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eeble AFL Rebuttal Strengthens CIO Case; Drivers Press Stassen and Blair for Election

tassen Hit For m Crow Policy Home Guards

vernor Squirms as Colored Citizens Denand He Cease Discriminatory Policy John L. Lewis oward Negroes - His Shabby Excuses Explores Mind re Mercilessly Exposed Before Mass

A capacity crowd of Negro men and women listened eously but coldly the evening of August 27th as Gov-Stassen appeared before them in an attempt to jusis policy of discriminating against colored citizens e giovernor's Rome Defense Force. For eight months

and more ill at ease, numbled to

himself and then said, "They might

case to take to court.

groes about Stassen:

"Our Governor, Harold E.

Stamen, admitted at a meet-

ing Tuesday night that he, a

man who has been mentioned

as successor to the courageous

hallowed Lincoln, was afraid

to challenge the undemocratic

custom of army brass hats which Stassen dains keeps

Megroes who want to join the

State Home Defense outside

this tan-supported organiza-

non. Openly the Governor ad-

mitted that he thought the

custom (the army code which

he blames) is wrong and of-

fered to help change it. Yet,

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he would sand for what he

claims he believes by imme-

diately semoving any racial bars in the Defense Fosce

which violate the rights of

"In Governor Stassen's

handling of this entire Home

Defense matter he has offered

on no inking of the courage

which made this country's statesmen rank with those of

the ages. We have regretful-

ly come to the inescapable conclusion that he lacks cour-

age to do the thing that is

right and the thing that his

oath of office requires of

any citizens

mnesota Negro Defeuse tee has been leading a a great man, Governor. You can movement of protest take the first step toward bringing the gross inequality and about equality for Negroes in the nation fostered by armed forces," said another. in the Home Defense meeting in the Hallie Q. striking a blow for equality. He is interested only in upholding and f August 27th, where the defending a system that breeds in-

undertook a public de- justice, inequality and discriminaof his anti-democratic course, tion. rend Clarence T. R. Nel-An extremely pointed question o together with other out was asked by Mrs. Della Holsum-Negroes of the Twin Cit- back of St. Paul. When the goved the fight, told how doz- ernor continued his refusal to isapplications from Negroes sue an order against racial dis-Home Defense Force have crimination, Mrs. Holsumback rned down. He told how asked: "Why can't you issue the had demied the Negroes a order? What do you think will and how it required the happen to you if you did issue an of a march on the capitol order to the military officers to ce the governor to hand- succept Negroes?" committee to "study the The governor, growing more

to Pass Buck

say I'm not fit to hold effice or Stassen informed the Negro Defense Cominto the home guard since it be a violation of the U. S. chance, aren't you, Governor, you're afraid to try it," the little Negra woman said. pointed out to the governor "code" was not a law but going to do anything to help them, eactionary custom, and de- the assembly allowed him to leave.

Governor Stassen has Stassen Cowardice Hit ly refused to do. He did appear before the public August 27th and "exhis position. That his exre acceptable to neither the mmunity nor to progreshites was evident at the Many speakers rose to the governor's feeble and excuses for refusing to decent and progressive against Negro discrimina-

of Democracy

Newman, publisher of the lis Spokesman, well-Negro weekly, challenged riminatory Army code by that Negmes be enlisted linnesota Home Defense "If it's the Army's fault, Army on the spot," New-"Democracy in this is on trial because many are preaching one thing

ernor winced. Schwartz, white attorney, of the Army's anti-demoactices, discrimination is constitutional law of the and could not be upheld. d Governor Stassen to isorder abolishing discrimn the home guard. more important to sup-

vicious military custom s to support the constitu-

Of Mathew Woli

John L. Lewis's devastating description of Mathew Woll, told the delegates to the 1940 CIO convention in Atlantic City, bears repeating today inasmuch as Woll is the AFL vice president appointed by Green to head the AFL committee to "purge" the Minneapolis Centrai Labor Union.

Commenting on a proposal from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers that the CIO "explore the possibilities" of peace with vention: "I have been an exploter in the American Federation of Labor, Explore the mind of Bill Green? I have done a lot of exploring in Bill's mind and I give you my word, there is nothing there.

"Explore Mathew Well's mind? I did. It is the mind of an insurance agent, who used his position as an officer of the AFL to promote his insurance businens. It is so because I told him so and he agreed with me?

Wolf is a boss hiding behind a union button, as are most of the other AFL top leaders.

that I'm opposed to national de-Demurrers Judge Joyce Convinced that Stassen is not

of him that he issue an Plans are under way to carry on obtained against the leaders of commander-in-chief of the the fight against discrimination in Local 544-CIO and of the Socialta Defense Force that Ne- Stassen's home guards. A number ist Workers Party by the Rooseenlisted just as other citi- of attorneys are preparing a test well administration were filed late last week by the legal stads representing the defendants.

Auguments on the demarters An editorial in the August 29th will be heard next Thursday, Sep-Minneapolis Spokesman summartember 17th, by Federal Judge ized the feeling of Minnesota Ne-M. M. Joyce in Minneapolis federal

The demargers consist of a score of objections to the indictment. The legal validity of the indictment is challenged, as is the con-stitutionality of the Smith Act. Other demurrers contend the indictment is too vague, giving the Criticizes defendants no definite idea as to the meture of the aleged crime.

Should line demurgers be sustained, the defendants would be discharged with the government dar to be called September 23rd.

544-CIO Grocery Section to Meet Friday, Sept. 12.

All members of the Whole-All members of the Whole-cale Grocery Section of Local 544-CIO are urged to attend the regular Grocery Section meeting next Friday evening. September 12th, 8 p. m. Re-ports will be made on the steps being taken by the union to de-fend the members against the selfout maneuvers of the Tobin machine.

LeSueur Indictments

Declaring the Smith Act under having the night to appeal or ob- which Roosevelt is prosecuting the tain a new indictment. Should leaders of 544-CIO "clearly un-Judge Joyce overrule the demur-constitutional." former Judge Arrers, he would set a date for trial, thur LeSueur spoke before 70 The Sederal government, through members and friends of the Twin district attorney Victor Anderson, City Workers Defense League last is pushing for a speedy trial and week in the Andrews Hotel on the would like to have the cases come subject, "In Defense of Civil to trial on the general term calen- Rights." LeSueur, one of the attorneys defending the indicted members of the Socialist Workers Party, is well-known in Minnesota for his long and courageous record on the bench and on the Minneapolis school board

"The Smith Act," LeSueur contends, "almost prohibits thinking. Anything you might say or do under this act could be adjudged

In his discussion of the indictments, LeSueur stated that there are no definite and specific allegations contained in them, that they are merely the opinions of the dis-

Looking the Other Way



544-CIO Files Charges With NLRB Against 151 Minneapolis Bosses

Charges of author labor practices under the National Labor Relations Ast have been filed by Local 544-ClO attorneys against 151 employers in seven branches of the trucking industry.

The charges have been occepted by Robert R. Rissman, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board. Among the souses sitted for violating federal stabutes by

signing contracts with Tobin while the question of jurisdiction is unsettled, implade: 17 wholesald grosery firms; 43 transfer firms; & cold storage companies; 16 produce companies; 68 retail coal dealers; 2 spring water firms; and the Camble Skogmo All the above companies, working through Sain Levy of the

labor-hitting Associated Industries, have signed contracts with Tobin's outfit behind the backs of the Mismeapolis drivers, and are attempting to move the sellout agreements down their em-

Their actions constitute a flagrant violation of Section 6 of the Wagner Act, dealing with "entering into a contract when a question of union certification exists."

Other employers caught conniving with Tobins agents will face similar charges by Local 544-CIO.

Testimony of Scores of 544-CIO Drivers on AFL Terrorism Remains Unanswered-CIO Moves to Dismiss Insolent AFL

The hearing conducted by the state labor concillator on the patition of the Tobin hopheads that they be certified WITHOUT elections as the which of the Minneapolis transport drivers came to an unexpectedly abrupt end Thesday aftermoon when the AFL closed its case without even attempting to enter a serious rebuttal to the testimony of the scores of drivers who testified last week on behalf of their fellow workers and their union. Local

The AFL on Tuesday was given week came in a steady stream to chine the Nicoliet hotel to testify before firm in their decision to leave Tobin's antiqueted, undernocratic or
lift the AFL has 4,250 ganization and join the progres-

this impressive body of 544-C10 they haven't the members, they testimony, Tobic's lawyers made a haven't the levalty of the men. partunetory repetition of their They are fearful. They would original red balting arguments deny the men on the job the right against 544-CiO. The AFL closed to decide for themselves in a its case without calling a single

Couldn't Get One Driver

Of the "4,250 loval union members" claimed by Tobin, NOT ONE CAME FORWARD TO SAY: "I am in the AFL of my own free will. I support Tobin and Casey in their stand against permitting the drivers to vote democratically on their choice of

Only witnesses put on the stand by the AFL lawyers were a few Tobin hopheads who made pithful witnesses indeed. APL organizer Nick Eackert aidn't even know the Minreapolis Building Trades Council had led the 1939 WPA striks. He told a cock-and bull story than the Tobin hopheads only carry around ballbats for "self AFL organizers Frank Androif, Fritz Snyder, carpet-bagger James Shirley, Glen Smith and Gene Williams were the other Tobin witnesses.

CIO Moves for Dismissal Following arguments of attorneys. Blair took the AFL petition for certification without election under advisement, together with a motion by 544-CIO that the petition be dismissed and the AFL be found guilty of violating the out an election. Stassen labor law by using force and violence and threats.

AFL lawyer Nichols worked himself up into a patriotic lather as he red-baited Local 544-CIC and unfair practices, and would and its leaders. He sounded off have to concede that the Minnejust like the Citizens Alliance and Tobin in 1934 as he waved the American flag to direct attention away from the repulsive truth about the Tobin machine. Goldberg summed up for the AFL by making the insolent claim that of Local 544-Clo, the governor "the rank and file has already had and his labor conciliator can grant its election '

Attorneys David Shama and Gilbert Carlson for 544-CIO riddled the whole rotten APL case. and only by violating the miser-"The real issues are: What do able Slave Labor Law which they

the men in the industry want? lefend. Furthermore Stassen and What are their rights?" stated Blair are faced with the fact that

AFL has admitted it, that the AFL case by 54 5 Clo. and the occathugs went in groups of 30 and sional truthful accounts of the 40, armed with ballbats, to intimi- Tobin machine appearing in the date the men into signing with the St. Paul and rural papers. AFL and paying dues to Tobin's No matter what Stassen and unions. The AFL says they did Blair cook up, Local 544-CIO is not intimidate the men. How prepared as always to defend the would you feel if a mob of hood- interests of the Minneapolis translums told you to 'Sign or else-.' port drivers and warehousemen The AFL says it did not use and their union.

the opportunity to answer the threats. Why right in the middle the hundreds of drivers from every section of the industry who for four nays and evenings last to pay tribute to the Tobin ma-

"The AFL tries to make the State Labor Conciliator Blair and point that a reputable firm of public assistant, Roland J. Giver, that his assistant, Roland J. Giver, that (1) only by ballbats, blackjacks brooks and attested that they have and gars 4 Tobin's thugs solliet 4,250 names on the brooks. That dues and signatures; (2) that the is no evidence at all. It has been A.P.L had connived with the bosses proves, by our witnesses, that the to remove 544-Clo members from dates were collected by force and the job; (3) that Tobin's hopheads violence. It was impossible to call openly boasted they are supported in all 4,250 of the men, but we by Stassen and Blair; (4) that despite the Tathi thangery, the drivers and warehousemen semain prove HOW the dues were collect-

ganzation and join the progres-sive ranks of the CIO; (5) they THEY AFRAID OF AN ELECdemand a semoutate election be TION? If they have that many Instead of giving an answer to tions hands down. But they know to decide for themselves in a democratic election what union reak-and-file worker to the wit- they want. Instead, these men who yell about their Americanism tell the Minnesota Crivers: You belong to Dan Tobin. You will always be the property of Tobin." Attorney Gilbert Carlson vidi-

culed Goldberg's effort to make it appear that the AFL engaged only in a few scattered acts of violence. "There were not just 'isolated' acts of violence," Carlson said. 'It was a systematic and planned campaign of terrorism and violence launched against the drivers. of Minneapolis. The men paid dues to the AFL because they were fewful of their jobs and their lives. The drivers want an election. Local 544-CIO wants an election. Local 544-CIO does not fear that test. It welcomes submitting its record and its program to the democratic decision of the Minneapolis drivers."

AFL Case Worthless

The explanation for the pitiful weakness of the AFL case lies in the fact that the Tobin machine couldn't induce a single driver to come up and testify on ills behalf. Despite this miserable showing. Tobin and Stassen will do their best to put over a cut-and-dried decision to certify the AFL with-

Any ordinary jury would not only throw out the brazen APL petition, but would have convicted the Tobin hopheads of criminal apolis drivers are sticking with the

real Local 546, in the CIO. The feeble show put on by the RFL has left Blair in a bad hole. Much as his master, Stassen, hates the militant and honest policies the AFL's outrageous demand for certification without election only by flouting all truth and justice, the public is informed of the truth. "The testimony shows, and the thanks to the publicity given the

We Made Minneapolis a Union Town - - - Let's KEEP IT That Way

Last week we published numerous excerpts from the your truck Monday. We'll have testimony of scores of Minneapolis drivers and warehouse- enough men to stop you,' they men as to the gangster methods used by the Tobin hop- said. heads in their brutal efforts to drive the men back into board. Being a senior man, I won- years as set-up man and helper, for putting a CIO button on. He Tobin's dictatorial craft-union machine.

This week, on this and the following page, we pub- he told me he had word that I lish more testimony as it was delivered before the Blair was not in the AFL and that I of AFL men came to the plant. Casey didn't have to stay here but hearing on the brazen AFL petition for certification with- couldn't drive. I called the CIO Cars were so thick in the alley he, Williams, did." hearing on the brazen AFL petition for certification without elections. The witnesses are the rank and file drivers
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MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

rounded me and hollered: 'What

my clothes. I went upstairs and

"He's no good. Go get him?"

A. Yes, I know his voice.

Q. Who pulled the claw hatchet

Q. Who pulled the limite on

A. He was a stranger. He must

Q. Who was there when you

A. The office tady, Mina Ohan,

as ware kouseman since 1934, tes-

ing George O'Brien and Fritz Sny-

der, came up to the seventh floor

where I was working about 10 a.

m on June 20th, and told me:

You better get straight with

you to get up to see Neal. Why

didn't you? As a matter of fact,

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outsumbered so I left and went

hampened. George Williams came

quarters and Williams, Eddie

Wixt, Nick Backert and Neal were

there. They wanted the dues I had

collected. I said the men told me

to hold the money in trust, and not

got a letter from the AFL saying

that if we didn't pay up our dues.

we would be renalized. I read

the letter to the nen, and all but

four decided we would get off the

fence and all go CIO. So we all

signed up with the CIO and paid

the dues money to the CIO. I

Q. (AFL Lawyer Nichols): The

Q. They didn't stop you from

A No. As a matter of fact,

Norman C. Popel, driver at Red

"One Friday night in the latter

part of Lune I was in Rex's Lar

Fritz Snyder and two other AFL

hey told me to GET OUT.

AFL men said they had a notion

WANT AN ELECTION.

leaving?

give d to either union. Later !

"Four A.FL organizers, includ-

have been from out of town.

were beat up? Who saw it?

Threaten To Kill Him

and Robert Soremson.

Jack Gittens, employed as a truck driver for Mutual Wholesale the plant. I was driving a load of Fruit for ten years, testified as potatoes to get weighed. They sur-

"I saw AFL Organizer Eddie button, what button?" They tore Blixt on the street. I told him the boys didn't like the idea of a AFL button on me. They did not bunch of men coming around tell-ing them they had to belong to the said: Either sign up or get off AFL. Blixt replied that 'If that's the job.' I started to get my your attitude, you won't go to clothes and they didn't want to let work tomorrow. me, I told them I needed to get

"It's customary to call the warehouse to find out what time to re- waited in the locker room. I figport and when I called, the boss ured they wouldn't come up there. said I wasn't to go to work, the Three men opened the door and union told him so. Just the same, saw me. They hollered: 'You'd I went to work the next morning, better come out of there.' One of and there were about eight or them pulled out a claw hatchet, ten men from the AFL. I asked and said, "You'd better come out what the trouble was. "As long as or I'll give you this. Get down meeting? you attend CIO meetings, or are a stairs.' I was afraid to go down-CIO member, you can't work, stairs and have him follow behind

"They told me to be at the AFL I told him: "You go first." He A. No. hall the next morning and to bring wouldn't go so I waited awhile, my steward's kit. I went there then dashed downstairs. I got to and Blixt and O'Loughlin said I the office and no one was in there. couldn't work until I quit the CIO. I ran outside where I saw some You are on probation,' they said, men who looked like detectives. I and can work provided you have thought they would protect me. nothing to do with the CIO."

"About a week later, Blixt tried hold of me. They knocked me to pull me off the job because he down, then kicked me while I was said they saw me at a CIO meet down. I was cut on the eye and ing. I got mad and refused to get on the lip and was bruised about off. I argued for about an hour, the head. I got up and one of and by that time I had my time them pulled a knife and said: "I in and so I punched out. Blixt was going to give you this finside, said Neal wanted to see me, so I but now you'd better sign or else!" met him, and Neal asked: 'What's I was bleeding and beaten, so I

James O'Brien has worked for New England Furniture for 12 years. He testified:

"I was on the shipping platform when about 50 or 60 AFL men came up. I recognized George that him? Williams. I met Red O'Loughlin. They told us we better sign wo. With that bunch of men outside, on you? we thought we had better sign up. We felt we had to. We naturally his name. were a little scared. They kept telling us we better sign up. I you? WANT AN ELECTION."

Steward Lumber company, yard-

Carpenters Friendly Anton Mohn, steward at G. M.

man for 12 years, testified: "About June 20th eight or ten AIFL organizers came to the yard. The foreman called me down and we were told to sign an AFL petition. I got the men together. discussed it. We asked why we should join the AFL. I talked to men on the street, and they told us we'd better sign or we'd get beaten up. I figured it was no use to get beat up; it worldn't mean anything to sign anyway, because we were CIO. They said those who signed with the AFL could work, but not those who didn't sign. In order to avoid trouble, I asked them to leave petitions with me, and I would get the rest of the men to sign. The mien reported to me that they had been stepped by cars with AEL men in them.

The AEL men said the exceptions.

Emil Hansen and explained what The AFL men said the carpenters would refuse loads from CIC drivers, but this was not true. The Neal. I went to the AFL headcarpenters did not turn any of our down. Three loads were turned back by Tobin organizers.

Walter Nelson, driver for Stewart Lumber company since 1928.

I WANT AN ELECTION."

"About the middle of June I drove into our yard and saw a bunch of AFL men. They told me I better sign up or I couldn't drive truck. Last Wednesday I was stopped on the street by five AFL men in a car with a Michigan license. They asked me what union I belonged to. I told them: 'The CIO.' They told me I'd have to join the AFL or I couldn't drive to throw you out of the window? a truck. They made me pay dues to the AFL.

Blair: You paid dues to the A. Yes. One of the AFL organ izers told me I'd have to pay dues

Steal CIO Cards or I couldn't drive. O Anyone else ever tell you ou couldn't drive unless you paid

A. No. never. I want an elec-

Pull Knife on CIO Man

wearing AFL buttons, came into fused. 'Well, don't try to pull out would rather cooperate with the we signed a contract?' I said

dered why. I called the boss and testified:

A. No. I was on the road. Q. Do you belong to the So- job. cialist Workers Party? A. No I do not, and I've never been approached to join.

A. I signed under protest,

Lyndon Benson, employed at

tons. A guy from Michigan said "Later the bosses signed a con- he wanted us to join and sign with ployed as a warehouseman at elevator and three guys grabbed president of the company read the and we argued with them about He testified: contract to the men. We argued the merits of the two unions. I drew up this contract? He said: union that went CIO did all right We were met by about 40 to 50 your Goddamned nose out of this.' came up to me personally and told the window, and I said: 'Oh, oh, going to join the AFL or you're off this platform, you're out of ence Hamel who used to be a stew- there's plenty more. You'd better 15 minutes to talk it over, but go back to work. Last week we ard on the job and now is a CIO sign. When I saw the number of they only allowed us 10. We de- met with our employer. We all organizer. He asked me if I would big men, I figured we'd better cided to sign up rather than start wore our CIO buttons. The emlike to sign a CIO card and ask sign. On the 23rd, Fritz Snyder, a fight. I paid June dues to the ployer said: 'You'd better pay for an election. I got about 20 George O'Brien and two other CIO, July dues to the AFL, Au- dues to the AFL.' I WANT AN CIO cards signed. Just then men walked over to Harold Margust dues to the CIO. I did not ELECTION.' George Williams and another AFL tin. I was standing about 10 feet man grabbed the cards out of my away and I heard them say: 'Why hand. They took away about 20 weren't you down to the AFL. We of them, and told me if I wanted ordered you to go down.' Martin to work, I had better watch my said he had no authority to leave step. I WANT AN ELECTION." the job. They said; 'You'd better Q. (AFL lawyer Nichols): get down or we'll throw you out Were you at the Sunday blue card the window.' Martin said: 'What am I to do against you four guys?" He asked me to go along with him. Q. Were you at the Monday Martin called up someone and then told me it was no use to lose any time and to go back to the

Q. (CIO attorney Shama) Did you pay any dues to the AFL? Absolutely not.

Q. Did you get a check for Q. Do you want an election?

Wants No Part of AFL

backpay?

Lumber company, testified:

"Last week some AFL organizers tried to stop me from delivthe trouble? Why don't the men held the paper on the door and I ering because I was wearing a CiO back. I want an election." come to meetings? I told him signed with the AFL. They told me I had to pay dues, but I said pulled off the job and losing time. I had no money. I'm a member chased us back to the yard and told us: "Pay up your dues or we'll close up the yard.' So we Q. (AFT, Lawyer Nicholls:) You say that George Williams said: to belong to the AFL. I paid AFL tified: dues to keep my job. I WANT AN ELECTION. Q. (Pointing to Williams) Is

Carpenter Accept Deliveries art. Lumber for floor years, testi-

East Hennepin by a Michigan car Harold Martin, employed at the WANT AM ELECTION" new England Furniture company

but could not deliver?

around. I've been making deliveries and Neal" I told them I had nothing

They are not in harmony I have a good mind to throw you now? shot to hell

Men Call AFL Bluff

work in harmony.

Ray Brett, steward at Hoigauni Tent and Awning, draver and awning hanger for 13 years, testified: "On July 1st or 2nd Red O'-Lough in and another big fellow from the AFL came clown and unliked to us. Red said: "We heard you had a let of guestiers. We're not much on the talking side this aftermoon, because we were out drunk all night." "We didn't say a word. After

while, one of our boys said: Let's go to work. So we just went to work.

"On August 6th Frank Androff, Glen Smith and two other AFL guys told the salesman we were ied up. I went downstairs and four AFL organizers told me the truck wasn't tied up. Glen Smith said he came down for my steward's kit. I told him I had notified Androff that I turned it in AFL Plots With Bons to the union. Androff said, 'That's Where did you turn it in?' I relied: To my union, of course.

what that means. You can't work like you.'

Eugene Olson, driver for six men. They also told the shipping and one-half years at Stewart clerk that everyone had to be signed up in the AFL by Friday or the AFL would put a new crew to work. But the AFL didn't come

AFL Uses Ballbats

Ellmer Roadfeldt, general warehouseman at Booth Cold Storage Coercion by AFL. signed and paid dues. I don't want for four and one-half years, tes-

"The morning of June 20th as

least 50 AFL men came on the dock. A number of them were carrying baseball bats. I recognized at least eight of them. Glen Knute Nelson, driver at Stew- Smith grabbed me and said, as I was going to get an empty truck to load some pork loins: 'Oh no of got stopped August 20th on you don't. Nobody in this place is going to do anything until you get with three AFL organiters in it. those CIO buttons off.' The boss They said I could not go any fur- told me to round up the men who ther until I paid up in the AEL I were all wearing CiO buttons. would not take a chance, three Smith said: "We're going to take against one, so I called up the the CIO buttons off you and put yard and Stewart said to come you back under the American back. They followed me back to flag. I told a guy who was pushthe pard. We decided to sign up ing me around: Your conduct temperarily with the AEL. I does not represent the flag you does not represent the flag you wear on your button.' We asked Q. (Ry AFL Lawyer Nichols): for time to discuss the matter These men said you could go on among ourselves. They finally gave us ten minutes and warned A. Yes. I figured it didn't os: 'Remember, we've got a crew sound so good so I turned of men on the streets waiting. You'd better hurry and decide. Q. They didn't use violence. We called the CIO. They told us:

A. I didn't take any chances. There is no use for you fellows to wearing my Clo button and never bered. Avoid violence. Two of morning two AFL men had folto get straight with Nort. Snyder had an AFL carpenter turn me the men went up to the CFO vinion or Gene Williams, said: 'U told down. I understand unions are to half to get instructions. The boss fired them. We saw a number of drivers had been stepped. Fritz base ball buts. We were outnum Snyder and Red O'Loughlin were bened, in we signed up. They even A. Yes. The laarmony is all pinned AFL buttons on some young kids that never belonged other stranger who followed me. I don't care. A few days later It was ridiculous. They said we Are you going to pay dues to us they told me to go up to their would have representation and A. or not?' they asked. I told them AlFL grievance board. I refused. W. Josephson, our steward, would I didn't see why I should pay dies They threatened to take me of the AFL Gunmen tions. But the AFL never even no- and swearing so much that one of paid wild: "Go ahead, I haven't fified him. They came back another time. We were all wearing CIO buttons. Ther said: "We don't want to get rough with you fellows. We'll have to take you off the job. We've got a contract Streed.

"I have not paid the AFL and dues since June I WANT AN ELECTION There was 20 contract in effect at the time the AFI said there was a contract."

Q. (AFL Lawyer Nichels) Is there a contract in effect now? A. We don't know what the AFL does. We asked, but they say Casey is the only one wile knows. I don't know what they are bargaining for now.

Vernon Jensen, warehouseman right. I forgot.' Smith said, at Booth Cold Storage, testified; "On June 20th there were at least 50 men who I have dearned The CIO.' Smith said: 'You talk since to recognize as AFL den. Owl stores for five years, testified: like you're CIO. I said: You're I saw one fellow with a baseball damn right I am.' They said: but that I noticed was brand new. Okay, I'm going to put the kibosh I was going to push some pork on you. I followed to see what joins on the platform, and they organizers came up. I see you're the khosh is. Another AFL or- told me, in, no, not until you Frank Kolinsky, worked for ten not in the AFL, one of them said. ganizer whom I never saw before join the AFL. There are no two ears at Merchant Cold Storage. I said, 'We voted O.O and that's said: 'Yeh, you're a wise guy, sides to this.' I tried to ride up the way I'm going.' 'You know We got ways to take care of guys in the elevator to get away from them. They jerked the elevator m. I estimate at least 50 men, in- unless you belong to the AFL, "I saw the boss and he said that door right off the hinges and cluding George Williams, Fritz they told me. The next night Glen Smith talked to him and grabbed me and shoved me up Snyder, Nick Backert and others Happy Holstein and Fitch tried to wanted him to fire the whole crew against the door. Later on a con-whose names II don't know, all get me to join the AFL but I re-

drawing up a contract.' George an election.' "On the 21st of June a bunch at Casey about that contract; that testified:

A. Not that I ever heard of.

Forced by AFL

I said, 'I don't like that way of free will. I was scared. I want since. I WANT AN ELECTION." All I know is, if the

said he was just as mad as I was Creamery for the past 10 years, tract?

wearing CIO buttons. At 8:30 were about 100 of them. Some-

"On June 20th all the boys were one shouted: 'There's one of them.' I started to walk off. I years, testified: belong to the CIO with the rest A. W. Josephson has been em- of the men. I got as far as the m. 150 men wearing AFL buttons 12th. Nobody signed tract with '544'-AFL. The vice- the AFL. We didn't want to join Booth Cold Storage for 13 years. me. 'Oh no, you don't,' they said. Williams, and others whose names goons came galloping My foreman protested against the I don't know-invaded the plant "On June 20th the boss called rough stuff. The AFL men told and told us to either sign up with with him about it. We asked who said I figured the leadership of the us all together to the main floor. him: 'Who the hell are you? Keep the AFL or get off the job. The said: 'Sign, or else_' It's T. T. Neal's contract.' I said, by me and I see no reason to the said williams said: 'You men are all each arm, and said: 'Once you get job. Meanwhile the CIO told the didn't have to do. I asked to the said of the sai me how they were forced to sign look at all those cars down there.' coming off the job. We have men a job. Sign this paper.' I didn't want an extra to take your place.' We asked for get to read it. I just signed it to

Roy Orgon, employed by Mun's Hing as a truck driver, testified: They drove away. I WANT AN "About 4:30 p. m. June 20th ELECTION." about 50 AFL men came into the alley as I was backing my truck Carpenters Praise CIO to the elevator. I recognized Gene Williams, Roy Wienicke, Nick Backert, the two Johnson boys, Fritz Snyder, Eddie Blixt and several others. They grabbed my hat off my head and took my June why I was wearing the CIO button and what was wrong with the AFL. I said I was going to stick with the old 544 leadership. "The boss said: 'Why don't you

take an AFL button? They threaten to wreck my rigs if you keep working for me "I asked for an AFL button and they refused to give me one, saying it was no use, that if it came to a vote, I would vote for the

CIO and not the AFL. They told me to get out of the alley and keep moving. I haven't been able to work there since. I WANT AN

Reuben Danielson, employed in the stock room at K. Aslesen for

five years, testified: 9th about 40 AFL men came to the plant. I recognized George Williams. I saw them pull up in cars with foreign licenses. The boss had us called down stairs where the AFL men had a petition which they ordered us to sign. We objected, but we were outrombered. They said: 'Sign it or we'll pull you off the job." I heard Party? Oscar Halverson tell the boss he was signing against his own will. didn't sign of my own free will. WANT AN ELECTION."

Q. (By AFL attorney) You didn't tell them you were signing 11 years, testified: against your will? A. Yes, I did. I told them.

Stopped on Public Street

James Kennedy, driver at

Thompson Lumber company for five years, testified: About two weeks ago I was stopped in a public afley at 12th They kept me surrounded. They lowed me out to Loon Lake. The boss told me one of the other in the office, talking to the bose. It was Snyder and Red and anand swearing so much that one of paid any does to the AFL. I the neighbors came along and WANT AN ELECTION. complained against the prefacity. O'Loughlin confessed he had been using dirty language, but Snyder denied it. The neighbor complained there were children in the 60 AFL men including Eddie neighborhood. No carpenter ever Blixt, Sid Welck and Rey Wienrefused to accept my load because ecke came down to the place and of my CIO button, Red and Sny- told me to get off the job and stay der said they wouldn't let the off. 'That's orders from the IRT,' carpenters accept lumber. I they said. There was nothing

Sherman Oaker, employed by Carnegie Dock and Fuel for 14 % years as a driver, testified, was a member of Local 221, now a member of 544-CIG: "I was stopped in the middle of

June at 11 a, m. on Laurel and Lyndale. The AFL organizers asked me how were the boys at Carnegie, I said, fine. They drove away. About 9:30 a. m. a week later, five AFL men in a car ran me into the curb. I was wearing my Clo button. Where did you that button? You'd better give it to us, they said. I said: 'No, it is my property.' 'You can't haul coal with that button, they said. I replied: "I'm doing it.

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Lawrence Lowry has driven for

the Thompson Lumber company for 18 years. He is married and a load of AFL men. About eight has five children. He testified: "About June 20th I was stop-544-CIO button off. They asked ped on Elliot avenue between and made me sign. I signed 15th and 16th by two men wearing AFL buttons. They said: We're from the AFL. We've been following you. We want to check your dues book. You'll have to pay your dues to the AFL before you can deliver the load.' I years, testified: told them I was going to keep on delivering until I get stopped. I

WANT AN ELECTION." Q. (By AFL lawyer Goldberg) If the AFL was designated as the bargaining agent, would you join the AFL?

A. If the AFL won the election, I'd join the AFL. Q. You want to stick with your old leaders?

A. Yes. I don't think anyone could do any better than they have. I think men should have a right to choose their own union. No carpenter refused to accept "A couple of weeks after June lumber from me because I were a Clo button. As a matter of fact, several carpenters complimented me on wearing my CIO button. Q. Are you a member of the

Socialist Workers Party? A. No. Q. Are the carpenters who complimented you on the CIO memthe Socialist Workers

(The question was ruled out of arder by Mr. Oliver.)

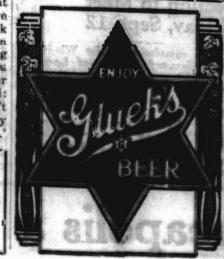
Anthony Mastrin, employed at the Winsten Newell company for "About 11 a. m. in the middle

of June approximately 75 to 80 AFL men came down of the plant, Five or six of them surrounded me. The whole floor was filled with strangers. Get the men all here, get them or else, they told me. I said: 'Get them yourself.' started snatching CIO buttons off the men and teld me to put an AFL button on. The foreman, John J. Jepson, got the men down. I tried to get away from the AFL organizers, but fibery wouldn't let rne. They made me sign a slip. I said, I don't know what it is and

Elmer Bausen, truck driver at Mun Hing cafe, testified: "About 4:30 er 5 p. m. 56 te

more I could do so I had to leave.

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'No.' 'Well, we did,' they said, sign the AFL paper of my own I haven't been able to work there A. I don't know what

Q. (By AFL attorney Gold- the men don't want the berg) Did you know that the their own affair. The o Elmer Holte, works at DeSoto AFL signed a closed shop con- see, the men have a right to

their own bargaining ag

Kermit Mundahl, warehouse- for seven years, married

man at Western Grocer for eight children, testified:

"About June 20th at 10:30 a. -including Fritz Snyder, Gene AFL, About June 20th AFL men were carrying baseball George Williams. Red O' boys not to get in any trouble. I would happen if I didn't

Tobin Men Drunk John Grantwit has worked for

13 years as shipping clerk at Central Furniture. He testified: "About June 16th three AFL

men came down to the store about 2:30 p. m. One of them was so intoxicated I slammed the door on him. I think it was the next day that at least 30 AFL men came down to the store in the afternoon. I recognized George Williams and Fritz Snyder. I saw the men coming in the front, and when I saw how many there were, I figured I'd better get out the back way. But the back door was covered by or ten of them surrounded me, shoved a paper in front of me, and made me sign. I signed by the AFL, they had a against my own will. I WANT goon squad of 75 to 80 me AN ELECTION."

Tobin's "Democracy"

Howard Dorholt, warehouseman at Western Grecery for 10 O'Laughlin said: 'Come here

"June 20th about 10:30 a. m. between 100 and 150 men wearing AFL buttons, including of their pockets. One of o George Williams, Nick Backert, Fritz Snyder and a number of others whose names I don't re- hell off the job.' Sometim member, came into the warehouse. three AFL men came are Some guy hollered up the elevator collect dues. We weren't shaft to come on down or they when we were two agains would get us. As we came down three of the them rushed to the door. They told us to take off our C10 but- Who were the AFL men tons. We said we didn't want to. We said that wasn't a democratic way to do things. Red O'Loughlin shoved his fist in my face and shouted: 'What do you want! This, or democracy?' We decided we were not going to take off our CIO buttons. We decided we were not going to let any gang of men tell us what to do. They hollered: "Get out of here, you don't work here any more.' They shoved us around and pushed us through the cash and carry door. We were so outpumbered we had to sign their AFL applications. Somebody said the CIO men were coming. Several

ELECTION." Harold Fisher, warehouseman at Western Grocery for five years,

testified: "On June 20th, Friday moreing, we were loading a truck when about 100 to 200 men wearing 544 AFL buttons stopped us. They said we couldn't wear our CLO buttons. Charley Hathaway and I said we wouldn't sign apy AFL papers. They fold us we couldn't work, so we got in our car and went to CIO headquarters, where we were advised to sign the AFL petition, for the time being, so we could ge back to work. I saw baseball bats carried by the AFL, at least 50 to 75 bats. I WANT AN ELECTION."

Cranshaw Taylor, concrete block worker at Hedberg and Friedheim

"George O'Brien and fellow were out to the p pulled us off the job. Th down AFL application ble They told me: 'You'll get job.' I saw some sap sticking out of their pock some revolver butts, three of them. They were wear

TION." Q. (By AFL lawyer G Did anybody treat you lence?

emblems. I WANT AN

A. Not yet. Q. You don't know thou A. They come from the never saw them before. Q. Did you report to t

A. No, what's the use?

More AFL Gunmen Gustave Reierson, block for 10 years at Hedberg Freidheim and company, te "The first time I was cor (At this point Goldberg pre against calling the Tobin geons. Reierson continued) Chairman, they WERE goor

sign this.' We were outnu

eight of us against 75 AFL

I saw revolver butts stick

asked, 'What if we don't

O'Loughlin said, "You'll g

Q. (by AFL lawyer Gol guns? A. They were from Kansas City and Cleveland.

were in out-of-town cars. I were old 544 men I would Blair Looks Other Way

Ray Brown, yardman Brothers Lumber for four testified: "About June 16th 75 AFL men, a few of whom I nized by sight, rounded up men and surrounded us. said: 'You might as well me

your mind to sign. Otherwi can take your lunch baske AFL guys ran out and got a bunch go home.' About two wee of baseball bats. I WANT AN AFL men came down and a we were CIO. I told them 98 per cent for the Clo. 0 them said: Well, buddy some good advice. You'd take that CIO button off. gang will be down and wrat s around your neck.

> Ole Engen, employed since by Bennett and Bailey Lu married and five child

> "On a Friday about 10 men who said they were Al

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AFL lawyer Goldberg) FL is designated as the to the AFL? appose if I were forced I don't care what his feelings are.

to Sign AFL

Olson, driver for New furniture for 12 years,

stopped twice on the AFL men. Two big hused me over. They saw button. They were wearbuttons. I told them I an election. They said: never come to a vote.' I since that one of them is Ramsey. The other one from Denver, Colorado. Anne a car with five AFL lled up in front of my Iwo of them jumped on inning board. They said: AFL cards.' What and three in the car. 1 want to sign. I didn't sign own free will. They told You're AFL and you will be. You will never get a want an election."

er, driver at New Engrniture for 14 years, testi-

June 21st, 9:30 a. m., I about 100 AFL men half years, testified: George Williams said: a meeting upstairs,' I Clo. I want an election. r who?' He said it was meeting. I said that it for me then. He saw I siness so he let me back platform. One guy who Cty and Caper or else-.' I WANT

er Goldberg Lie

ar Looks Ombring the testimony of Carl oldberg." He overruled Fahrendorf, cabinet-

AFL men, a fente

hey said they were from and some other town, and us. I looked out in the here was a whole mob guys out there. (At this 23 men? dberg objected to his

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came to the plant and giving the reasons why he was had to sign with the afraid of the AFL organizers. I would join the AFL until I could everyone would be taken Fahrendorf stated:) If I can't get some other employment. b. We didn't want to give the reason why I was afraid, asked questions. They what's the use of testifying. We Wants No Part of AFL o shut up. I WANT AN were outnumbered, so . . . I did not sign voluntarily with the AFL. Q. (By CIO Attorney Carlson)

Mr. Conciliator, can the witness g agent, would you want reveal what his feelings were? Nichols, AFL Lawyer, objected:

uld have to. I want to Sign or Else-Ernest Lehrman, driver for nine years at C. Thomas warehouse, AFL?

> "At least 100 men wearing AFL buttons - including Mickey from Pratts, Ed Blixt, and Ted Olsoncame up to the dock and stood down below and told us to sign a AFL Threatens Him paper for the AFL. I said I belong to the CIO. They said, 'Sign. We can't waste no more time. Sign, or get off the job. You're working under an AFL contract.' But there was no contract in ef-

Q. (From AFL Attorney Goldberg): You weren't threatened clothes and wash up. Two AFL with physical violence?

A. He said: 'Sign or elsedo? There were two on That's the way the AFL operates. Q. He didn't say it? A. He didn't have to say it.

> Q. How long have you worm your CIO button? A. Since we all voted to go CIO. Nichols, AFL Lawyer, objected.

Belongs to CIO

Frank Gordon Pswrie, employed agent? pull in to the platform. at C. Thomas for three and one

"I paid June and July dues to are you going?" I said to the AFL, but do not consider my- off the job. form. He said: 'Maybe. self a member. I belong to the

going upstairs.' I said I methods of the AFL goons in com- tified: going. They pushed me ing to the yard the day before and "I joined Local 5774 when it was stairs. George Williams intimidating the men. Most of the independent. I belong to 544-Cho. 9th George O'Brien and Axel Soid I ever give you a bum Foote men had been subpoenaed About June 20th I estimate 75 never talked to the man as witnesses. The AFL had found my life, so how could be out they had testified or were to ing Red O'Loughlin, George Wil- 'We were before.' I told them h Local Unices within our District."

here until you pay up."

New England Furniture, berg): Weren't there only 28 "Later, three AFL men came

A. I said 60 to 75

Jose Sadlock, Martin Mose, Engbern as they were walking out." Engen, David Bretten, Julius Q. (AFL. Lawyer Ceitdlerg): Johnson. Thomas Steer, Fred Do you know if they were carry-Holte, and five other employees ing guns for protection from Nick. at Foote Lumber verified Swan- Wagnen?

Admits Stassen Backs AFL farmers up north.

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Q. (AFL Lawyer Goldberg): If the AFL was designated, would you want to belong to the AFL?

A. If the AFL is designated, I would want to continue working.

Lynne Triplett, driver and loader for C. Thomas for nine years, testified:

"About 75 to 100 men, including Eddie Blixt, came to the plant and told us either to sign or get off the job. I didn't sign voluntarily. I want an election." Q. (By Goldberg): If the AFL

is designated, would you join the A. I'd sooner quit than have to belong to the AFL under a closed

Howard Sodergren, driver and order clerk for seven years at C Thomas, testified:

"I walked out on the dock. Five or six carloads of men stopped in front of the warehouse. I noticed their AFL buttons. I went back, punched out, started to change guys looked in and said they were going to work on me unless I came out. My brother had given me an AFL button, fearing I might have trouble. I showed it to them. Anybody would know what was They said I was okay. Gangs of 100 men were roaming all over the warehouse. I WANT AN

ELECTION." Q. (AFL Lawyer Goldberg): Would you join the AFL if they are designated as bargaining A. I don't want to join the AFT.

even if the AFL is designated.

Q (By AFL Attorney Gold and said: "Itanks, lovs."

A. Very badly.

Bernard Hultman, concrete

was from Michigan and Lumber company appeared as wit-block maker at Hedberg Freid-15 men with him, said: nesses to testify to the gangster heim for the past three years, tes-

men wearing AFL buttons, includa bum steer. The Michi- testify and came down to try to liams and others I recognized, believed in majority rule and —James Robb, Regional Director, who are opposed to organization Victor Swanzen, employed at from the AFL. We got papers to after, Red O'Loughlin and his the Foote Lumber company, testi-fied:

sign. You'd better sign, and there goon squad of 50 or more men won't be any trouble. WE GOT "About 75 men from the AFL EVERYBODY FROM STASSEN son, driver at New Eng- up yesterday from 8 a. m. to R p. want to sign. I decided I wouldn't furniture, AFL lawyer m. I recognized Bartlett, Fritz sign until I was forced to. I asked The shop was full of about 50 We feel your cause is a worthy objected to the testithe witnesses brought in They told us: 'You how san't George Williams said: "You'll get to the witnesses brought in the said: "You how san't George Williams said: "You'll get to the testithe witnesses brought in the told us: 'You how san't George Williams said: "You'll get to the testithe witnesses brought in the testithe w the witnesses brought in lin. They told us: 'You boys can't George Williams said: 'You'll get aning manner. I saw outlines of Locate County Indias From United Paper Workers Locate County Indias Paper Workers Locate County Indi 3 544-CIO, saying to the make deliveries until you pay up off the job." Red Of Longhim moned guns in their front pockets, and I tor: "They haven't brought in the AFL. You know what the dieser to me and said: "Let's get saw gun butts sticking out of their trial Union Council, Wilmington, 1043 of Fig. 164and, Vinginia. The saw gun butts sticking out of their level bees will do. He will close was gring." I asked what was gring. gle man who said he joined boss will do He will close up." going." I asked what was going back pockets when they walked Delaware. through coercion." Oli- We either had to pay or go hame to happen. Red said: "You get the by. I WANT AN ELECTION." conciliator, contradicted and not work. They said: "You hell off the job." We know we don't think you are corgot to pay up. This place is boy would get beat up if we didn't weren't used? cotted and we're going to stay sign. As the AFL men left, the

Q (By ClO Attorney Carlson): never be permitted to have an decide our bargaining agent. They sid to Local 544-ClO. Anyone who said there were only election. George O'Brien tried used loud, adusive, threatening four men in one car was mistaken? later to stop delivery of sand and language. One of them was named of the AFL men. I saw from three he said!" Harry Counders, Ronnifeau, to five guns in their back pockets,

A. Maybe they were carrying them for protection from the

Q. No one threataned you? A. What would you call it if they told you to sign or get the hell off the job?

Q: Nothing they did tended to discourage you from membership in the Clo? A What they did encouraged me to be a better member on the

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at Hedberg Freidheim, testified: and 75 men, including George District No. 4, UMW. Q. Even if you have to get Williams and Ked O'Loughlin came down to the plant. I can A. I don't think I'll have to get verify what Haltman said. I was standing there. C'Loughlin said: AN ELECTION.

member of the SWP?

maker for over nine years at Had- CIO, Kansas City, Mo. berg Freidheim, testified:

came to the plant and said: "We're would stay in the CIO. The day CIO, Indianapolis.

A. We didn't ask them to shoot. wouldn't use the guns.

"Three men came out about a cement. However, we have con- Cassidhy, he had a Michigan li-

More AFL Violence

berg Freidheim, testified:

passed 257 Plymouth, and some AFA boys started to follow me. They pulled alongside and four or me over to the curb. I didn't want three of them pulled me out of the cab into the street. One twisted my leg so I had to go to a dbctor. Another hit me on the jaw with his fist. A pharmacist came out and threatened to call the police, so they left. We got their

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"Received your appeal from the has been kicked upstairs to the Minneapolis drivers' union, and out of our funds here in United Mine Workers District No. 4 we are pleased to make a donation of "Around June 20th between 50 \$50."—W. J. Hines, President, possible, respond to the limit.

circular letter to all local unions (in the Kansas area) and another Everybody is behind us, from letter advising them of the necession of the necession from I WANT letter advising them of the nexts.

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Teamsters, and William Green, been attempted by the AFL Teams man and the AFL. Q. (By Goldberg): Are you a last letter regarding finances to President of the Aff., through the sters. Transport and Affied Workers In daily press. dustrial Union Local 544-ChO."---

> "Rest assured that we shall do withdrawing from the AFL Team- might need the same below." everything possible to convey this

here to straighten you guys out. unions affiliated with our Courril. 22, United Mine Workers.

CIO Director in Poutland, Oireemployer waved his hand at them to shoot. That's why we signed, so they and said: "Thanks, boys."

A. We didn't ask them to shoot. gon, has sent us a copy of an excellent letter mailed to all Clo a note from Chaig S. Vingent, section West Villginia librals of the United that time 574 had its hands full locals in Oragon, informing them netary of the Washington Indias. Construction Workers Organizing with the Tobin fight, and suggested out and asked for dues. We said week later. They were very abuse of the fight for demogratic industrial Union Commit, that the Committee were chartered, bidling the men go to the Cement Finish-A. There were quite a few we wouldn't pay because we wantsive. They wanted us to pay dues. trial unionism among the Minusdia "databased its unqualified eming the night for a locals." They said they were from Of the fight which Lo- the fight which Lo

> From William K. Thomas, CHO Cho." Q. Would you say there were tinued to get material. I saw gun censa. He howled so loud II attorney in Cleveland, cama the butts sticking out of the peckets couldn't understand half of what following note with a substantial Deeply appreciated is the fralittle bit helps I am sending along: Williams Organizing Committee of cluded in the seven new locals, of the Cement Finishers Union or Edimond Gillmone, driver at Hed- at the membership meeting sounds sion, informing us that they are "About the middle of June I the num. Best wishes to averyone." tion drive at the main. plant in

\$13 to help your fight fon your tory." five men with AFL buttons waved rights and betten working condito talk, so I kept on going. I had Washington, D. C., Industrial trial Union Council at Charlesoi, tions."-Ruth D. Carrill, Trees. Union Council.

> A check for \$25 was mecaived from William Hargest, sec.-tneas. of District No. 5, UMW.

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> A brother UCWOC Local 135 "Enclosed you will find a money at France Siag company plant in in Chicago sent in \$10 and their order for \$10 as a contribution of Donora, Pa.; best wishes for continued success Local 58, United Packinghouse in the fight. Arthur Joy is UCWOC Workers of St. Joseph, Missouri, organizer in Chicago.

"It is with pleasure that UCWOC Local 183 voted a dona- The International Woodworkers

Oregon CIO Director Asks Speedy 544 Aid

Below is a copy of the letter Brother William Dalrymple, regional ClO director in Oregon, has sent to the CIO organizations from officers and members of all CIO locals in Oregon urging all parts of the nation are speedy financial aid to Local 544-CIO in its fight to defend Francis H. Biddle, who has been giving the most brotherly re- democratic industrial unionism against Tobin's goons and

> Brother Dalrymple's wholeheart-UCWOC Director Frank ed support to Local 544-Clo is stere United, and in defeating the livelihood of thousands of work-Minneapolis drivers.

peal is urgant and if it is humanly penitentiaries.

\$100 from Mirers "We know just how far those Island, Virginia, sends \$25. of labor, and especially the CIO, will reach out to discredit our or-"Send us 25 or 30 more copies gamization. We are enalising a amount of \$50 as a contribution claim all the workers in the city's came marching in. 'Stop the ma"Send us 25 or 30 more copies check for \$1100 and sincerely hope of the United Mize Workers of a censent block manufacturing chinery,' he shouted, 'Fin Red of your appeal and we will be everything goes well with you."— America, District 50."—Kathryn plants. were down to the yard and tied it DOWN WITH US. We didn't O'Loughlin from Detroit and I'm very glad to circularize our local Wm. Mitch, President, District No. Lewis, Sec.-Treas., District 50.

> local heard of the 544-CTO strug-Q. (By Goldberg): The guns | William Dalrymple, Regional Clo Director Ray Thomason.

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against Tobin and his machine. "Enclosed please find a check "Protskyists,' but we are just as 544 to win its fight against the thoroughly red-baited and branded Tobin machine. We are watching maintenance workers; 'Stalinists.' All we are trying to your fight with great interest. We do is the same as you, raise wages, are sure you are going to win and lower hours and get better condi- hold a stronger position in the tions . . . Our finances are low but labor movement because of your we managed to raise \$5 and it is fight."-Morton Earl Kinsman, reenclosed."-Dixie Titler, Sec. Fro cording sec., UCWOC Local 39, Strike Won

to your strike fund."-L. R. Hoo- company. Los Angeles, covering ver, Fin. Sec.

tion of \$25 to aid in the fight of of America, CIO District No. 2, the Metor Transport and Allied sends word it has got its bellyfull Workers Industrial Union, and of the Tobin machine. The CIO only hope the drive is successful." Gas & By-Products Coke Workers Town-Let's KEEP It That Way. Luther Snyder, Local 183, Mt. of America, Local 12006, of St. Union, Pa. Louis, Mo., sends \$25. The United

Reconstruct of Tobin asking for aid in the fight by Regional UCWUC Director and ranging from "embezzlement" to in the determination of their fu-"subversite conspiracy" in an at-Here is the text of the Delrym- tenget to reilward these men to jail ture well-being."

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Victory Over AFL. 3. Victory over the AFL building trades in a new contract signed with Alabama Homes, Inc., in Mobile, and substantial gains in wages and conditions for the men;

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6. Contract signed with Lorren Home Builders, Inc., in Seattle; 7. Winning of a labor board workers expressed their good will election at the Farrin Lumber to the representatives of Local company plant in Cincinnati:

8. Winning of a 74-day strike and wage increases of 15-17% c \$10 from Packinghouse Workers hourly by members of Local 316

10. Signing of two contracts with the Hallett Manufacturing fifty workers producing service station equipment, and with the Commercial Welding company in charge. Mail or phone the

We Made Minneapolis a Union

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Hillman Ducks Issue With UCWO

The charge that Sidney Hillman, OPM official, is evading the issue raised by his discriminatory moves against the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee is made in the August 15th United Construction Workers News. In July Hillman entered into a collusive pact with the AFL Building Trades unions.

Chairman A. D. Lewis of the UCWOC wrote Hillman July 16th that newspaper reports had told that the OPM had ignored the UCWOC in negotiating a stabilization agreement for the construction industry. Referring to a resolution recently adopted by the CIO executive board, Lewis wrote: "It would seem to be contrary to accepted methods of conducting public business for government officials to make secret agreements which affect the lives and

and federal prison that is the Hillman's reply on August 1st "An appeal has just been made leaders-then Tobic will have suc- failed to answer Chairman Lewis" by the Motor Transport and Allied coeded in destroying the efforts of point about why OPM and Hills man (a former CIO official) chose sands of members of UCWOC. In-"This organization needs finan stead, Hillman referred to his

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attempt of Mendrickson of the AFL Cement Finishers Union to granted him jurisdiction over the cement block workers, and he is

demanding they pay him a \$25 initiation fee. This is not the first sad experience of the cement block workers with the AFL Cement Finishers Union. Back in 1936, when Local 574 was fighting Tobin, the cement block men came to 574 ers Union. After trying fee over a month to get into that union. Hendrickson finally told them he came back to Local 574, their case. was reconsidered, and they were taken into Local 574 and a con-

The cement block workers don't

544-CIO Banner

of Tobin's foul set-up.

An official delegation from Locreases won by workers at the cal 544-CIO journeyed to Austin, General Refractories company in Minnesota, on Labor Day to march in the famous Austin Labor Day parade winding up the four-day Labor Festival sponsored by the powerful CIO movement of

Austin. The 544-CIO delegation was cordially received by our brother CIO members in Austin. The Minneapolis drivers carried a large

banner reading: GREETINGS TO AUSTIN CIO FROM 544-CIO, MINNEAPOLIS Bocal 544-CIO's banner was warmly applauded along the line of march and was photographed many times. Hundreds of Austin

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So Casey Flew the Coop

Weeks ago we openly predicted that Tobin agent Joe Casey would only hang around Minneapolis long enough to connive with the bosses and Stassen to try to put over sellout contracts on the Minneapolis drivers, and that Casey would then leave town in a cloud of dust, leaving it to his unfortunate underlings to try to explain and justify the sellout to the drivers.

That is exactly what has happened. Casey signed the sellout contracts, behind the backs of the drivers. Now he has left town-"for an indefinite period," says the Minnesota Teamster. The rest of the carpetbaggers and the local Quislings look pretty sick these days as they try to talk themselves out of the hole Casey put them in.

The thing is so raw that even a Tobin organizer had to confess to a CIO driver that he was "just as sore as you are about Casey's methods."

Fortunately for the drivers, they are refusing to permit the bosses to shove Casey's contracts down their throat. Local 544-CIO is appealing the contracts to the National Labor Relations Board and citing the guilty bosses for unfair labor practices. If Tobin and Casey could get away with their sellout game, the Minneapolis drivers would be set back ten years in their fight for justice. But the sellout won't go down-the drivers and Local 544-ClO will see to that.

A Question to the Minneapolis Labor Review

From the hour Governor Stassen introduced his vicious Slave Labor Law in the Minnesota State legislature, down to today, that law has deserved and received only the hatred and contempt of the organized workers of this state and their friends. That the law was passed over the broadest possible protest only underlines the fact that the Governor and the reactionary majority of the state legislature represent not the people but Big Business.

The fight against passage of the Stassen Labor Law called forth a protest from the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, in the form of the first special convention in the history of that organization. Farm groups from throughout the state bombarded the legislature with protests against the law. The Minneapolis Central Labor Union on a dozen occasions has passed resolutions condenming the law for its prefensions at "justice" and for its vicious effects on labor. The CIO throughout the state has condemned and fought the Stassen Slave Labor Low. The Farmer-Labor Party has fought the law.

Today the most monstrous crimes against the Muneapolis drivers and warehousemen and their union, Lucal 544-CIO, are being sanctioned by the Stausen Slave Labor Law. For months Tobin's imported though and gunmen have run hogwild in Minneapolis, beating up drivers, forcing them at the point of a knife, the mouth of a revolver, the business end of a ballbat, to sign cards in

Tobin's dictatorial craft-union set-17. Under the guise of giving an impartial hearing to both Local 544-CIO and to Tobin, Alfred Blair, Stasser's puppet in the post of labor conciliator, is utilizing the Stasser Slave Labor Law to prevent a fair and democratic solution to the dispute involving the Numeapolis drivers. Blair refuses to give a decision on the 544-CIO petitions for democratic elections, though the hearings closed weeks ago. Under the guise of administering the law, Blair contrives with Sam Levy and Selliout Casey to put over stinking contracts on the drivers. Plair singues and trusto laugh off the mountain of evidence furnished by the

attempt to force than back into the AFL. The Stasser Slave Labor law has never shown a more hideous face than in its use against Local 544-ClO. The bosses like the Stausen law. Tobin and Casey like it. Indeed, Tobin's agents openly boast that Stassen is behind them. We can understand this. The finks have

drivers that Tobin's goons are using violent means in an

always cheered for the Stassen law. Minneapolis AFL Central Labor Union, has hillingto plant. marched shoulder to shoulder with the Northwest Organizer and later the Industrial Organizer, in exposing and condemning the governor's law and fighting for its repeal. permitting I shrendbrf to tell what his feelings were when Indeed, it was the editor of the Labor Review who coined the Tobin gooms charged in. the name by which workers universally designate the law:

Stassen's Slave Law. June 9th when the membership of Local 544 voted to "I did not sign voluntarily with the AEL." leave the AFL and join the CIO, the Minneapolis Labor Review has suddenly become mum about the Stassen Slave Law. Now that the whole weight of the Stassen administration is thrown to the side of Tobin and the bosses in the fight against Local 544-CIO, the Labor Review has not a word to say about the application of the Stassen Slave Labor Law in the 544 situation.

of the Labor Review that it express its attitude to the serve, they "don't care what the feelings of the workers way in which Stassen and Blair have used the Slave Labor are.' Law against the Minneapolis drivers. Does the Labor Review still cleave to its oft-voiced and principled trade uniour position of unyielding opposition to the fascist-like law? Or has the Labor Review changed its position and does it now join the bosses and Tobin and Casey in embracing Stassen and his vile repressive law?

The answer to this question will tell a great deal about what kind of a union movement we are to have in Minneapolis during the coming months and years. Let the why the drivers are voting with their feet to leave Tobin's

The Bosses' World



Wasn't the Governor charming when he described how he and Blair are preventing the Minneapolis drivers from having an election? After all, democracy is too good for ruffians like those.

What Minnesota Editors Say

Stassen and Blair Denying Drivers' Right to Vote

(The following editorial appears in the August 29th issue of the BELVIEW INDEPENDENT:

Probably us political organization in the United States received more abuse for its handling of the labor situation than the Farmer-Labor Party in Minresotal Yet today a condition exists that threatens to become more costly and is more of a axess than the people of Minnesota have ever seen.

During the trucking strikes of 1924 the trucking workers were in dies need of an organization that would help them: receive decent salaries and working conditions. The fight was carried out and for the first time striking workers wert given an even break under the Varmer-Leibor administration. Since then Local 544, then affiliated with the AFL, has grown to be

Only a few months ago the powerful Local 544 voted to break the ties that bound them with the American Feduration of labor and to join forces with the younger, more progressive Congress of Industrial Organization group. That the workers had a partect right to this action cannot be constituted as the laws of the state and nation give them a night to select langaining agents of their own choosing.

At the present time the leadership of the AFL, together with Blair, Stassew's appointee as state labor contillator, have done everything in their power to deny the workers their demotratic nights and a situation that could have been scatled by an disction to permit the workers to decide who they wanted to represent them has been refused and the labor situation in Minucapolis today is a virtual powder keg.

The AFL has imported hoselluns from many of the larger oties of the United States with the intert of intimidating workcur to continue affiliation with the American Federation of Labor. Taday headlines such as these too often are found in the pass: 'APL ORGANIZERS SHOOT AT TRUCK DRIV-ERS," "ALDERMAN SLUGGED BY AFL ORGANIZERS," AFL GGANIZERS SHOOT FARMERS," "MURSE ATTACKED BY AFL ORGANIZERS

Yes this decharable situation is permitted to exist in Minnemocilis and the state of Minnesotal. WHY? Because Stassen and the mayor of Minneapolis are afraid to lose the support of the AFL groups. This wass can be settled by a denocratic election. Petitions have already been presented to Blair. If Stassen would refrain from playing politics and carry out the letter of the law, this controversy could be settled in a week.

The Tobin Trademark

During the testimony of Marvey Fahrendorf last Wednesday afternoon before the Blair hearing, there occurred a revealing little by play involving the Tobia lawyers; showing that the Tohin attitude of contempt and disduin for the feelings of the workers has been nicked up by the lawyers who do his dirty work in court.

Brother Fahrendon, cabinet-maker at the New Lingland Furnishe company, was testilying to the events of The Minneapolis Labor Review, official organ of the June 21st when a large med of Tobin thugs invaded the

The city Mr. Goldberg, Tobius lawyer, objected to

"If I can't give the reason why I was afraid, whats But something strange has happened. Ever since the use of testifying?" Fahrendorf reasonably replied.

When Gilbert Carlson, 544-CIO attorney, appealed to the consiliator to let the witness reveal his feelings. Nichols, another Tobin lawyer, brutally cut int. "I don't care what his feelings are," shouled Nichols.

The Tobin trademark is stamped all over these APL The workers of Minneapolis have a right to demand lawyers. Like the rude boss-minded dictator whom they

> Does a worker want a chance to express his desires and his opinions, does he want fair play, does he want a democratic election? "To hell with him," says Tobin and his lawyers, "we don't care what his feelings are. If he doesn't like it, he can have a baseball bat wrapped

And Tobin and the other AFL bureaucrats wonder Minneapolis Labor Review speak out honestly on this dictatorial craft-union set-up and join the democratic industrial union movement of the CIO!

Franklin Delano Reesevelt is the smartest politician in his own class. In fact, he demonstrates his ability to feel the masses every day. The only think he hasn't been able to sell all of the people, at least part of the time, to date, is a good old fashioned war spirit which would insure our immediate entry into the war. He is working hard on that, however. The latest move which demonstrates his astuteness is his order selving the federal Shipbwilding and Drydock Corp. yards are Kearney, N. J

Many people were jubilant, by this action. It seems, on the surface, that our presideat is actually "impartial" as the hewspapers say. After all, he did take over a subsidiary of the U.S. Steel Corp. and that more or less balances his strike-breaking action at North American Aircraft this spring, doesn't

bondent said that this action on the following statement: the part of the president proves 544-CIO Statement will ever got his property back."

The last paragraph in Roosevelt's seizure order explodes that theory. He said-Postession and operation hereunder shall be terminated by the president as soon as he determines that the plant will be privately operated in a manner consistent with the needs of national de-

Those supporters of Eosewell who point with price to the fast WITHOUT ELECTIONS. Blair that this time he has slapped the vies with Todin to show his conwrists of the of his two class, that tempt for the democratic rights of he has proven his impartiality by the Minneapolis drivers and alliad his action should consider these workers.

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The newspapers and the editori attete have deo speculated much about whether or not the Navy Denarth ent, under Resir Admiral Bowen, who has been placed in charge of the plant, will live up to the terms of the National Defense Mediation Board's recommendation for a modified form of closed shop wherein all present and fuhure members of the union ("Who join of their own free will") must maintain their union mumber-nip in good standing as a condition of emulorment. This is the clause over which the strike was fought.

It seemed the general con-Senieur of osinion, among the scribes, that Bowen would live up to all of the terms of the NIDWIB's recommendation. However, that worthy gentlemen spiced all numors by stating that this matter was under "advisement" and that pending a decision, he expects complete constration. That was simust two weeks ago and the result of his "ad wissanen " has not yet been made public.

John Gream, President of the dents seizum order became public. Ha said:

"Our union, without conenting in any way to the Navy's taking over the plant. and without as yet having: seen the executive order. pledges its full support and will db aill in its power to see the it that there is no retardation in the naval shipbuilding padgrami . . . in turn, of course, we expect that arrangements will immediately be made whereby not only will the mediation board's decision be vindicated, but all rights and procedures of colllective bargaining will be preserved for our union and its members at Kearney."

We there always held that there is only one real way for the defense program to so forward and that is for the government to expropriate national industry and put it under workers' control for operation. That Poprasit, however, smacks too much of "socialism" and therefore it is the one program which the povernment will never putinte practice. It is a program which would issure a maximum of efficiency but this war being and will be fought for the benefit of the capitalist class so Hitlerism becomes very minor danger com-

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The so-called fact-finding commission appointed by Governor Stassen to attempt to settle the dispute between Local 544-CIO and the employers made its report last Friday. Instead of seeking a settlement to the union's dispute with the wholesale groters and wholesale paper companies, the Stassen commission made public a grotesque report in which it recommended that Local 544-CIO's strike notices be dismissed+ as "invalid," on the grounds that determining which union fepre-

Local 544-CIO had no respect for sents the men. the Stassen Slave Law and that the union should have walted for Blair to decide on the 544-CIO politicals for elections before filling strike holices.

In answer to the vicious and biesed report, obviously inspired by the bosses and the governor, Local One New York Times corner 544-C10's executive board issued

that he is willing to erack down on both capital and labor, with equal mission appointed by Governor sternness, if hesessary. The writ- Stassen to report on the strike noer says, also, that there is one tises sent by Local 544-CIO to the important difference, in these two grossry and paper employers made actions. "While the workers at its raport Friday, but twerlooked North Advertisan all got their jobs the most important fact in the disback, it is doubtful if the company pute between the union and Tobin, mamely, that Local 544-ClO has petitioned State Conciliator Blair for collective kargaining elections.

Nor does Stassen's commission so much as misntion the fact that Blair continues shamelessly to delay giving a decision on our election petitions, though the hearings on the petitions were completed many weeks ago.

Instead. Blur has side banked the 554 CIO election petitions to give precedence to the brazen demand of the AFL for certification

mission omits these facts from its reports. This is not an oversight. Had the commission issued a truthful and fair report, it would have had to expose the foul conspiracy of Stassen, Blair, Tshin, Casey and the employers to deprive the motor transport and allied workers of their Isgal rights and draggon them into

the AFL. The only legal function of fact finding commission is to sit tempt to settle disputes between nions and employers over contracts Instead of confining Reals to this task, the Stassen commis governor of the state of Mannesion attampts to constitute itself a solar plotted with the employers to judge and jusy and presecutor in deprive them of these rights.

Horses Replace Trucks in Chicago Loop

Two Religion many diaming: a watton with autimioni le brakes took over the route of one of the Kaeshin Motor Extress trucks in Chicaso last wick.

J. L. Koehin corporation resident, said that two horse drawn wagon will be used for the present in the loop and mear north side where thucks can't thavel much faster than houses. Ultimately he plan to replace trucks with 15 or 20 hose diswir wazomi.

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AFL Contemior in Seattle October 6th

The dist annual convention of he American Federation of Labor will be held in Scattle, Washington, beginning Monday, October 6th. The convention, always a cutand-dried affair run by a handful of the top bureaucrats, is expected to ratify policies which will move the AFL still further to the right and seek to place the AFL unions still further under domination of the government.

pared with anythims which might give the workers any real idea of their own Power.

Roosevelt didn't "expropriate" Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Corp. He merely took over for a while, pending the settlement of a labor dispute, and once that dispute is settled, production back to normal, he will do the same thing he did at North American Aircraft. He will give these operations back into the hands of the company and breathe a sigh of

AFL, despises the Stassen Law. Organized labor has on record, in a dozer re to label the law as a "Slave Law." to demand its re warn the American works on guard against such laws

Nevertheless Local CIO has attempted to of scrupelously the Minne labor law, though every since June 9th when the ers voted overwhelmingly join the C19, they have low the Stassen law War ng manipulated to pr Tobin in his bloody and lent attacks upon them, the lebor law was being by its instigator to deny workers their

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stories and pictures, have from The Stassen commission time to time revealed the gangster its report Friday morning. methods of the Tobia machine in hours later, the employers ed a court order restraining employees from striking to pr their rights and their unions action is part of the general of Stassen and the empl destroy democratic among the Minnespolis and to pave the way for the brand of Organization. The condemn organized labo IT IS THE CONSIDERED gangsterism and sacketeeri OPINION OF LOCAL 544 CIO get that such evils never on THAT THE REPORT OF THE with the workers, but are f STASSEN COMMUSION IS AN upon them from the outlier ELABORATE PREPARATION Stasses and the employees an ing to force Tobinism EN THROUGH BLAIR IS PLAN- Numerolis drivers.

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This union will continue to ientiously for such an ele whereby the drivers them can choose their union. This will not permit labor's enemi cheat and defraud the worke their legal right to an election. shall challenge the actions ar cisions of Blair through court. We have already petitive National Labor Re Board for the election which sen and Mair denied to the the ployees in the furniture in resentatives of Local 544-CIO. We have already filed or we preparing to file charges of labor practices against every ployer who violates the W Act by comiving with Tobin the question of union certific

> This fight for justice the Minneapolis drivers continue, with the support the CIO, until everyone be forced to recognize the men want Local 544-C to represent them.

remains unsettled.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE | Thursday, September 18—Ten Monday, September 1-Labor Day Wednesday, September 3-Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, September 4 — Green-house; Independent Truck Owne Priday, September 5-Job Stewards

Monday, September 0 - General Membership Tuesday, September 9-Lumber Wednesday, September 10 — Mar-ket; Wholesale Liquor Friday, September 12—Wholesale