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and... ON THE Other Hand

... By the Cynic

"The kept press is trying to black-jack Black of Alabama. They first objected to his appointment for all kinds of reasons—even hinting his labor record was too progressive. Now they have attacked from the left."

—Union Bulletin

While representatives of the boss class are fighting over who shall sit upon the supreme court bench to help guard the sanctity of private property and the capitalist state, the Union Bulletin, a local paper edited by the Stalinists, is offering all sorts of excuses for supporting a Klu Kluxer. They say he may be a Klan member but he's a liberal. Ye Gods! Is this another period?

"Minneapolis organized labor faces a severe situation which was not made by Minneapolis organized labor. It is a situation that is brought about by those higher ups in organizations outside the state who have seldom lifted a finger to aid in building the local labor movement."

—Editorial, Minneapolis Labor Review

It is easy to recognize in this the stock explanation of the yes-and-no boys for the labor situation in Minneapolis today. While the situation becomes hourly more critical it also becomes increasingly more difficult to place faith in the sincerity of these pussy-footers and their lack of guts to point out the REAL culprits who are attempting to break this magnificent labor movement of Minneapolis. Instead of playing the lute for these Stalinist pied pipers, let the yes-and-no boys come out flat-footed with the truth and say just who is responsible and why it is necessary for these Stalinists to begin union raiding in the best organized town in the country today. "Unity!" Don't make us laugh.

"Arrests mount in factory districts as Hitler officials find munitions works sabotaged by workers."

—New Leader

Very likely these workers will turn out to be followers of Lenin and advocates of world-wide socialism. In Russia, Stalin would term them counter-revolutionists and in rapid succession have them "confessioned" and shot. Oh, well! Dictators will be dictators.

"The U. S. S. R. is preparing for the first Soviet elections to be held under the new constitution, which provides for the secret ballot and equal universal suffrage for all citizens over 18 years of age."

—People's Press

The preparation of the Stalinist clique for the elections takes the form of murdering all possible opponents. But we've seen these bureaucrats work in Minneapolis and didn't expect any other form of "democracy" from them.

When it comes to a threat against their material interests, the educated classes set in motion all the prejudices and confusion which humanity is dragging in its wagon-train behind it.

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.

NCDDC Aids Minot, Sioux Falls

LUND GETS AID FROM 'NEUTRAL' ST. PAUL POLICE

Woodenware Union Maintains Picket Line Despite Police Attacks

Wabash Firm Discriminates Against Union Members in Plant

From the woodworkers' front comes news that the Northern Ski plant in St. Paul is still closed down, with Lund now up in the air and not knowing what to do. For the first time in months, he is showing that the Union has at last got in his hair. This rugged labor-hater shows up to work now at 5:30 in the morning, and immediately rings up for 40 or 50 cops and a cavalcade of armored cars.

St. Paul police have threatened to throw pickets into jail to the point where the picket line is whittled down to six. The cops—who claim they are "neutral"—have made several attempts to escort scabs into the plant. On one such attempt, a few finks took a lacing, the cops got their raincoats torn, and the pickets nursed some bruises—but the plant is still closed down. The police say they can prove their neutrality—Lund told them to shoot, and they haven't.

The Woodenware Union is determined to test its right to maintain a mass picket line, just as it is determined to test its right to challenge Lund's flouting of the Labor Board decision.

Union Persecution
A Minneapolis employer, apparently, is getting some big ideas from (Continued on page 2)

POLICE ARREST 4 FOR PASSING UNION LEAFLETS

Unionists and Sympathizers Charged With Violation of Ordinance

Last Friday afternoon in the South St. Paul "Packing Town" occurred a violation of civil liberties of interest to every worker in the Twin Cities area. A group of trade unionists and sympathizers were distributing copies of a weekly newspaper published by Local 62, United Packinghouse Workers. Papers were being given to workers in front of the Swift and Armour plants. Police arrived shortly after the distribution began and arrested four persons: Jim Varley, Katherine Kuehn, Burt Wicker and Paul Rasmussen, charging them with violation of a local ordinance, No. 136, which allegedly prohibits such acts.

The four were held in jail for three hours, after which they were bailed out by the Union, at \$12 each. They were arraigned Saturday morning before the city judge, when it was found that not even a complaint had been filed. The judge set a hearing on the case for Thursday afternoon, Oct. 7. The union has secured the services of State Representative Palmarine as defense attorney.

There is little question but what the South St. Paul authorities are acting at the behest of the large packers when they persecute the union in this fashion. Union officials say they will take the case right up to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary. They further point out that Ordinance 136 is going to be enforced, it would be unlawful for newsboys to sell the daily papers in South St. Paul.



Above is pictured the famous Yellow Cab ball team, winner of the Minneapolis Federal Division championship this year. Kneeling: Jack Herman, manager, and the batboy. Standing: Ray Landis, Vern Falk, Johnny Sammon, Tony Mathis, Bill Hayes, Roy DePew, Russ Winell (ace pitcher), Vern Engholm, Earl Mitchell, Red Woodruff, Craig Coy. The star catcher, Dick Dubay, was not present at the time the picture was taken.

The Yellow team went through the season with only one defeat in 15 games. The beautiful trophy acquired by the team has been presented to Mr. Masters, and may be seen on his desk at all times.

Several Thousand Assemble to Consider Machinists' Problems

V. R. Dunne Blames Raids Against Local Labor Movement on Self-Seeking Stalinist Clique

NOTE—ALL 544 MEMBERS By special order of the union Executive Board, all members of General Drivers Local 544 MUST carry their dues books with them while working. No exceptions to this rule will be permitted.

Trotsky Committee Picnics Saturday

The Twin City Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky is sponsoring a picnic, to be held Saturday afternoon, October 9. The outing will be held on the banks of the Minnesota River. Cars will leave for the picnic grounds at 4:30 p. m., from 669 Second avenue North. The picnic committee announces a program of games, singing, and supper. Tickets are 50c. All workers interested in the work of the Committee are invited to attend.

Plea of Farmers Ends Teamsters' Frisco Blockade

San Francisco, Calif.—The teamsters' embargo of the San Francisco waterfront terminated Monday night, Sept. 27, following a plea of California farmers that an embargo on perishable goods meant heavy losses to them.

Pickets, who had been on duty in San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda for nearly three weeks, returned to their regular jobs yesterday. The termination of the blockade was termed a "truce" by officials of the Teamsters' Union.

Henry Schmidt, San Francisco, president of the International Longshoremen, the organization against which the teamsters' officials directed their attack in the warehousemen's jurisdictional dispute, announced that the truce was most welcome because it ended a ridiculous situation where in union men were picketing another union.

WELFARE BOARD CALLS COPS TO AVOID DECISION

Demands of Joint Relief Body to Cease Curtailment Ignored

Stalinists Caught in Own Trap of Soft-Soaping Politicians

The Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare Tuesday adjourned another session in disorder of its own making, and of course without even considering, much less acting upon, the unanimous demands of the Joint Relief Committee representing all of organized labor, whose demands had been properly presented to the Welfare Board's committee. A big riot squad of cops including bloody Bleed, had been called in by some committee or other, they said.

A verbal squabble between chiseler Joseph and Bob Cramer occurred just as the workers' demands were being put forward by the Joint Relief Committee of Labor. McLaughren, acting as chairman, seized this excuse to beckon in the cops and adjourn the meeting.

Hoyer was absent and so was the Mayor, leaving a liberal majority at the outset. But Herbolzheimer got a phone call as usual and left the meeting before his vote could be effective.

The Joint Relief Committee demanded that the Board rescind its entire "Relief Curtailment Program" of September 2. (This includes the cutting off of single men and women, car owners, and those able to obtain credit, eliminates clothing budgets and requires a new paupers oath of each client), and that the "\$9 coal supplement" be reinstated, and to cease the practice of making needy strikers wait 30 days before giving them relief.

Instead of considering these demands, I. S. Joseph brought in a letter from Mayor Leach requesting that up to \$15,000 PER MONTH be turned over from relief funds to the WPA to help put to work the additional 1000 persons as Christgau has been promising to do.

Nat Ross and Ben Reverse Selves
Nat Ross was on his feet at once to support Joseph's move to get the 1000 jobs started and Harold Bean, speaking for Carpenters Union No. 7, did the same. A spokesman for the Federal Workers Section, however, pointed out that this was a scheme to defeat the victory won by combined pressure of unions, unemployed and even the taxpayers, which forced Christgau to announce the 1000 Additional WPA jobs for Minneapolis; that Joseph's proposal, if adopted, would merely take the load off the Federal Government where it belongs (Continued on page 3)

NCDDC Assists Negotiations Of Midwest Drivers' Unions

Council Emissaries Bring Aid to Minnesota, Dakota Locals; Minot Taxicab Strikers Need Funds

Settling down quickly after its quarterly conference in Hibbing, the North Central District Drivers Council continued during the past week its drive to unionize the industry in this territory. Progress has been reported from Minot, Grand Forks, Fargo, Winona, and Willmar. In Minot the taxi drivers are still striking. The ranks of the union are solid, the men are still eating, but greater financial aid is needed. The two companies that have signed up with the union are doing a land-office business. A meeting of the city council will be held this week, and it is anticipated that important developments for the strike will result. Walter Hagstrom, Council representative, is in Minot assisting the union.

The Grand Forks Drivers Union is pressing negotiations with the wholesale grocery firms—Gamble-Robinson, Grand Forks Mercantile, Nash Stone, and the Grand Forks Grocery. The men are very well organized and want immediate action on their demands.

CITY, SANITARY DRIVERS FIGHT COMMISSIONERS

Resolutions to Bring Board of Commissioners to Terms Passed at Armory

The fight for justice being waged by the City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 against the Minneapolis Park Board, which is claiming the attention of thousands of workers in the city, moved swiftly towards a climax this week.

Word has been received from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters' officers that they are approving the course of action taken by Local 664 against the Park Board. The Park Board, through continuing to claim a neutral attitude towards organized labor, is following out a course of action which can only be designated as provocative in nature. During the past two weeks, no less than thirty men have been laid off, despite the Board's protestations that it would lay off no workers.

At the same time that the Board claims it has no money for wage increases, it has sanctioned a junket tour to Texas for five members of the office staff.

At the Friday night mass meeting in the Armory, Harold Seavey, business agent for Local 664, read from the platform a resolution calling for the wholehearted support of the membership of the Teamsters Joint Council "in the battle to bring the Minneapolis Board of Park Commissioners into terms with the Union representing their employees." The resolution was applauded and unanimously passed by the meeting.

The next meeting of the Park Board will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6, at which time the Union representatives will give the Board a last chance to reconsider the action they have taken and to reach an agreement that is satisfactory to the membership of Local 664.

AUSTIN NEWSIES WIN DEMANDS IN UNION CONTRACT

Carriers of the Star Refuse to Deliver Papers, Form Picket Line

The Minneapolis Star, like the other Twin Cities papers, has circulation in many small towns around the Northwest. Carriers of the Star in Austin, Minnesota, put on a display of intelligent and militant unionism a few days ago which might well be taken as a sterling example by older workers.

For some time, these kids carrying the Star have had a score of grievances. Thursday before last things came to a head. When the papers arrived, the boys refused to deliver them until they had first received consideration of their grievances. The newsies formed a picket line, and when Mr. Edwards, distribution manager, tried to get through with some papers, he went down in a tangle of fighting boys, varying in ages from six to thirteen. Edwards called the cops, who came but failed to see any bad boys.

The kids then drew up demands calling for a new manager, an increase of 1.4 cents per paper, a good location to receive papers, no fines, the carrier's right to choose his own substitute, no firing of carriers without the consent of union officials, and recognition of the closed shop.

On Friday, officials of the Star arrived, met with the boys, and granted every demand except that for the increase of 1.4 cents per paper. On this demand, they conceded Austin carriers the same rate as is received by other carriers of Twin City papers, which actually meant a raise from 3.6 cents to 4 cents.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Representatives of NCDDC, State Arrive at Wage Rates

The Northwest Organizer begins publication this week of a summary of job classifications, wage rates and working conditions which have been arrived at between representatives of the North Central District Drivers Council and the State of Minnesota. This agreement applies to all workers on regular state jobs and on federal aid jobs. During the construction period, there are about 20,000 drivers and laborers involved in this work in the state.

The Council is convinced that many of these workers are not receiving their maximum rights under this agreement. It recommends that every worker doing construction work on state or federal aid projects clip out the installments of this summary and keep them for reference. Study the agreement and see if you are receiving the wages and the working conditions to which you are entitled.

At the next meeting of the North Central Drivers Council, around the first of the year, it is expected that a sub-committee will be set up to revise the wage scale.

Labor Wage Districts
The state is divided into four Labor Wage Districts. District No. 1 comprises all of Hennepin County, and Fridley Township in Anoka

District No. 2 comprises all of Ramsey County; West St. Paul, South St. Paul, Inver Grove and all of Mendota Township north of Trunk Highway No. 100 in Dakota County; and Newport and St. Paul Park in Washington County.
District No. 3 comprises the city of Duluth, Proctor, Cloquet, Scanlon, Carlton and Thompson.
District No. 4 embraces the rest of the State of Minnesota, that is, all portions not included in the first three districts.

Minimum Wage Rate Table
The minimum wage rates for the various wage districts follow. This scale was adopted July 1, 1937; revised, July 21; again revised, August 6.

DAGE DISTRICTS				
	1	2	3	4
Distributor driver, Bituminous (large)	\$.85	\$.85	\$.85	\$.70
Distributor driver, Bituminous (small)	.75	.75	.75	.60
Dumpster (type) operator (50 H.P. and less)	.75	.85	.85	.70
Grader operator (Elevating)	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Grader operator (Motor Patrol)	1.00	1.00	1.00	.85
Tractor operator (50 H.P. and less)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Truck driver (over 1 1/2 T. Mfr.'s rated capacity and up to and including 5 T. or 8 1/2 C. Y.)	.80	.80	.80	.70
Truck driver (over 5 T. or 3 1/2 C. Y. and less than 8.5 T. or 6 C. Y.)	.85	.85	.85	.70
Truck driver (8.5 T. or 6 C. Y. and over)	1.00	1.00	1.00	.85
Truck driver (trucks tandem rear end or 2 unit trucks and hauling over 8.5 T. or 6 C. Y.)	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.00
Truck driver (Hauling batches on Concrete Pavement)	.85	.85	.85	.70
Bulldozer operator (Power)	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Dumpman (in charge of embankment constr.)	.75	.75	.70	.70
Grader operator (Heavy Blade)	.90	.90	.90	.90
Le Tourneau (Type) operator	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Mechanic (Auto)	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Mechanic's Helper	.85	.85	.85	.85
Oilier	.85	.85	.85	.85
Pit Man	.68 1/2	.62 1/2	.62 1/2	.55
Scrapper operator (Le Tourneau Type)	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Scrapper operator (Mormon, Slip, Wheel team drawn)	.75	.75	.75	.60
Teamster	.75	.75	.70	.60
Tractor operator (Caterpillar Type with Power Takeoff)	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Unloading-machine operator	.85	.75	.70	.70

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Lund. At any rate, the Wabash screen company is continuing its intimidation and persecution of union men. The management is using a bag of slick tricks that should be exposed before all workers. It is promising all workers who join the company union that it will give jobs to their brothers and friends. Known union men who work at the higher jobs on piece work are abruptly transferred to jobs paying the minimum wage. Should they then join the company union, they are immediately transferred back to their old jobs.

For the third or fourth time in as many years, the Wabash management is once again pulling all its company union tricks, in an effort to prevent the rise of bona fide unionism in the plant. The leaders of the company union are even going to the point of denying union men the right to park their cars in the company garage unless they take out a card in the "Four Bit" outfit. For years, all workers at Wabash have had the privilege of parking in the garage.

Despite all these machinations, the facts are that the real union increases in strength daily. So far, it has been able to counter effectively all blows of the management. The day is not far off when it will establish itself irrefutably as collective bargaining agency of the men, as their protector, as their guarantor of union wages, union working conditions, and job security.

Local 1859 reports that its negotiations with the local box industry are now practically settled. A wage increase from 5-10 per cent (10 per cent for most of the workers) has been granted, plus strict seniority, and hiring through the union. About sixty men in three companies are effected by the agreement soon to go into effect, and retroactive to September 21.

The Vogue Blind company has agreed to recognize the union, seniority, working conditions, but is still sticking at paying union wages.

Watt Notes

There was a fine turnout of 292 Stewards on the third floor last Thursday night.

Local 292 was well-represented at the mass meeting in the Armory.

The Auxiliary will hold a dance early next month—the date and place will be announced next week.

Better have your wives join the Auxiliary, boys, so you can get in on the eats and social doings this winter. If you haven't got a wife, see the Union.

Next meeting of the Auxiliary is Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Vincent Dunne believes in calling a spade not only a spade but a shovel. He spoke such a mouthful at the Armory that everybody could understand it. He's got those boys' number.

The majority of the boys in the meter department are up on their heels about the overtime setup.

The Minnesota State Electrical Workers Council was set up at the Hibbing convention, and officers were elected. The purpose of this organization is to work for the betterment of the electrical workers in the state.

Gas Workers to Meet Monday in Eagles


The regular membership meeting of the Gas Workers Union will be held Monday, October 11, at the Downtown Eagles Hall. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. Important questions will be presented which require the presence of the entire membership.

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Bill Brown Says—

W. J. McLaughren says that all citizens should arouse themselves and support the Welfare Board in its attempts to force the unemployed to work at low wages. I think all the unions should arouse themselves and support the Federal Workers Section in its efforts to prevent the Welfare Board from undermining the trade union wages that have been established by so much struggle and effort in this city.



BILL BROWN
President of 544

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organization adequate office space and good meeting facilities. All Fargo unions, together with the Trades and Labor Assembly, are now meeting in Local 116's hall.

Tom Ammerman of Milk Wagon Drivers 471, and Emanuel Holstein drove to Winona Monday night to assist the milk wagon drivers in their negotiations with the companies. Little progress was recorded. On Tuesday night the union was to meet again, and it was expected that the bosses would be given three days to sign up with the union. Failing to receive recognition of their demands, the union would then go into action.

Clarence Schwab, newly-elected organizer of the Council, has been active in Willmar during the past few days, assisting the Willmar union in drawing up contracts which are soon to be presented to the various sections of the driving industry in that town.

The Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Drivers Local has written in to the central office of the Council in Minneapolis, requesting two Council representatives who will assist the South Dakota local in drawing up contracts and in negotiations. The Council is seeking to comply with this request.

On Wednesday morning, Council officials announced that Miles Dunne and Emanuel Holstein will leave shortly for Sioux Falls to assist the South Dakota union in its work.

Pat Corcoran and Farrell Dobbs will go to Austin Thursday night to speak before the General Drivers Union there. Despite some resistance, progress is steadily being recorded in the southern part of the state. The Rochester General Drivers Union has received a charter from the International, and will be known henceforth as Local 874. Trouble may be brewing in Winona shortly, as the employers have just discontinued all negotiations with the package and grocery delivery section of the Winona Union.

CANADA SEAMEN WIN; NEW YORK PLUMBERS SIGN

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that the commission's ruling affected only government-owned vessels. They also contended that the Exchange was not touching at any Spanish ports or sailing into the area proscribed by the Commission as a danger zone. These waters include territorial waters of Spain, Spanish Morocco, the Balearic Islands, and the areas between the Spanish Mainland and the Balearic Islands. The Exchange carries a passenger load of ninety persons and is supposed to

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posed to expire on May 1, 1938. Previously the Association had sought to get a temporary injunction against the union to prohibit picketing on jobs of the Association's members. Judge E. J. Lauer took the matter under advisement but as yet has handed down no decision.

Also from New York City comes news that stagehands have settled their differences with the producers in a meeting between the two factions on September 29. The new contract calls for the rescinding of the wage cut suffered by the workers in 1932, and an additional twenty-five cents an hour for all overtime work. These workers are members of the Theatrical Protective Union, Local 1.

Theatrical Merger
Further news on the theatrical front is to the effect that an agreement has been reached between the various acting unions regarding the dues situation. For some time members of the theatrical world, when they stepped from one branch to another, have been paying dues to two and sometimes three unions.

Spick and Span Notes Local 131

We are now holding our meetings again, twice a month.

In St. Paul, Local 319 and 150 have reached an agreement with the independent laundry owner group and are continuing negotiations with the Association. Everything should be settled there soon.

It is perfectly agreeable to Local 319 in St. Paul for our drivers from Local 131 to serve their regular customers in St. Paul. The only stipulation is that you carry your dues book and be sure that your dues are paid up to date.

Victory in Philly
From Philadelphia comes news that on September 28 the American Stores, a chain corporation which operates stores in Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware signed a close shop contract with the Retail Clerks Protective Association, an affiliate of the A. F. of L. The contract effects 6,200 clerks, managers, and cashiers in 1,500 stores. It gives a blanket raise of one dollar per week to all employees, a week's vacation with pay, reduces working hours from fifty-one to forty-eight, gives double time for all Sunday and holiday work, and guarantees relief managers the same salary as regular managers.

The strike called by the Alteration Plumbers, Helpers and Steamfitters Union more than a month ago in New York City has been settled by an agreement between the union and the Associated Heating Contractors on September 28. The settlement involves a two dollar a day raise for the strikers, the new rate being \$9 for plumbers and \$5 for helpers, and will be in effect from the second week in November this year until May 1, 1939.

A suit is now pending against the union, being brought by the Master Plumbers Association, against whom the strike was originally called. The Association is asking for \$500,000 for alleged violation of contracts sup-

It will be very advisable for all of our members to attend the meetings regularly from now on. With the contract coming up it will be of interest to everyone to know what is going on.

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Great American Tea Strike at Stalemate

The strike of Tea and Coffee Drivers Local 275 against the Great American Tea company, goes into the month of October with the situation still at stalemate. Gradually, however, the union movement throughout the Northwest is calling attention to the fact that this company is unfair to organized labor and under-serving of patronage. The Austin Unionist last week carried a news

item calling attention to the Minneapolis strike, and to the fact that A. Lang represents the Great American Tea company in Austin, and that the only appropriate answer to the refusal of this firm to deal with the Minneapolis union is for union men to refuse to deal with the Great American Tea in Austin. In town after town, this policy is being carried out.

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