

FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT UNIONS

DU PONT SYSTEM, LOCAL NO. 5



July 1, 1971

NOTICE

A special meeting will be held on Friday, July 16, 1971, at the Ukranian National Home at West 14th and Fairfield. The meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. and its purpose is to vote on amending the Constitution as follows:

Article II, Section 1: Delete "with affiliation with the Federation of Independent Unions, Du Pont System".

This is the same amendment that was voted on at the last special meeting and did not receive the necessary 2/3 majority vote.

The Union Board was extremely disappointed in the turnout and results of that meeting. It has been working diligently on a program to gain national bargaining with Du Pont that was outlined at the March membership meeting, and it was assumed that disaffiliation from the Federation would present no obstacle. You will recall that getting out of the Federation was an initial step in this program and a motion was made and passed unanimously at the March meeting to send our Federation dues to the Niagara Falls strikers. The idea was to let our dues lapse and let the Federation throw us out. Using the sentiments expressed at the March meeting as a guide, our delegates to the May convention walked out with several other Unions. After deliberating with other Unions, it was agreed that all should amend their Constitutions where necessary to disaffiliate from the Federation. Toledo and East Chicago have done this. But, with the defeat of the disaffiliation proposal at the June 25th meeting and the poor turnout, our Union's commitment to this program is in doubt.

The Union Board must know how the membership really feels. We hope the recent vote was not a true indicator. But, if it was, we don't want to waste any more of our time and energy in pursuit of national bargaining with Du Pont if the people don't want it. It is a goal that will require an interested, active, and committed membership. Another vote is required to settle the question.

The Union Board

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