

Don't Fail to Register by Saturday -- Vote for Labor's Candidates May 8th

A New Stage in the Bosses' Fight Against Organized Labor (An Editorial)

The Stassen labor bill—a venomous piece of anti-labor legislation that can only be compared to the Oregon union-smashing labor bill—has now passed both houses and only awaits the signature of the governor, who has already let it be known that the bill in its final form is "one he can accept."

We can disregard the oily words of Stassen and the boss-minded political commentators who seek to sell this bill to the workers of this state. What this bill means to every person who toils for a living can be garnered from a study of the bill's provisions, made elsewhere in this issue.

What every worker must understand is that the passage of Stassen's version of the Vance-Myre bill, the draft of which originated in the councils of the bosses' associations in Minneapolis and St. Paul, marks a new stage in the fight of the employers against the labor movement.

In 1934 the Minneapolis union movement, with the General Drivers Union as the spearhead, cracked the open-shop regime of the Citizens Alliance. In the intervening years, the labor movement proceeded to unionize the toilers of this city and state. Each forward step taken by the unions has met with increasing resistance from the Citizens Alliance crowd.

The same open-shoppers who were defeated in 1934 are now in control of the Stassen administration. What they failed to do with their open-shop policies in 1934 and the years since then, they now seek to do with the Stassen bill. These bosses haven't changed a hair since 1934. Their aim, now and then, is to smash the power of organized labor, batter the union movement down, launch a wage-slashing drive on all fronts, and pinion the arms of labor.

In general, what is now taking place in Minnesota is being repeated in other states, in the nation as a whole. In state after state, the bosses are seeking to do what they have accomplished in Minnesota—hog-tie the unions with state labor bills. In Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and other states, the same sort of fight is being waged. The policy of "business appeasement" now being pursued by the national administration is part of this same picture.

Confronted with this new situation, the union movement must prepare immediately for the defensive struggles that lie ahead. It goes without saying that no labor bill can do what is claimed for the Stassen bill. You can't legislate out of existence the worker's need for decent wages, the worker's aspiration for a better life. Only the brutality of fascism, accompanied by the mass murder of millions of trade unionists, could do this—and even then, not forever.

Organized labor in this state must find the way to close its ranks. It must prepare to challenge the drastic measures of the Stassen bill—in the courts and in the factories and workshops. The great union movement in this state is not going to commit suicide, is not going to voluntarily place its head under the ax.

Standard Oil Co. Methods Scored

New evidence of the Shylock methods by which the Standard Oil company bleeds its lessees came to light this week. From the Filling Station Operators Union Local 979 of Kansas City, Missouri, came news that the union has placed the Standard Oil company on its "We do not patronize" list because of the extremely unsatisfactory experiences with Standard Oil in that city. In Sioux City and other midwest cities it was learned that the union movement is having much the same trouble with Standard Oil.

Standard Oil lessees in Minneapolis have related the unsavory methods they are forced to put up with from this company. Last summer, in preparation for its move to cut the margins of the lessees, Standard shifted its lessees throughout the city so that in case any one of them protested the move it would be difficult for them to notify their old customers.

Lessees Who Pay

In October the company told the lessees that, because their margin was too high, the price of Standard gas was too high. Therefore, the company proceeded to cut the lessee's margin on each gallon from 4c to 3½c, demanding that the lessee pass the cut on to the public. In other words, the company by this move saddled the costs of its campaign to preserve its position in the industry on the backs of the lessees. Most of the major oil companies are still maintaining the 4c margin to their lessees.

In other cities, the Standard Oil campaign against its lessees has been pushed much further, to the point where the whole industry has been thrown into turmoil and anarchy. In Kansas City, for instance, the margin is already down to 3c. In other cities it is down to 2c. In self-defense, the other major companies tend to follow suit, with the result that none of the lessees can make a living nor pay the attendants a decent union wage. Everyone in the industry except the companies is ground down under the worst sort of exploitation. In the towns, such as Chicago, where the margin has been forced down to as low as 2c, the turnover for lessees is terrific. Every sixty days a station changes hands and no one makes a living—except, of course, the company

5 Standard Oil Stations Fair

The following five Standard Oil stations are fair to the union movement. The gas is delivered to these stations by trucks manned by Local 544 drivers. The lessees and the station attendants are members in good standing of Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977:

3601 Nicollet Avenue
2705 Nicollet Avenue
1722 Central Avenue
1400 East Lake Street
702 10th Street South

which doesn't dream of cutting its profits by so much as a penny.

Forced Merchandising

The Standard Oil company, like most monopolies, utilizes forced merchandising methods with its lessees. For instance the company will demand of the dealer that he take a certain number of tires and batteries. He is told he has forty days, say, to pay for them. He has no recourse but to bow his head and accept the orders of the company. This vicious practice was first utilized by Ford against his dealers, and is now being practiced by the Standard Oil colossus against its lessees.

Unionism the Answer

Only a strong union movement embracing the drivers, lessees, and attendants of Standard Oil and the other companies in the industry can ever force these chiseling methods out of the field and can win and maintain a decent return to the lessee, the attendants, and the drivers. In Minneapolis the lessees are joining the Lessee Section of Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977, to unify all those in the industry in a common front against the company.

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FIVE CENTS

Candidate In First Ward Well Known

Syl Bosky, who has been endorsed by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council as candidate for alderman in the first ward, is a member of Milk Drivers Union Local 471 which he has represented as a delegate to the Central Labor Union; a member of the PNA Commercial Club which he has served as vice president, secretary-treasurer, financial secretary and member of the board of directors; and a member of the Polish White Eagles group No. 1.

Born and reared in the first ward, he is 40 years old, married and the father of two children. He is now appealing to the residents of his native district for their support in his candidacy as alderman.

Mr. Bosky attended the parochial and public schools of his district. He served in the army during the world war. Mr. Bosky's friends declare he "is honest, efficient, courageous and well qualified to represent the working people of the first ward in the city council."

Local 160's Big Dance Saturday

One of the really big social events of the Spring will occur this Saturday night, April 22nd, at the Eastside Eagles Hall, when the Utility Workers Union Local 160 presents its annual benefit dance, proceeds of which will go to the union sick committee and to giving a summer picnic and a Christmas party for the kids.

The affair will be a double-decked carnival of fun, with Ken DeVillier's orchestra playing modern music on the third floor, and Tommy Thompson's orchestra presenting old-time music on the second floor. Both halls are gaily decorated for the occasion. There will be many prizes and a good time is promised all. Tickets are 40c.

Plumbing Supply Houses, 20316 In Negotiations

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 continued negotiations this week with the bosses of the plumbing supply industry. The union is demanding a 40-hour week at the same wage formerly paid for 44 hours. Some of the bosses have indicated their willingness to grant this; however, others are objecting this would increase operating costs too much.

A conference has been arranged between all the employers and representatives of the union. The union will remain firm in its position of reducing the work week without reducing the weekly pay.

Funeral Directors Receive Contracts from Local 912

The forty-six mortuary establishments in Minneapolis received copies of a proposed working agreement from the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 this week. The contracts went out on Tuesday by registered mail. Only one firm—the Davies Mortuary—refused to accept the registered letter.

The contract calls for a weekly wage of \$24; the 10-hour day, six-day week, with time and one-half for overtime; strict seniority, etc.

Local 912's proposed agreement has received the approval of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

In a letter enclosed with the agreement, Local 912 asks all funeral directors to sign the contract within ten days. A list of all mortuaries signing the pact will be published in the Organizer in the near future.

Land O'Lakes Members to Meet Friday

The Negotiating Committee of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 has called a special meeting of all employees at the Land o' Lakes creamery, including members of the Girl's Division, to be held this Friday, April 21st, 8 p. m., in the third-floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue. All members are asked to realize the importance of this meeting and to attend without fail.

The negotiating committee on Tuesday began the work of drafting the proposed new agreement.

At the Tuesday meeting of Local 471 Henry Hendrickson was the lucky member whose number was drawn at the end of the meeting. This will take care of Brother Hendrickson's dues and assessments for May. Before Henry's number was drawn, the following were drawn: 342, 286, 928, 1118. Because none of the foregoing was present, Hendrickson was the winner.

Yellow Cab Signs in Des Moines

The 17-day strike of Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90 against the Yellow Cab company was ended Tuesday, April 11th, when agreement was reached for a closed-shop contract and wage increases that will bring the cab drivers a weekly guarantee of \$18 for a 9-hour day, six-day week, with a 43 per cent commission of the turn-in. The company will furnish the gas for the cabs. Eighty-six drivers were involved in the tie-up.

The Milk Drivers Union Local 387 of Des Moines is now campaigning for the passage of a city ordinance that would permit milk to be delivered only between the hours of 6 a. m. to 3 p. m. during the spring and summer, and between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. in the winter months. At present, during the summer season—April to October—milk drivers start their routes as early as 2 a. m.

FWS Urged To Prepare For Fight

The regular monthly membership meeting of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 held last Friday filled to capacity the large auditorium on third floor of the Drivers headquarters.

An enthusiastic audience listened to Max Geldman who gave the main report of the evening on the future of WPA. Brother Geldman stressed the apparent disintegration of WPA and its probable substitution by some other form of work relief. He spoke of the Byrnes bill, now before congress which sets as an appropriation for the coming fiscal year, the figure \$1,500,000—this to take care of WPA, PWA, CCC, and NYA, and any other new alphabetical soup which may be evolved to feed to the unemployed workers. During the last fiscal year it was necessary for congress to make two additional appropriations in order to carry just WPA through to July 1, 1939. In all, by the end of June, WPA will have used up \$2,325,000,000. Even with this huge sum at its command, WPA purged its rolls three times in order to pare them down to their present quota.

If the Byrnes bill passes, more than a million workers will be dropped from WPA this summer. Geldman also stressed the necessity of the organized labor movement and the organized unemployed keeping themselves in readiness for a militant struggle to keep WPA going. It will be the order of the day for demonstrations, sit-ins in relief and WPA offices, parades, delegations to Washington, in order to impress the powers-that-be that the unemployed of America do not intend to submit to a program based on an even lower subsistence level than now exists.

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Ruberoid Roof Pact Readied

Negotiations between the Warehouse Union and the Ruberoid Roofing company have gained several concessions for the employes. A meeting of Ruberoid workers will be held this week to ratify the agreement.

Labor's Political Campaign Launched

664 Members—Attention!

A special order of business, to deal with finances, will be called at 9 p. m. April 27th, Thursday. The Executive Board of the City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 has met and prepared a report which will be presented to the meeting.

Inasmuch as this deals with wages and working conditions of every member of our union, it becomes the duty of all to attend this meeting, participate in the discussion and vote on the issues. Members not present will be bound by the action taken by the majority.

Executive Board,
City and Sanitary Drivers
Union Local 664

FWS Sets Up Committee For Olson

At a meeting held Tuesday night at 257 Plymouth Avenue, a special Federal Workers Section "Morris Olson Campaign Committee" was set up to work for the re-election of Morrie as short-term alderman from the 10th Ward.

The following FWS members, all living in the Tenth Ward, will function on the committee: Roy Orton, W. Albertson, Donald Baker, Roy Gellhaye, Ray Atkinson, John Pease, Victor Erickson, Betty Neslund, T. Neslund, Leonard Kiesling, H. Cooper, R. Duvall, George Morseth, Louis Fondow, and Louis White.

Speakers at Tuesday's meeting were County Commissioner I. G. Scott, Morris Olson, and Miles Dunne.

The FWS Olson Committee will meet each Tuesday night at 257 Plymouth between now and the end of the campaign to direct the work. The Committee will be responsible for covering every home in the ward.

A letter has already gone out to all members of the Federal Workers Section in the ward pointing out the splendid record made in the city council by Brother Olson and the need for keeping him in his present post.

Buzza Company Refuses Demands Of Local 20316

The management of the Buzza company has refused to grant its employes, members of the Warehouse Union, a 42-hour week at the same weekly pay as for 44 hours. The members of the union have voted authority to the executive board to take whatever action it may deem advisable to win the demands of the union.

F-L and Trade Union Campaign Committee Completes Labor Slate—Harold Seavey Named Campaign Manager—All Unions Urged to Make Generous Contributions to Campaign—Saturday Is Last Day to Register—Campaign Headquarters Being Readied

With the ferocious Stassen labor bill now only awaiting Stassen's signature, labor forces in Minneapolis closed ranks this week on the political field and prepared for the most important city election struggle in many years. With the state machinery entirely in the hands of the Stassen-Associated Industries gang, the imperative need for a labor victory in the municipal elections was driven home to every worker with a mind of his own.

The LABOR SLATE

Following is the list of candidates endorsed by the labor caucus. If every union member will accept personal responsibility to do his share in the campaign, it is certain that every labor candidate listed below will be elected by a wide margin.

Mayor — T. A. Eide (on withdrawal card from Milk Drivers Union Local 471).

City Treasurer—John Reihner (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees).

Board of Estimate and Taxation—Al Hanson (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees).

Park Commissioners—J. J. (Jerry) Cremers (Business agent, Milk Haulers Association); Charles F. Kelsey (Musicians Union); H. G. Knight.

Library Director — Mrs. Margaret Larson (International Ladies Garment Workers Union); Roger L. Olson (Bakers Union Local 222).

School Board—Mrs. Walter M. Lewis (Railroad Mechanics Auxiliary); Roy Weir (organizer, Central Labor Union); short term, Owen Cunningham.

ALDERMEN

Third Ward—John Simcoe (Firefighters Union, retired).

Fifth Ward — Wm. M. Schumacher (Electrical Workers Union Local 292).

Sixth Ward — Albert G. Bastia (Bookbinders Union).

Seventh Ward—Lyman F. Johnson.

Ninth Ward — Andrew Gisslen (Blacksmith Union).

Tenth Ward—short term, Morris Olson (Local 544); long term, Stanley Anderson (Painters Union Local 386).

Eleventh Ward—John A. Nelson (Painters Union Local 386).

Twelfth Ward—Michael J. Foley (Plaster Tenderers Union).

Clip This List

Dy-dee Wash Hurt by Fink Stand

The management of the Dy-dee Wash company continued its extremely hostile attitude towards the labor movement during the week, but at apparently devastating cost to its business. Representatives of Local 131 continued to follow the fink trucks in order to get the addresses of the drivers stops so that the Laundry Drivers Union can notify customers of the true state of affairs at the Dy-dee company.

During one day, it was reported the Dy-dee drivers made only three deliveries in thirty miles of driving. On Tuesday afternoon one of the finks made deliveries to only 7 stops after 40 miles of driving. This clearly indicates that scores of customers have been repelled from the Dy-dee company due to their labor-hating attitude.

From the reports coming in from all sections of the union movement, unionists are showing more active interest in this campaign than they have in any political struggle for many, many years. If this interest is maintained, there is no question but what the Associated Industries can be driven from the courthouse, and the entire labor slate placed in office.

Calling All 289 Kittenball Men

Contestants for the 1939 kittenball team of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 are to meet at 4 p. m. Wednesday, April 26th, at Diamond No. 19 at the Parade Grounds. Local 289 is furnishing new uniforms for the team this year. Joe O'Hare is in charge.

Stassen's Idea of 'A New Approach To the Problems of Labor Relations'

Following are the more important provisions of Stassen's labor bill:

1. Appointment by Stassen of a labor conciliator for a 4-year term, at a salary of \$4,500. With this method of appointment and with this salary, you can figure whether such a conciliator would be apt to see labor's side.
2. Every union is required to give 10 days' written notice before negotiations with the employer, and before strikes. This gives the bosses sufficient time to prepare to break the strike and undermine the union.
3. In industries "of public interest"—and this is a sweeping clause—in which a dispute occurs,

Stassen can appoint a commission of three to investigate. The commission can take 30 days to file its report, during which time the union marks time.

4. It is an unfair labor practice for any union to institute a strike if the calling of such strike is in violation of a union agreement, and if the employer is complying in good faith with the agreement. Presumably, the conciliator will decide whether the employer is complying in good faith with the contract.
5. It is an unlawful act for a union to strike in violation of the "waiting period."
6. The sit-down strike is unlawful.

7. It is unlawful for a worker to join a picket line, unless the majority of persons engaged in picketing are employes of said place. The bill of course doesn't place any such limitation on the bosses. If one boss is being struck, all the other bosses can pitch in and help him, as is the custom.
8. It is unlawful for more than one person to picket each single entrance of any plant where no strike is in progress.
9. It is unlawful to interfere with a vehicle or a driver when neither is party to a strike. The bill says the bosses can bring in a thousand fink trucks to break a strike—and it's unlawful for the union to interfere in any way.

10. It is unlawful for any union or union organizer "to attempt to compel anyone to join or refrain from joining any labor organization against his will."
11. It shall be unlawful . . . to interfere with the free and uninterrupted use of public roads . . . or conveyance, or wrongfully obstruct ingress to or egress from any place of business."
12. Whenever any unlawful act is threatened, a suit to enjoin may be maintained in the district court.

These are the major provisions of Stassen's bill. The governor can well be proud of the job he has done—for the employers of this state. The bill will be further analyzed in future issues.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

'Paper Sales' Increase Traffic Hazards



The life of one Minneapolis kid isn't worth all the money brought in by the paper sales periodically forced on the grade school students of Minneapolis. The above picture, snapped one morning last week, shows a group of kids from the Blaine school dragging paper to school across Plymouth Avenue and Third. Notice how unaware the children are of the truck bearing down upon them. Scenes like this are repeated throughout the city during the "paper sale" period. In many cases the paper is collected during the time of day when the usual school traffic precautions are not in effect. All parents should protest to the school board, school principals, and the health department against the dangerous and unhealthy custom of "paper sales."

544 Youth Carry Fight On NYA Cuts

Using "insufficient funds" as an excuse, the National Youth Administration has been seeking to force through large cuts on the program in Minneapolis, which would throw many boys and girls out of their NYA jobs and back on the family budget. The Youth Section of Local 544's Federal Workers Section has been successful in preventing such indiscriminate firing. Practically all of the workers whose cases have been taken up by the Youth Section have been reinstated on the job. Many of the NYA workers have learned through recent bitter experience that, whether working for a governmental agency or a private boss, organization is the only way in which they can protect themselves against being fired at the whim of the employer. The Youth Section is determined to prevent a single one of its members from being sacrificed to the bosses' drive against work relief.

Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man. I don't see why anyone should blame the employers. I guess they've suffered just as much as the rest of us during this depression.

Lullabye Strikers Hold Out For Full Seniority Rights

Stevens Point, Wis.—Negotiations between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1805 and the Lullabye Furniture corporation, which started last Friday and Saturday, were to be resumed April 21st.

Local 1805 had called a two-day strike against the Lullabye firm March 1st in protest against the management's refusal to bargain with the union and to observe decent seniority rules. When the workers returned to the factory at the end of the two-day protest, the company had called a lockout.

Last week the company proposed that the plant be opened upon the completion of a new agreement, but that the workers would be hired back, not according to seniority but "at the option of the employer."

On April 14th the union members met and voted down this proposal in short order.

Seniority BUT—The company's second proposal was little improvement. As to seniority, it proposed that "the firm will be bound by no compulsory rules of strict seniority in offering employment. It is their intention to consider (1) seniority; (2) needs of the job, and (3) ability of the employee," etc. Such a clause has a hole in it wide enough to march an army through.

On Monday, April 17th, the company proposed in a letter to the union that the question of whether there was a strike at the Lullabye plant, and whether the strike was in violation of the union contract, be submitted to arbitration. In case the arbitration decision is that "the company is bound to take back all employees, then all employees will be rehired as and when needed."

With this proposal as a basis, arbitration is to be resumed this Friday. John Janasco of Minneapolis will sit in with the negotiating committee of Local 1805.

Confronted with the present situation, Local 1805 is working out a plan designed to unite the workers in the plant around a program for strict seniority, wage increases, better working conditions and the amalgamation of the two United Brotherhood of Carpenters locals.

Call for Unity. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the United Brotherhood of Carpenters has granted a new beneficial charter, Local 2254, to Joerns workers not members of Local 1805, which has a non-beneficial charter from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

The company is refusing to deal with either union and is demanding a 20c hourly cut in wages. Local 1805 had called a strike against this labor-hating firm on March 17th, in protest against the company's refusal to deal with the union, and its attempts to set up a phoney company union.

Card of Thanks. Thank you for your comforting expression of sympathy. Sincerely, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Stepp and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Young.

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Mrs. Ann Hanson, FWS Steward, Passes Away

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 mourned at the death of Mrs. Ann Hanson, one of the FWS stewards, who passed away last Friday.

Gassing With 977

Any member who is not getting the Organizer should call the office of the Local and check on the home address.

The Lessees have only until May 1st to come in before an initiation fee is set.

R. W. Carlson, attendant at the Cromwell Standard station, First Ave. and Eighth St. N., has been in the Franklin hospital; his condition is reported as improved.

Of interest to all Lessees is the decision by the group that their membership meetings will be "closed" meetings; admittance will be by the 1939 membership card.

Curtis Lemberg returned his withdrawal card to the office and goes to work at Western Oil and Fuel. R. G. Thompson is off of withdrawal and back to work at Barber Oil and H. Durant at Ackerman's Zephyr Station, 601 8th St. S.

John and Joe Mullen, attendants at the Webb station at Lake and Hiawatha, paid reinstatement fines and all back dues, and are now members in good standing in the Local.

New members initiated this week are: D. Braeger, Kramer Tire, 2614 E. Lake St.; Fred Nelson, Phillips, 38th and 24th St.; D. Almendinger, Shell, 4500 E. 38th St.; Geo. Holland, Phillips, 38th and Portland; P. Warchol, Shell, 1851 Central Ave.; C. Tilseth, Tydol, 27th and Riverside; W. Heady, Phillips, 620 E. Hennepin; J. Lyon, Pure, 4601 Bloomington Ave.

New Lessee members this week are: R. Loitz, Phillips, 2650 Central Ave.; R. Vanderlich, Skelly, 3804 Cedar Ave.; L. Rodeske, Phillips, 3662 Minnehaha Ave.; H. Ostmo, Tydol, 558 40th Ave. N. E.; J. Blanchett, Phillips, 2117 E. 38th St.; L. Lloyd, Husky, 2235 Riverside; L. Brandenburg, Shell, 2628 E. Franklin Ave.; R. Kirkpatrick, Shell, 1499 1st Ave. S.; L. Gilyard, Shell, 300 Bryant Ave. N. E.; M. Dahl, Phillips, 729 8th St. S.; V. Panke, Shell, 424 E. 24th St.; C. Grimmer, Phillips, 5409 Lyndale Ave. S.; W. Engberg, Pure, 4400 Nicollet Ave.; O. Brekhus, Shell, 3744 15th Ave. S.

Independent Truck Chatter

By Richard F. Hornig. With bids on WPA down to 80c and \$1 per hour at this time, we wonder what will be the state of affairs by June 30th.

Who is to blame? We can point our fingers at the big army man, Colonel Harrington, at Glatbach who sits in the big chair in St. Paul, and at Larry Richards who is the director of WPA affairs in five counties. To prove that these generals are responding to the pressure of big business to destroy our wage scales, you have only to follow their maneuvers.

When the majority of truckers stuck tight for \$1.60 an hour, what did the generals do? They ordered another letting, with the alibi the first bid showed collusion. For the second bid, they refused to give employment to any individual who bid \$1.60.

Before March 6th, WPA had 560 trucks working in Hennepin County. These trucks rotated, of course, but their drivers fed 560 families. Thanks to the above-named generals, close to 460 of these families are on the unemployed list and a good share are already on direct relief, where they will be followed soon by the remainder.

In fact, people from outside the county are in here working now, while local residents are on the relief rolls.

It must be remembered that these generals and their predecessors put the majority of the 560 men in the trucking industry in the first place. Today they are not willing to listen to their plea for employment.

We can certainly raise the question: What is the WPA set-up for, anyhow? To put people on relief—or to give them gainful employment?

Civil Service is taking applications for truck drivers. Come down to the union hall and register.

Negotiating With Janney, Semple Co.

Negotiations have been opened between the management of the Janney, Semple, Hill company and Warehouse Union Local 20316. The union is demanding a preferential shop and a 40-hour work week.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore. Let us take a little peek into the future and see what the bosses have in store for us. In Washington, D. C., last week standard wages, by the hour and week, were enacted into laws covering wood-ware workers in plants to be favored with wartime government contracts. Don't laugh when you read this, folks, this is serious business. The wages were set at 35c an hour and not over \$14 a week. Now if you can just keep out of the army it won't take long to pile up a nest egg for old age. Heaven will always help the working man.

All through the dreary day he toils and moils but when evening comes—ah, that's another matter. And so Klas Kalgren tripped the light fantastic in one of the better spots on Lake Street a week ago come Tuesday.

Prowlers prow, owner howls. Fried Diedrick couldn't get into his car last Monday morning. Scamps had broken the lock during the night.

Some things that are but shouldn't be: It is easy enough to divide the common people one against another over a political issue. Somehow they always have great difficulty in making both ends meet, that is, in making their wages meet the cost of living. Those who want wages to come up to the cost of living join hands with the Republicans and those who want the cost of living to come down to wages make common cause with the Democrats, or vice versa. But what these poor benighted devils always seem to overlook is that, in the absence of disturbing elements, the wages of the workers are always determined by the cost of living. Where living is high, wages are high. Where living is cheap, wages are low. Whatever it costs to produce the labor power of the worker will, in the absence of disturbing elements, be his wages. In case you are in doubt what is meant by a disturbing element, it could be taken to mean a good strong union.

It takes a certain amount of beans, cabbage, meat, bread and potatoes to supply labor power in a worker, just as it takes so many ears of corn to supply horsepower in a horse, and the cost of this fuel will be the size of wages in each case. This thing is called "the iron law of wages." While it is iron alright, it can be heated and then bent and hammered out, but when the heating and hammering stops it soon cools down to hard iron again.

Turn out to the next meeting, folks, like you did to the last one and let's keep the heat on and hammer away for all we are worth. A worker in the St. Paul Hydraulic Hoist company was talking to the steward one day last week. Worker: Why should I pay dues in this union? I ain't gonna pay no more dues. I'm gonna save that dough. Steward: Tell me how you figure. Maybe we can both save money.

Worker: Well, look here, I'm an experienced man. I've been here 20 years and I can work anywhere in the plant. I can do any job in the place so why should I pay dues? Steward: Well, maybe you got something at that, but when we were negotiating the last contract,

Wife of Alderman A. R. Gisslen Dies

Officials of the Teamsters Joint Council expressed their sorrow upon learning Tuesday of the death of Mrs. A. R. Gisslen, wife of Alderman Gisslen. Mrs. Gisslen had been ill for some time. She died at Northwestern hospital.

Local No. 383

By Don Casper. Brother Howard Titus is on the sick list; we all hope for a speedy recovery. Keep your chin up and you will be around soon.

Orval Grant is in the hospital with the amputation of a limb. Local 383 sends you our condolence and wishes to give you any assistance possible.

The boss at Davidson's called all the men in again and the big shot offered the excuse that he never knew anything about the two furniture men getting \$14 a week so he raised their wages \$3 per week. The boys told him they couldn't do or say anything about it now that the Union was handling their business for them. He came across with the raise anyway. Kinda funny the men at Davidson's get raises so easy now, without even asking.

The old Miller, Barner Rosenthal, raised his men to \$24 per week. With no contract. Ain't that nice.

Amos should work nights instead of days as Dr. gets all the girls. Yippee! Not bad for 72 years young.

Ray Brown is setting nice these days with Boyer Coal Co.; his boss goes out and finds a job for him, so his fins can work all summer. His boss says he has always lived up to seniority so why put it in a contract. Isn't that a laugh?

Cecil Gilbert is a back pay artist. He is really a hear no evil, speak no evil and see no evil. But don't work overtime as he is on the job.

The boys at Continental are wondering when Van Wank is going to take the candy machine to Sheldon. He gets everything else he wants so he might as well take that.

These little write-ups must be taking effect on Ed Howell; we notice he isn't getting to work much before 7 a. m. now.

Well, here is the choice bit of the week: Howard Fouts, he is getting old you know, got married last week. Congratulations!

All assessments are due before May 1, 1939.

the boss said he would like to get rid of some of the old fossils. Worker: Did he say that? Why the dirty so-and-so. I'll show him. Gimme a button.

And so, ladies and gentlemen, we live and we learn.

Diamondball practice for Local 1859 will be held this Saturday, April 22nd, 2 p. m., at Parade Grounds 22. All aspiring players report there to Cy Paulson, union athletic director.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze. Am sorry to admit it, but a cold prevented me from attending the last regular meeting, so am stymied insofar as column material is concerned. Hearsay has it that some rather violent argument developed from certain recommendations of the grievance board last meeting, and the points at issue will be brought up for reconsideration in the near future. Drag 'em in, boys.

Bro. Seavey has been named campaign manager of the Farmer-Labor Party in the coming city election. They keep Harold busy these days but he seems to thrive on it.

I note that our governor always comes to the defense of Labor AFTER some particularly vicious piece of labor legislation has passed either house or senate. Why doesn't he get noisy about it before its passage? I dare say the only impression he makes on the working man is a decidedly bad one.

Those of you who own a little home would do well to dispose of it long before you are eligible for old age pension. The State now can make you pay the face value of your property in taxes every 12 to 15 years and also make you sign it over to the state or go hungry in your old age. Either way you lose, just as you will lose from ANY legislation spawned on Capitol Hill during the next two years.

Bro. Axel, "the Moose" Anderson is getting to be a specialist in sterilizing. He prefers boiling to any other method.

Bro. Fischer is very Packard-conscious this spring. However, he doesn't allow this complex to interfere with his coin collecting which, incidentally, was very successful last week.

If the Park Commissioners really desire to bring Minneapolis parks to attention of the country as a whole, I suggest this precedent—plant plenty of dogwood trees (outside) the parks and about a hundred yards from every bathing beach in town. It might alleviate certain conditions which annoy those who believe that parks and beaches should be used exclusively by humans.

All Park employees will be called back Monday, April 17th. Gutter, leaf raking and snow-fence crews are going full blast.

Bro. Howie Shaughnessy is evidently a lover of music or grand opera or sumpin'. All last week

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St. Cloud and Willmar Attend TJC Meeting

Under the new Teamsters Joint Council set-up in Minnesota where-by the state is divided into three sections headed by the Teamsters Councils in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, the first meeting of the Minneapolis Council was held last Friday. Drivers unions in St. Cloud and Willmar sent their delegates to the Council meeting. The regular business was transacted, and the Minneapolis Council also gave its official indorsement to the candidacy of Morris Olson for alderman in the Tenth Ward, short term.

Johantgen Co. Still Unfair To Local 103

The Johantgen Jewelers, 1016 W. Broadway, is still on the unfair list of Watchmakers Union Local 103. This company persists in fighting the union with the weapon of intimidation and of violating its union contract. Local 103 asks all members of organized labor and their friends to refuse patronage to the Johantgen company and to patronize those firms that have signed with the union.

Pig Latin is getting a big play this season among the boys on the various crews. It comes in mighty handy in the transmission of derogatory remarks and insults across the vast open spaces of the Rose Garden area. The roses are not yet in bloom, which explains the sad lack of blushes which should accompany these little exchanges of repartee.

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544 Team To Play Winnipeg

Given decent weather this Saturday afternoon, April 22nd, Local 544's baseball team will cross bats with the Winnipeg nine of the Northern League in a practice game in the ball park at Shakopee.

The Winnipeg team is managed by Joe Mowry, former Miller, who has promised to play in the game. Batteries will be Norris Hanson, Ed Crandall, Dick Dubay and John Sodd for the union team, and Pallas, Shupe, J. Smith, Allendorf and Meike for Winnipeg.

A small admission fee will be charged and ball fans are urged to attend.

Local 544 is now attempting to line up a game with the Kansas City Drivers Union Local 41 for the first part of June.

Coffee Cries Local 275

By Don Gustafson

Although the Cook Coffee company is located in St. Paul, they are not signed up with the union in either Minneapolis or St. Paul. We wish to inform all union members that both the Jewel Tea and the Cook Coffee companies are on the unfair list.

President William Youngdahl of our local is getting some nice support from the milk drivers and other various unions in his drive for alderman of the tenth ward (long term). Our local endorsed his candidacy at its last meeting.

Brandanger of the Twin City was taken in as a new member this month and Bradley was taken in on a withdrawal card. Glad to see you back, Phil.

Be sure your dues are paid up, as you cannot collect on sick benefit unless they are paid by the tenth of the month.

The boys are looking forward very much to the coming party. Hank Sundberg is making the arrangements.

By the way, it's going to be a stag—so you fellows will have to be pretty nice to the wives from now on so they'll let you off on that night.

Herman says he doesn't care as he's used to being in the dog house.

In a previous depression President Taft was asked, what is a man to do who is starving and cannot find work? He answered, "God knows."

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

We urge those members wishing to play on the union diamondball team to contact the union office at once. Outdoor practice will begin very shortly. The first game on the schedule comes the week of May 8th. We want to build a team on the basis of sportsmanship and good fellowship, and we want all players who really like to play to come out for the team.

Your union is sponsoring the team and supporting it financially for the sole purpose of the enjoyment of the players and fans in Local 131. There is nothing commercial about our union team, and if any player in our union may be able to cash in on his playing ability with some other club, we do not want him to sacrifice in order to play with Local 131. Whether or not you feel you are of championship calibre, try to make the team this year.

Al Tiden, a former laundry driver and now with the milk drivers, is running for alderman in the ninth ward.

We are still unable to give you the final report on the dance.

Clarence Sandquist of American Linen lost part of a finger last week and is still laid up.

We understand from rumors there is a guy at American Linen who can swing his dukes.

From what has happened in the house on Capitol Hill, labor can see what happens when the forces of reaction obtain the balance of power. This should bring home to us that we should support all the candidates in the coming city elections that have received the endorsement of the Labor forces. We have the chance locally to stage a real comeback, but to do so we must vote and vote right. The final registration date is this Saturday, April 22nd.

The Dy-dee Wash is still that way. The drivers are still packing the artillery, and just as finicky. One of our pickets got in the cooler out at St. Louis Park the other day for a short spell. One day this week the two finks made 3 deliveries in thirty miles of driving.

Norman Carle is back to work.

John Olean, formerly of Troy, is now at Royal. Frank Nelson, formerly of G & K, is also at the Royal, and C. C. Michelson, formerly with G & K, is now at the Anchor.

Of course I knew that some men sank to the very dogs. But I never realized that some are born there.—ALBERT EDWARDS, On Slums.

New car fever is with us again. Ward and Davis have both succumbed to the lure of better transportation.

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Be seeing you at the dance Saturday night.

Delano Co-op Signs With Local 471

Last Saturday the Delano Co-operative Creamery signed an all-union working agreement with the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471, containing provisions in the standard union contract. The Delano pact covers both city salesmen and those employed in the plant.

H. Fouts Takes The Big Step

Just as a passing fancy, Fouts, like the great Skoglund from the North, went out in the field of the weaker sex and picked a blushing bride to become a lifelong partner for a dreary old bachelor.

The Brother Fouts, better known as one of the Wolves from the West, has been the business agent for Local 383 since its childhood days in 1933.

The boys have watched him and noticed a great change in his work. He seems to be going around in a trance and whistling pretty little notes like the robin sings in the spring of the year, as love is in the air.

Watt Notes

We wonder why our good friend "Gus" changed his mind about that trip to Sweden this summer.

Maybe with the Hitler, Mussolini, Chamberlain set-up, "Gus" thinks Europe is a good place to stay away from.

Brother Beriou of the Meter Department took the big step and is now enjoying married life.

The dance committee is working hard to put the dance over in a big way.

We understand several door prizes were picked up by the committee members last Saturday and Monday.

Remember the big dance is this coming Saturday, April 22nd, at the East Side Eagles Hall.

Let's all get behind the committee and help them put it over. Even if we all cannot attend, let's buy tickets and help a good cause.

If the dance is a big success the committee hopes to be able to give the kiddies a picnic this summer and a Christmas party at Christmas time, as well as help the sick committee.

So what do you say we all get behind it and help put it over.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting—General meeting Thursday, April 28th, 7:30 p. m. sharp.

Loren Johnson is winding up the week in a flurry of excitement getting everything set for the big dance and entertainment this Saturday night. The vaudeville acts are all set. The food is all bought. Everything is ready for a good time. Get your tickets now, before you forget, but if you do delay, tickets may be obtained at the door. Doors will open about 8:30 and the dance will start soon afterward.

Carl All, Grennans, is making a nice campaign for alderman in the Third Ward. Carl is a charter member of 289. He has lived in the Third Ward all his life and also worked in the ward for many years, so he is certainly entitled to all the help the members can give him. Furthermore I think it would be quite an honor for our local to have Carl nominated and elected. Let's get out and work for Carl All for alderman of the Third Ward. A laboring man at heart and a laboring man in principal.

Dan O'Connell, Regans, is back on the job this week after his accident, and feeling great, he says.

Harold Russell, Monahans, is certainly slipping or getting old. Sam Ash says he forgot his basket in Anoka and was seen about two miles away driving lickety split down the road with the doors wide open. Maybe he saw Sam Ash coming.

On our trip North last week, Joe and I contacted several old-timers from Minneapolis, among them being Oscar Perix at Princeton who insisted we come up to the house and see the new baby boy. Oscar says he likes the country and wouldn't trade with any of us. Slim Keehn is still holding the fort at St. Cloud doing a good job, and he tells me he might even run for mayor. How do you like that, the big lunk.

Cliff Lindbloom of Continental bowls just a little bit different than the conventional way. Cliff follows the ball right down the alley so he can see what he's doing, he says. At least that's what happened the other night. He went down the alley bouncing on that Milwaukee front of his for all the world like a basketball. You shoulda seen it.

Because of the return engagement of winter, diamondball practice was called off this week. It's been moved up to April 26th on Parade 19, which is Wednesday.

John Commers, Gladness, formerly at Minneapolis but now working out of Duluth, was dreamily on his way to be married, with the license in his pocket and his bride-to-be at his side, when a cop rudely interrupted his reverie and informed him he had gone right smack through a stop sign. He forthwith hailed John before a judge, who fined him five dollars and three bucks costs. After he was all through fining him and stuff, the judge was asked by John if he was a marrying judge. The judge said yes; John said, Why go any further? so the judge did his stuff and John walked out of the courtroom a married man.

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Bowling Season Ends with Bubble, Soft Drinks Tied

The 1939 union bowling league wound up this Monday evening with the Soft Drinks and the Gold Bubble in a tie for first place, each team having won 46 and lost 38. The Gold Bubble bowlers made a mighty last-minute effort to take the odd game from the Soft Drinks.

The Ice Drivers dropped two games to Local 544 but kept a precarious grip on third place. The Meat Drivers blanked Minkins to tie for fourth place with the Bakery Drivers. Local 289 took a double from Liberty Cab.

The 1939 bowling season thus wound up with a most successful year. The final standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Soft Drinks	46	38
Gold Bubble	46	38
Local 221	45	39
Local 289	44	40
Meat Drivers	44	40
Local 544	42	42
Minkins	37	47
Liberty Cab	35	49

With the Limousines

"Home James" Some of the boys have callouses on their hands from the "Spring" snow we had this week, lot of exercise on the business end of the shovel.

Word has been received that one of the members out on Pleasant Ave. S. has had five new cement steps put in, more shoveling now, boy.

Safety item. Observe all traffic rules and law and you won't have to pay any fines or answer any "court" questions.

We're just back from the meeting and what I mean it was a meeting. Be sure to ask some of the boys.

Most all of the boys are returning from their western vacations, but most of them came back without any free tickets to the "Fair."

Did you all see Fred M. since he returned from his trip? Boy, is that boy ever looking swell.

Be sure and attend the next meeting as I have been notified to tell all the members you will receive free beverage, so come one, come all.

The way the dance tickets are selling we are sure there will be a large crowd in attendance at our dance May 23, 1939.

The meeting held Tuesday night was one of the longest sessions we have had in a long time, due to so much important business.

Be sure and wear your union buttons, that's what they were made for, you may get them at the Local office.

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

The negotiating committee first met with the dealers on Tuesday at 3 p. m. This was a starter and it is expected the committee will keep the ball rolling until a settlement is reached. The dealers attended in their usual form (one and all). It had been rumored that this year they would act through a small committee.

Last Friday the stewards met and had a very busy and interesting meeting. It is some job to check over the records and qualifications of new members of our Union. At the next regular meeting the following will be initiated: Lundberg, Manning, Packard, Carlton, Henry, Nelson, Erickson, Norwicke, Anderson, Larson, Troupe, Sadler and Johnson. It has been a long time since Local 471 initiated a "Bakers Dozen." A fitting present for Henry Johnson (chairman of the stewards) would be a nice new gavel. Who knows Henry's birthday?

Local 471 extends its sympathy to Orville Schultz who lost his father and to Wilbur Ford whose mother passed away during the last week.

Is it the milk or what? The Vitamin D's wound up on top in both leagues. Watch out for next season, now that it is homogenized as well. On your route, the best booster for this milk will be the mother who must feed her baby on a formula. They appreciate the smoothness and consistency of this milk. Restaurants report also that patrons commend the half pints very highly.

Congratulations to Leon Thul on the little baby boy. The stewards send their thanks on cigars and refreshments.

At the State University this week they are having a labor conference. This includes all factions involved, capitol, labor (AFL plus CIO) and the public. This is an honest and wholesome program and one place where Organized Labor will in no way be cut down. If the legislature had operated on this plan we might have a labor relations law free of class distinction and hatred. The issue of the Minnesota Daily of last Friday reminds one very much of the Northwest Organizer. The film of the Little Steel Strike was shown several times. Moneyed interests were able to ban this film of actual happenings from the regular screen.

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Jewel Box Signs With Local 103

The Watchmakers Union Local 103 has announced that the Jewel Box, new jewelry company at 822 Nicollet avenue, signed up immediately with the union when presented with a union agreement. The Jewel Box carries a wide assortment of watches, jewelry and silverware and is anxious to cater to union men and women.

A Few Meter Readers Still Don't See Light

All housewives in union homes are urged to ask meter readers for the electric company for their union cards, and to refuse admission to any reader without a card.

There are still a few meter readers in the electric company who haven't seen the light.

Housewives in this city don't have to worry about the meter readers from the Minneapolis Gas company. The Gas Workers Union Local 20490 has a closed shop agreement, and all the meter readers are union men and proud of it.

With Shovel and Tongs Local 221

Brother Walfred Nelson of Cedar Lake Ice, Nicollet plant, is at the Deaconess hospital recuperating from pneumonia which has had him in bed for a long spell. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back soon.

With this kind of weather a lot of the boys are wondering whether we should be icemen or Eskimos.

Anyone out on withdrawal card at present, be sure to bring it in for renewal by June 1st, 1939. After that, all old cards out will be cancelled. This measure is taken to protect the men in the industry now, so be sure and act at once on this matter to insure your present card.

A. Mahre, a member of Local 221, is running for alderman in the Seventh Ward, and requests the support of his brother members.

The Ice Drivers bowling team wound up the season in second place, which isn't so bad (or so good, either). Pop Hedin (Russ to you) finished the season high man on the team. How-can-you-hit-them-when-you-can't-see-'em Brennan pulled a lot of them out of the fire, for which we are all grateful. Two-ton Tony (3 T's) always had to have a cigar in his mouth to show him the way. Sammy Schullo, the half-ton edition, had quite a time controlling that queer ball called a hook. Vincent, with his strike or no count, helped at times but the times weren't too frequent, while Les Anderson, if he got unwound the right way, was a demon. Anyway, we'll try to do better next year.

Brother Lee Stoneberg and Lloyd Weese are still on sick list. We hope to see them again when the sun comes out.

If you want this column revived, please send in any news you may come across. Give us a ring and the news, we'll do the rest. The phone is Geneva 4691.

Charity is twice cursed — it hardens him who gives and softens him that takes. It does more harm to the poor than exploitation, for it makes them willing to be exploited.—BOUKE WHITE.

I never could believe that Providence had sent out a few men in to the world, ready booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready saddled and bridled to be ridden.—RICHARD RUMBOLD.

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Detroit TJC Mardi Gras Big Success

The powerful Teamsters Joint Council in the Detroit area staged a very successful Mardi Gras on Tuesday, April 11th, to raise funds for a new headquarters. Many thousands of workers and their friends attended the lively affair and enjoyed themselves hugely. The Mardi Gras was both a social and financial success.

Turn or Go With Omaha 554

The art of picketing in the state of Nebraska has now been reduced to a science. The whole thing is now calculated on a cold and hard basis providing that every man must do his share of the picketing ... or else.

An important meeting is scheduled for Saturday with Gordon Roberts. Out of it may come some important developments for the Dairy section of Local 554.

The problems of the dairy workers are exceedingly complex and there is no quick-fire answer. Dairy workers need organization as do few others. While some milk routes are affording a good wage, they do not compare with truck-drivers' wages. Employees of some of the creameries and particularly ice cream outfits like Reed's have abominable conditions. The real answer lies in the willingness of the workers themselves to act on their own behalf. We are lending them a helping hand. Goodrich and Medo-god still hold the lead in membership of roumen.

The clarification of the wild-catter problem in commercial freight illuminates the great power for good in the Area committee. Here was a menacing problem that threatened to tear down all we had accomplished and inside of 48 hours the whole task was done. Not that some operators won't get out of line again. But now they can know how quickly they can be pushed back into line. Fritz came back enthusiastic and glowing in the power of the set-up; and who can blame him?

The assessment is coming in in much better shape. Many men are realizing that the Union means business. The assessment was voted by the men who are working a good week, to help those who are still on strike for union conditions. Whoever evades that assessment evades his responsibility to his own brother. Let him recall those days when he appealed for aid. And if he won't heed his obligation to his brother, the union will deal sternly with him; for we want men in our union, not people who are ready to betray their brothers in a life and death struggle. Anybody can be a Union man when it means a huge increase in wages ... you show your colors when it comes to make a sacrifice for the Union. And there is no man putting in the hours who did not get a sufficient raise in wages to amply take care of the assessment and have an increase in wages left over!

Bakery is all set to go. A few more revisions and Shorty will have it in line. Then comes the job of negotiations. Lucky he got that fat dictionary.

Benthin Truck Line signed up. Omaha Merchants is getting a few jobs now that they've signed up.

L. L. Wade is going to town.

Both Men, Women D-Ball Team for Local 20316 Any member of the Warehouse Union Local 20316 who is interested in trying out for a union diamondball team is instructed to notify the union office, either in person or by phone. Local 20316 plans to put both a men's and women's team in the field this year. The phone number is Geneva 4691 before 5 p. m., and Geneva 4693 after 5 p. m. A meeting of all ball players will be called next week.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheehey, Wop or Mick,
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The Northwest Organizer—5 Years—Eugene Debs on the Labor Press

With this issue—Vol. 5, No. 1—the Northwest Organizer begins its fifth year of publication under this name, and its sixth year if one takes into account the 1934 bulletin. On this anniversary we depart from our usual custom of listing the accomplishments of the local labor movement during the past year. Instead, we bring our readers a rare treat: Excerpts from an article by the beloved Eugene V. Debs, labor leader of a bygone generation, on "An Ideal Labor Press." Debs wrote this article 35 years ago at the request of "The Metal Worker," organ of the AFL metal-workers union, where it appeared in the issue for May, 1904.

The prime consideration in the present industrial system is profit. All other things are secondary. Profit is the life blood of capital—the vital current of the capitalist system, and when it shall cease to flow the system will be dead.

Only when the capitalist can exact a satisfactory profit from his labor power is the worker given a job, or allowed to work at all.

Profit first; labor, life, love, liberty—all these must take second place.

In such a system labor is in chains, and the standard of living, if such it may be called, is cornerstoned in crusts and rags.

Under such conditions, ideas and ideals are not prolific among the sons and daughters of toil.

Slavery does not excite lofty aspirations nor inspire noble ideals.

The tendency is to sadden irresolution and brutish inertia.

But this very tendency nourishes the germ of resistance that ripens into the spirit of revolt.

The labor movement is the child of slavery—the offspring of oppression—in revolt against the misery and suffering that gave it birth.

Its splendid growth is the marvel of our time, the forerunner of freedom, the hope of mankind.

Ten thousand times has the labor movement stumbled and fallen and bruised itself, and risen again; been seized by the throat and choked and clubbed into insensibility; enjoined by courts; assaulted by thugs, charged by the militia, shot down by regulars; traduced by the press, frowned upon by public opinion, deceived by politicians, threatened by priests, repudiated by renegades, preyed upon by grafters, infested by spies, deserted by cowards, betrayed by traitors, bled by leeches, and sold out by leaders, but, notwithstanding all this, and all these, it is today the most vital and potential power this planet has ever known, and its historic mission of emancipating the workers of the world from the thralldom of the ages is as certain of ultimate realization as the setting of the sun.

The most vital thing about this world movement is its educational propaganda—its capacity and power to shed light in the brain of the working class, arouse them from their torpor, develop their faculties for thinking, teach them their economic class interests, effect their solidarity, and imbue them with the spirit of the impending social revolution.

In this propaganda the life-breath of the movement, the press, is paramount to all other agencies and influences, and the progress of the press is a sure index of the progress of the movement.

Unfortunately, the workers lack intelligent appreciation of the importance of the press; they also lack judgment and discrimination in dealing with the subject, and utterly neglect some good papers, and permit them to perish, while others that are anything but helpful or beneficial to the cause they are supposed to represent are liberally patronized and flourish in the ignorance and stupidity which support them.

The material prosperity of a labor paper of today is no guarantee of its moral or intellectual value. Indeed, some of the most worthless labor publications have the finest mechanical appearance, and are supported by the largest circulations.

Such a press is not only not a help to labor but a millstone about its neck, that only the awakening intelligence of the working class can remove.

How thoroughly alive the capitalists are to the power of the press! And how assiduously they develop and support it that it may in turn buttress their class interests! The press is one of their most valuable assets, and, as an investment, pays the highest dividends.

When there is trouble between capital and labor the press volleys and thunders against labor and its unions and leaders and all other things that dare to breathe against the sacred rights of capital. In such a contest labor is dumb, speechless; it has no press that reaches the public, and must submit to the vilest calumny, the most outrageous misrepresentation.

The lesson has been taught in all the languages of labor and written in the blood of its countless martyred victims.

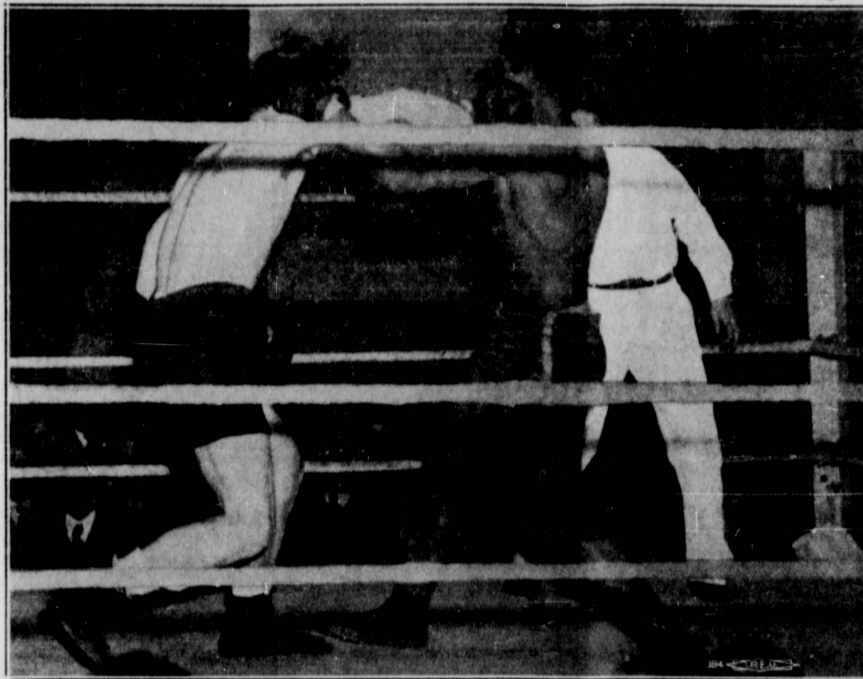
Labor must have a press as formidable as the great movement of the working class requires, to worthily represent its dignity and fearlessly and uncompromisingly advocate its principles.

Every member of a trade union should feel himself obligated to do his full share in the important work of building up the press of the labor movement; he should at least support the paper of his union, and one or more of the papers of his party, and, above all, he should read them and school himself in the art of intelligent criticism, and let the editor hear from him when he has a criticism to offer or a suggestion to make.

The expense of supporting the labor press is but a trifle to the individual member—less than the daily outlay for other trifles that are of no benefit, and can easily be dispensed with.

The editor of a labor paper is of far more importance to the union and the movement than the president or any

Action at 544's Boxing Show



Lloyd Mapes of the Citizens Club and Vern Lewis of the Phyllis Wheatley house sent the boxing card for the benefit of Local 544's Youth Section off to a thrilling start in the drivers' auditorium last Wednesday night. The two amateurs are shown in a crisp exchange of blows. The third man in the ring is referee Britt Gorman. Mapes went on to decision Lewis in an exciting match. The six other bouts were equally lively. Mat Hammond, North high's 109-pounder, scored the only knockout of the evening over Phil Lewis of Phyllis Wheatley. The other winners: Don Brouillard over Ted Morrison, 165 pounds; Lloyd Peterson over Jack Williams, 138

pounds (Judge Ray Rainbolt says it was STILL a tie); Frank Wolinsky over Del Bergstrom, 125 pounds; Bob Marshall over John Stevens, light heavy; Wallace Campbell over Bob Orwald, 126 pounds. The boxing show was a success both as an athletic spectacle and as a means to raise money for the 544 Youth Section. The hundreds of fight fans who crowded the auditorium expressed themselves as well pleased and signified they wanted to see more such shows in the future. Jack Herman, union athletic director, supervised the show and announced the bouts.

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Tom McCue, daddy of all five-ton owners, has fallen by the wayside and is now driving a ton and one-half job. He occupies a high spot on the city list.

The Midnight Express is taking a rest. Contract trouble.

Last week's boxing show in the third floor hall was a honey. If uptown promoters could get cards like that one their troubles would be over.

544 basketball team is sporting flashy new jackets.

Harold Seavey, 664, is going to manage the city campaign.

PLAY BALL
The hall team is again at practice. The squad looks better than ever this spring. Herman is at the helm.

Morrie Olson, Tenth Ward aldermanic candidate to succeed himself, is expected to lead the field in that end of town.

A shift in office space in the headquarters may move some of the unions to new locations in the building.

C. Skoglund and G. Dunne are sporting new Buicks.

What became of Chris Moe after he became married?

Milk Drivers lock horns with the bosses this week.

Is there any connection in the fact that the attorney representing the anti-union Dy-Dee Wash company also handles the affairs of the finks who are suing the Northwest Organizer for libel?

The state legislature adjourned this week. For expressions and actions representing hatred and contempt for the organized labor movement this session reached an all-time high.

From generals to janitors heads continue to fall from the state payroll.

Kelly Postal Fargoed several times last week.

Homer Martin must have to look it up every time he is asked to what labor body his group affiliated.

Welcome St. Cloud, Willmar, Brainerd!

Local 20316 to Meet April 25th

The regular membership meeting of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 will be held Tuesday, April 25th, at 8 p. m. Members who did not attend the March meeting must attend or pay a fine. Members are instructed to bring attendance cards with them, and have them properly punched.

COMING EVENTS

Bakery Drivers Dance—This Saturday, April 22nd, 8:30 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Avenue. Lots of entertainment. 50c a couple.

Utility Workers Local 160 Dance—For the Sick Benefit fund. Saturday, April 22nd, 9 p. m., East Side Eagles Hall. Two orchestras. Admission 40c.

Workers Sunday Forum—Carlos Hudson will review the record of Stassen's legislature at 3 p. m. Sunday, April 23rd, 919 Marquette Avenue.

Legislative Review by Liberal State Legislators—At 10 p. m. Friday, April 21st, over stations WCCO and KSTP. At 10 p. m. Monday, April 24th, over station WTCN. This review by radio will pertain to labor relations bill, reorganization bill, civil service bill, homestead lien, and taxation.

other officer of the union. He ought to be chosen with special reference to his knowledge upon the labor question and his fitness to advocate and defend the economic interests of the class he represents.

The vast amount of capitalist advertising some labor publications carry certifies unerringly to the worthlessness of their literary contents. Capitalists do not, as a rule, advertise in labor papers that are loyal to working class interests. It is only on condition that the advertising colors and controls the editorial that the capitalist generously allows his patronage to go to the labor paper.

The workingman who wants to read a labor paper with the true ring, one that ably, honestly and fearlessly speaks for the working class will find it safe to steer clear of those that are loaded with capitalist advertising and make his selection from those that are nearly or quite boycotted by the class that live and thrive upon the slavery and degradation of the working class.

The labor press of today is not ideal, but it is improving steadily, and the time will come when the ideal labor press will be realized; when the labor movement will command editors, writers, journalists, artists of the first class; when hundreds of papers, including dailies in the large cities, will gather the news and discuss it from the labor standpoint; when illustrated magazines and periodicals will illuminate the literature of labor and all will combine to realize our ideal labor press and blaze the way to victory.

On the National Picket Line

The employers, driven to the wall by the sweeping drive of organized labor, forced to pay union wages and grant union working conditions, have at last found a powerful weapon with which to fight the workers and their organizations. The courts of the land, always owned and controlled by the ruling Sixty Families, have come out openly in the past short period, and are feverishly proving to their masters that they can be depended upon to help crush the organized labor movement.

Witness: The Fansteel Decision by the Supreme Court.
The Apex decision by a Federal Court.

The Howard decision by the California Court of Appeals.

Witness also: Damage suits now being instituted against local unions of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in Chicago and in nine New England cities where successful strikes were recently concluded.

The Wieboldt Stores Inc., strikebound for about a week now, are suing two Chicago drivers locals for \$150,000 for alleged "conspiracy to ruin the business" of the company.

In the east the Adley Express Company, the McCarthy Express, and the Consolidated Motor Lines are bringing suit for \$990,000 against the local Drivers' Unions in Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury and New Haven, Conn. They are charging the unions with violation of both the Sherman Antitrust and Clayton Acts.

The same three companies are also suing the Drivers Unions in Boston, Worcester, Springfield, New Bedford, and Fall River, Mass. Named in the suit, also, is the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and eighteen individuals.

The strike which these suits grow out of was conducted jointly by the named local unions against the three companies, in order to bring into being a three-state area contract, to unify the wages and working conditions of the over-the-road drivers of that area. The employers refused to sign such a contract. The strike lasted for about three weeks, and was settled last week. Details of the settlement have not been made public as yet.

The California judiciary made still another repressive gesture against organized labor. They have ruled that the closed shop contract is illegal.

The Howard Automobile Company of San Francisco petitioned the lower courts to issue an injunction against the Auto Salesmen's Local Union No. 1067, AFL, and lost the case. The Court of Appeals ordered the judge of the lower court to reopen the injunction and so worded the decision that it was a practical command to the judge to issue the injunction.

In two companion cases the Court of Appeals gave similar rulings. In one, the court upheld an injunction granted by a lower court, prohibiting the AFL Warehousemen's union from picketing a San Jose wholesale grocery concern, to obtain a closed shop contract.

This court also upheld another injunction prohibiting the Amalgamated Meat Cutters local from picketing a Los Angeles meat company for the purpose of getting the employed meat cutters to join the AFL union.

In other words, it is now illegal either to picket for a closed shop or to induce persons to join a bona-fide labor union. Simply by saying so, these judges have set another labor-hating precedent for the labor-hating bosses and boss-courts to go on.

The decision justified its perpetrator's action by this manner: "The freedom of individual choice is a substantial right to be protected by injunction." The injunction can now be used, legally, to protect strikebreakers in their "constitutional right" to take from workers their bread and butter, because, after all, strikebreakers have the right to "freedom of choice."

Not feeling sufficiently so-

cure with just this reasoning, the judges went a step further and invoked a judge-made rule, invented in 1880, which sets forth that peaceful picketing is legal only when the "object of the picketing is justifiable." In other words, if the judge approves of the union's demands.

They based all of these decisions on a clause of the Labor Code which was written into the Code by Organized Labor! Section 921 of the Labor Code outlaws the Yellow Dog contract, and is now being used to outlaw the closed shop!

Said the infamous decision: "It is manifest the statute went far beyond that (outlawing the yellow-dog contract) when it denounced a contract requiring employees to join SOME SPECIFIC LABOR ORGANIZATION."

The Supreme Court has decided that the sit-down strike is illegal, and that unions involved in them are liable for damages. The Apex decision by a FEDERAL JUDGE set a precedent which immediately resulted in a flood of suits against other unions.

The California Court of Appeals used the clause in the Labor Code which organized labor put there, outlawing the Yellow Dog Contract, to declare the closed shop illegal!

How are the workers to fight this new wave of repression? The courts have always been an enemy of the working class. Recently they had their wings clipped, more or less, by the many anti-injunction laws passed in the various states, and by the anti-injunction clause in the Wagner Labor Relations Act. It did not take the Powers-that-be long to figure out new angles in the fight against labor, however.

How, then, are we to fight? It is useless to consider electing judges who will not join the anti-labor fight. Even though some better local

judges could be gotten into the system, their decision, if they favored labor, would be overruled by superior courts. Federal judges are not elected—THEY ARE APPOINTED FOR LIFE.

What is necessary is a militant struggle, in and out of court, against such decisions. If it is necessary for injunctions to be violated then they must be violated. If it is necessary to disregard a decision, then that decision must be disregarded. In some way, in any way, these acts of repression against the organized labor movement by the organized employers and their stooges, the federal and local courts, must be defeated.

But first we must have unity in the labor movement. A divided labor movement cannot win the battle.

In the final analysis, these repressive decisions against labor would not have come had it not been for the break in the labor movement. The increasing pressure against labor in the courts, the success attained by the bosses in all of the recent cases can be blamed directly upon the Lewis-Green fight which has weakened the labor movement and allowed the bosses to gain a victory the importance of which is not yet predictable!

Fight the labor-hating boss-courts! Unify the labor movement!

977 Members—Attention!

The by-laws of Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 become effective May 1st. Attention is called to Section 2 of Article VI reading: "Members who become delinquent more than three months may be reinstated by paying \$2 for each month, plus a \$4 fine." Section 1 states that if the dues are not paid within the current month, the member shall be considered delinquent and pay \$2.50 for that month. Sec. Treas., Local 977 Larry J. Davidson

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 471 General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday 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 2041 General Membership—April 5 Executive Board—May 6	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m. third 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.	