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and... ON THE Other Hand

... By the Cynic

"There will be few to dispute William Knudsen, president of the General Motors Corporation, when he says 'you cannot grow corn by killing the farmer.' The point he sought to make was this: that we cannot grow jobs and good wages by killing business management any more than we can produce an agricultural crop by strangling the agricultural producers.

"It is obvious at any rate that we cannot destroy private capital and business management without destroying the wages and jobs which flow from them."—Minneapolis Tribune.

Mr. Knudsen is singing an old, old song, long familiar to the ears of workers. He would have you believe that the parasite capitalist class is of more importance to society than that upon which it feeds—the workers and their well-being. Mr. Knudsen's metaphor is as weak as his logic, but the workers are no longer to be fooled by such comparisons.

"One of the most exciting games of Button, Button, Who's Got the Button? was being played here as government agencies continued the search for the evil spirit depressing the stock market."—Minnesota Leader.

Everyone from the weatherman to Caesar's ghost is being blamed for the recent stock market slump, which has been caused by the piling up of stocks in warehouses as a result of a restricted national and world market. This slight difficulty is usually corrected by "developing" new markets. Powerful world powers have only one method of developing these markets—the way Mussolini took in Ethiopia, Germany and Italy are taking in Spain, and Japan and other powers are taking in China today.

"Net income of the Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator company and subsidiaries totaled \$2,220,000 during the first nine months of 1937, compared to \$1,750,151 in the like period of 1936, the firm announced today in an interim statement."—Minneapolis Tribune.

Wasn't that the outfit that threatened to deport itself if it was required to disband the nice quiet company union and deal with a real union? For those who raise the slogan "organize the unorganized," it would seem this firm affords an excellent opportunity to do just that.

Socialists Will Tell of Spanish War at Banquet

Sunday evening, November 7, at 6:30 a banquet will be held in the downtown Eagles hall, Eighth street and Fourth avenue south, in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The banquet is sponsored by the Socialist Party of Minnesota.

Guest speakers will be Harry Milton and Beatty, workers who fought in the International Brigade against Franco in Spain. They will tell the true story of the Spanish civil war, an eye-witness account that Minneapolis will hear for the first time. Minneapolis workers will remember Milton as an active picket in the 1934 drivers' strike.

Chairman of the banquet is Farrell Dobbs. Other speakers are V. R. Dunne and Karl Skoglund. A program of music will also be presented. Admission is 50c. All interested workers are invited to attend.

Albert Lea, Mason City Start Drive

AFL MACHINISTS AID UNEMPLOYED UNION MEMBERS

Split Leaders Kept Constitution, Rights of Members from Rank and File

The International Association of Machinists is one of the unions that seeks to be of maximum helpfulness in cases of unemployment. Because the splitters were in power before in the Minneapolis and Hopkins lodges, few members received copies of the constitution under which the union operates, and were not informed of their rights guaranteed therein. This was without doubt part of the conspiracy to make it easier to confuse and mislead members later.

The times of stress are the times when the worker needs his union the most, if it is a good union. The union can prevent indiscriminate layoffs in slack seasons by enforcing the seniority rights. The union can enforce the shortening of hours and alternate employment, thus spreading the work rather than throwing some upon the streets entirely without earning power.

In view of the manifest downward trend of the so-called "business cycle" and resultant increase of unemployment, these things should be given serious consideration by those who are members or are eligible for membership in the I. A. of M. Employers will surely take advantage of anything that looks to them like weakness on the part of the union, to lengthen hours for those they would retain, decrease wages and throw others upon the street. Workers must close their ranks now.

All members should familiarize themselves with the fact they may obtain an unemployed stamp if out of work the major part of a month. They must apply to their secretary promptly and not wait till out of work two or three months. They must sign for the unemployed stamp, of course. In this way the member protects his standing in his union, and does not have to drop out because he cannot pay dues, and have to be reinstated again when he goes to work. Become an honor member of your union by maintaining your membership. The I. A. of M. is one of the few unions that make it so easy to maintain membership.

If you did not receive one, ask for a copy of your I. A. of M. constitution and learn the laws that govern your union. They were made for your protection.

Attend the meetings of your local and get in step with progress.

Jersey Team Defeats Heinies in 12-7 Game

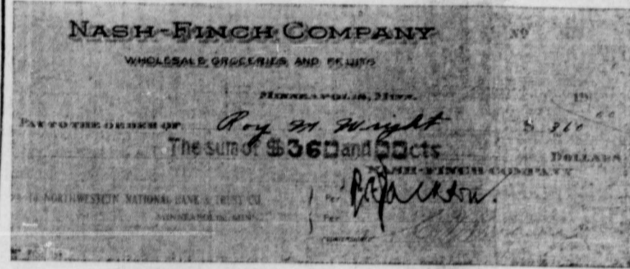
In a bang-up game played last Sunday at the Southside field, the Jersey Ice Cream eleven defeated the Heinies by a score of 12 to 7, and thus clinched the championship in the City Senior Park Board division.

The largest crowd ever to witness a park board football game, over 8,000 fans, was said to have witnessed the Jersey game. The Jersey team has won 5 games and lost none this year.

Hosiery Workers to Frolic November 6

The American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Local 38, will put on its third annual fall dance this Saturday evening, November 6, at the East Side Eagles hall, 117 Fourth street S. E. Ken DeVellier's band will furnish the music. Admission is 10c, and all trade unionists are invited to attend.

\$360 Worth of Unionism



Courtesy of the S. D. Federation of Labor
For "pie in the sky" and hearty slaps on the back from the boss, unions aren't the thing at all. Workers' unions are only good for such things as higher wages, job security, shorter hours—and checks for \$360, like the one shown above. This is the sum the Aberdeen Wholesale Grocery company was forced to pay to Roy Wright, secretary of the General Drivers Local 309 in Aberdeen. It represents the wages Wright would have received had he been working since June 21, 1937, when he was fired from his job for union activity. The union got behind him, and he got back pay amounting to \$300, plus the \$60 it cost to fight the case. Hats off to the Aberdeen Drivers, and the growing union movement in South Dakota!

WPA Workers, Relief Clients On War Path, Threaten Strike

WPA workers and relief clients of the Minneapolis Metropolitan Area, backed by greater support than they have ever before received from the entire local labor movement, are on the war path. They are preparing to go the limit of closing every WPA project in Hennepin County, in their fight against relief cuts in the face of sharply rising living costs, and for bearable standards of subsistence for themselves and their families. The deadline of November 1 passed without sign of compliance with the unified relief demands of organized labor.

Slight and distorted concessions granted last Friday after the Minneapolis Welfare Board fearfully retreated by rescinding its Sept. 2 acts cutting off single men and women and car owners, were more than offset in Tuesday's session which threw the whole mess to the tender (?) mercy and (in)discretion of "Adolf Benito" Pearson. "Liberal" members of the Board have shown their astounding confusion if not their deliberate intent to prolong the misery of the workers for use in the next petty political campaign. They must be taught the superior competence of the workers' own organizations. Maybe that requires a strike.

At Monday night's mass meeting thousands of workers howled their impatience, but they reluctantly acceded to pleas of Central Labor Union's spokesmen (under whose auspices the meeting was held) "to take all possible steps to coordinate the support of all unions in the calling of such strike." The main resolution laid down positive instructions "to the leading committees and officers of Federal Workers Section, Local 544 and the Workers Alliance to complete all plans for a full tie-up of all WPA projects in Hennepin County and to call such a strike at the earliest practicable time — and that, whether such strike has been called or not, membership meetings of both of said unemployed organizations shall be held by Friday evening of this week at which meetings a full accounting shall be given as to compliance with this resolution."

Business Agents Back Relief Fight
The Minneapolis Union Business Agents at their weekly lunch meeting Tuesday, after hearing reports of labor's progress in the relief fight, voted their approval and set up a committee of three, including Carl Skoglund, to cooperate with the CLU Executive Board, the Building Trades Council, the Teamsters Joint Council and the Joint Relief Committee in calling the "liberal" members of the Welfare Board to account for their failure to carry out the relief demands of labor. They also instructed their secretary to send letters to those Welfare Board members informing them of this action.

Building Trades Board Gets Into Action
The Executive Board of the Building Trades Council, after hearing of

LEVIES ON CIO UNIONS HIGHER THAN ANY DUES

High I. A. of M. Dues a Myth; Dues Decided by Members; Aid to Organization

There has been much propaganda spread around among the metal workers in Minneapolis about the high dues in lodges of the International Association of Machinists. The thousands of new members of the unions, not being schooled in the operation of a labor organization, have been influenced against their own best interests by this mischievous agitation.

There are labor organizations that have established schedules of dues payments that are exorbitant. These are the unions that operate on a job trust basis, consciously limiting the membership to a few. They attempt to establish good conditions for a small number and neglect the many for whom they cannot easily establish job control.

The International Association of Machinists is not one of the organizations coming under this classification. Those familiar with its policy in the Twin Cities know that it has endeavored to organize all workers, and has improved the wages and working conditions of thousands. It does not operate a job trust and restrict membership to those that will pay exorbitant initiation fees to join and heavy dues to remain.

A labor organization in order to be substantial and enduring, must have enough revenue to enable it to function by maintaining offices and representatives to look after the interests of its members. Any member who has been elected to an auditing committee to check the receipts and

Excelsior Group Meets on Nov. 16

The first meeting of the American Excelsior section of the Wood-ware Workers Local 1859 will be held Tuesday evening, November 16. This important meeting will take up the new contract covering wages and working conditions for the coming year. The old contract expires December 5. Every worker involved is urged to attend this meeting and have his say in the drawing up of the new terms.

No CIO - AFL Unity Yet; Mooney to Appeal To Supreme Court; 4,000 Lumberjacks Out

The center of the national labor picture during these days is still occupied by the negotiations between the CIO and the AFL. Both sides have now made their proposals, and it is plain to all that neither has so far receded an inch from the position taken by each in the fall of 1935. The refusal of the Federation to agree to issue industrial union charters in the mass-production industries still stands in the path of unity of the two groups.

Many still hope that the resumption of negotiations on Thursday, Nov. 4, will yet pave the way to eventual reconciliation. They point to the powerful pressures tending towards bringing about a united labor movement: the pressure of the federal government, who must have labor united under a "safe" leadership when the next world war breaks out; the pressure of employers, who already are taking advantage of labor's split-ranks by driving in with their

company unions, and are seeking "bargains" in labor agreements by pitting one side against the other, etc.

From the CIO-AFL negotiations, which will undoubtedly continue for some time if for no other reason than that either side will be fearful of breaking off negotiations, the spotlight swings to California and labor's martyr, Tom Mooney. After twenty years, California courts last week closed their doors finally and emphatically to Mooney. The State Supreme Court, in a 5-1 decision, rejected his plea for a writ of habeas corpus, denying Mooney's contention that he had been convicted on testimony perjured with the knowledge of prosecuting authorities. The court says he had a fair trial, and that all subsequent attempts to prove it unfair and framed are surrounded with indications that they are "corruptly inspired."

Goes to Highest Court.
The decision leaves Mooney no

Minnesota, Iowa Join Hands For NCDDC Organization

Delegates from Mason City, Albert Lea to Serve on Joint Drivers' Committee; 200 at Hutchinson Rally

A stellar example of the spirit of union cooperation existing in the North Central District Drivers Council is being shown today in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa, where the General Drivers Unions of Albert Lea and Mason City have stepped across state lines and joined hands to launch a vigorous organizational campaign. Grant Dunne and Larry Davidson, Council representatives, have been in that territory assisting with union work. On Monday and Tuesday they met with the Mason City Local, and the latter part of the week are functioning in Albert Lea. A meeting was held in the southern Minnesota town Tuesday night, at which delegates were chosen to serve on the joint committee with General Drivers Local 828 of Mason City.

Leach to Try to Halt Picketing

A show-down appeared to be developing in the struggle between the wealthy Rev. Marion D. Shutter and the Private Chauffeur's Union, an affiliate of the Teamsters Joint Council of Minneapolis, as Mayor George Leach on Tuesday issued orders to Police Chief Forestal to halt picketing at the Church of the Redeemer, Eighth street and Second avenue south.

The union began the bannering of the church several weeks ago, after Rev. Shutter had refused to pay union wages to his chauffeur, and had fired the man. Apparently, wealthy pew-holders have put the heat on the Mayor, who made the demagogic announcement Tuesday that "I believe in peaceful picketing, but it is my opinion that picketing should not be allowed to interfere with the rights of free worship which is one of the cornerstones of the Constitution."

As though the right of free worship were involved in this case! As though the right of workers to picket peacefully were NOT involved!

The union business agents' luncheon Tuesday noon voted unanimously to condemn the mayors' stand and to send a committee of protest before the police department. There is little question but what the Central Labor Union will also take up the matter. It is expected that more pickets than ever will be present at the Church of the Redeemer on Sunday morning.

Liberals think themselves sober statesmen in spite of the fact that history mocks at their wisdom, tearing to pieces their school books, making to naught their designs, and magnificently laughing at their pompous predictions.

The Mason City local is sponsoring a mass organizational meeting to be held Monday night, Nov. 8. The following night, a similar meeting will launch the drive in Albert Lea.

A request is being made of all affiliates of the NCDDC that they give all assistance to brother locals by lining up all over-the-road non-union drivers found in the respective territories.

Little change is reported in the Winona situation. G. Dunne will go there the latter part of the week to meet with the Winona Drivers, who are defending themselves against the open-shop campaign of local bosses.

A fruitful labor rally was held in Hutchinson, Minnesota, on the night of Oct. 27, at which Ray Sawyer, Pat Corcoran and Henry Schultz, all from Minneapolis, spoke. The meeting was sponsored by the young General Drivers Local 879. About 200 workers attended. Another rally will be held in the near future at which organizational plans will be presented looking towards the complete unionization of Hutchinson workers. Thirty new applications for membership in the Drivers Union were received last Thursday; 23 had been received at a previous meeting.

St. Cloud Forges Ahead
Clarence Schwab, organizer for the NCDDC, reports that the milk drivers in St. Cloud have now been organized 100 per cent in the St. Cloud Drivers Local 329. Several meetings have been held recently to discuss terms of the union contract soon to be presented to various sections of

Le Sueur, Nelson Speakers at Labor School November 9

Judge Arthur Le Sueur, member of the Minneapolis Board of Education, and Miss Mercedes Nelson, a teacher at the Roosevelt High school and member of the State Board of Education, will speak at the Minneapolis Labor School Tuesday, November 9th, at 9 p. m. They will discuss the present crisis in education, as it affects children, teachers, and taxpayers.

This is the fourth of a series of Forums sponsored by the Minneapolis Labor School. At the last Forum, Victor Christgau, State Administrator of the WPA, discussed work relief problems and policies. These forums are open to the public, and all who attend are invited to take part in the discussion.

Beside the Forums, the Minneapolis Labor School has classes in Parliamentary Law, Labor History, Economics, English, and other subjects of interest to trade unionists. At present more than thirty Minneapolis trade unions are sending students to the school, at 243 Transportation Building Annex. Information concerning the Forum and other activities of the labor school may be obtained by calling its director, Miss Elizabeth Hoff, Geneva 1264.

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