

544's Statement On Reed Decision

Judge Reed's order to us to open all our records to a group of agents of the Associated Industries has been published in the press, and the public is therefore entitled to know the union's side of the case.

We have no hesitation whatsoever in throwing open our records to the tribunals of organized labor. So far as our financial records are concerned, these have been regularly audited, both by accountants for our international organization, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and by a reputable firm of public accountants. Furthermore, we are ready to open both financial and all other records to any responsible body of organized labor. What we object to is to permitting enemies of labor to have access to our records. That is the issue involved in Judge Reed's order. Our stand is backed by the Teamsters Joint Council and by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, the most authoritative body of labor in this area, whose counsel served with ours in fighting this motion. In the ensuing fight we have the aid and counsel of our superior body, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. We merely continue the glorious tradition of the trade union movement, that labor and labor alone shall have access to the records of the labor movement.

Tie-up Between Finks and Fascists

What Judge Reed has done is to order us to surrender our innermost secrets to men who do not even deny their membership in the "Associated Council of Independent Unions," an open enemy of all unionism, an employer-financed organization whose open tie with fascist gangster bands was clearly revealed on Friday night at the Silver Shirt's meeting in Ark Hall. At this meeting, closed to the public, admission being by invitation only, the "independent union" organization, by arrangement with the Silver Shirt leaders, approached each participant and provided him with literature inviting him to join the "independent union," while the Silver Shirt speakers called upon their listeners to organize armed bands to raid the headquarters of Local 544.

Decisions similar to Judge Reed's have been handed down with frequency only in the reactionary jurisdiction of New Jersey, the domain of Boss Hague. In Minnesota, his action is absolutely unprecedented, and marks a new epoch in the war against organized labor in this region.

If his decision is permitted to stand unchallenged, it means that any group of reactionary bosses has only to plant a few stool pigeons in a union; when they are exposed, have them institute suit against the union for an accounting of funds; and then the court will give the stool pigeons' attorneys access, not only to the financial accounts, but to every written record of the union.

Every union man everywhere will immediately understand what a deadly blow to unionism would be dealt by this process. Others, friendly to labor but unfamiliar with union problems, may easily be given an understanding of the situation. By the very nature of their function, unions are engaged in conflict, now quiescent, now sharp, with the employers from whom they are seeking better wages and working conditions. In this struggle, both sides have to solve various problems of strategy and tactics, and no union could be long successful whose strategic and tactical decisions were known to the opposing employers. The minutes of the Executive Board of a strong union are worth tens of thousands of dollars to the hostile employers. Even such an apparently duplicable item as the membership mailing list, possession of which can have such manifold uses, would ordinarily be an enormous task even for the most powerful employers' agency; whereas by the court's order these stool pigeons can photograph this as well as every other kind of record kept by the union. These facts are too obvious to require extended statement.

In a word: A union has the same intransigent objection to permitting the enemy to scrutinize its documents, plans, books, etc., as does the United States Government have to a potential enemy scrutinizing its industrial and military resources and plans.

That is why we are astounded to discover that Judge Reed's memorandum, justifying his extraordinary decision, does not even refer to certain decisive facts which the union placed before him through its attorneys. Let us cite these facts:

Who the Plaintiffs Are

1. Who are the plaintiffs against the union? They come to court ostensibly as good union men but affidavits submitted by us to Judge Reed demonstrate that they are not honest union men, but finks and stool pigeons. In February, 1938, Svendahl and Asplund were recruiting members for the notorious anti-union "Mutual Drivers No. 1," organization of the "Associated Independent Unions" sponsored by F. L. Taylor, i. e., members of an organization not only dual to the General Drivers Union, but one avowedly opposed to it and to all bona fide labor unions. How could they be members of this and yet be members in good faith of Local 544? Another of the plaintiffs, Corbett, at a meeting of the Independent Truck Owners, refused to divulge why he had been having meetings with Mayor Leach—who is so hated by labor that he cannot find a single trade union officer to speak for him. Furthermore, none of the five plaintiffs were in good standing in the union, nor did their attorney, in his answering brief, deny that they were members of the fink organization.

Finks Repeat Boss Charges

2. Are the plaintiffs acting in good faith? Two of their charges against the union, while they may have won them good will with enemies of labor, forever damn them in the eyes of unionists and friends of labor. They charge that Local 544 "coerced the city to pay relief to the unemployed" and that the union prevented non-unionists (and the plaintiffs never claimed that the union prevents any driver from joining) from driving trucks in Minneapolis. Of course the union has militantly fought to get relief for the unemployed! Of course the union has fought against non-union drivers wrecking union conditions in the driving crafts! We ask: who but employers' agents and an employers' attorney would consider these as charges against a union? Unionists and friends of labor will instantly agree that these activities were good union activities.

Despite these facts, adduced to and underlined to the judge, he does not even refer to the question whether the plaintiffs are finks, but declares that the court "in the present proceeding, is not concerned with the merits of the controversy." Whether he admits it or not, however, the judge has already taken sides, for there could not be a sincere decision on the question of giving access to the records of the union, until one first decided whether the plaintiffs were or were not honest union men. To ignore this question, as the judge has done, to imply that

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Important Local 544 Membership Meeting Mon.! All Out!

THE NORTHWEST ORGANIZER

Official Organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council

MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE: 257 PLYMOUTH AVE. N.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1938

FIVE CENTS

Labor Answers Judge Reed's Attack

Labor Temple Plans Given Push Ahead

Local Union Councils to Select Advisory Committee to Aid in Campaign for Labor Temple

Despite the punishing heat, about fifty delegates from Minneapolis unions turned up Monday night at the Labor Temple meeting in the courthouse, to discuss plans advanced by officials of the Labor Temple Association.

Mr. Simcoe opened the meeting, after which Secretary Short read the proposals of the board of directors of the Association.

In brief, the board proposes that each union poll its membership on the question of a one day's pay assessment (not less than \$5 each). If the

vote is in the affirmative, the union is to report to the Labor Temple Association the amount subscribed by the union. The assessment can be paid over a period of months. When ninety per cent of the assessments, or about \$300,000, have been collected, the Labor Temple Association agrees to start building operations. In the event the sum is undersubscribed, the Association agrees to refund all moneys subscribed by the unions.

Following presentation of the plan, a lengthy question period followed, and many union delegates took the floor.

Miles Dunne spoke in favor of the Association's plan to raise the funds before initiating building operations. "I believe, however," he said, "we must first sell the idea of a labor temple to the majority of the union movement before any attempt to raise funds can be successful."

Dunne offered other suggestions, such as publishing a prospectus of the building for union workers; the formation of an Advisory Committee to the executive board of the Labor Temple Association; selection of a publicity

committee; essay contest in the local labor press to encourage the expression of ideas on what a labor temple should contain, etc.

A motion carried that the Association board send speakers to the various union councils, requesting

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Fascists Threaten To Raid Our Hall

Open calls for fascist gangster bands to raid the drivers' union headquarters at 257 Plymouth avenue were made by Roy Zachary, Silver Shirt leader, at two meetings of the fascist organization, Friday and Tuesday evenings, at the Royal Arcanum hall, 3011 First Avenue South.

Closed to all except those who could produce invitations extended to them by members of the Silver Shirts, the meetings received the close scrutiny of various labor and religious groups opposed to fascism.

Taylor's finks, the "Associated Independent Unions", hitherto parading as having no tie-up with the fascists, gave themselves away when, by arrangement with the Silver Shirt leaders, they approached each participant inside the meeting and sought to induce him to join the fink "unions."

Following the usual formula of fascist oratory, Zachary engaged in an orgy of vile Jew-baiting and then, having thereby presumably

evated the proper lynch spirit, turned it to the proposal to raid the headquarters of the drivers' unions.

The resentment of bystanders was expressed when one of the fascists, objecting to being photographed on leaving the building, attempted to smash the camera of a Minneapolis Star photographer. The fascist got what was coming to him, while the camera was carried away safely.

The first annual picnic of the Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Union Local 912 will be held on Sunday, August 7, at Excelsior Amusement Park. The picnic committee has arranged a program of races and games for the kids and the grown-ups. Ice cream, coffee, milk and soft drinks will be served free of charge, and all families are requested to bring along their lunch.

A beauty contest will be held in the Excelsior pavilion the day of the picnic.

Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 reports that negotiations covering members who are inside workers in department stores are proceeding in good shape. The union negotiating committee plans to call a meeting next week of all workers involved.

Like all reactionaries, Schilling claimed he was for organized labor, but that we must get rid of some union leaders. He opposed the closed shop, spoke for low wages, and then introduced Colonel Garrison, president of the "Pacific Associated Farmers," vigilante agency of the California fruit corporations and banks.

Garrison opened his talk by also claiming to be in favor of organized labor; he spent the rest of his talk criticizing the union movement. Every union that protects its members and fights the employer for higher wages and better working conditions is a racket, according to Garrison and Schilling.

"Is it not true, Mr. Garrison, that you came to Minnesota to organize a farm strike so that your California organization can ship in produce produced by cheap scab labor and take the market that

Local 977 Dealing for Tire Workers

Officials of the Direct Service Oil company this week continued their efforts to intimidate station attendants from joining Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977. In their fight against the only bona fide union in the industry, Local 977, the Direct Service Oil company is seeking to join hands with all enemies of organized labor.

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union and the Teamsters Joint Council have placed all Direct Service stations on the unfair list and call this action to the attention of friends of labor throughout the city.

Local 977 continued to make organizational gains during the past week in several companies. On Wednesday noon a meeting took place between an employers' committee representing sixteen local tire companies and the union's committee. Roy Weir, chairman of the policy committee of the Central Labor Union, sat in with Local 977's committee.

The Direct Service Stations on the unfair list are:

1129 South 4th
188 Glenwood Avenue
2849 Hennepin
835 East Hennepin
3801 Hiawatha
2900 Nicollet
528 North 7th
1604 South 7th
326 Washington Ave. N.
2129 Wayzata Blvd.
835 East Hennepin.

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Local 544 Executive Board Castigates Court Decision—Teamsters Joint Council, Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents, Back 544 in Fight—Membership Meeting of 544 on Monday, 8 p. m.—Governor Benson Invited to Speak

Minneapolis labor firmly marshalled its forces this week to back General Drivers Local 544 in its fight to prevent the union's records from being turned over to agents of the Associated Industries, as was ordered last Thursday by District Court Judge Frank E. Reed.

In a sweeping decision without precedent in Minnesota, the judge ordered Local 544 to turn everything conceivable—correspondence, membership lists, executive board minutes, grievance committee minutes, etc.—over to the attorney and accountant for the five finks who asked the judge to let them inspect all these records to enable them to prepare a case against the union.

After careful consultation with trade unionists and attorneys, the Executive Board of Local 544 challenged Judge Reed's decision in a long statement (published on the left-hand side of this page) which was deemed so important that the entire Minneapolis press published its complete text and made it the subject of the day's headlines.

The Executive Board of the Teamsters Joint Council, direct superior of Local 544, held a meeting on the issue and pledged its backing to the fight against Judge Reed's decision.

The Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents, meeting on Tuesday, voted its "unqualified support" to Local 544 in this fight. The union officers characterized the court decision as but one aspect of the reactionary onslaught against the unions, and recommended that the Central Labor Union take further steps to back the fight of Local 544 against the court decision.

The Central Labor Union has already backed the General Drivers Union in this fight, having retained counsel who joined in the various steps against the order which Judge Reed has now issued. Judge Reed's decision apparently was issued late Wednesday night, July 27, in time to reach the morning papers, but after the adjournment of the bi-weekly Central Labor Union meeting, and after the Northwest Organizer and the Minneapolis Labor Review had gone to press. The next meeting of the Central Labor Union is on August 10.

It is expected that the general membership meeting of Local 544, on Monday, 8 p. m., will be a rally of the membership to take further steps to protect the union against the union-smashing moves.

Governor Elmer A. Benson has been invited to address the 544 membership meeting.

Drivers unions throughout the Northwest informed Local 544 of their readiness to lend whatever support was needed in the fight.

The membership meeting of General Drivers Local 544 on Monday, August 8, will nominate candidates for the vacant post of trustee. A trustee of the union is also, automatically, a member of the executive board.

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 THOUSAN DDOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

When Schilling was asked how much the 27,000 copies of his 4-

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Statement of Local 544 on Fink Suit

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it is irrelevant, is to pave the way for letting any group of stool pigeons get their hands on the records of any union.

3. Judge Reed's decision on the basic question of the rights of trade unions to control their own lives has no contemporary parallel except in the domains of Boss Hague in New Jersey and Tammany Hall in New York. His decision is, in actuality, a reversion to a time when trade unions were still fighting for their right to legal existence. Frankly, we are not impressed by the Judge's declaration that labor unions are a 'necessary instrumentality.' Those familiar with the struggle against unions know that the reactionaries, after they had to retreat from the position that unions were illegal, took up the position that unions were legal but that certain practices—actually, the sum and substance of unionism—were illegal. Conceding that unions have various rights but that in this specific instance the courts have to intervene—this has been the formula of labor-hating judicial decisions for nearly a century.

Union Rights the Law of the Land

In its long fight for the freedom to organize, not the least of labor's tribulations has been the struggle against courts which join with finks to deny unions the right to rid themselves of stool pigeons and to guard the secrets of the organization. The right of unions to constitute tribunals of the organization which shall hear complaints is a time-honored right which unions have fiercely fought for and won. So much so, that it has become the settled law of the land that no union member or alleged member can resort to the courts until he has first exhausted the tribunals of the organization. These tribunals are one of labor's proudest possessions, for in them justice is meted out with regard to facts and the essence of the matters, and with little regard to the technicalities and tricks of lawyers and courts.

As was pointed out to Judge Reed, union constitutions and by-laws are written by laymen for laymen, and do not deal with every detail, but lay out broad principles and procedures. In addition to what is actually said in any union's laws, the right to resort to trial, first within the local union, then an appeal to the joint council of such unions in the locality, or to appeal directly from the local union membership's decision to the international union, is a right as fundamental as the union itself. Agents of reactionary employers, naturally, seeking to curtail the power of unions and to subordinate them to the courts, have consistently sought to avoid recourse to the tribunals of the organization, and have been aided in this maneuver by judges who, while conceding the settled law of the land, find "exceptions to the rule."

Plaintiffs Violate Union Rules

The plaintiffs in this case made no attempt to appeal to the Local 544 membership meeting, or to the Teamsters Joint Council, or to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Judge Reed has justified them in this plain violation of union tradition and the rule of law and, astoundingly enough, has justified them mainly by ignoring the actual text of the Constitution of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. This point, crucial to the issue, deserves examination in detail:

A. Appeal to the membership meeting of Local 544. Judge Reed has not a word to say on this.

B. Appeal to the Teamsters Joint Council. In our brief, we cited the powers of the Teamsters Joint Council in this connection. Judge Reed simply makes no reference whatsoever to our citations! As to the complaint in intervention filed by the Teamsters Joint Council, Judge Reed dismissed that, first on the legalistic ground that the council is an unincorporated association which cannot sue and, second, that "the court is unable to see how the Teamsters Joint Council could either gain or lose by the judgment in this case." Perhaps if the learned judge cannot see, others may.

Teamsters Joint Council Set-up Explained

4. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council is a body constituted by equal representation from ten local unions affiliated to the Teamsters International. In it Local 544 has seven votes out of seventy. The other affiliates are the Milk Drivers Union, the City and Sanitary Drivers Union, the Laundry Drivers Union, the Bakery Drivers Union, the Private Chauffeurs Union, the Tea and Coffee Drivers Union, Filling Station Attendants Union, the Ice and Coal Drivers Union and the Taxi Drivers Union. This body is the direct superior of Local 544. Its powers to act against local unions, their leaders, to hear complaints, to hold trials, etc., are clearly laid down in the Interna-

tional Constitution. To cite but two provisions, Sections 45 and 81 state:

"All members shall be entitled to an appeal against the findings of the local Executive Board (of a local union) to the Joint Council . . .

"Joint Councils shall have full power . . . to try cases against local unions. . . ."

Thus the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council has the power to try the case of the plaintiffs against Local 544 and the plain intent of the settled law of the land required that they should appear before that tribunal before resorting to the courts. It was in defense of this power and right that the Teamsters Joint Council intervened, and Judge Reed needed no extraordinary perspicacity to understand this, but he nevertheless declared that "the court is unable to see how the Teamsters Joint Council could either gain or lose by judgment in this case." It HAS lost, in that the tribunal of the organization has been superseded arbitrarily, thereby creating a precedent whereby every one of its ten unions could have its records opened to the scrutiny of their enemies.

C. Judge Reed does, finally, concede that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters does provide for a 'day in court' for complainants, empowering the International officers to oust unfaithful officers of local unions, etc. But, he argues, "the plaintiffs ask not only for the removal of the officers but for an accounting," and that if misappropriation of funds were found, "obviously the executive board of the international cannot grant a judgment that could be enforced," and therefore, says Judge Reed, "plaintiffs have no tribunal within their union capable of granting adequate relief and hence are entitled to resort to the court in the first instance."

Truth About Union Financial Records

In this extraordinary bit of logic, Judge Reed ignores several plain facts brought to his attention. First, that precisely in order to dodge the tribunal of the International, the plaintiffs sought to introduce various demands and then to say that all of these could not be remedied by the International. By this rule of Judge Reed, any fink who wants to avoid being tried by his union bodies need only add a demand for an accounting to his complaint. Second, THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS HAS THE POWER TO EXAMINE ALL RECORDS OF THE LOCAL UNIONS AND HAS REGULARLY CONDUCTED ITS OWN ACCOUNTING OF THE BOOKS OF LOCAL 544. Third, the fraudulent claim of the plaintiffs, who justified their charges by asserting that no one ever got an accounting of union funds, was annihilated by the affidavits showing that regular financial reports were made to the membership and stewards meetings by both the secretary-treasurer and the trustees, and that the books were audited by public accountants of authoritative repute.

Fourth, the international officers of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters are presumably at least as righteous as the plaintiffs. If they were to try the officers of Local 544 and find them faithless, they would certainly follow this up by court prosecution if funds were misappropriated. WHAT FIRST HAS TO BE PROVEN IS THAT THE OFFICERS OF LOCAL 544 ARE FAITHLESS AND THIS IS A TASK FOR THE TRIBUNALS OF THE TRADE UNIONS AND NOT FOR A COURT BROUGHT INTO MOTION BY STOOL PIGEONS MASQUERADING AS AGGRIEVED MEMBERS.

Why the Order to Turn Over All Union Records

5. Perhaps the most extraordinary item in Judge Reed's decision is that when, having previously conceded that the International provides for trials for dishonesty and misconduct and having justified resort to the courts solely on the basis of the accounting requested, Judge Reed goes on to give the plaintiffs access, not merely to the financial accounts of the union, but to the membership lists, minutes and records of the executive boards, grievance committee, etc.—in short, to all the documents of the union. By what justification? Judge Reed says: "The complaint does not confine itself to a demand for an accounting, but charges numerous acts of wrongdoing, of malfeasance and misfeasance, and it certainly can be assumed that the books and records of the union will contain evidence relating to the merits of this phase of the controversy." But precisely "this phase of the controversy" even the judge previously admitted belongs to the province of tribunals of the organization! It involves giving agents of the Associated Industries access to the most precious-guarded documents of a union—those which will reveal to labor's enemies the facts which these enemies spend millions upon millions to try to discover through armies of stool pigeons. Is this to be a function of the courts, and can labor permit this without surrendering to the enemy altogether?

Would Forge Weapons Against All Unions

6. Judge Reed is, by implication, conscious of the weapons he is potentially making available to the enemies of labor, for he says in his decision: "The purpose of said inspection (of the union's documents) is to give plaintiffs an opportunity to prepare for the trial of the issues and any information gained during the course of said inspection shall be used for no other purpose." Recall, however, that the judge allows the plaintiffs to "make notes thereof and to copy the same or any parts thereof or to take photographs thereof." How does the judge propose to guarantee to the union membership that this material copied or photographed, will not find its way to the files of the Associated Industries. The attorney who is to handle the inspection and the accountant he is to employ—what assurance does the judge have that they will not provide this material to labor's enemies? Nor is there any way of tracing to them the information they might turn over to the Associated Industries so that even were the judge by punishing them, to seek to guarantee to us the inviolability of our plans of action and our union secrets, he could not do so. And irremediable damage would be done to the unions in any event, whether the informers were punished or not.

Local 544's Fight is Fight for Labor

General Drivers Union Local 544 came upon the scene in 1934 when Minneapolis was boastfully described by employers as an open-shop town. We have helped to

end that boast. We have doubled the wages of the drivers, cut their hours of work, won them decent working conditions and the other unions have likewise won great advances. Minneapolis is today perhaps the best organized city, proportionally, in the country. The inspiration of Minneapolis has resulted in enormous strides for unionism throughout the Northwest. As a natural consequence of this process, gigantic concentrations of capital seek the destruction of our union. Tens of thousands are monthly spent to encompass this end. For destruction or defeat of the Minneapolis labor movement would be worth millions upon millions of dollars in wage cuts. Judge Reed's decision has provided these sinister forces with a weapon perfectly adequate for their purpose. The issues are clear: Every laboring man and friend of labor will understand that, in fighting back against this attack on the life of the union, Local 544 is fighting the battle of the labor movement everywhere.

GENERAL DRIVERS UNION LOCAL 544 EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On the Route With the Milk Man

Well, gang, how did you make out on the brain teasers? Here are the answers as follows.
No. 1. (They all have.)
No. 2. (Your name.)
No. 3. (Lucille.)
No. 4. (A River.)

Cully Zimmer, Len Blanchard, Len Bowman are the three stooges at the North Franklin that really get the fish when they go out. I wonder what they use, wet or dry bait. How about it, gang?

Ray Adams at the Northland Plant is practicing archery. We just discovered why. He is to take part in a play as Wm. Tell or Robin Hood. Won't he look sweet in a pair of tights.

It is very quiet around the check room at the Northland plant lately. The would-be Nagurski's were asked to use up some of that excess energy on their respective routes instead of in the check room. How about it, Whitey?

Ask Tom Ammerman to show you the Union Label on his shirt. Boy does he go into action. Also ask him if he got the buck he has coming.

In the next issue you will see who was nominated as delegates to the state convention. Be sure and vote September 6.

Chris Hanson seems to have a lot of trouble with his hair in the morning; when he loads it always gets into his eyes. Chris, why don't you get a net for those curly locks?

Al Christensen after returning from his South Sea cruise has started to practice playing the ukulele. Boy, those south sea maidens must have got the old double "OO" on him.

The Clover Leaf team has taken a couple of lickings the past week from Ohlsen, and the Superior, which makes it a three-way tie for top place.

We extend our sympathies to Brother Ernest Sampson of North Franklin, at the loss of his wife who died last week.

Howie has promised that if Rosy will come back he will fry his eggs just right. How about it, Rosy?

Well we see that "Green Packards" are still Sally Burns' suppressed desire.

We sure would like to hear a little more of this budding romance at the L. O. L. How about it gals, let's get the low-down on it.

We notice that Ray Graff is a little thinner, I asked Slat Brown how that is. He said, "Oh, that's nothing, he just took off his winter underwear."

The boys at the Northland sure had a swell time at I. Ahertons 25th wedding anniversary party that was held July 23rd.

TAXI TOPICS

CURLY'S CRIER

The business is slow
And bookings are low;
Daly's dog-house is full once more.
A guy in the chair
And one over there,
Another is out by the door.
He says, get out of the red
And into the black.
Which means go out and hustle
And bring in some jack.

It's easy to say,
But harder to do,
When cabs are so many
And loads are so few.

So all take courage
And be of good cheer,
For August is with us
And Fair Week's soon here.

Better booking pointers: There's an O K charge run that leaves the G. N. Depot every week-day at eight fifty-five or so, goes over both bridges and ends on the east side. (Oh, don't mention it we're obliging that way.)

We may have to requisition Cy Passolt for boxing gloves so Dr. Daly can go round for round at the Milwaukee with the gendarme on the beat. While on the subject: we have a pretty good fellow, "Big Bob" Jungnickel at the G. N. Station who would like a little more co-operation, so let's stay a little closer to our hacks. This goes for all companies.

King Eagan (alias the Rat) won a Buick town car on a raffle and sold it sight unseen to Warner. This car has been absolutely chauffeur driven and owned by such masters of the wheel as Costello, Blad (Blatts to you), Pop Bingham, Danielson, etc, etc.

Thought for a while that Fred Settrum spent too much of his time in bed these fine mornings but he assures us those slippers are standard everyday equipment.

Jack Jupka (the Iowa dirt farmer) feels right at home in a yellow cab. He says it handles just like a happy farmer tractor with a Flying Dutchman cultivator behind.

Found the reason Hill-Billy Bloomgren works nites; the hot sun melts the tar which sticks to his bare feet. The hills at home were never like this he says.

Big Benny Erickson wants a shot at thrill day at the State Fair this year. He says, what have they got that I can't do? You mean haven't done, Benny.

Usual sign of summer slump: the boys are rolling their smokes.

The taxi-men heard all about the bee story last winter but Ted Scott has first-hand experience on the hitting power of these in-

Independent Truck Chatter

This week we hold our regular monthly meeting and one thing is certain to come up on the floor for discussion. The front office will agree with us that we can not get along without THAT MAN. We feel sorry for him in contemplating the immense amount of work that will be piled on him when he returns. And also we feel sorry for Walt Hagstrom who had to shoulder the ITO assignment for a couple of weeks.

Let's talk about a picnic for the ITO at the meeting Thursday.

It seems because Curt is gone for a couple of weeks all of the grievances in the world have to pop up. There is a little discord on a new paving job at Shakopee. A couple of our local contractors have been flying in the face of some ITO thunder clouds.

Here is cause for the green eye! Have you noticed how all the Local 221 men in buying new models have cut down to pickups or the new one tons? And what of the poor Independents, with their super-Chevies and five-ton Fords, and their stepped up Internationals, GMC's, Dodges and Macks?

Our so beautiful basement club rooms (that were) are being torn apart and being converted into just another meeting room.

Why don't some of the other four hundred independent truck owners on our roles get a little envious of all those who are talked about in this column and come around and get acquainted?

While starting on a run last week a bumble-bee found itself surrounded by Ted's pants and decided to do something about it. Nuff said.

Can some bright boy tell us why Willie Goodnough is going to wear a hat next time he goes to the Midway Gardens? Answer can be found in the following limeric.

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Watt Notes

Brother Wear of the Arc Department is in the Veterans' Hospital. Let's drop out and see our brother.

Heigel is back on the job after a week's vacation. Was it the fish or the fisherman that was at fault?

Brother Lyman L. Lundquist is the proud father of an 8 3/4 pound baby girl. Congratulations and best wishes to mother and child.

Ed Buchen was seen limping in the loop—ingrown toe nail, they claim.

Brother Leonard's talk at the last joint meeting was well received by the members.

Brother Snell has gone "ritzzy" and moved to his new home on Victory Drive.

Local 292, after having a chance to win the league championship, had to default their game last week. Reason—vacations. This, however, knocked us out of the race.

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7 Unions Aim At Gamble-Rob. Pact

The sub-regional committee of Drivers Unions, representing local southern Minnesota and northern Iowa, is working to secure a contract from the Gamble-Robinson company covering union drivers, helpers and warehousemen in Albert Lea, Austin, Mason City, Fort Dodge, Waterloo, Grand Forks and Thief River Falls.

All drivers unions involved have held meetings and endorsed the contract which is to be presented to the Gamble-Robinson firm. The pact is similar to the agreement signed June 23rd by drivers locals in Mankato, St. Cloud, Willmar, Brainerd, Rochester and Eau Claire; additional clauses will call for the closed shop, two weeks vacation with pay, and six days sick leave.

Contracts between Gamble-Rob and the unions in Austin and Albert Lea expired July 13th.

About 100 workers are involved in the new area negotiations. On August 10th a meeting of representatives from all unions involved will be held in Austin to decide what further action may be necessary to secure the company's signature. The following day a committee from the unions will meet in Minneapolis with drivers officials here.

The sub-regional committee which is organizing the united action of drivers unions in Minnesota and Iowa was set up for the purpose of organizing such chains as the Gamble-Robinson firm.

Grand Forks Signs For Crookston Highway Work

General Drivers Union Local 581 of Grand Forks, North Dakota, has just signed a working agreement with the contractors for state highway work around Crookston. The contract calls for the closed shop and the rate of 4 1/2¢ per yard mile for hauling done by independent truck owners.

According to Floyd Coverston, union business agent, this represents a daily increase of about \$3.

Sioux Falls Drivers Sign Soo Delivery

Sioux Falls, S. D.—The General Drivers Union Local 749 has signed up the Soo Delivery company, new delivery concern, under terms of the transfer contract. Head of the Soo Delivery is Lester Starnes, former package delivery driver and member of Local 749.

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N. D. Drivers Sign for Highway Jobs

North Dakota drivers on highway construction work will receive an hourly wage of 70¢, according to an agreement signed Saturday, July 24th, between a union committee and a group representing the Associated Contractors of the state.

The union committee represented Drivers Union Local 116 of Fargo; Local 123 of Bismarck; Local 910 of Dickinson; Local 581 of Grand Forks; and Local 74 of Minot. Highway Dept. representatives also sat in on the negotiations.

Common labor will receive 65¢ hourly, and workers in the skilled crafts will receive not less than \$1 hourly. Where higher union scales prevail, such workers will receive the higher scale. Independent truck owners will receive for their equipment 8 1/2¢ per yard mile up to three miles; 4 1/2¢, from three to five miles; and 4¢ beyond five mile hauls. Such drivers will receive the regular hourly union wage scale for their services.

On Sunday, July 25th, the drivers state council met in Bismarck and discussed problems of organization. Happy Holstein reported on the over-road negotiations.

Successful Rally
In the afternoon a large labor rally was held in the Bismarck Labor Hall. Speakers were Leslie Sinton of Minneapolis; Henry Martinson, state labor commissioner; W. W. Murray, president of the North Dakota State Federation of Labor; Emanuel Holstein; Joe Glaser of the Bismarck Central Labor Union; and Floyd Coverston, president of the N. D. state drivers council.

After the rally, Drivers Union Local 123 of Bismarck held a general membership meeting and elected officers. This union has recently reorganized. The state and area drivers councils were fully explained. Charles Pauley was chosen president and business agent. Local 123 set up organization committees to contact all drivers in private industry.

The state council is seeking to negotiate an area agreement with the Bridgeman-Russell dairy, and is also cooperating with drivers unions in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa to win contracts from the Gamble-Robinson company.

Puffer-Hubbard Plant Closed in Threat to Union

Last Friday the Puffer-Hubbard plant closed down completely, while the management was engaged in negotiations with Furniture Workers Union Local 1859.

The union interprets this as a boss move to intimidate the workers to sign an agreement either at the present unsatisfactory wage scale, or even possibly at a lower wage scale.

On Monday only two men were called to work. The union means to stick to its demands for wage increases and a satisfactory vacation clause.

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Sioux City Drivers Stop Boss Plot

Sioux City, Iowa—Attempts of boss stooges to disrupt the three-week strike of bakery drivers and inside bakery employees met defeat during the week as ranks of the strikers closed up and stood solidly for the moderate and just demands put forward by the Bakery Drivers Section of Teamsters Union Local 383, and by the Bakers Union Local 433.

On Saturday night stooges of the labor-hating Sioux City employers came into a meeting of Local 383 and attempted to force the union to back down on its demands and elect a new negotiating committee. There were more than enough staunch union members present to put the finks right back on their heels. The attempt upon the strike has only made the strikers more determined than ever to win.

At a meeting of the Bakers Union on Monday night some finks tried the same stunt—to engineer a back-to-work movement—and got the same stiff answer.

Bakery bosses continued to refuse to meet with the union committee and to negotiate a settlement, and their reactionary stand is piling up more and more public resentment against them. Officials of the unions involved state the strike will continue until the demands of the strikers are met.

Sioux City Drivers Send Protest Wire To LaFollette

Late last week the Sioux City Drivers Union sent a telegram to the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee of the United States Senate, protesting against the use of armed strike-breakers being used by the Metz Baking company, one of the companies involved in the current bakery strike. Trucks of the Metz company, manned by armed guards, are being used in inter-state commerce in clear violation of the law.

Metz is claiming that his trucks have been attacked and damaged by union pickets. The Sioux City Drivers Union Local 433 states that the company is resorting to an old employers' trick, that of "hi-jacking" its own trucks and then blaming the union in an attempt to win public sympathy.

Strand Faces Showdown Wednesday

New Richmond, Wis.—When the anti-labor Strand Ski company, which has persistently refused to sign a new contract with the Woodenware Workers Union, moved a carload of merchandise from the plant on Monday, it precipitated a crisis which will end in a showdown the middle of the week.

Only about fifteen men are working in the plant at present. Union officials, upon being notified of the removal of the merchandise, immediately demanded a meeting with company officials and warned them not to move any more merchandise. Young Strand promised the union not to send any more finished skis out of the factory.

A meeting between a union committee and the management will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. Wednesday night a special membership meeting of the union will be held. Unless the union wins its wage demands from the company, the membership will unquestionably move to act immediately against the Strand company.

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Area Negotiations To Be Covered in Next Week's Issue

Beginning Wednesday, August 3, negotiations between the Drivers Area Negotiating Committee and an employers' committee representing a large number of operators in the area, were to get under way at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

Full details of the Chicago negotiations will appear in next week's Northwest Organizer.

Area Pact Backed by K. C. Local

By unanimous vote, a membership meeting of Drivers Local 41 of Kansas City, Mo., after hearing a detailed report from representatives of the North Central Area Negotiating Committee, voted on Sunday to stand by the uniform area contract, and to present it to the Kansas City trucking employers in forthcoming negotiations.

The membership followed the report on developments in the campaign for an 11-state uniform agreement with great interest, finding it very educational, and demonstrated their solidarity by their unanimous vote.

Omaha Court Backs Water In Union Case

As authorities desperately sought to "get out from under" in the Russell case, the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554, with the solid backing of the Central Labor Union, pressed vigorously to bring out into the open the question as to whether the police are to be upheld in their campaign to harass union workers and officials.

On Friday, July 29th, Russell's trial finally came up. Russell, together with union attorneys, presented himself. Neither the prosecuting attorney, nor Chief of Detectives Fritz Franks (chief witness against Russell) were present. Judge Dineen, on the basis that there might be an element of prejudice, asked the union attorneys to find another judge. Judge Leslie refused to hear the case. Judge Thomsen was not in. No other judge could be found to hear the case.

Al Russell and his attorneys waited all morning. Finally the state prosecutor presented a motion to the court to the effect that the suspended sentence given Russell was no sentence at all, and therefore no appeal could be taken. Over the protest of the labor attorneys, the judge endorsed the motion.

The union is far from satisfied with this disposition of the case, however, and plans to go to the Nebraska Supreme Court for the right to be heard. Local 554 demands to know if union officials can be arrested, held in jail, and sentenced on charges of vagrancy because of their union activities.

Though the union has already won a substantial victory and has forced the reactionary city officials to backwater in a hurry, Local 554 is determined to push the case to the end, and to expose the use of the police by the employers against labor.

Council Bluffs Drivers Rally Held Tuesday

The Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554, which has opened an office in Council Bluffs, Iowa, has announced a special organization rally for drivers to be held Tuesday, August 2, in the Railroad YMCA auditorium. The Council Bluffs office of Local 554 is located at 2722 West Broadway. Lou Miller, Malcolm Love, and Carpenter, are in charge.

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Farm Meeting Gives Gong To Schilling

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page leaflet cost (in which he announced his opposition to strikes, to collective bargaining, to all weapons of organized labor). Schilling answered: "The printing cost \$22.50 and the mailing cost \$167.00."

He refused to divulge where the money came from.

The Real Enemy
Schilling adjourned the meeting shortly afterward, with not a single farmer signing up in the strike-breaking Associated Farmers organization. It was obvious from the questions asked and the attitude of the audience that they supported organized labor and understood perfectly well that the chief threat to their livelihood comes not from the working-class but from the huge insurance companies, banks, railroads and farm implement corporations that are grinding the farmers deeper and deeper into the dust.

The Fight Will Continue
Despite the fact that Schilling has had rocky going in Minnesota in his attempts to organize vigilantes to fight progressive workers and farmers, one should not be lulled into a sense of security by his set-back in Litchfield. The banks and railroads who finance the "Associated Farmers" will put up millions of dollars in their efforts to keep down those who toil for a living. With their "Silver Shirts" in the cities and their "Associated Farmers" in the countryside, the "Sixty Families" will become more and more vicious in their onslaughts against the union movement, the farmers' organizations and progressives everywhere.

544 Nine In Fight For Lead

Local 544's nine took its first tumble of the season Sunday when it lost to the Margaret Barry team, 9-4. The union team will have to defeat the Camden team next Sunday to tie with the M. B.'s for the league leadership, which would then be played off.

Both Norris and Wenell pitched for 544. Wickstrom, Dubay, and Griggs kept up their fine hitting by netting two each out of five times up for a game average of .400. Four bases were stolen off Manley, Barry catcher, Henniger, Southerland and Wickstrom (2) being responsible for the thefts.

Bob Brault, Barry pitcher, was on his game to bear down in the pinches. And when buying gas, remember that the Direct Service stations are all manned by finks, and on the unfair list of the Teamsters Joint Council and the Central Labor Union.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next Meeting: Last Thursday of the month, August 25.

Bill Colombe, Monahan's, is the proud papa of a whopping 19 1/2 pound baby boy.

Moser of Red Star Yeast worked so hard at the picnic that he took the following week off.

Added winner at the picnic: Hi (Norwegian rip-snorter) Osen won the \$5 door prize and you should have seen him smile.

The boys are beginning to think that it's about time Les Sweet, Monahan's, ought to be sending down a load of fish from his station at Sauk Center.

Oric Lee of Purity is the new baby-bugger pusher. What, no cigars?

A vote of thanks was given our picnic committee at the General Meeting last Thursday, and well deserved, too.

Harry De Boer gave a very good talk on the importance of getting in on time and also saying that we are positively through monkeying around and will start slapping fines on all offenders unless they break down or are unavoidably delayed. And then only when they call and inform the office.

We just received a card from Joe postmarked Friday night at Bismarck, North Dakota. So I guess he didn't lose much time getting out of town.

Bill Huber gave a neat little report on the sports activities of our local. Also making the announcement of the new Sports Council of Minneapolis which is giving their first annual picnic. It will be held at Webb's Place, Bass Lake, Saturday, August 20. The Sports Council also holds weekly hikes on Thursday nights. Anyone wishing any further information on the hikes get in touch with the Labor School, Transportation Building.

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F-L Solons, Benson, Back FWS Demand

The demand raised by Federal Workers Section of Local 544 for an additional 15,000 WPA assignments in District 5 (Hennepin and Anoka counties), this week received the support of Governor Benson and Farmer-Labor congressmen and senators.

Benson, in a letter of July 25 to the FWS, pledged to continue his efforts for additional WPA projects in Minnesota.

Senator Ernest Lundeen, upon receipt of the FWS proposal, immediately replied: "We are immediately taking up this matter with the WPA in an effort to secure an additional quota for Minnesota." Congressman Henry G. Telgan notified the FWS that he had contacted Howard Hunter, District Supervisor of the WPA, asking him to increase the quota by at least 15,000.

Congressman Dewey W. Johnson notified the FWS that in a two-day survey, he had found "4,600 employables crying for employment in the Fifth District. This . . . probably represents only one-half or one-third of the actual need of employment in the Fifth District."

"I hope to come up to your office and go over the situation the first of the week and desire to compliment you on the work you are doing for unemployed folks," Johnson concluded.

Watchmakers Seek Pact With Bosses

On Friday the Amalgamated Watchmakers and Jewelry Workers Union Local 103 opened preliminary negotiations with a group of employers, looking toward the signing of a new working agreement which Local 103 is presently in the process of negotiating with the employers.

General agreement was reached on working conditions laid down in the body of the contract. The employers presented balked at the wage scales presented and further discussion will be held on these demands.

Martin Botcher, together with two other officials of Local 103 and John Janaseo of the Furniture Workers Union (acting as advisor) represented the union.

There are some employers in this industry who apparently believe they can defeat the union by not participating in negotiations. Local 103 will meet shortly to plan action against such recalcitrants.

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Local 664 Wins Fight for Crematory

The long struggle that the City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 has carried on for a new garbage crematory in Minneapolis reached a successful conclusion Friday when the Minneapolis city council voted to appropriate from the current funds a proposed PWA-built crematory. The PWA had already approved, six months ago, the request. It has been held up by the failure of Minneapolis city officials to provide for the city's share.

Early last week Local 664 presented a resolution to the Sanitation Committee of the city council, pointing out the need for a new crematory. "This delay in the building of a new crematory," the resolution said in part, "has imposed an additional load on an already burdened department by requiring the collection of garbage six and probably seven days a week," which is a violation of union hours and working conditions.

The Sanitation Committee approved Local 664's position. The board of estimate and taxation, on the other hand, refused to move. Al Hanson, labor member of the board, did not see fit to endorse the issuance of bonds for a new crematory. Alderman Al Bastis, laborite, carried the fight for the union in the city council, which ended successfully on Friday. The proposed site for the new crematory is the "Layman cemetery" site, at 20th Avenue South and 29th Street.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
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Three Events of the Week

Three events reported in this week's Organizer are linked together by more than their appearance together. Judge Reed's decision against Local 544, the Litchfield meeting of the vigilante-minded "Associated Farmers," and the two meetings of the fascist Silver Shirts at which exhortations were made for raids on the drivers' union headquarters—these three events are part of one and the same phenomena, namely the growing wave of reaction.

By "legal" and "illegal," open and secret methods, the forces of reaction are preparing to deal organized labor a death-blow in Minneapolis and the Northwest—so the reactionaries fondly hope.

The trade union movement, if it sufficiently realizes the danger, will undoubtedly smash the reactionary onslaught. There must, however, be no illusions. We are in for a hard fight, and that must be kept in mind if we are to win.

Out Into the Light!

It is to our advantage to make this fight out in the open, in the full glare of public opinion. The workers, their families, their friends, their farmer and white-collar allies, their middle-class sympathizers and supporters—these constitute the vast majority of "the public."

How much it is to our advantage to drag our enemies out into the light, is revealed by the statement issued on Wednesday by Arthur Anderson, the attorney for the five stoopigeons who just got Judge Reed to order Local 544 to open its records to them. Anderson attempts to counter the firm challenge issued by Local 544 the day previously. But what a different tune he sings in public than he sang in court!

One Song in Court, Another Outside

In court, addressing a reactionary judge, he sought his favor by pointing hostilely to the radical activities of Local 544—its fight for increased relief for all the unemployed, its fight for unionization of all Minneapolis and the Northwest, etc. Addressing the public, however, Anderson dare not repeat these things. For the public—which if it means anything means the majority—is for increased unemployment relief, for unions and union wages and working conditions. Addressing the judge, Anderson made no attempt to deny that his clients were members of Taylor's fink organization, agents of the employers—presumably Anderson thought this was all right, and it certainly didn't upset the judge. But addressing the public, Anderson, at this late hour, proceeds to deny that his clients are "No. 1" men. Addressing the judge, Anderson contemptuously waved aside the rights of unions to have complaints against them heard within the tribunals of the unions first. But addressing the public, Anderson has to realize that the public will understand the rights of tribunals of the organization, and so he proceeds to claim that no tribunal is available within the organization.

But this retreat gives Anderson's whole case away. For two different tribunals are open. First, the 544 membership meeting. Anderson's claim that the by-laws of the local don't provide this is a bare-faced lie, for any and every action of the executive board is subject to review by the membership meeting, which is the most authoritative body of the union. Second, if the membership were to rule against his fink clients, Anderson could carry their case to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Anderson's claim that the international would not hear the case is controverted even by Judge Reed, who justified the finks in not going to the International for other—and equally specious—reasons.

Yes, let us fight our fight out in the light of day where all can see it. There we shall prevail, for in our camp are the vast and overwhelming majority of the people, and justice is on our side.

FWS Asks 15,000 More WPA Jobs

Last week the Federal Workers Section addressed letters to the national WPA offices, the state WPA offices, the Minnesota congressional and senatorial delegations, I. S. Josephs, Minneapolis Welfare Board representative, and the Governor, demanding that the fifth district be assigned an additional 15,000 WPA assignments to take care of, at least in part, the thousands of workers now forced to subsist on direct relief.

The FWS also wrote the Minneapolis City Council urging them to get behind the movement for an increased quota. The following letter was sent to the City Council:

Minneapolis City Council
City Hall, Minneapolis
Gentlemen:

We note with satisfaction that you have passed the million dollar bond issue for the care of the needy in the city. The organized labor movement looks to the city council to provide adequate funds for the needy.

more adequate income than can be provided by the relief department. The present Minnesota quota is filled. Therefore we are asking that the city council immediately contact the national WPA offices, the state WPA offices, the congressional and senatorial delegations from Minnesota, and the Governor and demand that the City of Minneapolis be given at least 10,000 more WPA assignments.

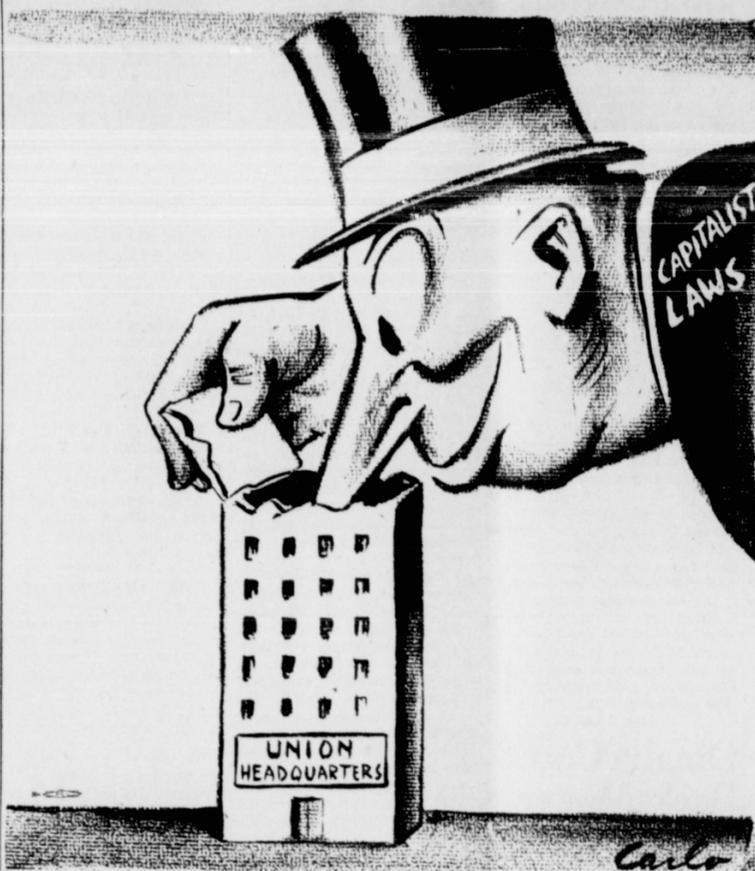
Putting this many persons on WPA will greatly relieve the present heavy relief load of the city as well as provide the persons themselves with a much fuller life. Hoping to hear favorably from you within the shortest possible time, we remain,

Yours truly,
ED PALMOUIST
Vice Chrm FWS 544
GEO. VIENS
Sec.-Treas. FWS 544

The Interstate Commerce Commission comments on demands of the Teamsters International for a maximum of 8 hours daily and the 48-hour week: "The evidence does not suffice to enable us to conclude that a duty period as low as 8 hours in 24 is required in the interest of safety."

Which is proof positive that ONLY union action can obtain decent and safe conditions on the highway.

The Idea Behind the Fink Suit



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Last Sunday's game proved to be a stumbling block for the local ball team. They now stand tied for league leadership. Let's all see them play off the tie Sunday, August 7.

Another phoney "house-breaking" charge against a militant trade unionist last week. Is there a law against asking a fink to join the union?

A Joke Is a Joke, But—The CLU organizer voted with and for a CIO proposition at the last central body meeting.

Despite all efforts to make it appear different, the local CIO movement has been built on raided A. F. of L. unions. The machinists, office workers, filling station attendants, etc.

According to new federal regulation, over-the-road drivers cannot work more than a ten hour stretch without an eight hour rest period.

Farrell Dobbs is an important cog in the long distance contract negotiations which are taking place in Chicago. The pact will cover eleven states.

The Grand Forks business agent spent the last week in Minneapolis.

Taxi Drivers Union is now standing on its own feet.

The newest union in the Joint Council, Local 977, is meeting with

splendid results in taking in the filling station workers.

Page Corrigan! Chief Rainbolt started for Canada on his vacation but wound up in Texas and points south.

The basement is being put in shape after a small fire.

Suit Business Local 544 has several suits pending against the organization, but on the other hand, we have some suits going ourselves. All of which may or may not go to prove (don't throw that!) you cannot suit everyone.

First non-union Truck Driver: "Have you joined Local 544 yet?" Second Ditto: "No, but I got benefits already. When the boss heard that the union organizers were around he raised my wages to sixteen dollars a week and cut my hours to eighty."

What union has a white and a red rose on its staff?

Things We Do Not Believe That Walter Frank is a house-breaker.

Ray Sawyer is busy with the funeral drivers who are coming along very well, by the way.

Dirty Work H. Seavey is going to organize the independent garbage haulers.

What is that minimum, anyway. Sixteen or eighteen?

Fight Order To Deport Union Man

A number of persons and organizations interested in civil liberties are protesting the order of the New York District Immigration Commissioner ordering that Joseph Zack, militant trade unionist, be deported to Czechoslovakia. Zack was born in Scranton, Pa., was taken to Czechoslovakia as a small child, and returned to the United States in 1915 where he has resided since, save for a visit to Russia in 1930 on a legal passport issued him by the State Department.

Zack, who was at one time a member of the political bureau of the Communist Party, broke with the Stalinists in 1934 over their "Popular Front" line; he charges that the circumstances surrounding his deportation order strongly suggest that Communist Party agents conspired with government officials against him after he appealed to Secretary of State Hull asking him to intervene on behalf of Mrs. Zack and their American-

born son who have been held as hostages in Russia since 1934. Frances Perkins, secretary of labor, has been urged to see that Zack receives justice and that the deportation order be withdrawn.

147 Chicago Strikers Get \$51,000 Pay

With the assistance of Francis Heiser, Workers Defense League attorney who is well-known to Minneapolis workers, 147 employees of the National Tea company in Chicago recently received a \$51,000 award for back pay due them. Most of the strikers had been victimized by the company as a result of a strike some time ago, conducted by the United Grocery Workers Union.

On Saturday, July 16, the employees received initial payments on wages due them. Each man will average about \$340. Said one striker: "We didn't know there was a Santa Claus."

The Workers Defense League assisted the strikers in the victory.

CLU, F-L Committees To Meet

Five-man committees from the Central Labor Union and the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Association will meet shortly to discuss joint action in endorsing candidates for elections and appointments, it was decided by the Central Labor Union meeting of Wednesday, July 27.

This action was taken after a spirited discussion. Opponents sought ratification of a proposal made by Mrs. Selma Seestrom, for the Hennepin County Association, that a body be constituted by five each from the Central Labor Union, the County Association, and the CIO Industrial Council, to pass on candidates.

Mincing no words, Ole Ogg and Miles Dunne led the fight for the majority, making clear that the Seestrom proposal would mean that the same faction would control ten votes against five for the Central Labor Union which is the really authoritative and representative spokesman for Minneapolis labor. Tabulation of the vote gave them well over two to one for their proposal to limit joint consultation to the Farmer-Labor county organization and the Central Labor Union.

FWS Youth Group Wins Case for NYA Worker

Arnold Brooks, National Youth Administration worker who had been laid off by the NYA office because of ill health, has been promised reinstatement within 48 hours as a result of the efforts of the FWS Youth Committee. After Brooks had made reapplication in May, he was told "to keep coming around and show that he really needed the job." When the case was brought to the attention of the FWS Youth Committee, immediate action was obtained and Brooks promised reinstatement within 48 hours.

Union Chauffeurs Spurn "Bulletin"

Tuesday night the executive board of Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 voted unanimously to repudiate a puff sheet called the "Minnesota Chauffeur's Bulletin," as being in no way connected with the labor movement or with Local 912.

The "Bulletin," published anonymously, has no relationship with organized labor. The only paper recognized by Local 912 is its official organ, "The Northwest Organizer."

Bruce Barton, millionaire ad man: "We Republicans may not know everything, but we do know how to provide jobs. We know how to promote prosperity." Like in Hoover days, eh, Barton.

Committee To Work for Labor Temple

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each to appoint a committee of three to constitute an advisory board to the executive board; and that the Association board add to the advisory committee as they see fit.

Bob Cramer suggested having a speaker for a labor temple on the program at the Labor Day picnic the latter part of this month. He proposed that another delegated meeting of those interested in the construction of a home for Minneapolis labor be held in September.

"We Need a Fort" Cramer further pointed out that the growing viciousness of the reactionaries, the continued attacks and threats against the labor movement, make it imperative that we move immediately to secure a labor temple which can house the entire movement.

Other speakers discussed possibilities of securing governmental funds for the building of the temple. A motion carried that a meeting of the Association executive board and the advisory board be held the latter part of the month in the Central Labor Union.

Mr. Simcoe asked for cooperation in selling tickets and in renting floor space for the Labor Temple show to be held in the auditorium from October 14-22, after which the meeting adjourned.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Misunderstandings at 4 Plants ADAMS CLEANERS had visitors in the form of pickets last week. "Solicitor trouble again." He says he'll have no more of 'em. We all hope he MEANS it this time.

GARBER LAUNDRY didn't quite "understand" the vacation clause in our contract. We hope the difficulty is settled by now.

BEST LAUNDRY "forgot" the regular scale in our contract, a letter was mailed him regarding the error, also the double back pay clause.

BABY'S DIAPER SERVICE "took" back the regular driver who was "laid" off recently. There was a bad "scent" out there previous to this.

By Order of the Executive Board All drivers must take at least one week's vacation. Payment in lieu thereof will not be permitted nor tolerated.

Sick Committee Rebuked Brother Cliff Krave asked them how come the union can afford to "pay them" and not him and then left them on the doorstep. For the brother's information, there was a small delinquency due on the book regarding him and as to the committee being compensated, he is unduly mistaken. Three members are selected at random from the rolls every month to visit the sick and carry out this DUTY on a purely VOLUNTEER basis with absolutely no remuneration. Let's all keep squared up with the union and avoid any controversy like this.

Events of the Week Ernie Dietz of the Custom went back to work Monday. Ernie was laid up quite a while with a smashed foot.

Forest Ranslow of the Pilgrim tied the knot recently. Laundry Drivers trimmed Bakery Drivers 8 to 7 last Wednesday. Best story of the week was by Arnold Vartdal of the Royal.

Best fish yarn of the week was a tie between Bill LeBrin, Mill City, and Wesley Burnham of Lawrence's.

Most provoking guy of the week was "Mr. Cow" of the Liberty. Most Benevolent guys of the week were Sam Grossman and Maurice Sterman of the Mill City. Thanks for the twin suits.

Believe it or nuts: Claire remembers 150 bundles on a Monday. The Crystal was swamped last week, sez Marty.

Maddest guy of the week was Don Blanche, Globe. It seems a number starting with X was missing. Take a number from 1 to 10, Don.

Received This in the Mail The writer asks: "How about the Lake driver that does not belong to 131? Attention, Mr. Johnson!"

And he asks: "When are we going to do something about the by-law that says ALL TRUCKS SHALL BE LETTERED?" Attention, executive board!

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

The trial of the Harlan County coal barons which was just completed in New London, Kentucky, has ended in the fiasco which was only to be expected. A hung jury was dismissed by the trial judge after "deliberating" for five days. The government will immediately move for a new trial. During the course of the trial there were four murders, numerous sluggings, attempts at kidnapping government witnesses.

The situation in Newton, Iowa, remains bad—for the workers. The strike against the huge May Tag Washing Machine Company is now in its eleventh week.

Last week the May Tag Company decided to reopen its plant. National Guards were being mobilized at the edge of town, but martial law had not yet been declared. So with the help of armed thugs, augmented by officers from the sheriff's office an attempt was made to move machine parts out of the factory. Immediately a picket line of more than five hundred mobilized to stop the shipment.

A fierce battle broke out, during the course of which more than twenty pickets were severely beaten, six of them seriously. Suddenly down upon the melee converged two truck loads of National Guards. The trucks were driven into the crowd with callous recklessness, scattering pickets right and left.

A company of infantry men followed the trucks, taking their station at the plant gates. Governor Kraschel declared martial law and made a great show of "keeping the plant closed until the strike was settled." Then he appointed an arbitration board, ostensibly to further his attempts to settle the strike for the workers. (Election is coming.)

The arbitration board brought in a proposal that the plant be reopened, the strikers returned to their jobs with no wage cut, for a period of sixty days, during which the wage cut around which which the strike is being fought could be negotiated.

The union accepted. The company rejected the plan.

Then the good Governor allowed his national guards to mount their machine guns before the plant gate. He waited a suitable length of time, being an astute politician, before he began openly to use the guards to break the strike, but nevertheless, that is just what he is doing. All indications at present are that the plant will shortly be reopened under National Guard protection.

As a sort of an anti-climax, the National Labor Relations Board sent in its representative to conduct a hearing against the May Tag Company for unfair labor practices. The Governor ordered the NLRB hearing stopped, on the grounds that it was interfering with the "peaceful" settlement of the strike. The NLRB, first, refused to comply, and then capitulated. The hearings are postponed. Governor Kraschel is crying to high heaven about "States Rights" and challenging the national government to come in and try to take over any of Iowa's "rights." Meanwhile the workers are still on strike, militantly fighting for their own rights.

Today Makes 8,143 Days . . .



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	LOCAL 292 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
LOCAL 131 During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third Wednesdays of each month.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m. Third Thursday of each month, 4 a. m.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	MEETING SCHEDULE NO. 544 August, 1938 Wednesday, August 3—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, August 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, August 5—Job Stewards Monday, August 8—General Membership Wednesday, August 10—Market; Wholesale Liquor Sunday, August 14—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M. Monday, August 15—Building Material; Furniture Thursday, August 18—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, August 19—Job Stewards Sunday, August 21—Over-the-Road, 11 A. M. Monday, August 22—Spring Water; Excavating and Sand and Gravel 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. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 346 General Membership Meeting—Monday, June 27, 1:30 p. m.
LOCAL 977 Joint Meeting—with Local 544 Petroleum Section, First Wednesday each month, 8 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. General Membership—Second Wednesday each month, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 1859 General Membership—August 3, Sept. 7 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—August 8, 22 Grievance Board—August 8, 22, from 7:30-9 p. m.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday, Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday, Cake and Pie—Third Thursday, General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	LOCAL 20431 General Membership—August 3, September 7 Grievance Board—August 8, 22, from 7:30-9 p. m.
LOCAL 346 General Membership Meeting—Monday, June 27, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 221 Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m. Grievance Board—Every Thursday, 7 p. m.
LOCAL 1859 General Membership—August 3, Sept. 7 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—August 8, 22, from 7:30-9 p. m.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday