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As from this hour You use your power, The World must follow You

Stand all as one Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

and... ON THE Other Hand

... By the Cynic

"Six persons were United States citizens today because they gave what he called 'the right answer' to circuit Judge W. E. Hunter's question, 'Do you approve of sit-down strikes?' All the applicants replied in the negative and Judge Hunter admitted them to membership. He said their applications would have been denied had they answered otherwise. The sit-down strike is a form of anarchy and should be punished by law, he told them."

—Kankakee, Ill.

Because these applicants guessed Judge Hunter's attitude toward labor they were able to make the grade. No matter how they might be disqualified in other respects, in the eyes of Judge Hunter they were potential good citizens. Judge Hunter is probably interested in the "rights" of men to work for starvation wages.

"James H. Rand, Jr., president of Remington Rand Inc., pleaded innocent in Federal court Monday to a charge of violating a federal law during a strike at the firm's Middletown plant. Arraigned with Rand was Pearl L. Bergoff, head of a New York strike-breaking agency who also entered a plea of innocence."

—New Haven, Connecticut

In order to break the back of strike this "highly respected" citizen and advocate of Americanism and law and order, crawls into the sewer with the Rat No. 1 Bergoff to conspire against honest toilers in their effort to better their conditions.

"Because the railway labor act provides a working model which has proven successful since it was enacted 11 years ago, Henry H. Heimaan, executive manager of the National Association of Credit Men, declares in his monthly review of business that the act's principles should be thoroughly investigated if and when we consider enactment of a national labor policy in this country."

—New York

"The railway labor act" may look good from the National Credit Association's point of view, but from labor's point of view it's just another "tie that binds." A union bureaucratic organization, tied up with labor act laws has about the same chance as a strike of the national guard.

"Members of the Flour, Feed and Cereal Workers continued picketing the plant of the H. E. King Flour Mills here today despite a notice of dismissal affecting all employes posted Friday."

Faribault, Minn.

Now why didn't some boss think of that before? The only hitch is that the strike goes on just the same.

Anderson, Heisler To Speak to WDL

On Saturday night at 8 o'clock an open mass meeting sponsored by the Twin City chapter of the Workers Defense League will be held at the Pioneer Hall, 5th and Hennepin. Speakers will be Francis Heisler, WDL attorney from Chicago, and Douglas Anderson, regional director for the CIO. The subject will be the recent "riot" cases in Cairo, Illinois, and the nation-wide fight to defend Ed Parker, unemployed, leader of Illinois.

Francis Heisler is well-known to Minneapolis workers through his services on various local defense cases. Douglas Anderson, prominent in the recent Midwest taxi strike in Chicago, will discuss the role of the Workers Defense League in relation to the mass organizational campaign now being carried on throughout the United States. Tickets are 15 cents.

Sears Remains Closed 7th Day

NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL WORKS IN N. DAKOTA

Dobbs Aids in Bismarck City-wide Campaign; 544 Leaders Work in State

Cooperation Between Drivers in Twin Cities Urged by International

In Bismarck, Minot, Hibbing, Duluth, Mankato, and Faribault, the North Central District Drivers Council continued actively its organizational work during the past week. A city-wide organization meeting was held in Bismarck Tuesday night, May 11, sponsored by the North Dakota State Federation of Labor and the Bismarck Trades and Labor Assembly, at which Farrell Dobbs was the guest speaker. On Wednesday, Dobbs spoke before the Drivers Union in Minot, which met to consider final ratification of the union demands shortly to be presented to Minot employers.

Bill Brown and Karl Skoglund spoke before the General Drivers Drivers Union in Mankato last Tuesday night. This local now has over 300 workers organized. On Friday Skoglund and Jack Smith were speakers at a meeting of the Drivers Union in Faribault. An action committee was elected by the unit to draw up a contract for presentation to employers in this section.

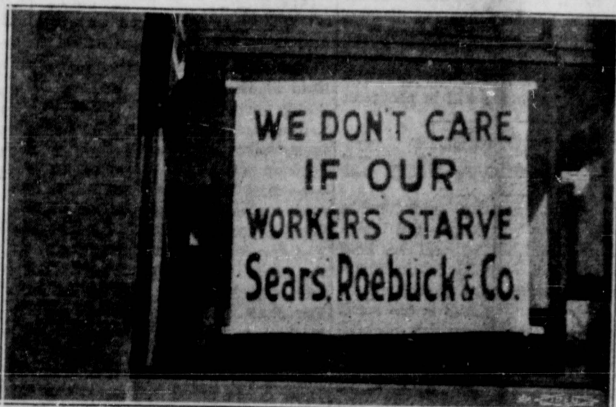
At the recent meeting in Indianapolis at the national offices of the Teamsters International, attended by committees from Minneapolis and St. Paul, national officers expressed themselves emphatically for co-operation between drivers' units in the Twin Cities to improve working conditions and equalize wage rates.

On Saturday, May 8, Bill Sinnott went to Duluth to assist drivers of that city in their campaign to organize the Land O'Lakes plant. George Frosig and Kelly Postal, representatives of the Drivers' Council, journeyed to Hibbing Monday night to speak before a mass organization meeting. A General Drivers Union is in the process of formation which will have jurisdiction over the entire range district; its home office will be in Hibbing.

Aaron Kruger, vice president of the South Dakota Federation, has requested the Minneapolis office of the North Central Council to send one of its representatives to make an organizational tour throughout that state. This request will be complied with in the near future. There is gradually taking shape throughout the North Central District an organizational structure which promises to make this region a closed-shop fortress for the driving crafts.

544 Baseball Team Plays Heines Sunday

The General Drivers baseball team will open its season next Sunday at Parade Ground No. 6 when it meets the Heines team at 3 p. m. The team representing Local 544 has been practicing Tuesday and Friday evenings at Botineau field for the past four weeks and should be able to give a good account of itself in the Park Board League. Last year the team did not enter a league, but played an independent schedule. Nick Wagner, the "Mike Kelly" of the local team, states his club will finish near the top when the season is over. All union members are urged to come out next Sunday to give the boys and the umpires a send-off as a season starter.



Sears, Roebuck and Co. Advertises the Bitter Truth

Woodenware Workers Still Press Their Demands in State

Union Rejects Counter-Proposal of Faribault Plant; Peterson Workers to Take Strike Vote Friday

Woodenware workers throughout the state continue to press for decent working conditions and higher wages as the strike against the Lund Manufacturing Company goes into the eighth week. Faribault employees of the Peterson Furniture Company will take a strike vote this Friday night. Workers at the Twin City Lumber and Shingle Company, at 26th and Franklin Avenue, St. Paul, have presented a contract to the boss and are considering counter-proposals made by the management.

At the May 5 membership meeting of Local 1859, Fred Diehrich, president of the union, was made a full-time organizer by the union. This will strengthen the organization staff of the Woodenware Union.

The Peterson plant in Faribault has refused to concede more than a straight five cents an hour increase to its workers. That conditions here are truly rotten is shown by the fact that even with a nickel ante the minimum hourly wage at Peterson's would be only 27 1/2 cents, and the maximum for skilled workers, 40 cents. The Union has rejected this counter-proposal to its legitimate wage demands. Negotiations have been broken off by the management, and the union membership will meet Friday night to take a strike vote.

In the meantime, the management has been going around begging the men not to strike, and promising them all flavors of pie in the sky if they will only hold off for a while. There is little question, however, but that the workers will vote to strike at the Friday meeting in the Eagles Hall in Faribault.

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Labor Votes Down Amendment Nine

A significant victory for labor was registered in the Monday primaries when the trade union movement marshaled its strength to defeat the vicious Amendment Number Nine. A total of 56,084 votes were cast for the proposal and 52,060 against; sixty per cent of the total of 108,144 votes would have been needed for adoption.

The final unofficial tabulation of the mayoralty vote gave Leach 50,691; Haycraft, 25,551, and Latimer 25,315. It was believed that supporters of Latimer were certain to demand a recount.

All three incumbent judges backed by labor—Judges Poirier, Anderson and LeSueur—received nominations. Of the labor candidates for aldermanic posts, Kauth in the first ward, Smith in the second, Bank in the third, Rasmussen in the fourth, Hendricks and Mayville in the sixth, Hoyer in the ninth, and Miller in the tenth were nominated. Mrs. Benjamin and T. J. Caton were nominated for the school board. Owen Cunningham placed for election to the board of estimate and taxation.

WPA DIRECTOR REJECTS MOST F.W.S. DEMANDS

Agrees to Meet Committee But Says 'No' to 11 Demands of Federal Workers

An answer from the WPA administration has been received to the letter addressed by the Federal Workers Section of Local No. 544 to State Administrator Victor Christgau on April 21. This letter listed 14 demands which were endorsed at a special mass meeting of the unemployed organization held on April 14, and requested that due consideration be given the demands, requesting the WPA officials meet with the Federal Workers committee. The demands embodied in the letter were as follows:

- 1. No reduction in WPA quota as of March 1, 1937; 2. Four days notice on all WPA discharges; 3. No project to start work before 8 a. m. 4. All WPA workers guaranteed full time per month; 5. Working day shall not exceed six hours per day; 6. All WPA workers checking in shall be allowed one hour if project is closed due to inclement weather; 7. Check in and out all tools on WPA time; 8. Paydays every second Friday on Job; 9. If there is to be four working days per week, they shall be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 10. Bulletin boards and labor bulletins displayed on all jobs; 11. WPA shall conform to the Uses classification card form No. 350.

On April 27, H. L. Richards, acting WPA director for district five, in a letter addressed to William Brown, president of Local 544, gave the answer of the administration. Demands 3, 4, and 10 were generally accepted. All the other demands were rejected, for one reason or another. Richards announced he would meet with representatives of Local 544 to discuss the demands.

The regular membership meeting of the Federal Workers Section will be held May 14, at which time the unsatisfactory reply of the WPA administration will be discussed at some length, and plans laid for further action.

Bosses Sign With 471, Avert Strike

A strike of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local No. 471, scheduled to begin Tuesday at midnight, was averted before the deadline when Minneapolis milk employers signed an agreement Monday night with the Union. The new agreement will run for two years, from May 12, 1937. The commission form of pay is discontinued and all drivers will be guaranteed a straight weekly wage of \$39; the working agreement provides for the nine-hour day, the 5 1/2 day week. All inside workers throughout the industry receive a \$3 weekly raise, bringing their wages from \$31.30 to \$34.30. Route relief men are to receive \$40 weekly. About 1,285 workers are affected by the contract.

The working agreement contains a provision automatically bringing an increase of one dollar weekly should the cost of living rise five per cent between April 19, 1937, and April 19, 1938.

Negotiations were carried on at 257 Plymouth Avenue Monday night, while the membership met at the Eagles Hall awaiting word from the union negotiating committee. During the wait, union singers and musicians entertained their brothers.

Union Turns to Publicizing Strike; Chicago Plant Visited

Strike Meetings, Tag Day, Bulletin for Raising Funds; Farm-Holiday Association Lends Support

No attempt has been made to open the Sears, Roebuck plant as the strike of Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316, entered its seventh day, Thursday, May 13. The union directed its chief attention toward informing the public throughout the territory served by the mail-order concern of conditions existing at the plant, and of the moderate demands of the union.

TWOC CONTINUES IN MUNSINGWEAR

Negotiations between the Munsingwear union (a Textile Workers Organization Committee affiliate) and the management are continuing, as the local is completing its organization work among the employees of this firm. The union is demanding the closed shop, a 15 per cent wage increase, a \$16 weekly minimum, the 40-hour week, seniority rights, a one-week vacation with pay for all employees who have been with Munsingwear for more than one year, and a two weeks' vacation with pay for all employees who have worked for five years or more. On Tuesday morning the union reported that over 1,200 of the 1,350 eligible workers have signed up with the union, with more applications coming in each day.

The Munsingwear plant, located at 718 Glenwood, is the largest textile and knitting firm in Minneapolis. For years it has been a stronghold of the open shop. Until the TWOC campaign got under way three weeks ago, a company union and a local of the I.L.G.W.U. had been contending for the membership. Both have faded out of the picture with the rise of the new TWOC local.

The securing of a union contract with the Munsingwear corporation will be the first step in an organization campaign intended to bring all workers in this industry throughout the northwest within the union fold.

257 Plymouth Ave. Is Taken to Cleaners

On account of the Boy Scouts or somebody announced it was Clean-up Time, the castle of the Teamsters Joint Council at 257 Plymouth Avenue is getting its spring going-over. Plastering work is nearing completion on the third-floor auditorium and the huge room will be painted and redecorated.

It is also planned to embellish the windows with shades and drapes. When this work is completed Minneapolis workers will have one of the finest halls anywhere in the entire country in which to hold their mass meetings.

The work on the basement is now almost completed, and screens are being put on all the windows, which is a sign that fly-time approacheth.

Tea, Coffee Drivers Sign Five Companies

Negotiations have been completed, and an agreement reached with the five tea and coffee companies by the Tea and Coffee Drivers Local. Karl Skoglund and Jack Smith represented the union in the negotiations. Word reached the Northwest Organizer too late to make it possible to print the splendid working agreement in this issue.

Seniority Committee

The Seniority Committee, General Drivers Union, announces that henceforth its meetings will be held on Friday. The last meeting under the old schedule was held Tuesday, May 11. The next Seniority Committee meeting will be held Friday, May 21.

Though continuing to maintain its chief strike headquarters at 3547 Chicago Avenue, the union has set up a supplementary headquarters on the Sears parking lot on Twenty-ninth and Elliot, across the street from the plant. A huge tent houses chairs and loudspeaking equipment; each afternoon at 4 p. m. strike meetings are held here.

Union pickets are on duty day and night. Postoning the walls of the store are huge banners reading:

"Our Prices are Low, Wages Lower."
—Sears, Roebuck & Co."

"We Don't Care if our Workers Starve."
—Sears, Roebuck & Co."

"We Refuse to Pay Living Wage."
—Sears, Roebuck & Co., etc.

The union is sending spokesmen throughout the territory served by the Minneapolis Sears plant, canvassing all farmer and labor organizations. It is receiving whole-hearted support in this work from John Bosch, national president of the Farm-Holiday association, who is introducing union speakers at scores of meetings throughout the state. Press releases on the strike, telling of working conditions at the company and listing union demands, have been sent to all newspapers throughout the territory. A special strike bulletin issued in editions of 25,000 is being distributed throughout Minneapolis. On Wednesday, the first of a series of Tag Days was sponsored by Local 20316 to raise funds to continue the struggle. Individuals and organizations who wish to contribute financially to the strike may direct their donations to Axel Jensen or Don Penwell, financial co-chairmen of the strike committee, 257 Plymouth Avenue. Strikers are also soliciting donations of food for their commissary.

Chicago to Aid. Local 20316 has also sent a committee of strikers to Chicago to contact the union organization taking shape in the Sears plant in that city, with the aim of preventing shipments being made from Chicago to customers usually served from the Minneapolis branch.

The warehouse workers are determined to force the giant corporation to recognize the union and grant better conditions to all employees. The union feels that a company that showed a profit in 1936 of \$35,000,000 can certainly afford to concede a decent living to those whom it employs.

The Minneapolis Gas House Workers Union Local No. 20490 has received a written notice from F. W. Seymour, president of the Minneapolis Gas Light Company) who is now in the East, that he will return to Minneapolis to start negotiations with the union at 11 a. m. Wednesday morning, May 19.

Gas Union to Begin Negotiations May 19

A meeting of the Local was held Monday night at 257 Plymouth to complete arrangements assuring a successful conclusion to the organization's efforts to bring union conditions to this industry.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

131 Campaigns for Remaining Drivers

Local 181, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union, report that their organizational campaign is almost at an end and very few non-union laundry drivers remain outside the ranks of the organization.

The climax of this union drive marks the end of a long trail in efforts of Local 181 to unionize the driving end of the laundry industry.

Independent Truck Chatter

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unemployed Independents must bear in mind that only those properly listed in the office unemployed file will be called for work by the union. All cards are thrown out of the file at the end of every week so if applications are not renewed by Thursday of each week the trucker is assumed to be working. Out of town men can send a penny postal card with following information: emblem number, type and year truck, condition, yardage and weight it is capable of hauling, and phone number. Also state if you are willing to work under a mucker or go out of town.

There is a much larger number of trucks out of work than are now listed, so get busy. If someone loses out on a job because of neglect to abide by regulations the fault will lie with the individual. We give advance notice that the union can't furnish crying halls for truckers that want to weep on someone's shoulder about their own indolence and carelessness.

SALUTE

The palm has to be given to Bill Carroll of the Highway Department because of his infinite patience in revising and rewriting the highway rate contract for the Independents. He has gone out of his way many times to help in ironing out difficulties that have arisen at every step. After about 15 rewrites the contract is expected to be completed to everyone's satisfaction by the end of the week.

Committee Meeting

If any Independents have a grievance, come to the Ways and Means meeting held every Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Is It Right?

It seems that the Independents have been cut out of city truck work. The city has taken care of all straight city work with its own equipment and is also doing all work that has Federal funds involved. The ITO feels that they should have a fair share of work done with money primarily appropriated for the purpose of creating work for men and equipment that private industry can't absorb.

Inner Man Rebels

Trouble with the kidneys forced Zander to leave his truck idle for a while. He expects to be back on the job soon.

Skoglund Spars Skillfully

If there ever was a living example of utter guilelessness our friend Skoglund is it. When he gets to a tough spot in negotiations he seems to doze off and dreamily twirls a shaggy eyebrow with a forefinger. At this point his acquaintance and also his previously defeated enemies will know that the deepest point of concentration is being reached. About the time his opponent is ready to rake in the chips, Carl will pop out with an idea or argument the likes of which has shattered many a boss's equanimity.

Careful!

The union will call in chiselers that work on WPA and also do outside hauling at cut prices.

It Didn't Work

After the hour cut on WPA Curt attempted to economize on gasoline consumption by ordering his fuel

pump fixed so that it forced the gas back into the gas tank instead of to the carburetor.

Voice of Economy Is Silent

For the last eight years war preparedness has cost nearly a billion a year, and now another cool billion is being sought for the next fiscal year. How about using more of our money for construction instead of preparing for destruction?

It's the Hours

"You missed work yesterday, didn't you?" asked the boss.
"Not at all," said the trucker, "not at all."

Now We Are Getting Somewhere

There is a growing sentiment among progressive congressmen in Washington that work provided by Federal funds should not be limited to clients from the relief rolls; but rather that anyone established as being unemployed be eligible for work. This is the only sane outlook and the idea should have everyone's active support.

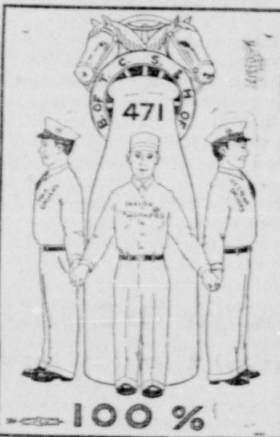
Fishing Fiends Feel Faint

The outboard motor experts on the belt line have had fishing on the brain since the ice left the lakes. After totaling a two weeks check at 88 hours a month, some of the boys decided they would have to plant some minnows in the truck radiator and throw in a line.

All Right, Boys

Aldermen in the different wards are going to have called from the ITO.

On the Route With the Milk Man



Spring is here—and no more commissions. O-le-lo-la-hoo!

That was some program at the Eagles Hall Monday night, while waiting for the negotiating committee to report back.

Fred Myhre was very nice on the bores.

Those were some solo flights by Frank Marino, our Italian "singing fool." He's a driver at Producers'.

Conrad Ordeman can recite.

The stories got too hot.

The Franklin Glee Club pulled out all the stops.

The Community Singing went over with a bang.

The program lasted from 8:30 to 11, when the good word finally arrived. The boys were getting restless.

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Bill Brown Says—



BILL BROWN
President of 544

Marlene Dietrich may have a swell pair of stems, but they're the better to walk through picket lines with, you done. I never did think the \$100,000 a year Hollywood boys and girls were capable of acting in solidarity with the union movement. We'll all have to stay away from the movies until this thing is settled. I only like Wild-West stuff, anyway.

Woodenware Workers Still Press Their Demands in State

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Lund Still Solid

The strikes against the Lund plants in St. Paul and Hastings are still solid, the strikers voicing determination to stick it out on the picket line if it takes all summer. No meetings were held with the employer during the past week. Lund, who is striving desperately to keep intact his forty-year record of anti-union activity, continues to misjudge the temper of the times, and of his own exploited workers. He has made numerous bets with St. Paul cronies that once again he will be able to bust the union and pull out a victory for the Open Shop. Both plants are closed and will remain closed until the management deals with the union.

Bogey-Man Threats

Lund's threat to move his Hastings plant is impressive only to those persons inexperienced in industrial disputes, who don't yet know that employers have mouthed such dire warnings from time immemorial. A moment's thought convinces one WHY it is that these threats are almost never carried out. First, it takes a long time to locate a new plant. This means that competitors in the industry grab off all the business. Second, it is becoming more and more difficult to find a section of the country where labor isn't on the march. Third, with American labor so eager for organization, the chances are that the strike, together with the machinery, would be transported to any new location. Fourth, it is tremendously expensive to re-locate a going industry. Only old women and young children are frightened by Lund's threat to move out of Hastings.

Injunctions Used

Just as we go to press, further word comes from Hastings that Lund, working through the authorities, has secured temporary injunctions against ten of the leading union members, issued for the purpose of preventing picketing and permitting the plant to open with scab workers. The injunctions were applied for in the name of the "Independent Union of Ski Workers," a name that has a slightly phony ring to it. The bona fide union has secured the services of Attorney Hyman Edelman to fight the injunctions.

Union Shingles

In the meantime Local 1859 last Thursday presented a union contract to the Twin City Lumber and Shingle Company, covering the 23 employees of this concern, all union members. The contract calls for a 65 cents an hour minimum for unskilled and unclassified workers, and 70 cents for skilled workers; other sections call

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for the closed shop, seniority rights, the 49 hour week, time and one-half for overtime, etc. The management countered with a proposal for a 2½ cents an hour increase, which would place the wages of the unskilled at 52½ cents, of skilled workers at 55 cents. The workers involved discussed the company's counter-proposal at a meeting Monday night. They voted unanimously to reject the contract, and negotiations are still in progress.

Warehouse Meets Tuesday, May 25

The next regular membership meeting of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316 will be held Tuesday night, May 25, in the third-floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth. The former meeting hall is too small for future meetings, which necessitated the change in schedule. Stewards will meet Tuesday, May 18. From now on, all membership meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Sand and Gravel Men Special Meeting

On Friday, May 14, at 8 p. m., a special meeting of all sand and gravel workers will meet in the club room at 257 Plymouth Avenue, to consider proposals for a new wage scale in the industry.

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months ago; that the Constitution, after all, hadn't been so hostile to minimum wage laws. Consequently, by a 5-4 decision, the Court exactly reversed itself on the same law it had declared unconstitutional just a short while back. The Washington minimum wage law was declared wholly kosher. As Norman Thomas has pointed out, "The legal reason for that reversal... is plain ridiculous. It must be added that the Supreme Court does not gain confidence by thus reversing itself."

Reacts to Pressure

Then during last month the Supreme Court again took cognizance of the immense clamor of public opinion and turned down the plea of a private utility company to stop the extension of TVA power distribution facilities in Georgia. Further, the Court refused to hear a request for an injunction against a national labor relations board hearing. The result of this strange behavior on the part of the Court has about caused the bottom to drop out of whatever reputation for honor and integrity the Court had left. Americans are realizing that the Court doesn't look over the Constitution so carefully after all before handing down its decisions to the mortal world. It looks, instead, to public opinion, and tends to respond to mass pressure from the left or from the right.

Revamp the Court?

The present ballyhoo of the liberals to curb the Supreme Court should not throw the labor movement off balance and give it any illusions as to the real worth of such reform in the powers of the Court. It is not that the demand to curb the Court is wrong. Indeed, it would be, on the whole, a gain if it were accomplished, for it would remove an additional barrier against even partial immediate demands of the masses of people. But workers should be absolutely on guard against believing that even the abolition of the powers of the Supreme Court to review legislation

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Organization Only Weapon to Curb Supreme Court; Reform Would Bring No Vital Change

For decades the black-robed justices of the United States Supreme Court have maintained the pretense before the American people of strict impartiality, pretending their every decision was based—no more, no less—on that venerable instrument, the Constitution of the United States. Outside pressure? Perish the thought! The Supreme Court looked only to the Constitution, adopted before anyone ever heard of Chicago or San Francisco or Henry Ford or Amelia Earhart or World War, or an assembly line, to interpret the cases it condensed to review. Despite various wise cracks made at the expense of the Court—such as Mr. Dooley's classic one about the Supreme Court always following the election returns—the sourpusses on the highest bench in the land, like the great actors they are, maintained their attitude of Olympian aloofness to the turmoil of modern life. Right up until the last few months, they maintained their roles.

Yes—and No

Not so many months ago, workers will remember, the Supreme Court, in a celebrated decision, decided it was "unconstitutional" for the workers to be protected by a law establishing minimum wages in industry.

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Organization Only Weapon to Curb Supreme Court; Reform Would Bring No Vital Change

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passed by Congress—a step far beyond anything Roosevelt suggests—would bring about any fundamental change in things as they are.

After all, the Supreme Court is just one of the obstacles to democracy that must be removed before the American people attain the democratic rights that must be theirs if humanity is to progress. The capitalists in England and France, for instance, have demonstrated quite well that they can impose their will upon the overwhelming majority of the people without even resorting to a Supreme Court. Should the Court be abolished in the United States, reaction would know how to shift its power to some other place in the government, in order to maintain its privileges.

Court Recognizes Power
If the recent decisions of the Court mean anything at all, they mean that the justices bow down to but one thing: power. They will tend to favor whichever group they think has the power and public opinion on its side. We in Minnesota should know this better than most people. We are reminded that not so long ago there was a law preventing farmers from stopping foreclosures. But the farmers organized in their Holiday Association and ganged up on the sheriffs; and pretty soon the law had to be changed, and the Supreme Court of the United States had to recognize the Minnesota Mortgage Moratorium law.

All history shows this to be true: that as the workers and farmers gain or lose strength, the laws themselves change to mark the real relationship of forces in the given situation. Intelligent trade unionists will support any move to liberalize the Supreme Court. But they will always look FIRST to their own unions, unemployed organizations, etc., for benefits and relief. The workers will have their democratic rights when they TAKE those rights through the independent strength of their unions and cease expecting cake to be handed down from on high by "favorable decisions." The one effective curb to the Supreme Court is the organized strength of the masses. The recent decisions of the court only prove this anew.

Spick and Span Notes Local 131

The membership reconsidered at the last meeting the action taken on the time that trucks are to be off the street at night. After June 1 it will be 6 p. m. every day except Monday. Violations will set brothers back \$10.

Too many changes being made in driving personnel at one of the major plants. Such procedure is decidedly unhealthy from a business standpoint, but it does help to keep drivers

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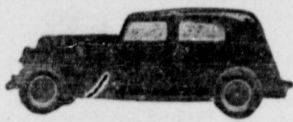
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Pursuant to the action taken by Local 131, Laundry Drivers, on April 7, no member of the local will be permitted on and after May 17 to sell or trade in, at wholesale or retail, dry cleaning at less than the cost of production plus 10 per cent, as per the price schedule adopted at the May 5 meeting. This schedule was prepared by a C. P. A. well-known in the dry cleaning business, after a thorough survey of the industry.

The purpose of this action is to eliminate unfair competition and to maintain and increase wage and commission returns. No legitimate objections are anticipated, because the union is not receptive to any proposals of the dry cleaning industry to manipulate cost of production so as to facilitate higher or lower prices, nor will the union (or its members) lend itself to interference with lawful competition or new business coming into this trade area. Any union member violating this action taken by the membership shall be subject to a \$25 fine and suspension from the union.

Yellow Notes



An opinion has been cast by some very intimate friends of Ben Erickson that judging from his recent sobriety, he must be afflicted with that certain malady called "love." Wonder if a "castor oil highball" wouldn't help some in curing this malady? Or maybe a little sulphur and molasses?

A certain day driver, recently transferred from the 5 to 4 night shift, is understood to have done some advertising in the cab proclaiming his qualifications as a disciple of "Father Divine" and with his announced intention of "angelification" of the taxicab drivers.

Cedric Adams reports cab drivers are patrons of beauty shops in this city. Now wouldn't that strike a guy pink? Woe be unto the driver who shows up for work with a marcel. He will really be due for a razz.

The Yellow Cab ball team, under the captaincy of Jack Hemran, suffered the first defeat Sunday p. m. by a score of 11 to 6. Their opponents were the Liberty Cab team.

Reports are prevalent that "Banjo" Miller is very efficient in emitting "war whoops." Wonder what brand of tonsil lubricant increases his efficiency?

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British Miners Plan Strike; Hosiery Workers Storm Plant

Citizens Alliance Officers Get Subpoenas from LaFollette Senate Committee; Sheriff Saves \$102,460

Quoting Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin "with all eyes on England this week" the labor situation in the big little island remains tense. Striking busmen continue to press for their demands for a shorter day and adjusted time schedules. The strike threatens to spread to all other transportation workers, much to the discomfiture of those in charge of the arrangements for the coronation. The Premier, in his last speech to Parliament, before his resignation which takes effect next month, pleaded for peace on the labor front, urging the bosses to recognize the fact that collective bargaining is here to stay. A nation-wide strike in the coal industry is scheduled to begin next week, unless the owners of the Harworth Colliery at Nottingham recognize the Mine Workers Federation. The owners insist that their employees belong to the company union.

In Hollywood the Screen Actors Guild called off their pending strike when the producers agreed to their demands. They received recognition of the Guild as bargaining agent, a raise from \$3.50 to \$5.50 daily for extras, and a 10 per cent increase for all bit players. The strike among the technicians still goes on. There are now 11 unions involved.

In San Francisco dapper young hotel clerks are rubbing shoulders on the picket line with bus boys, and smartly dressed secretaries are marching side by side with chamber maids, as strikers from sixteen of the city's leading hotels fight for their demand for preferential hiring for clerks, secretaries and office workers whom the hotel bosses claim are "confidential employees" and as such need not be hired through the union. There are more than 3,500 workers involved in this strike.

Washington Unionizes
The urge to unionize has spread to the office workers and secretaries of the congressmen in the national capitol. These workers have applied to the American Federation of Government Employees for a charter. They hope thus to gain civil service status granted regular government employees.

In Philadelphia 300 angry strikers stormed a police guard at the Apex Hosiery Mills, on May 7, and forced their way back into the plant. They took possession, and at the last report, were still in. The management, angered by the success of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers Union in organizing the mill, closed the

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to be used by the coal barons for protection to their property. These men are on the payrolls of the coal companies. Middleton also admitted, that although his salary has never been more than \$4,460 a year, in the last few years he and his wife have purchased \$102,460 worth of bonds and real estate.

These special deputized thugs were led by a man named Ben Unthank, who has been strangely missing from his usual haunts since the LaFollette investigation began. The secretary of Harlan County Coal Operators' association says that Unthank is still on the payroll of the association, and can collect his salary whenever he chooses to show up.

The LaFollette committee has just issued subpoenas for J. W. Schroeder and L. M. McAloon, executive officers of the former Citizens Alliance of Minneapolis, (now the Associated Industries.)

Shoe Bosses Are Heels
The strike of shoe workers at Auburn and Lewiston, Me., is still stalemate. Powers Haggood, New England regional director for the CIO, and five others were convicted of charges of violating a temporary injunction, and sentenced to six months in jail. Among those convicted was Sidney Grant, CIO attorney, who was arrested for counseling the strikers as to their conduct in regard to the temporary injunction. The sentences will be appealed.

Dr. Howard Meyers, regional director for the NLRB, announced on the same day that the strike leaders were convicted, that he was filing charges with the NLRB, against four of the struck shoe manufacturing companies. He charges that these companies have consistently refused to bargain collectively with their employees. The employers charge that the union failed to live up to the Wagner act by not polling the plants, and proving

that they had a 51 per cent majority of the workers in the union, before calling the strike.

In the trial of Haggood and the other strike leaders, the companies charged that it was a case of "the CIO or the courts." The union attorneys claimed that the injunction violated the strikers' right to freedom of speech. The judge proved his "impartiality" by charging the jury to find the men guilty if they were convinced that the strike leaders had failed to heed the decree of the court as an institution.

The United Automobile Workers Union signed a working agreement with the Packard Motor Co. on May 8. They gained a 40-hour week, 75c hourly minimum for men, and 65c minimum for women. Union recognition had already been conceded after the union won a 4-1 victory in an election recently conducted by the NLRB.

In Birmingham, Ala., a coal strike involving 12,000 men was settled last week.

There is no late news from Kansas City where 1,400 bakers went on strike last week. However, last reports indicated that the bakers in the twin cities (Kansas City, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo.) were still dumping bread into the streets as fast as it could be imported. One radio flash told how the bakes, thinking to circumvent the strikers by bringing the bread into the city as mail, were themselves outwitted when the strikers, peaceably allowing delivery, entered the grocery stores, tore the bread from the counters and dumped it into the streets.

Machinists Union Signs Up Bosses

On Tuesday, May 4 the membership of Machinists and Mechanics Union Local 382, meeting at Eagles Hall, voted to accept a new working agreement with Minneapolis auto dealers. The new contract provides for hourly wage rates of 85c to 90c, based on the 44-hour week (with a 25-hour guarantee), union recognition, etc.

A strike which had been called several weeks ago, was postponed to permit a federal conciliator to settle the controversy, and the new working agreement is the result.

New Plan for NSP Construction Men

Final arrangements are being made by the Electrical Workers Union, Local 292, to cover the jobs formerly filled by the so-called special construction men. The plan provides for steady employment for upwards of 100 men and gives to the building trades unions full jurisdiction on all major construction jobs for their membership.

In the special construction crew arrangement the former practice of having a large number of men of various lines of work all being listed as Northern States Power company permanent employees and laying them off for long periods of time is to be changed. The new arrangement is for a smaller crew that will work continuously on ordinary routine jobs. Jobs of major size will be done by union men from the various building trades unions.



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

Their Legislative Program

Last week our friend, the Associated Industries (latest mask for the Citizens Alliance) imported one of its outside agitators, George Sokolsky, former Russian White Guardist, to speak at a banquet held in a local hotel. Sokolsky waddled his three hundred pounds up to the microphone and gave the local bigwigs the lowdown on what the economic masters of America have in store for the working class. The speaker is one of many the United States Chamber of Commerce is routing around the country to crystallize sentiment behind the reactionary legislative program the Chamber and the National Association of Manufacturers are preparing to push through Congress.

The main planks the bosses are supporting are as follows: 1. Compulsory arbitration of strikes; 2. Prohibition of strikes; 3. Incorporation of labor; 4. Legal ban on political contributions by labor organizations; 5. Strict limitation of picketing. The program is one hundred per cent sound—from our enemies' point of view. Tie the economic and political arms of labor with legal red tape! That is their program.

There is little question but what American employers will receive the wholehearted support of a certain section of the labor movement and of some labor leaders in their little game. All those labor lieutenants of capitalism within our ranks who fear a strong and militant labor movement much more than they ever feared the bosses will side in with the bosses and attempt to sell their program to the trade union movement. These labor mis-leaders will campaign openly for the bosses' program where they think they can get away with it—but mostly they will have to work secretly, behind the scenes.

Neither the bosses nor their spokesmen in labor's ranks realize one thing, however. They think the "constitutional," legally controlled order actually exists, when as a matter of fact it is an illusion—a parliamentary illusion. Every so often labor makes some small gesture to remind us all of that fact. Such a gesture on labor's part was made in January of this year in Detroit and Flint, when a hundred thousand auto workers suddenly found it impossible to read an injunction, though judge after judge issued these pieces of paper ordering labor NOT to do what labor went on doing. If it weren't an illusion to think labor could be bound by legal red tape, there would be no strikes in America. There wouldn't even be any unions. For at one time or another there were strict laws against all such things. Labor, however, was forced by its misery and its economic position to organize and strike. That was true one hundred years, and it is a thousand times more true today, in this period of capitalist decay and disintegration.

Perhaps our enemies will succeed in spinning their pretty little webs of red tape. And doubtless this will be just one more handicap we shall have to overcome. Maybe it will preserve the state of things for a month, or a year. But then labor will shrug its shoulders and things will be as they have always been. The fight will once more come out into the open.

Valuable Information

The Twin City branch of the Workers Defense League, a non-partisan labor defense organization, has performed a signal service to the labor movement by its publication of information for the use of workers under arrest. Workers participating in strikes, lockouts, organization work, and demonstrations are frequently picked up by the police or deputy sheriffs who are often inspired by labor-hating employers. The local W. D. L. chapter, through its legal staff, advises workers so involved to conduct themselves in accord with the following simple and lawful rules. The Workers Defense League furnishes leaflets with this information to labor organizations at cost. Workers interested may write Dr. Grace Carlson, Twin City Secretary, Workers Defense League, 1368 Keston, St. Paul.

WHAT TO DO WHEN ARRESTED:

1. Demand to know the specific crime with which you are charged.
2. Give no information to the police.
3. Generally: Do NOT be persuaded to plead guilty on the promise of the authorities to get a suspended sentence, etc. A suspended sentence is a conviction.
4. Demand to be permitted to get in touch with the Workers Defense League* if there is one in your locality, or else to reach your union, friends or relatives.
5. When communicating by phone with the Workers Defense League, friends, your union, etc., give only your name, the charge against you, the location and title of the court where you are held.

WHAT TO DO WHEN APPEARING BEFORE COURT:

1. Point out that you have been arrested for political or union activities and therefore demand to be released.
2. Plead NOT GUILTY.
3. Demand a copy of the charges of complaint filed against you.
4. If you have not yet been permitted to telephone for aid, demand the right to call the Workers Defense League,* or else demand to reach your union, friends, or relatives.
5. Insist that you be paroled in your own custody to return later for trial. If this is refused, insist on low bail.
6. DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING.

*All attorneys furnished by the Workers Defense League serve without charge to worker-clients.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

Headline in Minneapolis Tribune: UNIVERSITY TRAINED RAT HAS TO WORK FOR HIS DINNER.

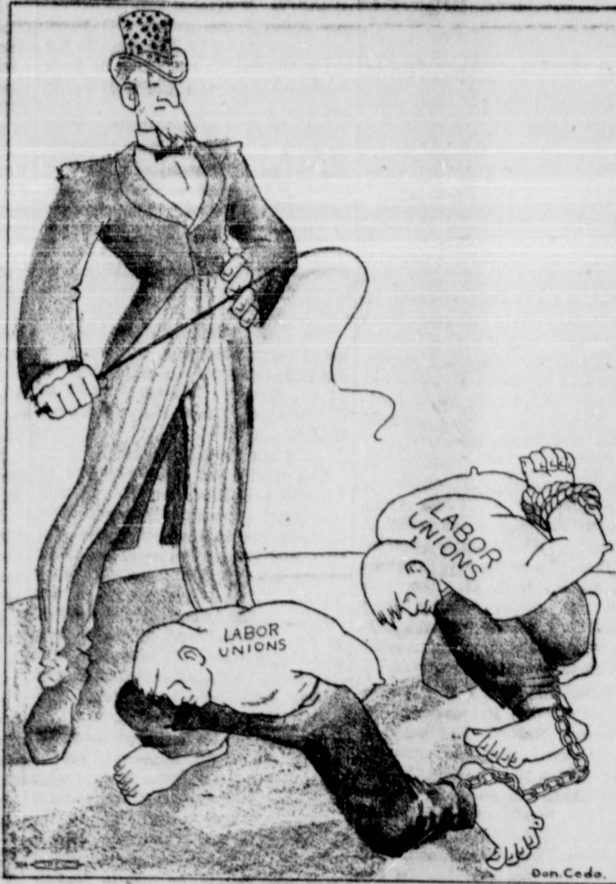
Of course—but that's no way to refer to a guy.

State of the nation: Fear of insanity sent 6,500 University of Michigan students to psychiatrists last year.

Probably worry as to whether they'll even have a chance to work for their dinner.

Washington news item: A chal-

The Whip of Federal Regulation



Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

As predicted in this column last week, the Sears workers took it on the lam Friday of last week. An acute shortage of paper in the rural districts is anticipated.

Lund of the Northern Ski is reported as moving his factory to Boston. Perhaps we should have another Tea Party with ski instead of tea.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
Bill Sinnott says that cows don't give milk; you have to take it away from them.

Milk Drivers have held so many special meetings lately that the wives of some of the members have suggested that they move up to the hall.

A. Johnson is working for the Bakery Drivers.

NORTH DAKOTA, BEWARE!
Farrell Dobbs went to Bismarck Tuesday.

Ruth, office hello girl, returned from California Monday. No movie contract resulted. Evidently Jean Harlow is still on the job.

YAWN DEPT.
Petroleum workers are still breathing slightly.

Ice cash shanties will be all union this year for the first time.

Fritz Snyder went visiting over the weekend.

Sears workers sang "Tenting Tonight" as they raised a large tent on the parking lot of the mail order house which will serve as their strike headquarters. They secured a permit for the erection from the city but they did not consult the property owner.

Independent Owners spent Sunday drawing up a seniority list.

HOME, MR. JAMES
Private chauffeurs are coming into the Union like nobody's business.

The transfer agreement is just about ready.

lunge to business men to put human relations and national welfare ahead of every other consideration was offered at the opening session of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

But that is just the point. Under the profit system, business men CAN'T put human considerations before profit considerations. To do so would be to commit industrial suicide. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Louis Wilson, University of Chicago librarian: "Fifty per cent of adults in the United States have the reading habits of a seventh grader."

That's where McFadden, Faucett and Hearst get their readers.

Premier Hepburn of Ontario: "I'll retire to my farm if the people are prepared to accept the domination of Canadian industry by Lewis and his paid hirelings."

Hepburn oughta make a good

Frog went to Hibbing Monday.

STEP ON THE GAS!
Gas Workers Union committee has started meeting with the company management.

—And then there was the truck driver who thought that whiskey was more important than union dues. He says that conditions at the Mission leave much to be desired.

The Unity Committee met last week to decide what was to be done about Munsingwear. We thought that this matter was all decided by the workers themselves.

WEEKLY DOUBT
The Farmer-Labor Party and the trade union movement are one and the same thing.

Guns will boom on the Dairy Front this week unless—

Eight Union stenos are now employed in the Drivers Building.

Trade Unionists! If you want a real treat go out and look at the front of the Sears retail store.

The St. Cloud Drivers Union is booming.

WELL, WELL, WELL DEPT.
Horseshoers are reorganizing.

Range truck drivers staged a huge mass meeting in Hibbing Monday night.

What about a Teamsters Joint Council picnic this summer?

TINKER TO EVERS TO CHANCE
The baseball team will open the season next Sunday.

The Joint Council Headquarters, which seemed so large at first, now hardly houses our activities.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS
"Be reasonable, men, you'll get your raise as soon as profits mount."

farmer at that. He can sure throw the bull around.

Lisbon, New Hampshire, news item: In the first strike to be settled by Governor Murphy's new capital-labor solution—that of having an auditor examine the company's books to decide if a pay raise could be granted—the auditor declared that the workers must wait until later for a pay raise.

The governor appoints the auditor.

The statue of Liberty will float down the Hudson river before any worker gets a pay raise under that setup.

New York news item: The National Association of Manufacturers today announced that employment in industry has reached 1929 levels and urged that steps be taken to cut down relief expenditures.

The bosses all talk about taking a census of unemployment—but they don't DARE to really

On WPA Projects

Ottena Nelson's two children are ill with scarlet fever.

The answer to our eleven demands was a dud.

Why is it that if the "super" doesn't like the color of your hair (if any) you are "occupationally unadaptable"?

Palmquist and family spent the weekend with the wife's folks in Kandiyohi county.

Viens and Osborn met with the county commissioners of Wright county at Buffalo April 20. While several cases were taken up only one case received any consideration from the board. It is indeed unfortunate that the state is powerless to force the county board to relieve the suffering of the unemployed. Any individual who, because of certain authority, proceeds to use his prerogative to starve people should have no place and be in no position where he can dictate the very life of a family.

The representatives of Zimmerman's office who sat in at the board of commissioners of Wright county made a wry face as he came out of the meeting. Wonder why?

New locals of FWS are springing up over the counties thicker than buttons in a May Day parade.

Most of the FWS staff spent Friday and Saturday on the picket line at the Sears strike.

The office called on the state's attorney and Zimmerman's office one day last week. The Hastings affair is getting hot. Every method is being used to break the strike, but in spite of all difficulties the workers are holding fast. John Janasco, president of 1859, is conducting the strike.

H. L. Richards and I. Anderson, WPA directors, are being asked to attend the next regular meeting of the FWS.

No more straw votes on the job. The place to vote is at the hall.

Did the gang stop an eviction after the truck was partly loaded? Or did the sheriff just change his mind?

Chief Organ was called off the picket line at Sears to lead his gang on the Yates case. It was "Yates, we have no eviction."

Regular monthly reports of the State organizational at meetings will be mailed to all locals in the state hereafter.

The first organizational meeting will be held at 257 Plymouth, May 15. This will include the organization staff of all locals of the FWS.

do so, for fear of what they'd find.

Mr. Chester, head of the Chamber of Commerce, has the right idea: "Industry must make jobs in private industry so attractive and accessible that thousands now on relief will work in industry."

The guy talks as if being on relief was synonymous with paradise.

Let industry even LOOK like it could offer jobs to the ten million unemployed. Lots of crackpots now administering WPA would be in the street tomorrow.

Toulouse, France, news item: Workers of the Latecoere factory, after failing to win a settlement of a two-week sit-down strike, started to operate the factory for their own profit.

Of hand, it sounds like a sensible policy to me.

From a letter in the Washington Post: Only a little more irritation will be required to organize the public against union labor so that nothing bearing the union label will be sold. . . I'd rather buy foreign-made goods."

When you write like that, friend, be sure you write on union-made paper.

Dr. Peter Peterson, Illinois preacher: "The departure of the depression has brought a growing spiritual indifference."

If he'll tell me where the depression went, I'll tell him why people are spiritually indifferent.

Warsaw, Poland, news item: As Wilhelm Goering, German air minister, passed through this city, twenty secret police guarded his every movement. Troops lined the streets through which he passed, and 100 policemen guarded the German embassy.

Such unpopularity must be deserved.

FWS WRITES TO WPA DIRECTOR

Plans for Future Action to Be Laid at Next Regular Meeting May 14

May 10, 1937
Mr. H. L. Richards
5th District, WPA Director
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:
In reply to your letter of the 27th, we call your attention to a letter enclosed and signed by William S. Brown, president of Local 544 (of which the Federal Section is a part) setting forth the authority to represent that union in all matters pertaining to the Federal Workers' Section of Local 544.

May we ask for more specific answers in regard to the demands of April 21, 1937? As these demands were written at the direction of our membership, we feel that they are entitled to more definite replies.

The Federal Workers' Section wished to be advised if the 5th District Director has been notified of a quota cut; if so, by whom, to what extent in each category, and when effective?

It is regrettable that the WPA office does not see fit to establish a centralized authority where discharges of WPA workers are concerned to prevent the unjustified discharge of these workers by supervisors and foremen, for reasons often obviously incorrect and sometimes out-and-out malicious. Many of these workers are reinstated on their projects, but only after loss of time both to the workers and the local office, all because of the inefficiency of supervisors and lack of investigation.

You write of the attempt of the WPA to abide by the methods of "ordinary business practices," yet you fail to agree to any notice of discharge whatever. We are of the opinion that such consideration to the workers would be entirely in keeping with the present day standard business practices. We ask that you reconsider this point.

In regard to work hours, double shifts, split shifts, etc., may we suggest that in the future, before any changes in hours are established on a project that a meeting be called to work out a plan that might be acceptable to both. This we feel would eliminate friction and work for a better understanding.

In the matter of checking tools on the workers' time, it appears that by proper supervision on the projects much of this sort of difficulty could be eliminated. It has been the experience of the union that no complaints of this nature can be traced

Boake Carter gives the lowdown on 1917: "Trotzky pulled the Russian revolution with just 1,000 trained men, little hands of twenty or thirty planted in the railroad stations, on ships, in telephone and telegraph main offices, in the major power plants."

Required reading for stupid Mr. Carter: "History of the Russian Revolution," by Leon Trotsky.

Ho Hum
London news item: Great Britain is engaged in a war in India for the eleventh time since 1850. Vicious fighting is raging on the northwest frontier.

Let's see—there's the League of Nations.

Minneapolis news item: Job opportunities will be discussed by 125 members of five national youth administration vocational clubs when they meet next week.

The session will last five minutes.



MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 544

Sunday, May 2—Newspaper Drivers
Monday, May 3—Coal; Package Delivery
Tuesday, May 4—Sausage
Wednesday, May 5—Independent Truck Owners
Thursday, May 6—Job Stewards
Friday, May 7—General Membership
Saturday, May 8—Market
Monday, May 17—Wholesale Grocery
Tuesday, May 20—Printing: Tent and Awning
Friday, May 21—Job Stewards
Monday, May 24—Wholesale Drug
Tuesday, May 25—Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.
Thursday, May 27—Transfer Seniority Committee meets Friday at 8 p. m. in Hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.

TRUCK DRIVERS' MELODY
A truck driver sits at the wheel all day
Whistling and singing his troubles away.
He thinks he's in heaven—but all I can say,
He's getting it—the most of the day.

He gets in his truck and goes on his way,
And all he can hear is those cuss words they say:
His troubles are big and his troubles are small
But he carries right on by hitting the ball.

He looks to the right and he looks to the left
And here comes a car hell-bent-for-leth,
There's nothing to do and nothing to say
He steps on the brakes, and they go on their way.

He turns to the right and he turns to the left,
He never signals; he's always deaf;
And you'll always hear those wise drivers say,
"There goes that truck driver again today."

His eyes are here and his eyes are there,
And he sees all the pretty girls everywhere,
He winks his eye and he hears them all say,
"He's only a truck driver"—that's a truck driver's way.

The roads are so icy and getting real rough,
If you want to be a driver, you got to be tough.
It rains and it sleets and sometime it snows,
And how you get in, nobody knows.

He looks at his watch and it's getting late,
But he carries right on till a quarter of eight,
And when he gets in the bosses all say,
"No overtime, Bill, for you today."

And when he gets home his wife is sore,
She is waiting for him at the old kitchen door,
And she says, "Honey, dear, why are you so late?"
It is already a quarter past eight."
And he tells her "the truth"—that's all he can say.
That's a truck driver's life day after day.
BILL HONEL
Steward at Mpls. Moline

to the supervisor. Very few complaints are registered for "driving," etc., but many are for "penny ante" persecutions of workers by those in authority on the projects.

Will you favor us with a copy of instructions regarding the posting of union bulletins on bulletin boards?

In regard to pay-day dates, it seems to us that is the duty of the WPA administrator to accede to the wishes of all the workers insofar as possible. In matters of this kind, we fail to see that such an arrangement would be impossible whereby workers could expect their pay every second Friday. Hoping for a more detailed reply to our demands, we remain

Yours truly,
FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION
Local 544

LOCAL 131
Laundry and Cleaning Drivers Meeting Schedule
Wednesday, May 5—Membership Meeting.
Wednesday, May 19—Membership Meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 1859
General Membership—May 5
Casket Section—May 11
Box Industry—May 18
J. R. Clark Co.—May 19
Puffer Hubbard—May 21
Wagon Industry—May 25

WAREHOUSE AND INSIDE WORKERS LOCAL 20316
Meeting Change
Stewards—First and third Tuesday.
Regular Membership Meeting—Second and fourth Tuesday.
Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION MEETING SCHEDULE
Regular Membership Meetings—Second Friday in each month.
Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.

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.

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.