UNITED ELECTRICAL & RADIO WORKERS of AMERICA

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RESOLUTION

We, the General Electric Local 602, United Electrical and Radio Workers of America, New Kensington, Pa., wishing to protest against the vicious treatment accorded Ed Parker, Workers' Alliance organizer in Illinois, by relief authorities and the courts of Cairo, Illinois, submit the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, wishing to call to the attention of the Mayor, the Courts, the Governor, and the Citizens of Cairo, that Ed Parker is guilty of only one offense -- the offense of leading his fellow workers in an effort to gain a decent standard of living in the richest country in the world; and,

WHEREAS, these workers had worked day and night, in an effort to save the city of Cairo from the rising flood waters of the Ohio River, enduring long hours of back-breaking toil building the levee for a promised wage of 50 cents an hour, which we understand has since been reduced to 31 cents an hour; and,

WHEREAS, when men unemployed or on relief, through no fault of their own, work hours to save their city, and when these same men find that the city repays them by cutting off all relief, delaying pay-checks for months, they have only one recourse; in a united fashion, they must demand their rights -- the right to receive well-earned pay to keep their children from starving, their homes from being wrecked; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that General Electric Local 602, United Electrical and Radio Workers of America, New Kensington, Pa., insist that the privileges of our democracy be preserved and Ed Parker freed.

APPROVED:

This 10 day of July, 1937, at the regular membership meeting of Local 602, United Electrical and Radio Workers of America, New Kensington, Pa.

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ATTEST:

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