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



CLU Endorses AF of L Machinists

STATE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS VORHEES' TERM

Austin Packerhouse Leader Sentenced to Four Months for Union Activity

When the Minnesota Supreme Court last Friday handed down a decision upholding the four-months' sentence against Joseph Vorhees, militant Austin labor leader, it once again threw into prominence one of the most important labor defense cases in the recent history of the state labor movement.

The case grew out of a District Court action in Austin, Minnesota, which followed the calling of a strike last fall by the Beauticians' Unit of the former Independent Union of All Workers against Stella's Beauty Salon. The union had already organized the other beauty shops in town, and a minimum set of prices had been agreed upon which would bring union wages to the operators. Stella's Shop

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LAUNDRY UNIONS LEAD STRIKE IN ST. PAUL PLANTS

Lockouts in 15 Firms Turned into Strike; Elk Laundry Sues for \$300,000

Status of St. Paul Laundry Strike: Between 20 and 25 laundry, linen and dry cleaning houses are operating in St. Paul. Fifteen laundries have locked out their employees. The unions have converted the lockout into a strike. The management of the Elk Laundry, where the strike began, is suing ten St. Paul unions for \$300,000 in an effort to break up organized labor in St. Paul.

A large pep meeting sponsored by the Laundry Workers Union Local 150, and the Laundry Drivers Local 319, whose members have been locked out by the St. Paul laundry bosses, was held last Friday at the St. Paul Coliseum. It was estimated that every one of the thousand or so workers affected by the strike was on hand for the meeting. Many friends and union sympathizers attended and lent their enthusiasm to the gathering. With Gess Scholle of Local 319 acting as master of ceremonies, the speaking program went off in smooth fashion. Among those addressing the meeting were Roy Wiley, president of Local 150; George Pangborn, president of Local 319; Sal Juetten and Fred Moore, business agents of the two locals; M. E. Johnston, Brown, and Ruben Latz, officers of the Minneapolis Laundry Workers Local. Ray Wentz, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, was the main speaker.

A Grand Benefit Dance, to be held at the Coliseum Ballroom this coming Friday, Oct. 1, is being sponsored by the laundry workers. Gess Scholle has been named chairman of the dance committee, with Delia Joyce, Alice Ruzchka, Tony Fishbeck, Red Herbeck, and Sam Arensen assisting. Tickets for the affair may be obtained from members of both unions, or at the Coliseum on Friday night.

John Lane, owner of the Coliseum, has donated the dance hall, and the Musicians Union is furnishing lots of "swing" for the evening. St. Paul Laundry Workers and drivers are asking all members of the Twin City labor movement to show their understanding of the need for supporting the strike, and their sympathy with the strikers, to support the Benefit Dance. Funds raised will be utilized to carry on the struggle until a union victory is assured.

The Crisis in the Minneapolis Labor Movement

Today the labor movement in Minneapolis faces a crisis as deep and far-reaching as the crisis over which we triumphed in the bloody days of 1934. Now, as then, the prospect of the wreckage of the trade union movement before the triumphant march of the open shop confronts us. The present situation is being deliberately precipitated by the unprincipled gang of irresponsible mis-leaders at the head of that section of the Machinists Unions in Minneapolis, which, one month ago, it violently split off from the AFL. The machinists have nothing to gain by this action except division in their ranks and jeopardy of their contracts with the employers. Warfare has already broken out among the machinists and several men have been seriously injured.

To those with eyes to see, it has become plain that the Mauseth-Hilliard Smith-Mayville clique has failed to win the bulk of the Machinist membership to its side. By a process of reasoning and persuasion, these carriers of reaction into the ranks of Minneapolis labor can never succeed. The logic is all on the other side. The Stalinist leaders who are dragging the idea of industrial unionism in the mud in Minnesota have now seen this truth. What they cannot solve by merit and reason, they are now seeking to solve with the club and the gun. Once again they are injecting the dangerous poison of gangsterism into Minneapolis labor disputes.

In its issue of September 2, the Northwest Organizer in a special editorial carefully analyzed the Machinist situation and pointed out the reasons why a dreadful blunder was being made. Events of the past month have supported that analysis to the very hilt. Not one word has to be withdrawn.

We pointed out then, and we insist again today, that NOT ONE HONEST REASON CAN BE ADVANCED FOR SPLITTING THE MACHINISTS' UNION. At the Central Labor Union meeting Monday night, the Mauseth supporters were challenged to give a reason for the split, and they could not do so. No one can. Not only does this move fail to benefit the workers and unionism, it places the workers in a precarious position and, indeed, jeopardizes the very existence of unionism in the industry.

We pointed out that by going over to the CIO now, the auto mechanics and machinists cut themselves off from their machinist brothers internationally. We asked if it was impossible for the local machinists to exist in the AFL machinist set-up. We pointed out what is an indisputable fact — that NOWHERE IN THE COUNTRY HAVE THE MACHINISTS BEEN ORGANIZED ON SO BROAD A BASIS, AN INDUSTRIAL BASIS, AS RIGHT HERE IN MINNEAPOLIS. Since then, the International Executive Board of the Machinists has come to town to investigate the situation. In our Sept. 2 editorial, we called upon the International to guarantee the Minneapolis machinists that they could continue, as in the recent past, as a united all-inclusive metal trades union.

How did the International react? After careful investigation, it said outright to Minneapolis machinists: "YOU HAVE BUILT AN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION. YOU CAN HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION. WE WON'T INTERFERE."

Four weeks ago, we asked what possible point can the CIO have in taking in the machinists of Minneapolis? We said that every progressive unionist supports the campaign to organize the unorganized of America. But that is not the question in this territory. The AFL has already organized the overwhelming majority of workers in Minneapolis. To organize the unorganized is one question. Raiding the AFL is another question. By taking in the machinists, the CIO can only serve to confuse and disrupt the local labor movement. The interests of neither the workers in the AFL nor in the CIO can possibly be served by such a blundering, irresponsible clique. Far from organizing the unorganized, every move of the Communist Party machin-

ist group today works to DISORGANIZE THE ORGANIZED.

We charged four weeks ago, and we repeat that charge today: The REAL reason for the adventure into the CIO was a job-saving device on the part of the Stalinist leadership of the machinists' union. Their mismanagement of union affairs had placed them in the position where they were going to be dumped. To circumvent this, they made the switch to the CIO with part of the union.

"It is more than this," we said. "It is an attempt to maneuver into a position where these union mis-leaders can attack the progressive unions in Minneapolis." THAT is the main reason for the splitting move.

Can anyone doubt that today? Yesterday these people split off part of the Machinists, leaving the workers in that industry in an increasingly helpless position before the bosses. Today, they have already begun to raid the drivers' movement. Tomorrow—if they could get away with it—they would raid whatever part of the Minneapolis labor movement is left for them to raid.

The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, in this crisis, is preparing to move into action. The time has now passed for any hesitation whatsoever. As a first step, the Council is calling a special meeting of all members of the Council for Friday night, Oct. 1, in the Minneapolis Armory. At that meeting, speakers from the Twin Cities labor movement will present in detail the whole story behind the Machinists' controversy. There, the necessary further steps in the campaign to reunite the local labor movement will be presented.

Let no one misunderstand the present fight. This is no simple AFL-CIO issue. This is not even an industrial union issue. In Minneapolis, as elsewhere in the nation, the AFL has now bowed to the inexorable demands of modern industry and to pressure from the CIO, and is sanctioning the industrial form of organization. Many workers have not recognized this simple FACT. Even the Minnesota State Federation of Labor at its convention last week, despite the protestations of those masquerading as CIO leaders, passed almost unanimously a resolution calling upon the American Federation of Labor, soon to meet in Denver, to sanction industrial unionism.

We repeat: The Minneapolis crisis is not a CIO question, not an industrial union question. This is the question: Is the Minneapolis labor movement to be split up and clubbed into the dirt, all for the purpose of feeding the appetites of the self-seeking Stalinist clique that, having failed to rule the Minneapolis labor movement through fair and honest competition for leadership, is now seeking a violent rupture and open warfare to gain its ends? These people are toying with the fate of the labor movement in a manner terrible to contemplate. They behave like a man who knows he is bankrupt, and feels he may as well go broke for a million as for a few thousand dollars.

Minneapolis labor today faces this alternative. Either we can all stand back and allow the Communist Party disrupters to continue their raids to the point where the movement is completely defeated and the Iron Heel of the Open Shop restored in Minneapolis. Or—we can rally as one man and take our stand; NOBODY IS GOING TO WRECK OUR MOVEMENT. And plan the necessary action to see that this slogan is carried into effect!

Unity in the ranks of labor is not something that can be signed for, and wished into existence, or left in the hands of "unity committees" who can not act. The Central Labor Union recognized this Monday night. Unity is something that must be planned for and fought for. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council calls upon Minneapolis Labor to march with it to the end that we can conquer unity in our ranks and once again face the Minneapolis bosses strong and united. All out for the meeting Friday night! Stop the union splitters!

Teamsters' Council Calls Mass Meeting for Friday

Central Labor Union Votes to Endorse A. F. of L. Machinists; Members of Local Unions to Speak Friday

With the irresponsible clique of Stalinist adventurers at the head of the CIO Machinists in Minneapolis sending armed gangs of people out on the streets in open warfare against the Machinists International, and already opening up raids on other AFL unions, the situation in the machinist industry moved rapidly towards a climax this week. On Friday night the Teamsters Joint Council is sponsoring a gigantic mass meeting at the Minneapolis Armory. All members of union locals affiliated with the Council have received letters signed by secretaries of each local, announcing the meeting. Members of the other unions having their headquarters in the Council building have also been invited to the mass meeting.

WOODWORKERS REOPEN STRIKE AGAINST LUND

Lund Rejects Decision of NLRB Examiner So Workers Resume Strike

The strike of union wood-ware workers against the Lund ski plants in St. Paul and Hastings, suspended last summer while the National Labor Relations Board held on a hearing on the case, was continued again on Monday, when union pickets once again surrounded the struck plants. No trucks are moving into the struck plant and operations at both places have been greatly reduced. Only about a dozen men are still pattering around the St. Paul plant.

The strike was declared on again after Lund and his attorney signified that the company is rejecting the decision of the NLRB. Lund also broke his agreement made at Hastings through the County Attorney, agreeing to replace all men back on their jobs with the exception of two workers.

James C. Batten, NLRB examiner, had handed down a decision that Lund reinstate two workers with back pay, that he withdraw recognition from his company union, and that he bargain with Local 20481 as the sole collective bargaining agent of his employees. Lund, through his attorney, Mr. Stringer, stated he would "carry this to the highest tribunal in the land." He has persistently refused to accept the decisions of the Labor Board examiner.

The workers realize they can't mark time while Lund fools around with the courts some more. They have decided that the only way to deal with this labor-hater is to again exert their economic pressure upon him. This time, the Lund workers are determined to continue striking until they have a union agreement with the Lund plants.

Box Makers Negotiate With Local Employers

Negotiations between the Wood-ware Local 1859 and the local box industry continued during the past week, with the employers submitting a counter-proposal to pay a 45c minimum wage, with wage increases of from 2 1/2c to 5c hourly. It is almost certain that the employees, at the pending union meeting, will reject this counter offer and reiterate their demand for a 55c minimum hourly wage. Negotiations will continue during the week.

All employees of the Vogue Venetian Blind company, 609 South 10, have now joined Local 1859. A contract has been drawn up and will have been presented to the management by the time this item appears in print. Eight workers are involved in this situation.

Winona Drivers Sign Last Brewer

NEWS FLASH! The last bit of union trouble in Winona, Minnesota, was cleared up Monday, Sept. 27, when the one brewery agent in town which had not yet signed up with General Drivers Local 799 did so. All the men have paid their fines and have been reinstated with all rights into Local 799.

"Why do I condemn Hugo (Black) because he is a southern politician? Because southern politicians on the whole are worse than northern politicians."

—H. L. (Burn 'em alive) Menchen
The implication is clear—the farther north, the better the politicians... Whether he be a liberal, a Klan Kleagle or a southern Bourbon will make small difference to the working class. Mr. Black being a justice of the Supreme Court will do his part in upholding that bulwark of the capitalist state, the United States Supreme Court.

"Brothers! We will go right ahead and continue to organize the unorganized."

—The Union Bulletin
What these Stalinist betrayers really mean is that they will unorganize the organized—if they are able. Our guess is that when the smoke has cleared away, when the social democratic bloc and all the rest of the "yes and no" boys have pulled the covers over their conniving heads, these Stalinists are going to be found in a very isolated position. However, there is always room in the Workers' Alliance, boys.

"Minneapolis can take its place as one of the country's leading industrial centers just as it now is in wholesaling and distributing. J. B. Horswill, special representative of the industrial development department of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad, told members of Minneapolis united at a luncheon meeting at the Curtis hotel."

—Minneapolis Journal
While Minneapolis gets the credit for being one of the leading industrial centers, let us add that it is also one of the best, if not THE best union centers in the United States. Queries of open shoppers to the Build Minneapolis committee will find there is no cheap and docile labor here.

Leader of Tenant Farmers' Union Is Attacked by Mob
St. Francis, Arkansas—J. R. Butler, president of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, was a victim of a mob attack in the court house here on Friday, September 17. E. F. Bunch, prominent planter, led the mob while Campbell, the county sheriff, and State Ranger Morris looked on. Butler was kicked and suffered possible internal injuries.
Butler was attending the trial of another union organizer who was being arraigned on a framed-up charge growing out of a business deal made in 1935. Swinea, the organizer, had been active in securing higher wages for cotton pickers for the past few weeks. The court had just sentenced him to one-year in prison on the trumped-up charge and his attorney had served notice of appeal when the attack on Butler began.
Union officials have protested vigorously to Governor Bailey, and have instructed attorneys to prepare civil suits against the vigilantes who took part in the attack. This is the third mob violence of this kind against union organizers in the past few days.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

HARK! COAL DRIVERS!
All coal drivers and yard men must report to their respective companies before November 1, to inform the companies as to whether they plan to work during the coal season. If this is not done, coal workers will lose their seniority rights. Attend to this, without fail, before November 1.

Park Board Members Refuse Wage Demands of Local 664

City and Sanitary Drivers' Union Refused Salary Increases to Make Up for Depression Cuts

The long fight of the City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 to obtain justice from the Minneapolis Park Board is nearing a showdown, as the result of the hostile position taken by the majority of Park Board members at their meeting Wednesday, Sept. 15. So that the labor movement may fully understand the reasonableness of Local 664's demand for an adjustment of salaries comparable to the level existing in other departments of the city performing work of a similar nature, we present a brief history of the case.

During the worst depression years from 1930 to 1933, employees of the Park Board were forced to take cut after cut, these cuts amounting to an average of \$5-\$10 weekly. Wages and working conditions have never been restored to the 1929 level.

Wage scales in other city departments (the City Engineering Department, for instance) are in force which are at the level which Local 664 is asking for its members.

The first request from Local 664 for wage adjustments went into the Park Board last February 17. With Charter Amendment No. 10 pending, nothing further was done by the union at that time. Though Amendment No. 10 was backed by the entire labor movement, the Real Estate Board, the Taxpayers Association, the banks and other reactionary bodies were able to defeat it. The union then reopened negotiations, presenting demands for laborers, special laborers, park keepers, assistant foremen, truck drivers and helpers, for all the classifications over whom the union has jurisdiction.

After the Park Board stalled along for a time, holding meetings with various groups of organized labor to give the impression it was attempting to formulate a policy, the Board suddenly and in an arbitrary manner terminated negotiations on Sept. 15, with the terse statement that when the necessary funds were available, the question of wage increases for employees would be taken up.

The behavior of the various members of the Park Board at the Sept. 15 meeting should be of interest to organized labor in Minneapolis. No one expected that the bosses and their representatives who sit on the Board would vote "yes" on the motion to approve the union scale. Such people as Armitage, A. A. McRae, who is connected with the Northwestern National Bank, Alfred Pillsbury of the Flour Mills, Clinton Stacey, a local employer, Harold Ward, lawyer for the Russell Milling company, Washington Yale, a member of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, voted against the just demands of the union and everyone can understand that.

What is not so easy to understand are the votes of some of the other Board members. First and foremost, all workers should consider the negative vote of Mayor George Leach. Despite his oft-repeated protestations of friendship for organized labor, Mayor Leach followed out his consistent policy of those who backed him for office, and voted against labor's stand. At this meeting which was of importance to organized labor, Banks, a Board member, saw fit not to show up. Mr. Gross, president of the Board, who has always claimed to be sympathetic to organized labor, voted with Leach and the bank representatives.

KEEP IT A SECRET!
"What did you tell that man just now?"
"I told him to hurry."
"What right have you to tell him to hurry?"
"I pay him to hurry."
"How much do you pay him?"
"Four dollars a day."
"Where do you get the money?"
"I sell products."
"Who makes the products?"
"He does."
"How many products does he make in a day?"
"Ten dollars worth."
"Then, instead of you paying him, he pays you \$6 a day to stand around and tell him to hurry."
"Well, but I own the machines."
"How did you get the machines?"
"Sold products and bought them."
"Who made the products?"
"Shut up! He might hear you."
—Inter-County Leader, Centuria, Wis.

representatives. Paul Johnson was present but abstained from voting. This man should have stood on labor's side. When the roll call was called, Walter Quist, who has been masquerading as a friend of labor, was seen marching in step with labor's enemies. Joseph Wojcik, who was elected by the working people, played a miserable role by not being present at the meeting. These people are not going to be permitted to forget their stand in this issue.

The members of Local 664 bitterly resent the arbitrary attitude of the majority of the Park Board members. The union has instructed its officers to take such steps as are necessary to see that its just demands are met. Local 664 is at present in communication with the International office, requesting authorization to take all steps necessary to win its just demands.

At the reconvened meeting of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union held Monday night, September 27, the resolutions committee concurred in a resolution introduced by Local 664 putting the C. L. U. on record in favor of the stand taken by the City and Sanitary Drivers, and instructing its officers to do everything within their power to secure a successful settlement. With the Minneapolis trade union movement solidly behind it, the City and Sanitary Drivers is going to take all steps necessary to see that it's just and reasonable demands are met.

The regular meeting of the City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664, scheduled for Friday night, has been postponed to next Monday evening, 8 p. m. in the first floor hall. This postponement, ordered by the executive board, is called to permit all members of the local to attend the mass meeting Friday at the Minneapolis Armory, 6th street and 5th Ave. South.

Independent Truck Chatter

Attention
You are asked to make a special effort to attend the next meeting on Thursday, October 7. Seniority matters and a recommendation for regulation of conduct on union jobs will be acted upon. This meeting is to be attended and not asked about afterwards.

Consider Thy Neighbor
Last week one of our good members became so fussed up by two jobs coming at once he overlooked an obligation due his union. His acceptance of one job, leaving another which had been given him on his seniority without giving the union an opportunity to hold the job by sending another man was a serious breach of conduct which will not be tolerated in the future.

Recommendation No. 2
Rejection of a WPA call will not incur a cancellation of contract. Curt urges all on private work to continue on the job. Those who do so will be eligible for work at the next call.

Rumper Rompings
It seems some people do not even care to learn. Wonder if meeting at 27th and Lake is supposed to be far enough away to be clear of 544 influence? Grievances true or fancied can best be settled right at home.

Jinx!
Seems some jobs can't stand a little publicity. The mucker on 101, Kimball job, and the city crews all did a fadeout last week after catching the limelight in this column's lineup.

5000 C's
Calling all lumberjacks! The union has an offer from Hastings. Log hauling. Get out those semi's.

Correction
Joe Quinlan demands justice. Last week's report erred: give him one more load.

Whatsamatter C. O. D.?
Louie Junjack says somebody is going to get a bill for cinder hauling to Freidlund's parking lot (organizer's reserve).

Chesty?
Must've been a St. Paul linotyper that billed a certain group of Hibbing delegates as "Minnesota Independent Truck Owners Local 62" in last week's Organizer. We claim that's a lot of territory.

Listen to the Humming Bird
Bovey's roaring into form again. Little Mack, Jr., must beat leisure now.

Louie Groth has lots of friends who believe his last unfortunate slip should jolt him into considering whether or not such conduct is evidence of those qualities which all appreciate. Make it the last one, Louie.

Life is Like That
Local tidbits of the week: Parrish and Woolery play hide and seek with Now-you-see-him-now-you-don't Phillip. Matt Kuker had a day's work hauling for traffic court. . . Too much lead-foot. Bill Terrier's on the line again.

KKKKK
Kimball Krew Kount their Kewpies before they're Katched. It takes sharp pencils to figure on Phillip's dough.

Cooperation
Trucks take gas and gas costs money. Why can't about 20 of us on the north side get together and operate our own service station?

Animated Cartoon Artists Organize

New York City.—A collective bargaining poll conducted by the labor board among men and women who draw the animated Popeye cartoons has certified the Commercial Artists and Designers Union (A. F. of L.) as sole agent to represent the 129 employees of the Max Fleischer Studios. The vote was taken after several months of strike action.

The strike continues, with the company preparing court action to block the decision. As has been seen many times in the past half year, a victory before the Labor Board is far from a victory over the boss.

Bill Brown Says—

I do not doubt that many honest and militant workers are today mistakenly following the misleaders at the head of the "CIO" clique in the machinists union. It is time that such workers re-examine the machinists' situation in this town. If they do this, they will find their way back into the Machinists' International.

Let them not forget, either, that in their 1935 strike it was the General Drivers Union that came to their aid and fought side by side with them to secure industrial unionism in the industry.

Come to the meeting Friday and heed the realistic analysis of the crisis in your union.



BILL BROWN President of 544

Teamsters' Council Calls Mass Meeting for Friday

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At the reconvened meeting of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union on Monday night, a heated and lengthy debate on the dangerous situation in the Machinist industry took place, at the end of which a motion carried to endorse the stand of the AFL Machinists Union. Thus the entire local labor movement has been lined up to stop cold those who are seeking to disrupt and raid the movement.

A special meeting of all stewards in the unions at 257 Plymouth Ave-

nue has been called for Thursday night. This meeting will organize the stewards to act as ushers and door-men for the Friday night mass meeting.

All out for the Friday night meeting. Hear competent speakers analyze in detail and step by step the Machinist situation and offer the program that can solve this problem in the best interests of the organized thousands of the Minneapolis labor movement.

Twin City Taxicab Drivers Resolve Minimum Wage Scale

Yellow Cab Section of Local 544 Introduces Resolution to Establish Daily Wage of \$4

Taxi drivers of the Twin Cities last week introduced a resolution in Hibbing which was unanimously passed by the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, and which, if put into effect, will revolutionize the taxi industry as far as workers are concerned. The resolution originated in the Yellow Taxi Drivers Section of Local 544, and was wholeheartedly supported by Taxicab Drivers Local 125 of Minneapolis and the Taxi Drivers Section of Local 120, St. Paul.

The resolution, after calling attention to the present miserable working conditions in the industry with average hourly wages of 20-25c, petitions the legislative bodies of the metropolitan cities in the state to pass legislation requiring all concerns in the taxi business to pay a minimum daily wage of \$4, and to establish a maximum work day of 10 hours, with one day off in every seven.

Drivers contend that at present the conditions in the industry compel each driver to indulge in direct cut-throat competition with every other taxi driver, a condition that is intolerable among union fellow-workers. The full resolution follows:

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS: Every Taxicab Driver is required to be a registered voter in the City of his employment, and WHEREAS: Every Taxicab Driver is required by City Ordinance to have recorded by the Bureau of Records of the Police Department his fingerprints, photographs and other identification requirements, that may be required by the Official, in charge of such department, in order to secure a license authorizing him to operate a Taxicab, and WHEREAS: Every Taxicab Driver is required by City Ordinance to secure, by obtaining a passing grade on a written examination covering all City Traffic Regulations, a license authorizing him to operate a Taxicab on the City streets, and WHEREAS: Every Taxicab Driver is required by City Ordinance to secure, by obtaining a passing grade on a written examination covering all State Highway Traffic laws, a State Chauffeurs License from the Secretary of the State of Minnesota, and WHEREAS: The Taxicab Driver and the Taxicab companies, holding companies, corporations, cooperative companies, individuals and associations are under strict regulation as to licenses, liability insurance, property damage insurance, parking of Taxicabs, Taxicab rates and maximum number of hours of continuous operation of a Taxicab on the City streets by an individual, and WHEREAS: Considering the various regulatory measures governing the Taxicab industry, it is believed that it would be within proper jurisdiction to stipulate a guaranteed minimum wage for all Taxicab Drivers, and WHEREAS: The Taxicab Drivers have attempted by their own efforts to eliminate Taxicab Drivers from the City Relief rolls by limiting the number of Taxicabs in operation and thereby increasing their earning power, but due to the drastic increase in the cost of living expenses and other conditions beyond their control, they have been unsuccessful in establishing a degree of certainty in the earning power of a Taxicab Driver, and WHEREAS: It is believed that the enactment of a City Ordinance, requiring a guaranteed minimum wage will thoroughly regulate the number of Taxicabs in operation on the City Streets during seasonal fluctuations of business such as are encountered in the Taxicab industry, and will be-

Pulp and Sulphite Workers Organize Statewide Council

The gathering of delegates in Hibbing for the State Federation of Labor convention was the opportunity utilized by several Pulp and Sulphite Locals of the state to take the initial steps in the formation of a state Pulp and Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers. On the initiative of Local 264 of St. Paul a meeting was held with delegates from Pulp and Sulphite locals in Cloquet, International Falls, Minneapolis and St. Paul. All union representatives received enthusiastically the proposal to do for their industry what the N. C. D. C. is doing for the driving industry. A motion was passed that a statewide delegated meeting will take place December 1 and 2 at which time the new Council will definitely and officially be formed.

Temporary officers to act until the December meeting were chosen. William F. Laugenbruner of Cloquet was chosen temporary secretary, and E. P. Meinz of St. Paul was elected temporary chairman. Those Pulp and Sulphite Locals not represented in Hibbing will be sent invitations to the December meeting.

WHEREAS: It is known to be a positive fact that in numerous cities throughout the United States, Taxicab Drivers are being paid a guaranteed minimum wage, be it therefore RESOLVED: That the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, in convention assembled, petition the legislative bodies of the Metropolitan cities of Minnesota to pass legislation requiring all companies, holding companies, corporations, cooperative companies, individuals and associations to pay a minimum daily wage of four dollars (\$4.00) to all Taxicab Drivers, and that the maximum work day be established at ten (10) hours, with one (1) day off in every seven (7) day period, and that Taxicab Drivers called to work and not employed for the full daily work period be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay for the day at fifty cents (50c) per hour.

Submitted by:
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The regular meeting of Local 664 has been postponed from Friday, Oct. 1, to Monday, Oct. 4, where it will be held in the main floor hall at 8 p. m. By order of the Executive Board, Local 664.

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State Federation Convention Passes CIO-AFL Resolution

The fifty-fifth annual convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor passed into history last week as far and away the largest that labor has ever held. About 800 delegates were in attendance, the number registering in part the 133 new union locals that have been organized since last year's gathering.

By large majorities almost all officials were re-elected to office. The most important question, that of unity in the labor movement, was dealt with by a resolution calling upon the CIO to accept William Green's offer and elect delegates to attend the AFL convention at Denver, and remain there until a program of harmony and unity is worked out. Dobb's of Local 544, with the backing of the progressive caucus, put through an amendment that the AFL convention, when considering unity, should recognize the need for industrial unionism. The amended motion passed with almost no opposition.

The resolution on the question of unity brought in by Spears of the Minneapolis Typographical Union, which was backed by the progressives, pointed out the illegality of the AFL suspension order, showed that industrial unionism has now been brought into the AFL, and called for a rank-and-file referendum on the question of joining together at the Denver convention. The resolution that carried was a composite of this resolution with one backed by Secretary Lawson, the final statement being less critical of the AFL.

There is no question but what the CIO in Minnesota, suffered a terrific defeat at the hands of the convention. This should surprise no one who has analyzed the type of self-appointed misleaders who, in the past few months, have been masquerading under the CIO cloak. Their tactics in Hibbing were as though calculated to arouse a lynch spirit against the CIO. On an important test vote, that of permitting Congressman Bernard, CIO organizer in the Northern part of the state, to address the convention, the motion was crushingly defeated.

Governor Benson made an excellent speech on Monday evening in Hibbing, calling for the unity of the union movement.

STATE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS VORHEES' TERM

(Continued from page 1)
moved into Austin and cut prices. When presented with a union agreement, Stella obtained an injunction preventing the union from picketing, under pretense that such a union contract was a price-fixing contract in restraint of trade.

The union then drew up a new contract in which all mention of prices was omitted. Again Stella stalled, and got out a new injunction. Union forces judged the injunction illegal, as it was in contravention to the Minnesota Labor Disputes Act of 1933, and continued their bantering of the unfair beauty shop. On October 8, Sandy McCourt and Joseph Voorhees were suddenly arrested on warrants and were held in jail for five days, until the union held a huge mass meeting on the steps of the jail which gained release of the prisoners. At the trial a few days later, the case against McCourt was dropped for lack of evidence, and Voorhees was sentenced to four months' imprisonment. With the Austin defense committee and the Workers Defense League collaborating, Voorhees was bailed out and his case appealed to the State Supreme Court.

The decision of last Friday is a result of the appeal. Justice Stone wrote the majority opinion. Justice Gallagher, a would-be liberal and a Farmer-Labor appointee, wrote a concurring opinion. Justice Harry alone disagreed, writing a dissenting opinion.

Those interested in the defense of Voorhees, a leader of the packing house workers in the Southern part of the state, are meeting soon to plan what further action is necessary to get justice in the case. A possible next move would be an appeal to the United States Supreme Court. Voorhees is to be committed in thirty days.

Senate Hearings to Free Mooney to Begin

Washington, D. C.—Hearings on a Senate resolution memorializing Governor Merriam of California to pardon Tom Mooney immediately will begin December 15, according to Senator C. Mahoney of Wyoming, chairman of the senate judiciary sub-committee, unless a special session of Congress intervenes. This is the first time a resolution has ever been introduced calling upon Congress to memorialize a state official.

Tom Mooney, whom the masses of America are convinced is an innocent man, has spent the past twenty years in jail on a framed-up charge growing out of the dynamiting of a Preparedness Day parade held in the early days of the last World War. Mooney was a militant labor leader on the West Coast at the time.

something if you've never experienced that!

For those of you that missed the last general meeting: there is to be a night school at the Transportation building in which you may take up trade unionism, parliamentary law and public speaking. This course costs three dollars which in our case our local will refund to you providing you attend the majority of the classes between now and December.

There's a good chance for us to brush up on those subjects for nothing.

How about a bowling team? The season is just starting. Let's get going and give those milkmen a run for their money.

I guess they've quit getting married because I have none to report this week.

The Labor Spy

By Marvel Dobbs

II.

The Sherman Service Corporation advertises its wares to individual employers, and to their associations, by circular letters. In these letters they stress the fact that they "deal with the human element," that their operatives are "industrial engineers," and that where their service is in operation there is "industrial harmony." Operatives of this corporation, and of many of the others, are in actuality, trained for their jobs. They are given a three month period of schooling before they are sent out.

Each operative is taught labor history, adulterated economics, how to get information without arousing suspicion, how to make himself well liked so as to gain entry into the innermost circles of the workers, in fact everything that might stand him in good stead once he is out on his own.

Each agent is given a number with which to sign his reports. He is instructed to get a room where he will have absolute privacy so that he can make out his reports. He is trained for good memory so that he can remember details of conversation which he must report verbatim. Above all he is cautioned never to reveal his true role. He is told never, except when absolutely necessary, to use a telephone. (Since the beginning of the LaFollette Com. investigation all reports are now oral). Should he have to he must never say the name of the agency over the phone, must never use the same phone often enough to create suspicion. He must dispose of all scraps of paper in his room, either by burning or some other equally effective method—one agency recommends the use of the toilet hopper.

And he must live in a manner not inconsistent with the wages he receives in the plant where he is placed. He must never display larger amounts of money than he could conceivably have, as a wage earner.

Should he be placed in a plant where a union already has a foothold he must join, and aspire to an elective post within the shortest possible time. (The agency pays his initiation fee, dues, strike and death benefits). Once in the union, his memory training is put to use. Some of the affidavits and reports subpoenaed by the Civil Liberties Committee contain entire minutes of union meetings written by spies from memory, after the meeting. Should he be successful in getting elected to a post he must make available to the agency photo-static copies of the union's letters, membership files, etc.

Stool Pigeon's Role

If there is no union present, or no immediate danger of one getting started in a plant, the stool pigeon's role is to ferret out the malcontents, to sing the praises of the boss to the workers in order to bolster the employer's stock with the workers, and if necessary lead a loyalty movement. He also puts his adulterated economics to work, preaching the sermon, false and untrue, that high wages means high living costs.

This is all true of the man who deliberately goes into the espionage business with his eyes open. No sympathy need be wasted on this individual once he is revealed. There is a type of stool pigeon who is sometimes "hooked" into spying on his fellow workers without realizing what he is getting into, until he is so deep in the morass that it is impossible to get out. I am referring to the "hooked" man who is used as a correspondent and who is often led into the job by means which he is too glib to see through.

"Hooking" is a term used to describe the method used to procure cor-

respondents who are already employed in the client's plant or factory. Usually the company will submit a list of their most promising men, their "company men," those employees who have had tough financial breaks like sickness in their families, and the leaders of the union operating in the plant. From the list the most likely candidates are selected by the agency and contacts are made. These selected few are then approached by an individual usually representing himself as the agent of the government, or some benevolent group seeking information on working conditions. If the person is glib enough to fall for the line, he is usually assigned the task of reporting on perfectly innocent things for a few weeks. The agent will ask him to write about the conditions of the wash rooms, lavatories, the lighting on the job, or he may ask for information about how the foremen treat the workers. Gradually, however, he is asked more pointed questions. How do the workers react to the hours they must work? What is their attitude toward the management, the union, who are the leaders of the latter? And finally will come demands like this—who are members of the union, their names, their activity, when does the union meet and what transpires at the meetings?

When the worker is first hooked he is paid in cash and a receipt is demanded of him. When he realizes what he has gotten into and wants to quit that receipt is held over his head. He is threatened with exposure unless he continues on and gives more and more information. Many times men who have been thus hooked have gone to their union leaders, told their story and have been absolved of blame. Many others, many more by far, have gone on and on, sinking farther into their dreadful craft, constantly haunted by the fear of exposure. Still others, finks at heart, glory in their task.

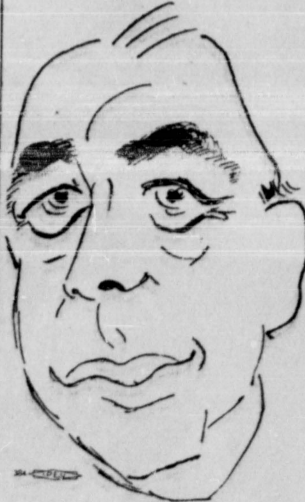
Worker Spies

Men chosen for work as correspondents are usually workers who have had tough sledding financially. Often times the first interview takes place in the presence of the wife, who may or may not be able to sway the man into accepting. Many women, tired of scrimping and doing without, become avidly eager for the extra cash that this job will bring in. The men themselves are usually chosen for their associations, their affiliation to a labor union, or for their close friendship with union officials. Many times union officials themselves are approached and sometimes are deceived.

The most dangerous spy is the one deliberately planted in a group of workers by a national detective agency. This man will be well trained for his position. Where a union exists he joins it and begins his work of wrecking the union from the inside. Where no union has a foothold he leads the workers in further loyalty to the employer and weeds out all those who have tendencies toward unionism.

All national trade associations have

The Union Gallery



N. OSBORN

Due to the vagaries of our artist, we once again present a Federal Workers Section man, this time Nathan Osborn, known to his friends and creditors as Nate.

Like millions of other workers, N. Osborn was grabbed by the arm of the crisis and thrown into the ranks of the unemployed. He has been a clarinet player, a munitions worker, a laundry worker, and always a strong union man.

Nate has a flair for writing, and is responsible for the Cynic's column and the WPA Notes in the N. W. Organizer. He loves flowers and children, and has an inordinate dislike for relief administrators and all those who cheat the workers. Nate's big weakness is that when he doesn't eat, he gets hungry.

Watt Notes

For some time, a group of operators has investigated both the various wage scales paid operators employed by other utility corporations as well as the relative cost of living necessities in the corresponding localities of the U. S. A. with the result that they have become convinced of the fallacy of several popular beliefs—such for example as the one asserting that "what a person doesn't know doesn't hurt him."

With the evidence tending to show that operators in Minneapolis are paid at an average approximately 40% less than operators in other parts of the country—and that the cost of living necessities is more than 35% higher here than in the corresponding localities elsewhere—there seems to be some just reason for the reported hair pulling and fingernail biting among some of the members of the herein referred to group.

We venture to prophesy, however, that individual hair pulling and fingernail biting will not be one-sided when the operators present their just demands for 1938 wage adjustments.

as one of their most important functions the compiling of blacklists. It is through the activities of the spies that these lists are possible. When a man has been placed on the black list of an association like the National Manufacturers Association he stands little chance of getting a job with any of the association's members. Today, with the ever increasing strength of trade unions through national and international affiliations, this is no longer so true. However, in the days when organized labor was still more or less underground, the black list was a very effective weapon in the hands of capitalism.

The labor spy has another and very important role—that of agent provocateur. Many times he is placed in a union solely for the purpose of leading the workers into ill-timed, poorly organized strikes which are easily defeated by the employer. In this manner he weakens the cause of the union he is supposedly strongly supporting. He is often guilty of committing acts of sabotage which are paid for by long prison terms, by the most active, militant members of the union, thus removing them from what the employer considers a dangerous position to him.

Read the next article on the Labor Spy in the next issue of the Northwest Organizer.

ALL UNION STEWARDS—TAKE NOTE!
A Special Meeting of all stewards functioning in the unions having offices in the Teamsters Joint Council building will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 30, at 8 p. m. in the main floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue.
Post cards notifying stewards of this meeting have been sent out. The stewards will organize to act as ushers, doormen, etc., to handle the mass meeting Friday night at the Minneapolis Armory.

The following patents were issued September 21, 1937, to Minnesota and Dakota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 225 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minn.: Akina, Clifford M., Minneapolis, Minn., traction lug and assembly; Beyer, Orren B., Fargo, N. D., hydraulic steering apparatus; Clark, William D., St. Paul, Minn., safety light reflector device; Grant, Peter J., Minneapolis, Minn., snow remover; Hubbard, William A., Minneapolis, Minn., spray forming device; May, Merle H., Albert Lee, Minn., electric meter jumper; O'Neil, Charles M., Hopkins, Minn., piston skirt expander; Pawlitschek, Otto J., Heron Lake, Minn., animal gambrel.

Thanks must be extended to Local 292 for obtaining the necessary data from the various locals throughout the country and thus materially aided the operators in their efforts to procure established and undisputed facts.

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At the convention there were several resolutions passed regarding union labels. It occurs to me that we can't stress this too much. Look for the label on everything you buy, particularly on daily purchases such as cigarettes, cigars and tobacco.

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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 Bolshevick
I'm Labor.

The Art of Upside-Down

In a world full of contradictions, in a world based upon the greatest contradiction of all—that between the productive capacities of mankind and the private ownership of the means of production, called capitalism—it becomes more and more necessary for people in high places to play sleight-of-hand tricks upon the masses. To misrepresent and distort. To say one thing and do the opposite thing. In short, to practice the Art of Upside-Down.

We see this very commonly, for instance, in the field of advertising, where the large advertisers claim quality, and offer shoddy. Today, people of all classes possess an infinite cynicism towards the claims of most advertisers.

Again, we note the Art of Upside-Down in the field of government. Diplomats declare war in the name of peace. They speak of the Forgotten Man, and then do their best to let the people forget him. All but the Fascist nations speak of democracy, the better to enforce their own variety of dictatorship. The Fascists, in the name for the welfare of the people, commit the most terrible crimes against their people.

We note this trait in religion, as we saw in the last World War, where all churches of all nations found no crime too monstrous to sanction and justify in the name of Christ.

But it is in the labor movement itself today that the Art of Upside-Down is becoming dangerously common. Here we can now see people who, proclaiming the name of Marx and Lenin, drag into the movement principles that Marx and Lenin fought against all their lives. Here we can see people who, speaking in the name of militant and honest unionism, are guilty of the most reactionary crimes against the workers.

Right in Minneapolis today we see the Art of Upside-Down in a highly developed form. We see the Mauser crowd, in the name of industrial unionism, seek to split up an industrial unionism. We see these people talk of unity, only to disrupt in practice. We see them cry out against civil war in the movement, when they, and they only, are responsible for the present situation. We see them come out, oh so boldly, against beating up workers, when they themselves began practicing this very thing.

We see these people appeal to the Drivers, only the better to break up the Drivers' unions. Here you see what is meant by the Art of Upside-Down, that art practiced by deceivers of the people since time began.

It is the historic duty of the working class, to sooner or later, grasp the truth and the reality and set it Rightside-Up. Minneapolis workers, by themselves, cannot re-establish Truth throughout the world. But they can find and establish Truth in the labor movement in this town. Truth and Honesty are the greatest weapons of all in the hands of the working class. Without these, nothing of value can be gained and held. Against the Art of Upside-Down! For integrity and honesty within our ranks!

The War in China

In the fast-moving epoch that we live in, the time has passed when organized labor can afford to disregard what is taking place on the other side of the earth. The truth is that today the world is so interlocked and interdependent that a crisis in any country in the world soon makes itself felt in every other country. Such an event is the Sino-Japanese War. (Nowadays, the diplomats don't call a war a war. But that doesn't prevent the generals from fighting a war.)

This war is already making felt its wide reverberations in this country. The Sailors' Union is demanding bonuses to venture into the war zone. The stock market with its delicate antennae reacts hourly to the latest news from Shanghai and Peiping. The boss press, following out the dictates of its masters, more and more boldly points out the tremendous interests which American employers have in the Far East. Daily, the government becomes more aggressive in defense of these interests. What the morrow will bring, nobody knows.

What is known is that Japanese imperialism has shrewdly chosen a moment to strike at China when none of its rivals was in a position to obstruct its plans. How long this delicate balance will hold, no one can say. It is not out of the question that the imperialists of other countries — "in the name of peace," of course—may in the not distant future throw armies into battle.

American workers, already being fed with tales of Japanese atrocities, should not lose sight of the fact that the Imperial Japanese Government is matched in revolutionary policies with the no-less-reactionary militarist dictatorship of the Kowmintang government in China. Both governments have shown an equal zest for strikebreaking, and for murdering and imprisoning labor leaders.

With the masses in both China and Japan, American labor can only sympathize. American labor will remain faithful to itself only if it does not join one of the other imperialist governments, if it says that "both are worst," if it wishes the defeat of imperialism in every country.

All this talk of "national defense," heard in every country of the world today, is only a mask by means of which the exploiters cover up their predatory appetites and bloody brawls for booty, turning, besides, their own nation into mere cannon fodder.

The modern imperialist army of today is nothing more than a "company union" formed for military purposes, and like all company unions, it serves only the interests of the employers. Let us reject all forms of company unionism, the military as well as the industrial.

Warehouse Union To Mark 1st Year By Special Sheet

When one suddenly notes that the large and established Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316 has not yet celebrated its first birthday, one realizes the tremendous tempo of the union movement today. In celebration of its first anniversary, which is the first part of October, Local 20316 is

publishing a special issue of the Warehouse Bulletin. The fourth issue of the bulletin, which is a supplement and not a competitor of the regular labor papers, will come out under the acting editorship of Leonard Bagne, Sears-Roebuck worker. The bulletin grew out of the Sears strike of last spring. Any member with union news should mail it in immediately to the union office.

On other fronts, Local 20316 has been speeding up its work since the Hibbing convention of the State Fed-

The Tide and the Broom



-Don Cede-

Keeping Step With 544

By MICKEY DUNNE

LAW AND ORDER DEPT.
Shirley (Sherlock) Edelman reports that the one-armed bandits are under control.

Now that the convention is over, the delegates will please come to order.

The Friday Night Mass Meeting at the armory will be the largest rally ever staged in this part of the country.

Winona drivers signed the last of the local beer dealers Sunday.

Private chauffeurs continue to join the union.

That large open-pit mine at Hibbing would be a nice place to leave a non-union truck.

A general gathering of ALL driving union stewards will be held Thursday night.

FOOTBALL NOTE
Kicking a goal with scabs will be allowed this fall under the new rules.

The Unity Committee has done a nice job of work... Union men are now fighting union men on the streets.

The coal agreement will soon be signed.

WHO CARES DEPT.
The C. I. O. unions are going to form a state committee.

The Elk River to Anoka job is under way. It will last a year and will employ many local drivers.

More greenhouse trouble!

PROSPERITY IS HERE
Lawson and Cunningham both had their pay raised at the recent convention. It was a thousand buck jump.

Rainbolt is out of circulation.

YOU KNOW THE ANSWER
Why is the C. L. U. Unity Committee like the League of Nations?

The tiger has been tamed.

REMEMBER!
Products of the Great American Tea company are unfair.

Coal drivers are returning to work.

Forward to the Mass Meeting!

On WPA Projects

The Workers Alliance is again attempting to recruit for the People's Front in the 6th District.

The Federal Workers section will hold another dance at 257 on Oct. 30. Keep this date open.

The new county president of the W. A. says, "Stopping evictions is nothing but communist stuff." No kiddin'.

Did you see the likeness of the little corporal in last week's Organizer? But maybe I shouldn't talk.

Reports that trucks with inadequate brakes are being used in Wright County are being investigated.

At the last meeting of the City Council's committee on relief, a motion was passed, 15 to 10, to rescind the previous unlawful actions of the Welfare Board. The next meeting of the Welfare Board will be Tuesday, 10 a. m.

Most of the organizing staff attended the meeting of the F. W. S. Local in Columbia Heights Tuesday evening.

The Buffalo meeting was well attended. White and Palmquist spoke at the meeting.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

From Social Justice: "The drift in America for nearly a century and a half, until 1929, had been constantly toward the pole of ideal liberty."

Eptomized in 1927, no doubt, by the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti.

From Social Justice again: "Reports to Social Justice persist that the American 'popular front' (the American Labor Party) is continually advised by Kraganovitch and Trotsky."

It's Kaganovitch, not Kraganovitch—and the day Trotsky comes out for such a hopeless stew as the American Labor Party, you'll see Stalin advocate the principles of Marxian socialism.

From the N. Y. Times: "The Japanese do not admit that any of their planes were bombing the Tazang vicinity yesterday, but they conceded the Chinese planes would not have been bombing their own area."

It musta been two other fellows.

Fall River, Mass.: "Chief Black Hawk, a full-blooded Powhatan Indian, was dropped from the WPA during a recent drive on aliens."

Well, what do you expect from WPA?

Daily Doubt
"September always recalls to thoughtful Americans the signing of the Constitution of the United States."

John Enesvedt of Sacred Heart and Miss Edith Berg of Willmar were married in Minneapolis on the 25th. They will make their future home in Olivia, Minnesota. John is the F. W. S. county organizer for Renville. Their many friends wish them a hearty "Happy Days."

WHEAT PILES UP IN WEST; NEW YORK CABS SIGN

As we go to press two things may be happening. Canadian exporters may be scratching their heads as they see their bumper crops of wheat piled on docks awaiting shipment, while striking seamen continue their demand for a twenty per cent increase in wages; and radio commentators may have changed their "if we go to war" to "when we go to war." Among something that is not in the cards is the settlement of the strike against the Brooklyn Eagle by the New York Newspaper Guild strikers.

News from the West Coast, where striking truck drivers and longshoremen are fighting it out along jurisdictional lines, is scarce. According to John P. McLaughlin, vice-president of the Teamsters International, the AFL's next move in this situation is likely to be the setting up of a new longshoremen's union, to replace the CIO union recently expelled. This union would aim to recruit all of those rank-and-file elements within the CIO who were dissatisfied with the recent change, and insist that all employers recognize the AFL unions as bargaining agencies in view of the fact that the AFL now holds the contracts in existence.

President Green of the AFL "rebuked" Secretary Perkins by leaving her name off the list of prominent persons invited to speak before the Denver convention next month. Always heretofore the Secretary of Labor has been an invited guest, both in the official capacity and as personal representative of the president. The omission of Madam Perkins' name from the rostrum of speakers was looked upon as a rebuke to the lady secretary for her alleged favoring of the CIO unions in jurisdictional disputes.

The CIO executive committee has announced (not formally, however) that a convention will be held, beginning the second week of the AFL convention. Newspaper writers call this move of Lewis' "a card up his sleeve" and state that Lewis is attempting to create a counter-attraction to the AFL convention in order to rob the latter of its publicity value.

War Zone Bonuses
A joint committee representing both AFL and CIO seafaring unions met in Washington with representatives of ship owners and the Maritime Commission, to discuss the demands of the unions for a bonus and insurance for every man sailing on boats heading for war zones.

The unions are demanding a bonus of \$250 and an insurance coverage of \$25,000 for each man who ships on boats designated for either the Mediterranean sea or the Sino-Japanese zone. Officers want a bonus which would amount to 100 per cent of their pay.

After the meeting, union representatives said it almost seemed that the Maritime Commission was acting as a rubber stamp for the shipping companies. Said one spokesman, "In spite of the fact that the unions pointed out that Japanese warships and aircraft recently have been active within a few miles of Hong Kong, the commission refused to designate the waters adjacent to this port as dangerous to merchant shipping."

Further news of sailors and the sea comes from Toronto, Canada, where AFL unions have announced that unless Canadian shippers grant demands for a 20 per cent increase in wages, all shipping from Canadian ports will be tied up on Tuesday, September 28, at midnight. There has been talk of this impending strike for some time. The shippers have managed to carry on meaningless negotiations, hoping they could drag the situation out until the season ended. However, the Canadian ports will soon be choked with wheat from the north country, so, despite editorial comment in capitalist papers, to the contrary, the unions have called their strike at a very strategic time.

The Injunction Stage
The strike called by the Steamfitters and Helpers Unions last week in New York City against the Master Plumbers Association, has now entered the injunction stage. The matter is under advisement, pending a decision by a judge as to whether or not the strike is illegal, the bosses claiming that the union was under contracts which do not expire until the first of next year.

Last Friday morning upper New York State found itself tied up in a truck strike affecting 12,000 men, most of them over-the-road haulers. Increased wages, shorter hours, and an increased mileage rate for the drivers were the demands. The struggle resulted in a union victory on Saturday night, September 25.

Five men were arrested in Ellenberg, New York, on September 21, after they dumped milk being carried into the strike-bound Sheffield plant.

At Trenton, N. J., 200 union men—plumbers, electricians, engineers, and other building trades

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NOTES TO THE POPULAR PEOPLE
This is now the fashion, it seems quite plain!
for democratic nations to expand
by theorems of theoretic gas, but not to lighten—
rather to burn, if but a mere person
frightened by the class relations, who should complain
"the Fords do not go around..."
for officials drive them to their summer homes
as private vehicles—on public funds.

I know by socialism's equalizing laws—
"each to his needs" means not greed
but simple staples to each and all;
you think of speaking of it in the public papers,
mount a soap-box and talk out to the people,
that the non-existent upper classes
who participate in the surplus by social reasons
are shooting bullets instead into the masses.

You have, Mister Comrade, with the plush collar,
learned well the ingredients of our dollar.

—HARRY ROSKOLENKO

groups, all AFL—went on strike in protest against the General Motors company using cement from a non-union concrete mixing plant at Morrisville, Pa. The scene of the strikes is the new Terstedt Division of the General Motors, under construction there.

The Idaho State Convention, AFL, went on record last week in favor of boycotting mutton. The resolution was introduced in the convention by the National Sheepshearers Union, Local 1, and was in protest against unfair practices by the wool growers. This boycott will affect eleven western states.

Don't Haul Strikebreakers
On September 24, the Parmalee System (Yellow Cabs) of New York City signed a closed shop agreement with the Transport Workers Union, a CIO affiliate. The contract includes a clause which the union hails as a distinct victory. This clause forbids the company from using its cabs to transport strikebreakers, under any conditions. Drivers are to receive a minimum wage of \$15 weekly, night men getting \$18. Maintenance men will receive a 10 per cent increase. Drivers will have a week's vacation with \$25, maintenance men to receive vacations with regular pay. All uniforms, including caps, coats and dusters are to be supplied the drivers by the company. Seniority rights and sole collective bargaining rights for the union are also recognized in the contract. The Parmalee System operates 3,000 cabs and employs 4,000 men as drivers, maintenance men and mechanics. The Transport Workers Union won the right to represent the men in a consent election, held last summer.

The strike of the News Guild against the Brooklyn Eagle continues. Mediators are at present scanning the payroll of the Eagle. The management of the newspaper now claims that the Guild does not represent the majority of its editorial employees, although they have never before questioned that right in negotiations which have been going on for several months. It was the breakdown of these negotiations which brought on the present controversy. Mass picketing continues twice each day, as the mechanical forces enter and leave the plant. On Friday, September 24, many sporting and theatrical celebrities attended a party given by the strike committee for the benefit of

the newsboys who formerly delivered the paper in individual homes in the Brooklyn area of New York City. The strike committee also sponsored a labor parade in protest to the Eagle's failure to recognize the rights of its workers.

Wagner (Bad) Act-ers
As an aftermath of the investigations by both the LaFollette Committee and the NLRB into terrorist activities of coal operators and county officials in Harlan County, Kentucky, warrants charging them with violations of the Wagner Act were handed down on September 27; these name High Sheriff T. R. Middleton, 22 of his deputies, 24 individual coal operators, and 22 companies. Bail for the deputies was set at \$2,500 and for operators, \$5,000.

The Sun, a New York newspaper, announced on Saturday that it had concluded negotiation of a contract with the newly organized Sun Editorial Employees Union. No mention is made as to whether or not the new union is affiliated nationally, or whether it is a purely independent organization. The contract includes recognition of the union, but does not prevent the company from bargaining collectively with any of its individual employees who are not members. It also covers vacations and sick leave with pay, shortens the work week, gives a graduated scale of wage increases from 5 to 15 per cent. The union claims 95 per cent of the workers at this plant, including four members of the Newspaper Guild.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS ATTENTION
The regular meeting of the Petroleum Drivers will be held October 6th at 8 p. m. This gathering has very important business to attend to. It will take up the ratification of the proposed wage contract for the coming year. Every member should attend this meeting without fail.

LOCAL 292 MEMBERS—NOTE!
All stewards of the Electrical Workers Local 292 are instructed to report Thursday night at 257 Plymouth to attend the special stewards' meeting. All members of the Union are instructed to be present at the mass meeting Friday night at the Minneapolis Armory, 6th St. and 5th Ave. South. By order of the Executive Board, Local 292.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Petroleum Drivers
The Petroleum Drivers will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Federal Workers
Regular Membership Meetings—Second Friday in each month.
Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.

Local 1859
General Membership—Sept. 1
Casket Industry—Sept. 14
Clark Company—Sept. 15
Puffer-Hubbard—Sept. 17
Box Industry—Sept. 21
St. Paul Section—Sept. 27
Executive Board—Every Friday

Local 20316
Stewards—First and third Tuesday.
Regular Membership Meeting—fourth Tuesday.
Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.

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.

Local 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth Thursday.

Private Chauffeurs
The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Local 292
Inside Section—First Tuesday
Utility Section—First Thursday
Full Membership—Third Thursday
General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays
Advisory Board—Every Tuesday

Local 131
LAUNDRY DRIVERS
The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Local 125
The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first and third Tuesdays, at 4 a. m.

Local 544
Tuesday, Sept. 28—Taxi Drivers; Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m.
Seniority Committee meets each Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.