G.E. Striker “Tells It Like It Is”

Dear Fellow Union Member:

I would like to tell you the reasons why we, a total of 147,000 workers, are out on strike against General Electric.

The best way I know how to explain is to use my wife and myself as examples. I have worked for General Electric for twenty-three years. For the past three years, I was a Machinist for G.E. and present at this time we pay me $4.35 an hour. My wife is a wire tester and as part of her job she repairs and brazes wires and also patches insulation plus other duties. Her present rate is $2.73 per hour.

Ten years ago we enjoyed a cost of living clause, but the Company took this away in 1960 because Unions went in different directions and G.E. took advantage of this situation when they broke the strike. Over the past nine years, the Company has been able to hold us down to the point where we have not even kept up with the cost of living.

Today, we finally have unity and thirteen Unions have agreed to work together for an equitable contract. Our requests are reasonable and I believe modest in today’s economy. We want to stop going backwards.

In brief, here is what we are asking for: 35 cents an hour for all employees the first year; 30 cents an hour the second year and 30 cents an hour, for the last six months, on a thirty-month contract. We have also asked for an additional fifty cents an hour, pro-rated, for special skills; improvements in medical coverage and vacations and seven days of sick leave a year.

The General Electric Company offered us 20 cents an hour for each and every hourly employee, with wage reopeners in 1970 and 1971 with the right to strike each year if we don’t like their offer at that time. They also want to maintain the rights to cut our wages if the economy should take a dip. They also offered an additional 25 cents an hour for special skills which had already cost 1,440 out of 88,500 workers.

In the area of sick leave, they “OFFERED” us two days after five years of service, three days after ten years of service and four days after fifteen years of service. They don’t want the sick leave to go into effect until 1972. All of this, (what little there is) was offered on a take it or leave it basis and we have obviously decided to leave it.

The company’s reason for this hard-nosed attitude is to break up the cooperation and unity of labor in dealing with this giant wealthy Corporation so that they can continue to keep us under their thumb. If they succeed, they will set a pattern for all other companies to follow in negotiations.

I ask for your understanding and your backing in this very important fight. If your support continues and grows, we will win this fight and be better able to support our families in a decent manner.

Thank you for your support.

Albert P. Davian
I.U.E. Member Local 883

P.S. The huge majority of G.E. workers, especially the younger workers with new families, are making around $5.00 an hour and they can’t live on this income alone. G.E. also denies us the right to speak for the pensioners who are on a fixed income.

Editor’s Note: We thought the best way to explain the basic issues in the G.E. strike was to print this letter from Al Davian to the members of Local 1245. We suggest that any contributions you might wish to make be sent through Local 1245. Contact your Business Representative for the names of Stewards authorized to make collections; give your donation directly to the Bus. Rep. or send your check or money order to the G.E. Strike Fund, directly to the office of Local 1245 and we will see that it gets into the proper fund.

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Local 1245 would like to say a special thanks to all the members and Stewards for doing their part to make this a successful campaign.

Negotiations on Clerical Duties to Begin

The second meeting and first negotiating session on “Indicative Negotiations” between Local 1245 and P.G.&E. will be held on Dec. 17, 1969.

Information on the many classifications and duties of clerks in the Customer Services Line of progression has been received from members in the various offices throughout the P.G.&E. System. This material has been recorded, charted and studied and will be used as a base for negotiations.

Union’s committee members will be: Joan Bynum, B Clerk-Oakland; Jack Hill, B Clerk-Mt. View; Dick Fleming, A Clerk-San Rafael; Gil Houston, B Clerk-San Francisco; L. L. Mitchell, Senior Assistant Business Manager; Shirley Storey, Business Representative and Ken Lohre, Business Representative.

Bulletins will be issued or articles printed in the paper to keep you informed of the progress made in negotiations.

SPECIAL NOTICE

As of January 1, 1969 the office of Local 1245, I.B.E.W. will no longer send out delinquent dues reminders. All members are hereby notified that they are responsible for keeping their membership in good standing in accordance with Article XXIII of the I.B.E.W. Constitution. Section 1 of Article XXIII specifically states that: “No member is entitled to notice of the monthly or quarterly dues of his Local Union, nor of arrearages, but must take notice when payments are due.”
PITTS RAPS REAGAN'S STAND AGAINST REAL TAX REFORM

Governor Ronald Reagan’s charge that the House-passed tax reform bill is some sort of a partisan plot aimed at destroying the nation’s free enterprise economy that was “hatched in the backroom, passed in the dark of night and smuggled through the House” was roundly denounced by the State AFL-CIO today as “totally irresponsible” and “a disservice to the taxpayer’s sorely felt need for effective tax reform now.”

Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said that remarks made by Reagan at a fund raising dinner in Phoenix, constitute a major affront to most California taxpayers and to the vast majority of California’s 38 Congressional representatives who voted for the bill and also grossly distorts House action on the measure.”

He pointed out that the House Ways and Means Committee heard weeks of testimony on the tax reform bill and that 38 of California’s 38 House members voted for it.

Only three California Congressmen, Rep. James B. Ull of Orange County, Bob Wilson of San Diego and H. Allen Smith of Los Angeles, all Republicans, voted against it. Two other Congressmen, one a Republican and the other a Democrat were not recorded either way, according to the Congressional Quarterly, Pitts said.

The House measure, HR 13276, was passed August 7 by a 394 to 30 vote, with 176 Republicans voting for it and only 10 against. Democrats voted 218 to 20 in favor of it.

“Reagan’s wild charge clearly suggests that he believes 13 Congressional representatives of his own party from California voted mindlessly on the bill,” Pitts said.

“Beyond that, Reagan’s attempts to discredit the House-passed bill are clearly totally irresponsible and a disservice to the taxpayer’s sorely felt need for effective tax reform now,” he added.

Hearings by the House Ways and Means Committee got underway in mid-February, Pitts said, and House members worked on the measure almost daily. A major report by Secretary of the Treasury John B. Connally’s administration’s long-delayed proposals were presented on April 21 and the hearings on those proposals were held April 23 and 24. The committee worked steadily on the tax reform bill from then until July 30 when it concluded its work.

The AFL-CIO regards the House-passed bill as a major step forward but believes it needs to be substantially strengthened, Pitts explained.

In the past weeks, he warned, special interest groups have succeeded in hearings before the Senate Finance Committee in substantially gutting a number of the modest reforms proposed in the House-passed bill.

Part of their success, he said, can be attributed to “the failure of the public to keep up a steady drumbeat of letters demanding real tax reform pounding in on their U.S. Senators.”

Pitts also pointed out that at the National AFL-CIO convention early last month, delegates representing 15.5 million AFL-CIO union members adopted a policy statement on “Federal Tax Policy” which declared that:

“The House-passed tax reform bill represents a major step toward tax justice but does not go far enough. The House bill should be strengthened and the proposals of the administration which would undo many of the House measures and add additional inequities to the tax structure should be rejected.”

Among other things, the AFL-CIO resolution called for:

—Complete removal of the impoverished from the nation’s tax rolls.
—A meaningful reduction in the relative tax burdens of low and middle income families.
—And the elimination of the loopholes of special tax privilege for wealthy families and businesses.

“Governor Reagan’s unbridled attack on the advances proposed in the House-passed tax reform measure clearly places him in opposition to efforts to close loopholes presently according special tax privileges for the wealthy and the nation’s corporate community,” Pitts declared.

“For the Governor of the nation’s most populous state to take such a stand represents an abdication of his responsibility to the high public office he holds,” he added.

NEW ECONOMICS

The Washington Evening Star, a Republican newspaper, related an astonishing tale of financial hanky-panky which Democrats immediately seized upon as an example of “the new Nixon economics.” This is the newspaper’s story:

A man bought a fancy $10,000 car for his girl friend and gave the car dealer his check for that amount. The dealer endorsed the check over to the other men who had endorsed the check, all decided—because the check was drawn to make it

“The new economics,” said, the Young Generation.

“Marijuana, pot, and weed

Gives us good vibrations.

Loads of drug are all we need,” says, the Young Generation.

“Aren’t we the future leaders of the country? We’ll fight for our fair nation.

More opportunities you will see,” says, The Young Generation.

“Flower power, peace, and love,

A student demonstration.

Ideas we have plenty of,” says, the Young Generation.

“Flower power, peace, and love,

We won’t get an education.

Nor get rich, says, the Young Generation.

Don’t jump to conclusions.

There is another good side to the Young Generation.

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“So you see; we’re not so bad.

We’re a help to all creation.

Now there’s no reason to be sad.

Long Live The Young Generation!”

Editor’s note: This poem was written by Gaye Lynn Moe, age 13, who is a ninth grader in Wilmington, California. She is the granddaughter of Charline Charles, who is a member of the clerical staff of Local 1245. The poem serves as an excellent reminder to all of us that we should not generalize about the “younger generation” and condemn the whole bunch of them because of the acts of a few. The fact that a 13-year-old is even concerned about our attitude toward her generation should give us all hope and restore our confidence in the “Younger Generation.”
SANTA CLAUS BLames TOY PRICE JUMPs ON INFLATION

By Sidney Margolius
Consumer Editor for Utility Reporter

Toy prices have taken a startling jump this year; much higher in fact than most other goods. Some toy manufacturers even have adopted the "hidden price rise" trick of the food business. They have kept prices the same, but have reduced the sizes or numbers of pieces they give you.

We interviewed S. Claus, long-time toy distributor, to find out why toy prices have gone up so drastically. He explained that government spokesman recently had attributed higher cost to "inflation," and this was true of toys too.

"But 'inflation' is higher prices," we pointed out. "They mean the same thing."

"That's right," Mr. Claus said firmly. "The higher prices are due to higher production costs."...
A very interesting and informative Shop Stewards meeting was held by Local 1245 on November 15, 1969 at the Sacramento Inn. There were over 40 people in attendance at the meeting and they came from all over the State of California.

The purpose of the meeting was to better equip the stewards to represent the members of Local 1245 from Region 2 of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and this was beyond a doubt accomplished.

Ron Reynolds, Business Representative, was the chairman of the meeting and introduced the various speakers.

The first speaker of the day was J. Robert Hammond, Chief of Operations of Region 2 of the U.S.B.R.—Department of Interior. Mr. Hammond outlined the general activities and objectives of the Bureau and encouraged the men to continue their efforts towards maintaining good Labor-Management relationships in their areas.

The second speaker of the day was Mert Walters, Assistant Business Manager of Local 1245. Mert explained the new Executive Order No. 11491 which deals with Union agreements with Federal employers. This new order supersedes No. 10988 and Mr. Walters explained the history and background of both.

The next order of business was a section by section discussion on the agreement which was led by Ed Reith, Business Representative, and Bill Peitz, Chief Steward at Tracy.

Frank Brass, Attorney from the law firm of Brundage, Neyhart, Grodin & Beeson gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on the participants rights as prescribed by Federal Law and also told them of the services the law firm provides the members of Local 1245.

The final speaker of the day was Ronald T. Weakley, Business Manager of Local 1245. He discussed the history of Local 1245's association with the U.S.B.R. employees and he also outlined the duties of his office.

The Stewards present at the meeting were very much impressed with the
material presented during the day and many of them expressed that they felt better prepared to carry out their jobs as stewards.

Since many of our members are not familiar with the U.S.B.R., we thought a brief description of its purpose, background and accomplishments would be in order.

The Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior is an agency for the development of water resources. Their main purpose is to reclaim water to keep America growing. For well over half a century, the Bureau of Reclamation has dedicated its efforts to constructing facilities for storing the surplus waters of rivers in times of greatest runoff for use during the dry seasons.

In carrying out its work, the Bureau builds storage and diversion dams, water distribution systems, pumping plants, hydro-electric generating plants, and other related structures on its multipurpose water development projects.

The Bureau provides the following benefits: irrigation water for farms; hydroelectric power; Municipal water; river regulation—to reduce the danger of flooding and to alleviate silt and pollution problems; improved fish and wildlife habitat; and increased recreational opportunities.

The Bureau of Reclamation—known at first as the Reclamation Service—had its inception in the Reclamation Act of 1902, which was signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt. Its original purpose was to equalize flood and drought.

The accomplishments of the Bureau are many; two of which are Hoover Dam and San Luis Dam.

In terms of interest to our readers and members, you will find on pages four and five a picture story of the Stewards meeting and the participants’ places of employment. The San Luis Dam and the Delta-Mendota Canal are not shown.

Walters, Assistant Business Manager, is one of the foremost authorities Public Employment in the country. He is shown discussing the new Executive or regarding Federal employees.

Ronald T. Weakley, Business Manager, is shown making his presentation to the group. Under Bus. Mgr. Weakley’s direction, Local 1245 has gained for its members the best wages and working conditions in the entire Bureau of Reclamation.
Attorney Speaks at San Jose—Clerical Meeting

Stewart Boxer, attorney from the law firm of Neyhart, Grodin, Beeson & Jewell, spoke to the clerical members about the legal services available to members of Local 1245.

Mr. Boxer outlined the services and then answered many questions from the floor. It's amazing how much money, fear and anguish could be avoided if members would contact a lawyer when any legal matter arises and that includes signing a sales contract of any kind. There were over 40 people in attendance at the meeting and they were very appreciative of Mr. Boxer's appearance at their unit meeting.

Another highlight of the meeting was a discussion on the Unit's forthcoming proposal for the 1979 negotiations. It was encouraging to see the amount of preparation and thought they are putting into this very important subject. A subcommittee was formed over six months ago and they have met a number of times to go over each section of the contract and make suggestions for improvement. This type of in-depth study on proposals will certainly help the negotiating committee when they are going through the hundreds of proposals that will be submitted.

They also discussed the progress on plans for a dance which will be held on December 6, 1969 and will begin at 9:00 p.m. The dance is being co-sponsored by the San Jose-Physical and San Jose-Clerical Units.

Tax Reform Bill Threatened

The Senate Finance Committee has restored what a House tax bill proposed eliminating—hundreds of millions of dollars in tax loopholes for businesses, banks and millionaires.

Having completed its work on the loophole-closing sections of the House bill, the committee turned its attention to the measure's tax relief sections.

Although no exact figures were immediately available, one calculation showed the committee stripped more than $500 million in proposed annual new revenue from the House bill.

More important than the amount, however, was the fact that the reduced revenue was the result of the committee's weakening of sections dealing with capital gains, the oil industry, banks and stock market investors.

The AFL-CIO had called for strengthening the House bill. But the Senate committee's actions reflected the influence of what AFL-CIO Legislative Dir. Andrew J. Biemiller termed "an army of special interest lobbyists."

The Wall Street Journal reported that "some committee sources contend that these lobbyists have, in effect, written the main sections of the bill applying to them."

Most of the loss of revenue from the House bill comes from the Senate panel's watering down of a stiffer capital gains tax, restoration of tax-exempt interest on municipal bonds, a small cut in the tax-free oil depletion allowance, and continuation of a padded "bad debt" tax-free reserve for banks.

On the plus side, the committee kept the maximum tax rate where it now is instead of reducing it to 50 percent as the House proposed.

The committee also rejected a House provision that would have extended present "income-averaging" to capital gains, wagering and gift income; and it improved a minimum tax provision in the House bill. Both committee actions will increase revenue and are similar to recommendations made previously by the AFL-CIO.

The committee also made changes in House provisions covering foundations. It substituted a one-fifth of 1 percent tax on a foundation's assets for a House-proposed 7.5 percent tax on investment income. It placed a 40-year limit on the life of foundations which pass out money grants rather than operate specific charitable or health programs.

ARE YOU LOSING BENEFITS?

As an electrical worker, how much do you earn? $8,000 a year, $10,000 a year, or more? When you get your pay stub, the deductions are probably more than you once made in total wages. The high cost of living concerns all of us; but probably you now have more protection from loss or reduction of income than any employee in history.

For instance, take the deduction for Social Security, shown as FICA tax on your pay stubs. Most everyone knows that Social Security provides partial replacement of income upon retirement. Lesser known, however, is that Social Security provides payments for disability. For example, let's take a look at the case of John Jones, age 32, who has been an electrical worker for 10 years. The doctor tells John that he has active tuberculosis and will have to be hospitalized. After four months of observation, his doctor has John on the road to recovery, but his clinical evidence indicates that John will be off work for at least a year.

As soon as John learns that he will be unable to work this long, he should contact his nearest Social Security office. The people there will assist him in completing an application for disability insurance. Starting with the seventh month of John's disability, he can receive $175.20 monthly, until he can resume work, or permanently, should he never be able to work again. In addition, John's wife and two minor children additionally can receive $196 monthly.

How would your family manage in the event of your death? Your Social Security may prove to be the best insurance you have. Social Security survivor's monthly benefits can greatly ease the financial burden to a family.

Suppose John, in the foregoing example, met with a fatal accident, either before or after his disability. His wife and two children could first receive a lump sum death payment of $255. Additionally, they would each receive $125.80 monthly. Each child's payment would continue until he reaches 18, or until age 22, if he remains a full-time student.

Social Security survivor payments can also be paid to children if they have a working mother who dies. Even though she died several years ago or was not working at the time of her death, benefits may be payable.

A recent change allows monthly benefits to severely disabled widowers over age 50, if they become disabled within seven years of their husband's death.

It pays to check with your Social Security office to see if your family is missing out on benefits. Social Security is not automatic and there are time limits. Are you one who may be losing out?
The Shop Stewards for the entire East Bay area met at the Saranap Inn in Walnut Creek on November 17, 1969. The meeting was part of Local 1245’s continuous program of Steward education.

Ron Weakley, Business Manager, brought the group up to date on his activities and also encouraged the Steward’s to direct their interests to the 1970 negotiations.

John Wilder, Assistant Business Manager, gave a report on the status of the Review Committee cases and discussed the problems connected therewith. The Review Committee met every day during the week of November 17 to November 21, 1969 to attempt to reduce the number of cases and speed up the action at the Review Committee level.

Jack McNally and Pete Dutton, Business Representatives, assigned to the East Bay area, answered questions from the floor regarding problems at the various headquarters.

The final speaker of the evening was Al Davian, a striking G.E. employee, who gave the group a rundown on the main issue of the strike.

TOY PRICES UP THIS YEAR

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mas.) The doll is dressed in a nylon net ballroom gown, has sleeping eyes and moving arms, and comes with a 10-inch dome. Organizations can buy these dolls for $1.50 with the Council paying the postage, in lots of three dozen or more.

Miss Union Maid is one of the few dolls still made in the U.S. Many of the others, such as Barbie, are made in Japan but still sell for several times the price of Miss Union Maid.

You can buy attractive gift books for youngsters from the government itself, or more precisely, the Division of Public Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

These include Exploring Space with a Camera, $4.25; Explorers and Settlers, $3.50; Outdoors USA, $2.75; The Book of Mars, $5.25; Questions About the Oceans, $2; Founders and Frontiersmen, $3.

A good gift item for adults is the famous Co-Op Cookbook, available for $1 from local co-ops or by mail from Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley, 1414 University Avenue, Berkeley, Calif. 94702.

PREPARATIONS FOR WINTER

BURYING A PROBLEM — Another winter’s at hand . . . which lends interest to these “then” and “now” photos attesting to the severity of high Sierra snow problems which reached a climax last February. Pacific Gas and Electric Company troubleshooters battled mountainous snowdrifts near Boreal Ridge in California’s Nevada County, in this case (left photo) installing a 20-foot extension on a 40-foot pole to lift the power line and eliminate a hazard to skiers. At the right is the same pole today — extension still in place—as it’s about to be “retired” from service. PG&E has installed underground cable to replace the pole line and improve service reliability in the Donner Summit area.

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Accidents Never Take A Holiday

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a speech put out by the National Safety Council for use during the holiday season. It contains a very important message for all of us and we thought it was an appropriate article for the Safety Scene.

Probably the most exciting season of the year is the period starting with Thanksgiving and ending with the arrival of the New Year. For children, especially around Christmas, it is a time of fun and unparalleled joy. The holiday season for adults means baking and preparing foods, last minute shopping trips, gatherings of family and friends, tree trimmings, wrapping of packages and a constant state of busy and frantic preparations.

Whatever the holiday, whether it be a national holiday or a holy day, all have similarities that can make them the scene of a tragic accident. And accidents are frequent visitors to homes during the holiday season. Accidents never take a holiday.

This year why don't you give your family a gift of safety for the holidays. I'm not talking about a material gift—although that would be appropriate also—but I'm including your family with a safe holiday season. Nothing can be of greater value or importance to family members than a hazard free home in which everyone can enjoy themselves.

Careful planning in advance can do a lot to eliminate hazards in and around the house. It will also allow you a little more time for those extra jobs so that fatigue won't set you up for a tragic mishap. Some special precautions are to be taken ahead of time since everyone is less likely to be safety conscious when there are numerous activities going on in the home and elsewhere.

The kitchen is normally the scene of many minor and more serious injuries and during the holiday season it will be in use more frequently. People always like to congregate in the kitchen for some reason; however, keeping them out will not only make the job of preparing food easier, but will make the kitchen a safer place. Normal safety rules, such as wiping up spills, using sharp knives and others, are always necessary. It is wise to keep toddlers out of the cooking areas and all other basters and snoopers out during the busiest times of preparation. The more items that can be prepared ahead of time the more likely accidents will not happen. Delegate jobs to one or two helpers at the last hour to assist with last minute preparations.

Even though your Christmas tree should not be purchased until just prior to trimming, safe decorations can be planned ahead of time. Select a skirt for the tree, hanging ornaments and other trimming materials of substances that won't burn. Get out your old light sets and check the cords for frayed wires, loose connections or broken plugs. If you need to purchase a new light set make sure it carries the UL mariner.

A tree can be a beautiful symbol of the season, but unless you are careful, it can also be a fire hazard. The best precaution you can take against fire is keeping your tree as fresh as possible. (Don't put it up too soon or keep it up too long.) A dry tree if ignited by the tiniest spark can burn in less than a minute. Place your tree well away from radiators and fireplaces and out of the flow of traffic so it won't be knocked over. Always set the tree in a container of water and replace the water daily.

I'm sure we've all been to parties or seen pictures of gorgeous centerpieces and decorations using lighted candles and greenery or other items that could burn very quickly. With a little planning, decorations for the mantel, buffet or tables can be nonflammable and just as pretty. Use flame-proof crepe paper, cotton batting or fire resistant paper to make these decorations. Glass, metal, asbestos and other noncombustibles can also be used safely with candles.

Check toys before you purchase them to make sure they are suitable—and safe—for the age of the child. Inspect all toys for babies and toddlers to be sure they have no sharp edges or parts that will come loose for a youngster to swallow. Some toys for older children may also need special instruction or directions. Take time on Christmas day to teach your child how to use these toys safely.

Your holiday guests are important also and you should plan ahead to make their visit to your home safe ones. Outside walks and steps should be kept free of ice and snow. Provide a bright welcome for your guests by lighting up the walk and driveway. Don't relax though once your guests are inside the house. Make sure the fireplace is covered with a fire screen. Plan ahead and place ample, large sash interest around the house.

Careful planning can help make this holiday season one in which young and old will all enjoy the sights, sounds and scents of these festivities. The gift of safety is suitable for all families and all ages, regardless of the holiday. Make this holiday season a safe and happy one for your family!

Kids and Markets

A word to the wise parent . . .

Keep a close watch on small children in your supermarket. Kids are running into all kinds of problems, not the least of which are those related to the power-operated doors. A young boy easily outrun an automatic door—get to it before it has time to open—and be severely hurt.

Accidents with grocery carts account for a large number of serious child injuries; Example: A year-and-a-half old baby girl was left unattended with her 4-year-old brother in her mother's cart. The boy decided to climb in with her. He pulled the cart off balance and nudged a car to the curb and caught the rear wheel. She burst into tears. Seems she had no driver's license and had never taken a driving test . . . Then there's the mini-shirted girl in Florida who passed her test for recognizing traffic signals. Then, while taking her driving test she pushed down the brake pedal and rolled on the examiner replicas of all the signs painted on her upper leg.

Safety is not an accident

For the Holidays

Take Care Here. There. Everywhere.