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# 2000 544 Men Meet For Defense Against Foes

## On the National Picket Line

In answer to the threat of the CIO National Maritime Union to declare "Open War to crush the Sailors Union of the Pacific," the SUP at its last meeting sent an open letter to East Coast seamen. The letter states the SUP has no quarrel with the bona fide East Coast seamen with clear strike records, but refuses to have anything to do with those who finked in the 1934 maritime strike. "They are finks to us," says the SUP, "and no amount of whitewashing by Communist Party stooges for 'political reasons' can change their color."

As to the threats by the NMU to smash the West Coast Sailors, the SUP said: "You ultimatum to the SUP is an empty threat. Due to your phoney policies, you're unable to carry out such an action. Shipping is far from being done through the NMU halls. . . . The West Coast sailors have had 'ultimatums' issued to us before. . . . we know how to throw these ultimatums around out here and see that they bounce right back—into the teeth of our enemies."

Mayor Hague of Jersey City, N. J., his Chief of Police, and the Board of City Commissioners have been named in an injunction suit brought by the CIO, several affiliated groups, and the American Civil Liberties Union to restrain them from enforcing the several ordinances and statutes recently written into the laws of the city. These ordinances and statutes were designed to halt the overwhelming sweep of workers of the many mass production plants of the area into unions. Among those ordinances was one aimed at prohibiting picketing in effective manner. Another forbade the distribution of union literature within the city.

Mayor Hague and his cohorts are still smarting under the defeat they received recently when the workers of two of the huge Crucible Steel Corporation plants went on strike and emerged victorious, despite the Mayor's efforts to the contrary.

On February 19 the defendants in the injunction suit, Mayor Hague, his Chief of Police, and the Board of City Commissioners, filed petitions for the dismissal of the CIO suit. Among other complaints listed by the CIO unions in their plea for the injunction, was the charge that the Mayor and his gang had violated the constitutional rights of American citizens, that they have violated the Wagner Act which guarantees to all the right to join the union of



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

## Over-Road Meeting in Sioux City

Twelve Drivers Unions Participate, Agree on Demands; Directing Committee Elected; to Meet in Chicago in March

The meeting held in Sioux City, Iowa, last weekend, attended by 23 delegates representing twelve union drivers locals, represented tremendous progress in the program being followed to unite solidly all of the drivers unions in the North Central trade area behind the campaign to obtain uniform wages and working conditions for all men engaged in highway transport.

In the course of the two-day session, a general understanding was reached regarding demands for wages and conditions. Organizational machinery was created to coordinate activity in organizing the remaining non-union road men in the area.

A Directing Committee has been elected, consisting of the following: A. F. Hudson, Local 120, St. Paul, chairman; Farrell Dobbs, Local 544, Minneapolis, secretary; Fred Smith, Local 346, Duluth; Jack Wirth, Local 116, Fargo; Carl Kuel, Local 90, Des Moines; E. G. Holstein, Local 749, Sioux Falls; Tom Smith, Local 564, Omaha. A member from Local 41 of Kansas City will also be on the Committee.

Plans were perfected for the establishment of uniform initiation fees throughout the district in over-the-road organization. Special provisions were made for the creation of an organization fund to carry out the important work confronting the over-the-road unions in this district.

March Meeting in Chicago  
Plans are now underway for calling a conference of all over-the-road unions in the entire trade area. This conference will be held in Chicago early in March, and will be attended by Chicago and northern Illinois unions, together with the unions from Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas City, Missouri.

It is expected that negotiations with employers will be opened immediately after the Chicago conference.

## Drivers Strike Gamble's

Accusing the Gamble Skogmo company of rank discrimination against union men, and of refusal to grant sole bargaining rights to the union, General Drivers Local 544 called a strike against this firm last Friday morning.

About fifty drivers and inside men are involved in this action. Picket lines were thrown around the Gamble warehouse, 700 Washington Avenue North, on Friday. Early this week, banners against several of the local Gamble stores was begun.

The union is preparing a vigorous protest against the strike-breaking actions of the American Railway Express Agency, one of whose trucks is guilty of proceeding through a picket line at Gamble's to pick up a load of merchandise. This merchandise, which was neither tagged nor labeled, was then hauled to the Railway Express agency where Gamble finks completed preparations for shipment.

Ray Rainbolt has been placed in charge of the strike by the Executive Board of the General Drivers Union. Strikers have established a joint commissary with the striking cabmen.

## Taxi Struggle Solid; No Cabs, No Finks

Powerful Strike Machine Rejects Absurd Proposal of Bosses; Will Fight Mayor Leach's Strikebreaking Moves; Labor Leaders Address Strike Meetings

Not a cab or car for hire moved within the limits of Minneapolis as the second week of the cab strike drew toward a close.

Emergency calls for nursing, accident, maternity, etc., were swiftly and efficiently handled by cars provided by the Joint Strike Committee. Even the most reactionary papers in the area, in face of the fact that no real emergency went unattended, abandoned attempts to cook up

invalids waiting at the stations," etc.

Bosses' "Proposal"  
In a crude attempt to present themselves before the public as desirous of making peace, the bosses on February 21 made a proposal which was so obviously preposterous that a strike meeting rejected it unanimously. The proposal was (1) no guaranteed wage; (2) 40% commission instead of the previous 38.38% and (3) independent companies to have seniority lists covering only drivers, owners to have the right to drive own car or sell a car to another person who would have the right to drive that car regardless of seniority rights of others.

The strikers stand by their original proposal for a weekly minimum wage of \$24 per week, and continuation of single seniority lists.

Leach Fights Relief  
Concessions won from the Welfare Board, including immediate one-week emergency relief for needy cases, the right of pickets not to be present while their families are interviewed by relief investigators, and about two hundred certified already for regular relief, galvanized Mayor Leach into desperate action against the unemployed and trade union movement.

At the last meeting of the Welfare Board, Leach asked its members to pass a rule to bar union representatives from appearing before the Board. No action was taken, and union representatives will appear at the next meeting to fight Leach's strike-breaking move.

Speakers at Meetings  
Among those who have addressed the daily strike meetings and

## Roosevelt Alibi For Building Wage-Cuts Punctured by Electrical Workers Organ

The fallacies in President Roosevelt's current plan to reduce hourly wage rates in the building trades ostensibly in the interests of a stable annual wage, are tellingly laid bare in the current (February) issue of the monthly Journal of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Because the maintenance of the wage structure in the building trades is, to say the least, of considerable interest to the entire labor movement, the formidable arguments marshalled by the Journal, deserve to be summarized.

According to the government's own Monthly Labor Review, the average inside wireman worked 908 hours in 1935, the equivalent of about 114 full days of employment. This, by the way, was average for the rest of the building trades, all of whom face the same problem. In 1936, wiremen averaged 162 full days of work. Average earnings in 1935 were \$990—in 1936, \$1,162.

## Milk Drivers To Initiate 100 Girls

The next membership meeting of Milk Drivers Local 471, to be held Tuesday night, March 1, will be an impressive affair. One hundred girls, employees of local dairies, will be initiated into the union at that meeting. The girls will meet in Hall 4 at 6:30 p. m. prior to their initiation.

A special section of Local 471 has been set up for the girl dairy employees. This section has its own executive board, handles its own finances, etc.

For such an occasion as this, officials of Local 471 said Tuesday, the boys should come all dressed up and looking pretty. And remember—no smoking at meetings.

## Clark Used Armory As Fink Hiring Hall

Boss Used Major's Position to Gather Strikebreakers From National Guard, Hearing Reveals; Furniture Strikers First Exposed Abuse of Military Power; Strike Keeps Plant Closed

The military court of inquiry which Monday began its hearing into the abuse by Major J. R. Clark—President of J. R. Clark company—of his position in the National Guards, brought out the following facts in the first two days: 30 members of the National Guard were employed as finks against the strike which Furniture Workers Local 1859 has declared against the Clark company. Most of these guardsmen were told they were to act as strike-breakers. Some of the men were in the plant from Sunday, February 13, to Tuesday, February 15. While in the plant, they manufactured

clubs. Sergeant Houle testified Tuesday morning that Captain George Sylvester, Clark's superintendent, ordered him to hire these men for "work at the plant."

A particularly flagrant incident was brought out at Tuesday's session when Robert Peterson, a private in the 151st field artillery, testified he reported for regular drill the night of February 14, that he was excused from drill but that he got his regular pay-check for drilling. Instead of attending drill, he occupied himself as a "guard" at the strikebound plant.

Another fellow, Warren J. Akeley, corporal, testified that he heard the rumor Clark was enlisting guardsmen as strike-breakers. He went to the armory and there talked to Sergeant Houle. Houle told him the pay was \$5 a day but that "if any trouble starts, the pay will be raised."

One of the guardsmen testifying said he saw tear gas stored in the Clark plant.

Army Cots Used  
During the inquiry on Monday Captain Sylvester, whom Minneapolis workers will remember for his stool-pigeoning in the Strutwear strike, testified there were no army cots in the Clark plant. Another guardsman later admitted there were 20 army cots in the plant.

From the testimony given so far, it is possible to piece together

## Many Friends Donate to Cab Strike

An index of the popularity of the taxi cab strike is shown by the fact that the Strike Donation Committee has received donations for the strike commissary from well over one hundred firms. According to Jack Herman, chairman of the committee, every firm that has been approached, without exception, has gladly given aid to the strikers. Among the larger contributors have been the Golden Cafe, 1301 Washington Avenue North, which gave \$20; Friedland's Cafe, 1251 Washington Avenue North, which gave \$10. Contribution cans which have been placed in various restaurants together with copies of the Northwest Organizer, brought in \$30 to the union strike fund.

Following is a partial list of those persons and firms who have contributed from \$1 to \$10 in cash or merchandise to the strike commissary:

Golden Rule Grocery, 1461 Nicollet  
Gardner Grocery, Sunson and Lowry  
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## Anti-Union Plots Bared at Meeting

Rallying to the defense of their union against all enemies, over two thousand members of General Drivers Local 544 gathered on Monday night for a special membership meeting.

It was the biggest turnout of the membership since June of 1937. The main hall of the Teamsters headquarters, covering the entire third floor, was jammed to the doors, hundreds of members standing in any available space between chairs. Hundreds of others, unable to get within hearing distance of the amplifying system, remained in the neighborhood for hours. Starting promptly at 8 p. m., the meeting was not adjourned until 11:30.

## Huge Majority For Single Seniority List

With only a few votes against, the gigantic special membership meeting of 544 on Monday night voted heartily in favor of establishing without exception in all companies under contract a single seniority list covering all workers. The proposal for a universal single seniority list came before the membership meeting recommended by a unanimous vote of the stewards meeting of February 18, as well as the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Board.

The single seniority list was the backbone of the building of the union in 1934, and in succeeding contract negotiations was always a primary demand. Only a few outfits in the transfer section, where inside workers had come into the union in the recent period and had thereafter worked on a separate seniority list, were operating without a single list. Monday night's vote brings these few remaining outfits into the general structure of single seniority lists.

## Dances Saturday? Take Your Choice

Dayton employees, members of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316, held their regular section meeting Wednesday evening, February 16. Problems facing these workers were thoroughly discussed. Of particular importance were the reports given of the deliberate discrimination shown against union members by the Dayton company. Mr. Kane, an acting supervisor, has been particularly offensive to employees, using his position to try to intimidate workers and keep them from joining the union.

However, all the company's efforts along these lines are acting as a boomerang. Many new members from Dayton's have been brought into the ranks of this militant union in the past month. A drive is now being conducted among all the department stores for 100 per cent union organization among those workers coming under the jurisdiction of Local 20316, with the view of increasing wages and improving conditions of these underpaid workers.

## Coal Strike Still On in Rockford

Rockford, Ill.—The strike of General Drivers Local 325 against the local fuel companies continued this week, with little change in the situation. Several unions have made donations to the strike fund, including \$100 from the Painters, and \$25 each from the Steamfitters and the Machinists.

The newly formed Rockford Labor Sports club, sponsored by the Central Labor Union, is planning a boxing show to be given at the Coliseum on March 7, receipts of which will be turned over to Local 325's treasury.

## Local 20316 Lists Office Hours

The offices of the Warehouse & Inside Workers Local 20316 are now open continuously from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. from Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, they are open from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Any members desiring to transact union business are advised to take advantage of these hours.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# Biggest 544 Meeting in Year Hears of Anti-Union Plots

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leader of union labor, as the designer of its contracts, we have brought upon our heads the wrath of every anti-labor force in Minneapolis and the Northwest."

**Ray Dunne Speaks**  
Ray Dunne fully analyzed the suit inspired by Mayor Leach and the attack made in the leaflet signed by Douglas Raze and mailed to all drivers in the state. He warned that if the suit were successful, it would establish a precedent whereby injunction judges could remove officers from any union, and replace them with court appointees. He reported that the result of an investigation had proved that the Raze leaflet was sent to the same mailing list used by the Communist party in its attack on the union after Pat Corcoran's death.

**F. L. Party Stand**  
Dunne exposed the barrage of charges that the union was opposing the Farmer-Labor party, and showed that these charges were an attempt to force the union to give a blank check in advance to any politician using the party label. In substantiation of the fact that the union's criticism of politicians is consistent with support of the Farmer-Labor party as against the reactionary parties, Ray Dunne recalled the sharp criticism made by the union against Floyd Olson during the 1934 strikes. "When a politician gets out of line with the trade union movement, we certainly criticize him," declared Dunne. Yet, as Olson himself later said, he was indebted to the drivers' union in the next election for getting the biggest bloc of votes ever cast for the Farmer-Labor party in Hennepin County.

The slander that 544 officials worked with reactionaries in defeating the bill proposing state liquor dispensaries was refuted by the fact that Roger Rutchick, Benson's secretary, admitted to Ray Dunne that the bill was the worst mistake ever made by the party leaders, and that every union whose members were affected joined in opposing the bill.

**Raze Given the Floor**  
Douglas Raze, signer of the leaflet attacking the union leadership, was given the floor to defend himself. Asked from the floor where he had gotten the mailing list covering all drivers in the state, he said he did not know what mailing list was used to distribute thousands of the leaflets, and made no denial when Ray Dunne informed him that the mailing list was identical with that used by the Communist party. Asked where he had gotten the considerable funds required for this vast mailing, he claimed that other union members "whose names could not be divulged," had provided the finances. Ray Dunne read the various charges made by Raze in his leaflet and asked him to verify the charges with facts, but Raze devoted his time to affirming his loyalty to the union

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# Organizer Moves to New Offices

"It's a long way from that little leaflet put out in June, 1934, to this office," said one of the General Drivers stewards Monday, as he stood in the new quarters of the Northwest Organizer, located next to the Teamsters Joint Council Headquarters on Plymouth avenue.

A sign painter was using silver paint to fill in the letters on the window: "Northwest Organizer, Official Organ, Teamsters Joint Council, No. 32." The electrician was putting the finishing touches on the light fixtures. The carpenter had just completed a row of shelves, on which already rested complete files of the Northwest Organizer, as well as a score of labor papers published in all parts of the United States. The Northwest Organizer was "at home" in its new office, receiving the first of a stream of union visitors who came to admire the office from which their paper is written and edited each week.

The expansion of this weekly paper, together with the necessity of more space in the building at 257 Plymouth, dictates the move to the new office. The old office of the Northwest Organizer on the first floor of the Teamsters building has already been occupied by the organizers of General Drivers Local 544.

All readers are cordially invited to come in the new office of the paper for a tour of inspection.

**BAKERY BLAB**  
A. M. Ogren  
Next Meeting: Stewards, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., March 1. Retail Drivers, Thursday, March 3, 8 p. m.

Joseph Francis O'Hare, our eminent business agent, went one day late to get his new auto license. He got knicked two bits.

"Peaches" at the Purity plant came to the rescue of Miller and found his store teeth after Miller had been eating soup and gravy and stew for two days.

Julius Jepsen, Purity North plant, had to pick out another bakery truck to have an accident with, laying himself up for a week.

Joe and Loren, in checking on the late ones at Excelsior, ran across a driver who is chronically late. His horse, however, always comes in about 15 minutes ahead of him. There's something to this horse sense idea.

The Zinsmaster basketball team, ably managed by John McGrath, lost a close one the other night—89 to 6.

Introducing a new man at Regan's, Gene Pilon, formerly a magazine peddler for Minneapolis News Service, who has figured he'd rather peddle bread for the body than food for the mind.

Tomte, Regans, is kinda hot these days, having lost about his only pair of extra pants—and not in a poker game. Someone stole 'em.

Eight of us at Zinsmasters have already sent our deposit on the reservation for the first fishing trip of the season. At that, we got the last ones, so business must be rushing at Mille Lacs.

The next time you come in, the union'll have a new office, which Joe is now in the process of equipping.

Attend all the meetings called. Remember, they start promptly at 7:30, except the 8 o'clock Retail Drivers meeting.

**ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROOF OF WILL, LIMITING TIME TO FILE CLAIMS AND FOR HEARING**  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
In Re Estate of John G. Rogers, Decedent.  
Order for Hearing Petition to Prove Will  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested show cause, if any they have, before this Court on Monday, March 14, 1938, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota, why the petition of Ralph S. Stanberry, of Mason City, Iowa for appointment of said decedent as executor of said decedent and the probate thereof and for Letters Testamentary, should not be granted. Order to File Claims and for Hearing Thereon  
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within four months from the date hereof all creditors of said decedent file their claims in this Court. Proofs will be heard and claims examined and adjusted before this Court on Tuesday, July 5, 1938, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These orders shall be published in the Northwest Organizer and a copy mailed to each of the heirs, legatees and devisees of said decedent at least 14 days before the date of said hearing on the petition to prove will.  
WITNESS the HON. MANLEY L. FOSSEEN, Judge of Probate Court, this 14th day of February, 1938.  
(SEAL OF PROBATE COURT)  
Clerk of Probate Court.  
RALPH S. STANBERRY, Attorney  
Mason City, Iowa  
Feb. 17, 24; March 2.

**Independent Truck Chatter**  
By R. F. Hornig  
County ITO employees moved in for a little meeting with the WM committee last Wednesday evening. The group was small but their friendly cooperation and definite assurance of the support of the rest of the men gave an encouraging momentum to the drive for a completely union program on the county set-up.  
Milt Hodson was selected as chairman of the committee of Fosston, Woodhouse, Schwartz and Olson, who were chosen to do the work involved in drawing up a seniority list.  
Tom McCue, that doughty hold-out, has finally signed a contract. The terms, as required by the "records," were for life and read "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer." Congratulations, Tom, and best wishes from all the Independents, six hundred strong.  
Whoever wound up Joe Fosston the other night really did some winding. Had Tom been to the meeting, I believe he would have out-quoted McCue. Keep it up Joe, and your county program will be done in a jiffy.  
If you don't like that one month off or whatever else winter does to your pay checks, you are to join and help a concerted drive on the (poor) aldermen to set up more projects to help the unemployed. Do it now!  
What Would Be Your After Choice?  
Being a good driver and trying to play safe, Louie Groth took to the ditch on the Excelsior boulevard last week to avoid a skidding Ford car. He had no choice to avoid a tree and damaged his truck badly. One a trade the wreckage was shy about \$225 comparing with current value.  
Many who desire to argue the seniority principle as applied, should first consult their Websters for the simple meaning of the word. The definition therein when considered in the light of union objectives certainly should point out the fallacy of any logic which demands that seniority be established on a dual basis. If there can be more than one, what's the reason for stopping at two? Or three? But, perhaps the reasoning becomes weak, because the shoe pinches.  
Don't fail to come to the dance. If you miss it you will be sorry.  
The special meeting Monday night upset the plans of the committee to set the date. Reserve one Saturday until the announcement is made. Don't be mean, don't be stingy, buy some tickets, bring your friends, and we'll all get acquainted. Remember, we'll have fun, we'll celebrate, and we will be fulfilling an obligation.  
The Meat Drivers with T. Nelson's 536 blanked the Phillip's Liquor and tied them for second place. J. Paskett had 523 for the losers. The Ice Drivers with Hedlin's 563 took a pair from the leading Cab Drivers. Klein had 522 for the losers. Consolidated took two from Local 20316 with K. Fabienke 551. B. Selinsky had 547. Soft Drinks took a double from the Teamsters' Joint Council. Richardson had 547.  
Team Won Lost  
Local 125 43 20  
Phillip's Liquor 37 26  
Meat Drivers 37 26  
Local 20316 36 27  
Ice Drivers 35 28  
Soft Drinks 27 36  
Consolidated 20 43  
T. J. C. 18 45  
**Joe S. Stirrup Dies**  
General Drivers Local 544 extends its deep sympathies to Brother Marty Stirrup, whose father, Joe S. Stirrup, died on February 7th of this year.  
The following patents were issued the past three weeks to Minnesota and Iowa inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota:  
February 1, 1938  
Macmillan, John H., Jr., Minneapolis, Minn., cigarette package.  
February 8, 1938  
Gold Meyer, Minneapolis, Minn., advertising novelty; Crumie, Earl W., St. Paul, Minn., carving machine bit; Moore, Mathilda G., St. Paul, Minn., grille guard; Severson, Lloyd H., St. Paul, Minn., treating animal fat.  
February 15, 1938  
Carter, Burton D., Aberdeen, S. D., tire casing and rim; Kriechbaum, John P., Minneapolis, Minn., preignition oil burner system; Lealie, Frank E., St. Paul, Minn., insulating material; Lull, Le Grand H., Minneapolis, Minn., leveler for road maintaining apparatus; McNeill, Andrew G., Minneapolis, Minn., starting mechanism; Pussley, William H., Minneapolis, Minn., door check; Hosts, Frank B., Wells, Minn., portable self-contained cooling apparatus; Streuf, Rogelia, Minneapolis, Minn., collapsible coat hanger; White, Frank P., Minneapolis, Minn., weatherproof masonry joint.

# Clark Hired Finks at Armory, Used Army Cots; Strike Solid

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The following story, Clark, faced by a demand from Local 1859 for higher wages, decided to smash the union by the use of military power. Following the calling of a strike, he ordered his superintendent and other persons in his employ who also held positions in the national guard, to recruit a small army. Beginning Sunday, February 13, guardsmen were driven to the plant and installed. While inside the plant, they occupied themselves with playing cards, reading cheap magazines, making clubs, and acting as watchmen. On Monday and Tuesday other guardsmen were brought in. These men were recruited at the armory and elsewhere, having heard from the national guard "grapevine" that Clark was paying from \$5 to \$10 a day for strike breakers and wanted national guardsmen. Some of Clark's men in various commanding positions in the national guard used their offices to excuse from drill those guardsmen who signed up for strike-breaking. Such men were later paid for drilling they had never done.

**Benson Writes Letter**  
Following a vigorous public protest by the Furniture Workers Local, Governor Benson last week wrote a letter to the head of the national guard in this state requesting a military inquiry into Clark's activity. The inquiry got under way Monday. Three other Majors of the national guards, all business men, constitute the court.

The Clark strikers, determined to win their reasonable demands, dug in for the winter this week. They rented the nearby Labor Lyceum for a strike headquarters, established a commissary, arranged for daily roll calls at 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. each day. On Monday strikers elected an official committee of five and entrusted them with the task of observing the military inquiry being carried on.

Clark sent out wires early this week to several foremen, notifying them to report for work Tuesday morning at 8 a. m., the implication being that if they didn't, their jobs would be lost. These foremen, union members who had been given their new posts shortly before the strike began, turned the wires over to union officials and did not return to work.

# St. Paul Warehouse Union Elects

A special election, ordered by William Wright of the AFL, was held by the St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297 on Tuesday night, February 22. New officers are Tom Wolf, president; Wayne Wilhelm, vice-president; Ed Cusick, recording secretary; Donald D. Cassidy, financial secretary; Bernard Simmer, business agent, and Pete Bettendorf, Robert Hawkins and Carl Klett, trustees.

The election, which was ordered as part of a plan to strengthen the financial structure of the organization, cuts down the paid officials from three to two. Cassidy and Simmer will function as full-time officials for Local 20297.

He was buried in Crystal Lake cemetery. His wife, Eva, 2711 Sheridan Avenue, his son Raymond, and three daughters, Violet and Dorothy, and Mrs. Eleanor Mowers, survive him.

# Solberg, Loyal Unionist, Dead

Charles Solberg, a Local 544 member employed in the shipping department at Jordan-Stevens, was killed by a hit-and-run autoist on the old Jefferson highway near Robbinsdale airport, on the night of January 29.

Already well along in years—he was 58—Solberg demonstrated his loyalty to the union movement on every occasion when the test came. He was active in the 1936 strike of the grocery section and in subsequent struggles, and held the banner of the union high in peace or war.

Elmer Faatz is in Northwestern Hospital, recovering from an operation. We hope you'll be out soon, Elmer.

Ralph Shapiro and L. Bronche are at home with the flu.

The taxi drivers are still out. Our outfit is behind you 100 per cent, boys. Stick tight 'till you win.

The Private Chauffeurs are throwing a dance Saturday night at 26½ W. Lake St. There's a dance on the third floor at 257 Plymouth, too. Proceeds will go to a cash prize for the Teamsters' Joint Council bowling league.

There'll be a change in the rear office this week. Won't be so crowded from now on.

If any one is unable to work because of sickness or injury, report to the office at once, NOT after you get back to work. Unless this is done, you'll lose your sick benefit.


The mailing list will soon be up to date.

The delinquents are catching up with themselves.

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**Bill Brown Says—**  
It looked like Raze forgot one little detail when he "wrote" that leaflet: that the 544 membership would ask him a few questions.  
  
BILL BROWN  
President of 544

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**Independent Truck Chatter**  
By R. F. Hornig  
County ITO employees moved in for a little meeting with the WM committee last Wednesday evening. The group was small but their friendly cooperation and definite assurance of the support of the rest of the men gave an encouraging momentum to the drive for a completely union program on the county set-up.  
Milt Hodson was selected as chairman of the committee of Fosston, Woodhouse, Schwartz and Olson, who were chosen to do the work involved in drawing up a seniority list.  
Tom McCue, that doughty hold-out, has finally signed a contract. The terms, as required by the "records," were for life and read "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer." Congratulations, Tom, and best wishes from all the Independents, six hundred strong.  
Whoever wound up Joe Fosston the other night really did some winding. Had Tom been to the meeting, I believe he would have out-quoted McCue. Keep it up Joe, and your county program will be done in a jiffy.  
If you don't like that one month off or whatever else winter does to your pay checks, you are to join and help a concerted drive on the (poor) aldermen to set up more projects to help the unemployed. Do it now!  
What Would Be Your After Choice?  
Being a good driver and trying to play safe, Louie Groth took to the ditch on the Excelsior boulevard last week to avoid a skidding Ford car. He had no choice to avoid a tree and damaged his truck badly. One a trade the wreckage was shy about \$225 comparing with current value.  
Many who desire to argue the seniority principle as applied, should first consult their Websters for the simple meaning of the word. The definition therein when considered in the light of union objectives certainly should point out the fallacy of any logic which demands that seniority be established on a dual basis. If there can be more than one, what's the reason for stopping at two? Or three? But, perhaps the reasoning becomes weak, because the shoe pinches.  
Don't fail to come to the dance. If you miss it you will be sorry.  
The special meeting Monday night upset the plans of the committee to set the date. Reserve one Saturday until the announcement is made. Don't be mean, don't be stingy, buy some tickets, bring your friends, and we'll all get acquainted. Remember, we'll have fun, we'll celebrate, and we will be fulfilling an obligation.  
The Meat Drivers with T. Nelson's 536 blanked the Phillip's Liquor and tied them for second place. J. Paskett had 523 for the losers. The Ice Drivers with Hedlin's 563 took a pair from the leading Cab Drivers. Klein had 522 for the losers. Consolidated took two from Local 20316 with K. Fabienke 551. B. Selinsky had 547. Soft Drinks took a double from the Teamsters' Joint Council. Richardson had 547.  
Team Won Lost  
Local 125 43 20  
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**Joe S. Stirrup Dies**  
General Drivers Local 544 extends its deep sympathies to Brother Marty Stirrup, whose father, Joe S. Stirrup, died on February 7th of this year.  
The following patents were issued the past three weeks to Minnesota and Iowa inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota:  
February 1, 1938  
Macmillan, John H., Jr., Minneapolis, Minn., cigarette package.  
February 8, 1938  
Gold Meyer, Minneapolis, Minn., advertising novelty; Crumie, Earl W., St. Paul, Minn., carving machine bit; Moore, Mathilda G., St. Paul, Minn., grille guard; Severson, Lloyd H., St. Paul, Minn., treating animal fat.  
February 15, 1938  
Carter, Burton D., Aberdeen, S. D., tire casing and rim; Kriechbaum, John P., Minneapolis, Minn., preignition oil burner system; Lealie, Frank E., St. Paul, Minn., insulating material; Lull, Le Grand H., Minneapolis, Minn., leveler for road maintaining apparatus; McNeill, Andrew G., Minneapolis, Minn., starting mechanism; Pussley, William H., Minneapolis, Minn., door check; Hosts, Frank B., Wells, Minn., portable self-contained cooling apparatus; Streuf, Rogelia, Minneapolis, Minn., collapsible coat hanger; White, Frank P., Minneapolis, Minn., weatherproof masonry joint.

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**Hauling Concrete Materials Under I. B. T. Jurisdiction**  
The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has just issued a statement regarding jurisdiction of the trucks, vehicles or motor conveyances hauling materials, wet or dry, composing ready made concrete. Says the statement of the Council: "In order to prevent any future doubt as to such jurisdiction, it is hereby decided that such hauling and unloading comes under the jurisdiction of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America."  
**Auto Salesmen Recruiting Members**  
A real campaign for membership is being put on by the Auto Salesmen's Union Local 1420. The last meeting of the Board of Union Business Agents set up a committee consisting of William Brown, Allen Solley and Ray Sawyer, which will assist the local in organizing. This committee has already activated the local, and many members are now joining.  
The Auto Salesmen's Union asks all union members and sympathizers to ask for a union salesman with a paid-up card in Local 1420 when buying an automobile. "Don't buy from a Fink—we won't patronize them either," says Local 1420.  
The next meeting of the union will be held Thursday, February 24, at 9 p. m. at the Central Labor Union.

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**Dayton Workers Rap Intimidation**  
With three dances scheduled to be held this Saturday evening, February 26, no unionist can complain that he hasn't a wide choice of entertainment for his night out. The Bowlers League of the Teamsters Joint Council holds its annual dance right on the home grounds, in the third floor hall at 257 Plymouth avenue. Admission is 25c and all unionists are cordially invited.  
The first annual dance of the Private Chauffeur's Local No. 912, also scheduled for Saturday, will be a very swanky affair. It will be held in the Carville hall, 26½ West Lake street. Paul Paulson's swing orchestra will furnish the music. Tickets are \$1 a couple.  
In order to build up a permanent Bail Fund for unionists arrested in strike struggles, the Twin Cities chapter of the Workers Defense League is sponsoring a dance at the St. Paul Coliseum, University and Lexington, on Saturday. Tickets are 25c and may be obtained from several of the union offices around the hall.  
With three such dances, it's a matter of "You pays your money, and takes your choice."

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# The Coal Strike of 1934- Birth of a Great Union

## Minneapolis Drivers Start Their March Down the Corridors of History — Shake Throne of the Citizens Alliance — Whole Course of Unionism Reversed

The 1934 coal strike began Wednesday, February 7, and ended victoriously two days later, terminating "what was said to be the biggest strike in more than ten years in Minneapolis, with more than 600 men involved" (Minneapolis Tribune, Feb. 10, 1934).

From 1924 to 1934, not a single strike had been won in this city. Very few strikes were even attempted. The union movement had reached a low point which not even the economic upturn in 1933 after the terrific pressure of the depression had been able to revive. Like a whirlwind, the strike of the coal drivers and coalyard workers suddenly smote the city, carried everything before it to victory, and started an upsurge in organized labor which has not wanted to this very hour.

In the late fall of 1933, Bill Brown, organizer for the Teamsters Joint Council, turned his attention to the coal yards, where were working the three Dunne brothers and Karl Skoglund. "Conditions were lousy and there was plenty of sentiment for the union," recalls Brown. Thanks to the faith and hard work of a few brave spirits in the coal yards, this sentiment was

To those workers who actually participated in the memorable Minneapolis coal drivers' strike of February, 1934, this brief history of that magnificent struggle will revive memories of great deeds well done, will bring pride in having taken part in battles that laid the cornerstone for today's great union movement in this area. To the tens of thousands of readers who know of the coal strike only as a scrap of past history, this article will point out the conscious work that went into the building of the union, and will, we hope, encourage other workers in other industries and cities to do for labor today what the coal strike did for Minneapolis labor in 1934.

used to recruit members into the General Drivers Union. By January a list of demands was drawn up and presented to the coal employers. When the bosses threw these demands into the waste basket, the union made preparations for a strike.

**Strike a Surprise**  
The strike caught the bosses unprepared. A study of newspaper files for February, 1934, shows that the employers were paying not the slightest attention to the coal drivers. A strike in Minneapolis! The idea was preposterous.

Wednesday morning, Feb. 7, Minneapolis read in the morning paper that "600 coal yard employees and truck drivers voted Tuesday night to go on strike Wednesday morning. . . Under orders from William Brown, union president, all owners of trucks (the Tribune means all coal drivers) were to meet at the Central Labor Union headquarters, 614 First Avenue N., at 5 a. m. Wednesday. From that point the drivers and yard workers were to be transported to the various yards to begin picketing. . . The city very quickly found out

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persons who think that all there is to good unions is good leadership, and that the rank and file are just dumb followers have a great lesson to learn from the February coal strike. It was the coal heavers themselves who thought up the original tactic which won the strike—the use of cruising picket squads, a tactic which was immediately accepted and copied in labor struggles throughout the United States.

By Thursday, the strike had broken out in several parts of the city. Heavy details of police were assigned to the affected areas. Every traffic patrolman had been removed from traffic duty to serve on the strike squads. Twenty-four patrol cars also have been assigned to strike duty.

The Tribune related unhumorously a humorous incident: "After picketing of the yards began Wednesday, the coal company management issued a statement. It read as follows: 'With reference to the coal strike called by the General Drivers and Helpers Union, none of the coal companies up to the present time have received any complaints from their employees. . . Many of them say they do not know what it is all about. . . The dealers have not refused at any time to meet with accredited representatives of their employees. They take the position that those who claim to represent the employees should produce proof they are authorized to do so.'"

The Strike Committee was producing proof—in the form of the most effective picketing the city had ever seen, with the overwhelming majority of the coal workers manning the picket cars.

The newspapers didn't publish anything about those pickets—nameless heroes of the workers—who dumped two seven-ton loads of coal in front of one of the coal yards the first morning of the strike, and thus showed the rest of the companies what to expect if they attempted to move with scabs.

**Not News**  
The papers never wrote of that three-hour running fight up West Broadway to prevent a load of coal from being delivered to ex-Sheriff Brown's greenhouse—nor of the fighting young picket who grabbed a cop by the throat and made him apologize before a crowd for using abusive language—nor of the young pickets who defied pistol fire and five squads of cops, to dump a load of scab coal—nor of the fact that very few farmers tried to scab by selling wood for easy cash, although wood was plentiful and the farmers needed the cash—nor that despite the support of the entire police force to the bosses, all the coal that filtered through could have been delivered by one union driver in two hours—nor that the union agreement to let welfare coal go through had to be withdrawn because so many greedy coal employers tried to double-cross the union.

The morning Tribune of February 9 reported the arrest on the previous day of four pickets—Frank Conway, Eugene Shepard, Gordon Dundas, Roscoe Coleman—"following a disturbance in Northeast Minneapolis."

**Brown Defends Strike**  
The Journal of that date reported that Police Chief Hart had told the mayor he needed more police. Also reported was that the city council, on motion of aldermen Buntis and Scott, had heard William Brown. "He denounced the Citizens' Alliance and declared the strike would not be settled until this element had withdrawn. Pointing out that organization of the drivers started two months ago, Brown said that only 200 drivers were in the union at the start but that now practically every firm in the city is affected. He said the union was determined not to relinquish the advantages gained. . . The dealers are ready, but the Citizens' Alliance is not. The Journal quoted Brown's summary: 'But Citizens' Alliance or no Citizens' Alliance, police department or no police department, not a ton of coal will be moved in Minneapolis until we obtain what we entered this strike for.'"

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### Warehouse Union To Sponsor Band

With several members in its ranks capable of playing band instruments, the Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 is working out plans to sponsor a lively band made up of its own members. Local 20316 feels that a good union band would be a real contribution to the union movement of Minneapolis, and would have many occasions to serve the movement.

Don Penwell, who is something of a musician himself, has been placed in charge of this activity. With the enthusiasm already expressed by members, it is expected that the band will be a huge success. Any member interested in the idea of a band, and who knows a trumpet from a G string, is requested to contact Don at the union office.



and . . . ON THE Other Hand . . . By the Cynic

"It takes both the President and the Congress to make good the campaign promises to the people. The President is anxious to redeem the pledges made both to the farmers and labor. Will this democratic congress act in equal good faith?"—Farmers Union Herald.

The campaign promises of the President will be kept no better than previous campaign pledges have been kept. For capitalist governments are controlled by capitalists, not by Presidents or congressmen, regardless of which members of the ruling classes happen to be in power.

"I keep as close to the people of Jersey City as I possibly can. It have never drifted apart from them. I find out what they want and I give it to them."—Mayor Hague, in the New York Times.

Some idea of what "I am the Law" Hague thinks the people want may be had by quoting the wordings of an injunction against the American Newspaper Guild in Jersey City. "The defendants are restrained from promoting, participating or in any manner whatsoever supporting any strike against the complainant, as it is no longer a strike if the places of the strikers are filled by other workers. The closed shop is illegal," etc., etc. Yes, indeed, Mayor Hague stays close to the people—right on their backs, he stays.

"An aggressive labor movement defeated its objectives by primarily causing the business recession. The trend toward higher wages and shorter hours must be reversed to restore prosperity."—Dr. Harold Moulton, president of the Brookings Institute.

Dr. Moulton, observing the new dip in the fever chart of sick capitalism, diagnoses the case as wage and hour trouble. In the meantime, some of the liberals and their Communist friends say that capitalists are faking and doing a sit-down strike. Both theories are equidistant from the truth, which is that capitalism as a world system is dying and nothing can save it except the failure of the working class to organize for a new and better society.

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### Maritime Workers Halt Forced Arbitration Plans

Unions in the maritime industry are bearing a terrific responsibility to the rest of the union movement. So far, maritime workers have been able to resist attempts of the government's Maritime Commission to saddle them with a compulsory arbitration plan similar to that unhappy (for labor) Railway Labor Act which has clipped the wings of the railroad unions for so many years. Maritime unions have the complete moral support of the rest of the labor movement in resisting the infamous plans of the federal government.

### 'Carpenter' Gives News of Council

"The Carpenter," monthly magazine published by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, contained news in its current February issue of the Advisory Council of Furniture and Kindred Products Workers, which held its third annual meeting recently in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Furniture Workers Local 1859 of Minneapolis is affiliated to the Advisory Council, as are 23 other local unions of Carpenters and Upholsterers.

George Orris, international representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Alfred Rota of the Upholsterers International, and Myron Povag, organizer for the AFL, were present at the Eau Claire conference.

The next conference, according to "The Carpenter," will be held in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, late in April.

### Sanitary Drivers Win Vacations, Sick Leave

The City & Sanitary Drivers Local 664 recently won another concession from Park Board when the board, responding to an appeal from the union, took such action as guaranteed that all Local 664 members working for the Park Board will be assured in the future of vacations and sick leave. Harold Seavey, business agent of Local 664, praised the Board for seeing the justice of the union's position on this occasion.

### Central Bag Co. Strike Won

After one week the strike at the Central Bag & Supply company was settled Tuesday morning when the driver who had been laid off out of seniority was placed back on the job with all seniority rights. General Drivers Local 544 had conducted the strike.

### Hosiery Workers Stop Sale of Closed Plant

Last August the Brownhill and Kramer hosiery corporation of Philadelphia discontinued operations following a sit-down strike of the Hosiery Workers Union. Last week an auctioneer, at the direction of the owners, attempted to hold a sale of the building and equipment. Over 300 former workers attended, and with songs and shouts set up such a clamor that the auctioneer had to stop the sale after only a few cases of hosiery had been sold.

### Mrs. Filbert Passes Away

The membership of General Drivers Local 544 sympathizes with Brother Ira Bingham at the loss of his mother, Mrs. Filbert, who died on February 14. Mrs. Filbert was widely known as the second oldest living member of the Macabees, well-known fraternal organization.

Social crises weigh most heavily upon the toiling women. They are doubly oppressed: by the possessing class and by their own families.

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### The Union Gallery



**Don Bain**  
Don, one of the original members of the Cab Section of the General Drivers Union, is now in the midst of his third cab strike. He also participated in the May and July strikes of 1934. He's a Committee Man from his union section. Born in northwestern Wisconsin, lived in Minneapolis 30 years, attended Bryant and Central high. Served in the army 17 months. Single. On his days off, he likes to drive a car. Edits the Yellow Cab column which appears in the Northwest Organizer, and has written a history of his cab union.

### Claims for Canned Milk Don't Stand Up

A study of the canned milk which is being pushed by certain local grocery houses has been made by Milk Drivers Local 471. Results of the research show that the claims made for canned milk do not stand up. A package of canned milk when mixed with water does not make one quart of milk, but only fourteen ounces. The resulting mixture is definitely inferior to real milk. The claim by certain grocers that canned milk "is just as good as good as real milk" is laughable, according to Local 471.

Aside from the quality of canned milk, none of it is made in this state, and practically all such "milk" is manufactured under non-union conditions. Union members and sympathizers who want to do themselves well will continue to buy real milk delivered by union drivers.

### On European Crisis Morrow to Talk

With the crisis in Europe, precipitated by the Nazification of Austria and the resignation of Anthony Eden as England's foreign minister, and with the second World War now approaching at break-neck speed, the lecture to be delivered by Felix Morrow at the Socialist Public Forum next Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. will be devoted to a survey by Morrow explaining the meaning of these events for Minneapolis workers.

### Local 292 Considers Equalizing Dues

The last general membership meeting of Electrical Workers Local 292, after hearing plans submitted by the Executive Board, nominated a list of candidates from which a Committee of Seven will be elected at the next membership meeting March 17. This committee will consist of members who, in consultation with the officers and the Executive Board of Local 292, will analyze the financial structure of the union with the idea of achieving a plan for the equalization of dues.

### Scrap Iron Workers Elect Joint Committee

A well-attended meeting of scrap iron workers, both AFL and CIO, was held in the Teamsters Headquarters last Thursday night. Miles Dunne, chairman, announced that the Drivers Union was principally interested in seeing that these workers obtained a good wage scale, and proper working conditions.

### Local 471 Mourns Mrs. Melaney's Death

Members of Milk Drivers Local 471 shared with Leo Melaney the deep sorrow at the loss of his wife, Elvira. The funeral was held last Friday from the Holy Rosary church, the burial taking place at St. Mary's cemetery. All business agents of Local 471 attended the last rites. Mr. Melaney was formerly a business agent for the Milk Drivers Union.

### Watchmakers Union To Issue Shop Cards

The Minneapolis Watchmakers Union Local 103, which is carrying on an extensive organization campaign, announced this week that it has drawn up a union agreement which has received the O. K. of the International Jewelry Workers Union.

Union shop cards have been obtained by Local 103, and as fast as the owners of jewelry and watchmaking establishments sign up with the union, these shop cards will be installed. All union workers and sympathizers of the union movement are asked by Local 103 to give their patronage only to shops displaying the shop card of the Watchmakers Union.

In order to obtain the union shop card, an establishment must agree (a) not to send jewelry work, engraving, watch repairing, or stone setting to any shop employing non-union men; (b) to abide by the laws of the I.J.W.U. governing shop cards; (c) to abide by the laws of Local Union 103, now and in the future, with reference to hours, wages, etc.

### Local 20316 Faces Walgreen Showdown

Aroused over attempts of the Walgreen Drug company to keep their porters, members of Local 20316, from getting a union contract, the Executive Board of the Warehouse Workers Union is giving its most serious consideration to this matter.

Organizers handling negotiations with Walgreen have been instructed to inform the company that unless the whole matter is settled shortly, banners will be placed in front of each of the Walgreen stores throughout the city. Fred Ossanna is the representative for the Walgreen company.

### Standard Store Fair, Says Clerks Union

Retail Clerks Local 1086 announced this week that the Standard Clothing company has again been placed on the fair list, following three hours of negotiations between the store management and a committee from the union. The company has agreed to furnish Local 1086 with a full seniority list.

Following are the downtown stores considered fair by Local 1086: Lender, Standard, Rothschild, Rydell, Home Trade Shoe Store, Family Shoe Store, Chase-McLean, Western Auto, East Side Eklund Clothing.

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

## Minneapolis Labor's Enemy No. 1

That the suit filed in District Court against officers of General Drivers Local 544 is "an attack inspired by Mayor George E. Leach, apparently at the behest and with the co-operation of a group or groups of employers"—such was the considered charge given to the public last Saturday by the Executive Board of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. That charge was made only after careful investigation had clearly established the role of Mayor Leach in instigating this and other attacks on the drivers' movement.

That the charge—one which pillories Leach for all time as a deliberate and conscious enemy of the trade union movement—is definitely true was indicated by the lame answer made by Leach to the public declaration of the Joint Council. "If I have any interest in this case, it is only through my contacts with working men," was the hypocritical reply of the Mayor. "The only times I've ever so much as talked about it (the case), have been when men with union cards and small truck owners have come to my office."

In plain and simple language: Leach has gotten hold of a few stooges who have gotten hold of union cards (they hurriedly paid up back dues so far in arrears that they had been considered as dropped from membership) and he has used them as a front for this foul attempt to knife the union. In a desperate attempt to rally the most reactionary kind of support to his campaign for governor, Leach is ready to use any means to endear himself to the bosses. But all his trickery will not avail him. The labor movement will beat off this attack. And the workers and farmers will treat Leach as he deserves in the elections.

## On the Capitalist Press

A very wise labor leader, in speaking of the boss press, once said a mouthful that every worker will immediately recognize as the plain truth. Stated this man: "The most irate opponents of trade unionism, sometimes do it a service by the unreasonable zeal of their 'revelations'. They assail the very things that deserve sympathy and emulation. They open the eyes of the people to the meanness of the bosses by the very nature of their attacks."

Doesn't that hit the nail square on the head? Consider the St. Paul Daily News, for instance, surely the most openly anti-union paper in this part of the country—and that, you may be sure, is saying a good deal. Let us examine its handling of the news in two recent matters close to the hearts of all unionists.

First, the recent Twin Cities street car strike. On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the second day of the strike, the St. Paul Daily News said editorially: "Since the strike arose over a comparatively trivial (!) cause and despite the existence of a contract between the union and the company which has two years to run . . . there does not seem any justification for the cessation of service."

A lie from beginning to end, and every word of it a lie, as everyone knows who studied the strike. Since when has the arbitrary firing of union men been a "trivial cause"? Since when has the very existence of unionism in an industry been a "trivial" matter?

How dare the Daily News speak of the sanctity of contracts, when it was the company who, by its arbitrary actions of firing union men, declared open war upon the union—when it was the company who violated both its agreement with the union and its agreement with the city council.

The moral of the St. Paul Daily News is quite clear. Workers are not to object when the employers violate their contracts with unions. But once such violation has occurred, only dastardly elements would object to such violation and would actually do something about it.

Well, the streetcar men showed they can defend themselves. But neither they, nor the masses, will forget how the Daily News slandered them and lied about their struggle.

### The Suit Against Local 544

The second matter upon which the Daily News has seen fit to editorialize (on Friday, Feb. 18) is the suit against Local 544, news of which appeared at the same time that press releases from New York appeared giving details of the libel suit by Local 544 leaders against the Daily Worker, organ of the Communist Party.

Says the Daily News: "There is a coincidence about these suits which appears to have some significance," and goes on to make the pious hope that "one is not an effort to becloud the other." In short, the Daily News tries to make its readers think that Local 544, as soon as it found itself sued by certain stooges of Mayor Leach and the Citizens Alliance crowd, quickly turned around and filed suit against a paper that has proved itself to be an enemy of progressive unionism everywhere, thereby hoping to "becloud" the matter, as the Daily News says.

What are the facts in the matter? The facts are that the Local 544 leaders ordered their attorney to file a libel suit against the Stalinist organ over two months ago—and that news of this was carried in the Northwest Organizer as far back as the December 30th issue. The facts are that the Daily News relishes all attacks on drivers' movement, whether it comes from the Stalinist Daily Worker, or from anti-union elements in the service of the Citizens Alliance.

When the Daily Worker describes General Drivers Local 544 as an organization of "gunmen, racketeers, gangsters, etc.," the Daily News pricks up its ears and says: "People in this section would be interested to know what basis, if any, the New York publication has for the charges it is alleged to have made against the union." The Leach-inspired suit aiming to tie up the union's funds, sends the St. Paul Daily News into raptures. "Serious enough are the allegations made by the five members against the management of the union by its officers. The federal government ought to be particularly concerned over the charge of levying on the unemployed."

Why, the most revealing item in the whole suit

## Getting All Sides of the Same Story



## CAB STRIKE ITEMS

George insists that he is the only one here that can roll his own "Taylor mades."

After all it's our dining room, so please confine your tobacco spitting to the garboons.

Parmalee Fisher says, settle this strike or I'll soon be on my way to Florida.

Don't get the idea that it's for punishment when a committee man asks for kitchen help. It's just work that has to be done.

Red O'Neil and his commissary crew did a very nice job around Lake and Hennepin.

O. Benson would like to visit his old home in Finland if he can get Clyde Keddy to row the boat.

Charley Bigelow wants equal credit for this column as the writer is using his pencil.

Wonder what "Pinch Penny" is using for bank deposits these days.

Wilson tried to walk into the relief office without turning the door knob. Result: one broken glass.

Don't cross "Banjo Miller or you will get lumps in your mashed potatoes.

Keep away from the grievance board if possible, Judge Harlan metes out stiff sentences.

Too many Henrys in the kitchen so they are called Henry, Hank and Heinie.

The high light of our meeting on the twenty-first was a snappy pep talk by I. G. Scott.

As a picket, weeping Willie plays a good smear game.

Leibeler is all turned out like a union cavalry officer, where's your spurs, Bud?

Bergie says "he's got a dog so all he needs now is a gun."

If members how up like they all did at the general membership meeting last nite, we'll need a larger hall.

The membership was unanimously behind the Strike Committee in their answer to the bosses latest proposal.

The St. Paul Cab Drivers are still negotiating.

We are well into the sec-

ond week of our strife and haven't heard of anyone starving yet.

The commissary committee is sure doing great work.

They need supervisors to supervise the supervisors, two of them spent twelve hours in the hoose-gow and no one even missed them.

I wonder if anyone is guarding the oat-meal, I'm sure that's what crying Willie is smoking in his pipe.

Since Gamble-Skogmo strikers joined the grub line the kitchen staff has been doubled.

Chief Rainbolt should have roller skates so he can keep up with these strikers.

Secretaries Karriger and Soike of the two cab locals sure keep their typewriters hot.

Ray Sawyer certainly picked up the ins and outs of the cab racket in a hurry. He is as familiar with our problems as we are and he sure is a peach of a chairman.

Orchids from the gang to all the speakers from the different locals who have attended our meetings.

Smale and the "Hill-Billy" didn't like the fresh country air at Parkers Lake so they are back amongst us.

Up to this time there were lots of nite drivers who didn't know that we had daylight in the winter time.

They called for a stepladder at last nite's meeting so Jack Pender of local 125 could talk in the microphone.

Benny Katz is back at his old job as news-boy, he has charge of distribution of the Organizer and doing a swell job.

H. Sandbakken contracted a bad case of housemaid's knee from too much K. P.

M. I. Smith got hot and did a tap dance and as a result the building settled six inches.

Soike and Karriger are going into competition with the street-car company disbursing tokens.

Bet Frank Mazda was a

against Local 544 was the cry that the union has intimidated city officials into paying out large sums of money for relief. In the whole monstrous and cruel history of unemployment in Minneapolis during the past eight years, ONLY the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has consistently and vigorously fought for higher relief standards for the wretched victims of capitalism. And what is wrong with that? No wonder the employers—and of course the St. Paul Daily News—don't like us. If they did, we would begin to think something was wrong with us. Yes, indeed, the St. Paul Daily News, by the very nature of its attacks on unionism, opens the eyes of the people to the meanness of the bosses.

sergeant in the army, he barks like one.

Since Lunde started to use his own typewriter I can't begin to keep up with him.

Bet you thought that before this strike the federal workers were 544's own 'G' men.

There are some pretty good whist players in this gathering but that does not include Dick Molitor.

The swing is to "roll your own."

The sleepy hollow gang is playing wild these days.

Bill Goodnough lost his comb, funder please return same to strike headquarters.

We saw Walter Powers with an idea that should go good if the strike lasts; he had a good end of a union cigar in his famous pipe.

Some of our one-stand specialists have learnt a lot about Minneapolis since they ride cruiser cars and cover the city.

Mandry, McCullough and Edson enlivened the interval before the strike meeting with some very good music.

Have you met General Frank Cheswick.

M. I. Smith seemed quite put out because the bosses didn't ask the committee to stay for lunch.

Not a bad bunch of guys. About 375 members on strike and only one case of chiseling by a driver.

All the boys extend their deepest sympathy to M. Stirrup and Pop Bingham in their hour of loss.

Too many cooks spoil the soup so we don't have soup. WE have stew.

Paul Urlic is out of sick-bay, we hope the other ones are better too.

Cartoonists Wenell and McGarry have started quite a rogues gallery in the dining room.

Out Union hall and Rockefeller Center have something in common. We have murals in 544 hall too.

Chef Harry Wallace is a real watch-dog in the kitchen. The Judge tried to cop a weiner and nearly lost a finger in the ice-box door.

Al Canfield still gets around occasionally.

"Mussolini" Gesino has a badly swollen hand, understand he stopped to get a cigar and somebody stepped on it.

RARE SIGHTS  
Nick Plouman sitting behind a

## Richmond Union Plans New Contract

New Richmond, Wis.—To lay the basis for obtaining a new contract from the Strand Ski company, the Furniture Workers Local 1703 held a special meeting Saturday night, February 19. A full discussion of the present contract was held, a negotiating committee was set up and a program laid out pointing to higher wages and better working conditions. The present contract, which calls for hourly wages of 35c-41c, expires June 1. Local 1703 has notified the employer that it desires to open up negotiations at that time for a new working agreement. The Strand management wants a show-down immediately and has been groaning about "competition," and seeking to psychologize the workers into accepting the same contract. The union will withhold its fire until the expiration of the contract around June 1.

Guest speakers at the Richmond meeting included William Engelbretson and John Janosco, officials of Furniture Workers Local 1859, Minneapolis.

The Richmond union, after discussing the program of the North Central District Council of Furniture Workers, voted to affiliate. Local 1703 will also affiliate with the Midwest Advisory Council of Furniture and Kindred Products Workers, and will have delegates present at the April meeting of the Council in Sheboygan.

## Jurisdictional Dispute Between CIO Unions

A jurisdictional dispute between two CIO unions on the West Coast—the Engineers and the Marine Firemen's Union—has resulted in the removal of four boats by the United Fruit company from the West to the East Coast. These two unions were unable to settle the question as to which should have jurisdiction over twelve freezer-men. As a consequence, 250 jobs are permanently lost to the Pacific Coast.

The progressive Sailors Union of the Pacific, which fought to keep the boats in the West, has accused the CIO officials of deliberate sabotage of the West Coast seamen in order to toss all possible jobs to the CIO in the East. The SUP is a union independent of both CIO and AFL.

## Local 471 Signs Last Dairy Plant

Thanks to the last fink drive, the H. A. Schroeder Dairy, 3433 Colfax Avenue South, has now signed a contract with Milk Drivers Local 471. This was the only company in Minneapolis which had no working agreement with the Milk Drivers Union. The Schroeder plant employs five drivers, all of whom have signed with the union. By taking this action, the Schroeder company becomes a union concern, eligible to receive the patronage of union workers in the city.

24 hand at the old cribbage board.

McCullough and McLean, our two Scotch Highlanders, doing a kiltie dance with banners at Twenty-fifth and Central.

Jack Pender, walking down the hall between "Slim" Fresian and "Rusa" Wenell.

Harold Walters behind a big push broom.

Leo Labo sitting in the kitchen surrounded by potatoes. P. S. He peels them.

Ted Ellingboe groping around in a fog since he broke his glasses.

Presidink Jack Pender and his Irish "Dudeen."

M. I. Smith and his golf cap. Where's your clubs, Smitty?

His Honor Judge Harlan presiding over the grievance board. Joe Anderson on the business end of a mop.

## Special Meeting

Puffer-Hubbard Section Local 1859  
February 24, 1938  
g p. m.  
LABOR LYCEUM  
1426 6th Ave. N.  
Everybody Out!

## On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1) their choice, that they have refused to allow the distribution of literature in the streets of Jersey, and that they have refused to allow public open meetings to workers.

Mayor Hague's bill for dismissal contains a direct denial that there have been any violations of either the constitutional rights of American citizens or of the Wagner Act. He also charges that the Federal Court has no jurisdiction in this case because . . . the question of law involved is the alleged unconstitutionality of the several ordinances and statutes referred to in the bill of complaint . . .

The Mayor admits that he sent his police to stop the distribution of union literature and that several unionists were arrested, but claims that he did so only "because of fear of serious disorder and riot."

He also admits that he refused a defense organization a permit to hold an open meeting, but says he was acting in a perfectly lawful manner under the ordinance which covers public meetings.

Mayor Hague and his law-making machine have had a Roman holiday turning out ordinances to suit their need. They really resent anyone questioning their right to the constitutionality of these so-called laws. Wonder what the courts will do with this injunction suit? When bosses and political machines are seeking injunctions against unions, we know what usually happens, but—

From Pittsburgh comes news that the SWOC has opened negotiations for a new contract with the Jones, Laughlin Steel Corporation. The first meeting to discuss the new contract was scheduled to take place on Monday, Feb. 21. The Jones, Laughlin Corporation employs more than 2,000 men in Pittsburgh and Aliquippa, Pa. Officials of the SWOC also announced last week that eight new contracts have been signed with as many of the smaller firms,

affecting approximately 2,500 men.

A strike of 50 electricians, members of Electrical Workers Union Local 3, AFL, has been called against Rockefeller Center, following the management's refusal to bargain collectively with the union after the State Labor Board, following an election, had certified the union as the collective bargaining agency for the men. The Rockefeller company, following out the vile labor policies of Rockefeller companies everywhere, was also charged by the union with seeking to establish a company union. Strikers are demanding wage increases in addition to union recognition.

A strike of coal handlers in Toronto, called on February 18, has been terminated by a fifteen day truce, during which time negotiations are supposed to be carried to a finish. Permanent rates are supposed to be set up under the Industrial Standards Act. There were 1,500 workers affected by this strike. The first act of the bosses' organization, the Toronto Retail Fuel Dealers Association, after calling of the truce, was to announce an increase in the price of coal.

Today Makes 7,982 Days . . .

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LODGE 382</b> Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.
<b>LODGE 1313</b> Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shoppers' Section—Second Wednesday
<b>LODGE 1037</b> Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 131</b> The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 125</b> The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>SIOUX CITY DRIVERS</b> Grievance Committee—Each Tuesday, Friday night Stewards Meeting—Each Friday night
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Canteen—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	<b>MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 544 MARCH, 1938</b> Monday, Feb. 28—Spring Water Wednesday, March 2—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, March 3—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners, Building Materials Friday, March 4—Job Stewards Monday, March 7—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, March 9—Market; Wholesale Liquor Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room. Note: There is a change in the meeting time for the Seniority Board.
<b>LOCAL 1859</b> General Membership, Local 1859—March 2 Casket Industry—March 8 J. R. Clark Section—March 16 Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. General Membership, Local 20481—March 18 Twin City Stewards—Feb. 28, March 14, 28 Executive Board, Local 20481—March 7, 21 General Membership, Local 1859—April 6	
<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday	
<b>ICE, COAL DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE</b> 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.	



# Coming: City-Wide Union Mass Meeting In Auditorium

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# Sweeping Union Victory Ends Clark Strike

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

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

## On the National Picket Line

An item on the financial page of a recent issue of the New York Times tells a sad story. Milady's fur coat will be more costly this winter. Two factors contribute to this rise in prices. Number one is a strike among the fur workers of New York City. Originally this strike was a lock-out, called by the employer's association because the demands made by the Fur Workers Union were considered too "drastic." The second item contributing to the high cost of fur coats is the smallness of the catch of fur-bearing animals this season.

Some time ago William Leader, president of Branch 1 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO) of Philadelphia attempted to get a membership meeting of his branch to vote for a voluntary wage cut. This the workers refused to do. Now the matter, with the employers demanding a 6-7% wage reduction, has been taken over by a state arbitration board. This board ordered that there should be no wage cuts but that the companies might eliminate certain bonuses paid for specialized work.

Last week one local of the AFHW voted to refuse to return to work under these terms. A strike in this industry would affect more than 15,000 workers in sixty-seven different factories.

Emil Rieve, international president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers issued an ultimatum to the workers, following the vote to strike. He informed President Leader that any strike against the arbitration board's decision would be a strike against an existing contract. He further ordered that any one going on strike would be violating orders and would be subject to penalties.

The hosiery manufacturers of Philadelphia claim that the wage rate in that city and the immediate surrounding territory is higher than in any other part of the country. The rank and file workers, led by the secretary-treasurer and first vice president of Branch 1 claim (at the time of Leader's demand that they accept a voluntary wage cut) that to do so would immediately give the signal for wage slashes in the industry throughout the entire country. 15,000 workers in Philadelphia supported this stand. International President Rieve and President Leader seem to support the contention of the employers that the workers are overpaid. If the workers continue to support their own position (and press releases lead us to believe that they still do not think they are over-paid) then a strike is almost inevitable.



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

## Sears Workers Prepare for New Pact

Local 20316 Launches Campaign for New Members; Meeting of All Sears Workers to Be Held

With two months remaining before the one-year union agreement with the Sears, Roebuck company expires, the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 finds itself in a better position than ever in this large chain mail order establishment.

Minneapolis unionists will recall that Local 20316 was the first union anywhere in America to mobilize Sears' workers and obtain a contract. The agreement was obtained following a short strike lasting one week, held in the spring of 1937. The plant was completely shut down. The union obtained an agreement providing for wage increases and better working conditions.

Bob Tibbets, youthful secretary of the union, recalls that "the

## 2,500 Workers Attend Rally In Sioux Falls

(Special to Northwest Organizer) Sioux Falls, S. D.—A great organization meeting was held here Sunday afternoon in the municipal auditorium under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Assembly. Fully twenty-five hundred workers were in attendance, and pledged support to the strike of coal drivers, now in its fifth week.

Guest speakers included Bill Brown of Minneapolis, and Henry Mundt, attorney, who has been of great assistance to the General Drivers Union in their fight against the coal bosses. Emanuel Holstein, organizer of the Labor Assembly, was chairman. Among those attending were members of the clerks union, bakery workers, drivers, restaurant workers, and laundry workers.

The General Drivers Union is appealing for support in its efforts to win its demands from the coal bosses. All funds should be sent to Emanuel Holstein, 229 1/2 North Phillips, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

## Milk Drivers Meet With Iowa Bosses

Mason City, Iowa—Negotiations between the milk dealers and the milk drivers section of the General Drivers Union of Mason City took place last Friday. Two clauses which were in controversy, dealing with seniority and vacations, were to be referred back to the membership.

About fifty workers are involved in the negotiations. Ray Sawyer of Minneapolis was in Mason City for the negotiations, and assisted the union executive board and the negotiating committee.

## Waterloo Drivers Start Campaign

Waterloo, Iowa—Guest speakers at an organization meeting held here Sunday afternoon by General Drivers Local 650 were Kelly Postal and Walter Hagstrom of General Drivers Local 544, Minneapolis. Other speakers were Brothers Baker and McCoid, from the Drivers Union Local 828, Mason City.

Following a meeting of all fruit and market workers in Waterloo, 40 new members were recruited by Local 650.

## Drivers Union Leaders Meet in Sioux City



Pictured above are officials of Drivers Unions from six states, meeting in the union conference room in Sioux City, Iowa, at the over-the-road conference held there two weeks ago. Brother Dobbs is seated at the end of the table. Readers will recognize many other union leaders well-known for their devotion to the cause of unionism. Plans were perfected to establish uniform initiation fees throughout the district, and to create an organization fund to further over-the-road organization.

## Cabmen Show Power In 3-Week Shutdown

The unbreakable solidarity of the cab drivers was demonstrably clear to the people of Minneapolis as the third week of the cab strike ended.

The streets remained denuded of cabs, not a single instance being recorded of a local or outside cab trying to run within the limits of Minneapolis.

But the watchfulness of the efficient strike machine did not abate. At short intervals throughout the night and day cruising picket crews combed the city for possible attempts at fining. Their alertness, backed up by the innumerable friends of the strikers who were quick to report the slightest suspicion of a fining car, netted

some fatheads who tried to cruise for hire. But foolhardy individuals were few and far between, for there was no percentage in the proposition.

**Emergencies Handled**  
Cars provided by the Joint Strike Committee took care of all requests for transportation of emergency cases involving accidents, maternity and nursing cases, etc.

The strikers stood pat on their original proposal for a \$24 weekly minimum wage. The bosses were reported to be meeting in an effort to produce a joint offer to the strikers.

The smoothly functioning commissary, serving well over eight

hundred meals daily, and the relief committee kept the men and their families in good shape, ready to hold out as long as necessary.

**Outstanding cooperation** with the commissary was provided by the Meat Cutters Union. Financial contributions to the strike funds came in this week from the Milk Drivers Local 471, the Bakery Drivers Local 289; the Twin Cities local of the Street Car-men's Union; Laundry Drivers Local 131; and Private Chauffeurs Local 912. An important source of funds was sale of the Northwest Organizer by bundles placed together with collection boxes in friendly establishments.

## Mpls. Labor Backs 544 Vs. Leach

By unanimous vote, the Central Labor Union voted February 23, to retain counsel to be associated with the attorneys of General Drivers Local 544 in the fight against the Leach-inspired suit against 544.

Action without a dissenting voice was taken after hearing an analysis of the financial accounting system of the drivers from C. Warde Clarke, certified accountant for many unions of this area. Clarke declared that the books of Local 544 were among the best accounts he had ever seen.

**All Labor United**  
With the whole labor movement joining in the fight to prevent Mayor Leach and his agents from paralyzing the drivers' movement, the alibi was smashed that this was an attack merely on the leadership of one union.

The Minneapolis Labor Review, organ of the Central Labor Union, editorially declared on February 25, that "the unfounded charges are an attack not only on every union in the city, but every member of organized labor. What was intended by the bitter enemies of organized labor to be a stunning blow at the trade union movement is turning out instead to be rather an unmasking of the accidental mayor of Minneapolis."

**Carmen, Butchers Praise 544**  
During the C. L. U. meeting, President Coles of the Street Car-men's Union declared that credit for the street car strike goes to the labor movement in general and to the teaming crafts and Local 544 in particular.

Dahl, of the Meat Cutters, thanked Local 544 for its aid in new contract negotiations.

## Solid Gains All Along the Line

Following three months of intermittent struggle between the J. R. Clark company and Furniture Workers Local 1859, a new union contract was signed late Monday afternoon which brings to the Clark workers a straight 5c hourly wage increase, a 50c minimum wage, a new and stricter seniority clause, and wage adjustments as high as 20c hourly for individual workers. Whereas the 44-hour week was in effect last year, the new agreement specifies the 40-hour week. Time and one-half, instead of time and one-third, will prevail.

## Gamble Strikers Hold Firm

As the strike of fifty drivers and inside workers against the Gamble Skogmo company neared the end of the second week, there was little change in the situation. No negotiations have yet been held. The spirit of the strikers, enrolled in General Drivers Local 544, is excellent. All are being fed regularly by the commissary which has been established on the second floor of the Teamsters Headquarters to care for both cab strikers and Gamble strikers.

The strike was brought about by the company's discrimination against union members, and its refusal to sign a new working agreement with Local 544. Picketing has been conducted daily at both the Gamble warehouse and at the local Gamble stores.

## Drivers Unions' Conference Meets In Chicago

As we go to press, word comes that a two-day conference of all over-the-road Drivers Unions in this trade area got under way Wednesday morning in Chicago. Attending the conference were union officials from Chicago, northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri. A report of the conference will appear in our next issue.

## Crookston Drivers Organize, Choose Officials

Crookston, Minn.—The organized drivers' movement got away to a flying start here Sunday afternoon when, following the very first organization meeting held in this town, a section of the General Drivers Local 581 was set up and temporary officers elected. The meeting was held at 2:30 p. m. in the Labor Temple. Speakers included Laurence Mero, vice-president of the N. D. State Federation of Labor, Brother Scully, AFL district representative, Brother Hagen of the Machinists Union, Curt Zander of the Minneapolis Drivers Union, and Floyd Coverston, business agent of Drivers Local 581 of Grand Forks.

The Crookston drivers will have a set-up similar to that of the drivers in Thief River Falls. It will function as a special section of the Grand Forks Drivers Union, will have its own set of officials, etc. The entire drivers movement of the Northwest will give their loyal support to the new Crookston Drivers Local. Crookston is something of a division point for over-the-road trucking. Among other companies, Elscholtz and Nash-Finch have branches in Crookston.

Temporary officers chosen Sunday in Crookston include S. Ahles, president; E. Normand, recording secretary; and A. Hagen, secretary-treasurer.

Andrew Leaf, representative of the International Carpenters, entered the Clark situation last Thursday and was of great assistance in negotiating the new agreement. Karl Skoglund of General Drivers Local 544 also rendered much help to Local 1859 in its recent fight. The Furniture Workers Union announced Tuesday morning. The new pact went into effect February 28, 1938, and will run for ten months—to December 31, 1938. All workers returned to their jobs Tuesday morning.

The full text of the new contract follows:  
The J. R. Clark Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the Furniture Workers Local Union, No. 1859, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**  
The above named Union is recognized as the collective bargaining agency for its members employed by The J. R. Clark Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**ARTICLE II**  
Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee, composed of union members working within the plant, to handle such union business within the plant as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.

**ARTICLE III**  
The Company agrees not to en-

## Plans Laid For Huge Union Meet

Plans are rapidly being completed this week for an All-Minneapolis Trade Union meeting to be held within the next few weeks at the Minneapolis auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is four-fold: To discuss the general problems confronting the union movement in the maturing war crisis; to analyze the problems presented by the new economic recession; to consider means of combatting the Associated Industries, which has raised a huge jack-pot to finance a new union-smashing campaign in Minneapolis; to place the entire labor movement behind the program of the Building Trades for a great housing program.

Tuesday noon a meeting was held in the Central Labor Union of all American Federation of Labor business agents, at which initial plans were discussed. A meeting of Building Trades business agents which had been scheduled, was adjourned to permit these brothers to attend the broader meeting. Building Trades officials later announced their complete solidarity with the proposed program for the city-wide mass meeting. William Brown was chairman, and James Bartlett, secretary, of the Tuesday meeting.

Today, Thursday, a meeting is scheduled for 2 p. m. at the Central Labor Union to further arrangements for the mass labor rally. The executive boards of the Central Labor Union, the Teamsters Joint Council, the Building Trades Council, and the Printing Trades Council, are to attend the Thursday meeting, to complete the program and set up committees.

## Military Dictatorship to Throttle Labor Is War Scheme of Sheppard-May Bill

With America's great financial and industrial oligarchy apparently divided in opinion as to the best way and the most advantageous time to put over the Industrial Mobilization Plan, and with labor solidly opposing it, the Roosevelt administration and the Army are now trying for the third time to put through Congress the Sheppard-May Bill which would turn the United States of America into a military-Fascist nation.

The war-mongers, all those who stand to gain from the Second World War, are attempting to find the correct legislative formula to permit passage of the infamous "M-Day Plan."

The present Sheppard-May Bill now being debated in Washington is a much slicker job than the original Sheppard-Hill Bill, which twice failed to pass. The whole idea of those favoring military dictatorship is to formulate the most innocent-sounding measure in the vaguest possible terms which, once passed, will permit the sabre-rattlers to clamp down on the nation with the M-Day Plan which has been carefully developed since 1921.

**A U. S. Dictator**  
A study of the May Bill (H. R. 9391) reveals that it would give the President power not only to control all prices and resources under the War Department's Industrial Mobilization Plan, but also:

1. To control wages indirectly by refusing to allow price changes.

2. To take control of the radio and public services.

3. To control the press by "proclaiming the order of priority in which any owner, manufacturer, dealer, producer, importer or public service in the United States shall fill orders, or transport or deliver anything or furnish power or service of any kind." (Any labor paper or anti-war paper could thus be denied printing paper, for instance.)

**Smashes Unions**  
4. To control unions, by proclaiming them to be "industrial organizations" under government control. Section 8 of the May Bill provides that any individual, partnership, corporation, or association violating any provision of this Act . . . shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$100,000 or imprisoned for not exceeding one year, or both."

We know enough of capitalist government to know that it will be precisely the trade unions and militant labor leaders against whom Section 8 will be directed. What would be easier than for the Wartime Dictatorship to fine a striking union \$100,000, and thus break its treasury—or arrest strike leaders and hurl them into concentration camps?

5. Sections 3 and 5 give the President power to control all unions "in public service," and the vague formula of "public service" permits the dictatorship to

decide that not only railroad workers, but transport workers (drivers, for instance), and all workers "handling public necessities" are subject to such control.

**Testimony of Nye**  
After studying the Industrial Mobilization Plan which the current Sheppard-May Bill attempts to smuggle through, the Nye Senate Committee had this to say: "The price of war may be actual operating dictatorship, under military control, in this country. . . A determined effort to keep down wages is possible [7] in the next war. . . The government authorities could break any strike simply by cancelling the deferments of the strike leaders and as many of their men as necessary and drafting them into the army."

Though the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and other gullible liberal groups, have announced that the May Bill has eliminated many obnoxious features of the Hill Bill which it replaces, Representative May himself has categorically declared that the bill has been shorn of the labor conscription provisions. Some of the features originally missing from the Hill Bill, such as the conscription features, have already been slipped back in.

**Stop Profiteering—Haw!**  
Naturally, the Sheppard-May Bill is not presented publicly as a bill to clamp a ruthless dictatorship on America which would give an Army and Navy Munitions Board supreme power over the life of the country.

Instead (don't laugh) it is introduced as a bill "to prevent profiteering in time of war and to equalize the burdens of war and thus provide for the national defense and promote peace."

Many organizations have expressed the pretensions of the Bill "to take the profits out of war." Too many Americans, after all, remember that after the "protection" of many laws "to take the profits out" of the last World War, over 22,000 employers who stayed at home became millionaires by selling supplies to the government. Too many people remember the remarks of the steel emperor, Judge Gary, who declared that "the manufacturers must have reasonable profits in order to do their duty."

Profits in the last war ranged up to 15,000 per cent yearly. A subsidiary of the du Pont company made a four-months profit of \$1,961,560—and so many other lush contracts were afloat that the government had to beg du Pont to take the money.

**Down With War-Makers**  
The Sheppard-May Bill is the Sheppard-Hill Bill, dressed up so as to be more acceptable to American workers. With such a vicious dictatorial measure, there can be no compromise. The workers of Minnesota must urge their Farmer-Labor congressional representatives: Against the Sheppard-May Bill! Against the militarists' Industrial Mobilization Plan! All War Funds to the Unemployed!

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# Labor Set Aside By Clique In F-L Convention

### Boerbach-Seestrom Clique Votes to Outlaw Primary Contestants, Revoke Charters—Street Car Union Unseated—Recent Capitalist Candidates Endorsed—Effort Made to Gag Drivers' Defense and Knife I. G. Scott—Al Bastis Double-Crossed—Teaming Crafts Denounce Steamroller Machine

With delegates representing organized labor far outweighed by packed delegations, in many cases hostile to the bona fide labor movement, the Sunday convention of the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Party voted to recommend that the state convention adopt a system of gag rule outlawing primary contestants and their supporters.

Sunday's convention was organized by the "central committee" elected January 31 when, despite the fact that the outcome of the Central Labor Union elections had demonstrated that the Boerbach-Seestrom clique did not represent organized labor, it insisted on hanging on to its control of the top-machinery of the Farmer-Labor county organization.

This unrepresentative clique came into the convention with prepared slates for all committees and its well-oiled machine had its way except for a few incidents.

#### General Drivers Ignored

Typical of the clique control was the fact that the General Drivers Union, paying per capita to the county organization for 1500 members, received no recognition on any of the committees.

#### Street Car Union Unseated

To make doubly sure of their control, the clique refused to seat the delegation from the Street Car Men's Union on a technical pretext.

#### Rural Hennepin Slighted

Not only organized labor, but also rural Hennepin received short shrift at the hands of the clique.

#### Recent Capitalist Candidates Endorsed

The controlling clique sought allies everywhere except among the real representatives of organized labor.

#### 544 Denied A Hearing

One was the attempt to prevent a representative of General Drivers Local 544 from getting the floor to expose the slanderous leaflet issued over the name of Douglas Raze, and which was lengthily discussed at last week's special membership meeting of the union.

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Thereupon the machine retreated, and Walter Frank proposed a compromise, in the form of a substitute motion that the leaflet not be considered the official attitude of the Farmer-Labor Party toward 544. This was adopted. Hilliard Smith and other Communist party leaders rushed to the platform, yanked the chairman, and after a private discussion with him, he withdrew, and thereafter Guy Alexander was chairman.

#### Attempt to Knife Scott

The other occasion when the steamroller had to retreat was at 1:30 in the morning when the clique made a sudden attempt to prevent the convention from in-dorsing I. G. Scott as county commissioner. Scott is so unquestionably the candidate of the labor movement, and so assured of victory, that even the convention steering committee had recommended his indorsement.

#### Ogg Aids Scott

Ogg of the Milk Drivers backed up Scott. Speaking by agreement for the teaming crafts, he declared:

"The same outrageous tactics have been pursued here all day. A steamroller has had its way regardless of the will of the bona-fide delegates representing organized labor."

#### Wholesale Violators

According to Herbert Johnson, driver, and Claire Fairley, helper, on the truck traversing the route observed, there are only one or two homes observing the city's fire laws in burning their garbage.

#### Gene Frey Dies; Workers Mourn

A staunch working-class fighter passed from the ranks of the movement early Monday morning when Gene Frey died after a short illness. Frey was very active in the Federal Workers Section, and was a member of General Drivers Local 544.

#### Bastis Endorsed by Unions

Bastis, endorsed by many unions, was defeated for endorsement by Bert Morton, after apparent agreement to let the choice of a sheriff candidate go to the

#### Among Those Endorsed

Among those endorsed were: Governor Benson, State Treasurer C. A. Halvorson, and Attorney General William S. Ervin, State Representative Sam Bellman, Roy Wier for state senate from the 29th district, and W. F. Bennett from the 35th district, all for reelection.

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#### ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROOF OF WILL, LIMITING TIME TO FILE CLAIMS AND FOR HEARING THEREON

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
In Re Estate of John G. Rogers, Decedent.

#### ORDER FOR HEARING TO PROVE WILL

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested show cause, if any they have, before this Court on Monday, March 14, 1938, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota, why the petition of Ralph S. Stambery, of Mason City, Iowa for the allowance of an instrument purporting to will the last Will and Testament of said Decedent and the probate thereof and for Letters thereon, should not be granted.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED

that within four months from the date hereof all creditors of said Decedent file their claims in this Court. Proofs will be heard and claims examined and adjusted before this Court on Tuesday, July 5, 1938, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

These orders shall be published in the Northwest Organizer and a copy mailed to each of the heirs, legatees and devisees of said Decedent at least 14 days before the date of said hearing on the petition to prove will.

WITNESSETH the HON. MENLEY E. FOSSEEN, Judge of Probate Court, this 14th day of February, 1938.  
(SEAL OF PROBATE COURT)  
ERNEST P. LORENZ  
Clerk of Probate Court.  
RALPH S. STAMBERY, Attorney  
Mason City, Iowa  
Feb. 17, 24; March 3.



### Bill Brown Says—

There are practically no farmers in Hennepin County, and Labor had no say in the Sunday doings. Apart from that it was a good Farmer-Labor convention.

## Sanitary Drivers Appeal to City to Heed Garbage Rules

With the rapid approach of spring, the City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 initiated a campaign this week to appeal to householders in Minneapolis to co-operate with the city engineer's department and the union by observing the rules pertaining to the collection of garbage.

The present laxity in observance of the fire laws and the rules of sanitation as regards garbage disposal is appalling, a survey made this week by the Northwest Organizer proved. Whereas garbage can be burned legally only in containers of one-half inch mesh, on one route alone, chosen at random from

over a score of garbage collection routes, there are no less than 430 homes that are burning garbage in containers used in utter disregard of the hazards of fire, the laws of sanitation, and the minimum respect for the neighbors' washing, the surrounding shrubbery and trees, and the paint on nearby buildings.

By far the easiest, safest and most sanitary method of disposing of garbage is for the householder to place all garbage and inflammable refuse in regulation cans. City drivers pick up all such garbage at least once a week, where it is hauled to the municipal crematory and burned. Such garbage collections are free, and efficiently dispose of the fire and health dangers of burning garbage outside homes.

The heat in the crematory furnace is maintained at above 1200 degrees Fahrenheit (the heat judged by the government as necessary to kill off all disease germs).

City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 ask all union homes in the city to observe the rules for collection of garbage. By providing cans for garbage, housewives can be assured of having the garbage collected free of charge at least once weekly. This not only makes for a cleaner and healthier city, but helps provide jobs for members of Local 664.

### Gene Frey Dies; Workers Mourn

A staunch working-class fighter passed from the ranks of the movement early Monday morning when Gene Frey died after a short illness. Frey was very active in the Federal Workers Section, and was a member of General Drivers Local 544.

He lived at 3411 Washington avenue north, and is survived by a mother and sister. He was about 54 years old. All his life he was a rebel against social injustice. He was a member of the old Socialist Party; active in the days of the Non-Partisan League; at the time of his death he was a member of the Socialist Workers Party.

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## Clark Strikers Win Smashing Union Victory, Higher Wage

(Continued from page 1)  
ter into any contractual relationship with its employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement and further agrees not to discriminate against an employee because of his membership or non-membership in a labor union.

#### ARTICLE IV

The regular work hours shall be eight (8) hours per day and/or forty (40) hours per week, exclusive of Saturdays. Time and one-half shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of the regular work hours, except that double time shall be paid for work performed on Sundays, and the following Legal Holidays: New Year's Day, Decoration Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

#### ARTICLE V

New employees shall serve a probationary period of thirty (30) days, during which time they may be discharged without cause. Employees' seniority shall begin at the termination of the thirty-day probationary period.

#### ARTICLE VI

If a job becomes open for any reason, the senior qualified employee shall be given first preference to accept or reject this open job, without jeopardizing his present or future seniority standing.

#### ARTICLE VII

Dispute as to fact over the discharge of an employee or compliance with any of the provisions contained herein which cannot be settled by the aggrieved employee or his representative and the employer, shall be referred to an arbitration committee, consisting of five members. Two members of the arbitration committee shall be selected by the Union, two by the employer, and the four so selected shall select a fifth member, who shall be the impartial chairman.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.

#### ARTICLE IX

Any Union employee desiring a leave of absence from the job shall secure written permission from the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved.

#### ARTICLE X

Employees shall receive full pay for labor performed in the services of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts. When called to work, employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay, except in case of a breakdown or for other causes beyond the control of the Employer.

#### ARTICLE XI

The minimum rate of pay shall be fifty (50) cents per hour and the wage rates of all employees who were on the pay roll as of February 11, 1938, shall be increased by five (5) cents per hour effective this date.

#### ARTICLE XII

This agreement, dated February 28, 1938, shall remain in full force and effect up to and including December 31, 1938.

#### ARTICLE XIII

The Union members all seem very anxious to get the 1937 wage adjustments cleared up. Providing the company is willing, that will make it unanimous.

The men in the Kelvinator Department are requested to appear before the Seniority Board next Monday evening, March 7, at 8 p. m.

As we mentioned before, if you desire any information regarding the Union, please obtain it at

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union headquarters and do not listen to propaganda that certain individuals may be dispensing.

It looks as though the attendance at our union meeting is definitely on the upswing. Keep it up, men. You'll find it pays dividends.

The last Stewards' meeting was well attended and very lively. Riverside men were there and spoke their minds. The Union needs more men like this.

The boys in the Underground Department are still waiting for a just settlement.

Labor is still on the march despite layoffs that have been made by industry with the purpose of intimidating the workers.

The dance committee made a very good report at the last meeting.

If all union dances were as well supported as the Electrical Workers', a Labor Temple would be demanded more emphatically.

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# The Coal Strike of 1934—Birth of a Great Union

## Labor Board Plays Bosses' Game—But Drivers Win First Strike Victory in Minneapolis in Ten Years—Analysis of Triumph—Foreseeing the Future

Before and during the struggle, the regional labor board showed the characteristics typical of all such governmental agencies, characteristics still in effect today. The role of the labor board in the coal strike amounted to this: In all the efforts made by the union committee to present the coal workers' demands to the employers, the Board was only an agency to transmit an insolent reply and a flat refusal of the bosses to deal with the union. During the most advantageous time of the winter season this Board was instrumental in postponing action under one pretext and another, which gravely weakened and endangered the position of the union.

When, in spite of these obstructive tactics, the aroused workers struck the yards, demonstrating to all that the union actually spoke for the coal workers—then the Board came forward with a decision that actually saved the face of the bosses. A vote in the separate yards was ordered. This played directly into the hands of the coal yard employers who had lost the strike. Though the union went ahead to win these yard elections, nevertheless the General Drivers Local learned lessons about labor boards and labor mediators that were to stand them in good stead in subsequent struggles.

On Friday the labor board handed down a ruling that "pending the holding of the elections the employers shall recognize the committee of Local Union No. 574 as the representatives of the union employees in their plants provided, however, that the right of individual employes to exercise their rights under the law are not affected by this order.

**Union Victory**  
On Saturday morning, the Minneapolis Tribune carried the headline: "Coal Strikers Back on Job as Walkout Ends—Union Recognized, Minor Differences on Wages to be Settled Later."

Read the story. . . . Early Friday afternoon, members of Local 574 voted to call off the strike and go back to work. Previously, on Thursday night, the management of the coal companies had agreed to recognize the union. . . . By 2:30 p. m. Friday regular deliveries had

been resumed at a number of yards. The men would have been back to work in all of them, it was explained, had it not been that most of them were exhausted from doing picket duty Wednesday and Thursday nights. Men were stationed at every yard in the city day and night since the strike started.

The evening Journal was more non-committal about the settlement. "Strikers Back Hauling Coal—Drivers Begin Delivery of Fuel Pending Arbitration—All men reported for work at 7 a. m. Saturday. Neil Cronin, chairman of the labor board, said Saturday ballots were being prepared and arrangements completed for election of committees of men to take up all matters in dispute in a collective bargaining way."

**The Union Slate**  
The first elections were announced for the following Wednesday, and it was reported that "the union men in all the yards have agreed on one ticket for the election: T. E. Cunningham, William S. Brown, Miles Dunne, Karl Skoglund, and Cliff Hall.

Thus came the first strike victory in ten long years.

**A Thrilling Triumph**  
Said the Minneapolis Labor Review of February 19, 1934, of the settlement: "The workers of the city were thrilled, both organized and unorganized, at the mastery manner in which the struggle was conducted. . . . Picketing of the coal yards was carried on continuously during the strike and there has never been a better example of enthusiastic efficiency than displayed by the coal driver pickets."

"A week ago Minneapolis was not paying much attention to the coal drivers. Today organized and militant they are a mighty factor in the industrial world."

The Labor Review reported the memorable meeting of the Central Labor Union "that heard Miles Dunne, member of the coal drivers strike committee, declare that anyone who doubts that the American workers will fight for their rights is sadly misinformed."

**Aids to Victory**  
In his book "American City," which deals with Minneapolis and the rise of the General Drivers Union, Charles Walker mentions several characteristics of the

strike leadership that played a role in determining the victory in February and the remaining drivers strikes of 1934:

"1. Militant picketing—termed by the employers 'lawlessness.'"

"2. Skepticism in all negotiations—based on a frankly working-class point of view—of the good intentions of the employers, the police, or the government."

"3. Infinite painstaking preparedness for any action undertaken and speedy audacity in its execution. . . ."

The success of the coal strike sent workers by the thousands flocking into the General Drivers Union, and laid the basis for coming battles that were to shake the entire nation.

**Looking Ahead**  
Those naive persons who think the union leadership was not planning and calculating upon the coming battles, was not consciously preparing itself and the organization for these struggles, should consider an article appearing in the national labor press in the middle of February, 1934, written by V. R. Dunne and expressing the opinion of the strike leadership:

" . . . The methods used (in the coal strike) and the manner in which the organization work was carried out, stand as a model for the benefit of those who will take up the vast work that lies just ahead. The coal workers section of the transportation industry has gained its first objective. These workers have tested their organized strength, almost alone, in a sharp and successful engagement with the bosses. . . . No barrier must be placed in the way of recruiting the membership to full strength. . . . (Our organizational campaign) must extend from section to section. . . . The drivers union must be welded into a more solid unit."

**Go Thou . . .**  
From such modest beginnings sprang the towering General Drivers movement in this area. The coal strike of 1934, with all its lessons, should be an inspiration and a beacon-light to conscious and progressive workers everywhere, especially in those localities where the labor movement is still weak. "Go thou and do likewise," says the Minneapolis workers.

**With the Limousines**  
Now we are through with our first dance. I believe everybody had a great time. We made a little money, but not much. Ernie Johnson thanks everyone that helped to put the affair over.

Someone got the wrong hat last Saturday. Harry Calligan had to go home without his headpiece. If you want to make a Park avenue Irishman happy, please return his hat.

All the boys working for Harry Smith wear union buttons and carry union cards. They belong to Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912. Nice going, boys.

We want to thank William Brown and Ray Sawyer for helping us to organize Harry Smith's.

Brothers, please take notice: There is a Pure Oil station on 13th and Nicollet owned by Bud Nelson. He has always been fair to organized labor, and always been pretty nice to some of the members from our Local. He merits our patronage. If you are near his station, just give him a try, and tell him you are from the Private Chauffeurs Union.

Any brother that has not sent in his unsold dance tickets, please do so. Otherwise we shall have to charge you for them. Send them to me at 257 Plymouth avenue north.

Starting Monday, March 7, I will only be in the office from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. Anyone wishing to pay dues or transact business will have to do so between these hours. Please take notice, all.

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# St. Paul Packinghouse Union Stops Frame-up Game of CIO

## Clear Paul Rasmussen of Slanderous Charges Made by Van Nordstrand - Mauseth - Porter Clique of Union Wreckers - Overwhelming Documentary Evidence Smashes Plot

Because we have always fought against frameups engineered by bureaucrats and clique politicians against honest workers, the Northwest Organizer is glad to comply with a request of the executive board of Packinghouse Workers Local 62 to publish the following resolution which clears Paul Rasmussen of slanderous charges.

Paul Rasmussen is so new to the labor movement, despite his youth. He was National Secretary of the Workers Alliance of America in the great days of that organization before the Communist Party seized and wrecked it. He resigned from his position as General Organizer of the CIO in Minnesota last September, in protest against the bureaucratic and splitting policies of the Minnesota CIO leaders. At present, Rasmussen is secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota State Council of Packinghouse Workers' Unions.

A real blow was struck against the bureaucratic Van Nordstrand-Cole - Rick - Porter - Mauseth CIO leadership in this state on Monday night, when the executive board of the progressive South St. Paul packinghouse union by unanimous vote cleared Paul Rasmussen, militant unionist, of all the slanderous and lying charges placed against him by the Communist Party splitters in control of the CIO apparatus in Minnesota.

Following a two-hour hearing in which Rasmussen presented scores of documents to refute every bogus charge placed against him by the Communist Party in its attempts to run Rasmussen out of the movement, a stinging resolution was passed in which the board members, all leaders of their local unions, pledged to "do everything in our power to restore to him his union membership, his good name and standing in the industrial union movement. . . ."

For five months following the frame-up of Rasmussen, the state CIO machine had refused to give Rasmussen a hearing.

The Northwest Organizer received a specific request that it publish a copy of the resolution, copies of which were sent to other labor papers in the Northwest and the country.

Following is a copy of the resolution adopted by the executive board of the South St. Paul United Packinghouse Workers Union:

**Blow to Splitters**  
WHEREAS, We, the only constituted and recognized executive board representing the five packing plants under the jurisdiction of Local 62, United Packinghouse Workers, CIO, when Brother Paul Rasmussen was Field Representative of the CIO, and when, after his resignation from this position, we elected him to the position of Business Agent of Local 62, and editor of our official newspaper, "The Packinghouse Worker," and

WHEREAS, This Executive Board severed Rasmussen's connections with our local because of the charges placed against him; and

WHEREAS, We have given a fair and impartial hearing to this brother today, and have carefully examined the scores of documents presented by him in his behalf, and have heard his testimony as to his experience, reputation, policies, character and integrity, and having cross-examined him as to his testimony and evidence presented in refutation of the charges placed against him;

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That we find Brother Rasmussen NOT GUILTY of the charges placed against him by the State CIO Council through James Porter, PWOC regional director;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we will as workers and union members do everything in our power to restore to him his union membership, his good name and standing in the Industrial Union Movement;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That copies of this resolution be sent to the following newspapers and union officials: The Unionist, The Northwest Organizer, The People's Press, The Minnesota Leader and the general labor press, to the Central Labor bodies of Minneapolis, St. Paul, etc., etc."

**Praiseworthy Action**  
Those present at the board meeting were key representatives of the union in the Armour, Swift, Superior and Rivkin plants in South St. Paul. The progressive packinghouse workers in that town have put up a long fight against the splitters and frame-up artists and they deserve credit for having taken such action as clears the good name of an honest trade unionist from the monstrous slanderous placed against him by the enemies of labor. These workers have acted in the best traditions of the union movement, showing a side of this movement which has become traditional in this state.

# Sears Workers Prepare for New Pact

(Continued from page 1)  
job to organize Sears was sure a tough one. We won a union agreement because we had the wholehearted support of the labor movement of Minneapolis, and particularly of the General Drivers Local 544."

**Unity Maintained**  
Since the signing of the agreement, several attempts have been made by stoolies and stooges to create dissension in the union's ranks. The company has further attempted from time to time to institute various speed-up methods in contravention of the contract. However, the young Sears workers have been able each time to mobilize their ranks and stand firm against all attempts to weaken or disrupt their union.

**Campaign Begins**  
In the next two months, preceding negotiations on a new agreement, a campaign for new members will be launched by Local 20314. To plan this action, all stewards and key numbers were called in recently to meet with the executive board. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that an enthusiastic sentiment existed to hold a section meeting, at which the provisions of the new agreement will be discussed.

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# The Union Gallery 21.



**Walter Hagstrom**

Hagstrom is a charter member of the cab section of the General Drivers Union, and the first Committee-man chosen by the cab drivers. He held the job until June, 1937, when he began functioning as an organizer for the Drivers. He's a machinist by trade, having been a member of the old Machinists Local 91. As far back as 1918, he was a delegate to the old Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly. Born and schooled in Stillwater, moved to Minneapolis over 25 years ago. Married and has a kid that's big enough to lick him.

# Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Nothing is more disagreeable than to have to keep reminding you to attend the meetings once a month. We should have a turnout of better than three hundred every month. It takes only one night monthly and think what a perfect alibi it gives you married guys for a night off.

Curt attended the banquet of good roads advocates who gathered to protest any reduction in federal aid for highways. Here is at least one instance where we might lay back on our heels and feel sure the big bosses will battle for the cause.

The ITO-ers who haul black dirt and sod would be mightily pleased to see the executive board order another fink drive timed with the arrival of the balmy breezes of April.

Some nice projects for truck employment were recently surveyed by WPA.

The black dirt meeting turned out to be a babble of belam. It seems as if this business must turn out to be the black sheep in our family.

Hope our labor unions do something to push all this war propaganda off the front pages. If it's battle that big business is looking for, we can give 'em plenty right here, and all we need to do for a starter is to ask for a closed shop contract with a wage increase.

It is just too, too bad since the Union club closed that one can't make the rounds and get acquainted. The big ray of sunshine is in saving money. Some of my friends have expressed surprise at the difference and not without gratification. Yes, there was quite a group, but maybe we better not say any names. It's safer.

A report from out St. Louis Park way says John Asplund is traveling with a bodyguard. Now, John, we always had you pegged for a fairly smart guy—until we saw you advertising the company you keep. However, do you think your little stunt (whatever there is in it for you) causes the Union such concern that it would stoop to underworld tactics in considering your personal welfare? Our problem is the forces instigating you and your friends in your action. Had you been just a little smarter your own financial interests at least would have caused you to become conversant with the union principle and its objectives and accompanying rules. With these in mind you would have regulated your conduct accordingly, with a resultant elimination of any friction and conflict with the Union.

On the Quiet List: A Webber (where is he?), Matt Kukar, Al Brandt, Doug Raze (we hope), Bert St. Martin, Tom McCue (temporarily) and Bob Hove (only from day to day).

Louie Groth will be pushing a new one soon.

The wise man is not he who makes no mistakes. There are not, and cannot be, such men. He is wise who makes slight mistakes and who is able to correct them easily and quickly.

# BAKERY BLAB

NEXT MEETING—Wholesale drivers meet Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p. m. sharp.

The General Membership meeting last Thursday was quite a meeting, very well attended. A number of important things were brought up, among them the counter proposal on the contract which was turned down. Also the position of trustee, vacated by Harold Simons, was turned over to the Executive Board to fill by appointment.

Joe O'Hare was given a rousing vote of confidence as was also Harry De Boer, both of whom represent us on negotiations and are doing a knockout job of it.

All of which was very gratifying to Joe in particular, as he is just finishing his first year as business agent and shows definitely the success he has made of it.

Mike Moline of Regan's is sporting a brand new Plymouth, but is still talking to us common bread-bakers.

SCOOP! Lloyd Lindquist, cowboy bachelor at Zintzmasters, is hitching up to double harness sometime in May. Don't ask us how we found out.

Mrs. Ed Monahan presented Ed with an eight pound baby daughter.

Roy Engle, Gladness, is expecting a new spring addition to his family.

Stockman of Excelsior is very sick. He has been in bed for ten days.

Kopp, over at Excelsior, copped a new truck for achieving top place so consistently.

We are finally installed in our new office. New desk, new typewriter, and everything. It's the next to the last office on the right. So now you can transact any union business any time of the day as there will be somebody there all the time.

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

## Rally the Workers and Farmers Against War Preparations!

Elsewhere in this issue we publish an analysis of the Sheppard-May Bill now before Congress. In forthcoming issues we shall publish analyses of other Roosevelt-sponsored bills providing for a gigantic armament program and for ways and means of foisting upon this country the dictatorial rule of the war machine.

Words are hardly adequate to make fully clear to every worker and farmer, every friend of labor and humanity, what mortal danger to the American people and, indeed, to the future of the human race, is contained in the Roosevelt preparations for war. Every worker and farmer, every liberal worthy of the name, must fight against the sinister plans of the war-mongers.

### A Hard Fight

This fight is not going to be an easy one. The lynch spirit which the Administration roused against the supporters of the Ludlow Amendment was but a faint hint of the ruthless ferocity with which the war-mongers will fight the opponents of their war preparations.

Despite the pressure brought to bear on them, the Farmer-Labor congressmen of Minnesota supported the Ludlow Amendment, and we have previously congratulated them heartily for their stand. When the Minnesota Leader failed even to report the courageous action of the Farmer-Labor congressmen, we sharply stigmatized it for its silence.

### Governor Benson's Stand

Now we are glad to record that the Minnesota Leader of February 26 reports a series of actions by Governor Benson to organize opposition to the Sheppard-May Bill.

Equally pleasant is it to record that when Governor Benson appeared before the State Farmer-Labor Veterans Association last Saturday, he declared:

"I cannot understand how a World War veteran like Maas [Republican St. Paul Congressman] can be a supporter of the big navy program. A big navy program is merely preparation for a future offensive war."

"There are many people who will contend that a war on the side of the democracies, France and England, lined up against the dictatorships, Italy and Germany, would be the most righteous war this country has ever engaged in."

"However, I contend that no war offensive is righteous, because war does not solve anything. I am opposed to the boys of this country being sent overseas again in any foreign war. I am against war and I am against present proposed preparations for war, such as our big navy program which is certain eventually to lead us into war. We should vigorously oppose that program."

### Governor Benson and the Masses

If the Governor follows up these first words with concrete opposition to each and every move of the Roosevelt Administration toward war, he will find himself the object of denunciation and slander, not only from the capitalists, but also from those Communist Party war-mongers who masquerade as progressives within the Farmer-Labor party and today call themselves Benson men. What is far more important, however, the Governor will find himself on the same side of the concrete issues against war as will be taken by the organized workers and farmers, not only of Minnesota, but of the whole country.

### Our Responsibility

For our part, we accept our responsibility as the organ of an important and strategic section of the labor movement. We shall rally the workers and their allies of the countryside in a determined struggle against each and every move of the war-mongers.

## "Opposition in Japan"—And in America Too

"The National Mobilization Act, designed by the army and the bureaucrats to lay the basis for a totalitarian regime in Japan, is meeting vigorous opposition in the Diet."—From an editorial, February 26, in the New York Times.

But what that spokesman for the American war machine does NOT report is that the Sheppard-May "Industrial Mobilization Plan" designed by the army and the bureaucrats to lay the basis for a totalitarian regime in America, is meeting vigorous opposition, not only in Congress, but from the whole labor movement.

## Support for Commissary Rolls In

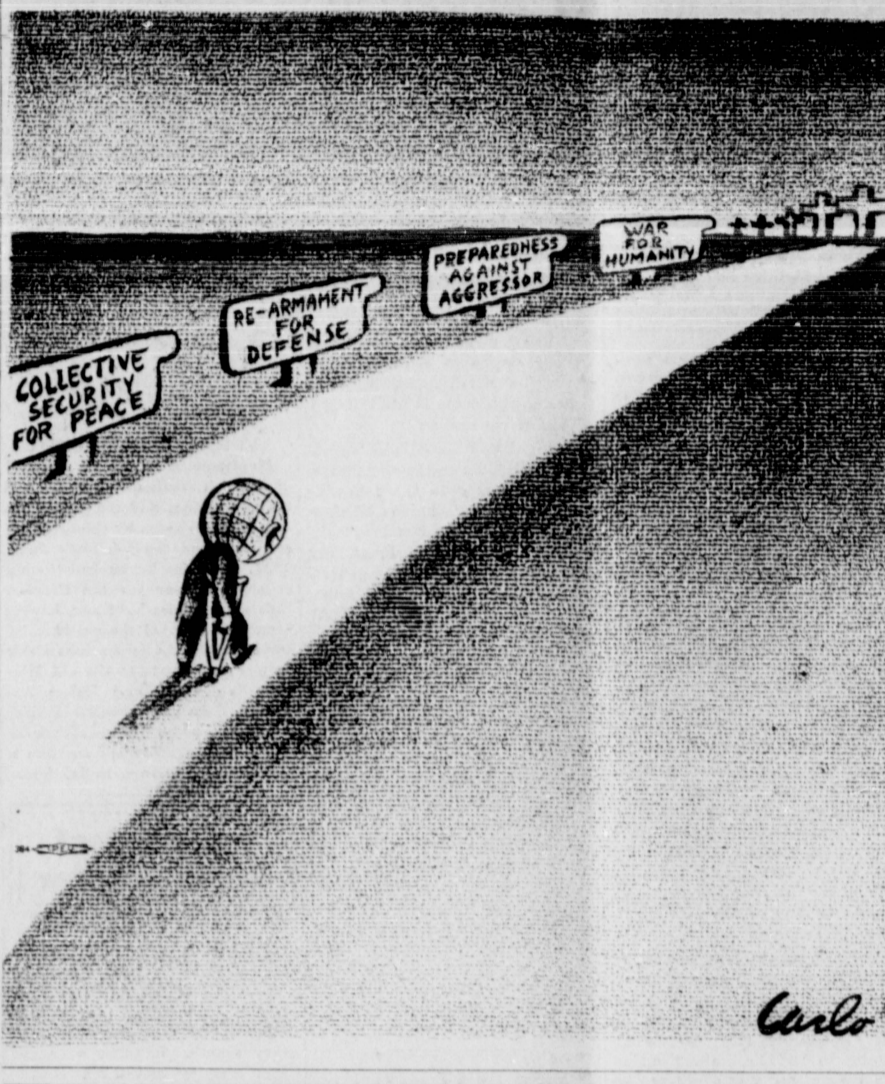
The cab strikers continued this week to receive ever-mounting support from hundreds of friends, in their fight against the taxi bosses. The Strike Donations Committee received hundreds of new donations to the commissary during the past few days. Just before press time, Jack Herman, chairman of the Committee, handed in the following partial list of those who have contributed in the last few days to support the cabmen's strike:

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LOST: Pair of girl's green knitted gloves, around Drivers hall. Finder please return to N. W. Organizer office.

## JOURNEY'S END



Carlo

## CAB STRIKE ITEMS

By Bill Goodnough and Floyd Lunde

We were greatly shocked and grieved to hear of the death of our brother, Merrill Swenson. Though he has been out of our organization for some time, he is remembered by all.

Charlie Morris is out of sick-bay—glad to see you back in action.

The four copies of Esquire on the Union Hall table, we suppose, should not be read until we have digested the more proper Union literature.

Some of the boys are wearing different suits this week. Next week we'll find out if there are any three suit capitalists among us.

Roy Brown is ready for the wrestling mat. The "Twins" should endorse this move.

Any one of our three strike veterans could write a handbook manual on the care and upkeep of picket cars.

Say what you will about the kitchen crew. Nothing that they have mixed up has exploded, so far.

This man "Curly" Goodnough has a very portable office system. Maybe he's the roving reporter we've heard so much about.

Wonder where "Champ" Roy Nelson got the black eye?

If some members of the City Council have their say, we will be driving for the city.

What's the world coming to?—Saw Bill La Belle reading the Needlecraft Magazine.

The Commissary Dept. under J. Herman is functioning 100%.

Hitler would appreciate our Nazi Squad composed of Brothers Rosen, Shultz and Greenberg.

Nuts! Got a swell rib for a couple of "big shots" but I can't use it; their wives also read the Organizer.

These spring-like days find Joe Wise stripped down to shirt and trousers.

If "Banjo" the pop-eyed Chef asks for a fill for his pipe, look the pipe over first. It holds about two cubic yards.

The Baggage boys have been down 100% for active strike duties.

Oscar Benson would like to know how the other half lives.

Looks like the Hi-balls are on "Slim" Friesen and "Russ" Well.

Think Gamble and Skogmo should both strike. The income tax reports show that their 1937

salaries were only \$42,000 and \$41,000 respectively.

The "General" seems a lot tamer since they moved his office out in the open.

There was a man, who thought that he could take out his old car.

And park down by the depot, and be a Taxi-Man. He'd grab the dollars and the halves, and quarters by the score.

Oh, yeah, he merely fancied that, he doesn't any more.

Carl Skoglund in his speech last night deviated from the usual story. He neglected to tell the story of the hornets' nest. Otherwise he gave a fine talk.

Pretty soon now, Bock beer in the spring, tra' la!

The great mystery here is, how can these bachelors show such proficiency in the kitchen, on the mop and at the card table and still remain single?

Shades of Captain Kidd! Mutiny in the "galley."

Who is this Mr. Blatta? Must be a chef of rare culinary ability.

These gentlemanly pickets don't as a rule use epithets, but I've heard the terms anthracite, ebony, midnite, darkness, etc.

The big chunks of ice brought up to us by these husky Sanitary Ice Co. men, Local 221 are appreciated greatly. We keep it secure with padlocks.

Leo Labo and McLeod want to know if our dead mileage is put in the red side of the ledger.

Friday night the "Goon" fell off the stairs or wagon or something.

Guy Munden, Harold Johnson and some other Robbinsdale boys want to go rabbit hunting. How about some moose, boys, bunnies are just too small for the strike commissary.

"Churck" Younglove's Auburn got wrecked in the line of duty. Insurance company settled and no casualties.

Let's see, boys, just how many shopping days before Christmas?

The Hill-Billy doesn't care for these extended winters, he doesn't like to wear shoes for such a long stretch. Home was never like this.

Nick Plouman sure talks a good bridge game.

Bill Saunders has a very interesting variation of the famous X-O game but either he or C. Dun-can always seem to win.

Curb the curbstone meetings, was the topic of a very forceful and timely talk by Chairman Ray Sawyer at Monday's meeting.

H. McKean, public chauffeur No. 1, only gets in about 16 hours a day.

Glad to note that the J. R. Clark strikers went back to work with a very satisfactory settlement.

Good thing that someone censored the pictures in the rogues gallery, high blood pressure might be fatal to some of the old timers.

That heavy chain around Hank's car and the tree looks out of place. Doesn't he know that we don't have cyclones or tornadoes in Minnesota at this time of the year?

Haven't seen Otto around lately, maybe he scored on that Old Age set-up.

Wonder who the sour-pusses got on the pan now. You remember, the ones that used to squawk, "think you x?!&\*\$X cab drivers own the streets."

Time out for that rare culinary delicacy called stew.

F. Lunde can eat his cake and have it too. P. S.: He bakes it himself.

A near riot was averted, the lost kitchen key was returned.

The "twins" got a surprise when they tried to drag "Crying Willie" out on the floor. Maybe they should practice on Wiggins.

The directors of the Shrine circus should visit our dining room at high noon, they could really get some new circus ideas.

Cecil Cotton and Mrs. Sorenson's boy Willie go in the same cruiser car so they can still split the coffee. Oh waiter! One coffee and two straws, please.

See that Cal Seguin has his car in service again. Says that after the last smashup his wife will do all of her driving from the rear seat.

Judge Harlan has been out of circulation for a couple of days; headache, Judge? Well, is it any wonder?

Wanted to trade: Sheppakin coats for cigarettes, tobacco, whiskey, gin or what have you.

Every evening before the meetings our two or three or four piece orchestra swings into our theme song, "I'll Be Down to Get You in a Taxi, Honey." Followed by classics, semi-classics and the older popular hits.

The Scotch low-lander is quite a maestro.

Vern Falk discovered that when you are invited to help in the kitchen it is not an invitation

## Vets Meet On Relief March 12

A huge Veterans' meeting under the auspices of the Veterans Committee of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, will be held Saturday morning, March 12, at 10 a. m. in the Drivers' hall, 257 Plymouth avenue north.

Four main subjects are on the order of business, all bearing upon relief standards. A special feature which will attract many veterans from all sections of the labor movement is the analysis of the present war situation in the world, to be presented by Felix Morrow, widely known author and lecturer on world politics.

Opportunity will be given veterans to warn the younger generation on the basis of the experiences of 1917. Mr. Morrow will outline the international political and military situation and its relation to the organized labor movement, with special emphasis on the role of veterans.

Reports will be given on plans for raising veterans' relief and supplementary standards; on dental and optical care for veterans dependents; on what the veterans committee has done, and plans for the future.

Many unions are being approached with invitations to their veterans-members to attend this meeting and assist in laying plans for this work.

The Veterans' meeting is open to all Vets. The regular meeting of the Federal Workers Section on Friday night, March 11, at 8 p. m. is a closed meeting, however.

## Local 471 By-Laws Explained by Larson

There has been much misunderstanding among members of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees' Union Local 471 as to fines for non-attendance at union meetings. Gene Larson, secretary of Local 471, pointed out this week that "Section 2 of the union's by-laws reads that members not attending at least one regular meeting in two months shall be fined 50c and \$1 for each additional month of continued non-attendance."

All members of Local 471 are asked to observe this by-law, and to make the necessary efforts to attend their union meetings.

## Sharecroppers' Head Speaks Here March 8

The Twin Cities will share in support to National Share Croppers Week this year by entertaining J. R. Butler, president of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, who will speak at a house party Wednesday evening, March 8, at the home of W. M. West, 406 Southeast Fifth street, Minneapolis.

This will be Mr. Butler's only appearance in the Twin Cities. Admission is 50c. The appearance of Mr. Butler, a former farmer and school teacher before he became a volunteer organizer for the exploited tenant farmers of the southland, will be sponsored by the Twin Cities chapter of the Workers Defense League, a non-partisan labor defense group.

## Hudson Talks on FLP Sunday

"The Situation Inside the Farmer-Labor Party, and the Coming War," will be the subject of a talk to be delivered by Carlos Hudson next Sunday afternoon, March 6, at the Socialist Public Forum, 669 2nd Ave. N. This will be the first in a new series of four lectures to be delivered at the Sunday forum. Admission is 10c.

which can be declined with thanks but is in reality an order.

Judge Harlan hopes this thing ends before St. Patrick's day as his supply of what it takes is running low.

### Famous Last Words

One upon a time there was a cab driver who, while hauling a fare, was demonstrating his clever driving by hitting small objects in the street, sending them spinning through the air by nicking them with his front tires.

The fare, a large fat boss, saw an object laying in the street which appeared to be wasps nest. He challenged the driver to hit it.

The driver hit the nest with the tire and sent it arching through the air into the passenger's seat.

After cold applications were applied to his wounds, the boss regained consciousness and remarked: "I believe they were organized."

**THE END**  
P. S.: We reprint this story for the benefit of those cabbies who haven't already heard it five evenings in a row from various guest speakers.

## 100 Women Initiated by Local 471

At impressive ceremonies held before a capacity attendance, about one hundred girl employees of local dairies were initiated Tuesday night by Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471. Newly elected officials of the special section of Local 471 which embraces the girl employees were also obligated into office. The president of the girls' union section is Elinore Boesche; vice-president, Dorothy Kinney; recording secretary, Dorothy Mead; secretary-treasurer, Solvig Larson, trustees, Pearl Peterson, Eileen Fast and Rosalie Duboid.

President Elinore Boesche of the new section gave a splendid talk Tuesday night, thanking the membership of Local 471 for their aid, and pledging the loyalty of the new members. The Minneapolis union movement joins Local 471 in welcoming these workers into the ranks of organized labor.

## Local 1859 Deals For Mop Workers

A group of seven workers employed by the Dustmaster Corporation, 513 Produce Exchange, were recently turned over by Roy Weir, CLU organizer, to the Furniture Workers Local 1859. This union has notified the corporation it is ready and willing to negotiate a working agreement for these workers. Dustmaster employees are now working up to 70 hours a week for from 30-42 1/2 c hourly. The union will demand the 40-hour week, hourly minimum wages of 55c, time and one-half for overtime, seniority and the closed shop. The district manager from the Chicago office of the corporation will be in town today to begin negotiations.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful floral offerings and kind expression of sympathy shown us by the members of the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, Local 471, the Minneapolis Milk Dealers, and the Franklin Co-operative Creamery employees, also the beautiful songs rendered by the Franklin Male Chorus in the loss of our beloved husband and father, Carl Lenos. Mrs. Emma Johnson Bernice and Jeanne

## Dobbs Speech at Library Forum

Farrell Dobbs spoke Sunday afternoon before the Public Forum at the Minneapolis Public Library. His subject was "Is Labor Controlled by Masters?" Dobbs illustrated how it has always been the policy of anti-labor forces to brand every active trade union leader as a dictator rather than a representative of union policy, as an intimidator rather than a leader. He showed how, through the absolute control over all forms of propaganda the capitalist class has been able to warp the minds of the workers as to their true position in society.

Employers are also able, through these same media, to justify their exploitations of the workers by falsifications and half-truths. He further said that the inability of many trade union leaders to see these exploiters in their true light and to understand the class struggle has made them innocent tools in the hands of the exploiting class.

## Jersey Hockey Team Crowned Champs

The Jersey Ice Cream hockey team won the state championship Sunday in the final at the Minneapolis Arena. This fast team, made up of union workers, flashed through the season rolling up an unparalleled string of victories, establishing itself as the finest team in its class in the entire state.

## Today Makes 7,989 Days . . .



## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LODGE 382</b> Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.
<b>LODGE 1313</b> Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
<b>LODGE 1037</b> Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.	<b>LOCAL 131</b> The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 125</b> The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>SIoux CITY DRIVERS</b> Grievance Committee—Each Tuesday, Friday night Stewards Meeting—Each Friday night
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 544 MARCH, 1938</b> Monday, Feb. 28—Spring Water Wednesday, March 2—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, March 3—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners; Building Materials Friday, March 4—Job Stewards Monday, March 7—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, March 9—Market; Wholesale Liquor Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room. Note: There is a change in the meeting time for the Seniority Board.
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Tuesday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday
<b>LOCAL 1859</b> General Membership, Local 1859—March 2 Casket Industry—March 8 J. R. Clark Section—March 16 Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Local 20481—March 18 Twin City Stewards—Feb. 28, March 14, 28 Executive Board, Local 20481—March 7, 21 General Membership, Local 1859—April 6	<b>ICE, COAL DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE</b> 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.



# Union Mass Meeting at Auditorium Set For Monday, April 11

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# Labor's Attorneys Answer Leach-Inspired Suit

## On the National Picket Line

Further evidence that the Roosevelt administration is planning to use the relief rolls, WPA projects, and CCC camps as recruiting grounds for the army and navy is shown in the revelation of events now transpiring in up-state New York. The U. S. army recruiting service has asked WPA officials in that area for lists of unmarried men on direct work relief, "for the purpose of recruiting them into military service." WPA officials have complied, sending out letters to all public welfare commissioners outside of New York City, asking these officials to cooperate with the army in its recruiting "as a means of reducing your relief rolls and costs."

It is not alone in up-state New York that this recruiting is going on. Colonel McGruder, acting recruiting officer of the Second Area, revealed that a meeting had been held between representatives of the army, navy, and aircraft services and the local WPA administrator, Lieut.-Col. Brenon B. Somerville. Colonel McGruder emerged from this conference to announce publicly that it was his "conviction" that all those now on relief who refuse to enter military service will be dropped from federal relief and work relief rolls.

Colonel McGruder's "conviction" caused much embarrassment among federal WPA and War Department heads. These mighties denied that anyone would be dropped from relief because of refusal to join the army. However, their denials lacked in conviction. Actual happenings speak much louder.

Meanwhile, official figures reveal the fact that more than 3,000,000 men have lost their jobs during the last few weeks. This new influx into the army of the unemployed swells the number of jobless to more than 13,000,000.

The Relief Deficiency Appropriation, asked by Roosevelt, will take care of approximately 2,500,000. What is to happen to the other 500,000 of the newly unemployed, which this deficiency is supposed to take care of, is a matter of conjecture. It is not hard to imagine, however, what use will be made of the \$1,100,000,000 Naval Appropriation Roosevelt is also asking for.

The strike against the United Color and Pigment Company of Newark, N. Y., is now in its ninth week. This strike was organized and has been conducted by 325 workers recently brought into the United Mine Workers Chemical Division. It has been carried on entirely by rank-and-file direction. (Continued on page 4)



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

## Local 292 Asks N.S.P. Statement

On Tuesday night the General Executive Board of Electrical Workers Union Local 292 addressed a special communication to R. F. Pack, president of the Northern States Power company, calling his attention to the fact that Mr. Miller, company representative, has seemingly broken off relations with the union. The union informed Pack that it considers this a provocative act, in violation of the working agreement of March 3, 1937.

Miller has apparently motivated his action from a slight affair that occurred at 35th and Dupont Ave. South on Monday night. The Flat Janitors Union has been picketing an apartment house there and there had been some trouble with the lights. Local 292 heard of the trouble after 9 p. m. Monday evening. Following investigation by union officials, the incident was completely disposed of, in the regular line of procedure followed by responsible unions in this city.

In its communication, Local 292 demands from the president of the N. S. P. company an immediate statement on the state of relations between the union and the company. If the company means to proceed along the full implications of Miller's position, the union will of course take the necessary actions to protect itself and its members.

## Local 544 Signs Printing Pact

On Tuesday morning a new printing contract was signed between General Drivers Local 544 and about 52 printing shops in Minneapolis. Approximately 150 drivers, inside men and clerks are involved. Inside workers received a straight 5c hourly increase, bringing them up to the level of the rest of the industry. Whereas last year drivers received \$30 for a 44-hour week, the new contract specifies a straight 75c hourly wage.

The new working agreement specifies the closed shop, a stricter seniority, the week's vacation with pay, and double time for Sundays and holidays. A worker who is called to work five days in any week is guaranteed 36 hours of work.

Harry De Boer and Tommy Williams represented the union in the negotiations.

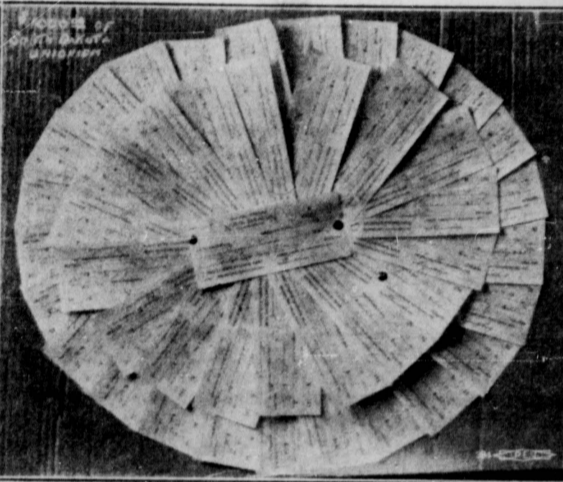
## Jewel Tea Unfair To Drivers Local 275

The only tea company in Minneapolis still unfair to the Tea and Coffee Drivers Local 275 and the rest of the union movement, is the JEWEL TEA COMPANY, it was announced this week by Local 275. Last month, the Crescent Tea company signed up with the union, becoming the fifth firm which is fair to the Drivers. The other four fair firms are: Twin City Tea; Japan Tea; Globe Tea; and Standard Tea.

## Bakery Drivers Hold Special Meeting

A special membership of Bakery Drivers Local 289 will be held Thursday night, March 10, to discuss the counter-proposal which the union has received from the bakery employers. The same counter-proposal has been received by the St. Paul Bakery Drivers Local 409, which is working in cooperation with the Minneapolis drivers in negotiating a new contract.

## \$1,000 Worth of South Dakota Unionism



Above are pictured checks totaling about \$1,000, which the General Drivers Union Local 277 of Watertown, South Dakota, has collected for its members, employees of the North American Creamery. The creamery locked out its workers last October. Through the settlement effected around the first of February this year, one thousand dollars in back pay was collected for Local 277's members. Just one more example that Unionism pays.

# Cab Strikers Firm For \$4-Day Demand

The 450 striking cab drivers stood firm for their original demands and kept the city streets free of cabs, as the fourth week of the strike closed.

The past week saw little change in the strike situation. Reports came in that the employers were busy conferring together, but apparently were coming to no agreement among themselves as yet for a joint offer to the strikers.

Four dollars a day guaranteed wage instead of the old straight commission system remained the demand of the Joint Strike Committee.

Cars provided by the Joint Strike Committee continued to handle emergency needs of the city. A handful of fining attempts were reported and discouraged with little difficulty. The well-stocked commissary

took care of every active striker, while relief committees handled their family cases.

Daily strike meetings heard outstanding labor leaders who urged determined strikers to stand by their guns until victory.

Above all, although it wasn't news anymore, the fact remained: the bosses weren't making any money with their cabs lined up in the garages.

## Over-Road Contract Drawn Up

Chicago Meeting Elects 8-State Committee - Ask Employers to Negotiate - Organization Drive Is Launched

Moving swiftly on the heels of the recent Sioux City conference, the campaign for complete unionization of the over-road motor transportation industry in the north central trade area took a tremendous forward leap at the conference held in Chicago, Ill., on March 2-5. Present were delegates from drivers' unions in eight states, and four representatives of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

During the four-day session, the delegates held a thorough discussion of problems involved in the industry. Unanimous agreement was reached on a set of wage de-

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# All Hostile Charges Crushing Refuted

## Relief Fight Continues In Anoka

The County Commissioners of Anoka County have again passed the buck back to the County Welfare Board. Recent developments in the situation in Anoka County have necessitated that someone find out in whom the authority to grant and administer relief is vested.

Briefly the picture is this. On February 11 the Federal Workers

## Vets to Discuss Relief March 12

All World War vets are urged to attend the veterans' meeting to be held this Saturday morning, March 12, at 10 a. m. in the Drivers' hall, 257 Plymouth avenue. The meeting is sponsored by the Veterans Committee of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544.

Reports will be given on plans for raising veterans' relief and supplementary standards; for securing dental and optical care; on plans of the veterans' committee; on the present world war crisis.

Guest speaker will be Felix Morrow, who will analyze the current political situation in the world.

Section of 544 and the W. A. of Anoka presented a proposed minimum budget as a basis of assistance to clients. This was done to clarify a very messy situation. In Anoka County all relief, all need is determined by a Miss DeVois.

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## Mpls. Labor Mass Meet April 11

The broad union committee in charge of arrangements for the coming monster mass meeting at the Minneapolis Auditorium, has announced the date of the event towards which all organized workers in this city are looking forward—Monday evening, April 11. Every single union worker in Minneapolis is hereby given notice to reserve the night of April 11, and to let nothing interfere with his attendance at this mass meeting, the most important gathering of its kind to be held in this area for many years.

Last Thursday afternoon, at a meeting attended by the executive boards of the Central Labor Union, the Teamsters Joint Council, the Building Trades Council and the Printing Trades Council, a speaking program was arranged and committees set up to supervise various sides of the meeting.

Serving on the Auditorium Committee are William Brown, Harold Seavey, and Walter Frank. Those chosen for the Committee in Charge of Publicity are John Boscoe, Walter Frank, William Sinnott, Miles Dunne, Robley Cramer, Walter Hackett, Joseph O'Hare, and Claire Johnson.

A plan for financing the mass gathering, whereby every member of a union affiliated with the Central Labor Union is to be taxed 3c, was to be placed before the Central Labor Union at its March 9th meeting.

Organized labor of Minneapolis, through attorneys Gilbert Carlson and John Goldie, this week filed in District Court a detailed answer to the Leach-inspired suit against General Drivers Local 544.

With the unanimous backing of the Teamsters Joint Council and the Central Labor Union, Local 544 is fighting this case to the finish.

The union's answer pointed out that one of Leach's stooges, John D. Ryan, was not even a member of 544 at the time of the suit, while the four others, John M. Asplund, Edward Corbett, Adolf Svenddal, and Robert

## Park Board Deals Blow to Workers

Since February 18, 1938, the Minneapolis Park Board has experienced the most drastic reduction of personnel in its history, despite the fact that the P. B. funds are equal or greater than in 1937.

Over 150 men, members for the most part of City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664, have received lay-offs in the past few weeks. The only conclusion to be drawn is that this widespread action is the result of the anti-union attitude of the Park Board. Employees in this section began organizing last May and today are nearly 100 per cent unionized.

Such actions, according to Harold Seavey, business agent of Local 664, serve to call sharply to the attention of the labor movement in Minneapolis something that has long been overlooked. "There are too few representatives of labor on the Park Board," Seavey stated early this week. In view of the laying off of such large numbers of union men, no one can dispute this.

The union movement, and all friends of labor, can obtain first hand information of the struggle between employees and the Park Board by watching this column.

## Out-of-Work Cards Issued by 20316

The Executive Board of Warehouse Workers Local 20316 calls attention of all members and stewards to the new procedure relative to lay-offs, outlined by the Board: Members in good standing who are laid off through no fault of their own, or for other legitimate reasons, shall be issued an out-of-work card by the financial secretary upon application at the union headquarters.

The member's dues must be paid for the month in which the out-of-work card is issued. Upon returning to the job, the member shall immediately deposit the out-of-work card with the steward, who shall record the length of time of such lay-off, and deposit same with the financial secretary not later than the following regular steward meeting.

## FWS Meets Friday to Defend Relief Standards

An important general membership meeting of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 will be held Friday evening, March 11, at 8 p. m. Two main problems up for discussion will be the fight to retain supplementary relief, and the fight against Mayor Leach's attempt to outlaw relief organizations. Al Bastis, of the Ways and Means Committee of the City Council, will be a guest speaker. Bastis will talk on "The City's Relief Financing."

Fischer, just prior to the suit "for ulterior and political motives" "and to interfere with the affairs of Local 544," "conceived the scheme and plan to prepay plaintiff's dues for a considerable period so as to create the appearance of having obtained membership in good standing of Local 544, and to commence this action."

The Leach-instigated suit had attacked the work of the union's Federal Workers Section in securing unemployment relief for its members and other workers, and also attacked "illegal picketing," and closed-shop contracts. These "charges" revealed the boss minds hiding behind the five renegades who signed the complaint.

Much of the 13-page answer of the union is devoted to a detailed description of the union's financial accounting system and to crushing proof that it follows the directions laid down by the Teamsters International.

What 544 Did  
Allegations about the "lack of freedom" resulting from closed-shop contracts are met by sharply contrasting conditions before and after the rise of Local 544. "Prior to the organization of Local 544, truck drivers of Minneapolis were grossly and scandalously underpaid and were forced to work under unfair and burdensome working conditions."

In the ensuing years, "contracts with employers have been obtained for living wages, hours and working conditions with the result that the condition of the average employee in the truck driving industry has been materially bettered and improved and the shameful and scandalous treatment and exploitation of men employed in truck driving crafts has been practically eliminated." In several instances, "closed shop contracts have been entered into with employers but . . . such contracts are lawful and in furtherance of legitimate union objects and purposes . . . and all members have benefited thereby."

Slanders Refuted  
The slanderous charge that the union officers were not regularly elected is refuted by reference to the known facts and to the laws laid down by the Teamsters International governing elections. The assertion that no redress is available to aggrieved members is countered by direct quotation of the constitution of the Teamsters International, showing the many procedures provided whereby members can appeal on grievances.

Labor's attorneys also point out that the Teamsters Joint Council and the Teamsters International "are necessary and indispensable parties of this proceeding."

## St. Cloud Drivers Strike Kraft Co.

St. Cloud, Minn.—For the past two weeks, the Drivers Union in this city has been striking the Kraft Cheese company. This firm is unfair to the union. Four men are involved in the strike.

## The Bosses' Bloodhound



# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# F-L Third District Convention Cleans House

### Trade Unionists Unite With Farmers to Tounce Boerbach-Seestrom Clique—Hilliard Smith Ousted from State Committee—Stirring Anti-War Resolution Adopted—Attempt to Divide Rural Sections from City Workers Fails—Clique Obstructs Transaction of Business

A united front of workers and farmers gave the Boerbach-Seestrom clique a thorough trouncing in the Third Congressional District Convention of the Farmer-Labor Association, held Sunday at the High School at Columbia Heights.

Outraged and disgusted at the conduct of the machine which ran the Hennepin County convention at will a week before, the representatives of Minneapolis trade unions, rural Hennepin and other rural sections, joined with the delegates from the Tenth and Third Ward Clubs to wrest control of the district convention from the machine's grip.

#### Important Victory

The victory of the progressives was particularly significant since the Third District comprises half of Minneapolis—the first, second, third, part of the fourth and all of the ninth and tenth wards, and the trade unions which send delegates to both this and the Fifth District convention—all of rural Hennepin, and Anoka, Isanti, Chisago and Washington Counties.

#### Hilliard Smith Ousted

The most important posts within the jurisdiction of the convention were two seats on the Farmer-Labor state executive committee, and a clearly defined progressive vs. machine vote gave the progressives a resounding majority. The notorious union splitter, Hilliard Smith, incumbent committeeman, did not dare run for reelection, his faction running Ralph Ahlstrom in his place.

Led by Boerbach as floor leader, the clique made a desperate effort to elect Ahlstrom. To carry favor with the rural sections, Boerbach offered no second candidate to oppose the progressive's choice of G. Elmer Johnson of Chisago County, but concentrated all efforts on electing Ahlstrom over W. F. Bennett of Minneapolis.

#### Principle vs. Sectionalism

Boerbach played his trump card in a demagogic appeal to the rural delegations to vote for separating the election of a rural committeeman from that of an urban committeeman, by which device a separate caucus of urban delegates would have elected Ahlstrom, since the trade unions were hopelessly under-represented in apportioning delegates. But this appeal to sectionalism fell flat. The rural delegations spurned the attempt to divide city and country progressives. City workers and rural ele-

ments joined together to oust Hilliard Smith and prevent a new stooge from taking his place.

#### Test Vote on Chairman

The first test vote of the day came on the chairman for the district, the progressives polling 59 1/2 votes for John Simcoe against 39 1/2 for the clique. Elections of convention committees brought similar divisions.

#### Anti-War Resolution

A stirring anti-war resolution, placing the convention clearly and unambiguously on record against the National Administration's war preparations, was recommended unanimously by the resolutions committee of eleven, and adopted by the convention by a viva-voce vote. Only one Boerbach-Seestrom supporter shouted no, although it is a notorious fact that the clique is opposed to the Ludlow Amendment and is in favor of the Roosevelt armament program. The studied silence of the Boerbach-Seestrom crowd on this question, which they did not even raise at the Hennepin County convention, is due to their knowledge of the widespread anti-war sentiment of the Farmer-Labor masses.

#### Filibustering

Once the morning vote for chairman revealed that the progressives had a decisive majority, the Boerbach clique turned to obstructive tactics designed to prevent the transaction of business. Appeals against the chair, roll call votes, and every other device were employed to prevent the majority from completing its work. As a result of these tactics, a number of important resolutions, recommended unanimously by the resolutions committee, never got to the floor. As the evening wore on, the delegates gave up and adjourned.

Most important of these resolutions was that opposing the state Farmer-Labor constitution amendment recommended by the Hennepin County convention, by which all primary contests would be outlawed and individual members and units supporting such contests would be disciplined and charters revoked. That a resolution sharply opposing punitive discipline and defending the primary against virtual outlawry, would undoubtedly have passed was indicated by the passage of another resolution on the case of John A. Nordin of Anoka, who recently filed for Congress at the request of the Anoka County Farmer-Labor central committee.

The Boerbach crew attempted to raise a lynch spirit against Nordin, and proposed a motion condemning him for filing. The resolution actually adopted requested the Anoka committee to withdraw Nordin's name and have him seek some other office, referring appreciatively to Nordin's services to the party. The convention itself endorsed Congressman Henry G. Teigan for re-election.

So roused against the devious tactics of the Boerbach group did some of the delegates become, that they introduced a resolution denouncing in one breath both communism and fascism and indicating hostility to membership in the Farmer-Labor party of proponents of communism. A majority voted for the resolution. Interviews with many of the voters revealed clearly that they thought they were voting to save the Farmer-Labor Party from disruption, and had no idea that the vaguely-worded resolution might be interpreted as hostility to the Russian Revolution of 1917 or hostility to other working-class parties than the Communist Party. Responsibility for this mistaken action must be laid at the door of those who provoked it.

Bill Brown says—



BILL BROWN President of 544

#### Bill Brown Says—

Pete Warhol says he is all for organizing the unorganized. So does his friend Hilliard Smith. But they wait for us to do it and then try to raid our men.

## Labor Leaders Urge Russia Adjourn New Moscow Trials

Calling upon the Russian Government to adjourn the latest Moscow trial until a committee of labor and liberal leaders can arrive to attend the trial, a group of prominent Minneapolis labor leaders last week warned Ambassador Alexander Troyanovsky that "the decision handed down by the International Commission of Inquiry headed by John Dewey, characterizing as deliberate frameups the previous Moscow trials, is almost universally accepted by the American labor movement, and another trial under like conditions and without legal guarantees to the defendants will still further blacken the reputation of Soviet justice."

Among those signing the communication were: Farrell Dobbs, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Central District Drivers Council; Miles B. Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer; Henry Schultz, Assistant Business Manager of Electrical Workers Union No. 292; James Bartlett, President of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316; John Jonasco, Business Representative of the Woodmen Workers Local 20418; Fred Diedrick, President of Furniture Workers Local 1859; Bill Brown, President of General Drivers Union Local 544; Joe Lear, President of Private Chauffeurs Local 912; Harry De Boer, President of Bakery Drivers Local 289; Ed Palmquist, Chairman of

Federal Workers Section Local 544; Ray Rainbolt, Business Representative of Ice Wagon Drivers Local 221; O. R. Votaw, Secretary-Treasurer of District 77 of the International Association of Machinists; Joseph Pease, Business Agent, District 77 of the International Association of Machinists; William J. Heigel, Business Agent of Electrical Workers Local 292; Oscar Coover, Organizer, Electrical Workers Local 292; C. R. Simonson, of the Joint Board of the Textile Workers Organization Committee; and Herman Husman, Business Representative of District 77, International Association of Machinists.

Addressed to Ambassador Troyanovsky at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, the communication asks him to "kindly inform your government that the undersigned trade unionists subscribe to the proposal already transmitted to you by Oswald Garrison Villard, John Haynes Holmes and other friends of the Soviet Union, calling upon the Russian Government to adjourn the latest Moscow trial until a committee of labor and liberal leaders arrive to attend the trial."

"In this international war crisis," the communication concludes, "when more than ever the Soviet people need the support of the world workingclass, it is a crime against the Soviet Union to continue the system of show trials and purges."

Continually working overtime; not punching timecards every day, in and out; pulling out before six a. m. if you are a city bread or cake man; not paying your dues before the 10th of the month; delivering on Sundays. So guide yourself accordingly.

Reese Shoop, Loren Johnson, Joe O'Hare and wives attended two dances in one night, Saturday, Feb. 26. They got nailed for tickets both to the Chauffeurs dance out on Lake St., and to the Bowlers dance on Plymouth.

Another casualty at Purity North plant. Ray Ferguson fell down a stairway and was badly injured.

#### "We Shall Have Music" Says Local 20316

From the response already shown, there is every indication that within the next few weeks the Warehouse Workers Local 20316 will have a Union Band definitely under way. Several members of the union capable of playing band instruments have already reported to Don Penwell, band organizer.

Players of the following band instruments are asked to get in touch with Penwell at Local 20316's office, 257 Plymouth Avenue: trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, alto horn, baritone, tuba, bass drum, snare drum. The union hopes to have its band in shape to play for the May Day demonstration this year.

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#### Local 1086 Dealing For Shoe Clerks

On Wednesday noon, Retail Clerks Local 1086 presented a contract to the Packard Shoe store, the clerks at this establishment being 100 per cent organized. The union is demanding a 25 per cent increase in wages, and a shorter work week.

If every union worker makes the little extra effort to demand that he or she be waited on only by union clerks, it will be but a short time before all the stores in Minneapolis are completely organized.

disputes that might arise. We sure are going to try and keep you busy, John.

Was at 510 Groveland and signed up Jerry La Sere. Now you boys can take his money away in a poker game. He is a member of Local 912.

I received my fourth degree last Monday. If you don't believe me, ask me to roll up my sleeves when you see me.

When sending in your dues, please send your due book also, so I can put the stamp in. I will mail it back to you.

I am still waiting for some of you boys to help me with this column. If you have any news at all, please drop me a line or call me.

Lost and Found Dept. I haven't heard if Harry Calligan got his hat back as yet, but if the person who lost a scarf at our dance will call me, I will return it.

Teamsters Joint Council meeting is on Friday, March 11, and don't forget our meeting on Tuesday, the 15th.

## BAKERY BLAB

Next meetings: Yeast Drivers, Tuesday, March 15. Cake and Pie Drivers, Thursday, March 17. Both meetings at 7:30 sharp.

By this time most of you have heard about Ray Boffering of Gladness being struck by a train in St. Paul. As reported in the paper, he was only slightly injured. The truth is, however, that he was quite seriously injured, and is having a tough time of it.

Dolglas Cox of Red Star Yeast has cast his vote against single blessedness. He was married Saturday, March 12.

I guess Gene Langseth, Gladness, really got scared of his dog. Anyway, he's given the pup to Roy Vigoren. Roy says he can handle him.

Here is a list of things you might be fined for, things contrary to our rules and regulations:

The following patents were issued Feb. 22, 1938, to Minnesota inventors as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.: Fisher, George H., Minneapolis, Minn., temperature control system; Holmstrom, Martin, Duluth, Minn., drill bit.

The following patents were issued March 1, 1938, to Minnesota inventors as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.: Cohen, Nathan B., Minneapolis, Minn., heating apparatus; Drevlow, A. J., and Peterson, J. C., and E. O. and J. H., Long Prairie, Minn., pump jack; Drew, Richard G., St. Paul, Minn., adhesive; Plagstad, Oscar A., Minneapolis, Minn., ironing table; Gandrud, Eberhard S., Pipestone, Minn., collapsible blackboard and easel; Gustafson, Carl A., Minneapolis, Minn., road machine; Johnson, Lyle W., Minneapolis, Minn., refrigerator shelf; Kriebbaum, John P., Minneapolis, Minn., temperature control system; Miller, Ernest M., Minneapolis, Minn., electrical control system for fluid bed burners; Schaefer, Francis J., Mankato, Minn., hammer attachment.

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## Local 1859 Hits Warhol For Attempted Union Raid

Officials of Furniture Workers Local 1859 this week accused Pete Warhol, business agent of the Upholsterers Local 61, of irresponsible actions in his attempts to start a jurisdictional dispute at the Air-Loc Seat company, 33 Holden St., where Local 1859 has held jurisdiction over these employees since early last summer.

In the contract signed by the company with Local 1859 in 1937, 5c hourly wage increases and a 50c hourly minimum were established, starting July 1, 1937.

The company assembles and installs theater chairs and modern tubing furniture. At present, about 20 workers are employed at the Air-Los plant.

#### Warhol Goes to Boss

In a letter addressed to the company, Warhol recently informed the management that "our organization will officially represent the employees of your firm as we have a right to." Earlier in the letter, Warhol, by writing that "at the present time, we are informed that the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 represents said employees," showed that he was fully conscious of the fact that the Furniture Workers Union had a contract protecting these men, and that his own reactionary actions could only be interpreted as raids on established union sections, along the lines followed out by his CIO friends in Minneapolis.

#### Violates Agreement

Warhol never contacted Local 1859 to inform it of his actions, in direct violation of the decision

reached by the Mid-West Advisory Council of Furniture and Kindred Products Workers, at its meeting in Oshkosh, Wis., early last year. Warhol was present at the Oshkosh conference and knows that a resolution was passed outlawing all jurisdictional disputes between upholsterers and carpenters in this area, and providing that the executive committee of the AFL should settle any differences that might arise.

Local 1859, like other progressive and responsible unions in this city, has leaned over backwards in its efforts to avoid those jurisdictional disputes which only react against the interests of the workers involved.

This isn't the first time Warhol has tried to snipe at and split other union locals. The entire progressive labor movement in Minneapolis is up in arms against this latest outrageous act of Warhol's, and serves notice on Warhol and all his kind that such reprehensible and anti-union acts will not be tolerated.

## Laundry Lingo

So far as we know, everyone is working. We haven't a single case of sickness on record in the office.

If anyone sees a solicitor of any kind, call the office at once and let us know his exact location immediately. Our contract says: No soliciting.

Be sure and attend the huge labor mass meeting at the auditorium on Monday evening, April 11. It is of vital importance to all of us.

Beginning March 1, the scale for dry cleaning drivers is \$27.05 guaranteed. If you do not receive that amount, report to the office at once.

Off the street at 6 p. m. week days and 4 p. m. Saturdays. Penalty for violation, \$10. Reports are coming in that there are violations.

According to the amendment to our by-laws, you may pay your dues without penalty up to and including the second meeting of the month. You also will be eligible for your sick benefit if this is carried out.

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## Book Review

MEET ME ON THE BARRICADES. By Charles Yale Harrison. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$2.

There is a story just made to order for anyone active in the labor movement, and longing to relax a couple of hours with a darned good novel. The tale deals with a middle-aged oboe player named P. Herbert Simpson. A vague supporter of the People's Front, he is more and more haunted by the ghost of Lenin and the Communist Party slogans of yesterday. The book is a great study of the artist-liberal psychology, and funnier than a crutch. At various times during the two days covered by the story, Simpson identifies himself in his imagination with a symphony conductor, a captain in the Loyalist forces in Spain, a great lover, a leader in the 1917 Russian Revolution, and in general a confidential adviser of statesmen, actors, novelists, journalists and politicians.

The high spot is a scene in a saloon, where Simpson, a Spanish violinist and a New York newspaperman sit around discussing the Moscow trials and the Spanish civil war.

## Shade Workers Meet Thursday Eve

A meeting of all employees of the Warren Shade company, members of Furniture Workers Local 1859, will be held Thursday night, 8 o'clock, at 257 Plymouth Avenue. The meeting will discuss the new contract to be drawn up for presentation to the management.

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# Labor Hails Anniversary Of N.S.P. Workers Victory

## One Year Ago Electrical Workers Union Local 292 Won Closed Shop Contract — Story of Long Struggle for Unionism Retold — Many Gains Won by Organized Workers

As March third rolls around again, the Minneapolis labor movement joins the Utility Section of Electrical Workers Local 292 in celebrating the first anniversary of its strike victory over the Northern States Power company. Following the refusal of the management to sign an agreement with the union, the organized workers found it necessary to give a demonstration of their strength. On Wednesday morning, Feb. 24, 1937, over 700 employees of the Northern States Power company walked off the job.

After an eight-day struggle, the management, on Wednesday afternoon, March 3 of last year, gave its signature to a two-year contract, the agreement under which the union is now operating. This contract expires on Dec. 31, 1938.

**Achievement Hailed**  
The winning of the strike was considered in local labor circles to be the most important labor victory since the drivers' triumphs in 1934.

Through the strike, the Utility Workers laid the basis for the present strength of the union, and won many important gains: the closed shop, seniority rights, wage increases of from 5 to 10 per cent, vacations with pay for all employees who had worked more than two years, etc.

**Scope of Pact**  
Two agreements were entered into with the company, following the strike victory. One with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, providing for union recognition for all local unions of the Brotherhood on any of the properties of the company. Second, the local union agreement between Local 292 and the Minneapolis General Electric company, providing that the union shall be the sole bargaining agent for all employees in the operating end of the electrical utility industry. This latter agreement covered all Minneapolis divisions of the company.

### Leading Bowlers Take It on the Chin

With C. Petrick bowling a 565, the Consolidated blanked the leading Cab Drivers. Then had a 635 and helped Local 20316 win two from the Phillips Liquor, showing that the league leaders still have to take it on the chin. The Meat Drivers, with M. Zimmerman's 542, blanked the Soft Drinks. Despite high scores by Hedin and Brennan, the Teamsters Council took two games from the Ice Drivers. Sammy Schullo was disgraced.

The standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Local 125	45	24
Phillips	41	28
Meat Drivers	41	28
Local 20316	39	30
Ice Drivers	38	31
Soft Drinks	28	41
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No union victory, such as that won by the Utility Section, ever falls into the laps of the workers. Like all other gains won by organized labor, the triumph of Local 292 over the N.S.P. company represented three and a half years hard work by these employees to establish union conditions in their industry.

**Started in 1933**  
For the instruction of those workers new to the labor movement, it is worth while briefly recounting the long uphill fight for unionism waged by the utility workers. The idea of organization first took hold among N.S.P. employees as far back as the fall of 1933, when a combination of grievances against the company gave rise to the formation of the Overhead Department Club.

**Got Charter**  
This organization approached Local 292 of the Electrical Workers Union, and in June, 1934, received a charter for Local 160, with jurisdiction over all utility workers in the Twin Cities and vicinity. With the assistance of the International, a series of mass meetings were held that autumn. During the next winter, the company made a number of concessions to the workers, in an attempt to stave off unionization.

**Firm Union Core**  
Nevertheless a group of workers, wholly loyal to the principles of unionism, understanding that only an established union could protect their jobs and conditions, and confident that the victory would ultimately be theirs, stuck to the job of organization.

On January 15, the company made further concession to its employees, agreeing to restore the full 1932 wage cut, to observe seniority, and to sanction meetings between the union committees

### Hopkins FWS To Give St. Pat Dance On 17

The Hopkins Local of the Federal Workers Section will give a St. Patrick's day dance on Thursday, March 17, at Olson's Hall, 906 1/2 Excelsior Blvd., Hopkins, Minn. Admission is 25c, and a free lunch will be served. The dance will start at 8 p. m. All unionists and friends of labor are invited to attend.

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## Austin Labor Fights Scab Ward Store

The Austin union movement, acting solidly together, is giving a real demonstration of how labor should fight the chiseling Montgomery-Ward company.

Following the firing of a union man, and the subsequent refusal of the management to discuss matters with the union—Miscellaneous Workers Local 478—a picket line was placed around the Ward store in Austin on Monday afternoon, February 21. Workers immediately left the store and joined the picket line. In a desperate effort to stave off the strike, the company pulled a phony "secret" ballot the previous Saturday, under the eyes of company stoolies.

The Ward workers, new for the most part to the union movement, have signed up with the union and are determined to win this fight.

The best guarantee of victory, however, is the speed and cooperation with which the entire Austin labor movement has mobilized to back the struggle against the Ward company, known the nation over for its repulsive anti-labor policies.

The Joint Action Committee, representing all local AFL and CIO unions (in Austin, the CIO is really responsible and progressive, unlike the phony CIO state set-up) met immediately and thoroughly discussed the situation at Ward's. By unanimous decision it was decided to back the strikers in a finish fight.

Says the Committee: "Either Ward can signify its willingness to play ball with organized labor in Austin by signing an agreement granting wage increases, seniority rights and all other benefits of organized labor—OR, Ward can move to some other city where scab concerns are welcome and where workers like having their throats slit by chiseling, labor-hating establishments. The Joint Action Committee calls on all labor to support the Ward strike and to smash the Montgomery-Ward anti-union machine in Austin."

Little change in the Ward strike was noted during the past week. The latest rumor is that Ward's will close down their Austin store and transfer their help to other establishments. It is reported that the editor of the Austin Herald, boss paper, spoke at a meeting of employers in Austin, in which he urged the business men to organize behind the Ward company and fight organized labor. Every union in Austin has voted to support the Ward strikers "until hell freezes over."

The meter readers are becoming more active. We knew they would see the light.

This goes for the 5th Street Trouble Board and any other department that has a just squawk coming.

How about it, St. Cloud? Let's see you down at the Stewards' meetings, and please let the rest of us know of any doings you may plan.

All stewards who have not settled up with the dance committee, please get in touch with the office or attend the next Stewards' meeting prepared to do so.

We are glad to hear that Brother Ray Adams is home from the hospital.

Brother Mike Tich had the misfortune of slipping and breaking

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## Moscow Trials Subject of Talk

The current trial in Russia, involving the lives of 21 men, the last surviving colleagues of Lenin, has aroused greater interest throughout the world than any of the seven preceding trials which have taken place since December 1, 1934, the day that Kirov, one of Stalin's aides, was assassinated.

As the charges progress and the list of victims steadily mounts, public scepticism has grown everywhere. "The Latest and Biggest Moscow Trials—Why and Wherefore?" will be the subject of a talk to be delivered by Felix Morrow next Wednesday evening, March 16, at 8 p. m. in the Socialist hall, 669 Second Avenue North. Admission is 15c. The talk will be given under the auspices of the Minneapolis branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

## M. Dunne Speaks Sunday on AFL-CIO

Miles Dunne will be the speaker of the week at the Socialist Sunday Forum on the afternoon of March 13, at 669 Second Avenue North. Dunne will speak on the question, "Will the A. F. of L. and the CIO Unite?" Admission is 10c. Forums begin at 3 p. m. each Sunday.

## On the Route With the Milk Man

Quite a few brothers have asked where President Ordeman was at the last meeting. Why, he was the man sitting next to the president of the city employees section, Elliott Doesch.

Many girls were heard to ask the name of the good looking fellow with curly hair who was parading at the last meeting. Could it have been Mike Lavery?

Gust Anderson was very active at the last board meeting. Good work, Gust, keep it up.

## Pulp Workers Local To Meet Monday

The Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Local 259 will hold a membership meeting on Monday evening, March 15, at 8 p. m. This meeting is for the interest of all members, and every worker is expected to attend.

## Milk Drivers Local Holds Special Meeting

A special membership meeting of Milk Wagon and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 was held Wednesday night, March 9, to discuss the proposed new plan for a 20 per cent discount for customers.

a wrist. Here's hoping it mends rapidly.

We would advise Brother "Tarzan" Van Tassel to lay off the skating and wait until spring and take up swimming.

The members of Local 292 offer their sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Albert Wallin who passed away Saturday, February 26, Burial at Cambridge, Minn., on Wednesday, March 2.

We are sorry to report that Brother C. R. Moore is a patient at the Veterans' Hospital. We are sure that he would appreciate seeing some of the brother members.

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## The Union Gallery 22.



**M. I. Smith**  
Above is "Marvy," financial secretary and business agent of Cab Drivers Local 125. Fifty years old, he's been in the cab industry for ten years. A former bus driver. Head of the financial committee in the current cab strike. In his spare time, he organizes elevator operators; at least that's what his friends claim. Smith was born in Elmore, Minnesota. For the past fifteen years, he's lived in Minneapolis.

## Independent Truck Chatter

**By R. F. Hornig**  
Registration of members for meetings will soon show who are constantly among the missing.

Little Caesar claims he puts in so much time that if he punched a time card his overtime pay would amount to more than his regular salary. Wonder what he'll do this spring and summer when he will really have to work? Maybe he will spring a double on us.

Guess everyone is back in the fold again. There hasn't been so many dump trucks seen working at one time for well over a year.

Henry Kelly just made the grade recently.

Mahoney reports the best trade deal so far.

The big dance will be held Saturday evening, April 23. The Committee has everything lined up and is only marking time until Lent is over. Then we'll really go to town.

Everyone will be socked for four tickets (25c per). Three months' dues will be paid for the member who sells the most tickets. A second prize of two month's payment and third prize of one has been offered to console the runner-uppers.

Pea-vee shovels are being hauled around the city these days thicker than fleas. Soon everyone will have a shovel to keep company with his dump truck.

Tom McCue got his job. Now where is the barrel, the boys want to know.

This was dashed off Wednesday morning, March 9, in 14 minutes flat, and I'm late for work, and I suppose you say 'so what?'

## With Shovel and Tongs

The cab strikers wish to thank the Sanitary Ice Co. and their drivers for the donations of ice and for their services.

When you buy butter, be sure and see that it has a Minneapolis stamp on it. You'll know it was made under the union label.

Bob Shoberg and Al Henderson, both of whom have been on the sick list, are back on the job.

After a short stay in the hospital, Dick Wilson is back home again. Lots of good luck from everybody, Dick.

A pretty good ice man was in the process of performing his services to a certain stop, when he had a slight mishap. After hooking a woman in her arm with his ice tongs, he did what was the very least he could do. He took her to a doctor for medical treatment. After arriving at the doc's office,

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## Iowa Labor Defends Sioux City Unions

Sioux City, Iowa—The Iowa State Federation of Labor last week placed itself solidly behind the several members of the Sioux City Trades and Labor Assembly and the six members of the General Drivers Union of that city, against whom an injunction was recently issued. The injunction was asked for by a local restaurant, the Voss Lunch, against whom the Cooks and Waiters Union has been conducting an eleven-weeks' strike. Three workers were involved.

Besides the injunction, the scab Voss Lunch is demanding \$107,000 in damages from the defendants. Among those named in the suit are the president of the local labor assembly, and Jack Maloney, teamsters' organizer.

The State Federation of Labor has thrown its weight behind the Sioux City unionists and has delegated its attorney, Mr. Connelly, to defend the labor officials.

## Texas Police Unloose Terror on 8,000 Strikers

San Antonio, Texas—In protest against a 20 per cent wage cut which would reduce weekly earnings to less than \$2, over 5,000 pecan shellers went out on strike a short time back. During the strike, a regime of police terrorism has been instigated against the workers, mostly Mexicans. Police have denied strikers the right to picket, have used tear gas, have beaten, clubbed and kicked men and women. Over 700 arrests have been made, believed an all-time high for anti-labor viciousness in this part of the country.

One baby has died from the effects of the tear gas. The Pecan Shellers Union, Local 172, has asked local unions to send funds in support of the strike, to Box 1861, San Antonio, Texas.

the good-looking nurse came out and proceeded to give first aid, but as she uncovered the woman's arm, the iceman fainted. Now what caused all this, I don't know. You'll have to ask the driver.

Sammy wasn't going so good Monday, and the bowling team dropped two to the T.J.C.—which is certainly the depth of something or other.

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

## Complete Text of Anti-War Resolution Adopted by 3rd F-L District Convention

WHEREAS there is growing danger of the outbreak of another World War, as is so clearly revealed by the actions of the National Administration in launching a gigantic program of naval and military expansion, including over a billion dollars for arms in the regular budget, an additional billion or more for new warships, and other military bills now being drafted at the direction of the Administration, and WHEREAS the government's preparations for war are a mortal danger to the organized workers and farmers, as is revealed by the plans for a military dictatorship in war-time embodied in the Sheppard-May Bill with its provisions for compulsory conscription, prohibition of strikes, control of the press and regimentation of labor, etc., and WHEREAS what is in store for opponents of war was even more clearly revealed by the boldness with which the Administration organized a lynch spirit against the Farmer-Labor congressmen and others who supported the Ludlow Amendment requiring a popular referendum before Congress can declare war,

BE IT RESOLVED  
That the Third Congressional District Convention of the Farmer-Labor Party goes on record against the war preparations, and against the specific bills in which these preparations are embodied, and all other bills of the same kind, and instructs the Convention Arrangements committee to give this resolution the widest possible publicity.

## The Galley Slave Crew in the Cab Kitchen



## CAB STRIKE ITEMS

Norm Poirer stood alone once more, whence all but he had fled.

An old time Street Railway nickel-snatcher, Brother Bolander, waits in line for his daily tokens, but he wishes he had held out a few hundred when he had first grab.

The daily attendance and reports are so complete that some members who thought they wouldn't be missed are conspicuous by their absence, maybe a written excuse from their parents should be forthcoming.

Our sincere thanks to Allen Solle of the City and County employees' local and Myrtle Larson of the Beauticians union for their timely talks at a recent meeting.

The Nicollet Hotel should appreciate this affair, being the closest to both depots, they get first choice of the walking delegates.

See Bill Sorenson with a thermos bottle, you don't suppose he's mooching the cook for coffee refills while on picket duty?

Roy Wischow still smokes stogies, I think he'd accept coronas on them, anyway they don't smell so bad alongside the more plebian "Bull Durham."

"Brother Rat" Egan, the Fourth street play-boy, was seen smoking a pipe. We bet some cigar company withdrew their advertising contract.

The lure of the open spaces keeps a lot of our boys in the country winter and summer. Transportation is difficult but the majority will be here if they have to walk.

Our office dictionary gives this description of a picket: A guard always in readiness in case of alarm. Enough said.

Brothers Iverson, Olson, Sandbakken, Holmberg and Lunde took a little jaunt over to the twine plant at Stillwater, was very pleased to hear that none of them were recognized so all were allowed to return home.

Clean up your plates, boys, there's rumors of hash from the kitchen.

Brother "Mich" Abood, we learn is about to become a father. Well, he would take a day shift last summer.

This here now, taxi-driving, nice work if you can get it.

The regular meetings are really pepped up when chairman Ray Sawyer is presiding.

Our esteemed friend, Felix Morrow, is hard pressed trying to invent headlines for the cab drivers' strike now that negotiations are more or less at a standstill.

Brother "Shorty" Rollins had a slight mishap, breaking his lower plate. He is awfully glad the commissary don't serve steaks oftener.

Brothers "Roxy" Roxin and the stuttering Swede are doing a very nice job in the kitchen on the nite shift.

A concrete example of an irremediable force striking an immovable body was recently demonstrated by a head-on collision between Darby Hicks and Frank "Pat" Hurley.

Our idea of showing the appreciation of the striking cab drivers to the various individuals and organizations who have helped us financially, morally, and otherwise is, to go right ahead and win this strike, how's about it boys?

History again repeats itself: that famous general was it that said we'll fight it out on this line if it takes all summer?

Some of these people who have found it necessary to call for an emergency taxi-cab and get a ride in that swell car belonging to brother Freddie Hartshorn, will be dissatisfied with what the cab companies have to offer in the line of transportation.

"Alice the Goon" is stranded in the wilds of Medicine Lake. Who'll donate skis?

"Bob" Seitzer sure ran into a lot of tough luck on his trip to Kansas City. He suffered a broken leg and other painful injuries besides completely wrecking his car.

Would like to acknowledge the receipt of cards from the Norton Swenson family thanking the cab section and local 544 for the floral tributes.

This week "Curly" Goodnough's office is esconed on Emerson avenue, just over Lovry Hill. This keeps kibitzers out of his hair.

Maybe we're dumb, but we can't seem to understand the necessity of the heckling of the committee by a certain small element of drivers at every meeting, after all, the rank and file has the final vote on ANY settlement.

Every time "Baldy DeGarmo" gets up to speak someone barks like a dog and throws him completely off the track.

Someone "goosed" Jimmie Costello in the midst of a card game resulting in the handful of cards being thrown to the four winds, maybe the hand wasn't any good.

Wonder who T. Williams and Felix Morrow were trying to organize last Tuesday nite on lower Hennepin avenue.

Slim Freisen must have thought that he had advance information about a settlement, he came down to headquarters one morning all dressed up in his uniform and boots.

Wonder what that H. S. means after Ben Erickson's name.

Who is this Donald "Ducky Wucky" they're paging all over the place.

If a tall distinguished looking white haired gentleman rings your door bell he not armed. He is not the neighborhood undertaker, just George Swanson of the sick and absent department of the strike committee.

Thanks to the barber college, some of our members look more human and now won't need to buy dog licenses or take up music.

Want gas? See Ray Rainbolt, then go buy some. Tokens are optional.

No taxi-cab collisions in Minneapolis for twenty-eight days, easy for the clean adjusters, eh?

Ted Ellingboe, the nite bull on the dispatching desk, says, "All you guys register the minute you come in, if you fail to do this important thing George Christopher will have to untangle your excuses and you all know the watchmaker can do that as easy as he can cuss at a ninety-eight cent Ingersoll.

Bill Warner can't see why his favorite black-jack game is "taboo" when they only make mind bets. We'll tell you, Bill. Some of these birds don't have to play very high to lose their alleged minds, that includes us.

We have a military routine about most things up here, can it be the influence of our army veterans? P. S. We don't need a bugle for mess call.

More people should hear our numerous musicians and their "jam" sessions, in fact, we want a direct wire to a broadcasting studio so our current "maestro" can play to the world.

Short Story writers are missing a good bet by not hearing some of the tales, true, and we suppose otherwise, which are being retold here.

Wanted: A phonograph recording device, so some of these fathers can leave at their respective homes a record for the kiddies so they won't forget Papa's voice.

The kitchen crew has trained so well in their cramped quarters that they would feel at home with our veteran year around trailer dwellers.

"Who has authority to grant relief in this county?"

Supplementary Aid  
After much argument, much heated discussion on the question, (and several side issues introduced by the commissioners) the commissioners got up, adjourning their meeting over the protest of more than a hundred workers and relief clients. For more than an hour these persons sat in the meeting hall awaiting the return of the commissioners. After one o'clock they came back and as the first piece of business of the afternoon session, a motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Welfare Board that they pay supplementary relief to all necessary cases.

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## Over-Road Contract Drawn Up

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mands to be submitted to the employers.

The demands, which embody 46 separate articles, provide proper machinery for union representation of all employees; uniform provisions for wages and work hours; seniority rights; provisions to correct the unsatisfactory working conditions now widespread throughout the industry.

**Broad Committee**  
An inclusive negotiating committee composed of one representative from each of the states involved was elected by the unions present. Committee members are Joe Scislowski, Local 200, Milwaukee, chairman; Farrell Dobbs, Local 544, Minneapolis, secretary; Michael Healy, Local 710, Chicago; Jack Wirth, Local 116, Fargo; E. G. Holstein, Local 749, Sioux Falls; Tom Smith, Local 554, Omaha; Carl Keul, Local 90, Des Moines; T. T. Neal, Local 41, Kansas City.

### Drive Begins

The union negotiating committee has already served a formal request on the employers to meet at an early date to open negotiations for the signing of an area contract. Meantime, copies of the demands are being forwarded to all local unions in the area, and an intensive organization drive has been launched along all the main trunk lines.

John Geary, St. Paul, and John O'Brien, Chicago, members of the International Executive Board, and Henry Berger, Chicago, and John Picago, Milwaukee, International organizers, were in attendance at the conference.

## Broad Group Defends Beal, Strike Leader

Another great labor case, in the tradition of the Mooney and Sacco-Vanzetti cases, is in the making.

Facing 20 years in prison on a framed-up murder charge, Fred E. Beal, famed leader of the 1929 textile strike in Gastonia, is now in prison in Raleigh, North Carolina, having last week waived his fight against extradition from Massachusetts in order to wage a struggle on the spot for reversal of his nine-year-old jail sentence.

### Broad Support

Nearly one hundred prominent Americans, among them three members of Congress, leading literary men, educators and economists, have joined the Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Beal. Maintaining that Beal was innocent of the murder charge on which he was convicted, the Committee is seeking his vindication and release.

Those in the defense group include: Ferdinand Lundberg; Hendrik Willem Van Loon; John Chamberlain; Eugene Lyons; John Dos Passos; James Farrell; Paul H. Douglas; Alvin Johnson; Sidney Hook; Paul Brissenden; Alfred M. Bingham; V. F. Calverton; Suzanne LaFollette; Benjamin Stolberg; Norman Thomas; Carlo Tresca, and others.

In a statement issued at the time of his surrender, Beal declared that his action in dropping the fight against extradition from Massachusetts was merely a step "in carrying out my steadfast desire since the days of the Gastonia trial, namely, to face squarely the issues raised by my arrest and sentence."

## Little Change in 544's Gamble Strike

As the strike of General Drivers Local 544 against the Gamble-Skogmo company went into its third week, there was little change in the situation. Striking union members continued their picketing of the Gamble warehouse and the various local Gamble stores. The union will continue the fight until its demands are met by the Gamble management, it was announced by union officials Wednesday morning.

## Leo Melaney Thanks Drivers

The General Drivers Local 544 received a letter from Leo Melaney expressing his deep appreciation for the union's sympathy for him and his family at the loss of Mrs. Melaney. Mr. Melaney is a former business agent of Milk Drivers Local 471.

relief clients and WPA workers of Anoka County are determined to carry on the fight in this county until an adequate budget is provided for relief clients and supplementary aid granted WPA workers.

## On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

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and has been marked by its militancy. The strike was called after the company had refused to sign a contract unless the workers were willing to accept a wage cut. The strikers have maintained mass picketing, organized flying squadrons, and have obtained relief for the strikers' family.

As the direct result of his own brutality Harry L. Barck, Poor-master of Hoboken, N. J., is dead and an imbibed, desperate relief client faces death or life imprisonment for his murder.

For forty-four years Harry L. Barck has been poormaster of Hoboken. For more than four decades he has controlled the destinies of those whose misfortune it was to need aid and assistance in times of stress. This old man, miserly, brutal, cowardly, has administered relief in so cruel a manner that standards in that city are far below the standard of all other comparable cities in New Jersey. In 1936 when the state turned all relief administration over to the municipalities, Barck immediately cut his relief load from 7,000 down to 30 persons.

He so angered the poor unfortunate with whom he dealt that several times he has been attacked. Recently such an occurrence caused him to ask for and get constant police protection. The client whom he interviewed before Joseph Scutellaro was thrust from his office into the waiting arms of his police guard. She is to be charged with disorderly conduct.

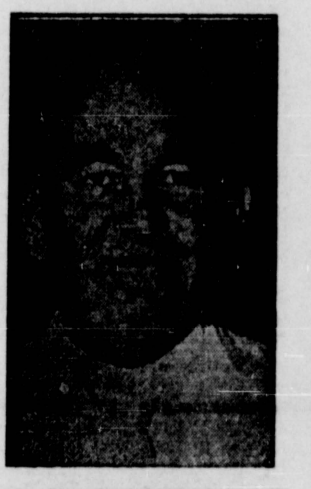
In December, Joseph Scutellaro, unemployed stonemason, applied to Barck for relief for himself, his wife and their two small children. Nothing was received until January 28, when they got a check for \$5.90. The children fell ill with the measles. Medical aid and some medicine was given them by the city health department. Joseph became ill and went to the same institution where he was treated for a nervous disorder.

On Friday, February 25, Joseph Scutellaro went to the office of the poormaster to demand that they be given aid. He was one of many clients who had to wait long hours to see the old poormaster. When he was admitted (according

to witnesses in the outer office) there were hard words between he and Barck. Barck was heard to say "that is all there is to it," and then "next." When the clerk opened the door Barck stood over a wash basin, clutching his breast. He had been stabbed with a desk knife. Scutellaro, stunned and probably unable to comprehend what he had done, stood docily to one side. The poormaster died before he reached the hospital.

Everywhere in the world the evidences of the inevitable war to come are showing themselves more and more clearly. Soon the workers will be thrown into battles to kill other workers—against whom they have no cause for anger or hatred. Yet that hatred is being fostered just as it was before the last great war in 1914-17. Through the radio, the press, and the pulp and the movies, war hysteria is being built up for the masses. China and Japan—our "interests" in China. (The Standard Oil Company property must be protected). Spain, where the workers are fighting a losing battle against the capitalist classes of Italy, Germany and Spain. (The Ford Company lost much property through the closing and seizure of its plants there.)

## Today Makes 7,996 Days . . .



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE	
<b>LODGE 382</b> Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.
<b>LODGE 1313</b> Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shoppers' Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Wednesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
<b>LODGE 1037</b> Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.	<b>LOCAL 131</b> The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
<b>LODGE 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 125</b> The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 3:30 p. m.
<b>LODGE 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>SIYOU CITY DRIVERS</b> Grievance Committee—Each Tuesday, Friday night Stewards Meeting—Each Friday night
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>MEETING SCHEDULE</b> LOCAL 544 MARCH, 1938 Sunday, March 13—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m. Monday, March 14—General Membership Thursday, March 17—Tent and Awning, Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, March 18—Job Stewards Sunday, March 20—Over-the-Road, 11 a. m. Monday, March 21—Building Material; Furniture Stores Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room. Note: There is a change in the meeting time for the Seniority Board.
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	
<b>LOCAL 1859</b> General Membership, Local 1859—March 2 Casket Industry—March 8 J. R. Clark Section—March 16 Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. General Membership, Local 20481—March 18 Twin City Stewards—Feb. 28, March 14, 28 Executive Board, Local 20481—March 7, 21 General Membership, Local 1859—April 6	
<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday	
<b>ICE, COAL DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE</b> 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.	

## Duluth Drivers Expose K-H-T Company Union Plan

"We Charge Less," Boasts "Independent Union"—Phoney Set-up Does Not Fool Workers, Join Local 346—False Claims of Fink Organization Blown Up

Attempts of the Kelley-Howe-Thompson Company of Duluth, Minnesota, to put over a company union set-up in that plant and smash the section of the General Drivers Union Local 346, have been thoroughly exposed by officials of Local 346, in an article sent to the Northwest Organizer. The new company union set-up, known as the "Wholesale Hardware Employees Independent Union," is being fostered by high officials of the K-H-T plant and their stooges, in a desperate attempt to stave off the attempts of the workers to build a genuine union and win higher wages and better working conditions.

**Company Finks**  
Those particularly active in agitating for the phoney organization are Art Johnson, assistant superintendent; Larry Harrington, auto department foreman; Matt Simonson and Lars Thoreson, assistant superintendents; Carl Jarosch, order starter; and three checkers, Roy Arksey, Clifford Nylander, and Lynder Lyholm.

**"Bargain Day"**  
Advertising that "we give more and charge less," the so-called Independent Union gives as reasons for joining it, that "wages will be paid according to merit," and that the real union's system of seniority would be "unfair to superior employees"—the stock argument of every boss against genuine unionism.

**Boss Support**  
Getting real chummy, the boss association further claims that its establishment will bring a "return to that feeling of comradeship"—because "the office is in sympathy with us."

**No Strikes**  
As clincher arguments, the sort that will give any real union man a big laugh, the independent outfit boasts that "we will not be required to go out on sympathy strikes." Besides, "we can get an agreement without strike." It doesn't say what KIND of an agreement.

The Articles of Association of the independent union are quite cleverly drawn up, so as to give the appearance of representing a genuine union to the raw uninitiated worker.

However, a brief examination serves to expose the pretensions of this fink outfit. Article VI lists as a cause for expulsion, participation as a member of any other union composed wholly or partly of employees eligible for membership herein.

**Boss Hand Seen**  
Article XIV clearly shows the plans of the company in fostering its independent union. This section states that the aim of the union is to obtain "a closed shop limited to members of this union." In short, any worker with back-

bone—including all the real genuine trade unionists working in this wholesale hardware establishment—will be fired immediately after the company completes its plans. The company has only to sign a closed shop contract with the finks, and then fire all genuine unionists.

**Answer—Real Union**  
There is a growing reaction against the fraudulent set-up of the company, and many Kelley-Howe-Thompson workers have recently applied for membership in General Drivers Local 346 and are prepared to go to bat for a bona fide union agreement, and toss the company's plan on the scrap heap.

## Farmers' Union Against All War, Roosevelt's Naval Budget

Little Rock, Ark.—Declaring itself in favor of the enactment of a constitutional amendment giving the people the right to vote upon a declaration of war, and unreservedly opposing the whole idea of any war, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union closed its fourth annual convention last week.

The union convention strongly condemned Roosevelt's appropriation of \$400,000,000 for battle-ships, and urged congress to appropriate this money for the "constructive purpose of reestablishing the landless farmers upon the land."

The only incident to mar the convention was eviction from the conference hall, midway in the proceedings, by the landlord, president of the Young Democrats' Club of Texas. The landlord objected to the fact that Negroes and whites were seated together as delegates. Another hall four blocks away was quickly secured, and the convention proceeded.

State monopoly in a capitalist society is never anything else than a means of guaranteeing the income of millionaires who are on the point of going bankrupt in one branch of industry or another.

## Relief Fight Continues In Anoka

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county worker. This woman has shown herself to be utterly callous toward human suffering. There was absolutely no method or standard for basic needs, no budget upon which these needs were figured.

**Indian Giving**  
The Welfare Board agreed to establish the State Budget as a minimum. It was voted into effect on February 11. On February 24, without its ever having been put into effect, the budget

## Relief Fight Continues In Anoka

was cast out, the board's previous action rescinded.

After having been shoved around from pillar to post the committees from the FWS and the W. A. of Anoka decided that the time had come for a showdown on the back-passing tactics of both the Welfare Board and the Board of County Commissioners.

**Pertinent Questions**  
Determined to put a stop to the tactics being pursued, a large delegation of Federal Workers and Workers Alliance members from Anoka County appeared before the County Commissioners, meeting in Anoka on Saturday, March 4. The question was put thus, "Do you or do you not recommend to the Welfare Board that they put this budget into effect?" and

After much argument, much heated discussion on the question, (and several side issues introduced by the commissioners) the commissioners got up, adjourning their meeting over the protest of more than a hundred workers and relief clients. For more than an hour these persons sat in the meeting hall awaiting the return of the commissioners. After one o'clock they came back and as the first piece of business of the afternoon session, a motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Welfare Board that they pay supplementary relief to all necessary cases.

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# Strike Authorized Vs. Northern States Power

## On the National Picket Line

Eight hundred members of the SWOC won a five-week sit-down strike last Saturday at two foundries in Hatboro, Pa. The strike was called after the companies violated a union agreement signed last August.

Last Wednesday a company-organized back-to-work movement formed the plant, occupied by 150 sit-downers, but to no avail. Three days later an agreement was signed recognizing the Steel Workers Organizing Committee as sole bargaining agency.

Employers of more than 15,000 food industry workers in Western New York began negotiations Monday with the AFL. The employers' group embraces manufacturers, chain stores, independent store groups, fisheries and green goods merchants.

A jurisdictional dispute between the carloaders and Bridges' Longshoremen's Union threatened to tie up Los Angeles harbor Monday night, paralyze cargo operations of 30 vessels, and cut off employment for 3,600 workers. The controversy started last Thursday when carloaders picketed longshoremen unloading a freight car. Such work has hitherto been done by carloaders. Employers announced they would suspend relations with both groups on Tuesday.

A general program of wage cutting is going on. Two perfect examples of this tendency are the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company's demand upon the United Rubber Workers Union that they agree to a wage reduction or face the "further decentralization" of the rubber manufacturing industry, and the award handed down by a Pennsylvania Board of Arbitration against the American Federation of Hosiery workers.

The Goodrich local of the United Rubber Workers agreed Saturday to vote on the company's proposal for a "flexible" work day and work week, tantamount to a reduction in wages. The union started immediate preparations for the ballot on March 20.

In return for the acceptance of wage cuts by the union, the Goodrich company agrees to spend during 1938 in Akron not less than \$1,500,000 for modernization and improvement of its plant.

The company's proposal further recommends the 35-hour week.

L. L. Callahan, president of the Goodrich Local, in a radio address attacked the company's proposal as "not only an effort to break



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

## Gamble Strike Settled

The strike of General Drivers and Helpers Local Union 544 against the Gamble Skogmo company, called February 18, was settled late last week following negotiations between the union committee and the management. The fifty or so workers involved were all back on the job this week.

The new agreement covers all workers engaged in receiving, stocking and shipping new merchandise, and truck drivers and helpers. It provides for one seniority list for all classifications; for job stewards; for one week's vacation with pay; etc. The eight-hour day, 44-hour week is specified, with time and one-half for overtime. Drivers will work a 48-hour week. No split shifts will be worked.

Drivers, and head shipping and receiving clerks will receive 70c hourly; assistant clerks, 62½c; and clerks, checkers, dockmen, stockmen, order fillers, weighers, helpers, and packers, 60c.

One clause provides that "when on out-of-town work and layovers all additional expense for food and lodging shall be paid to the employee.

The agreement is retroactive to February 1, and will run until December 31, 1938. Bill Brown and Grant Dunne represented the union in the final negotiations.

## Southwest Drivers Discuss Demands

Moberly, Mo.—Eight drivers local from several states met here March 10 to discuss the drafting of a set of demands for over-the-road union drivers in this Southwest area.

The conference reviewed the set of demands drafted by the unions in the North Central area. Farrell Dobbs of Minneapolis was present to report on these demands.

Among the drivers unions represented at the Moberly conference were those in Moberly, Springfield, Joplin, Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kansas, Topeka, Coffeyville, and Muskogee, Okla. A later conference is planned where it is expected final agreement will be reached on a set of demands for over-the-road trucking in the Southwest.

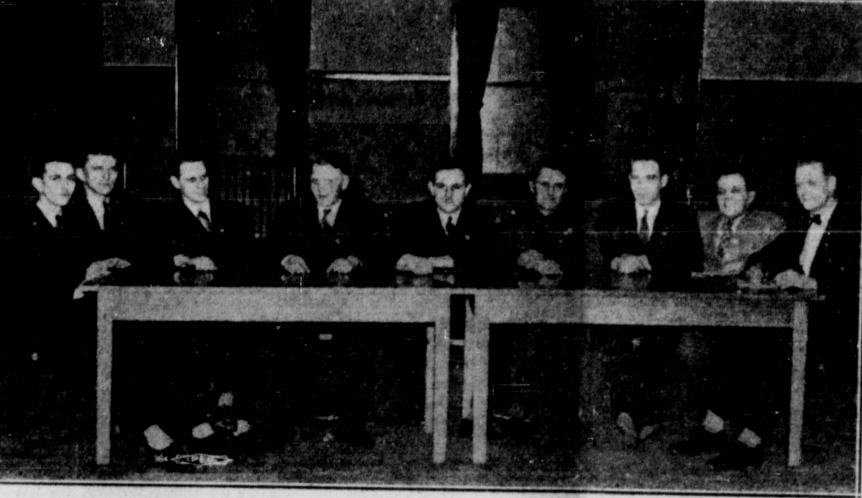
## Warehouse Band To Hold Rehearsals

With over ten members of Warehouse Workers Local Union 20316 having signed up for the new band which the union is sponsoring, Don Pennwell, band organizer, announced this week that the first rehearsal will be held within the next few days.

## Special Meeting for Park Workers

A special meeting of the Park Board Section of City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 has been called for Wednesday evening, March 23, in the first floor hall of the Teamsters Headquarters. The meeting will discuss the good and welfare of Park Board employees.

## Young Executive Board Members of Local 20316



Above are the members of the Executive Board of Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316, the board that founded this union. Reading from left to right: Al Harrel, Ernest Kumpula, Robert Tibbetts, Don Peawell, Jim Bartlett, Harold Meader, Carl Larson, Axel Jensen, and Ray Lind. The board was first elected in October, 1936, upon receipt of a charter from the AFL, and was re-elected to office in July, 1937, without opposition. Bartlett is no longer wearing the moustache shown in this picture.

## Broad Support For Striking Taximen

As public opinion rallied behind them, the 450 striking cab drivers moved into the fifth week of their strike with ranks more solidly welded than ever.

At the daily strike meeting on Monday evening, strikers heard a report of their committee on a proposal submitted by independent cab companies which granted almost no concessions to the strikers and contained no provision for a guaranteed weekly wage.

With a chorus of "No's" that shook the rafters, the taximen unanimously rejected the proposal. A motion was immediately passed that henceforth the wage-scale clause of all proposals brought before the membership be read before the body of the contract.

Leach Attacks Strike Mayor George (I Wanta Be

Governor) Leach renewed his attacks on the cab strikers early this week. Taximen were blamed for all sorts of acts of vandalism which have been committed in the city.

The mayor ran up against a stone wall when he offered to deputize a group of independent cabbies and give them police protection if they would place their cabs on the streets. To a member, Local 125 curtly brushed aside the mayor's offer and announced they would maintain unbroken their complete solidarity with the Yellow Cab drivers.

Union Support A number of unions have furnished financial support to the cab strikers during the past few days, showing in no uncertain terms that

they consider the taximen's cause the cause of all union men in Minneapolis. Among the unions who have rallied behind the cabbies are: Teamsters Joint Council; General Drivers Local 544; Auto Salesmen Local 420; City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664; Cabinet Makers Local 1865; Painters and Decorators Local 386; Operating Engineers Local 34; Warehouse Workers Local 20316, etc. Donations were also received from A. C. Friedlund, Red Golden, Harry Smith, Lake St. Liquor Store, etc.

Ministers Lash Cos. On Tuesday evening the Public Affairs Committee of the Minneapolis Ministers Assn., having heard representatives to both sides of the dispute, issued a public statement supporting the demands

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## Darrow's Passing Recalls Great Labor Struggles of Former Years

The labor movement notes with regret the death Sunday, March 13, of Clarence Darrow, 80 year old attorney, whose life and career were interwoven with the early battles of American labor.

Darrow's first connection with the labor movement, and his first famous case, occurred in 1893, the depression year, when factories were shutting down, men were thrown out of work, and the bosses were indiscriminately slashing wages.

In protest against the wage cuts, the American Railway Union of that day, called a strike against the PULLMAN COMPANY, and a nationwide boycott against Pullman cars resulted. Acting at the demands of the railroads, President Cleveland called out and dispatched 10,000 federal troops—infantry, artillery and cavalry—to the Chicago yards.

In a further attempt to break the strike and boycott, the employers indicted Eugene V. Debs, and other organizers of the Railway Union, for "conspiracy."

Darrow resigned his position as a railroad attorney, and took up the defense of Debs. Arguing that the case was a frame-up attempt

against organized labor on the part of the employers and the prosecuting attorney, Darrow won the case, and Debs, later to become the leader of the American Socialist movement, was acquitted. This case made Darrow famous as a defender of the oppressed and a supporter of the labor movement.

In 1898 Darrow again defended union men against a bosses' frame-up scheme. George Zentner, Mike Trieber, and Thomas Kidd, officials of the Amalgamated Woodworkers Union, were the labor officials involved. Darrow proved again that criminal charges in labor cases are just a part of the struggle between the profiteering bosses and the disinherited workers. He won a "not guilty" verdict, and scored a victory for the labor movement.

However, he pointed out, that an occasional victory in the court room is just a drop in the bucket in the struggle to bring about better conditions. With the winning of this case, Darrow's fame grew, and his name was anathema to the American capitalist class. But his biggest struggles were still to come.

In 1905 a gigantic anti-labor plot was hatched in Idaho against "Big Bill" Haywood and the Western Federation of Miners. Haywood, C. Moyer and George Pettibone were accused of the murder of the labor-hating Governor Steunenberg of Idaho. In Denver at the time, Haywood was kidnapped and brought to Boise, Idaho, when Denver authorities refused to extradite him.

Before the case came to trial President Theodore Roosevelt expressed the hatred of the bosses against Haywood and the Federation of Miners by proclaiming that the labor leader was an "undesirable citizen." This was before the case had come to court. American workers all over the country ridiculed Roosevelt's statement by wearing buttons on which were inscribed the words, "I am an undesirable citizen."

Darrow explored the mythical charges, presented by the prosecutor, William E. Borah, and freed Haywood and his associates. However, Darrow made his mistakes. In the case of the Los Angeles "Times" building explosion, in

which he defended the accused McNamara brothers, he allowed himself to be persuaded to try to settle the case by making a deal with the prosecutor. The bombing was obviously a put-up job for the purpose of railroad the California labor leaders.

In the course of making a deal, Darrow had the McNamara brothers plead guilty, and gave up his clear case struggle tactics, usually characteristic of his handling of labor cases. The result was a complete double-cross, in which the McNamara brothers were sent to San Quentin.

With the coming of the war, Darrow once again allowed himself to fall into deep error, when he supported the American entry into the war. Only later did he realize that he had been hoodwinked by the very forces of profit and greed, which he had been fighting all his life.

Nevertheless, it is fitting that the trade union movement observe the passing of Clarence Darrow as the passing of a fighter and a friend. He did what he could, in his own way, for those who are downtrodden.

## 544 Wins Drug Pact

Following a series of negotiations between the committee from General Drivers Local 544 and the Northwestern Drug company, a new contract was signed late last week covering the 160 eligible employees.

Wage increases from 5c-7½c hourly are specified in the contract, which is retroactive to December 21, 1937. Northwestern Drug employees have already received checks covering wage adjustments from that date to the present.

A clause in the contract specifies that "any employee now receiving more than the above minimum in rates shall receive an increase of five cents per hour, except checkers and stockmen . . . who shall receive an increase of 7½c per hour."

The pact further calls for the 8-hour day; the 45-hour week, except that drivers will work the 48-hour week; time and one-half for overtime, etc.

Under the new agreement, foremen, shipping and receiving clerks will receive minimums of 75c hourly; drivers, checkers and stockmen, 70c; assistant clerks, 65c; order pickers, floormen, truckers and packers, 60c, etc.

The one-week vacation with pay is stipulated, as is full seniority. The contract will run to December 21, 1938. Jack Smith and Carl Skoglund represented the union in the negotiations.

The same contract which was signed by the Northwestern Drug was submitted by Local 544 to the McKesson and Robbins drug company on Tuesday this week.

## Warehouse Union Presents Pacts

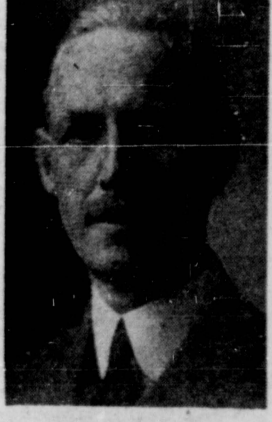
During the past month, the Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 has presented new 1938 contracts to over 25 concerns with which the union has maintained contractual relations during the past year. Workers in these companies are enrolled in Local 20316, and the contracts under which they are working expire within the next two or three weeks.

## Huge 292 Meeting Supports Leaders

Power "to take all steps necessary, including the calling of a strike," against Northern States Power Company, was voted by the General Executive Board by the membership of Electrical Workers Local 292, in a special meeting Tuesday night at East Side Eagles Hall.

The great hall packed with over 1,200 union members rocked with applause as the Board was given full power to act.

## He Wont' Talk?



ROBERT F. PACK President of Northern States Power Co.

Company claims that the union was divided were crushingly refuted by the fact that only 12 members out of the vast gathering voted to withhold strike power from the Board.

Facts of the Controversy Reports by Business Manager W. H. Hackett, Business Representatives Oscar Coover and William Heigel, and Executive Board member K. G. Gerdin, gave the membership a full picture of the controversy.

Tuesday morning, March 8, out of a clear sky, the company broke off all relations with Local 292, the company flatly refusing to meet again with union representatives. The only excuse the company officials gave for this brazen violation of the existing agreement was limited to word over the telephone that the company wanted a guarantee against "sympathetic strikes." But this pretext was dropped two days later, and the company went on to demand removal from office of the union representatives.

(Full details of the incident labeled "sympathetic strike," and of company claims to International Representative W. B. Petty appear on pages 1 and 2 of this issue.)

Biggest Meeting Ever Held Aroused and ready to defend their union against the company's union-busting moves, the membership turned out in full force for the special meeting. A five-column, two-page Emergency Bulletin, issued on Saturday, was distributed on the job to every section of the union on Monday morning, announcing the meeting and giving full reports of the events of the past days. As a result, not only utility members, but the full force of the Inside Workers and Radio Sections were equally represented at the special meeting.

Outside Divisions Speaker An added speaker was W. H. Foard, chairman of the Granite Falls branch of Local 949, the local covering men employed in the outside divisions of the Northern States Power Company. Speaking for these men, Foard pledged their solidarity in backing any action against the company taken by Local 292. He had learned of the controversy from the union's radio announcement Monday night and had immediately left for Minneapolis.

Schultz States the Issue The last speaker before the question was put to the men was H. A. Schultz, Assistant Business Manager, who squarely placed the question before the men:

"There is only one question which you men have to decide. Do you want the company to meet with the union representatives as the agreement provides? Do you want the fruits of the victory we won by last year's strike or don't you? I won't insult you by pretending that I don't know the answer to the question. I know that you didn't put your life's blood into the foundation stones of the union, just to let the company come along and wreck the magnificent edifice that you have built.

"As Bill Heigel said, we'll stand or fall in an election any time the union membership wants it. The union constitution provides for an

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## N. S. P. Alibi Falls Flat In Two Days

The original pretext for the N.S.P. Company's onslaught against the union was a delay in restoring service in the building at 3500 Dupont Ave. South where a janitors' strike was in progress. The company seized upon this incident to break off relations with the union, declaring (over the telephone) that the company would not renew relations until assurances were given against "sympathetic strikes."

The full story of this incident reveals why the company, two days later, abandoned this pretext, thereby implicitly admitting that the union had conducted itself properly in that situation.

Cutting of the service wires by unknown parties interrupted service about 2:30 p. m. on Monday. Troublemaker Ward was sent out to restore service and shortly afterward reported back to his superior, Northey, that he was unable to restore the service because of a picket line manned by members of the Flat Janitors Union, and advised Northey to communicate with the union.

At that very moment, the representatives of the union, Heigel, Schultz and Phillips, were in the office of the company director of personnel, Frank J. Miller, conferring with two company representatives.

## Mason City Drivers Sign Local Dairy

Mason City, Iowa—The General Drivers Local 828 of Mason City has made several gains during the past few weeks. Following efforts of the union, the Hermanson Dairy is now operating under the union scale of wages, and is completely unionized.

Four Local 828 drivers are now employed by the Brady company hauling butter at Mason City. For half a year, the union has attempted to place its men on this job, and the efforts of the union were finally rewarded last week.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# Local 292 Mobilizes Against N. S. P. Co.

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election every two years, but I know I speak for the whole Executive Board and for anybody on the payroll when I say that the whole lot of us are ready to step out any time a membership meeting votes to have us do so. The day after the union pushes the company back into line again you can change the leadership if you so desire.

"But neither I nor any decent trade unionist will ever stand for an election that is dictated by the company. Any union that takes orders from the bosses isn't a union any more. It is then a company union. And you and I didn't give our heart's blood to building this union just to give it away again to the company."

**Vote Is Taken**  
Executive Board member Eddie Ackerman presented the resolution recommended by the Board, and moved its adoption.

An amendment to withhold strike power from the Board was made from the floor, and its maker spoke from the platform, arguing that he was in agreement with the analysis of the situation made by the Board, but that he thought this was putting too much power into the hands of the Board. All other speakers from the floor who followed him, and there were several, spoke against the amendment and for giving the Board full power to act. They declared that the Board's analysis and handling of the situation was correct, its past performances had been correct, and that therefore it deserved full power.

The first vote was on the amendment. Only two voted for it, the maker of the amendment and its seconder.

The second and final vote was on the motion to adopt the resolution as recommended by the General Executive Board. Of the approximate 1,200 present, there were only 12 votes against.

### Teamsters Council Head Speaks

After the vote was taken and the policy of the union established, Miles B. Dunne, Secretary-Treasurer of the Teamsters Joint Council, spoke by invitation of the Executive Board. He commended the membership for having turned out to make such a splendid meeting, and for having taken a firm stand.

### Bakery Drivers Discuss Pact

The Bakery Drivers Local 289 met Tuesday night to consider a counter-proposal received from the employers. The proposed agreement, though accepted by the wholesale bread men, was rejected by the cake men, who will meet again Thursday night to consider their demands.

The bosses' counter-proposal differed from the union's offer mainly in wage demands. The employers have agreed to guarantee a full week's work for inside and extra men, with a minimum of \$24.20 weekly. Other provisions in the contract—overtime, seniority, paid vacations, closed shop, etc.—are the same as last year's contract.

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## N. S. P. Alibi Falls Flat In Two Days

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representatives, Gleeson and Colvin. But the company made no attempt to refer Ward's suggestion to these union representatives or to the office of Local 292.

Instead, the company marked time until 8:30 p. m. when it sent out Troublemakers Langer and Gilbertson to restore service. Langer and Gilbertson reported back to their superior, Norring, that they were unable to restore service because of the picket line. Norring ordered them to report to Garfield Station and stand by, where they were kept until 11:30 p. m., when they were ordered back to the warehouse and released from their day's work.

Troublemaker McMullen and Charlie Martin, reporting on duty at 11 p. m., were then ordered to restore service at the struck building, and likewise reported their inability.

It was only at about 10 p. m. that evening that a company official, Gleeson, finally contacted the union about this matter, reaching Business Manager Hackett at the union office during an Advisory Board meeting of the Inside Section. Hackett immediately attempted to reach officials of the Flat Janitors Union by telephone but for several hours was unable to. He finally contacted them personally at the struck building and secured an agreement whereby troublemakers were permitted to restore service, at about 2:30 a. m.

Meanwhile Frank J. Miller telephoned Assistant Business Manager Schultz at his home at about 1:15 a. m. Miller asserted that he had been at the struck building and there was no danger preventing the troublemakers from re-connecting the wires on the pole. His proof was that he himself had gone down the alley without being stopped.

Schultz asked whether Miller had attempted to go up the pole, and of course the answer was no. But Miller argued that if the men tried to climb the pole they would get protection from the five or six police-squad cars on the spot. Schultz defended the right of the troublemakers on the spot to determine if the task were dangerous or not. Whereupon Miller stated that he would send the troublemakers back to the warehouse and take them out of service, and that the company and the union could argue the case the next day. Schultz replied that it was entirely up to Miller.

Meanwhile, of course, the union had settled the matter satisfactorily. Miller made no move against the troublemakers involved.

Thereby Miller admitted he was in the wrong. The union had conducted itself properly and had adjusted the problem within a few hours of being contacted.

Yet on this flimsy incident the company originally based its breaking off relations with the union, and its campaign to tell the union what leaders it should have!

Any weapon to use against the union—even if the weapon breaks at the first try—that's the company's game.

The following patents were issued March 8, 1938, to Minnesota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota:  
Dellech, Peter, Duluth, Minn., toy; Johnson, Richard J., Langdon, Minn., humane trap; Kansas, Francis, Soudan, Minn., drill; Kent, Frederick W., Minneapolis, Minn., parcel supporting device; Klaffman, John, Hibbing, Minn., chain snare lock.

A desperate labor faker still does not make a militant labor leader.

## Three Periods Three Tactics, Of Local 292

By H. A. Schultz  
In his speech to the Local 292 special membership meeting, H. A. Schultz outlined the three periods in the life of the union:

The first period was the organization days of the union. To build the union, to win it recognition, to get a real agreement—that was our task in the first period. And this task dictated certain tactics. The tactics then pursued by the leadership can be summed up in one word: FIGHT. Arouse the men to tell the company where to get off at! Arouse the men so they won't take no for an answer! You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain! Bring the company to its knees! You can't get anything except by fighting! That is the way we talked and had to talk in order to organize the men, get them to stand together, and drive forward to the strike, to victory, and to the Agreement.

But once we got that victory, once we had an agreement, then we found ourselves in a new period, a period that required a very different set of tactics than we had used during the first period. We had to explain to you that the fight was over and won and that there was no sense fighting the battle over again every day in the week. We, the union leadership, who the day before had been getting you all hot up, now we had to cool you off a little bit. We had to advise you to be patient, to join with us in the very tedious and long drawn out job of putting flesh on that bare skeleton of the agreement. For the union leadership, it was a period of long, wearying board meetings to work out detailed working conditions on the job.

Most of you have read, and all of you should have read, a few weeks ago, that series of articles in the Northwest Organizer on the problems facing Local 292. One article was on the very detailed job classifications set up for the Overhead Department, which we had worked out over a period of months and had finally gotten the company to agree to. There were endless sessions of your representatives—covering these minute details in the various departments. There were endless meetings with the men from the various departments and with their committees to decide just what we wanted the bare words of the agreement to mean.

The kind of work we had to do in that second period was a very different kind of work than we had to do in the first period of building the union and winning the agreement. And the fact is that that second period isn't over with yet. Tomorrow, when we push the company back into line, we'll go back to that tactic of putting flesh and muscles and skin on the bare skeleton of the agreement. We'll go back to that job just as soon as we make the company drop its slimy scheme for busting the union.

But today and for just as many days as it takes us to push the company into line, we are in a new period, one which dictates again a new set of tactics. Like the first period of the union, this new period is again one of fighting, of head-on collision with the company. But in this fight we are not back where we started from. I am not telling any secrets when I say that during last year's strike there was many a man who had no faith in our capacity to lick the company. There was many a man who didn't fink but who also didn't go out on the picket line and I'm not telling any secrets when I say that there were some men who had so little faith in the union that they just kept right on working during the strike. Even with all those handicaps, there were enough more, a big majority of the men who had faith in the

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### Bill Brown Says—

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President of 292

## I. B. E. W. President Sends Emissary for Short Visit

The Northern States Power Company having registered a complaint with President Tracy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to the effect that Local 292 had violated the agreement, Tracy sent his personal representative, W. B. Petty, to Minneapolis. Ordinarily the international vice-president of the district, M. J. Boyle, would have been sent.

Petty arrived Thursday morning and met with Assistant Business Manager Schultz and Business Representative Heigel of Local 292. After several hours of discussion, it was decided to call the company.

**The Company's Game**  
Schultz telephoned the company twice, each time being told that the company's personnel director, Frank J. Miller, was not in but was expected shortly and would call back. Instead, however, Miller's office called Petty and asked him to go to his hotel and await a call from Miller. Discussion between

union, who had faith in their strength and they carried the union to victory.

We're not faced with that kind of situation today. I'd bet my life that practically every man who didn't come out on the picket line during the last strike, or who stayed in the plants during the last strike, has learned the meaning of union organization during the last year, has learned to stand shoulder to shoulder with his fellow members against the company.

We're not going back to the first period in the life of the union, glorious and successful as that period was. No, we're going forward, forward to a new kind of struggle. We're going to teach the company that the union victory of February, last year, was not a temporary success which the company can now cross off its books. We're going to teach the company that the men who fought to build the union will fight to keep it. We're going to teach the company that as long as the company wants to stay in business, it's going to have to deal with the union and with any and all representatives designated by the union. And we're going to teach this to the company, not merely through the strength and solidarity of a majority of the men, but through the strength and solidarity of every last man employed by the Northern States Power company in this area.

If, before the union was able to demonstrate the benefits it could gain, and before the union had won an agreement and before the union had shown its strength and permanence—if we were able before all this to bring the company to terms, then how much simpler, how much easier is our task today. Our victory is absolutely assured. Your determination will carry all before you. Neither the Northern States Power company nor any of its minions or hirelings can stop you in your forward march. We want the agreement lived up to. That is our message to the company and a message which the company will have to submit to.

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Minneapolis. The International had been utilizing the local agreement—the best in any utility company—and its harmonious relations for union organization throughout the country. The day-by-day struggle whereby militant union leaders had won and maintained these conditions, Petty had no knowledge of. In seeking an "easy" short-cut back to resuming relations with the company, Petty was prepared to yield to company pressure. He did so in the form of calling for an election at which the utility men were to decide whether or not they would retain Heigel and Schultz.

**Company Likes This**  
How pleasing to the company was Petty's proposal was indicated by the following sequence: Petty informed Miller of his election decision at 11 a. m. Friday; he informed Schultz and Heigel of this decision at 3 p. m. But before Heigel and Schultz had returned to the union office at 5 p. m., the company's stooges had gleefully spread the word throughout the plants. Men at the warehouse were informed that an election would be held which, the company informants said, would decide upon the disaffiliation of the utility men from Local 292, a new election of officers, and who the representatives of the utility men would then be.

**Board Opposes Election**  
At a special meeting of the General Executive Board of the union, Saturday morning, the Board unanimously opposed the election move, when Petty presented it. The Board pointed out that the election meant bending to the demand of the company for the removal of Heigel and Schultz, and that bosses always demand the heads of representatives whom they can't budge. The Board demonstrated that no benefit could accrue to the union from the election. Winning the election would be an empty victory, for the company would still have to be forced to retreat from its demand for removal of Heigel and Schultz. But the holding of an election would be a dangerous precedent, enabling the company at will to force other elections and other procedures by the union.

**The Road to Victory**  
The road to victory, the Board pointed out, is to force the company to deal with the union exactly as the agreement provides, namely through representatives designated by the union itself. The full responsibility for the present situation must be placed upon the company, which has deliberately sought a pretext for its union-busting campaign.

**Petty Abandons Election**  
Despite the opposition of the Board, Petty insisted on going through with the election. He agreed, however, that for its part Local 292 was perfectly free to take all necessary steps to mobilize the membership in defense of the union against the company. Invited by the Board to state his position before a special membership meeting on Tuesday, he was glad to accept the invitation. Meanwhile, however, he ordered election notices mailed out.

But the election notices never went out. Within twenty-four hours, the union had sufficiently convinced Petty, so that he called off the election, and left the city!

**Rank and File See Petty**  
In those critical twenty-four hours, the union membership had visited Petty and proved conclusively to him that the rank and file were overwhelmingly and determinedly backing the General Executive Board. For, as word spread of Petty's election move, delegations of union members, in twos, threes, and up to dozens, streamed unendingly to Petty's hotel. Every grouping in the utility section sent its delegation to convince Petty. Not only Minneapolis division men but also men of the St. Cloud division, came to see Petty.

The decisive contrast between the real rank and file who flocked to his room, and the few company stooges he had seen the day before, finally convinced Petty. He informed Heigel and Schultz that he was calling off the election and, with telephoned permission from President Tracy, was leaving the

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## Text of Resolution Adopted By Electrical Workers Local 292

WHEREAS the Northern States Power Company has refused to meet with representatives of Local 292, thereby violating the agreement existing between the union and the company, and the company has not replied to a letter from the union demanding a statement on the status of relations between the company and the union,

**BE IT RESOLVED:**  
That the membership of Local 292, gathered in special membership meeting for the purpose of dealing with this problem, hereby authorizes and instructs the General Executive Board to take all steps necessary, including the calling of a strike, to enforce the agreement between Local 292 and the Northern States Power Company.

## Miller and Gleeson Muff It Again

As part of their campaign against Local 292, Messrs. Miller and Gleeson via the grapevine got together eight or ten operators in a very, very secret meeting, and offered them a very lovely plan. If these operators would just work in cahoots with Messrs. Gleeson and Miller, all the pending operators' demands would not only be granted, but doubled.

The plan: (1) Split Local 292 and take the Utility Section into a separate union, with their own charter in the I. B. E. W. (2) Elect a new and good set of officers for the new union, "incidentally" getting rid of Schultz and Heigel AND the Advisory Board, and (3) After having thus set up the new union, drop the I. B. E. W. charter and become a nice, domesticated company union.

Disturbed by this plan, the operators asked: "Do you mean like the Telephone Company Union?" "That would be very, very nice," said Messrs. Miller and Gleeson. An operator asked: "With a \$45 weekly minimum wage like the telephone company?" Stuttering and appalled, Messrs. Gleeson and Miller said no.

Well, to make a long story short, these eight or ten operators (remembering Pack's past promises) were supposed to sell the plan to a meeting of operators called for Tuesday morning at the Wesley Temple Building. They accordingly went to the meeting—and brought the operators out of there and into the union offices, where they told us this story and warned us to be on guard for other moves of the same stripe by Messrs. Gleeson and Miller.

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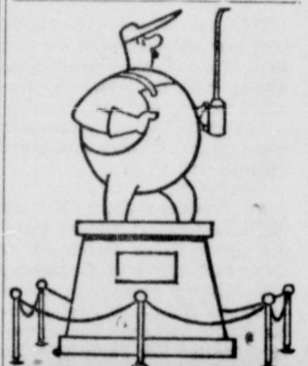
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## Local 1859-Keller Pact, Pay Raise

Early this week a new working agreement was signed between the Furniture Workers Local 1859 and the Keller Mfg. company, 501 S. E. Huron, makers of ironing boards. The new contract calls for a 5c hourly increase, and a 50c hourly minimum. Seniority and working conditions will be protected in the same way as covered by the former contract.

city. Petty also stated he was glad to turn this matter back to Vice President M. J. Boyle.

**M. J. Boyle Coming**  
In long-distance talks with Local 292 officers, "Mike" Boyle promised them that, just as soon as his medical treatments permitted, he would arrive in Minneapolis—about Thursday. Boyle participated in the successful negotiations which concluded the 1937 strike and his numerous visits to Local 292 have given him a thorough grasp of the local situation.



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# Full Text of Local 544's Agreement with N. W. Drug

## Pact Specifies 5-7 1/2 Hourly Wage Increases — Paid Vacations — Time and One-half for Overtime — Contract Runs to December 21, 1938 — Covers 160 Workers —

**ARTICLE I.**  
The above named Union is recognized as the collective bargaining agency for its members employed in the warehouse and delivery service of the Northwestern Drug Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**ARTICLE II.**  
The company agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with its employees individually or collectively which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

**ARTICLE III.**  
The regular work day shall be eight hours and the work week shall be a maximum of forty-five (45) hours, except that the work week for truck drivers shall be a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all hours in excess of the regular work week, except that double time shall be paid for all work done on Sundays, New Years Day, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Time to be computed from the time clock. There shall be no split shifts. Truck drivers are to start work not later than nine thirty (9:30) A. M. Other employees shall start work not later than eight thirty (8:30) A. M.

**ARTICLE IV.**  
The minimum rate of pay shall be as follows:  
Foreman — 75c per hour  
Shipping and Receiving Clerks — 75c per hour  
Checkers and Stock men — 70c per hour  
Assistant Shipping and Receiving Clerks — 65c per hour  
Order pickers, floor men, truckers and packers — 60c per hour  
Unskilled floor men — 55c per hour  
Buy out boys — 40c per hour  
Truck drivers — 70c per hour  
Employees receiving more than the above minimums in any classification shall not have their pay reduced.  
Any employee now receiving more than the above minimum rates shall receive an increase of five cents per hour, except checkers and stockmen now receiving more than the above minimum who shall receive an increase of seven and one-half cents per hour.

**ARTICLE V.**  
Employees who have been in the service of the company for a period of one year or longer shall receive one week's vacation with pay according to the rate set forth above for their classification of work.

**ARTICLE VI.**  
Seniority rights shall prevail. In the application of seniority, however, ability to do the work shall determine. The senior men shall have first preference on the job. The oldest men on the job from point of service shall be given the regular jobs and shall be provided full time work, if work is available. Extra men, if they can be reached, shall be given time in accordance with their seniority rights. In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate cause, the last man hired shall be the first man laid off, and in returning men to work, the last man laid off shall be the first man rehired. New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after thirty (30) days of continuous employment by any one firm, provided, however, that extra men shall have preference over any new employees who may be hired. Proof of drunkenness, the use of drugs, dishonesty or repeated negligence in the performance of duty shall be considered grounds for discharge. A man must prove his ability to handle his work in an efficient manner in order to hold his job.

**ARTICLE VII.**  
There shall be no strike or lock-out during the period of this agreement resulting from differences of opinion over the interpretation of or adherence to its terms and provisions. If such a controversy should arise which cannot be settled directly by the Union and the employer involved, it shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration consisting of two (2) representatives of the Union and two (2) representatives of the employer, and if these four (4) cannot agree they shall designate a neutral fifth person to act as chairman. The decision of this Board of five shall be final and binding upon all parties concerned. In the event that the employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other union, it is agreed that the representatives of Local No. 544 will consult with the employer's committee and use every means to reach an amicable settlement.

**ARTICLE VIII.**  
It is understood that new employees may serve a probationary period of sixty (60) days during which time they may be discharged without cause, provided, however, that such workers shall receive the minimum rate of pay as provided for in Article IV of this agreement. At the end of sixty (60) days such probationary workers shall be properly classified and shall receive the rate of pay provided for in the classification to which they belong.

**ARTICLE IX.**  
Any employee desiring a Leave of Absence from the job shall secure written permission from both the Union and the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights.

**ARTICLE X.**  
The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business.

**ARTICLE XI.**  
This agreement shall be in full force and effect from December 21, 1937 up to and including December 21, 1938.

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### State Electrical Council Meets In Red Wing

(Special to N. W. Organizer)  
Red Wing, Minn.—The State Electrical Workers Council held its regular quarterly meeting in the Labor Temple here Sunday. When the meeting convened at 10 a. m., there were about 45 delegates present from a dozen locals of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers throughout the state.

Informative reports on the progress and activities of the various locals were delivered. George Barney, of Local 110, St. Paul, acted as chairman. Secretary of the Council is B. E. Schilling of Red Wing.

Keen interest in the struggle of Local 292 against the union-smashing efforts of the Northern States Power company was displayed. All delegates received copies of the special information Bulletin published by Local 292 in the current emergency, and promised to distribute them among workers throughout the state.

The Council was formed in the fall of 1936, and is now holding quarterly meetings. Its purpose is to carry on educational work, to exchange information, and to promote legislation for the welfare of electrical workers.

### Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Saturday morning, March 26, 9:30 a. m., the Union will hold an open meeting for all dump truck owners on WPA, to discuss the reasons for the organization of the new "Local No. 1." A complete analysis of the situation, together with a report of 544's action on this matter, is necessarily demanded in such public fashion, not because of the importance of this dual movement, but to show a whole host of WPA fans that the Union, while always on the alert for any frontal attack on its solidarity, is not yet too smugly satisfied with its own supremacy to overlook considering any petty chiseling on its domain.

Curt Sez: "All unemployed on the city list should contact Cully Anderson."

Tickets are out for the big dance. Start pushing 'em and earn yourself some prize money.

Phillippi is cashing in his chips this week. And 29 Rumballites are lining up for the final payoff. The boys rarely find him in these days because of negotiations with the excavators.

We mumble and grumble a lot but we raise a fuss only once in a great while, and then it IS something. Start moving those tickets. Reserve the evening of Saturday, April 23. Make a date with yourself and turn out for the big dance.

Bob Bove is setting the pace. He only sold 90 tickets the first day. And at 5 o'clock came back for more. Hop on your band-wagon and see if you can follow that lead.

Frank Guile has been appointed the steward for all ITO in the Columbia Heights District. His phone is Granville 6952.

Do you suppose sale of that dump truck is holding up a mighty important event in John Larkin's new deal? It is funny how everything for the job takes dough; you know, ring, license, flowers, etc.

This is to serve notice publicly on the mailing department that Martin Mengelkoch's new address for the past two years is Minneapolis Route 10.

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### Marshalltown Drivers Collect \$400 Back Wages

(Special to N. W. Organizer)

Marshalltown, Iowa.—The General Drivers Union Local 790 has recently collected back wages for its members from two transfer companies. Following a four-day tie-up of the Bos Freight Lines, \$320 was collected. Over \$90 was also collected from the Huer Truck Line.

With this display of strength, Local 790 is progressing fairly rapidly. However, some local merchants are still unfair, even going so far as to inform out-of-town drivers to disregard the union. The union is planning drastic action against these labor-hating employers unless they cease interfering in Local 790's affairs.

Ward Howard, business agent of the Marshalltown Drivers Union, attended a special organization meeting of truck drivers recently held in Cedar Rapids. He reports a splendid field for organization in the latter town.

### Local 1859 Serves Dustmaster Demands

Local 1859 has served its demands on the Dustmaster corporation, calling for 55c hourly wage minimums, the closed shop and strict seniority for all workers involved.

In an attempt to discourage unionization, the management laid off all but three workers last Thursday, claiming they were out of material. The workers are not being taken in by these stalling tactics, however. Local 1859 is preparing to take whatever action is necessary to protect the Dustmaster workers and win for them the wages and working conditions to which they are entitled.

### On the Route With the Milk Man

We note the recording secretary has met his obligation for being absent at a recent board meeting. Mr. Lavery, however, hasn't yet been heard from.

T. Ammerman neglected his union executive board meeting Monday night—to meet with the girls' executive board.

Our president was cruising around last Monday and absent-mindedly tangled with a Salvation Army truck.

Gideon Edberg and Rudolph Nelson have just returned from a two weeks visit to Mexico City.

They say the milkmen there deliver milk on bicycles. Three hundred milk bottles are carried in a basket, and a kerosene stove is carried on the handle bars.

Brother Ben Boe and his old friend Ford had a heated argument last week. Where the old Ford used to stand, there now poses a shiny new Laugh-ee-et.

The Northland "Ace of Clubs" held a successful dance last Saturday.

Ralph Anderson is getting along fine and we hope to see him soon.

George Bergquist is not the only fisherman at Northland's. How about Len Fahlin and Fibber McGee.

Clarence White was discovered down on all fours in the drivers room at Cloverleaf, looking for lost coupons at 3 a. m. in the morning.

Ray Seavers is driving around with his ear lops up, which is a sure sign of spring.

Meet the new cabbage champion of the north side—Al Odean.

Sig Swanson and Willard Nelson were dressed up like a couple Chinese admirals last Tuesday night. But when they arrived at the union meeting, they discovered to their sorrow that the girls were not present.

John Prestemoen has broken all records this past month by coming to work on time two mornings in one week. Keep up the good work, John.

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### Vets Demand More Relief, Oppose War

Several hundred World War Veterans met in the main Drivers Hall last Saturday morning and after lengthy discussion and analysis came to complete unanimity on a WAR VETERANS RESOLUTION AGAINST WAR AND FOR RELIEF, which many of them offered to take into their veterans organizations and other groups for similar action.

The meeting was called by the Federal Workers Veterans Committee. The main speaker on the war situation was Felix Morrow. The other speaker was Ralph Swan, who reported on the Veterans Contact Men on WPA projects. The FWS Vets Committee invited all Contact Men to meet with it at 7 p. m. on the Wednesday preceding the third Friday of each month at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. to discuss proposals to be brought into the city-wide All-Veterans Contact Committee which meets on the third Friday of each month. The entire group voted to meet regularly at 10 a. m. on the Saturday following the third Friday of each month at 257 Plymouth Ave. to get reports of the All-Veterans Committee activities.

**Higher Relief Demanded**  
A resolution was adopted calling on the Soldiers Welfare Division, the State Board of Control and the State Executive Council "to provide needy disabled veterans and their dependents a standard of relief at least equal in all respects to the still grossly inadequate standards granted by the Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare, and all needed dental and optical care and appliances by professional practitioners of the veterans' own choice." The meeting enlarged its executive committee and instructed it to sit in with the Soldiers Welfare Division in revising the Soldiers Welfare relief budgets, and to take steps in seeing that emergency services for needy vets and their dependents be available at all hours including Sundays and holidays.

**Bastis Cites Housing Need**  
Alderman Albert G. Bastis told the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, at its membership meeting last Friday, of a 7-year total of \$5 million dollars spent for public relief in Minneapolis. Bastis cited the bosses' handy alibi, the city's debt limit, which has just about been reached, and which the Legislature can lift. He said "there is no possibility of large volume borrowing (by the city) for construction."

The high point of his talk popped out when a worker asked him why the city's WPA labor isn't used to construct housing for the needy workers instead of for digging holes out in the county. Bastis' reply is noteworthy: "The Federal Government gives us no voice in what WPA workers do. The Government does all the employing. The city is at the mercy of the Federal Government. Much of the WPA work has little permanent value. Brush cut by WPA workers on the river bank for two years will be just as high again this year."

Workers' families are evicted from slums to shacks and kept busy "digging holes in the county" because a few contractors and material men are able, through the Government, to stop construction until they get their pound of flesh.

The present schedule of supplementing large families on WPA and in private employment automatically ends on April 30th unless the workers make it very clear that they'll not stand for its termination. The labor movement must again bring its full pressure to bear if the relief standards gained here are to be maintained. There is very little time left to organize the fight.

Attempts of the WPA to interfere with the workers' right of free speech on the projects was severely criticized in the meeting.

"Common sense" is simply another name for mediocrity and lack of principle.

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### Sanitary Workers Win Concession

In line with the program being followed by the City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664, the city council, acting on a recommendation from the Sanitation Committee, has authorized the head of the Sanitary Department to pay two hours to all drivers and helpers who report in the morning and do not work.

The burden of having to report each morning for work, whether or not employment would follow, has long been a source of considerable irritation to those workers handicapped by intermittent employment.

This concession from the Sanitary Department follows on the heels of a previous victory in the equipment division, according to Harold Seavey, business representative of Local 664.

### With the Limousines

All members that have been laid off or lost their jobs, please report to me so I can put you on a withdrawal card. This will keep you in good standing.

Lucky for Bill Hines that he had his Union card with him when he parked his car on Seventh in a taxi stand.

Carl Gustafson was waiting at the depot for his brother, believe it or not.

We have contracts signed with: Harry Smith's Auto Livery; H. G. Hanson; Riverside Funeral Coach company; W. E. Williams Auto Livery. They are 100 per cent union.

"Old Marbletop" sends his best wishes to all the members, and wants to know who will let him have a dime for the rummy game.

Pete at Smith's was a very busy man last Tuesday evening. He expects to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Watson attended the last meeting all dressed up, hey Wallie. Where did you get that suit and tie?

The meeting Tuesday evening was enjoyed by the new members

from Smith's—especially the floor debates.

Smiling Bob and Ambulance Kost were also present. We sure had a nice bunch from Harry Smith's.

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**BAKERY BLAB**  
Don't forget the next meeting, a general membership meeting, Thursday evening, March 24, 7:30 sharp.  
Chester Ryan of Continental Bakery has been appointed trustee to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board. Chet is now serving on the Board and already has three or four meetings under his belt.  
Nice turnout at the Wholesale meeting last Thursday. The hall was packed to the brim. Several important matters came up. One brother objected to being fined by the Executive Board. But the membership upheld the Board in the matter. It was further agreed that in case of trouble in the milk business, we must remember not to go through any picket lines.  
Mrs. Reese Shoop, wife of Shoop at Continental Bakery, after vacationing down South, had quite a surprise when she got home. Reese had a chocolate cake all baked up for her, and then took her to the Ice Show. We understand she is beginning to look at Reese with a slight tinge of suspicion.  
During the last two weeks we have been very busy signing up specialty wagon salesmen, and our membership is climbing.  
I probably hate poetry about as much as the next guy, but the following poem is worth a spot in this column:  
**HERE'S TO OLD KENTUCKY**  
Here's to old Kentucky, where they never have the blues,  
Where the Captains kill the Colonels, and the Colonels kill the boozie.  
Blood, it flows like water and bullets fly like hail,  
Every pistol has a pocket and every coat a tail.  
You start out in the morning to give your health a chance  
And they bring you home at midnight with buckshot in your pants.  
They always hang the jury but they never hang the nan.  
You call a man a liar and then, get home if you can,  
The Owl's afraid to holler and the birds don't care to sing,  
For it's hell in old Kentucky, where they shoot them on the wing.  
Author Unknown  
Andy Mulcahy of Monahan's, suffered a major operation at Monahan's party last Saturday night, as he appeared for work Monday morning minus his moustache. But he says it took six of 'em to do it.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick  
I'm a decent Sheehey, Wop or Mick,  
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik  
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## Anti-War Resolution Says Vets Will Fight Only for Labor

WHEREAS we, war veterans of the World War, were taken in by the 1917 hysteria to "Make the World Safe for Democracy," only to find that our comrades and brothers died, as did tens of millions of our so-called "enemies," not to make life fuller and happier for humanity but solely for opposing groups of International Bankers, and

WHEREAS those same interests since 1917 have continuously seized upon every means and pretext to beat down and avoid every vestige of compensation or comfort for us or for our dependents and to amass for themselves great wealth and power in total disregard of not only ourselves but of the entire working class of people—everywhere, and

WHEREAS the suffering, malnutrition, human wastage, perversion of youth, domestic wreckage and industrial chaos of the depression in America were cold-bloodedly unloaded upon the workers during Hoover's administration; and the Roosevelt administration scarcely provided sufficient relief; and a new depression is upon us which the National Administration "answers" with a gigantic armament program instead of with public works and relief, and

WHEREAS neither we nor the Chinese masses can, in view of our experiences as veterans, expect any more humane treatment nor better livings from American imperialists than from Japanese, British or any other capitalists since all are equally bent upon preserving and increasing their own power, and

WHEREAS America's vast natural resources, scientific processes and competent manpower are ample for the unprecedented wellbeing of every man, woman and child without resort to war; in sharp contrast to the social suicide and barbaric reversion which would now result from a MAJOR WAR OF CONQUEST as forecast by Roosevelt's words and deeds.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WORLD WAR VETERANS OF MINNEAPOLIS:

1. That in view of our experiences we now warn the younger generation against the false propaganda of "democracy" and "peace-loving nations," which is but a thin sugarcoating for the fatal pill of imperialist conquest;

2. That we now call upon all veterans and their organizations, and all other workers to actively oppose all war preparations of this country and to demand the immediate return to America of all American forces in the Far East;

3. That we demand of Congress the complete defeat of the Sheppard-May Bill;

4. That we now demand of Congress and the Administration the immediate diversion of all naval and military funds to UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF;

5. That we here and now declare that we are ready and willing to fight again but only in support of Labor's determination to release the wheels of industry and resume the accelerating production of needs and comforts of life, and for the plentiful distribution and peaceful use and enjoyment thereof BY ALL THE WORKERS AND THEIR DEAR ONES.

## The Forgotten Man



## CAB STRIKE ITEMS

We were informed yesterday that the sister of E. Harlan, our senior committee man, had passed away. Have nothing further to report as Mr. Harlan left for La-Crosse immediately.

Haven't had time to run down the rumor that President Jack Pender of Local No. 125 is a blood (or is it mud) brother to Prince Bu Pender of India, the famous mud pie artist of the wrestling mats.

Your peripatetic paragraphists, "Curly" and Lunde almost missed the deadline last week, which would really have been a major catastrophe.

Evidently the stork had no premonition of the cab drivers strike as he arrived on schedule with baby girls to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bronson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coffman and Mr. and Mrs. William Rankin. Mothers, daughters and fathers are doing very nicely, thank you.

Harry Wallace talking to his kitchen crew, "Now, boys, remember to check the calories and those coy little devils called vitamins. I think there's one missing around here."

Certainly surprising the talent that is uncovered when a group like this is thrown together for any length of time. For instance, who knew that George Taylor was a pianist of no mean ability, Norman Poirer by his own admission a lawyer, or Mitch Abood an orator par excellence.

The only difference between Jerry Mandery and "Ole Bull" Jerry can fiddle for the squirrels at 257 while Ole the Bull must confine his activities to Loring Park.

Wasn't it Julius Caesar who warned of the Ides of March which falls on the fifteenth of this month. Maybe he was prophetic and saw that the last day to avoid penalty on default of income tax fell on that date. Now altogether, boys, how many of you missed?

If there aren't a flock of good bridge players it won't be the fault of "Hank" Culbertson Laurus, who plays all four sides of the table.

Darby Hicks made the statement at a late meeting that the nice chef was as good as cooking as his wife. Well, Darby, we'll accept an invitation to your house for dinner any time to make our own comparison.

Banjo Miller didn't show one day this week, we didn't exactly miss his vacant face. That's the printer's fault; I said "smiling face."

Brother Brundage, the official taster of the various food conglomerations concocted in the kitchen, who tried a dish to find what had been left out was heard to remark, "No, nothing you left out could make it taste like this.

Haven't seen the Hill-Billy for some time. Probably cultivating a few callouses before tackling the pavements in his bare feet.

We are glad to correct our report of the injuries suffered by Brother Bob Seitzer. Broken ribs instead of a broken leg as stated in our last issue.

I see where Hizzoner "George the Leech," made the headlines again, guaranteeing police protection to any funk who wanted to drive a taxi-cab during this tie-up.

Practice makes perfect. Some of our packet a day smokers can now "roll their own" in a high wind.

Chris Peterson, the Danish ambassador of the kitchen fixed the "judge" a bacon rind sandwich, that's one time he got a bigger bite than he could chew. A scoop on a coming event: C. Phelan and some other sons of old Erin need an interpreter-bodyguard to keep them on the right course. The nite of St. Patrick is an important event to these boys.

Ray Rainbolt is a versatile man, we'll admit, but the other day he had to convince a lady caller that his office was not a beauty parlor.

Our cuisine and service may not be of the best, but we observe some famous trenchermen of better days coming back for "seconds."

Do not jump at conclusions, boys, the spring water-line can't be as high out Golden Valley way as Ernie Hoffman's boots would indicate.

Our bridge players are good, yes, very good, but some of these worn card-decks with mixed and missing cards would cause a headache to Ely Culbertson or even the Marquis De Queensbury. After thirty-odd days of whist, cribbage, smear, five-hundred and some games whose origin is debatable and still no quarrels, that's a better record than our wives are capable of, say we.

We all know "Maestro" McCullough is good on the banjo but what we want to see is Mac, all toggled out in kilties playing a highland fling on the bagpipes.

O. B. gets ribbed so much that he leaves his toupe at home.

Baldy De Garmo fell heir to a haircut ticket, but when he sat down in the chair the barber chirped, "Haircut or a shine?"

Noticed that in our orchestra there are three too-tappers to two heel-tappers, can't we get together, boys? Incidentally, how's about a lullaby in the early p. m. so some of the gold-bricks can take a nap?

"Shorty" Rollins is doing right well at the kitchen sink. Since they got a new boiler to cook in, they let him stand on the old one.

Have noticed a couple of old

timers with a technique all their own. These sunny afternoons they move from chair to chair and thus get the full advantage of the sun as it moves through the heavens.

We would suggest that the nervous cat-walking type take up the ancient art of whittling to pass the time more pleasantly in the p. m.

We have been unable to locate a more likeable place for our very portable office so we are still holding forth on upper Emerson avenue. We don't have to stand in line for our coffee and crullers either.

Why does the ownership of a hack-license and the down payment on a car make some lame-brains act like bloated capitalists?

About sixty of the boys must be practicing for the submarine service. Every afternoon they go into hall number four, light up their favorite smokes and the resultant air mixture would stop a gas engine.

Floyd Anger, the former tenor of the airways on a male quartet, has become affiliated with our music group; a few others have also shown their talent but the names escape us at the moment.

News travels fast. Had a visit from a relative just back from Schofield Barracks in the Islands. He heard about our little strike while in Panama.

Resolution: let's petition congress to reduce the cost of living 50 per cent so we ALL can work for \$15 a week.

Overheard on Oak-Harriet car: "Mama, why don't this take us all the way home like the taxi-man?"

Some of the boys have succumbed to the siren call of spring and discarded their sheepskin coats.

Quinnell moved out to his farm north of town, got to get them thru crops in early, eh?

With all the innocent games played here, we had to fall victim to the hot-seat. This little game guarantees a fast reaction although the visiting firemen might not approve.

A few who have disregarded the rules of the halls in various ways will find themselves taking lessons on the end of a mop handle.

## Grain King Workers Give Dance Saturday

The Grain King workers, organized in Woodworkers Local 20481, are giving a dance this Saturday evening, March 19, at the Woodruff Hall, Prior and St. Anthony, and invite all unionists and friends of labor to attend. Tickets are 25c each at the door. The music will be furnished by Oscar Erickson's orchestra.

## Cab Drivers Get Support

(Continued from page 1) of the cab strikers and condemning those anti-labor forces who want to bring about bloodshed.

The statement of the ministers follows:

"1. It seems to us that this may be more than a dispute between the workmen and the employers. There is a tension between a large corporation owning many of the taxi cabs and enjoying important favorable concessions, and independent taxi cab owners organized into several small companies. It is obvious that the large corporation could more easily meet the demands of its employees, or that it finds it to its advantage to delay settlement of the strike indefinitely if that promised to eliminate its competitors.

Reasonable Demands  
"2. We believe that the demands of the drivers for a more adequate wage is not unreasonable. We find that the drivers are now working 60 hours a week for a sum which is considerably under the average wage of 49c being paid to men in Minnesota.

"3. We believe that the principle of adequate salary plus a commission which the drivers request is more satisfactory than the present uncertain commission basis only on which the drivers have been expected to work.

"4. We would reiterate the longstanding principle of the right of employers and employees alike to organize and to bargain collectively, which has been endorsed by our various denominations and by the Federal Council of Churches, and enacted as the law of the land by Congress.

"5. We believe that every effort should be made to settle the strike peacefully by negotiations rather than by putting cabs on the street under police protection, feeling certain that such attempts on the part of taxicab owners would inevitably result in destructive violence."

The signers of this statement, nine well-known local ministers, include: Revs. David N. Beach, William H. Boddy, Charles P. Deems, Paul G. Hayes, Clarence Kilde, Henry H. Lewis, Rudolph G. Riemann, Richard C. Raines, and Morris C. Robinson.

## Business Agents Oppose Chapman

The Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents at its last meeting sent a letter to Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, and to all Minnesota congressional representatives, requesting they use their influence "to prevent the appointment of Joseph Chapman as co-trustee in bankruptcy to the Soo Line Railroad."

The letter pointed out Chapman's anti-labor activities over a long period of years, his membership in the Citizens Alliance.

Chapman has one of the blackest non-union records of any boss in the state. For years he operated the L. S. Donaldson company on an open-shop basis. Due to his labor-hating philosophy, he deliberately provoked strikes on the Northwestern Bank and Nicollet Hotel building jobs, strikes which could have been easily averted as the jobs were done on a job cost basis.

The Northwestern Bank, inspirer of many anti-union moves in this city, is backing Chapman for the Soo Line job. Soo Line employees and the Minneapolis labor movement is opposing him.

## Warren Shade Workers Discuss New Contract

Employees of the Warren Shade company, members of Local 1859, met last Thursday to discuss provisions of the new pact to be presented to the company. The new contract will call for the closed shop. No change is contemplated in the work week or in the seniority clause.

Another meeting of Warren workers will be held this Thursday to discuss and ratify the wage provisions of the contract, to be presented shortly to the employer. The old contract expires March 31.

## Forum to Discuss Hitler's Coup

The Socialist Sunday Forum will present Felix Morrow next Sunday afternoon, March 21, at 3 o'clock, who will talk on "The Meaning of Hitler's Austrian Coup." Hundreds of Minneapolis workers are pondering the significance of the recent startling events in central Europe, and will have a chance to get an authoritative explanation by attending this lecture. Admission is 10 cents. The forums are held each Sunday at 669 Second Avenue North by the Socialist Workers Party.

## On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1) down wages but an effort to destroy the organization of workers in the unions of their own choice, and to destroy the political influence which workers have gained as a result of that organization.

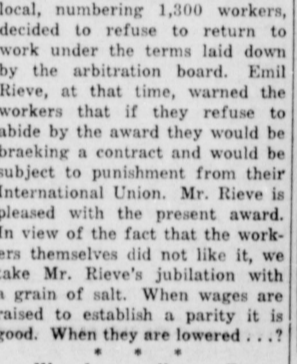
Rubber locals of all the various companies in the Akron area have asked for meetings where both parties in this controversy can get together and talk the matter over peacefully.

Meanwhile, along with the program to reduce wages, goes a campaign of discrimination, in the laying off of union men by every company manufacturing rubber. The Firestone local of the union has a demand before the Labor Relations Board for an election to determine who shall represent the workers for collective bargaining.

In Pennsylvania an arbitration board has handed down an award which, according to Emil Rieve, President of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO), establishes a parity of wages between the workers in the industry in Philadelphia, Reading and the Berks County area. According to the New York Times the award, while it leaves hourly wages the same, reduces piece work prices on special work, thus in actuality, reducing real wages.

Recently the 15,000 workers engaged in the manufacturing of hosiery in Philadelphia voted to refuse to accept the award. One local, numbering 1,300 workers, decided to refuse to return to work under the terms laid down by the arbitration board. Emil Rieve, at that time, warned the workers that if they refuse to abide by the award they would be breaking a contract and would be subject to punishment from their International Union. Mr. Rieve is pleased with the present award. In view of the fact that the workers themselves did not like it, we take Mr. Rieve's jubilation with a grain of salt. When wages are raised to establish a parity it is good. When they are lowered . . .

## Today Makes 8,003 Days . . .



## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LODGE 382</b> Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.
<b>LODGE 1313</b> Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 601 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternating Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
<b>LODGE 1037</b> Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.	<b>LOCAL 131</b> The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 125</b> The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 544 MARCH, 1938</b> Sunday, March 20—Over-the-Road, 11 a. m. Monday, March 21—Building Material; Furniture Stores Tuesday, March 22—Taxi Drivers—Night drivers, 1 p. m.; Day drivers, 7 p. m. Thursday, March 24—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating and Sand and Gravel Monday, March 28—Spring Water Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room. Note: There is a change in the meeting time for the Seniority Board.
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> General Membership, Local 1859—March 2 Casket Industry—March 8 J. E. Clark Section—March 16 Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. General Membership, Local 20481—March 18 Twin City Stewards—Feb. 28, March 14, 28 Executive Board, Local 20481—March 7, 21 General Membership, Local 1859—April 6
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Tuesday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday
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## Chauffeurs Sign Livery Firms

Through the efforts of the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, practically all workers employed by Minneapolis firms furnishing autos for funerals are now receiving union wages and working under much improved working conditions.

On Monday Local 912 signed a contract with the Harry Smith Auto Livery company, covering approximately 12 drivers of ambulances, hearses and private cars. Other firms signed up recently include the Hanson company, the Riverside Funeral Coach company and the Williams firm.

Formerly these drivers worked 7 days a week, as many as 16 hours a day, and received wages as low as \$8 and \$10 weekly.

Due to the efforts of the union, drivers in this section now receive \$24 weekly, for a 10-hour day, 60-hour week. They will receive time and one-half for overtime, and one week's vacation with pay.

The agreement will run until May 31, 1939. Bill Brown assisted Joe Lear, president of the Chauffeurs' Union, in obtaining the pacts.

Local 912 initiated a campaign this week to bring all drivers for undertakers and funeral homes into the union.

## Special Sears Meeting Set for March 30

A meeting of all Sears, Roebuck workers has been scheduled by the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 for Wednesday evening, March 30, at 257 Plymouth Avenue.

This special gathering will review the present contract which expires May 1, and will discuss proposed provisions to be contained in the new working agreement. Every Sears worker is urged to attend this meeting and participate in the discussions, and have his say as to what wages and working conditions he is to labor under during the coming year.

The union has arranged to provide transportation for those who find it difficult to travel long distances to attend the March 30th meeting. All Sears employees are requested to contact their steward if they desire to take advantage of this free transportation, to be provided both ways.

## Iowa Drivers Deal With Gamble-Rob

Drivers officials from Mason City, Waterloo and Fort Dodge, Iowa, arrived in Minneapolis Wednesday for a meeting with the Gamble-Robinson company officials, scheduled for 3 p. m. Locals 828, 650, and 844 are involved. A representative of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council was to sit with the Iowa brothers in the negotiations. About 125 drivers are involved.

Tact implies an understanding of the situation and of one's place in it.