident that such items are intended to deliberately take advantage of the reader's gullibility. From the foregoing accounts, it would appear the UWUA's Shedlock could make his propaganda stick better if he would have it fortified with some facts.

Shedlock Walks Into Another Beartrap???

It has also been said the IBEW "outside members" of Local 77, Seattle, conducted a strike which was not supported by IBEW officials. Because International Representative "Chuck" Hughes is a member of Local 77, Utility Facts asked him if he had knowledge about the situation. "Chuck" replied that he was in the area at the time.

"The company had offered ten cents an hour across the board for all employees," "Chuck" said, which was turned down. A meeting was held and a fact-finding board was set up by Cyrus Ching of the

Federal Mediation Board. The Board's decision gave the IBEW employees 15 cents an hour across the board, effective as of January 1, 1948. It will be enlightening to compare that figure with the raise the UWUA negotiated for PG&E workers effective January 1, 1948."

Hughes pointed out that the 15-cent raise came about because the IBEW in Seattle stood behind the desires of its members. In PG&E negotiations last winter the UWUA national officers attempted to dictate a settlement, which was partly responsible for the birth of Local 1324, IBEW.

Was the UWUA Penn Raise Average?

The Newscaster also remarks about UWUA gains at West Penn Power Company in Pittsburgh—they won an election among employees of the Meter Division. No reason is given as to why the longtime contract UWUA had with this firm did not, until the election, cover the Meter Division.

The last UWUA edition of the CIO News also reports that Penn UWUA employees got an 8 cents per hour raise.

Light did not mention that IBEW employees of nearby Duquesne Power and Light got 12 cents an hour plus many contractual improvements.

Utility Facts would like to publish the terms of that contract so PG&E employees could compare it with the UWUA Penn contract, and invites the UWUA to publish its contract.

The IBEW is a comparatively recent arrival in the Pittsburgh area on the big Duquesne system, yet the benefits of its contract far outstrip those in the older Pittsburgh UWUA union.

To Disperse UWUA Confusion—An Offer

In a past issue of Utility Facts the IBEW published the list of utilities throughout the country under contract to it. The list showed that the IBEW has most of the big ones and the most contracts.

The IBEW will list the wages paid at these utilities in Utility Facts if the UWUA will publish in their publications the wages paid under their contracts.

If the air of confusion around the heads of UWUA officials, and which is reflected in their publications, is unaffected, then the IBEW offer will be accepted. But it won't be accepted if the UWUA feels that such confusion will help them win a bargaining election.

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Know the Facts!

Here's **WHERE** and **WHEN** to
ATTEND MEETINGS

1324 EXECUTIVE BOARD — 3rd Thursday of each month, 8:00 p.m., 85 So. Van Ness, S.F.

UNIT No. 1—MARTINEZ

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, IOOF Hall, 829 Ferry St., Martinez, at 7:45 p.m.

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 Sts., 8 p.m.

Last Monday of each month (night workers), 1:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (Executive Board), 85 South Van Ness, 8 p.m.

UNIT No. 4—SANTA ROSA

3rd Wednesday of each month, Labor Temple, Santa Rosa, 8 p.m.

UNIT No. 5—UKIAH

2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m., in the Odd Fellows Hall.

UNIT No. 6—RICHMOND

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 8 p.m., 257 - 5th Street, Richmond.

UNIT No. 7—OAKLAND

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 8 p.m., 1918 Grove Street, Oakland.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

San Francisco Unit 3

One of the highlights of our last membership meeting was a report by Bro. "Chuck" Hughes concerning IBEW activity in the Utility Industries. Bro. Hughes answered UWUA charges that we were only interested in organizing a part of the electrical workers in the electric light and power industry.

Bro. Hughes called attention to our recent articles in Utility Facts which gave a complete list of the workers in the gas utilities covered by the IBEW. This survey showed that we represent 15,000 gas workers in 86 different companies throughout the country.

In answer to UWUA charges that IBEW only organizes certain crafts in the electric light and power industry, Bro. Hughes introduced a pamphlet issued by the United States Dept. of Labor which states:

"Approximately 90 per cent of the workers in the privately owned electric light and power industry in 1948 were covered by union contracts. The most important of the unions in the field is the IBEW, AFL, which has over 75 per cent of the unionized workers."

Continuing his report, Brother Hughes criticized PG&E's job-training program because it is not properly organized. The whole program at present boils down to a hit or miss, catch-as-catch-can set-up. Hughes criticized the present PG&E's sliding scale of wages. This sliding scale set-up compels a worker to wait until some one dies, quits, retires or gets killed or disabled in an accident, before he becomes a journeyman. What IBEW insists upon is a well organized program whereby an employee will receive a definite number of hours in a classroom which specializes in training for each particular classification of work. Time spent in a classroom must be during regular working hours and paid for at the regular rate of pay. The course of study must run a definite length of time and upon its completion a worker will receive the top journeyman rate of pay.

Bro. Hughes also took upon smear charges made by UWUA in a recent issue of its "Newscaster." The Newscaster lied by stating that Local 1245 IBEW is not supporting the present drive for "One Union on the System." As far back as January 31, 1949, local 1245 went on record supporting the drive for One Union on the System. Copies of a letter written by Local 1245 which gave support appeared in issues of the Utility Facts on February 9, and May 18, 1949.

Another Newscaster lie was the statement that dissension existed in IBEW Local 77, Seattle, because outdoor workers at the Puget Sound Power and Light Company in 1948 conducted an authorized strike. Bro. Hughes stated that this particular local happened to be his home local and he was intimately

acquainted with the facts. The facts were these: For some time the local union representatives (which included a committee from the membership) and the management tried to reach an understanding in negotiations but finally reached a point where neither side would give. The Company offered a 10c per hour increase across the board which the membership refused. As a result of the 3 day meeting held in Seattle, it was agreed by the parties to refer the matter to conciliation and abide by the decision of an Arbitration Board to be appointed by Mr. Ching. The Board awarded a 15c per hour increase across the board to all classifications plus improvements in some working conditions.

Unit 3 Publicity Committee.

Unit No. 5

At the request of the many interested members of Unit 5, the next regular meeting will be held at Willetts. Bro. Ed. White was given the job of locating a meeting hall and he will get one if he has to build one.

The I.B.E.W., through its representatives, has proven to us that no matter how small a group, we will be given service.

We expect a good turn out at this meeting and no doubt Lakeport and Ukiah will be well represented.

ROY V. LOBERG, Rec. Secty.

Note: Bro. Ed. White has reserved Leak's Hall at Willits for the July 6th meeting. Time 8:00 p. m.

Labor Units in 3 Nations Desert Pro-Soviet WFTU

Washington.—The Soviet-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions suffered another blow as labor organizations in three more nations voted to sever their ties with the pro-red international unit.

The Danish Federation of Trade Unions, the New Zealand Federation of Labor, and the General Federation of Labor in Israel decided that it was useless to attempt to live with the Communists in the WFTU. Their action, following that taken by the CIO and the British Trade Union Congress, served to vindicate the traditional policy of the AFL, which refused to affiliate with the WFTU when it was organized in 1945.

Job Opportunity With an IBEW Card

A communication to International IBEW Representative Chuck Hughes this week spotlighted one of the many advantages which go to the holders of IBEW membership cards.

The letter arrived from Anchorage, Alaska, IBEW Local B-1547 by air-mail and stated:

"We need four or five utility linemen right away. They are for the City Utility and at the present time these men are working 48 hours per week. However, they will work only 40 hours during the winter.

"The scale is \$2.65 per hour. One and one-quarter days per month are given for sick leave. They will receive 8 paid holidays. This would be a steady job if the boys want to stay."

The letter was signed by Business Manager Lou Taylor.

Hughes said that interested PG&E workers should contact the Local 1324 office in Oakland for further details.

CIO On Downgrade NLRB Indicates

The NLRB, summarizing the results of collective bargaining elections for the first three months of this year, announced that election winners were as follows:

AFL unions, 436; CIO unions, 193.

The recent top level interference by the CIO with local autonomy of its affiliates and deals similar to the one that took in CWA President Bierne and guaranteed him a job are some of the reasons for the CIO decline.

Hosiery Workers Union Seeks to Rejoin AFL

Milwaukee—Delegates attending the convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers here voted unanimously to seek re-affiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

The hosiery workers' union which has about 50,000 members, left the AFL 14 years ago at the time its parent, the Textile Workers Union of America, walked out with the group which subsequently was suspended recently by the CIO when it refused to go along on certain per capita tax payments.

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