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## B. F. Nelson Company Signs Union Pact

### Fargo Labor Will Stage Huge Union Rally in City April 9

Progressive Forces Will Gather There to Open Union Campaign Which Will Organize All Workers

Friday night, April 9, at the city auditorium in Fargo, N. D., Fargo labor leaders will begin what they hope will be a comeback staged by the organized labor movement of that city. After the semi-Fascist forces in Fargo staged their savage raids and persecutions on the General Drivers Union which finally resulted in the gas-bombing of the union hall and the arrest and conviction of many active unionists, Fargo labor has experienced a slump.

While labor in the rest of the country has been experiencing the greatest growth in its history local unions in Fargo have stood still and in some cases have slipped backwards. The General Drivers Union was reorganized last fall as the moving spirit behind the present drive to unionize the city.

The city auditorium has been secured, plans for the meeting have been completed, and an imposing array of labor speakers has been arranged for. Heading the speakers' list will be Governor William Langer of North Dakota. The presence of Langer on the platform of a labor hall in Fargo assures that a capacity crowd will be on hand.

Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, and former organizer of the Fargo drivers union, will be one of the principal speakers. Besides Dunne, a delegation from the General Drivers Union will make the trip and assist in making the meeting a success.

It is possible that both Farrell Dobbs and Patrick Corcoran, active in the Minneapolis labor movement, and the moving spirit behind the North Central District Drivers Council, will also be on the program. Great interest is being evinced in the meeting and a capacity crowd is expected.

### Sitdowners Quit Plants as Parley Comes to an End

Issues Unsettled Still

Evacuation of the eight Chrysler automobile plants in order to obtain an agreement on the most important issue involved in strike negotiations—that of sole bargaining recognition—has availed nothing for John L. Lewis, the Chrysler Workers or the CIO.

Under the terms agreed upon Wednesday, March 24, by the corporation and the United Automobile Workers Association, all strikers had left the plant by Thursday evening. Only workers in the clerical departments were allowed on the premises to complete the payroll for work finished before March 8.

In a short session Friday in Governor Frank Murphy's office, no final agreement was reached and the conference was adjourned until Monday.

Called back to New York for work on a new soft coal miners contract, Lewis was not present at Monday's parley. Lewis was replaced by Lee Pressman, general counsel for the CIO.

Guarded by 80 state police, the automobile factories will not be operated and equipment will not be removed during the negotiations. The truce provided further that there be no picketing during the negotiations.

### Union Carpenters to Get New Pay Raises

A scale of \$1.35 per hour was voted as the minimum wage for all Carpenters' Unions at a recent meeting of the Twin City Carpenters' District Council. The council covers all Ramsey and Hennepin county Carpenters' organizations.

### Special Meeting Set for Friday

A special meeting of the Sand, Gravel, Excavation and Building Materials organizations is called for Friday, April 2, at 8 p. m. Drawing up of a new agreement for the coming year is the important order of business. All workers in these industries are urged to attend to help take part in the vital business of their organizations.

The meeting will be held at the General Drivers headquarters at 257 Plymouth North.

### Organizer Greeted A New Taxi Paper

The Northwest Organizer takes this opportunity to greet the first issue of the Midwest Taxi Drivers Organizer.

The paper, which is published by the striking taxi drivers union in Chicago, is a newsy, well-written organ. We congratulate the staff that turned out this well-written sheet.

### CORCORAN, DOBBS REPORT ON THE MINOT MEETING

Mass Meeting in North Dakota City Rallies Forces of Minot Labor

N. D. State Federation Will Stage Union Campaign Over Entire State

Farrell Dobbs and Pat Corcoran, who returned from Minot, N. D., Saturday afternoon, where they took part in a series of labor meetings, reported that the union spirit was high in that part of the country and prospects for complete unionization of Minot workers were very favorable.

Dobbs and Corcoran spoke at a labor rally which was held in the auditorium of the Minot high school, Thursday, March 25. The meeting was called by the executive council of the North Dakota State Federation of Labor with the object in view of creating a favorable sentiment for organization preparatory to launching a union campaign. Governor Langer, who had been billed as a principal speaker, was unable to attend owing to illness.

Besides Corcoran and Dobbs, Mor-

Leader Thinks World Ends in Saint Paul

Appearing in the March 27 issue of the Minnesota Leader was the following item:

**UNION BOX FACTORY**  
The only union box factory west of Chicago is the M. Sussel Box Co. at Fourteenth and Mississippi streets, St. Paul. It was organized in October by the Box Makers' Local 1159, affiliated with the Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Apparently this reporter isn't up on the labor movement and the union situation in Minneapolis. It is a well-known fact that every box factory in Minneapolis is organized into Local 1859 of the Furniture Workers' Union.

What's more, Local 1859 has been organizing by leaps and bounds. The Furniture Workers are leaving no place, however large or small, untouched.

### SANITARY UNION WINS INCREASES IN COUNCIL ACT

City and Sanitary Drivers Get Wage Boosts at End of Long Campaign

Council Actions Last Week Start New Pay Schedule the First of April

City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 came through with a real victory for its members Thursday of last week. On this date the Minneapolis City Council passed a resolution which puts into effect substantial increases of wages for all workers coming under the jurisdiction of this union.

In the Street Maintenance Division of the sanitary union the council actually brought about a flat ten-dollar a month increase for all of the workers. This brings the wage in the Street Maintenance division to a new high level of \$140 for junior maintenance men and \$150 for seniors.

In the garbage department all drivers and helpers received a similar wage boost. The wage for garbage drivers and helpers is now set at \$150 per month. Sweeper drivers were rewarded with the greatest proportional increase. From \$150 per month their monthly wage was raised to \$170, which means a total monthly increase of \$20 for all sweeper drivers. The 40-hour week which was established by the City and Sanitary Union some time ago was not disturbed.

The raises voted by the council brings to an end a tireless campaign that has been waged by officials of Local 664 over a period of two months. Brother Harold Seavy, Business Representative of City and Sanitary Drivers Union, deserves real credit for the manner in which he has worked unceasingly with city council members to bring about the wage boost for the men he represents.

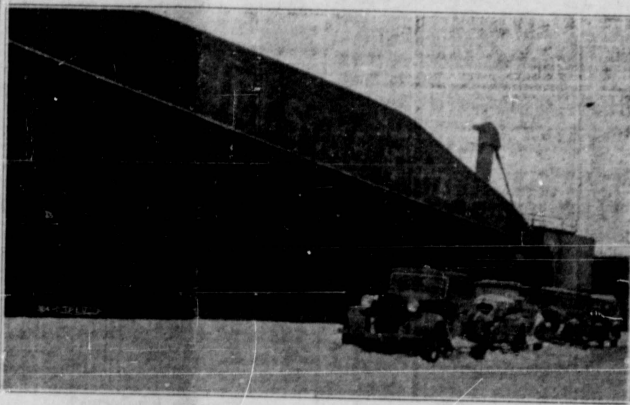
### Teaming Crafts Begin To Organize Baseball Activities on April 4th

With the advent of spring which will soon make outdoor practice permissible, baseball players from the teaming craft unions are anxiously waiting first call to assemble baseball teams.

In order that plans for the coming season can be laid out and the summer activity organized, a meeting will be held Sunday morning at 10 a. m., April 4, on the second floor of 257 Plymouth Ave.

All baseball players in the teaming craft unions are urged to attend the meeting in order that the season's activities may get under way. The meeting will be in charge of Nick Wagner, sports director of Local 544.

### The B. F. Nelson Company



Defying union organization for years, this paper plant quickly bent to the will of the workers who are organized into Warehouse and Inside Workers Union. The management signed a union contract last week.

### 'Crime Wave' in City Exposed As Move of Anti-Union Forces To Continue Fight on Labor

Vigilantes Called for by Meeting of Open Shoppers

The Crime Wave has hit Minneapolis again! At least this is what our daily papers have been front-paging for the last few days. On Sunday afternoon three ministers addressed a mass meeting of 2,500 citizens, announced that "virtue was being nailed to the cross in Minneapolis," and began formation of a secret vigilante committee to "curb crime and lawlessness." The press has played this movement up big, and no doubt there are many honest people who think that at last something fruitful will be done to curb crime.

Of all the tricks practiced on the American public, the "crime wave" is one of the most hoary and fraudulent. Chronically, for the last 50 years, in every community in the United States, honest and dishonest reformers have periodically sought to stir up the people against lawlessness and crime. The utter worthlessness of such ballyhooed campaigns to curb crime in any effective manner has been exposed time and time again by reputable criminologists. And yet the persistence with which the crime wave rolls across

### Austin Defendants To Get Final Hearing

A final hearing for defendants Chris Geiger, Robert Hall and Ray Reinhart in the Gamble-Robinson picket case will be arranged for on March 25 when Neil Hughes, attorney for the IUAW, will be in Austin to discuss the matter with the Defense Committee. Sentenced by Judge Peterson to pay damages that occurred during the Gamble-Robinson strike last year, the strikers appealed their case through the union to the state supreme court.

### Remember Yellow Dance on April 15

Don't forget the Yellow Cab Dance which will be held Thursday, April 15, in the Grand Ballroom of the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue.

Music will be furnished by Atherton's band which assures dance lovers of a splendid time. Tickets are on sale at the union office or can be purchased from any Yellow Cab driver.

### Workers Battle at Hastings as Scabs Try to Rush Line

Tuesday morning in Hastings labor warfare broke into the open when scabs attempted to force their way into the struck plant of the Lund Manufacturing Company. The workers at the Lund company, which is owned by the same people as are proprietors of the Northland Ski Company of Minneapolis, are organized into Local 1859, Furniture Workers Union.

### 544 Drivers Sign All But Big Five Of Meat Packers

Wholesale Meat Drivers Section of Local 544, General Drivers Union, signify that a campaign to secure written agreements in the wholesale meat and produce industries has been successful to the point that all of these firms with the exception of the Big Five packers have entered into written agreement with the union.

Those remaining outside, which include Armour, Swift, Cudahy, Wilson and Morrell, are to be dealt with in a special manner.

All employees in the printing industry who come under the jurisdiction of General Drivers Union and who were recently unionized by that organization are rapidly being brought under terms of settlement. A few firms yet remain to be signed.

### Buzza Strike Center At Dupont and Lake

Buzza strikers have established their strike headquarters at 1104 W. Lake St. It is on the corner of Dupont and Lake.

The commissary has been established there and telephone facilities will be provided. The strike is being conducted by Local 20316.

### Workers at Paper Company Get Raises Under Agreement

Paper Workers Organize Plant Despite Efforts of Company to Keep Union from Gaining Foothold

After many and repeated failures in the labor movement to organize workers in the B. F. Nelson Company, Local 20316 of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union wins the honors for successful organization and a signed agreement with this plant.

Unsuccessful until two months ago when Local 20316 began organization work, the B. F. Nelson Company is now union from top to bottom with the exception of the office employees. During two weeks of negotiations between the Nelson Company and a union committee made up of union officials and Nelson workers, a contract was drawn up and agreed upon by workers in the plant.

### BUZZA WORKERS DESERT FACTORY, FIGHT FOR WAGE

350 Leave Plant When Owners Refuse to Meet Union Committee

Warehouse Union Leads as Complete Walkout Comes on Strike Call

Tuesday morning the plant of the Buzza Company, Incorporated, 1606 West Lake St., was struck by its entire staff of workers who are organized into Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316. An impasse between company officials and union representatives was reached after an all-day conference on Monday. Monday night saw a strike mass meeting of all workers involved at 257 Plymouth Ave. There, without a dissenting vote, a strike was ordered for Tuesday morning.

Workers at the Buzza Company, in common with workers in other greeting card and novelty houses, have been exploited to the utmost during the past few years. The application of the speed-up system reached its

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### Retail Bakery Drivers To Hold Meet April 7

Local 289, Bakery, Cracker, Yeast and Pie Drivers Union, have undertaken a campaign to unionize all retail bakery drivers in the city. After the successful organizational work done in the wholesale bakery drivers, many retail workers asked that a place be made for them in the organization.

According to their request, officers of 289 have called a meeting of retail bakery drivers which will be held Wednesday, April 7, at 257 Plymouth Ave. All retail bakery drivers, union and non-union, are invited to attend.

The only section of the Bakery Drivers Union which has not settled its wages and working conditions are those drivers who work for bakeries producing pies.

Due to the fact that some of the pie bakeries are located in St. Paul, settlement for this classification of workers has been slower. It is expected that an accord will be reached shortly.

### Local 221 Initiation Fee Increased to \$100

Initiation fee in Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, was raised to \$100. This increase in initiation fee takes effect at once.

Officials of Ice Drivers Union announce that negotiations with Cedar Lake Ice company will open soon. A new agreement is being sought.

This union victory climaxes a long period of unsuccessful attempts to organize this particular group of workers. For months dozens of attempts were made to unionize the plant but the managers of the company always succeeded in halting organizational efforts.

Terms of the agreement provide for a seven and one-half cents an hour raise for all unskilled workers with a minimum wage of 55 cents an hour. The agreement provides further for classification of and arbitration for skilled workers. After classification into their respective groups, skilled workers will receive the union wage already established in their classification.

Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316, will be the sole bargaining agent for the Nelson employees. Seniority is established throughout the plant.

The agreement in full reads as follows:

**WORKING AGREEMENT**  
Between  
Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316  
and  
B. F. Nelson Company

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local No. 20316, and the B. F. Nelson Co. agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions of this contract relating to wages and working conditions:

**ARTICLE I**  
The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316, shall be the sole representative of all employees covered by this contract in collective bargaining with the employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of union affiliation.

**ARTICLE II**  
Any new man hired shall be on a fifteen (15) day probationary period. After fifteen days he shall automatically take his place on the seniority list.

**ARTICLE III**  
The employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which, in any way, conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

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### I. G. Scott Gets O. K. from B. A.'s

The Tuesday noon-day meeting of the Board of Minneapolis Business Agents unanimously went on record for the endorsement of I. G. Scott, Tenth Ward labor alderman, for the post of county commissioner recently left open by the death of Emil Youngdahl. Those who have known Scott for a number of years have the highest respect for his militancy, integrity, and his uncompromising stand on the side of organized labor. Scott will have the united support of the entire labor movement for the commissioner's post.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# C. L. U. ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON TAX QUESTIONS

### Teamsters Council Presents Resolution to Central Labor Union

The following is a resolution presented to the Central Labor Union by the Teamsters Joint Council which was adopted unanimously. The resolution deals with the amendment to the charter of the City of Minneapolis which would provide for an increase of permissible levy for park and playground. All other labor organizations are urged to adopt this or a similar resolution.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis City Charter Commission has before it for consideration, an amendment to Chapter XVI of the City Charter of the City of Minneapolis which amendment would provide an increased permissible tax levy for park and playground purposes, and

WHEREAS, the ever increasing shortening of hours of labor and other economic factors resulting in increased leisure time and with it an awakening of the masses of the people to the benefits of wholesome recreational activities, and

WHEREAS, the attendance and participation in recreational activities have increased fifty-five (55) per cent in the past five years, while the available working funds of the department have decreased thirty-three and one-third (33 1/3) per cent since 1931, which has resulted in impairing the services and maintenance of the department to an extent where both the personnel and the properties have suffered seriously, and

WHEREAS, the actual reduction of available funds for the maintenance of these activities and facilities render it impossible to increase the working forces or to adjust the wages of said department comparable to that of other city departments, and

WHEREAS, the passage of this amendment would provide for additional funds which would be used largely for additional labor, wage adjustments and increased services, to be used largely by the masses of the people.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union that this body go on record as favoring the adoption of this amendment and instruct its officers and representatives to work for its adoption.

## On the Route With the Milk Man



The next regular meeting of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union will be held April 6 at 257 Plymouth Ave., third floor.

All members of the union are requested by Business Representative Sawyer to be present as matters of importance will come before the union.

Bill Sinnott, business agent of Local 471, Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, addressed members of the Citizens Club, a women's discussion group, Wednesday afternoon on the value of the union label and button. Bill's talk was well received.

Pauline Berg, who suffered a broken leg a short time ago is back on the job in the Milk Drivers' office.

Milk Drivers Union is conducting a real drive against counter ice cream freezers that are becoming extremely numerous in drug and confectionery stores.

They are proceeding correctly in that they are insisting that the operators of these machines become members of Local 471.

April buttons of the Milk Drivers Union are a nice, rich shade of brown.

Local 471 have become real boosters for the all-union city bowling tournament which will be held in the Lincoln recreation alleys April 10 and 11. If everyone boosted the tournament as they have, the Lincoln alleys would not hold all the entries.

Bill Sinnott, who is supposed to be on his vacation, has been putting in the usual number of licks.

Ray Sawyer and Carl Johnson report that they will soon have another out-of-town dairy on the dotted line.

## Bill Brown Says—

The first thing leaders of a political movement should learn is that in order to run a convention the most important thing you must have is honest representation. While a packed convention makes for a crowd, plenty of noise and hallyhoo, in order to elect candidates you must have bona fide organizations if you expect to put the ticket that has been selected across. Every delegate to the Eighth Street convention represented a real organization with a membership. That is why we feel confident that every person nominated there will be elected.



BILL BROWN President of 544

## 'Crime Wave' in City Exposed As Move of Anti-Union Forces To Continue Fight on Labor

(Continued from page 1) The country almost makes one take a stand with Barnum: "There's one born every minute."

"Crime Wave Artificial" So utterly dishonest is all talk of "crime waves" that even the daily newspapers have from time to time published material telling the truth about such chicanery. For instance, the Minneapolis Star on March 6, 1936, published a paper by Prof. Calvin F. Schmid of the University of Minnesota sociology department in which we read: "... Crime waves exist only in newspapers and in the imaginations of certain people. Our impressions of the amount of crime are largely conditioned by journalistic emphasis, especially on striking and dramatic offenses. If we actually investigated a situation where a crime wave is alleged to exist we would be surprised to find that there is nothing which might be described as unprecedented or even unusual. ... Although crime waves are a state of mind the problem of crime is an ever present reality. ... The total volume of crime is a relatively constant phenomenon. ... Crime waves are ephemeral figments of the imagination but the really basic problem of crime is constantly with us," etc.

"Ephemeral figments of the imagination"—this is how students of crime define "crime waves." But let us also take the testimony of one of the keenest-minded journalists that America ever knew, a man who traced the links between crime and politics and business back and forth through every large city in the nation: the late Lincoln Steffens. In his autobiography, Steffens, in an amusing chapter entitled "I Make a Crime Wave," relates in detail how such campaigns against crime and lawlessness are engineered. "Every now and then," he writes, "there occurs the phenomenon called a crime wave. New York has such waves periodically; other cities have them; and they sweep over the public and nearly drown the lawyers, judges, preachers and other leading citizens who feel that they must explain and cure these extraordinary out-breaks of lawlessness. Their diagnosis and their remedies are always the same: the disease is lawlessness; the cure is more law, more arrests, swifter trials and harsher penalties. The sociologists and other scientists go deeper into the wave; the trouble with them is they do not come up. I enjoy crime waves. I made one once."

How Crime Waves Are Made Steffens then proceeds to relate how he and a fellow reporter manufactured a "crime wave" in New York simply by writing up crimes which were usually not mentioned. This started all the other papers screaming about the wave of lawlessness sweeping over the city. "It was indeed one of the worst crime waves I ever witnessed." After the wave had died down, Steffens examined the police records of crimes and arrests. "These showed no increase at all; on the contrary the totals of crimes showed a diminution and the arrests an increase. It was only the newspaper reports of crimes that had increased; there was a wave of publicity only. ... Thus the crime wave was ended."

Crime Waves Explained And that is ALL THERE IS to these so-called "crime waves"—including the present manifestation in Minneapolis which has so alarmed the three preachers. Waves or no waves, the amount of crime maintains itself at the old level. If this is so—and no reputable student of crime would deny it—then what kind of people still start crime waves? In general, the manufacturers of "crime waves" fall into two lots. The first batch consists of those who are honest but stupid. Batch Number Two includes all those who stand to gain from the publicity, the newspapers, who win increased circulation; the "community leaders" who get the opportunity to bask in the public eye, the politicians who through such devices build their political fortunes and perhaps embarrass their opponents.

Why the Vigilantes? Admitting that their motives may be questioned, but protesting they are not in it for political reasons, the leaders of the present local "crime wave" tell us that the name of Minneapolis "is besmirched from the Atlantic to the Pacific" due to the crimes of the last nine years, and particularly the recent murder of Laura Kruse.

This is, of course, pure hocus, as anyone can determine for himself by spending five minutes examining any statistical study of crime. Should curious and inquiring persons do this, they will find that, "compared to other cities, crimes against the person are relatively infrequent in Minneapolis. ... In the case of rape, Minneapolis has the best record of the 18 cities of 'comparable size.'" As for crime besmirching the name of the city, what outsider gives a tinker's dam about the crime in Minneapolis—he has much more crime in his own community if he cares to worry about it.

At a glance, after looking over their stuff, one might think that our current crusaders belonged to the first batch of "crime wavers." But one factor—the demand for vigilantes—tends to make us place them in the second category. Vigilantes can be used in many interesting ways—for instance, they might be used against the progressive labor movement! Trade unionists would do well to keep an eye on this move to organize a secret body of vigilantes for the alleged purpose of "curbing crime." As for this "crime wave" and all future ones, every worker worth his salt will maintain an attitude of absolute cynicism toward such hocus pocus and thimble-rigging. We have more important tasks to do than to get agitated over crime.

One Cure for Crime Most criminologists, if you seek their answer to the causation for crime, will reel off a string of factors—broken homes, family tensions, slum areas, gang activities, unem-

## WORKERS' NEEDS PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF STRIKE WAVES

### Starvation Wages and Bad Working Conditions Are the Real Cause

Professor Wm. T. Root, head of the Psychology department of the University of Pittsburgh, says that the wave of sit-down strikes which is paralyzing industry is a "mental epidemic." He concedes that the first strikes were "closely connected with the economic battle between labor and capital" and even that some of those that followed were called for legitimate reasons, but he goes on, "in many cases the strikers have no idea what they are sitting for." Our learned doctor displays alarming ignorance—evidently he thinks union recognition is one of those things absolutely without significance.

In New York a strike was called in four of the F and W. Grand stores, on March 13. Angered by the company's failure to keep a promise made on March 25, to call its board of directors together and ratify the wage and hour clauses in the agreement, the union threatened a general walk out in all Grand stores on March 27. Mayor La Guardia intercepted and won a delay until 11 a. m. Saturday. At the end of that time settlement was announced, a smashing victory for the union. Terms of the six month contract include the raising of the minimum wage to \$15.60 weekly, a ten per cent raise for all those receiving not more than \$20, a five per cent raise for those paid more, no discrimination, no coercion, union recognition, vacations with pay, 48 hours a week with no overtime allowed, legitimate holidays paid, and the privilege of extra workers to put in extra time to make up time lost on holidays, one hour for lunch (outside of store if they wish) and arbitration of all grievance.

On the west coast, the 8,000 employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad began to vote on a strike. Two unions are involved—the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The issues involved are the failure of the company to pay money awarded the workers in the decision of the Railroad Adjustment board, over a year ago, and the company's refusal to recognize the union's right to arbitrate grievances for their members. The strike referendum is expected to take about two weeks.

Federal Judge George Welsh was greatly relieved when the temporary employment and insufficient income, lack of recreational activities, poor educational methods and opportunities, etc., etc. There is no denying that all these things are involved in the causes of crime. But this is just another way of saying: Capitalism causes crime. For what are these factors but aspects of a decaying system, an outmoded system of private property? The solution to crime lies not in publicity campaigns or family-welfare agencies, but in the provision of employment and security, something that not capitalism, but only the co-operative commonwealth can give to all.

## Bowlers Are Set For Union Meet; Money for Winner

### Bowling Tournament Obtains Choice Entry List

The eyes of all trade unionists who are of a sporting frame of mind are turned toward the First Annual All-Union Bowling Tournament which will be held April 10 and 11 at the Lincoln recreation alleys.

Plans of the committee which is in charge of the affair indicate that entries are pouring in at such a rapid rate that success is already assured. The entry fee which is \$2 covers all the tournament costs and includes three games. Scratch is 190 and a \$40 cash first prize is guaranteed.

The only requirement for entry is that each individual entering the tournament must be a member in good standing in some recognized trade union.

More information in regard to entering the tournament can be secured by contacting Tommy Campbell at the Lincoln Recreation. The phone is Main 9656.

Injunction suit, brought by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers Union at Reading, Pa., was settled out of court. The injunction was sought to prevent the Rosedale Knitting Mills from evicting the sit-down strikers there. Judge Welsh expressed his relief at not having to decide the question, "do workers have property rights in their jobs?" The strike was settled in the workers' favor.

In New York the laundry workers at the Jewish hospital, which was the scene of wild disorder last week when police forced their way into the kitchen of the hospital and took 38 strikers to jail, walked out on March 27. They had elected a delegation to wait upon the superintendent of the hospital to demand the reinstatement of the 38 convicted strikers, but were refused an audience. The head of the hospital said that an emergency supply of linen had been laid in, and that all those who left their jobs were fired, and that new help would immediately take their places. He also said, in a radio address, that wages paid at the Jewish hospital were on an average and in some cases higher than those paid at other hospitals.

At Long Island City 19 employees of the Etched Products company were sitting it out. They were forcibly evicted by six "strong arm" bruisers while police watched. These strikers were warned by the police inspector that any attempt to "attach" the six pug-uglies would mean their arrest. The strikers were allegedly evicted to keep the company from being charged with violating the Lodging House act. A strong picket line outside the plant immediately set up a demonstration.

The sit-down strikers at the Champion Shoe Corporation in New York obeyed a court injunction to evacuate the plant. They set up a picket line about the plant, and this annoyed the boss just as much. He now threatens to "do something."

The Chrysler, Reo and Hudson situations are still at stalemate. Radio reports on March 29 stated that until Lewis is able to return to Lansing, no such progress in the Chrysler negotiations are expected.

## With the Laundry Workers Union

Our much advertised Installation Dance, Musical Program and Lunch will be held at the South Side auditorium, Friday, April 9. There will be good music, modern and old time. George Lawson, secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, and other prominent labor leaders have been invited to speak. Good musical talent are engaged to entertain you, and a committee to prepare a good lunch has been selected.

We still have dance tickets left, ten in a book; the offer by the committee to give valuable prizes to the five people selling the most tickets is still good. Tickets are only 25 cents. Get busy, sell tickets and win a prize.

The next regular meeting of Cleaners and Laundry Workers, Local 183, will be held Wednesday, April 7, 8 p. m., at our regular hall, 703 3rd Ave. S. Matters of vital importance to every member will be considered. Two valuable door prizes will be given away. Please make every effort to attend.

Negotiations are being carried on successfully by Rubin Latz with Mr. Cramer, owner of the American Rug Laundry company, and while Brother Clair Johnson of Local 131 has already been successful in obtaining a closed shop agreement for the drivers, we hope the few differences existing now between Local 183 and the management will be ironed out soon and we will be able to add one more closed shop to our fast growing list.

The Financial Secretary reports that the members are responding nicely in paying their assessment. If you have not already paid yours, please get in touch with the secretary or your shop steward and take care of this as soon as possible so that we can close our books on the assessments.

The value of belonging to a Labor Organization has been amply demonstrated once more. Immediately upon joining Local No. 30 of the International Association of Cleaners and Dye House Workers, affiliated with Local 183 of Laundry Workers International, Brother August Ullner received an increase of pay from 40 cents per hour to 66 cents per hour making it an increase of 26 cents per hour. Brother Jack Aueseth received an increase from 30 cents to 46 cents per hour. Both are employees of the Curtis Valt shop.

The workers of the Radisson Hotel laundry may be compelled to try the very successful method of Sit-Down strike if the management continues to dilly dally with the payment of overtime due the workers. A warning to the wise should be sufficient notice.

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**Union Bowling Tournament**  
Lincoln Recreation, April 10-11  
Entry fee \$2 includes Bowling. Scratch 190, no limit—\$40 first prize  
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TRADE UNIONISTS  
TOMMY CAMPBELL, Lincoln Recreation MA. 9656

## Furniture Union Sign Agreement With J. Anderson

Adding another company to its long list of union victories, the Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, signed an agreement Friday, March 26, with the J. H. Anderson company.

An eight-hour day, a shorter work week of five and one-half days and an increase of ten cents an hour in wages are included in the terms of the agreement. The contract provides further for time and one-half for overtime work and double time for work done on Sundays and holidays. Union recognition and full seniority rights are duly guaranteed.

From 90 to 100 dollars in back pay will be paid by the J. H. Anderson company to all Anderson employees on the payroll since March 1 when the contract was first negotiated. July 1, 1937, is set as the date for further negotiations of the wage scale.

## Local 131 Signs With American Rug Co.

Local 131, Laundry and Cleaning Drivers Union last week signed a closed shop agreement with the American Rug Laundry company.

The settlement provides that all drivers become members of Local 131. Business Representative Johnson reported that he received close co-operation from Local 183, Laundry and Cleaning Workers Union.

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# BUZZA WORKERS DESERT FACTORY, FIGHT FOR WAGE

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height in these industries. Efficiency experts have been on the job clocking the operation of employees and gradually reducing the piece-work system which is the prevalent pay-rate. Girls employed at the Buzza Company found it difficult to even earn the minimum woman's wage.

The organizational campaign has brought these workers into the union and found ready listeners among the Buzza employees. Complete unionization of the plant took the attitude of the officialdom and management of the Buzza Company is typical of employers' attitudes who have discovered the method of extracting the last ounce of energy from their workers at the least possible outlay of wages. They have refused to deal with the union, refused to adjust wages, and in short, have refused to recognize that their workers have a right to organize and bargain collectively.

An active and militant picket line was thrown about the building and a complete shut-down was achieved. Demands of the workers include union recognition, 44 hour week, 20 per cent wage increases and seniority.

## Independent Truck Chatter

### Special Meeting

The ITO section held a rousing meeting March 29 for re-election of a Ways and Means Committee. Three men from WPA contract trucks, three from WPA relief and another three men to represent private industry. It is expected that this arrangement will put a stop to all bickering that has arisen in the last few weeks. The following are to stand elected if proven members in good standing:

WPA contract: Curt Zander, Art Karlen, B. G. Ambrose.  
WPA relief: Douglas Raze, William Camp, E. Corbett.

Private contract: Milton Hodson, A. Solderberg and Tom McCue.

An impartial chairman is to be chosen by the Executive Board of 544 to preside over section meetings.

### Happy Daze Department

A new idea is spawning in the fertile brains of the masters of local WPA. The next move to be taken is that of raising the project laborers' pay to the union wage prevailing in this district, but retaining the present maximum monthly wage of \$60.50 by cutting the working hours to 89 per month. The workers should have had the union wage from the start, and also 30 hours a week. Consider the truck owners plight at 89 hours, which will gross \$129.05 per month. The most clever economist can't arrange a budget that will take care of truck and family expenses on this amount of money; even WPA officials should be able to come to the right answer with just a little pencil chewing. Other sections of the United States have persuaded the Administration that the prevailing union wage and 30 hours a week was the only fair thing. Will the local officials be hard to convince?

### Attention All Truck Owners

All truckers that own and drive their equipment but have no emblem should come to the next ITO meeting on April 8 and make arrangements to get one. Although over a hundred truckers without emblems have been found at various sources and mailed notices from time to time, this will be discontinued in the future. Just those with emblems are on the section mailing list and only these will be called for employment and other emergencies that may arise.

Ambrose is having quite a job with invoices—he keeps that steno up pretty late at the end of each pay period.

In the past engineers have proved that skimping on highway maintenance is poor economy. We should have more money for highway maintenance and construction. Let the state legislature know that you approve a state gas tax increase and an issue of bonds that will be necessary to carry on this work.

# Workers at Paper Company Get Raises Under Agreement

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ARTICLE IV

There shall be one seniority list covering all employees in all departments. There shall be no change in the present personnel in the various departments except that when a vacancy occurs in any department, the first man on the seniority list who is capable shall have first preference for the job. If the first man on the seniority list does not want the job, the second man has preference, etc. When a senior man chooses not to take the job which is open through vacancy, he cannot thereafter demand to replace a younger man who accepts the job. However, failure to accept the job open for bidding does not in any way impair the senior man's right to bid on the next job in accordance with his seniority standing. In the event of a reduction of personnel in any department because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons, the employees involved may take jobs in other departments in accordance with their seniority rights and ability to perform such work. In reducing the personnel, the last man hired shall be the first man laid off and in rehiring, the last man laid off shall be the first man rehired.

### ARTICLE V

The regular work day shall be eight (8) hours and the regular work week shall be forty-four (44) hours. All time in excess of eight (8) hours in any one day and all time in excess of forty-four (44) hours in any one week shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half, except in peak period times. Then the work period shall be eight (8) hours a day and forty-eight (48) hours per week. All time in excess of this shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half. Peak period shall be designated by the union committee and employer by not more than fifteen (15) days after the signing of this contract, and said peak period shall not be in excess of six (6) calendar months. Employees shall be guaranteed forty-four (44) hours work per week on the basis of seniority.

### ARTICLE VI

Double time shall be paid for all work performed on Sundays or any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Decoration Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, except maintenance men, who shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all work performed on Sundays not to exceed eight (8) hours.

It is understood and agreed that each and every employee shall receive seven and one-half (7½) cents per hour increase, and that the minimum rate of hourly pay shall be fifty-five (55) cents per hour; no employee shall receive less than fifty-five (55) cents per hour. It is further understood and agreed that the following skilled trades shall be arbitrated within the next thirty (30) days in regard to the class of work and the rate of pay; firemen, millwrights, machinists, engineer, crane operator, steam fitter, and printing department.

### ARTICLE VIII

A representative of the Union shall be the chairman of any committee duly elected by the employees to take care of minor grievances.

This contract shall remain in effect from March 11, 1937, up to and including March 15, 1938. THE B. F. NELSON CO.

By  
By  
WAREHOUSE & INSIDE WORKERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 20316

## On WPA Projects

### RESOLUTION AGAINST FORCED LABOR AND "SCRIPT" WAGES

WHEREAS many municipalities in the Minneapolis Metropolitan area are compelling their relief clients to perform labor without pay or wages other than their relief orders for commodities and services, and

WHEREAS other municipalities in said Area have adopted the subterfuge of employing their relief clients to perform labor without compensation other than "Script" orders on definite firms and individuals for delivery of goods and services, and

WHEREAS relief clients in the said Area are being threatened with arrest and imprisonment if they refuse to perform such labor in return for only the said relief orders or "Script," and

WHEREAS the said practices are in violation of and contrary to the established right of American citizens and residents to require and obtain cash wages in legal tender for work performed, and

WHEREAS every violation and surrender of such right is a direct blow to civil liberties and the rights and interests of Labor, which blows cannot and shall not be tolerated,

Therefore be it  
RESOLVED by this OPEN MASS MEETING of members of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, and of organized labor and its representatives, that we demand the immediate cessation of all forced labor and script wages in this Minneapolis Metropolitan area, and

That we call upon all public officials in said Area to comply with this demand, and

That we call upon the entire labor movement to solidly support us in putting an immediate stop to the aforesaid menacing blows against civil liberties and the rights and interests of Labor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to all public officials concerned, and to the Governor, Elmer Benson.

Signed  
FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION, LOCAL 544

## Plastering Trades Win on Projects

A two-thirds victory was won by the Plastering Trades Unions on 15 WPA projects where a strike was called to combat an attempt by the WPA to force an open shop policy on these unions. Ten of the 15 projects are now operating under 100 per cent union conditions. The remaining five projects will remain struck until union conditions have been met.

Workers on the ten jobs returned to work last Monday. The strike was called Thursday, March 11.

## Laundry Workers to Dance Friday, April 9

Both modern and old-time music, to satisfy those who prefer swing-time or schottische, will provide the rhythm at the coming Cleaners and Laundry Workers' Installation dance. The affair will be held at the South Side auditorium in Minneapolis on Friday, April 9, at 8:30 p. m. Refreshments and door prizes are planned for part of the entertainment. Of course, all six pieces of the orchestra engaged are union.

# CORCORAN, DOBBS REPORT ON THE MINOT MEETING

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ris Erickson, secretary of the North Dakota Farmers' Union, and William Murray, president of the North Dakota State Federation of Labor, and Meyer Lewis, representative of the A. F. of L., were on the speaking program. A crowd estimated to be in excess of 2,000 attended the gathering.

Following the Thursday meeting, the two Minneapolis drivers' representatives held a meeting with the Minot drivers union Local 74, Friday night. Plans for an organization campaign among the Minot drivers were discussed and a temporary organization committee was selected who were to immediately get under way an active campaign to unionize all truck drivers, helpers and platform men in Minot and vicinity.

Dobbs and Corcoran also reported that they were able to assist in the organization of a mine workers local and also did some work for cooks and waiters union.

They brought back the cheering news that the North Dakota State Federation of Labor is to immediately launch a statewide union campaign.

## Yellow Notes



Our "Big Boss," Masters, returned to his job last week after spending a few weeks at Hot Springs, Ark., where he underwent a series of bath treatments.

Clairmont, "The Chief," is now a mechanic. A new nickname must be found for him now. What's it going to be?

A few days of spring weather was too much for Benny Rosen so he ordered his new car out of storage. He got it out just in time to take advantage of the last snow storm.

A recent article in local newspapers announced that the Taxi Drivers strike in Chicago had been settled. It is hoped that the terms of settlement will be available by the time the next issue of the Organizer goes to press.

Quiet and the Herman brothers are back on the job again. Their trip to Detroit was fast and furious.

It is just two weeks until the Yellow Drivers second annual ball and benefit dance. Wonder who the prize-winners are going to be for selling the most tickets?

Andrew Buck says, "Variety is the spice of life." A glimpse of him on his night off is evidence that he thoroughly believes in this.

The baseball fever will soon be an epidemic.

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# Records of Stock Gains of Chrysler Company Revealed

Figures Prove That Profits and Gains in Valuation Were Not Shared

Reprinted from the Minnesota Leader, written by Elliot Janeway.

If you had \$50 to spare in 1932, you could have bought ten shares of Chrysler with it. If you had, your \$50 would now be worth about \$1,300 to you—not counting small matters like the 1936 dividend of \$12 a share and the generous dividends of earlier recovery years.

In 1932 W. P. Chrysler had \$50—and more—to spare. In fact, between 1932 and 1936 he was able to keep 109,682 shares of Chrysler common stock in his sock. In 1932 these shares were worth only a little more than half a million. Today they can be cashed at the bank for \$14,258,660.

Now it takes very little drumbeating to make liberals out of tycoons. Chrysler's publicity is handled by Ivy Lee and Associates, the outfit that made a Christian out of John D. Rockefeller. Making a liberal out of Chrysler has been a small matter in contrast with the Herculean job done with John D. It was necessary only to flash a few "impromptu" pictures of W. P. hob-nobbing with the "boys" in their shirt sleeves.

The record reads more like Harlan county or the Georgia cotton mills than the New Deal. To make the wage picture as favorable as possible to Chrysler, consider only the 1936 payroll. The company employed about 67,000 men, each of them averaging, to put it high, perhaps \$1,200. This puts the Chrysler payroll at \$80,400,000 for 1936. Add to this about \$8,300,000 paid out in bonuses and you get the final figure the Chrysler corporation paid its workers in 1936—a little less than \$90,000,000.

And what did the corporation earn in 1936? The cool sum of \$62,100,000. Of this, about \$10,000,000 went back into the company treasury and \$52,100,000 was paid out in dividends.

Now between 1936 and 1936 auto wages did not double. But, Chrysler's profits did. The 1935 net income was only \$34,000,000; the 1936, given above, \$62,100,000.

There's a special and a very old name for a company that pays its labor \$90,000,000 and makes over \$60,000,000—67 per cent—on the transaction. The name is sweating. Stories of companies which once made 67 per cent profit on their workers belong to the legends that have grown up around the memory of the Robber Barons. But here it is cropping up again in the New Era. Chrysler's a statesman all right. But so far as you're concerned—if you have that \$50 to spare now—it's too late to buy Chrysler stock with it. Chrysler costs \$130—not \$5—a share. You can put your \$50 in the savings bank, and it will earn not 67 per cent but three per cent for you.

## T. E. Cunningham Now Resting at Home

President T. E. Cunningham of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor is recovering in his home after a stay of four weeks in the hospital. Mr. Cunningham, who was struck by an automobile a month ago, is improving rapidly.

# GOLD SEAL ROOF SIGNS CONTRACT

Wages in Plant to Be Raised on an Average of 20 Per Cent

Monday came the news that Gold-Seal Roofing company, second largest manufacturer of prepared roofing in this part of the country, signed a union agreement similar to that that went into effect at the B. F. Nelson Company last week.

Signing of the Gold-Seal company marks the second victory that has been scored by Warehouse and Inside Workers Union during the past two weeks. As was the case at the Nelson plant, the contract at Gold Seal brings splendid wage increases and hour reforms for the workers involved.

In the neighborhood of 200 employees of the North Side roofing company are affected by the settlement.

## Workers Want Help At Rochester Hospital

March 27, 1937  
Rochester, Minn.

The Northwest Organizer

Gentlemen:  
I have been reading your paper and think it would be a good thing if you would come down here and get things organized at the Mayo Clinic Institution.

The way things are here in my estimation and many others I have heard expressed, are very unsatisfactory. The wages are the most important factor for consideration. They are just about one-half of what they should be.

It would be greatly appreciated if you people would give this your immediate attention.

With your help in organizing our terms would be granted immediately as all the services of the employees are needed at all times.

Yours very truly,  
An Employee of Mayo Clinic

## Local 664 Announces Union Button Change

Local 664, City and Sanitary Drivers Union, announce a complete change in their union button. Not only has the size and color been changed but the design on the button has been more elaborate to include not only the number of the union but the name as well.

The color for the present quarter is brown and white. Demand the button of your fellow workers.

# HIGHWAYS BUILD COMMUNITIES

The United States Bureau of Public Roads reports that every \$100.00 spent in the building of roads results in the distribution of \$315.00 in wages and trade, and initiates trade activity in twenty-four industries.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick  
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,  
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik  
I'm Labor.

## The Central Labor Union

The last Central Labor Union meeting held Wednesday, March 24, brought about a situation which staggers the imagination of intelligent people and is one that is almost unbelievable. We had there the picture of a central labor body chartered by the American Federation of Labor, refusing to go on record as supporting a bona fide strike of an American Federation of Labor union affiliated to that same body. Seeking to bring clarity to a situation that is certainly in need of clarification, an attempt was made to establish which union of the two contending for membership in the petroleum industry was entitled to the support of the American Federation of Labor central body.

When a motion was made which would have put the CLU on record as supporting the strike of the so-called "outlaw union," we had the spectacle of people who have consistently supported and fought in the interests of that same union vote against the motion. A few minutes later a motion was made to endorse and support the strike of the A. F. of L. union. We saw the motion laid on the table by a vote of these same delegates.

This cowardly capitulation in the central body, this evading of clear-cut responsibility, this attempting to sit on the fence and allow two unions to be at each other's throats is an outright example of the impotency and lack of authority of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. The question is clearly posed to all straight-thinking delegates, "Is it worth while to pay per capita tax to support a central delegated body which is characterized by its lack of authority and by its evasiveness and impotency?"

The turning of the Central Labor Union into a debating society for the Farmer-Labor party is a real crime against the labor movement. A central labor union should be a meeting place of union delegates where problems of the TRADE UNION MOVEMENT can be discussed collectively and where decisions affecting the labor movement can be made. Such a situation as now exists in the petroleum industry is one that must be handled by the central body of all trade unionists. To continue to refuse to say who is right and who is wrong in matters under dispute within the labor movement brings the Minneapolis Central Labor Union closer and closer to the place where it can sense the smells wafted to it from a waiting grave.

## The Courts

Of late it has become the practice for certain sections of the Minneapolis labor movement to apply to the courts for the purpose of settling inner union difficulties. Such practice cannot be too strongly condemned by all those who have the real interest of the labor movement at heart. Problems confronting the labor movement which involve disputes, differences of opinion, and disagreements on tactics should find their settlement within the walls of union meeting places and in the factories, mills and on the job.

We can assume that in every dispute between two local unions or international unions that one side is right and one is wrong, but to leave the decision of who is right and who is wrong to capitalist courts and capitalist judges is to commit a crime against the working class.

When workers' economic and political problems have been left to the settlement of the judiciary system no gains have ever anywhere been registered by the workers. As in disputes between capital and labor, where capitalist courts have consistently been on the side of the employer the court's decision in inner union struggles will inevitably be such as will give encouragement and support to the most reactionary section of the labor movement.

Those trade union leaders who have gone to the courts asking for injunctions and restraining orders against other sections of the trade union movement have not gone there with clean hands. We will have to assume that injunction-seeking trade unionists are familiar with labor's problems to know that applying to the courts will never solve the problems that confront the working class. Then they are conscious betrayers of the interests of those whom they pretend to represent and they should be treated as such.

## Central Committee

Monday night the Hennepin county central committee met to "reaffirm" its endorsement of candidates and to pledge "unstinting support" to the endorsed candidates for the municipal primaries, all of which raise the question of why the need of reaffirming and pledging support. Can it be possible that the confidence of the Hennepin County Central Committee is shaken and that the endorsement of the East Side convention was not sufficient?

Of course that is precisely the reason for continually reaffirming faith in their candidates and continuing to protest to high heavens that the candidates endorsed by the East Side convention and "reendorsed" by the Central Committee are the only bona fide Farmer-Labor candidates.

Their actions Monday night were the final tip-off to the fact that the present Hennepin County Central Committee has been stripped of authority and represents no one except a group of vainglorious political adventurers who are beginning to find out that in "capturing" the Farmer-Labor party they have captured no one but themselves. The spectacle of the Central Committee issuing long documents and explanations and sending out letters demanding and commanding this and that is reminiscent of a deposed monarch, slightly mad by his loss of glory, striding over the rocks of his Elba, shouting command to an army that does not exist and issuing proclamations to his staff who have long since departed.

The Hennepin County Central Committee is composed of generals whose armies have departed to new fronts. Their commands perhaps sound impressive but they carry little weight. The real Farmer-Labor party is elsewhere.

## Unity

The continual cry that is raised in the labor and political movement for unity within the ranks of labor and working class political parties is one that should have the ear of everyone interested in the economic and political advancement of the working class. Presenting to the enemy a solid, unified front is something that will sooner or later have to take place

by workers everywhere. To strive for unity in the ranks of labor is a worthwhile and desirable task.

But to raise the cry for unity on any basis irrespective of on what plane that unity is achieved is not progressive but reactionary. There can be no unity in the ranks of labor while principled and fundamental differences exist that have not yet been settled. It is true that true united fronts can be achieved by two opposing groups on certain specific issues. But united fronts can only be achieved and carried out when both groups act honestly and when such united fronts are fully understood by the rank and file members of both factions.

We are for unity but we are not for such unity as is based on a lack of understanding. We are not for unity when that unity calls for sacrifice of principles, and lastly, we are not for unity with dishonest people and scoundrels.

## Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The new spot in the basement will soon be ready.  
The Buzza walkout Monday morning caught the company flatfooted.

HE WAS YOUNG THEN  
Ray Rainbolt rode 50 miles on horseback to reach his marriage tryst.

Butler Bros. huge wholesale house, is about to succumb to unionization.

The Friday T. J. C. meeting went on record for changing the present Drivers' License Law. It's not so hot now.

A secret marriage took place on Plymouth avenue a short time ago. One of the die-hards is involved.

Block men are still on the war path.

A performance of the Man on the Flying Trapeze every second and fourth Wednesday at 18 N. 8th St.

Junk yards are closed for some reason or other.

Buzza strikers have set up a strike headquarters at 1104 West Lake St.

It looks like 221's troubles with the Big Company are about to be settled.

Pauline Berg is back.

HE LOVED IT  
Bill Sinnott spoke before a women's club Wednesday. It was on the label.

289 is out to organize all of the retail bread drivers.

Carl Skogland is calling all of the Building Material workers into a war council Friday night.

Slim Martin, head man of the Transformer's Association, is leaving for new fields.

Corcoran and Dobbs returned from Minot last week with a night club tan.

Locals 20316 and 1859 will collaborate on a new steno next week.

City and Sanitary Drivers scored a real victory with the City Council. It means wages for all concerned.

The Editor spoke in Hastings Sunday night.

You can buy the ORGANIZER on almost all downtown news stands now.

All bill and advertising distributors will soon be organized.

Those on the inside claim that there is no dice on a deal between the two local FLP camps.

BACK TO THE SCAFFOLDING?  
What Eighth Street General will meet defeat on two political projects soon?

The circulation of the ORGANIZER jumped over a thousand last week.

The Brooks fruit thing will be settled this week.

TRAVEL BROADENS ONE  
The Minnesota Leader recently said that the only union wood working shop in this part of the county.

## North Central District Drivers to Meet in Minneapolis on April 11th

Important Matters Will Come Before Gathering of Drivers

Sunday, April 11, the first regular spring meeting of the North Central District Drivers Council will be held in Teamsters Joint Council Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave., Minneapolis. The meeting will be held in Hall No. 1 on the first floor and will convene at 1 p. m.

Several new delegations are expected to affiliate themselves with the district council at this meeting. It is already assured that delegations from both North and South Dakota will be on hand when the meeting opens. A preliminary report of the executive committee indicates that the Sunday meeting will be an important one.

Intense activity has been carried

try was located in St. Paul. The item was correct except for one thing. They are all unionized in Minneapolis.

Gas Light workers are about ready to shut the valve.

Local 131 signed the American Rug Laundry to a closed shop agreement recently.

Milk Drivers are conducting a drive on counter ice cream freezers.

WELL, A GUY HAS GOT TO EAT  
G. Frosig recently drove 20 miles back home to get his new teeth before he could eat breakfast.

## Hastings Workers Hold Labor Rally

Sunday night a labor mass meeting was held in Woodman Hall in Hastings, Minn. The meeting was organized by the Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, of Minneapolis who are conducting the strike at the Lund Mfg. Co.

The meeting was attended by approximately 250 Hastings workers. Great enthusiasm was displayed and the Lund workers were promised the support of the rest of the organized trades there. Miles Dunne, James Bartlett and John Banosco addressed the meeting.

The workers at the Lund Mfg. Co. are still on strike.

## Move to Amend License Is Backed by Council

The Friday night meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, which brought out a splendid representation from teaming craft unions, went on record for amending the present Drivers' License law.

Under the terms of the present act, the revocation of the driver's license makes it mandatory upon the judge to also revoke a chauffeur's license. This situation, which all judges agree is unjust, is to be remedied by an amendment to the existing law.

A committee from the council was appointed to present such an amendment to the present legislature.

## Beauty Operators In Move to Unionize

A successful organization drive in the Barber and Beauty trades has resulted in the unionization of 12 beauty shops and eight barber shops recently. All shops are now displaying one or both of the shop cards issued by the International Union.

## Work in Basement Is Moving at Fast Pace

Remodeling work in the basement of the headquarters is proceeding rapidly and it is expected that an opening date can be announced soon. When completed the amusement room in the basement will be one of the most beautiful spots in the city.

Drivers Union 544  
I appreciate your thoughtfulness expressed by the beautiful flowers sent me.  
MRS. COY CANFIELD

Tell them that you saw their ad in the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER.

## LABOR... Looks at the Press

Prof. Clyde Miller of New York: "Uncle Sam as depicted by the cartoonists represents a European point of view of Americans and not that expansive, generous spirit of democracy which exists in America."

Like keeping Tom Mooney in jail for 20 years, professor, and killing Sacco and Vanzetti.

Statement of the Social Party (fascists) of France, after the recent Paris riots in which the "Popular Front" police fired upon the workers: "The Mobile Guards must be praised for their calm and patriotism under provocation and the missiles of the crowd."

Well, There's the Popular Front.

Mussolini says: "The Italian people demand that it be left tranquil."

It's tranquil, all right—like in graveyards.

Honolulu news item: Custom agents today gassed to death ten thousand trained fleas belonging to Tong Shong Chang, professional Cantonese flea trainer. "If he wants to run a flea circus, he'll have to use American fleas," the agents said.

The officers of company unions would do.

Albany news item: The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets today urged revival of the old Easter sport of "egg cracking" to increase egg consumption.

The Minneapolis workers did their part—before the Battle of Deputies' Run.

London news item: An ultra-slow motion picture camera—slower than any type heretofore known—is being exhibited at the British Industries Fair.

That should prove useful—to take pictures of government labor boards making a decision as to the justice of a trade union's case against the employer.

Arthur J. Hughes, national president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association: "There are 6,000 leaders and 1,000,000 members of the Communist party in the ranks of the United Mine Workers of America."

Required reading for Mr. Hughes: "The United Mine Workers, the largest national union in America, has a membership of almost 600,000."

Minneapolis news item: Andrew Anderson, first beneficiary under the social security act, received a lump sum payment of \$16.41 on his 65th birthday.

Now he can retire, of course.

For the records: "The union will not get anywhere while I'm alive in its efforts to make us shut down."—Henry Ford.

Washington news item: The strike-breaking formula, which the national labor board says Remington Rand adopted, was as follows:

At the outset of a strike to brand its leaders as "agitators."  
To threaten the removal or closure of struck plants to bring economic pressure upon the strikers.

To organize citizens committees to combat union moves.

To enlist the services of armed forces of the state and city.

To inspire "back to work movements" by employment of strike-breakers, and an elaborate publicity campaign.

They forgot one thing: To deny that wages or hours of union recognition is the issue, and to proclaim that what is at stake is Law and Order versus Revolution.

St. Paul news item: The active file of the National Re-employment Service in Minnesota as of March 1 contained the applications of 4,018 war veterans, most of whom are unemployed.

When the flags begin to wave, and the bands begin to play—remember this little item.

Washington news item: The American Federation of Labor estimated today there were 10,041,000 unemployed in the country in January, an increase of more than one million over the previous month.

That number of unemployed is but a proof—turned inside out—of the industrial might of the American working class.

From the telegram signed by some Boston Tories demanding that sit-down strikes be smashed: "... No question of the right of labor to liberal wage and healthful working conditions is involved. This is universally conceded..."

It's really funny that whenever the bosses refuse to grant us wage and working conditions,

## FUNDS NEEDED BY STATE HIGHWAYS, UNEMPLOYED MEN

Autos Must Have Highways  
The State Highway department is in danger of losing available Federal money because of inability to match Federal funds. A great deal of Federal aid will be lost because a direct outlay of nearly five millions must be made for such things as engineering costs and right of way purchases. Elserg states that with the money on hand only about 60 per cent of possible Federal grants will be obtained. He further declares that this would be only 30 per cent of the work that interested clubs and organizations have demanded. A proposal for higher taxes of any description would be unpopular now, but it is evident that such a course is necessary if this work is to be had for Minnesota. A slight tax increase per gallon would probably provide the sum needed. Although a suggestion of this sort might at first thought arouse protest from some taxpayers organizations and automobile clubs a little investigation would show that our highway system will suffer an irreparable loss if present and future needs are not taken care of. Elserg's hands are tied if he hasn't the money to spend. All persons and organizations that are interested in protecting our fine state highway system, and also in providing much needed work for unemployed men should push the idea of a small tax increase. A "penny wise and pound foolish" attitude at this time would mean a loss of millions of dollars to that state's welfare. Get in touch with your congressman and express your opinions. There is no time to be wasted.

Keep Those Plates Clean  
A foreman on Lilac Lane has the two most widely known numbers in the northwest making up the license number on his car. Joe Itzen's 1937 license tag is B-544-257. And he doesn't belong to the union. Tsk! Tsk!

## Blosky Files for First Ward Office

Syl Blosky, member of the Milk Drivers Union for 14 years, who has had a record as a militant and active trade unionist, has filed for alderman in the First ward. Brother Blosky, who is employed at the Franklin Co-operative creamery as a driver, resides at 1216 University Ave. N. E. He is 38 years old and has spent his entire life in the First ward. Brother Blosky is conducting an active campaign in the First ward and requests the support of his friends and brother unionists.

they ALWAYS shout that THESE things AREN'T the issue. Instead, the issue, as they see it (and in the words of the Boston Tories) is whether, "freedom and liberty are at an end, government becomes a mockery, superseded by anarchy, mob rule and ruthless dictatorship."

LOCAL UNION NO. 292 ELECTRICAL WORKERS' MEETING SCHEDULE  
April 2, Friday—Wiremen's Advisory board, Office, 8 p. m.  
April 5, Monday—Shoppers Organization meeting, Hall No. 4, 8 p. m.  
April 6, Tuesday—Inside Wiremen's branch, Hall No. 2, 8 p. m.  
April 7, Wednesday—Automotive Winders organization meeting, Hall No. 3.  
Executive Board meeting, 8 p. m., Office.  
The above meetings at 18 N. 8th St.  
April 9, Friday—Utilities (NSP Co) branch, 3rd floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., 8 p. m.  
April 19, Monday—General Membership meeting, 8 p. m., 3rd floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING SCHEDULE Local 544  
Thursday, April 1—Independent Truck Owners  
Friday, April 2—Job Stewards  
Sunday, April 4—Newspaper Drivers  
Monday, April 5—Package Delivery; Coal  
Wednesday, April 7—General Sausage Men  
Monday, April 12—General Membership  
Wednesday, April 14—Market  
Thursday, April 15—Tent and Awning  
Friday, April 16—Job Stewards  
Monday, April 19—Wholesale Grocery  
Thursday, April 22—Transfer  
Monday, April 26—Wholesale Drug  
SENIORITY COMMITTEE meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1.  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 2.  
EXECUTIVE BOARD meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room.

## SO I SAID TO MR. GALLAGHER—



BOTH SING  
We're in the army now  
Although it's not Moscow  
We'll have to heed the Prop.  
et's voice  
According to our vow.

Oh, Mr. Gallagher, Oh, Mr. Gallagher,  
Which oil union will we support tonight?  
Will it be the outlaw crew  
Or the one that's tried and true?  
For we're in a spot that's hard and hot and tight.

Oh, Mr. Shean, Oh, Mr. Shean,  
I think I understand just what you mean,  
We will have to act with care  
For both sides are in our hair  
So be cautious, Mr. Gallagher! And careful, Mr. Shean!

Or, Mr. Gallagher, Oh, Mr. Gallagher,  
This Lewis thing has got me in the air,  
No matter where we turn  
We always get the burn  
And it doesn't seem to me that it's quite fair.

Or, Mr. Shean, Oh, Mr. Shean,  
This is where we'll simply have to use our brain  
We'll support the Lewis move,  
Our integrity we'll prove  
Who?—John L., Mr. Gallagher?  
Yes, and Meyer, Mr. Shean!

BOTH SING  
Sitting on a fence in the moonlight,  
Watching the world go by—  
So it's hi-diddle-diddle  
We're both in the middle  
For the world is our chocolate pie!

## Cement Block Strikers Refused by Employers

Workers in the city cement block manufacturing plants are still on strike due to the fact that employers in that industry continue to refuse to agree to the terms in the new contract. The striking unionists have established a commissary at the union hall where they prepare and serve their mid-day meal.

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION MONTHLY MEETING  
Friday, April 9; 8 p. m.  
257 Plymouth Ave.  
All WPA Workers and Relief clients invited

Meeting Change  
Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union, Local 289, which has been meeting weekly during the past few months, will hereafter hold meetings only two nights a month. The regular meeting schedule will be membership meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays.

Local 131 LAUNDRY AND CLEANING DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE  
Wednesday, April 7—Membership Meeting  
Thursday, April 8—Stewards Meeting  
Wednesday, April 21—Membership Meeting

MEETING SCHEDULE Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316 WHOLESALE UNION  
Tuesday, April 6—Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, April 13—Stewards Meeting  
Tuesday, April 20—Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, April 27—Stewards Meeting  
Executive Board meets every Thursday.

Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule  
Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.