

# 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.

## 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.

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 glibly liberal groups, have announced that the May Bill has eliminated many objectionable features of the Hill Bill which it replaces, Representative May himself has categorically denied 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.

### 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.

# 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 inducting 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."

#### Gag Law Voted

But apart from these two exceptions, the clique had its way. With a minimum of discussion, it pushed through the recommendation calling upon the state convention to outlaw primary contestants.

#### Charters To Be Revoked

The resolution also provides for revocation of the charter of any Farmer-Labor unit that fails to discipline a member, or that fails to support a duly indorsed Farmer-Labor candidate.

#### 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

#### Disproportionate Votes

The disproportion of voting strength was indicated by the fact that Local 544 with 7,000 members, the Milk Drivers with 2,000 members, etc., were limited to seven delegates each, while a group of paper locals of the Workers Alliance were given some 25 delegates, and delegations voted representing singing societies, fraternal groups, etc. Ward clubs in the control of the machine, not even claiming a total of more than a few hundred members, were able to outvote tens of thousands of organized workers.

#### 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.

#### 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 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. Stambery, of Mason City, Iowa for the allowance of an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said Decedent and the probate thereof and for Letters thereon, 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.  
WITNESSES 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.

#### 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. Because of the make-shift incinerators used, each of these places actually is a public nuisance. Flaming paper is blown around on nearby roofs. The air is filled with ashes which dirty any wash hanging on nearby lines. Nearby shrubbery is damaged. In many cases, the use of the incinerators burns the paint off nearby buildings.

"Even the best household outdoor incinerator is usually unsatisfactory," said Johnson. "An unpleasant stench is always created. Because the fire is usually not hot enough, the germs in the garbage are not killed but are dispersed in the air."

primaries. Morton, Bastis, and Ed Hudson's names were brought in by the steering committee without recommendation. Although at first there seemed to be a majority present for Bastis, his supporters permitted a motion to be adopted by acclamation, requiring a two-third majority before endorsing a candidate for sheriff. Bastis' supporters accepted the proposal, knowing that no one had two-thirds, and were content to settle the matter at the primaries. But the clique, upon discovering in the balloting that it had more votes than Bastis, rescinded its own two-thirds rule and, without another ballot, upon motion of John Gabriel Soltis, endorsed Morton by viva voce vote!

#### 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 was well-known for his activity on many a picket line of the past few years.

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## Clark Strikers Win Smashing Union Victory, Higher Wage

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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. If within thirty days such employee proves to be unsatisfactory, he shall return to his former job and the next senior qualified employee shall be given an opportunity of filling the opening.

#### 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.

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.

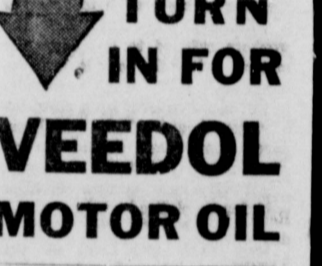
The boys in the Underground Department are still waiting for a just settlement.

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.

The rest of the union membership is behind the Kelvinator department.



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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.

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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-comer 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;

RESOLVED, That we hereby clear Paul Rasmussen of all charges of slanderous and lying accusations made against him by the Communist Party splitters in control of the CIO apparatus in Minnesota.

RESOLVED, That we pledge to do everything in our power to restore to him his union membership, his good name and standing in the industrial union movement.

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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 20316. 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.

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I'm a decent Sheehey, 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

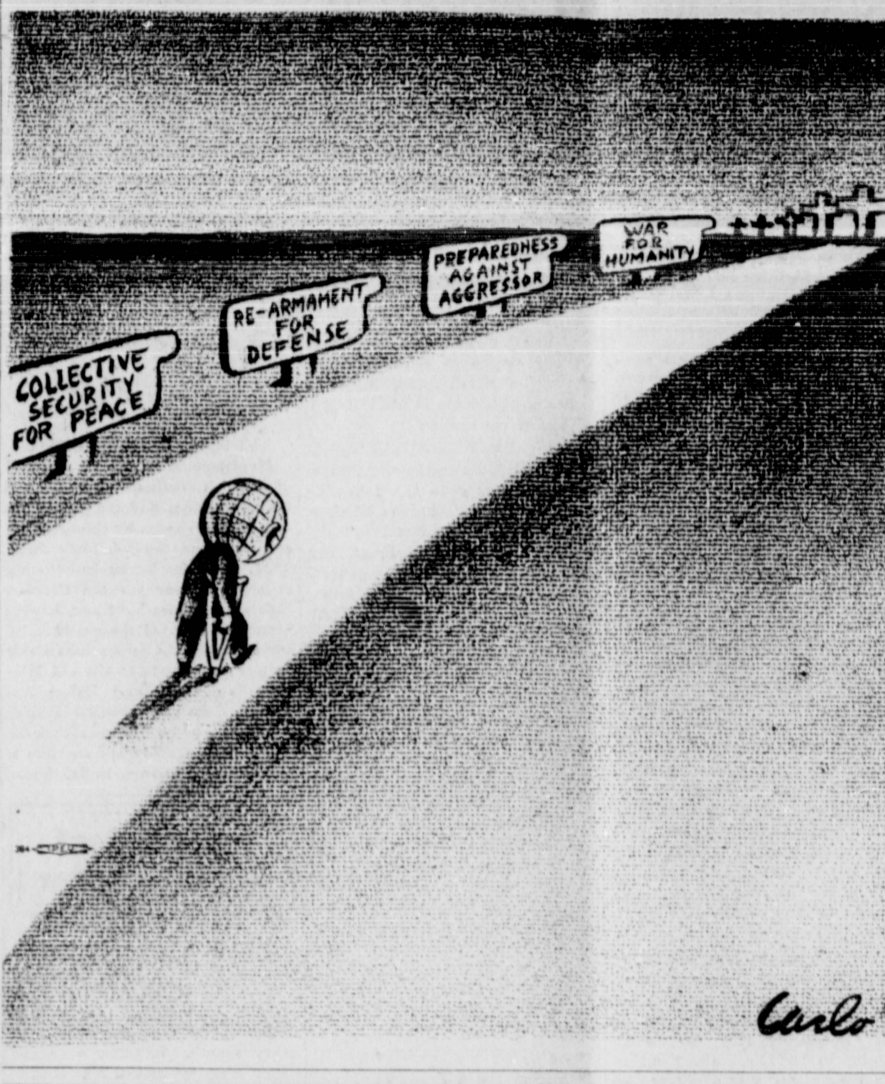
The cab strikers continued this week to receive ever-mounting support from hundreds of friends, in their fight against the taxi bosses. The Strike Donations Committee received hundreds of new donations to the commissary during the past few days. Just before press time, Jack Herman, chairman of the Committee, 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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Kantor Provision Co., 207 N. 6th  
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## JOURNEY'S END



## 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.

Half a dozen pinball machine operators went out of business since "Shorty" Rollins and Bill Sorenson went on strike.

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 veteran-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.