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All Unions Called to Convention Next Monday

On the National Picket Line

The Cleveland convention of the United Auto Workers Union convenes this week, the fate of hundreds of workers in the auto industry standing or falling with this most vital meeting.

There are three groups or factions present in the convention. Two of them are numerically strong, but have no real constructive program to offer. In fact the Communist-controlled Frankenstein-Ades group makes no pretense of having a program. They base their hopes for retaining control of the Executive Board on their numbers.

However, unless this group can give assurances to the present holders of the pie-card jobs, they will soon lose what backing they have. There is a strong indication that Lewis intends to dump all of his Communist-Party supporters.

The second group, led by Walter Reuther and Emil Mazey, make a gesture toward support of the thirty-hour work week with forty hours pay. They also advocate curtailment of the powers of the president, of the executive board, and the enlargement of the rights of the rank and file.

This group has no strong anti-Stalinist program which is at the same time a militant plan for building the union. They are banking on support from Lewis.

The Third Group, so named, is small, completely without the support or backing of any nationally known auto unionist, and almost entirely composed of rank-and-file delegates from the smaller locals. Numerically they are weak. Actually they are the only group within the union with a program which can save the remnants of the once powerful UAW and rebuild it to its former strength.

The nine-point program to be presented by this Third group includes the 30 hour week for 40 hours pay, the curtailment of power in the hands of the president and the Executive Board, a closed shop contract with General Motors, the abandonment of the old executive board's infamous "letter of limitations" which gave the union's consent to the corporation to mete out severe punishments on the heads of all shop stewards and rank and file members who became too militant in demanding that the company live up to its signed agreement.

Further, this group proposes that Ford and all small parts plants be organized, and that it be a punishable misdemeanor for any worker to work on material fabricated in a struck plant. They want a five billion dollar WPA appropriation based on the \$30-30 hour week plan, and the organization of all WPA workers into CIO industrial unions.

The program calls for the restoring autonomy to all local unions, and the further restoration of democratic rights to the rank and file worker, with protection for minority opinions. They want the establishment of Union Defense Guards to fight

A Letter from John Farmer

Typical of the thousands of letters and telegrams that have buried state legislators telling them in no uncertain terms how the farmers feel about the vicious Vance-Myre bill, is the following letter from Victor Grubb of Lowry, Minnesota.

In Grubb's letter one can sense the authentic protest from the farmers of Minnesota against this reactionary anti-labor measure.

"We are not in favor of any legislation which will take away the bargaining power of either organized labor or organized farmers. The administration was elected on a promise to give us liberal government. The Vance-Myre Labor Bill is reactionary and not for the benefit of fair practice for labor. We urge you to prevent the passage of this bill.

VICTOR GRUBB
Lowry, Minnesota
Douglas County Farmer

WPA Concentrates Fire on Drivers In This County

In order to carry out its policy of business appeasement at the expense of the independent truck owners, the Works Progress Administration is concentrating its fire on the drivers' rates in Hennepin County.

This is the picture that has emerged from the two statewide drivers' conferences held recently. Monday night representatives of drivers unions throughout Minnesota gathered at 347 University Avenue, the headquarters of the St. Paul General Drivers' Union Local 120. From the reports given, it is clear that in all parts of the state outside of Hennepin County, the bids for truck work on WPA will bring the independent truck owners an income parallel with the union wage scale.

Only in Hennepin County are WPA officials directing a savage attack on union wages and conditions. Actually, the WPA here is actively encouraging bids way under the union scale and appears to be following out a deliberate plot calculated to incite large-scale disturbances.

Apparently the Works Progress Administration has been advised that if it can first batter down the wages and conditions of independent truck owners in Minneapolis, it will be an easy matter to successfully attack the drivers in other localities where the industry is not so well organized as it is locally.

No Surrender
So far as Local 544 and its Independent Truck Owners Section is concerned, there will be no surrender on this fight against the WPA's vicious maneuver to institute the competitive bid system of hiring trucks. Local 544 will continue the fight along whatever paths are available. The public protests that have been initiated by the Independent Truck Owners Section, such as the dramatic mammoth procession of trucks last Friday through the loop of Minneapolis, will take new forms as the fight develops.

Secretary Hughes Reported Ill

It was learned in Minneapolis this week that Thomas L. Hughes, secretary-treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, is ill with high blood pressure. The local movement wishes him a speedy recovery.

Grocery Section, Attention!

A meeting of the Wholesale Grocery Section of General Drivers Union Local 544 will be held this Sunday, April 2nd, at 10 a. m. in the union hall. All members are instructed to attend this important meeting.

THE "FARMERS" BEHIND THE BILL



B. F. Nelson To Sign With 20316

Negotiations have been completed between the Warehouse Union Local 20316 and the B. F. Nelson company for a new union contract, to be signed before press time.

The new pact provides for a 40-hour week, and a one week's vacation for all employees on the seniority list as of April 1, 1938.

Attention! Swing-Cats!

Local 289 will hold its second dance of the season on Saturday night, April 22, at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. The first dance was such an outstanding success that the membership has asked for another. Bobby Phillips' orchestra, three acts of vaudeville and a lunch give promise of another howling good time. Fifty cents a couple is the very reasonable cost of the tickets.

Dairies Get Demands of Local 471

All Minneapolis dairy companies this week received copies of the new agreement being demanded by the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471. Terms of the agreement have been approved by the workers involved.

Local 471's negotiating committee will ask that negotiations get under way the first week in April.

289 Rejects Counter-Bid From Bosses

The wholesale bread and cake drivers of Local 289 met Thursday night to discuss the counter-proposal received from the Minneapolis employers. After a thorough discussion, a motion carried unanimously to reject the counter-offer.

The Bakery Drivers Union negotiating committee will meet again with the employers this Thursday for further negotiations.

Capitol Gets Heated Protests From Farmers on Vance-Myre Atrocity

Literally thousands of letters and telegrams protesting against the employers' Vance-Myre labor bill continued to pile in on legislators this week from farmers and farm organizations. Many farmers feared that if this bill should pass, even in its amended form, it would not only cripple union organization but would also strike a blow at farm organizations.

Below are but a few protest letters which have been turned over to the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council:

FROM MONTEVIDEO FARMERS UNION
To Theo. Sien, Representative, Nels Peterson, Senator, and Governor Stassen: In my opinion the Farmers Union Coop Oil Company of Chippewa and Yellow Medicine Counties representing 500 share-holders and 1,200 patrons is strongly opposed to the Vance-Myre Labor Bill H. F. 352 and protests its passage. This matter has been carefully considered by members of the Board.

C. A. Winslow, Chairman, Montevideo
FROM CHIPPEWA COUNTY
To Senator Nels Peterson, Representative Ed Hagen:

The Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of Chippewa County by action in regular quarterly assembly unanimously opposed H. F. 352 known as the Vance-Myre labor relations bill. We urge our legislators to use every honorable means to prevent passage of this bill.

E. L. SMITH,
C. W. OLSON

FROM MAGNUS JOHNSON
Governor Stassen: Please use influence and power against Vance-Myre Labor Relations Bill House File 352.

Magnus Johnson,
The Watson Voice
Watson, Minn.

FROM ORTONVILLE
As a member of a progressive farm organization, the Farmers Union, I am writing you in regards to the Vance-Myre Bill. I am opposed to this bill and I urge you to use your influence to have this bill or any similar bills killed. In voicing this opinion I do not stand alone but I am supported by my fellow members of the organization.

Cooperatively yours,
Kurt Guenther

The Vance-Myre Labor Bill is unfair to organized labor in many ways. If passed, the effect will be to lower the living standard of labor. Labor, being the consumer of the farmers' goods, will not be able to buy goods the farmer has to sell and thus the standard of the farmer will be lowered also. I ask that you consider this bill very closely, as it will destroy the buying power as well as labor's. Vote NO on this bill.

P. J. Bruns,
Ortonville

FROM ODESSO
We as organized farmers are opposed to the Vance Myre H. F. 352 or any other legislation that will destroy labor unions.

Leonard Johnson, member of
Odessa Local 149

FROM HANLEY FALLS
I am writing you in regards to the Vance-Myre labor relations bill H. F. 352. I am opposed to this bill and hope you will use all your influence to work against it and when it is brought up for vote, you will vote against it.

This bill will destroy the usefulness of labor unions as

they will be left powerless to enforce even the most reasonable demands.

If, as a result of this, the living standards of the workers are lowered, the curtailment in buying of farm products by labor will work to the detriment of the farmer in the form of still lower prices.

Hardy Rowberg
FROM YELLO-MED. CO.

Our board of directors of Yello-Med. Co. are much opposed to the Anti-Labor Vance Myre bill. We urge you to oppose and work against this measure as we consider it detrimental to both workers and farmers.

Sam Gullickson, Chairman
Yellow Medicine County
Farmers Union
FROM LAURA S. WOLFE

We believe the Vance Myre labor relation bill will not only set back the efforts of labor to get justice by organization but will also seriously react to the detriment of farm organizations. We urge you to strongly protest against this bill.

Laura S. Wolfe,
Henry C. Wolfe,
Montevideo

State Federation Convention to Rally Labor Against Vance-Myre Atrocity—Debate on Bill Stars Today—Farmers Urge Legislators to Vote Down Bill

Labor on Guard Against Plot to Push Through Vance-Myre Measure in Amended Form—Would Still Strike Mortal Blow at Unions

With the debate on the Vance-Myre bill in the lower house scheduled to start Thursday at 2 p. m., organized labor and its allies from the countryside continued to mobilize forces for a show-down fight against the damnable union-destroying measure.

All unions were being particularly urged to send delegates to the extraordinary convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor to be held next Monday, April 3rd, in St. Paul at the Lowry Hotel.

Two Unions Picket Finky Dy-Dee Wash

The union-hating Dy-Dee Wash company, 718 Washington Avenue North, which has been picketed for several weeks by the Laundry Workers Union Local 183 because of its refusal to sign a union agreement, received another picket delegation this Monday from the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131. Local 131 picketed the Dy-Dee firm in protest against the hiring of a non-union driver in violation of the working agreement. The fink driver is working for \$20 weekly. The union agreement calls for a weekly wage of \$27.50. Not only did the company hire this driver without consulting the union, it now refuses to replace him with a union man.

The second driver at the Dy-Dee company has been suspended from the Laundry Drivers Union for violating the picket line established there earlier by Local 183.

Attention of our readers is called to the Baby's Diaper Service company, 2741 Hennepin Avenue, Geneva 4178, which is fair to the Minneapolis union movement.

Local 977 in Negotiations With Oil Cos.

Negotiations began this week between the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 and a number of Minneapolis oil companies—Bulk Oil, Russell-Thompson, Freeman, Nelson Garage, Ed Adams Garage, George Roberts Pure Oil—for new working agreements.

Agreements with these firms had been originally signed by the now-disbanded AFL union, Local 20383. These agreements expired February 1st. With the International Brotherhood of Teamsters receiving jurisdiction over this field, Local 977 took over Local 20383's contracts. It is understood that the 1939 pacts will be retroactive to February 1st, 1939.

International Brotherhood Endorses Tri-Council Plan

A committee of three from the state drivers' movement—Harold Seavey, Arthur Hudson and Ed Maureen—together with International Vice-president John Geary, conferred in Indianapolis last weekend with leaders of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, relative to the plan worked out to divide the state into three districts for organizational purposes.

The International endorsed the plan and the district jurisdiction agreed upon by the Minnesota drivers' movement. It is mandatory that all drivers' unions in the

In its convention call, the executive officers of the State Federation made it clear that every AFL union, whether or not it was represented at the Mankato convention last fall, is eligible to send its representatives to St. Paul on April 3rd.

All AFL Unions Eligible
"Affiliated local unions who were not represented at the Mankato convention can be represented by sending the names of delegates who will represent such local union at this special convention to the Federation office," read the call. "Local unions whose delegates to the Mankato convention cannot serve for any reason, can substitute others in their place, notifying the secretary prior to April 1 of such change."

"It is recognized that action by the local union in instructing its delegates to the Mankato convention to meet in St. Paul on April 3 must be taken by the local executive boards as time will not permit action by the local union, but we desire to point out that it is extremely important that we shall have a representation from all over the state to hear just what the situation is that confronts the labor movement if the so-called Vance-Myre bill is enacted into law. . . ."

An index to the seriousness of the situation may be obtained when it is realized that this is the first special convention the Minnesota State Federation of Labor has ever held.

Special attention of the union movement is being given to urging AFL unions not represented at the Mankato convention to send delegates to St. Paul next Monday. The April 3 convention will probably be the largest convention of the AFL ever held in this state. The 1938 Mankato convention was the largest gathering of the Federation ever held in this state, attracting over 800 delegates.

Vote No, Say Farmers
Spokesmen for the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council continued to do yeomen's work in appearing before liberal farmers and farm groups and explaining what passage of the Vance-Myre bill would mean to all workers and farmers organizations. Thousands of farm resolutions (some of which are printed elsewhere in this issue) are being collected.

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The three Joint Councils—Numbers 32 of Minneapolis, 34 of St. Paul and 48 of Duluth—are each responsible for a definite district in the state. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council has sent letters to the out-of-town drivers' unions in its district, inviting them to send delegates to the next Council meeting on April 14th.

The state has been divided into the three districts in order to facilitate organizational work and insure that it will not overlap.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Pulp Workers Union Reports Rapid Growth

Gains 25,000 Members Since 1937—Elmer Meinz Named Delegate to AFL Convention—Cloquet Man to Survey European Industry for International—St. Paul Convention Blasts Vance-Myre Bill

The 130 delegates from all over the United States, Canada and Newfoundland who participated in the biennial convention of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, recently concluded in St. Paul, have returned to their homes to push the progressive program endorsed by the convention.

One of the important actions of the convention was its vote to make a complete analysis of the industry, with the view of extending organization throughout the industry. President John P. Burke of the International reported that in the last two years the organization has grown from 20,000 to 45,000. Practically all the new members have come from the converting plants, that is, the plants that convert paper to the finished product, such as boxes, cups, napkins, etc. The International has thus more than doubled in size since 1937. "And still we have only scratched the surface of the industry," stated President Burke.

As a result of the International's steady progress in all sections of the country, it was reported that today there is not a paper mill in North America working more than an 8-hour shift. Four years ago, the 12-hour shift was quite common in the industry.

Minnesota Men Honored

The St. Paul convention set up a committee of three men whom the International will send later this summer on a trip through Sweden, Norway, Finland and England to make a study of the paper industry and the unions in those countries. William Anderson of Cloquet, Minnesota, was selected as one of the three members who will make the trip.

Elmer Meinz, president of the St. Paul Local 264, was chosen one of the four delegates from the International Brotherhood to the 1939 convention of the American Federation of Labor, which will be held this fall in Cincinnati.

Oppose Anti-Labor Bill

In addition to its resolution demanding unity between the AFL and the CIO, published in last week's Organizer, the convention also passed resolutions protesting against the Vance-Myre Labor Bill and against the cut in WPA.

Ice Drivers 221 Topped in Union Bowling League

As the teams in the Union Bowling League entered the home stretch Monday night, the Soft Drinks took a pair from the Liberty Cabs to go into first place, as the Ice Drivers dropped a double to Minkins' Department Store. The Soft Drink team set a new high for three games, 2,824. E. Klein had 610 and W. Rudell, 557.

Local 544 took the odd game from the Meat Drivers and moved into sixth place, and the Gold Bubble blanked the Bakery Drivers. C. Lindbloom had 545, H. Carlson had 521.

Team	Won	Lost
Soft Drinks	43	32
Local 221	42	33
Gold Bubble	41	34
Meat Drivers	37	38
Local 289	36	39
Local 544	35	40
Minkins	34	40
Liberty Cab	33	42

The lust of gold, unfeeling and remorseless, is the last corruption of degenerate man.—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
In Probate Court.
In Re Estate of August Reetz, 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, April 3, 1939, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota, why the petition of Emilie Reetz, of Hennepin County, Minnesota, 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 Monday, August 7, 1939, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These orders shall be published in the Northwest Organizer and a copy mailed to each of the heirs, legatees and devisees of said Decedent at least 14 days before the date of said hearing on the petition to prove will.

WITNESS the HON. MANLEY L. FOSSEEN, Judge of Probate Court, this 7th day of March, 1939.
(SEAL OF PROBATE COURT)
ERNEST P. LORENZ
Clerk of Probate Court.
HENRY MARKS, Attorney
725 New York Bldg.
St. Paul, Minnesota
March 16, 23, 30.

Sharecropper Story to Be Told Here

Trade unionists and others who are interested in the tragic plight of the southern sharecropper, will gather to hear Howard Kester, field organizer for the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union, speak on Saturday, April 1st, at 8 P. M. in the Dyckman Hotel Grill Room.

This meeting, under the auspices of the Workers Defense League, is held during National Sharecroppers Week, when the attention of the nation centers itself upon the tragic plight of the "disinherited of the south."

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore
Anti-labor legislation is in the spotlight and passing anti-labor laws seems to be the main work of our state government. With only about three more weeks before the present session is over the state senate has sidetracked all other business in an effort to put over the Vance-Myre Bill this session. The March 23 issue of The Northwest Organizer covers the condition fully under the heading: "Workers, Farmers Mobilize to Defend Unions." Every farmer, every union man, every union woman, every worker should read the Organizer and learn what is being done to us with the aid of the very men whom we elected to office to look after our interests. Press news on this anti-labor bill is found in the daily papers under different headings and is, as a result, somewhat confusing and hard to follow. It is called the State Labor Bill, the Vance-Myre Bill, the Reorganization Bill, the Labor Relations Act, House File 352 and some other titles which escape me at the moment. A fund will be set up immediately to organize active opposition to this bill among the workers and farmers of the state.

Good Luck Dogs Local Man

Brother Ed Norgren won a bright red necktie on a drawing last week.

Distinguished Visitor at J. R. Clark Plant

Joe Gurek paid a visit to his friends at the plant last Thursday. Joe is getting better every day and expects to be able to come back to work in a week or two.

Anthony Olson officiated at the turning on of the hot water for the wash rooms last week.

Frank Gulks spent Sunday at St. Michaels, Minn., where he celebrated his birthday surrounded by relatives and friends.

Brother Perleberg submits the following poem for your approval: Every Friday night meets The executive board of 1859 To discuss the problems That are yours and mine.

They recommend the bills That will be to our good So let's get to meetings Like union men should.

Our victories have been many, We all know this is true, Meetings have done the job— Let's continue; it's up to you.

If we'll all do our part We'll have something concrete So let's stay in line, boys, And we'll know no defeat.

Now give 'em a break, Let 'em know they're doing fine. Show 'em you're fighting for The executive board of 1859.

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Unemployed Union Members Attention!

All unemployed members of General Drivers Union Local 544, and of all other Minneapolis unions, who wish assistance in obtaining the unemployment insurance to which they are entitled, are urged to see Ed Palmquist at the office of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, on the second floor at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

All workers who have received 403's from WPA on the basis they were absent from the job, are urged to report immediately to the Federal Workers Section if the absence was because of accepting private employment. In such cases, immediate action is necessary in order to correct injustice.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Rase
The meeting of March 23rd was well attended and for once opened at 8 o'clock and adjourned promptly at 10:30. Much time and argument was given to the F-L Hennepin County Central Committee and, after a ballot vote, our delegates to that committee were withdrawn.

Some discussion dealt with our course of action in the event of a strike by I. T. O. on WPA projects and it was voted to respect all picket lines on struck jobs. Incidentally, it appears that a strike is inevitable unless quick action is forthcoming from Washington. It's a cinch none will emanate from St. Paul before a strike is actually in effect.

A special convention of the State Federation of Labor has been called to deal with the infamous Vance-Myre labor bill now before the legislature. This bill must be defeated at any and all costs if organized labor is to survive in Minnesota. I predict that, if this measure becomes a law, the "disturbances" of 1934 will pale into insignificance, compared to what will follow shortly after its passage. Organized labor in Minnesota is too powerful and too spirited to knuckle down to abject slavery as labor has been forced to, in some other states. Maybe I'm wrong, but I don't think so.

In connection with this matter, can anybody give out with a reasonable explanation of ex-Sheriff Myre's resigning a \$2,000 job to get himself elected to a \$500 one? Where does he get the other \$1,500? Or, is he charitable to that extent? Maybe he's still burning over losing the decision at Albert Lea when he was seconded by American Gas Machinery. Any way I look at it, I seem to sense an ulterior motive or sumpin'.

Somewhat belated repercussions from the St. Patrick's Day Party have been echoing in my ears the past week. The committee in charge of the affair wishes to thank all the brothers and the Park Board management for their donations and kindly co-operation in making the blowout the huge success it was. The Park employees wish to express their appreciation for the fine job done by the committee and also to thank Local 664 for the free use of the hall. "Thanks a million."

Up to March 17th, I always took it for granted there is but one way to tap a barrel of beer, but after listening that night to Bro. Butch and Bro. Nichols, I guess there are more ways than one—even more ways than one at a time.

If what they say about "a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," be true, Bro. Nichols should be rarin' to go. I base this observation on the possible effect of that handage he had on his thumb, coupled with the past week's weather. How yuh feelin', John?

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Cab Drivers React to Springtime

Well, well, well—this spring weather has even worked itself under the skins of the cab drivers, it seems. Anyway, Cab Drivers Union Local 958 announced this week that the First Annual Cab Drivers Dance will be held April 15th in the auditorium at 257 Plymouth Avenue. Dicky Atherton's orchestra will play and door prizes will be plentiful.

Funds raised at the affair will be turned over to the Local 958 baseball team which has entered the city league.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next meeting: Retail drivers meet Thursday evening, April 6, 8 p. m. sharp!

The employers' contract proposal, containing about the same as last year's working agreement, was presented to the wholesale bread and cake drivers and inside workers last Thursday evening. The members present weren't very timid about the way they tore it to shreds; finally a motion was made and the whole proposal was flatly and emphatically turned down.

The delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention held at Mankato last September have been recalled to reconvene at the Hotel Lowry in St. Paul, Monday, April 3.

This is the first time in the Federation's existence it has reconvened a convention. The special business that will be discussed is the vicious Labor Bill now about to be brought on the floor for action. I again want to call your attention to the seriousness of this situation and remind you to contact your representatives and senators.

Dance! Dance! Dance! Remember? Local 289 throws its second successful dance on Saturday, April 22. The last dance was a knockout. This one will be a sockeroo. Three new acts of vaudeville instead of one. A nice lunch, hot music by Bobby Phillips and his swing-cats. What more could you ask for at fifty cents a couple? Huh? We'll expect to see all the members and their friends April 22, then. Your steward has tickets. Let him know now, so he'll be able to figure on how many he is going to need.

The first fishing trip is all planned and the reservations made for the Zinsmaster boys. (Fourteen strong) at Sunset Bay, Lake Mille Lacs.

Harold Larsen of Zinsmaster came strutting in this morning (Monday, March 27) with his chest out three feet and reported that his wife had presented him with an 8½ pound baby boy. He also had a box of cigars under his arm and good union man that he is, you can bet they were union made cigars, too. No scab cigars for Harold.

Joe suggested that hereafter on trips to the country we will carry a team of horses right along with us. Sunday on our trip to St. Cloud we got stuck twice. The first time we were hauled out by a car and the second time we had to get a farmer and a pair of gees costing us two bucks.

John Sullivan wins the first week in Monahan's six-week sales contest and as far as he can tell, intends to cop the other five, says John.

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It looks like the Vance-Myre labor bill would pass. I knew things would get better if Mr. Stassen got elected.

Furniture Workers Strike Against Stevens Point Firm

Stevens Point, Wis.—Following refusal of the Joerns Bros. Furniture company to deal with the Furniture Workers Union Local 1805, and the attempt of the management to set up a phoney company union, Local 1805 called a strike against this labor-hating plant on Friday morning, March 17th and threw a picket line around the factory, closing it down tight.

A large majority of Joerns workers are enrolled in Local 1805. Since February 21st the union has sought to negotiate a working agreement with the company, only to be met with the old stalling game. In an effort to

Local No. 383

By Don Casper
We expect to see Bogard and Winkels' name on a shingle in the near future. They handle egg cases like veterans. Joe owes his ability along those lines to his early experience at Fairmont's.

Coolidge has been taking instructions from Schneider in the art of Snooker. We think Coolidge is a little bit "hot" about having to pay for all the games.

Ed Howell has cut his hours from 85 per week to 80; of course he isn't covered by any contract. Someone suggested that he bring his lunch and he could save the time he takes going to and from a cafe.

How did Jim O'Keefe get the bloody nose he was nursing in Kelly park last Thursday?

Here's one for Ripley: Chet Bruce spent a nickel foolishly. Wonder what the Mrs. will say about that.

Donovan says since he quit drinking coffee he has noticed a definite improvement in his stomach distress.

Johnson and Fouts have a bet of \$5 to the one who takes a drink first. Both boys are weakening so kindly do not tempt them. Just say, "Come along and I'll buy you a bottle of pop." That way you won't hurt their feelings.

The next general membership meeting is Sunday, April 2, at 10 a. m. Let's have a good turnout.

Johnson and Fouts are valuable stuff these days. They are out on \$2,500 bail.

By the way, is your union dues card paid up to date?

It's funny the union can't have

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With the Limousines

By Home James
We had a very large attendance at the last meeting and we hope to see many new faces at the next meeting.

We are glad to report Harold K. is now up and around but pretty weak from his attack of the "flu."

The new contracts we told you about some time ago are now ready to be presented for signing; you will hear more about them at the next meeting.

Our meetings would not be complete without our good friends, Jack K., and Joe F. present; they seem to live things up.

There are rumors out and about that we are to have another dance sometime in May. The correct date and place will be announced at the next meeting.

Mel J., chairman of the entertainment committee, is busy now instructing his coworkers how to get out and sell dance tickets. Mel did a fine job putting on the last dance.

Word has been received the bridge game was one player short at the last sitting. I wonder where Fitz was?

Haven't heard from Wally D. in some time, but can inform you he is not working for McM., up on the hill.

We noticed Cecil E. had two new members with him at the last meeting. Good work, Cec, hope to see you often.

a car that runs. They have been driving an old jalopy that can't be fixed, all week. It is reported that next week Local 883 is going to purchase a fleet of bicycles for the organizers. Reason being that the honorable police of this city have temporarily taken the union car out of circulation. Heck, and the boys were just getting used to the radio, too.

Ray Shook wonders why Art May failed to show up at the newspaper haulers meeting the other morning.

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Youth Quint Goes to City Semi-Finals

After advancing to the semi-finals in the city play-offs the Local 544 Youth Section basketball artists were finally tumbled Tuesday night by the Red Town Pump team, 35 to 15, at South High.

Before succumbing to the Red Town quint, the union boys ran up an enviable record for a team that had never played as a unit before this season. Jack Herman's boys ended the regular season's play last Wednesday by winning their 10th straight game from the Twin City Upholstering team, 59 to 36. Captain Stan Brouard and Bill Murphy contributed 16 and 15 points, respectively, to the victory.

Friday night the Youth team made its debut in the city play-offs by handing a 32-26 lacing to the Cat and Fiddle team, winners of the Northwestern Division. Brouard and Simso were high scorers for Local 544.

Win Thriller Monday

A good crowd of union men and women turned out Monday night at South high and cheered lustily as the Youth Section won a real thriller that went into an overtime period, 29-27, from the Citizens Club Dead Ducks. This game was a see-saw affair that had the fans on the edge of their seats from the beginning to the sudden-death end, when Fleitman popped one in after one minute and ten seconds of the overtime. Captain Brouard was again high-point man with 14 markers. The team work of the Herman-coached union boys was beautiful to watch. Ken Flakne, who had been released by 544 to Marshall High for the state tournament, was back with the Youth Section and helped to spark 544 to its victory. Monday's win brought 544 into the semi-finals of the City Division and into the quarter-finals of the city tournament.

Tuesday, however, the Local 544 boys had a bad night and took a walling from the Red Town Pump, being the first defeat of the season in regular play. "We came close to the city championship this year," said Jack Herman and the players. "Next year we'll make it."

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We wish to express our sincere appreciation to members of Local 544 for their kind sympathy and floral offering on the death of John Johnson.

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Above are Stan Brouard, captain, and Jack Herman, manager, of the championship basketball team of the Local 544 Youth Section which copped the title in the Southwestern Division and went on to the semi-final division in the city play-offs before being beaten.

Herman is holding the championship trophy, which bears the names of the players. Stan Brouard, in addition to being high scorer for the champs, won a cup for his free-throwing ability. He sank 11 out of 14. The cups may be seen in the Northwest Organizer office.

Members of the championship team are Stan Brouard, captain; Andy Simso, Bill Murphy, Ken Flakne, Dayhart Jacob, Jake Cooper, Ken Hoef, Henry Chapman, Oakie Fleitman, Jack Kilbridge and Lyle Flaherty.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

Next Monday morning in St. Paul will reconvene the first special session of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor. Its purpose is to block the passage of unfavorable labor legislation, especially the Vance-Myre labor relations bill. They request the presence of the delegates to the Mankato convention. From Local 471 it will be Ogg, Sinnott, Schwab, Rasmussen and Bergquist.

Labor is keeping an accurate check on the boosters for this bill; those who are paying its fare and those who appear in person before the legislative committees to urge its passage. Last week Mr. Moscrip of the "Twin City" appeared and urged passage of the Vance-Myre bill. Just a few months ago, 471 was battling to protect his market. One good turn deserves another.

Andrew Wilson completed the finals and will now get his retirement fund. We have delayed Andy a long time. His birth certificate from Norway told about Andrew Johannes. The board insisted on affidavits to establish the change of name. Andy's parents were gone, he was two years old and his sister hung a new name on him upon their arrival in this country. But here is what we wanted you to know. Andy has a sixty acre farm out by Buffalo lake. Second, that it is clear of encumbrance. Third, that Andy is going to fish and farm. Brother Wilson says, "Come on out and see me."

There is "politics" in bowling, we just found out. "Northland," McCarlson rolled the high single

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of 629 last Monday. It has happened the same way many times during the season. The Tribune and Journal reporters always "write" the other fellow up. It is either politics or poor sportsmanship.

The general membership of 471 at their regular meeting last Tuesday officially adopted a program for negotiation. The committee will get busy with the bosses around April 12 and hopes to wind things up as soon thereafter as possible. We were absolutely surprised in calling the salesmen together three times, that there was not one who asked for the return of "commission."

Flem Proddie came home a little late from the union meeting last Tuesday night. His wife wanted to know where he had been. Now, Flem is a truthful brother; he could not remember so he gave her his button number. Anyway, that is a strange question to ask a brother who has been out "shaking" for a few beers.

Tommy Ammerman knows how to get free union dues. Let's make him talk.

Willard Nelson will be in St. Paul next Monday to represent the C.L.U. of Minneapolis. We are sorry, Willard, but the lingerie shops of the Capitol City are closed on Mondays.

20316 Dances April 12th At Marigold

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 will hold its second annual spring dance on Wednesday, April 12th, at the Marigold ballroom. Cec Hurst and his orchestra will play either modern or old time music at the choice of the dancers. Tickets are 25c, and plenty of door prizes are to be presented.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lundie

The lapping waves of the Mississippi caused sharp pains of regret in the breast of our trusted brother, E. Bolander; last week "Lumber Jack" was offered a job on a yacht by a passenger (who's got what it takes) but had to decline because he has a home and family and won't trade his easy-chair for a watch on the hurricane deck of a boat.

We didn't like the fog last Thursday—but we all got through without instruments.

A true tirade on tires: Saturday, 7:30 a. m.: driver of cab 88 took man from Ninth and Nicollet to Forty-eighth cause his own car got a flat. 8 a. m.: got sent to Forty-sixth and Aldrich, taking two passengers to St. Paul because they had a flat tire. 11:40, yes, you guessed it. Yellow cab number 88 had a flat tire.

Peace, and quiet . . . Clyde Keddy moved out to his country home at Ninety-Second and Grand . . . Cecil Cotton is back on precision schedule; he bought a watch and set it by the unfailing ninety-eight cent chronometer by Ingersoll that H. Swenson totes . . . Hot stuff—Chet Anderson lost a turn or two at Seven Corners when his klunk caught fire. The "Goon" was delighted . . .

For the attention and convenience of Pat Seeley this route between the depots is suggested for better scenery and to be sure and get that extra unit: Leaving the G.N., proceed up Hennepin to Thirty-Sixth Street, thence to Third Avenue South to the Milwaukee depot.

Bill "Punchy" Hayes is using his best hankie to polish his new Plymouth. He must have learned the art of saving money from that wizard of finance, the one and only Roy Nelson.

The Taxi Cab Driver

The Taxi Cab Driver sits in his car and waits for calls from near and far.

He knows all the crooks, he knows all the rooks,

He knows all the bad wood, he knows all the nooks,

He knows all our sorrows, he knows all our joys,

He knows all the girls who are chasing the boys,

He knows all our troubles, he knows all our strife,

He knows all the men who step out on the wife,

If the Taxi Cab Driver told half what he knows

He would turn all our friends into bitterest foes,

He would sow a small wind that would soon be a gale,

Engulf us in trouble, and land us in jail.

He would start forth a story, which, gaining in force,

Would cause half our wives to sue for divorce.

He would get all our homes mixed up in a fight

And turn our bright days into sorrowing nights.

In fact, he could keep the whole town in a stew

If he told just one-tenth of the things that he knew,

So here we are and if you pay us our fees

We won't know a thing but our A, B, and C's.

—Author Unknown

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544 Grocery Men Receive Back Pay

When the wages and hours law went into effect some months ago, several wholesale grocery firms reduced weekly hours of their employees from 48 to 44. Many members of the General Drivers Union Local 544 received a cut in wages of \$2.40 weekly. As the result of negotiations conducted between union representatives and the company, a settlement has been reached which was accepted by the Wholesale Grocery section at a meeting last Sunday morning.

The men are now working 48 hours weekly and receiving time and one-half for the last four hours, a schedule which will be maintained up to June 1st, in this way returning back pay to the employees involved.

Watt Notes

Brother "Dusty" Rhodes' home was prowled the other week. The prowler found out it does not pay to break into a meter man's home. All he got was 75 cents.

Brother Carrie is laid up again with a sprained ankle—A speedy recovery to you, "Joe."

Quite a few members have already taken advantage of the three months in advance for \$11.50.

The meter class which was instructed by Brother George Nolan had the privilege recently of going through the Riverside plant. All members reported spending an educational and pleasant evening.

It is reported that Bud Teasdale has formed a hobby of "sleeping in street cars."

All stewards who have not received dance tickets are urged to request to attend the next stewards' meeting and obtain some.

Remember that in buying and selling tickets for the dance you are giving the sick committee a helping hand.

Let's all get together and put the dance over with a bang.

Remember the date, Saturday, April 22nd, at the East Side Eagles Hall. Tickets are 40 cents.

Ken De Villiers' orchestra will play modern music in the third floor hall. Tommy Thompson's old time orchestra will play in the second floor hall.

A good time is assured—noise-makers, hats, etc., will be passed out. There will be door prizes for the lucky ones.

Tickets can be obtained at the office if your steward or anyone in your department is without them.

Last week we had a scoop in the mention of Hanson and marriage. Maybe "Scummy" knew it was going to happen, but we'll bet Winchell didn't.

Now that the ice is out, the boys can breathe easily at Coon Rapids, Main Street, St. Anthony Falls and Riverside. The water was the highest in years.

Our local will be well represented at the special convention of the State Federation of Labor in St. Paul on April 3rd.

Don't Let 'Em in If They're Finks

All housewives in union households are requested to ask any meter reader that comes to the house for his union card. If he can show a union card, don't let him in. No one likes to have a fink in the house, and there is no reason why you housewives should put up with fink meter readers. The electric and gas companies must be made to understand that decent Minneapolis homes won't tolerate non-union metermen.

Lawyers' ethics are for poor lawyers, but it has nothing to do with Wall Street. They have a code all their own.

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William Nelson of Nevens and Howard Parker of Calhoun, both of whom have been on the sick list since February 18th, went back to work again on Monday of this week.

Your grievance committee, in conjunction with a committee from the employers, settled a dispute between Jack Fingerhut and his former boss, the Garber Cleaner. The hearing was held Tuesday evening this week.

Your delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention last fall—namely, E. Clair Johnson, N. E. Carle, and Marty Withrow—will attend a special convention of the State Federation, to be held in St. Paul next Monday. This will be the first special convention of the State Federation to be called in its 67 years of existence. It is called for the sole purpose of moving to defeat the vicious anti-labor bill known as the Vance-Myre bill. If this bill should become a law and be observed by labor, the bonafide trade union movement could not exist in this state.

The outlook for the passage of the Fair Trades Practice Bill for Dry Cleaning is not especially rosy at this time, although we have done everything possible to get it through.

See the front page for a statement in regard to the Dy-Dee Wash.

Our basketball team won the championship of the league in a play-off last Friday night. Well done, boys. The local is proud of you.

Attention, dia-ondball players! Indoor practice will start April 4th at the Northeast Neighborhood House, 1929 2nd Street N. E., and will be held each Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10 p. m. All interested members should contact Mr. Webb or report to him at the above-mentioned place during practice. Tennis shoes must be worn on the gym floor.

Union Label's Play Termed Big Success

The many friends of organized labor who attended the play "Bachelors Are Born" presented last Friday and Saturday night at the Franklin auditorium by the Union Card and Label Council thoroughly enjoyed the performances, from all reports. The Council has announced the production was a financial as well as an entertainment success.

The Union Label Council warns those participating in its Service Contest that the contest is now drawing to a close. All sales slips from union clerks, and all union labels must be sent in to the Council, 18 North 8th Street, by the 10th of April.

Johantgen Store Still on Labor's Unfair List

The Johantgen Jewelry store at 1016 West Broadway continued its hostility to the Watchmakers Union Local 103 during the past week, thus signifying to the Minneapolis union movement that this firm is decidedly uninterested in receiving the patronage of any friend of organized labor.

On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 is massing its forces in direct opposition to the contemplated slash in WPA rolls. The executive board has spent the entire past week preparing for the fight that will decide whether workers have the right to a job or whether they

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MARCHING AS TO WAR

By Dwight Macdonald

TOM GIRDLER, DOVE OF PEACE

"The steel industry abhors war and fervently hopes for peace," Tom Girdler, of Republic Steel Corp. and the Memorial Day Massacre, recently told a gathering of mining engineers. "The impression prevails," he said sadly, "that the steel industry looks eagerly at profits from war. That is not true. War brings no genuine prosperity to the steel industry." It would be interesting to get Girdler's definition of "genuine prosperity." In 1917 Bethlehem Steel earned \$54,000,000 and in 1918, \$57,000,000. U. S. Steel earned \$33,000,000 in 1916 and \$530,000,000 in 1917, declaring in the latter year an extra dividend of 18 per cent. Coming down to the present, I see by the papers that the Navy Department has signed contracts for \$24,000,000 worth of armor plate with three steel companies—this being merely one of many such contracts involved in our current preparations to save the world again as we did so nobly in 1917.

In a certain sense, however, it is true that the steel barons don't want war. "We have seen the effects of war," said Tom Girdler, "as written in the social, economic and political upheavals since 1918. These stresses and strains have brought civilization near the cracking point. Another world war might well result in the complete collapse of civilization." As anyone who has seen his gun thugs in action knows, Tom Girdler is no humanitarian. When he expresses fears lest the next war may mean "the complete collapse of civilization," he really means "the complete collapse of capitalism." It is the fear of social revolution, and not any tenderness for their fellow men, that makes the bosses hesitate before taking the decisive and final step that would mean another world war. This is what is behind the concessions made by Chamberlain and Daladier to Hitler at the Munich Conference last fall. To quote the London correspondent of the N. Y. Times: "The real motive of 'appeasement' is the fear of a war that might crack the political, economic and social structure of this country beyond repair, whether Britain won the war or not. Mr. Chamberlain and his colleagues feel sure that the British Empire could survive a war with Germany at the cost of untold human misery, but they are not so sure that the men and the system that have ruled the country for so many years would still be ruling it when the war was over." Moral: the more militancy the workers show, the less chances of a war.

PIE IN THE SKY

I commented several weeks ago on Secretary Morgenthau's reason for allowing American manufacturers to sell warplanes to the French Army. "\$65,000,000 for American workmen's profits is good stuff," said the Secretary cheerily. I now see that Curtis-Wright Corp., one of the big plane companies, reports a net profit of \$3,600,000 for 1938—up almost \$2,000,000 from 1937. "The continued increase in your company's business," writes President Vaughan (also cheerily) to his stockholders, "required additional expenditures of \$2,650,000 during 1938 for the further expansion and modernization of plant facilities." But his letter doesn't say anything about handing over any profits to his workers. THEIR pie is still in the sky, with the planes they make.

THE THINGS THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT

Already we are getting a preview of what is in store for the labor movement in the next war. They don't talk about these things much in political speeches, they don't print much about them in the papers, and so you very probably don't even know they are happening. You might think, for instance, that an army fighting for democracy would accept Negroes on equal terms with whites. You might think that when a nation goes off on a holy war for democracy, the rights of its workers at home would be scrupulously guarded. You might think that, in such an idealistic enterprise, business men would not be allowed to make money out of their fellow citizens' blood. But what happened last week in Congress when the Army Air Corps Expansion bill was passed shows that you would be wrong on all three counts. To itemize:

(1) The bill originally provided that at least one Army air school should train Negro pilots. "Much distressed," reports Time, "the Air Corps quietly went to work on Capitol Hill to get Negro training killed . . ."

(2) The bill originally forbade the award of contracts for Army planes to firms which had been convicted of violating the Wagner Act. The CIO and the AFL had joined forces to get this provision inserted. But as the bill was going through its final stages, the War Department "emphatically demanded" that this protection for labor be removed from the bill. It was.

(3) There is a lot of talk in Congress about "taking the profits out of war." Just what the honorable Congressmen mean was shown clearly enough when the Air Corps bill "limited" profits on all Army contracts to 12%!

Those idealistic liberals who want us to act as policemen for the world seem to be forgetting—as they did in 1917—that to fight a war, whether for democracy or not, you must turn the nation over to the experts in death: the munitions makers and the War Department. The next war will be a crusade for democracy—somewhere else.

must submit to the slow starvation of direct relief. The Veterans Section is holding a mass meeting Thursday, April 6, for the purpose of formulating and organizing direct action against being deported to concentration camps. They feel that if there is going to be a fight they would like to fight for themselves and against the wave of fascist reaction that is sweeping across our country like a prairie fire with a 90 m.p.h. an hour tail wind.

The women on the sewing projects held their regular monthly meeting at the union hall Tuesday evening and as usual had an excellent attendance. The women stewards have done a wonderful job of organizing and teaching unionism in building a strong militant section to the FWS. If the men stewards gave as much of their time and effort as do the

The last regular membership meeting of the FWS was well attended but the present indication is that the next one will show a sizeable increase and that the auditorium at the union hall may be taxed to capacity. The date of next meeting is Friday, April 7, but on that date the Youth Section is sponsoring a boxing show therefore it is quite possible that the date may be changed. Watch the Northwest Organizer and keep in touch with the union hall for any change in meeting date that may be made.

Action will soon be the by-word of the FWS if the State WPA Administration continues the "back-passing" that has been prevalent in the past couple of weeks.

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

We Want No Part of H. F. Number 352

Early in March, when copies of the Vance-Myre bill were first available, the Northwest Organizer, judging only by the provisions of this outrageous measure, rejected the idea that the farmers had anything to do with drafting such a fiendish law.

"The bosses and Stassen," we wrote, "in order to shield themselves from labor's wrath, are trying to make it appear that a 'farm bloc' is demanding the passage of this fascist-like legislation. Only idiots and boss-minded political columnists will be fooled by this hoary pretense. H. F. Number 352 bears the unmistakable birthmarks of the Associated Industries and the rest of the labor-haters of Minnesota. It is the Republican Party's idea of 'protecting labor's rights.'"

We have believed from the first that the Vance-Myre bill is the child of Governor Stassen and the employers' associations in this state, and that, in an effort to make it more palatable, these people are pretending the bill originated with the farmers.

Everything that has since been learned about H. F. Number 352 only strengthens our convictions.

Last week we exposed the support being given the Vance-Myre outrage by the fink "unions." In passing, one might ask himself why a group of persons who call themselves unionists are so intent in working for the passage of a bill which would, admittedly, outlaw all union organization in Minnesota. The answer is, of course, that the Associated Independent Unions aren't unions at all, but are anti-union outfits following out the policy of the Citizens Alliance with regard to legitimate and bona fide unions.

Last Friday Halloran in the Minneapolis Star—the same writer, unless we are mistaken, who a few weeks earlier was assuring his readers that the Vance-Myre bill was the farmers' own baby—added further proof to our conviction that this was a boss bill from beginning to end.

"It (the Vance-Myre bill) was conceived in the minds of certain St. Paul employer groups who wanted to throw a scare into organized labor," revealed the Star writer. "The bill was drafted by a St. Paul attorney. For sponsors, a group of rural members of the house was chosen . . ."

Since labor throughout the state has been completely aroused by this vicious piece of class legislation, Stassen and his Citizens Alliance friends are now taking a new tack with their union-smashing proposal. They are tacking on amendments, and assuring the public that the measure is now "toned down." The idea is to make it appear that labor would certainly be unreasonable now to object to such a moderate bill.

The truth is that, even in its amended form, the Vance-Myre bill is as savage a piece of labor-hating legislation as has ever appeared outside the state of Oregon. Even with the amendments, the Vance-Myre bill would carry out its original purpose of destroying organized labor in Minnesota. Strikes would still be outlawed, legitimate union activities would still be judged "unfair labor practices," company unionism would still flourish with the aid of the bosses, Stassen's labor board would still take away from the union movement its right to define the jurisdiction of the various unions, the labor-haters would still have access to the records and books of unions.

No, labor doesn't like any part of Stassen's labor bill. And labor is unimpressed by the attempts of the boss press to shield Stassen from the stigma of trying to put through a dirty job like the Vance-Myre bill.

Stassen, you recall, was the governor who in his inaugural address promised Minnesota "the most outstanding labor relations bill in the county." Instead, he got his pals to cook up a measure that would crucify organized labor.

The boss papers try to make it appear from time to time that Stassen is really opposed to the Vance-Myre bill, but this claim doesn't ring true. After all, Stassen is the head of his party in this state. He controls the patronage. If he didn't like the ideas in the Vance-Myre bill, if he had any decent consideration for labor's rights, he could very easily have prevented this outrageous measure from being introduced. Long after the Vance-Myre bill is forgotten, organized labor will remember the crooked deal Stassen tried to put over on the workers of this state.

St. Paul Mass Meeting To Protest Relief Slash

A mass public protest against the fifteen per cent cut in relief put into effect in St. Paul March 1st will be held this Friday evening, March 31st, 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the State Office Building, under the sponsorship of the Workers Benefit Association.

The cut in direct relief and the proposed WPA cut will both be sharply condemned. Since the St. Paul cut, forced through by the vicious 14-point "economy program" of the Welfare Department, the standard of living of relief clients in St. Paul has been sharply reduced. There have been cuts

in rent, in clothing, and in incidental allowances. The St. Paul union movement, which has supported the Workers Benefit Association in protesting the cuts, will be represented by the following speakers: William Brennan from the Trades and Labor Assembly; William Gydeson from the Teamsters Joint Council, and Lawrence Peffer from the Building Trades Council. Bernard Simmer, business agent for the Warehouse Union Local 20297 and chairman of the unemployed committee of the Trades and Labor Assembly, will preside.

544's ITO Protests WPA Attack



Scores of trucks driven by members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 paraded noisily through the loop last Friday noon in a protest demonstration against the WPA order instituting the competitive bid system of hiring trucks on WPA work. The parade extended for many blocks. Trucks bore large signs calling attention to the WPA attack on union standards and to Stassen's refusal to meet with a delegation from the union. The above picture was taken on Plymouth Avenue just as the protest parade got under way. The boss papers boycotted all news of the public fight on the unfair WPA ruling.

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

WPA ITO truckers have not yet solved their problem on the projects in the state. Two bills now pending in congress may remedy the situation.

544 Youth basketball team crashed after going too deep in the city semi-finals.

Twin beds at Silver Lake.

Harold Seavey, Joint Council president, made a flying trip to Indianapolis. And we do mean flying.

A meeting of all state driving unions was held in St. Paul Monday.

Dirt movers are getting ready for an early move on road jobs.

The writer's car was histed from a downtown parking lot a week ago Wednesday night. It was recovered several days later by the police. A camera was missing. A reward and no questions asked will be paid for the return of the camera.

A broad labor convention has been called for April 8. Each local union, whether or not affiliated to the FLP, can send three delegates.

The Morrie Olson aldermanic

campaign is under way full blast in the Tenth Ward.

There will be an epidemic of dances in the third floor hall after Easter.

There is a possibility that trouble may arise over the enforcement of A.G.C. agreements this spring.

The Farmer - Coop - Labor Council is now prepared to start an active educational campaign throughout the state.

Keller Drug is now kosher with the pill rollers.

The Tri-council set-up has received the official nod from the International union. Out-of-town driving unions which will affiliate to T.J.C. No. 32 will be called to the next regular council meeting on April 14.

Hour reduction trouble in wholesale grocery houses has been settled. It calls for back pay.

Filling station lessees committee met with Local 544 board Wednesday.

Zander, Carlin and other ITO committeemen are turning gray.

State Convention Will Guard Labor's Rights

(Continued from page 1) This issue) have been sent to state representatives and senators, instructing them to vote no on the Vance-Myre bill.

Unquestionably the tremendous hostility aroused by the Vance-Myre bill, particularly in the rural sections, has taken the bill's sponsors by surprise. There was much scurrying around in boss circles and in the state capitol this week among the bill's supporters, as they sought the best strategy to put over the measure that would mean the death of unionism in this state.

Why Bosses Blamed Farmers
The employers were especially upset late last week to have it revealed in the daily papers that employers' organizations in the Twin Cities originated the bill. This cut the feet out from under their original plan to make it appear that the farmers had drawn up the hated measure. A farmers' measure, they figured, would be much more palatable to the people than a bill bearing the out-and-out insignia of the boss "unions."

The press reported that on Tuesday Governor Stassen was closeted with Myre, H. E. Vance and the other representatives who lent their name to the bill. This meeting was supposed to cook up means to push through the bill against the almost universal opposition of the producers of town and countryside.

Probable Stassen Strategy
It is almost certain that Stassen and the bosses' spokesmen in the legislature will follow the strategy of permitting the resolution to be amended, to give the impression to the public that the most objectionable features of the bill have been removed.

Actually, as the supporters of the bill know very well, the original bill was so drafted that ever with a dozen amendments or deletions it would still be potent enough to wreck the organized labor

movement. If Stassen's hand-picked labor board didn't succeed in getting by the legislature, then the section taking away from the union movement the right to define its jurisdiction would strike a mortal blow at the unions—or the section permitting company unionism, or the section defining legitimate union activities as "unfair labor practices," or the section making it possible for the bosses to have access to the records of trade unions, etc.

No Amendment Will Help
The Vance-Myre bill is such a truly horrible proposal that the only possible attitude organized labor can take to it is one of unyielding hatred of every bit of it. Labor doesn't want the Vance-Myre bill IN ANY FORM. Labor particularly warns its friends against falling for any such game as the Stassen machine is almost sure to pull, whereby meaningless amendments will be placed to the measure and the argument made that "organized labor is unreasonable for opposing it now."

As the St. Paul Union Advocate said last week: "The Vance-Myre proposal is as vicious a bill as the Citizens Alliance ever dared publicly support. It has but one purpose and that is to demoralize and outlaw the trade union movement which has functioned in Minnesota for half a century. It is no less infamous than the Oregon state amendment in its abridgement of civil rights."

"The Republican party is on trial in this piece of legislation and if the present state administration lacks the moral courage to disavow it—it should not complain if organized labor, through its state federation, takes action to place the entire party on its unfair list."

Our inequality materializes our upper class, vulgarizes our middle class, and brutalizes our lower classes.—MATTHEW ARNOLD.

Turn or Go With Omaha 554

Local 554's Union Hall is "nuttin' but the best." Silver, grey and brown is the color scheme that makes it one of the most attractive driver-union halls in the Midwest. The office space is now ample for the first time, allowing for efficient operation of the union's business by the staff.

The pickets are back on at Bekins. In addition, the good brother Kohler of Fidelity is having his naps disturbed by visions of pickets. And apparently the picket line is mighty effective, too! My, how they scream!

Scallions galore to the men who squawk about the union not doing this and not doing that . . . and then fail to show up for picket duty!

When the going gets tough . . . then shall you know who's who. Anybody can be a "good union man" when the finks are taking a whipping. Real union men show their colors when the going gets rough.

The members of the Transfer Section of Local 554 (men who went back to the job and who are getting steady work at the new wage scale) voted to assess themselves to help the brothers who are still on strike. The assessment is \$1.50 per week and it is due and payable on or before Wednesday of each week until the men are all back to work under contract. The motion to assess each man was carried unanimously by the rank and file. There is a real tribute to the MEN of Local 554. We pledged to stick together, and we have given the world an inspiring sight of honest loyalty. Omaha long has needed a Union to show the unorganized workers how to stick together. We got it in Local 554.

Mace Brown is the candidate of organized Labor. He has been endorsed by the trade union movement. In our opinion the trade union movement must control its candidates. The Central Labor Union should adopt a program of political demands and should insist that Mace run on that platform and be bound by it. That will make Mace Brown the candidate of organized Labor in a fuller sense.

We have had our quarrels with Mace Brown. We don't expect him to be right every time in the future. Probably we will have very sharp differences, if and when he is elected. But we know this: that as the candidate of the Unions, Mace will be more responsive to the pressure of the Unions. It will be up to the Unions to see that Mace does a good job for the workers of Omaha. Incidentally . . . it will be necessary to ELECT him first. That means you had better REGISTER TO VOTE.

The Roberts route men still are a headache . . .

Irv and Dale are screaming for action. Lots of men at Roberts want action. Some have proposed that we picket the Roberts' men on their Council Bluffs routes, if they hang out of the Union. Sioux City is planning an organization campaign. Gordon Robert's is facing the problem . . . leave the job half done, or finish it. He'd better finish the job or he'll be finished.

The bakery boys are getting passionate. Betcha they have a turnout at this next meeting. And the hall is all decorated for them . . . all except the plush rugs! They are going to ask for more dough, (no, not in the bread), for seniority, for limited hours of work and a few other points.

Butler Bros. Workers to Discuss Pact
Employees of the Butler Bros. company, members of Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316, will meet Monday, April 3rd, 8 p. m., in the first floor hall at union headquarters. The meeting will discuss the agreement to be presented to the management when the present agreement expires.

The millionaire starts in as a foreman in a can factory. Bye and bye he learns that one of the men working for him has invented a top that you can open with a pair of scissors, and he throws him down and takes it away from him. "He's a robber," you say? He is while the other man is down. But when he gets up, he's a magnate.—PETER FINLEY DUNNE, On Success.

My fatherland is every land.—JESUS CHRIST.

On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1) against fascism and company guards. They want Union Defense Guards to protect their organizations and "not goon squads against union men." They propose a real fight against subversive labor legislation such as has just been passed by the Michigan legislature.

The Third Group objects to the use of the "Red Scare" "as a device of the employers either when used by the outright reactionaries or by the Communist Party reactionaries." A just indictment against the Communist Party which has itself been the victim of the "Red Scare" many times in the past. Now they are more reactionary than the most reactionary of the bosses. It is a real indictment against a so-called revolutionary party when a group of rank and file workers can link them directly with the bosses in a red scare.

The last plank of the program calls for a constitutional amendment providing for a referendum on elections and all important officers and recall of all International Officers. The adoption of such a plank would eliminate the farce of last fall when Martin was expelling ninety percent of the Executive Board and they in turn were expelling him. It got so confused that at last no one knew who was expelling who or who had the right to expell who.

If—and it is not without the realms of possibility—this program could be adopted the UAW would be on its way back out of the morass into which it has been driven by the Martins and the Frankensteens. Unless something

comes of this convention, unless the union is given back into the hands of the union members and taken away from the Stalinists, the Lewis-Roosevelt political machine, unless the union can go ahead again on a program based on a fight to the finish against the workers' real enemies—the bosses—then the future of the UAW is indeed black.

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COMING EVENTS

The Sharecroppers' Story
—Howard Kester, field organizer for the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, will speak on Saturday, April 1st, 8 p. m., in the Dyckman Hotel Grill Room under the auspices of the Workers Defense League. This is National Sharecroppers Week.

Workers Forum—Carlos Hudson will speak on "What is the Labor Party Outlook Locally?" at the Workers Sunday Forum, 919 Marquette Avenue, Sunday, April 2nd, 3 p. m.

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 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Thursday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesdays each month.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesdays. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 1859 Casket Industry—Feb. 14. J. R. Clark Section—Feb. 15. Puffer-Hubbard Section—Feb. 16. American Excelsior—Feb. 21. Twin City Stewards—Feb. 13 and 27. Grievance Board—Feb. 13 and 27. Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday night, 8 p. m. General Membership—March 1. Executive Board, Local 20481—Feb. 6. General Membership—March 1.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m. Thursday each month.	LOCAL 544 APRIL Monday, April 3—Package Delivery; Department Store; Wednesday, April 5—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, April 6—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, April 7—Job Stewards Monday, April 10—General Membership Wednesday, April 12—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, April 14—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Sunday, April 16—Over-the-Road, 10 a. m. Monday, April 17—Furniture Store; Coal Wednesday, April 19—Building Material Thursday, April 20—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, April 21—Job Stewards Monday, April 24—Spring Water Tuesday, April 25—Sand and Gravel Thursday, April 27—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, April 28—Cold Storage Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
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