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Victory Appears Near in 544 Transfer Dispute

With Stassen's Haney and Commission Out of Picture, Negotiators Make Progress Toward Settlement—Brief Strike at Pratts, Security, Called Off Monday—Transfer Drivers Vote Full Powers to Executive Board—544 Letter Denounces Stassen Commission Report

Following the blunt rejection of the Stassen Commission report by Local 544 last Wednesday, negotiations were opened directly between the Transfer Section's negotiating committee and the Minneapolis Transfermen's Association, and more progress was made in two days than in all the sittings held with the three-man Stassen Commission present.

Friday morning Local 544 pulled out its 125 members working at Pratts Express and Security Warehouse. Meanwhile, negotiations between the union and the association continued.

By Monday morning the two parties were close enough to an agreement to call an end to the short strike at Pratts and Security, and the men returned to their jobs.

Monday night a special meeting of the Transfer Section heard the report of the Executive Board on the negotiations and voted the board full power to continue negotiations for an agreement embodying the demands of the men. Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, another meeting between the two groups was scheduled to take place.

Commission Distorts Picture In its letter to the Honorable Harold E. Stassen analyzing the report of the Commission which conducted hearings into the transfer dispute, Local 544 stated that "the document which was presented to our committee today is, in our opinion, an evasion of facts as submitted by the representatives of our Union to the Commission in the hearings. The document completely distorts the Union's position. We wish to comment on the Commission's report as follows: "I. Throughout the document the Commission propagated the idea that the Union is seeking a wage increase. Union representatives before the Commission made it abundantly clear that the Union is not

KELLY POSTAL seeking a wage increase. Throughout this dispute the Union has insisted only that the same weekly wage prevail, whether or not the weekly hours of work are diminished. "The question of a wage increase has never entered in this dispute. The Transfermen's Association understands this, and the Commission should have understood it. To demand that the weekly wage be maintained is quite another thing from demanding a wage increase. "The Commission's persistence in discussing the dispute as though the Union were asking a wage increase automatically invalidates much of the Commission's testimony.

Overlook Union Testimony "2. Practically one day was spent by our representatives in discussing the necessity for one week's vacation for our members. In this discussion the Union proved that the majority of its members now receive one and more

CARL SKOGLUND (Continued on page 5)

Another meeting has been scheduled for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The committee is composed of Norman Kleist of Eau Claire, Jack Worth of Fargo, Harvey Grandmason of Duluth, Art Hudson of St. Paul, Carl Keul of Des Moines, and Harry DeBoer of Minneapolis.

Some of the union agreements with Gamble-Rob expired June 1st of this year. Others will run until October. Out of these negotiations is expected to come one standard union agreement covering the employees in 22 cities in this area.

I became a Republican because of a slip of a coin. I bet \$5 on Blaine to defeat Cleveland in 1884, although my father was a Democrat. And I just had to back up my bet. It's as good a reason as any for your politics.—W. A. WHITE.

Wholesale Grocery Meeting Friday Is Called Off

The meeting of the Wholesale Grocery Section of Local 544, scheduled for this Friday night, July 14th, has been postponed. Members of this Section will be notified of the date for the next meeting.

New Area Proposal Discussed at Tri-State Confab in Minneapolis

Delegates from eleven over-the-road drivers' unions in three states, plus a fraternal delegation from Sioux City, Iowa, and Omaha and Grand Island, Nebraska, attended the Minnesota-North Dakota-South Dakota over-road conference in Minneapolis last Sunday. Farrell Dobbs and John Geary, organizer and vice-president, respectively, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, were also in attendance.

The meeting opened at ten o'clock with Dobbs in the chair and Tom Williams of Local 544 as secretary, and continued throughout the day. A full discussion on proposed additions and changes in the new over-the-road contract was held, with several hours given over to a discussion of protecting the independent truck owners who rent their equipment to operators.

Discuss New Over-Road Pact Brother Dobbs gave a report on recent over-road developments from Denver to Detroit, and the preparations for the area meeting to be held in Cincinnati July 25th. Practically all the articles in the proposed new over-road agreement were approved, a few being laid over for discussion at Cincinnati. All union locals were urged to contact independent truck owners and get their ideas for the sort of conditions that will be included in Article 22 of the new agreement.

State Meetings Scheduled Following discussion on the new pact, it was decided to hold separate state meetings in Minnesota, North and South Dakota next Sunday to elect delegates to the July 25th area conference. The Minnesota conference, to be held in St. Paul next Sunday at 9 a. m., will also elect a state chairman. The South Dakota meeting will be held at the Labor Hall in Watertown at 2 p. m. North Dakota over-the-road unions will meet in the Labor Hall in Grand Forks at 9 a. m.

It is understood that the new over-road agreement will cover all movement of freight beyond the city limits of each town, and the recommendation is that all unions do not deviate from this policy in drawing up new contracts.

A report on the campaign of the International to organize drivers of the Armour packing plants was made by Jack Maloney of Sioux City, and Carl Skoglund of Local 544 reported on the grocery agreement.

14 Cities Represented Among those attending the conference were Jack Wirth, Fargo; Floyd Overton, Grand Forks; Ed Nowell, Huron, Roy Phillips, Watertown; Ken McCreery, Sioux Falls; Billy Noble, Grand Island; Al Russell, Lew Miller and Fritz Jeffries, Omaha; Howard Oltman, Austin; Harold Lee, Mankato; Harvey Grandmason, Duluth; A. F. Hudson, St. Paul; Carl Skoglund, Tom Williams, Curt Zander, Harry DeBoer and Kelly Postal, Minneapolis; and Jack Maloney of Sioux Falls.

Officials of Local 471 urge all members to have your July dues paid, as your button will be your admission ticket. Those without current buttons will be charged 50c. Members will receive tickets for refreshments at the gate.

Conrad Ordeman, William Sinnott and George Bergquist are in charge of the sports program. Fred Thompson, Gust Anderson and Mike Lavery will be in charge of dancing, parking and tickets. Gene Larson is handling finances, and Tom Ammerman and Ernest Donaghue are responsible for ice cream and refreshments.

Plan now to be among the merry-makers next Wednesday at Webb's Place. Cut loose from your worries and cares for this one big day.

All milk drivers are instructed to be off the streets by 1:30 Wednesday, the day of the picnic.

NOTICE! All ITO members working for local excavators please attend meeting Saturday at 10 a. m. to discuss wage scale.

IBT Sanctions Defense Fund for Fouts, Johnson

On Tuesday Acting President John Gillespie of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters announced that the General Executive Board of the International had granted sanction to the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383 to send out a letter appealing for donations to a Special Defense Fund for Howard Fouts and Ralph Johnson.

Two weeks ago a Sioux Falls court handed down a decision against these two officials charging them with destroying a truck. Bosses in Sioux Falls and Sioux City, with the aid of the police, are attempting a brutal frameup of these two drivers' union officials, and all unions are urged to contribute to Local 383's Defense Fund to defeat this frameup.

Wichita Cab Drivers Sign Union Pact

Drivers Union Local 795 of Wichita, Kansas, last week signed its first union contract covering taxicab drivers of the Yellow Cab company. The agreement calls for a closed shop and a weekly guarantee. About sixty drivers are covered.

Milk Haulers Give \$100 to Anoka Tornado Victims

The Milk Haulers Association voted at its last meeting to give one hundred dollars to the Anoka rehabilitation fund being raised by the Farmer - Cooperative - Labor Council to aid the poor victims of last month's tornado.

Several members of the Milk Haulers Association saw their farms destroyed by the terrible storm.

Bakery Drivers in Omaha Win Pact

Employers Back Down—Bakery Drivers of Local 554 Win Closed Shop, Seniority, \$32.50 Weekly Guarantee Kill 'Competency' Clause—Omar Bakery Only Non-Union Shop in Omaha—Midwest Bakery Drivers Council Aids in Victory

Omaha, Neb.—After the Omaha bakery bosses refused to grant 554's demands, the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council stepped in, and as a result the Omaha Drivers Union Local 554 wound up triumphantly last Friday morning with a new union working agreement covering about 250 bakery drivers in the Omaha area. Winning of the contract climaxed weeks of negotiations between the union and the bakery employers. During the negotiations both the drivers and the inside workers had voted to strike.

The new pact was won in the teeth of vows by the bakery owners that they would not give seniority or pay increases and that they must be sole judges of a drivers' competency. In the case of the determined drivers, the employers backed down on all these points. The closed shop and a strict seniority clause are contained in the new pact. A weekly guarantee of \$32.50 is provided. Five per cent commissions will be paid on all bakery goods sold up to \$300 weekly, with a six per cent commission on all goods above \$300. The full text of the new agreement is printed on page 2.

Aided by Council The Omaha victory is the latest won by the Midwest Bakery Council in its campaign to unionize the industry and achieve a standard agreement in this area. Harry DeBoer of Minneapolis, president of the Council, aided Local 554 in the negotiations.

As a result of the gains made in Omaha, bakery drivers in western Nebraska are already flocking into the drivers' unions, according to Billy Noble, business agent of the Grand Island Drivers Union. There are an additional 250 bakery drivers in western Nebraska, stated Noble.

The agreement was ratified Thursday night at a special meeting of Local 554's Bakery Drivers Section. The only non-union bakery in Omaha today is the Omar Retail bakery, and Local 554 this week called upon all workers and friends to purchase only from union bakeries.

Council Meets July 16th The next meeting of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council will be held this Sunday, July 16th, at Kansas City. Delegates from many states will be in attendance.

Local 554's Bakery Drivers Council is planning a picnic for Sunday at Costello's.

There are plenty of prizes for winners of the games and races. Diamondball will be played both morning and afternoon.

Picnickers can obtain lunch and refreshments on the grounds, and free coffee will be available both noon and evening.

Bobby Phillips' orchestra will play for dancing both afternoon and evening. At 8 p. m. \$160 in cash prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners.

Costello's Grove is an ideal picnic site, and it is well-known that Local 289 really puts on a picnic. So, everyone out next Sunday for a good time. The Bakery Drivers Union issues a cordial invitation to all its friends to attend.

Drivers in Toledo Win Brief Strike

The strike of Drivers Union Local 20 against three Toledo trucking and moving companies ended last week when the companies signed a new two-year agreement providing for a 2 1/2% wage increase immediately, and another 2 1/2% raise on June 1st, 1940.

The agreement was signed between Local 20 and the Toledo Truck Owners and Cartage association, representing about 60 companies. Between 500 and 600 workers are affected.

On the National Picket Line

The strike against General Motors called last week by the CIO-UAW to force a supplementary agreement covering the tool and die workers, the engineers and maintenance workers is in its second week. Eight plants are now involved.

General Motors, still using the factional fight between the CIO-UAW as an excuse for not dealing with either group, announced on Saturday that any and all workers involved in the strike will be eliminated from participation in the GM "Security" plan.

"Security"—i.e., borrow up to sixty per cent of your potential wages during periods of lay-off. (Tool and die men get an average of eight weeks of steady work throughout the year. The rest of the auto workers get only enough money and work to maintain a barely decent standard of starvation.)

General Motors officials don't feel badly about their employees' lack of "gratitude" to them for setting up this magnificent plan. They also feel very badly because the plan itself was designed solely to stem the tide of unionization and it has failed them utterly.

R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO-UAW announced on Sunday that unless the corporation signs the agreement soon a new plan to stop the manufacture of parts, tools and dies for the new 1940 cars has been worked out by the union.

All parts, tool and die plants which operate independently of the GM system but who make these very necessary pieces of equipment for the 1940 GMC models will either be struck or union men employed in them will not be allowed to work on GM car parts, but will be instructed to concentrate on parts for other cars. The GM 1940 models should go to the assembly line within two weeks.

Meanwhile a new move in the fight between the two factions came out on Monday when the heads of the Martin-organized WPA union in Detroit repudiated him and advised its members to join the CIO-UAW auxiliary. The repudiation came from William B. Taylor, president, and Paul Silver, national organization director of the National Union for WPA and Unemployed Workers of America. This organization had been characterized by Homer Martin during his reign in the old UAW.

Taylor and Silver based their statements against Martin on the latter's policies in regard to the recent strike by the CIO-UAW against the Briggs company, and of his handling of the strike against General Motors.

He is also accused of being very friendly with Gerald L. K. Smith, former follower of Huey Long and now leader of a fascist group which has its headquarters in Detroit.

According to the statement issued by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Silver, "Gerald L. K. Smith, prominently identified with

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Omaha Bakery Drivers Make Gains in Contract

Following is the complete text of the new working agreement signed last Friday morning between the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554 and Omaha bakery employers. The new pact calls for the closed shop, seniority, and a weekly guarantee of \$32.50. The rotten "competency" clause which the employers attempted to inject into the agreement was scrapped:

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 1939, by and between _____

hereinafter referred to as the "Employer," and the Bakery Drivers Section of General Drivers Union Local No. 554 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Omaha, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as the "Union," for all employees within the classifications herein-after designated who are in the employ of the Employer:

WITNESSETH: That, in consideration of the covenants herein-after contained by and on the part of each of the parties hereto, it is hereby mutually agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I
Section A. It is hereby agreed that all employees, present or future, who are eligible to membership in Local Union No. 554 will be required as a condition of employment and a condition of collective bargaining to be or become members of the Union in accordance with the provisions herein-after set forth and no employer, except subject to the conditions hereof, shall retain in his employment any employee who is not a member in good standing of the Bakery Drivers Section of the General Drivers Union Local No. 554, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Section B. The Employer agrees that in the hiring of new men, he will hire only members of the Union when such members are available. If competent members are not available, the Employer may hire such men as it takes to operate his business with the understanding that these men shall become members of the Bakery Drivers Section of the General Drivers Union Local No. 554 within 30 days after being employed. The Employer shall be the sole judge of the competency of the new men, but the decision as to the competency of such new employees shall be made by the Employer within 30 days after employment begins unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE II
Section A. "Employee," as used in this contract, shall include all wholesale driver salesmen, wholesale special delivery drivers, wholesale salesmen's helpers and transport drivers.

Section B. Route foremen who do not pull routes are conceded to be employed in executive positions and shall not be considered employees within the contemplation of this contract, and the provisions of this contract shall not be applicable to them.

If a Route Foreman is regularly employed pulling a route and thereby displaces a regular salesman from employment, this said Route Foreman shall be subject to all of the terms of this contract in all particulars. It is understood that, in cases of emergencies, vacations or urgent necessity, a Route Foreman may pull a route for the regular salesman employed thereon without becoming subject to the terms of this contract, but that during such time the said Route Foreman shall be paid compensation at least equal to that hereinafter set forth, and shall be subject to the same hours as members of the Union in the operation of said route.

ARTICLE III
The Employer agrees to pay salesmen operating bread, or combination bread, sweet goods and cake routes as follows: 5% on all net sales up to \$300.00, and 6% on all net sales above \$300.00. All such salesmen shall be guaranteed a minimum weekly wage of \$32.50.

The Employer agrees to pay all salesmen operating exclusive cake and sweet goods routes as follows: \$18.00 per week, plus 5% on all net sales up to \$250.00, and 6% on all net sales above \$250.00. All such exclusive cake and sweet goods salesmen shall be guaranteed a minimum weekly wage of \$32.50.

Salesmen shall receive credit on settlement for all merchandise returned and full commission on all goods sold to any regular customer on their territory at any time. Special delivery drivers and salesmen riding a route before taking the responsibility for it shall receive a minimum wage of \$25.00 per week.

Section B. The Employer agrees that it will not reduce any wages, commission or other benefits now being received by employees which are higher or better than those herein set forth.

ARTICLE IV
All city bread salesmen shall be off the streets no later than 5:00 P. M. on Monday, 6:00 P. M. on Saturday or on a day preceding holidays mentioned in this agreement, and 4:00 P. M. on other week days. All country salesmen shall be allowed to work one hour later than city salesmen.

All exclusive cake and sweet goods city salesmen shall be off the streets no later than 5:00 P. M.

It is further understood and agreed by the parties to this agreement that the hours herein fixed are the time limit, and do not prevent any salesmen who have finished their routes from coming in and checking out at an earlier hour.

All country trucks leaving the plant by 5:00 A. M. shall be completely loaded for salesmen, provided, however, that a country salesman may, if he so desires, exercise the right to load his own truck.

The provisions of this Article shall not be applicable in case of breakdown, accident or delay beyond the control of the Employer.

Special delivery drivers shall not work in excess of 44 hours per week, and shall not be required to work split shifts.

ARTICLE V
All employees coming under the jurisdiction of this contract shall be granted the following holidays without reduction in pay: New Year's Day, Decoration Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Except as special deliveries to restaurants, hospitals, hotels and other institutions, for consumption on the premises, there shall be no Sunday deliveries, nor any deliveries made on the following holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Labor Day, New Year's Day, provided, however, that if the holiday falls on Saturday or Monday, the salesmen, if required by his Employer to do so, will make one trip over his route in territories in which competition is not regulated. There shall be no deliveries on Christmas.

ARTICLE VI
Except in executive or supervisory positions, if vacancies occur or new routes are created, the oldest employee in point of service in each department, if qualified, shall be given preference in filling the job. The Employer shall decide the qualifications of the employee for such new job or vacancy. It is understood and agreed that a salesman is entitled to only one change each year under this rule. Whenever a route is open under the seniority rule only one change will be permitted.

In the event that it becomes necessary to reduce the working force for lack of business or other legitimate reason, the last man hired shall be the first man laid off, and, in return, the first man laid off shall be the first man rehired, and so on. If the application of this clause pertaining to lay-offs and rehiring would seriously injure the business of the Employer, the Employer may lay off or rehire a man out of seniority order in order to prevent such serious injury. However, any lay-off or rehiring out of seniority order shall be subject to that portion of this agreement dealing with the settlement of disputes.

ARTICLE VII
No member shall be required to deliver goods without collecting for same unless his Employer assumes full responsibility for such collection. Employers shall receive a credit daily for all unsold goods, and members shall not be responsible for any unsold goods left in vehicle at request of Employer.

Salesmen shall furnish bond as now required by the Employer, and in the event cash bonds are posted, the Employer shall pay interest at the rate of four per cent annum (4%), and if surety bonds are furnished, the Employer shall pay the premium therefor.

ARTICLE VIII
It is further agreed that, when a route is split, the employee salesman whose route is so divided shall have first choice of the two resulting routes, and he shall receive pay for each of the eight (8) weeks following such division in an amount not less than the average weekly pay he received during the eight (8) weeks previous to the time of dividing said route.

ARTICLE IX
The Employer recognizes the right of the Union Executive Board to designate for business as to handle such Union business as may from time to time be designated by the Union Executive Board to the stewards. All complaints shall be promptly reported to the Employer.

ARTICLE X
Salesmen employees shall be permitted to, and shall be required to, drive in, unload and check their returns, turn in their route books properly posted and make out settlement sheet, place orders for future deliveries and make full accounting of their sales and merchandise without any unnecessary delay as soon as their routes are properly finished.

ARTICLE XI
Salesmen shall have nothing to do with the filling of gas, oil, greasing or repair work. A salesman shall not be required to perform any duties other than his regular route duties, and shall not be required to solicit other than retail outlets.

ARTICLE XII
After this date, within an area of fifty (50) miles from the city limits of Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, it is agreed that no product shall be sold for resale to peddlers or so-called individual breadmen other than those to whom products are now sold, and no salesman shall be permitted to furnish vehicles to be used in the delivery of goods in connection with his employment within said area.

Presently established independent dealerships may be continued by replacement of dealers when desired.

No present salesman's route shall be converted into an independent dealer's route.

ARTICLE XIII
It is agreed that at the time of entering the employ of the Employer, and at intervals thereafter, the employee will submit to physical examination by a physician selected by the Employer and at the expense of the Employer. Any employee whose physical condition unfits him for further employment may be released from the employment at any time.

ARTICLE XIV
It is agreed that if the decision of a reputable physician employed by the Company physician may submit to examination by any reputable physician at his own expense, and in the event of a disagreement between the two physicians, the parties hereto agree that they will abide by the decision of a reputable physician employed by the Nebraska Compensation Court. The provisions of this Article shall not be used to discriminate against an employee by reason of his membership in the Union or Union activities.

ARTICLE XV
Employees shall report for work in neat attire. Employees covered by this contract, when required to do so, shall wear uniforms selected by the Employer. The Employer and the employee shall each pay one-half of the cost of such uniform, which shall be cleaned by the employee, and shall not be worn at place which would bring reproach upon the Employer and employee alike.

For the purpose of defining a uniform as herein used, it shall mean and include cap, shirt, trousers, coat, sweater, or any article of clothing, the particular type of which is required by the Employer, whether bearing the Employer's insignia or not.

Uniforms shall bear the Union Label. The Union is afforded the privilege of checking the purchase price of the uniform to establish the fair price to be paid by an employee. Except that such companies as require a weekly payment for the use and maintenance of uniforms may continue their present method, and other Plans may be used, provided there is no increase in the cost thereof to employees.

ARTICLE XVI
Employees shall not be charged for loss or damage occurring to goods or vehicle accidentally, unless caused by negligence, the clear proof of which shall be shown.

ARTICLE XVII
Employees who have worked one year, or longer, shall receive one week's vacation each year with full pay as earned by their routes, during said week. Preference in the grant of vacations shall be given according to seniority. No member shall be called to work during the vacation period.

ARTICLE XVIII
It shall not be considered a violation of this agreement for employees working under this contract to refuse to deliver products where there is a strike or lock-out. In the event the Employer becomes involved in a labor controversy with any other Union, this Union shall do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.

ARTICLE XIX
The Employer agrees to keep in his place of business a satisfactory means for recording the starting and quitting time of employees, the records of which shall be accessible to a business representative of the Union whenever a complaint is made to the Union.

ARTICLE XX
If the Union shall make a verbal or written contract with any wholesale bakery located within the City of Omaha, Nebraska or Council Bluffs, Iowa, which contracts provide for lower wages, longer or earlier or later working hours or other working terms and conditions for any of the employees than are provided for in this agreement, then the wages and the hour provisions of the employer in the provisions desired by the employees shall be automatically amended so as to provide the same wages and hour provisions and the same working terms and conditions as are embodied in such contract with said bakery.

ARTICLE XXI
It is further understood and agreed by both parties to this agreement that should any difference or dispute arise between the parties hereto, as to the interpretation, application, or violation, other than the express violation of this contract, the parties, after discussion, fail to adjust by mutual agreement within a period of one week, the same shall be submitted to a committee of five for arbitration, two to be chosen by the Union, two to be chosen by the Employer, and the fifth to be selected by the first four. The Board shall meet within five days at a place and date set by both parties. Decision of this Board shall be rendered within five days and shall be binding upon both parties.

It is further agreed for the term

Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



My employer said I should discourage the other fellows from talking about unions because a union would be bad for the company. So, whenever anybody says anything about joining a union I call him a foreign agitator.

Thanks to Nib.

Turn or Go With Omaha 554

I hear tell as how those picket signs which show up so brightly are not an unmixt blessing. Because of the size of the signs, together with the carrying sticks, a casualty occurred last week. It seems a breeze blew up suddenly and before the boys could do a thing, Joe Kaline was flying and near Bekins. The fire department spent two hours getting him loose. Tom ordered some sandbags attached to Joe immediately, but Joe got restless and when the next breeze blew, he kicked loose. Fortunately he cleared the wires, and was later found in a pile of scrap iron behind Paxton-Vierling's. The boys were worried because it looked for a while like he might derail that Burlington freight which was coming around the bend.

A negotiating committee to prepare and negotiate a seven state area contract for Armour's country trucking met July 1st at St. Paul. Next meeting will be held Friday. Al Russell is representing Omaha Local 554.

Our members at Roberts Dairy are soliciting new customers for the dairy as individuals. If Roberts should be the first to sign a contract covering all their employees with Local 554, it seems likely that they would really take over the market in Omaha. Their attitude toward the union is markedly better than ever before.

A certain lawyer doesn't want his name mentioned in this column. He does a lot of work for Local 554 (with and without due recompense), by that I mean he thinks he gets too much, so that sometimes it's due to him and other times it's due to us due to him.

Tommy spent all day getting the air-conditioning system lined up. After the heavy crews got the equipment installed in his private office, he sent for the mechanics to line up the equipment with the thought in mind that the vibrations might affect the foundation of the building, let alone the superstructure. Well, he finally got it set up, and the next morning when Dorothy got to work she couldn't get into his office for thirty minutes. He left the machine on over night and it froze the lock on the door and the safe. The windows were all frosted over and there was a film of ice on the desk. She slipped on the floor and sprained an ankle, Tom caught double pneumonia and Reilly froze two fingers trying to make the adding machine work. Outside of Tom's private office, it's as hot as hell in the hall.

Merchants Motor Freight was tied up for giving a load of household goods to Gordon. Wood's truck line men (?) wanted to strike. Wood says he will sign if he make him (by cutting off his lifeblood, his interline). So Fritz and Bill Noble and Jim are doing just that. Sullivan at Lincoln is still a question mark. Gordon's is still as ratty as ever. Merritt Stinson went to flunking at Central. Roger Holly had an unhappy few moments last week. Bekins had a truck in Minneapolis. They took it and the load they brought up back just the way it was. Letters have been sent to all locals asking for cooperation in stopping the flinks.

Thanks to Harry DeBoer for the Bakery negotiations, etc.

That Marvel Dobbs really got out of line about the author of this column. (Just because I let her do a little writing!)

Independent Truck Chatter

By Curt Zander

All ITO's who work for Excavating Contractors please attend special meeting Saturday, July 15, 10 a. m.

The County boys are having seniority trouble. By the time you read this column a special meeting will have been held and a decision made on procedure to straighten this matter out.

WPA wants 3-yard truck for Pine City July 17.

Milt called on Good Roads Committee Tuesday, July 11. This committee agreed to go along with ITOs on city seniority.

The writer of this column this week met with Stassen. Certain promises were made but the writer does not dare announce them as yet because of past experiences.

When individuals hear of contractors needing trucks, please pass this information to the office. It will help give employment.

On July 10 State Highway Department requested bids for eight trucks to work in Duluth. We wonder how James Byard and Lloyd Krone are going to get by up there at \$1.00 an hour per unit. Let us know, Duluth.

Just because the WPA is forcing ITOs into competitive bidding members must remember that our established wage rates with the city and county and various contractors are still on status quo.

A sound horse frequently gives as much as 16 years of service, being too old for work when he is 20 or a little beyond. Then he is turned over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which finds a home for him. There are always scores of applications for old horses on file. The Society looks up the applicants, and lays down the rules: the horse must do only a certain sort of work, very mild. He cannot be sold or destroyed. He must have a comfortable stable, good pasture, plenty of feed. — MORRIS MARKEY, telling of the mounted police of New York City.

Overheard a sweet society lady of the Minneapolis 400 talking to one of her maids:

"Well, poor people will just have to learn that the wealthy rule this country. If they don't want to live the way we tell 'em to, they'll just have to starve."

No doubt that is the sentiment of a large part of the rich and there ought to be a lesson in that for some of you suckers who voted for Stassenism in this state! Nevertheless, we know who will

Unfair Mortuaries

Do Not Patronize—The following funeral homes are unfair to Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912: Rainville Funeral Home, 222 East Hennepin Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Davies Mortuary, 1403 Harmon Place Gill Brothers, 1414 Laurel Avenue McDivitt Funeral Home, 2835 East Lake Knaeble company, 513 Plymouth Avenue north Welander Quist, Hennepin at Dupont, Chicago at 19th, West Broadway at Fremont Albinson Mortuary, Chicago Avenue at 17th

To All Friends of Organized Labor—In case you have the misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list.

With the Limousines

"Home James"

Despite the heat and the after effects of the Fourth, our last meeting was well attended. And that goes to show that the "Baby Local" is growing all the time.

While on the topic of meetings, don't forget our next one on July 18. It's our "Open House" and the committee tells us there will be all kinds of entertainment, eats and some of that stuff most of us like.

So try to bring someone along who would be interested in joining Local 912. And that goes for mortuary row, of course.

Among other things on the program, there will be a question and answer box. Yes, there will even be a box there, so that those who are hushful may submit their questions in writing.

By the way, you fellows who have news items for this column can now leave them at Carl's Service station, 12th Street and LaSalle. Carl's station, incidentally, is 100 per cent union.

Did you all hear about the unemployed brother who got a first-rate job through the efforts of another good man? Ask T. G.

Ask to see the New York Post at Carl's. You'll be surprised to know who made the headlines.

Overheard a sweet society lady of the Minneapolis 400 talking to one of her maids:

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No doubt that is the sentiment of a large part of the rich and there ought to be a lesson in that for some of you suckers who voted for Stassenism in this state! Nevertheless, we know who will

Thoughts for the day (any day): I'd hate to be found in an "unfair" mortuary, even if I were dead!

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Pointing out that the "continuous strife between the two groups of workers is weakening the Labor Movement," the unity resolution called for "a united Trade Union Movement including the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organization which will solidify Labor's ranks . . . and enable them to continue their march toward their goal of economic, political and industrial emancipation."

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An Open Letter to Minnesota's Congressmen

Dear Senators and Congressmen:

This time it's a STRIKE—not a "Holiday"—against the unacceptable restrictions laid down by the Woodrum Relief Act.

The strike here is official, endorsed by Central Labor Union's Policy Committee (American Federation of Labor) and led by the Building Trades Unions, who are pledged to "stay out until union wages and conditions have been re-established for all men involved." On that basis the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, in special huge membership meeting today voted unanimously to declare that "WE ARE ON STRIKE FOR THE SAME DEMAND."

Never before within our memories has there been so spontaneous, so instant, so widespread and so determined a REBELLION AGAINST AN ORDER OF CONGRESS.

Must Make Amends—Or Else

No, excuses are acceptable—Congress and the President fell down miserably in their responsibility for the general welfare and must now make amends or face more drastic action by the outraged workers.

Besides the wage-cutting, hour-lengthening, job-slashing features of the Roosevelt-Woodrum Act that we object to, we also hereby complain of, and request punitive action against, all WPA officials who condemn the walk-out or who threaten participants with loss of their WPA jobs because of the walk-out, including Colonel Harrington who used the big backlog of employables on WPA waiting lists for such reprehensible, unjustifiable purpose.

We complain of Congress' and the President's attempt in the Relief Act to cheat us out of the constructive production and higher living standards that could easily, and should now, be made available to us. Why else do you bribe the farmers to cut THEIR production while millions of workers and their families can't get enough to eat?

We complain of the ill-concealed attempt in the Roosevelt-Woodrum Act to prepare us for the super-efficient destruction of a new world war.

Washington Playing Game of 60 Families

We complain of both major parties and of the President for their attempt in the Relief Act to play the game of the big owners of Industry—America's Sixty Families—whose profit interests require that more foreign markets be taken by force of arms from other groups now holding them and we point out that every dollar shaved and hacked off of relief appropriations in the last two years has been slapped right into War Preparations—by the Congress—at the President's request — AND BY PRACTICALLY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Bill Paves Way for War

We complain of the Woodrum Act as an entering wedge to make the workers of America accept the miserable LIVING standards of Fascism—to be followed quickly by much greater compulsion to accept also the regimented DYING of a new war.

We complain that the Act is causing local public relief officials to threaten denial of relief to those who leave their WPA jobs; but we warn that many means are, and will become, available for defending ourselves and our children against such measures, at least until starvation becomes the inescapable common lot of much larger sections of the population.

We see that the Relief Act, by its fund-cuts alone which were recommended by Roosevelt in his relief message, would multiply the staggering relief burdens that have already bankrupted many large cities and some states, and leave them under heavier relief loads than ever before, thereby compelling the little local fellows to shell out ever more of their dwindling assets or face the alternatives of soup lines, bread riots, rent strikes and resumption of widespread malnutrition, disease and social upheavals. Is this the aim of Congress and the President?

Act Penalizes Consumers Goods Industry

The act deliberately slashes the normal consumption of goods and services and severely penalizes every business which depends upon sale of consumer goods. In Minnesota there are few exceptions to this type of business. It is class legislation discriminating in favor of a few heavy industrialists.

We complain in general that the Relief Act would not only revive the union-destroying, life-lowering days of the early thirties when heads of families were forced to fight for jobs at any kind of wages—and still see their kids go hungry—but would give such impetus to the sliding-off of minimum living standards and the tobogganing of civilization that it is questionable whether there'd be another halt this side of humanity's extinction.

Here Is Our Program

For redress of the vast immediate grievance above outlined, we propose that Congress now repeal and rectify its damnable bill and the huge damage it is inflicting upon the people of this state and of every state, by enacting the following four points:

1. Provide each able unemployed worker a decent job at union wages and hours.
2. Get funds for this by transferring all war funds to the unemployed.
3. Open the idle factories, under union control, to produce consumer goods for the masses.
4. Enact a 20-billion dollar housing and public works program.

In conclusion we suggest that the workers have not been caught napping. A million WPA workers are not spontaneously and concertedly aroused over nothing, to the point of defying Congress. Furthermore, it is just beginning to dawn upon more millions that there are serious causes and justification for the nationwide turmoil that has but begun.

It appears to us that the President and the entire Congress are caught red-handed, trapped by their own duplicity, criminal carelessness and neglect of their greatest responsibility—to provide for the welfare of the people.

What we wish to learn from you with least possible delay is: WHAT WILL BE DONE TO MAKE AMENDS?

Your detailed response is awaited.

Very truly yours,

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FIVE CENTS

500,000 WPA Workers in Nation Declare Strike Against New Relief Bill

100% Support to the WPA Strike!



That's what the Federal Workers Section membership pledged in a mass meeting Saturday morning in the special WPA strike headquarters set up by Local 544 at Bryant and 7th Street North.

Ed Palmquist, FWS leader, is shown addressing the crowded strike headquarters and instructing the FWS Committee of Five Hundred to be out Monday morning at 5 a. m. to close the town up tight.

WPA Strikers in Twin Cities Lead Shutdown in State

Strike in State Continues Solid Despite Threats from Glotzbach and Washington — Unskilled Workers Follow Lead of Building Trades Councils in Twin Cities—Strike Endorsed by Building Trades, Minneapolis CLU Policy Committee, 544 Federal Workers Section, Workers Alliance, St. Paul Workers Benefit Association, Many Other Organizations—Unorganized Workers Join Walkout—

A spontaneous mass movement against the new Roosevelt-Woodrum Relief Law began last Wednesday in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, and quickly grew into a statewide protest strike enveloping practically all of the fifty thousand WPA workers in the state. From the viewpoint of numbers involved and unanimity of action between both organized and unorganized workers, this is the most popular strike ever held in Minnesota and the nation. The growth of the strike nationally has been paralleled by the increasing numbers of WPA workers joining the walkout in the state.

When workers returned to their WPA jobs on the Wednesday following the July 4th holiday, they were confronted with notices informing them of a lengthening in hours and a cut in wages. Apparently, workers on the State Fair Grounds projects were the first to refuse to work under the new slave provisions. The 160 skilled workers were quickly joined by the bulk of the unskilled men. A series of meetings were held on the grounds, and by noon all work had ceased. From the Fair Grounds, strikers traveled to all other WPA projects in the Twin Cities. Discontent with the new WPA provisions were so widespread that a word was enough to close down projects. Unorganized workers were fully as eager as their organized brothers and sisters to down tools.

Extent of Wage Cuts
Under the new relief law, skilled workers in the Twin Cities had their hourly wages cut from \$1.25 to 71c, their monthly wages raised from 75 to 130. Intermediate workers had their hours boosted from 80 to 130; unskilled labor, from 88 to 130.

As though to pour salt into the wound, State Administrator Glotzbach announced a cut of about 4,000 men would be made on WPA in Minnesota by July 10th. During the first day, Wednesday, about 7,500 men were on strike in Minneapolis, 5,000 in St. Paul and 1,500 in Duluth. That number has steadily grown from day to day.

On Thursday the movement continued to spread. District WPA Director Richards reported 90 percent of the Minneapolis projects

were shut down. Administration Strike-Breaking — By the second day of the demonstration, the forces of reaction had already initiated their strike-breaking campaign, both locally and nationally. Glotzbach started to issue ultimatums that if the men weren't back on their jobs within three days, he would promptly remove them from the rolls. Later, he changed his tune to five days. I. S. Joseph, member of the Minneapolis welfare board, warned that the city administration would join the national administration in seeking to break the strike, by refusing to give home relief to WPA strikers.

Strike Officially Endorsed
On Thursday the Minneapolis Building Trades Council met and officially sanctioned the strike, voting to direct its members to stay out until the wage cut was removed by congress for all workers and appealing to the rest of the WPA workers to join them in the walkout.

FWS Supports Building Trades
Saturday morning at 10 o'clock Local 544's Federal Workers Section met in its strike headquarters at Bryant and 7th avenue North and officially voted to support the strike. Carlos Hudson, one of the speakers, pointed out that the WPA wage-cut was by no means the worst part of the Woodrum bill. "Wait until August 31st when all of you who have been on WPA for 18 months or more get your compulsory 30-day vacations—'vacations' that will last for many months for most of you because there won't be any places open on the rolls.

"Wait until the 403's start showering down for 800,000 of you. This is the worst angle of all, and this gigantic slash must be placed directly at the door of President Roosevelt — it was he who proposed to Congress that it appropriate only \$1,477,000,000 for WPA, and that is exactly what Congress gave him—to the penny. "We should let every Congressman, every Senator who voted for this starvation bill, know that we don't want them to come back to Minnesota, that it will be too unhealthy for them," stated Hudson.

Walter Frank, spokesman for the Building Trades Council, urged the FWS to join the walkout, and they did with a will. Monday morning the Building Trades Council opened an official strike headquarters at the Central Labor Union hall, 18 North Eighth street.

St. Paul Keeps Pace
In St. Paul a protest action committee was formed by the unions and unemployed organizations to take charge of the strike. **WPA Conference Wednesday**
On Saturday WPA Commissioner Harrington suddenly called a conference of all state WPA administrators for Chicago on Wednesday, July 12th. WPA officials admitted the conference would deal with the mass strike. During Friday and Saturday the WPA strike had spread both to the Iron Range and to southern Minnesota, making the shutdown practically state-wide.

Strike Solid Monday
Monday morning at 5 a. m. 544's Committee of Five Hundred turned up at strike headquarters, Seventh and North Bryant, and dispatched squads to all projects, with the result that the shutdown was again complete in Minneapolis. (Continued on next page)

St. Croix WPA 90% Closed Down

According to word received Wednesday morning, WPA projects in St. Croix County, Wisconsin, adjacent to Minnesota, are closed down 90 percent. The majority of strikers belong to the Federal Workers Section of the North Central District Council of Federal Workers Section.

Dan Bell, secretary of Woodmen Workers Union Local 1708, at New Richmond, and also secretary of the Federal Workers Section, is leading the WPA demonstration. The men say they will stay out until Congress revises the starvation relief law.

10,000 WPA Men Strike In St. Louis

(Special to the Northwest Organizer)
Nearly 10,000 WPA workers are now on strike in seven southern Illinois counties, and the AFL-Building Trades of St. Louis voted today to call its 500 skilled workers off the WPA projects in St. Louis beginning Monday morning.

Workers on WPA projects throughout this region are eager to fight the reactionary Roosevelt-Woodrum starvation law. They are proving it by pouring out on the picket lines. The chief demand of the strikers is the rescinding of the 130-hour work week under the new relief law. Strike action came after the inspiring news that 650 WPA workers had walked out on strike at Scott Field, army air base near Belleville.

Mass Picket Line
Scott Field strikers formed a human wall of men, blocking the highway leading to the air base. Afterwards, a great cavalcade of 150 automobiles and trucks carried flying squadrons of Scott Field pickets through the neighboring counties. The walkout at Scott Field became the spearhead of the strike. It followed a mass meeting of 600 WPA workers at Belleville last night which adopted a resolution to continue the strike movement despite the threats of Roosevelt's Relief Czar, Col. Harter. The spirit of the workers is very high, and they are determined to win their fight against the relief smashers in the only way possible—on the picket line.

WPA Cut Laid at Door Of Roosevelt

A United Press dispatch from Washington announced Tuesday night that "the system of security wages requiring 130 hours of work a month was placed in the new relief bill by Congress upon recommendations of WPA Administrator F. C. Harrington." "Since Harrington was in close touch with the White House during the time he presented his recommendations to congressional committees," stated the dispatch, "it was presumed his views reflected those of the administration."

Both the national administrator, Harrington, and the state administrator, Glotzbach, are appointees of the New Deal. Glotzbach was recommended for his job by Harry Hopkins.

WPA Strike is Most Popular Demonstration Ever Seen in America—Walkout Begins Spontaneously July 5th, Embraces Both Organized and Unorganized—Workers Declare Fight to Finish Against Roosevelt-Woodrum Relief Bill

The strike of WPA workers continued to mount and roll across the country like a tidal wave this week as fresh thousands of desperate and disgusted workers downed tools and brought the number of men and women on strike close to 500,000, with more still to come out.

America has never seen such a popular strike. Not even the great nation-wide strike for the eight-hour day in 1886 approached the present strike in numbers.

Despite press distortions and the campaign of discouragement launched by Congress, the White House, and the WPA administration, American labor defies the yoke of the vicious Roosevelt-Woodrum relief bill. Fighting from coast to coast, AFL, CIO and unemployed organizations followed the lead of New York and Minnesota in a militant thrust against the vicious measure. The strike movement began spontaneously throughout the country when workers saw WPA notices posted up which threatened to smash fifty years of union-building at one stroke.

Fight to the Finish
United We Stand, Divided We Fall, was the watchword of all sections of WPA labor in their demonstration against the union-smashing, wage-destroying relief act.

The spontaneous strike movement is taking place against a background of ten years of depression, with American business and industry continuing to stagnate, with no prospect of private employment and with the relief situation in all local communities growing tenuous each week.

The present strike is unparalleled in American history, and records the desperation of millions of unemployed who face a lifetime of slave conditions unless they fight on to victory against their present hopeless condition. Below appears a brief digest of the WPA strike developments in various localities throughout the country:

NEW YORK CITY
The New York Building Trades Council, representing 125 AFL unions, has voted for "a strike to the finish," to restore union wage rates on WPA. Thirty thousand workers were called out by the Council, and 38,000 others joined them to make a total of 68,000 WPA workers on strike out of a possible 75,000. George Meany, president of the N. Y. State Federation of Labor, largest in the country, states: "We don't work under the union scale for anyone."

SAN FRANCISCO
The San Francisco Building Trades Council has voted in favor of the WPA walkout and has called all its members out. Thousands out in Frisco and Alameda county. **CHICAGO**
A virtual tie-up of every WPA construction project in the city exists. The Chicago Building Trades Council has called out 13,700 workers, and twice that number are now on strike.

OHIO
It is estimated by the boss papers that 30,000 are out in the state of Ohio, but the boss papers are underestimating the strike in almost every instance. According to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, 15,000 workers are striking in Cleveland alone. Another 7,000 are out in Toledo. **MISSISSIPPI**
By Monday 1,100 were out in Mississippi and the walkout was growing hourly.

NEW JERSEY
Fifteen hundred were reported out early in the week. **PHILADELPHIA**
Forty-two AFL construction unions, representing 70,000 workers have voted to strike Thursday, July 20th, unless the starvation relief bill is modified.

ILLINOIS
Outside of the Chicago area, the following WPA workers are on strike: In Belleville, 1,800; in East St. Louis, 7,500; in Carlinville, 2,000; in Southern Illinois, 2,000. **INDIANAPOLIS**
It is reported that 5,500 are striking here. **BUFFALO**
There are nine thousand WPA workers are on strike in Buffalo, N. Y. **INDIANA**
The Kansas City Star reports that "virtually all WPA road projects in the coal mining area of Vermilion county, Indiana, are closed down."

DETROIT
Forty-five thousand WPA workers have called a one-day strike and demonstration, and are considering extending the strike. Men and women representing twelve political, social and civic organizations have formed the Non-Partisan Emergency Council, and plan to exert pressure on Congress to modify the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief measure, to prevent the staggering relief burden from falling back upon the local communities. **AKRON**
The Northwest Organizer has received a story from Akron, Ohio, that the Building Trades union in three counties surrounding Akron voted to strike WPA immediately.

"We intend to strike until Congress passes some emergency legislation to correct the situation, the Akron Tri-County Trades Council declared. The building trades unions ignored threats of mass firings and criminal prosecution, with which the new WPA law threatens all who interfere with work on the projects. Unskilled workers are planning their own protest actions. One plan calls for the massing of hundreds of unemployed in a siege of the Chamber of Commerce and rubber factory employment offices, demanding the jobs which Congress said they could find if they only looked hard enough. The urgent need expressed in this region is for the united militant action by both the CIO and AFL to aid in organizing a genuine project workers and unemployed organization backed up by the Rubber Workers Union.

KENOSHA
Last Thursday morning every outdoor WPA project here was closed down after members of the Carpenters Union and the Workers Alliance voted Wednesday evening to declare a holiday as a protest against the lengthening of hours for the same pay. Special meetings of the Carpenters Union and the Alliance were called for Saturday to make plans for the continuation of the strike,

Answer the Starvation Mongers

Thursday in New York City, where 40,000 WPA workers were already out in strike against the Starvation Relief Bill, Welfare Commissioner William Hodson with the backing of Mayor LaGuardia announced that WPA workers dismissed for refusal to accept the wage cut would be denied home relief.

George Meany, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, the largest state federation in the country, answered Hodson with the following letter. In our opinion, Mr. Meany voices the sentiments of organized labor all over the country in proclaiming labor's answer to the Hodsons, the I. S. Josephs and people like St. Paul's Mayor Fallon who would lend support to the efforts of Roosevelt and Congress to put over the scab relief bill.

Excerpts from Mr. Meany's letter to Commissioner Hodson follow:

Welfare Commission Hodson lost no time in announcing that persons who refused to accept the "scab" wages fixed by Congress would not get home relief.

In this connection I ask you, Mr. Hodson, if it has ever occurred to you just what your action means?

Did you, in your zeal to cooperate with the Fascist-minded Congressmen who would grind labor into the mire, realize that your action was a notification to good, decent American citizens that, so far as you were concerned, their sole choice was either to abandon the standards of a lifetime or else face starvation?

Mr. Commissioner, I would remind you that you need not have contented yourself with merely telling these people so hastily that they will be denied home relief. Surely, if you had taken a little more time to consider this matter, you could have also fluently quoted to these good Americans the municipal regulations against public begging with which you, of course, are familiar.

Your speedy action in telling these men that they can either take the monstrous scab wages now offered to them or else take themselves and their children away to some quiet place to starve is unspeakably contemptible.

The wage now given to labor by a breadline Congress is only one step removed from the system which obtains in Nazi Germany and which even you, Mr. Hodson, regardless of what you evidently privately think about the Nazi setup, dare not publicly and openly approve.

I would remind you, honorable commissioner, that the only difference between the Nazi system and the system that we now face through a combination of Congressional action and your vile ruling is that the Nazis have concentration camps for those who refuse to lower their standards to an indecent level, with the compensating factor, however, that even in the concentration camps food is not generally denied to the poor victims held there.

I would also remind you that in our nation, as in others, it is not and has not been for centuries the practice to refuse food even to the worst of criminals.

Under your interpretation of your duty, as you see it, decent American citizens whose only crime seems to be the inability to find non-existent employment in private industry are to be placed in a category below that of murderers, thieves and other felons of the worst sort.

Mr. Hodson, your action is absolutely without a scintilla of justification. Your edict is a challenge to all those who sincerely believe in decent American standards of living.

In taking this action you have earned, as you so richly deserve, the contempt of every right-thinking American . . .

A Page from WPA History

So packed with eventful growth have the past few years of labor history been that it is sometimes forgotten about the first successful fight of the union movement to establish the prevailing union scale on WPA. As this is one of the major issues in the present nationwide demonstration against the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief act, it is worth while reviewing the early history of WPA.

When WPA was first launched in the summer of 1935 it immediately launched an attack at the unions by failing to provide for the prevailing wage scale. The WPA scale was far below the union scale.

The Building Trades Council in New York City and elsewhere immediately launched a show-down fight with the administration on this issue, in the form of mass strikes. The fight was successful and on September 19, 1935, WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins backed down and authorized state administrators to reduce the hours of pay without reducing the monthly wage.

Four years have passed. Again the administration, this time at the recommendation of Colonel Harrington, has launched an attack on trade unionism by failing to provide for the prevailing wage scale on WPA.

The union movement has won this fight once. It can do it again.

After All, Mr. Roosevelt!

Tuesday, July 12. "The President said he understood about 3 per cent of those on WPA rolls were out and that most of them were confined to two or three communities."—Associated Press Dispatch.

LOOK AT THE FACTS. THEY ARE BEFORE YOU
Even the daily press reports that appeared Tuesday reveal hundreds of thousands of WPA workers out on strike in scores of cities and communities from coast to coast. Conservative estimates of the WPA strike at the present time cannot place it under 500,000. The percentage of WPA workers on strike is nearing 20%, with larger walkouts looming in the near future.

"DID NOT REMEMBER"
"The President said he did not remember whether he had given his personal approval to the 130-hour-a-month provision, but that Colonel F. C. Harrington, WPA administrator, might have spoken to him about it."

"He observed that it was not one of the provisions he had singled out for criticism in signing the bill."

"President Roosevelt said Tuesday he thought the administration would stick to the existing law requiring WPA employees to work 130 hours a month."

A previous dispatch, dated Monday, stated, "The WPA pay and hour changes which set relief workers to striking by the thousands, members disclosed last Monday, were drafted at the White House. The idea was presented by Colonel Harrington; the language was written at the White House."

In the face of these disclosures and of President Roosevelt's own statements, the facts require no further comment. The present Starvation Bill is not a "Woodrum-Garner-Fish bill."

THE PRESENT BILL IS A ROOSEVELT-WOODRUM-HOOVER-GARNER-FISH, OLD DEAL AND NEW DEAL SELL-OUT OF THE UNEMPLOYED MILLIONS OF THE U. S., in an attempt to fasten upon them the intolerable living conditions of slave states.

Wednesday noon an Associated Press story reported that Roosevelt has lined up solidly with the Garner-Woodrum forces against the strike. "President Roosevelt told reporters he thought the administration would stick to the existing statute." Roosevelt's New Deal whip in the House of Representatives, Sam Rayburn, has rejected pleas of AFL leaders that the prevailing wage hourly rates be restored.

All WPA workers must fight this battle for a decent living by facing the truth, by exposing all enemies who pose as friends, for public support of their right to live, and BY STRIKING AGAINST THESE INHUMAN MEASURES UNTIL THE FIGHT IS WON!

Somebody's Got a Kick Coming!



New York AFL President Answers Threat of Arrest

When Colonel Somervell, WPA supervisor in New York City, dared to call for the arrest and imprisonment of striking WPA workers, Thomas Murray, president of the New York Building Trades Council, answered him as follows:

"The demand of WPA Administrator Somervell for the arrest and imprisonment of union WPA workers who refuse to work for wages below the prevailing rate of pay legally established by the labor laws of the State of New York presents a strange picture in democracy.

"The workers are now told: 'You can work for the WPA at a wage that Congress has set for you that contravenes every American standard of decency or you can go to jail while your families starve.'"

"What a strange parallel there would be, if Colonel Somervell's suggestion were to be carried out by the Federal authorities, between the situation of the American workers who is unable to find private employment and the German worker who has found himself in the same fix during recent years in Hitler's Germany.

"This monstrous edict—not to Communists, Nazis, Fascists or others who would destroy our form of government, but to decent law-abiding Americans whose only desire is to work at the standards we believe are proper for citizens of the greatest country on earth—is unmistakably shameful.

Why This Threat?
"Why this threat of incarceration to American workers by a representative of a government agency which was designed and created to help those selfsame workers?"

"They are threatened with incarceration because they chose to exercise a right which is guaranteed to them by the Constitution of the United States and by decisions of our courts too numerous to recount — the right to cease work as individuals or collectively through their trade organizations when they are not satisfied with the wages or the conditions offered to them.

"And these, it is interesting to recall, are the same workers whose skill has made it possible for Colonel Somervell, in pamphlets, circulars and booklets which have consumed tons and tons of paper and ink, to boast of the splendid achievements of WPA workers in the construction field.

The Same Workers He Praised
"These are the same workers who have poured their labor and skill into the splendid highways, schools, playgrounds, swimming pools and other improvements to which Colonel Somervell points with pride. These men are not violating any agreement or contract in any shape, manner or form.

"They never agreed to work indefinitely for WPA nor did WPA ever agree to keep them on its payroll indefinitely. On the contrary, if we believe Colonel Harrington and Colonel Somervell, one of the main objectives of WPA is to get the men off WPA rolls as rapidly as possible.

"These men are violating no laws in exercising their legal right to cease work because they are not satisfied with the wages now offered to them.

All WPA Projects In Isanti County Are Closed Tight

A delegation from Federal Workers Section Local 82, Isanti county, appeared at the Federal Workers Section strike headquarters, 1115 Bryant Avenue North on Wednesday afternoon, July 12th.

"Not a wheel is turning in the whole county," the delegates said. They requested a speaker from the Federal Workers Section of 544 for a mass meeting to be held on the court house steps at Cambridge on Wednesday evening.

The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty, especially if the sheep was a black one. Plainly the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of the word liberty; and precisely the same difference prevails today among us human creatures—between the rich and the poor.—LINCOLN.

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KSTP Broadcasts Union Side Of National WPA Shutdown

WPA strikers throughout the country should urge their local radio stations to follow the example of KSTP in Minneapolis, which presented a radio forum to its listeners Tuesday night from 9:15 to 9:45 on the present nationwide WPA protest demonstration.

Speakers were Roy Weir, organizer of the Central Labor Union; Chester Watson, state president of the Workers Alliance; and Karl Kuehn, official of 544's Federal Workers Section.

Each speaker was given about ten minutes to comment on the strike.

Roy Weir in his address stated that "labor has no other course but to resist the WPA wage cut passed by Congress." He predicted "the employers of the nation would utilize the WPA cuts as a basis for a general wage-cutting drive in private industry."

AFL Says Fight to Finish
"The American Federation of Labor nationally has advised us to fight the wage cut all the way down the line. I appeal to all Minneapolis workers to continue this fight until Congress passes a new relief law," urged Weir.

WPA Projects in Minnesota Closed Down Tight by Strike

(Continued from previous page)
Grotzbach again issued hopeful statements that work would be resumed but he was answered by the solid ranks of the strikers who refused to work.

The only major flurry of the day occurred at the WPA sewing project at 129 Second street north in Minneapolis where several scores of women and a few men had gone to work.

Frank Fischer, one of the scabs, aroused the pickets that had gathered there by attempting to hurl a heavy screwdriver into the back of one picket. He was escorted from the scene by police, followed by several hundred enraged pickets. The police finally took Fischer to the court house, where five hundred pickets surged through the corridors urging an audience with Mayor Leach.

A survey of the city's WPA projects showed them all to be closed down, with the exception of white collar projects involving teachers, and projects of technical workers on the Minnesota campus.

Sunday night Grotzbach had announced he expected "at least 75 per cent of the men back at work in Minneapolis and St. Paul, probably somewhat more than that in Duluth, and close to 100 per cent in other parts of the state."

But again the WPA workers made a liar out of the state administrator.

At 8 o'clock Monday night 5,000 workers attended a mass meeting on the Parade Grounds where leaders of the Joint Action Committee set up by the Building Trades Council, 544's Federal Workers Section and the Workers Alliance, explained the aims of the demonstration and vowed their intentions to make this a fight to the finish.

The first issue of the WPA Organizer issued by the Federal Workers section's Committee of Five Hundred was distributed at the Parade Grounds.

Call for 20 Billion Works Bill
The leaflet called upon Congress to repeal the scab wage bill, to give a job to every able unemployed worker at union wages and conditions by transferring the three billion dollar war appropriation to the unemployed; to open the idle factories under trade union control; and to enact a 20 billion dollar housing and public works program.

Tuesday morning the strike spread to the extent that two-thirds of the technical and professional workers employed on WPA projects at the University campus joined the walkout.

In St. Paul, meantime, the fight was keeping pace with Minneapolis. Monday night about 3,000 WPA strikers gathered on the capitol steps for a mass meeting and decided to keep all projects closed in Ramsey county until Congress rescinded the present starvation bill. Grotzbach continued to be hopeful that projects would reopen Tuesday throughout the state, but his hopes vanished in thin air. Tuesday night St. Paul strikers held an even larger meeting.

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This Project Stays Closed!



A group of WPA strikers at the Deephaven Bridge Project laying down the law to a cop. When the argument ended, the project remained shut tight!

Doing Right—By Themselves

In these days when the Big Boys are criticizing the reliefers for living riotously on their meager monthly allowances, it is nice for all to know that the Big Boys are managing to squeeze out an existence for themselves.

Last week the Securities and Exchange Commission released another list of salary figures covering a list of corporation executives for 1938.

Exclusive of any bonuses or return on investments, Walter Gifford of the American Telephone & Telegraph company drew down \$209,350 in 1938. WPA workers education teachers voted to strike and later threw a picket line around the Adult Education building.

Campus white-collar projects were out practically 100 per cent. Wednesday night the WPA Joint Committee, led by the Building Trades Council, was scheduled to hold a monster mass meeting at the Parade Grounds.

—Until Victory
The leaflet advertising the meeting states that "action has been taken by the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council that the strike be kept in force on all WPA jobs until trade union wages and conditions have been re-established for all men involved and that we request the support from the entire trade union movement and accept support from all labor organizations on the basis of our program and urge all WPA workers to pull off from their jobs and join the strike and urge all relief clients not to accept employment on any WPA jobs until this fight is won. Keep all WPA jobs closed down until the fight against wage cuts is won for all WPA workers."

Cop's Death Due to Heart Attack

Monday afternoon the Minneapolis boss press circulated the sensational story that a local patrolman, John Gearty, 46, had died as the result of injuries sustained in a scuffle at the WPA Sewing Project on Second Street North.

However, this foul attempt to drum up sentiment against the WPA demonstration, and to turn attention away from the legitimate demands of the strikers, quickly died down when Deputy Coroner G. W. Callstrom said an autopsy showed death was caused by coronary sclerosis, a heart condition with which Gearty had been afflicted.

The minor injuries sustained by Gearty several hours earlier were not a factor in his death, Callstrom reported.

A number of WPA pickets were pummeled by police during the fracas, but none were seriously injured. One lady picket fainted and was rushed to General Hospital where she quickly revived.

Only fists were used during the scuffle between demonstrators on the one hand, and the scabs and police on the other. The only weapon used was the heavy screwdriver thrown by the fink, Frank Fischer, 317 Thirteenth Avenue South, at one of the pickets.

It was announced Wednesday morning there will be an attempt by the city council to put into effect a program of periodic medical examination for all members of the police department.

According to John T. O'Donnell, assistant city attorney, "In both police and fire departments, men are exposed to hazards and strenuous physical activity and persons having heart ailments should be relieved from such activity."

Cops Urge Finks To Use Rubber Hose on Jobless

It seems that the Minneapolis police are far from impartial in the present WPA strike. Friday morning at 9 a. m. a squad car of cops brought an armful of rubber hose to the WPA project at 25th and East Hennepin, took them in the tool house and urged WPA workers present to fill them with sand and use them on any pickets who came around.

This incident took place on Job 2, Project 6923. A steward of the Federal Workers Section later brought the rubber hose to the Teamsters Hall as evidence. The WPA workers on the project didn't like the cops' idea, for a few minutes later they quit work and joined their buddies on strike.

FOUND—In the office of The Northwest Organizer, a pair of steel-rimmed eye glasses. Will owner please call.

There's one thing you can say for those radio serials—they certainly get the cast excited. —CHARLOTTE ROSS.

359 Seeks Higher Wages and Closed Shop at Butler Bros.

Business representatives of the Warehouse Union, Local 359 met with the management of Butler Brothers Monday morning for the purpose of arriving at a settlement of its working agreement for the coming year. Chief points under discussion were increases in wages and the closed shop. Members of Local 359 at this large firm have voted strike authority in the hands of its negotiating committee.

Up to the present time, the company has refused to budge on concessions to the union, on the grounds that it cannot stand any increased overhead by increasing wages, and that the closed shop is not fair to those who do not desire to join the union. The union has met these arguments very effectively, pointing out that the Sommers company in St. Paul, organized by the Warehouse Employees union, Local 503 of that city, and doing identically the same work as Butler Brothers, is paying a higher scale of wages in several of its classifications of work.

Last week the warehouse unions of both cities met in conference with John Geary, vice-president of the Teamsters International, and Farrell Dobbs, recently appointed representative to the Teamsters International, for the purpose of working out a plan whereby efforts will be made by both unions to equalize wages and working conditions in both cities where the workers are organized and there is a similarity of work done. In all probability, the plan will call for the setting up of a permanent meeting council. Both unions have been in constant touch with representatives of the union in Chicago into which the Butler Brothers employees of that city are organized 100 per cent. They have promised all the aid they can possibly give in making our efforts in this city a success.

A report has just been brought to the executive board of the union by one of the representatives that the union sent to San Francisco for the purpose of getting information regarding the organization of Butler Brothers employees in that city. The report indicated that Minneapolis and Chicago are below the scales being paid in that city. Also a communication has just been received from Dallas, Texas, where it is informed an organizational drive on the Butler Brothers branch in that city is in progress. Local 359 is giving the brothers in that part of the country all the help it possibly can, recognizing that success in Minneapolis can be facilitated in Butler Brothers if it is organized on a national scale.

The next few months may find representatives of 359 in several conferences with St. Paul and Chicago on many very important matters concerning all three unions. Jim Bartlett, Bob Tibbets, and Don Penwell are handling the union side.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde
We extend our sympathy to John Berg. His mother died at Lake City last week.

Bill Baird (the fork and shovel expert) we are glad to report, is lots better after his operation at Eitel hospital last week.

Harry Kettle of the Blue and White unit it a great believer in comfort—he's got a sturdy camp stool hid away in that hack of his which he uses to great advantage to keep out of the sun. He has another idea that ought to go far these warm weeks; when night catches up with him he'll unfold a tent and forget about the land-lord.

Don Moore (the guy with the "whispering Willys") claims he's just driving a cab to wear out his old clothes.

Clyde Sagle just got back from a nice jaunt out to the bad-lands of the west. His face is red cause his Packard had to be tinkered on in a common Ford garage. (P. S. Bolander, please note.)

Dave Franzen took the traditional holiday and bucked to Chicago where he saw hack-drivers that hadda' cruise all the time, and visited the zoo where he saw animals that closely resembled our night-drivers.

The daily paper tells about a taxi-man and family that sailed a ketch from "way down under" in Australia to U. S. A. This seems like a good bet for "King Oscar" Benson to get to Helsingfors in time for the Olympics.

Looks like our popular Brother "Two Ton" Taylor is gonna have plenty of visitors this summer... he has a very efficient cooling unit in his rooms.

Our "dude-fishin'" trip to Millie Lacs will be over when this goes into print but in spite of everything we're bringing back fish if we have to keep that ship on the water 'til the freeze-up.

From the back seat—a lady passenger, after asking us numerous questions and riddles about fishing, assured us in all seriousness that she already knew that fish get sore mouths in late summer 'cause by that time they've bit on so many hooks. The writer will verify this one.

He is not seeking escape from slavery—he only cajoles and threatens the slavemasters to be good or he'll make them good in order that slavery may not perish from this earth. That is the sum and substance of the New Deal—to make slavery endurable that it may endure.—OSCAR AMERINGER, writing of Roosevelt, 1934.

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How NOT to Be a Good Unionist

Stay away from your Union's meetings. If you do attend, arrive late, leave early, and pay no attention to what goes on while present.

Never express an opinion on the floor of the union. Wait until the meeting adjourns, then orate at length and loudly.

Never accept a committee assignment. You might miss a ball game or a moving picture.

Pay no heed to union meetings. They are never held at hours that suit you and you can get information from someone that does attend.

Of course, you must pay union dues, but don't hurry; take the time limit, and don't forget to register a kick when you pay. Don't pay much attention to anything sponsored or promoted by the union. You didn't think of it first.

Don't embarrass clerks by asking for the label when making purchases.

Don't spoil your pleasure of smoking by using union-made cigarettes. Smoke the sort that "satisfy" or are "good to your throat."

Remain indifferent to any union project that interferes with your leisure. What are union officers for?

Don't waste time reading union papers. What do these guys know that you don't?

Never let union affairs conflict with your prejudices. You're white, free and over 21.

Be militant at home, but meek elsewhere. Why get into trouble for somebody else?

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist
Our executive board wishes to warn every route salesman to keep his fingers out of the ice business. Local 221 and its members are entirely capable of servicing the people of Minneapolis with ice. Last week we had reports that some of our members were supplying certain grocery stores and beer parlors with extra ice. This week, certain dear brothers will be forced to answer charges before the board and those found guilty will have to pay the usual fine of ten dollars for the first offense. We appreciate that milkmen continually build good will with their customers but it is not necessary to go as far as furnishing them with free ice. On the other hand, let's co-operate with our brother members, the Ice Wagon Drivers, so that they can sell more of their product.

The Fourth of July celebration at North Commons gave us one surprise when we found Albert Olson (Northland) sitting next to Governor Stassen. The dope has always been that Harrington (North Franklin) would be favored with this honor. It seems that if we need some "Republican Pull" we will have to work thru Al Olson. It took us a long time to figure out the right hook-up.

We have a small correction to make about the string of fish caught at Laurence Johnson's on Crow Wing Eight. Mrs. Anderson caught each and every one of them. We assume she took Gus along to row the boat and serve as an anchor. If Gus does not live right and cannot catch one fish a trip, we think he should be re-christened Anchor Anderson.

Mr. Podany of Franklin paid a visit to Northland one day last week. In the Drivers' room he asked one question: "How would you like some good milk and a good milkman down here?" Mr. Podany was out of the door and on his way before the answers and fireworks started. To quote one answer: "The only thing you have that we haven't is prun-

All union coffee drives again are asked to inform the public that the Jewel Tea and the Cook Coffee are still on the unfair list.

Twin City and Japan are going to organize a diamondball team to take on all comers, and we hear the Crescent boys have already backed down.

Glad to see Schmidt at the last meeting. He tried to scare the rest of the boys out about his ball club.

Bob Satter ought to know better than to bring his wife to a union meeting.

Hunters, Attention! Flynn bagged the two bucks at the last meeting. P. S.—he popped for a round after the meeting.

Walt Nelson still insists the drawing isn't on the level. He hasn't even been one of the first two names called off for elimination.

Brandy Brandanger says that the best part of the union meeting is after the meeting. He thinks home is nothing like that.

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200 Drivers Strike in Providence

Threatened by the new Republican administration of Mayor John Collins with loss of their jobs, approximately 200 city sanitary drivers walked out on strike last Saturday in the city of Providence, Rhode Island. Sole object of the strike was to gain assurance they would not be dismissed for their political opinions. Most of the drivers were hired by former Democratic administrations.

The strike tied up city trucks and prevented garbage collections. Strikers are members of Drivers Union Local 251 of the I. B. of T. The city administration has taken an aggressively hostile position to the strike. Mayor Collins announced he would "see to it that garbage is collected." The director of the department of public works has stated that drivers who quit work would be "replaced." However, the boss press writes that "the city will have difficulty in obtaining replacements for strikers," because "it is estimated that 90 per cent of the truck drivers in the city are members of Local 251."

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Ray Ferguson of Purity North Plant is leaving next Sunday to spend a week at the World's Fair. Ray was the winner in the contest for high sales and this reward was well worth it.

Russell Tomlinson of Monahans has an addition in the family.

James Donovan is the proud father of a 10 pound baby boy.

We hear Gene Anderson of Grennan's is sporting around a Chrysler Royal car.

Marty Ryan of Purity South Plant also won a week's vacation to spend at the World's Fair for having high sales.

Don't forget, folks, next Sunday, July 16th, is the day for the big picnic. The place is Costello's Grove at 92nd and Cedar. Look for our big signs and you can't miss it. Everyone should have their picnic tickets turned in by Sunday at the grounds in order to get in on the drawing of the cash prize.

The Executive Board is checking on all bakeries for loading before time; this includes all large and small bakeries, so all members should keep up the good work and come in on time so you won't have to be called before the Grievance Committee.

Last Thursday was a big night for Ogren (our Recording Secretary). Some of the boys decided it was only fitting and proper to start him out right by having a stag party for him just before he got married. Nothing like getting in one free night with "the boys" before he settles down. Ogren was married July 8th and started for Mexico City on the 9th on his honeymoon. Lots of good luck, Ogie. We wonder if he needs it; anyway, he'll find out soon enough.

The Picnic Committee has arranged to furnish hot coffee free all day long—BUT BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINERS.

Any people anywhere being inclined and having the power have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right—a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world.—LINCOLN.

Scotty, the operator, has returned from his vacation. He spent it in the north woods singin', "Rain, rain, go to Spain, and never come again." Rumor has it that he was seen at Witts buying a couple of fish.

Have you ever watched the B-160 diamond-ball team play? They are something to be proud of.

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Watt Notes

Thanks
The Heigel family, through the medium of this column, would like to express their appreciation for the kindness shown Harlan during his recent stay in the hospital.

Our diamond ball team won again last week and is still undefeated for the season.

Brother Joe Sullivan from the Garage is vacationing in Chicago and taking in the big-time ball games, we understand.

It is too hot to talk wiener roast now, but we understand the second one put on by the Auxiliary was again a big success.

Brother Andy Dzabay of the Garage is vacationing in Alberta, Canada.

Says Pat to Mike: "What do you think of this talk about layoffs?"

Says Mike to Pat: "There is only one answer, the thirty-hour week."

Brother Harold Swanson is vacationing and, we understand, catching the "big ones" up at Lake Kabotogama. Good luck, "Swan."

Congratulations are certainly in order. It has just been reported that Brothers Lee and "Skid" Moe have left the "happy bachelors" and are now married men. Remember that wise crack about "banning the Auxiliary." Well, boys, have the "lesser halves" join the Auxiliary at the next meeting.

The Auxiliary's next meeting is Thursday, July 20th.

Honest John is expected around with the cigars anytime now. How's the baby girl, John? Congratulations.

"Hobby Lobby" Harry Elvin Leonard, who lives over in the grove still has his two weaknesses, "bees and women." They are both hard on the eyes. The happy bachelor still maintains it is cheaper to buy milk than keep a cow although he has a weakness for housekeepers. You don't have to know much to train bees. Bees buzz and fly; women fly and don't buzz. Oh, Yeah!

Question and Answer Contest
Can a timekeeper hold down a chauffeur's job?
Does he have to be licensed?
If he gets hooked, who pay the fine?
A crocheted butter-knife will be given for the best list of answers. Contest limited to St. Cloud division.

According to reports, an operator has been seen out on Superior Boulevard looking at land. Maybe someone out to give him a couple of akers.

Keep those big ears cocked and send in the scandal, boys. That's what makes a column.

Hello, Clarence and Pat. Smiling Brother Middleton must have a press agent. His photograph (in professional pose) and that of his daughter Patricia graced the front page of the Minneapolis Journal for July 7th. Hi, Mid! We don't blame you for bragging about the tyke.

WANTED: Fifteen more guys to kick in five berries each to build a Finnish bath-house at one of the city lakes. This sauna to be used exclusively by the subscribing group. See H. Leonard.

One of the brothers visited the Stewards' meeting last Thursday. He said, "How long has this been going on. Certainly plenty lively. You can count me in on all of 'em from now on." Come on in, Brothers, the water's fine.

Call Issued For State Convention

A few days ago the Minnesota State Federation of Labor issued the call for the 57th convention to be held in Duluth on Monday, September 11th. The biennial election of officers will be held this year.

The state body recommends that delegates wishing to make advance hotel reservations communicate with the following hotels: Duluth, Holland, Lennox, McKay, Lincoln, Cascade, Arrowhead and Curtis.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Rase
Another July 4th has come and gone, leaving in its wake some six hundred dead from burns, drowning, shootings, stabbings, and highway collisions. The echoes of bombastic, patriotic hot air have not as yet entirely died away. In most of our large parks, special celebrations were held and without exception, the speakers yelled themselves hoarse stressing the glories of U. S. A. compared to the miseries of the less fortunate across the seas. I'll not dispute their assertions along this line but I fail to understand why none of these orators pointed out to his audience how really backward we, as a nation, are, compared to what we could be under proper leadership and with honest ideals and motives. Most of these patriotic shindigs are sponsored and financed by the very cliques who, more than any other foster and maintain our present national status quo. Which is a shame and disgrace in the richest nation the world has ever known. The fall of Rome began when the ruling classes of the empire began to neglect the welfare and rights of the common people. They say history repeats itself, even after a long spell of stammering.

The W. P. A. workers are not taking any 42-hour increase in hours without a corresponding increase in wages and more power to them. Unless this action is greatly modified or entirely rescinded, pronto, the Democrats will vacate the driver's seat in 1940.

Stassen, in a recent statement declares that his labor act does not compel arbitration, legally, but that it brings public opinion to bear on the case. He did not, however, specify just what part of the public would bear down with an opinion—but my guess is he had the newspaper editors in mind. If he and his ilk want to leave the outcome of all controversies between labor and employers up to public opinion, why not be sincere about it and print photographic copies of the books of the bosses in all daily papers. The public at large knows how many hours and for how much salary a man works. In all fairness the public should be able to ascertain accurately the volume of salary paid to company officials, how much was expended for professional spy service and for tear gas, machine guns and ammunition, the total outlay in employee wages and above all else, the total expense to the state during past labor trouble when national guards were employed to protect the company. Put everything in black and white, before the public and labor will have nothing to fear from public opinion. But until the employers are legally compelled to put their books on the table of the mediator, for public scrutiny, labor may expect, and justifiably, the dirty end of the stick. In the long run, direct action is the only logical and reliable course. Witness

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Call Issued For State Convention

I have at hand a copy of the book "Principals of Labor Legislation" (Commons and Andrews) which throws an unfavorable light of Minnesota Labor Relations Act. Personally after perusing this book, I believe the Labor Relations Act would be declared unconstitutional should the matter even be brought up before the Supreme Court—God speed the day.

Brother H. Lanigan proudly displayed to me his newly acquired credentials showing that he is now a full fledged first-aid-er. He says a bunch of the park employees also graduated recently. I'll bet it would be next to impossible to die on park property from now on. If things get too dull, the boys might try pushing each other in the lakes, just to keep their rescue technique polished up.

Well, report has it that a landmark in mechanical surgery was established recently when Federal's frame was fractured. Six bolts and a slab of flat iron, that's all it required. Yes the remedy was simple and not alone in that respect.

Brother Fischer has sewed the hole in the old sock and vows that it will get a square meal every payday from now on. More power to you, Bob.

Brother Grassie thinks Einar is terrible. Tak! Tak!

Brothers Reick, Heller and Strom are sojourning this weekend at Rice Lake, where, Charley says, the mere sight of bait will cause the frolicsome fish to leap right into your lap. I'm going up there some day and see for myself.

Here's a laugh—the "Stassen for Governor" all-party campaigners recently met at the West Hotel with the idea of making clear to the public what a heel he is. Just as though we didn't already know.

SEE YOU THURSDAY.

Gassing With 977

The attendance at Monday's General Membership meeting was the largest in the history of the local; an active local means an active membership. Therefore, if you take an active interest in your local, it in turn will take an active interest in you. Stan Bednarczyk, of the Goodyear Tire Company, won the door prize of a month's dues.

Larry Davidson returned from his vacation Sunday; he and Mrs. Davidson report that they had a very enjoyable trip, and a much needed rest.

Mr. Arnold Lindquist, of the Group Health Mutual, explained the Union-Co-operative hospitalization service to the membership on Monday evening. Brothers Lundberg, Proctor and Barnes were appointed as a committee to make an investigation and report to the August membership meeting on their findings. The cost of this hospitalization service is but 60c per month, per member, and the service is available in any hospital in the United States or Canada.

Again we ask all members of the local, who are not receiving working conditions as per the contract, to report to the office of the local, so that immediate adjustment can be made.

Some boy—Carroll Melloy purchased a Ford this week in which to continue his collections for the local. Carroll wore out a Pontiac during the month of June collections!

Vern Wahl, attendant at the Pure station at 38th and Portland, is a prospective husband; the date, August 19th. Congratulations, Vern.

Walter Neuman is the new Steward for Local 977 at Midland Co-operative Wholesale, where final negotiations are in progress on a working agreement for the members of the local.

E. P. Kohl, who was formerly employed at the Pure station, 4400 Nicollet avenue, is now working for the Chicago Avenue Florists, and transferred to Local 544 this week.

My thinking always comes to a precipice when I reflect on the profit system, for beyond the precipice I see either communism or fascism. Personally I prefer fascism.—HERBERT HOOVER.

It is the business of the preacher to preach salvation and leave industry alone. When men are converted they will apply the gospel to business.—FINLEY J. SHEPARD (who married the Gould money).

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

Building Trades Scale Under Administration Attack

The new relief law abolishing the prevailing wage on WPA construction projects is not the only current attack on union wages of the nation's construction workers.

Right now the government Monopoly Committee is conducting hearings on the housing and construction industry, and all sorts of "experts" are testifying that "what is wrong with the industry is that wages are too high."

This two-fold attack on the building trades unions is convincing large sections of the American labor movement that the administration is directing a deliberate long-range attack on wage levels of workers in the construction industry.

The fact is that the administration's ballyhooed housing program has been an utter flop and the New Deal is seeking to make the construction workers the scapegoat.

As many of the international AFL unions have pointed out, labor receives in wages only from 20 to 40 per cent of the cost of building a house.

Those to blame for the high costs of housing are not the workers but the bankers, the real estate speculators and the great building materials corporations, such as U. S. Gypsum, Johns-Manville, American Radiator, etc., whose profits have continued in the millions throughout the depression.

The cost of financing a \$5,000 housing unit runs anywhere from \$3,000 to \$7,500. The banks' monopoly on credit permits them such outrageous interest charges. These banks do absolutely nothing in the way of socially productive work.

Inflated land prices line the pockets of real estate operators.

Labor Is Least Item
A true analysis of the housing crisis shows that labor, which gets no profit and asks no interest, is the least burdensome item in the costs of housing.

The Roosevelt-Woodrum relief law is seeking to exploit the fact that hourly rates for skilled workers have been far higher than those for other WPA workers.

The real injustice, however, lies not in the high rates paid skilled workers — and the rate is low enough — but in the miserable starvation wages at which the bulk of WPA workers have been paid.

A popular demand in the present nation-wide WPA shutdown would be the demand to lift the wage rate in the lower WPA brackets.

A demand for government jobs for all at \$120 for 120 hours of work monthly, or at union rates when these are higher, would be a demand which would draw millions into the struggle for a new relief law.

Des Moines Milk Driver Win Pact

With operations at the eight Des Moines dairies at a standstill and with the deadline passed for a city-wide strike of milk drivers, the Milk Drivers Union Local 387 of Des Moines, Iowa, signed a union agreement last Wednesday bringing far-reaching benefits to union members.

The new agreement calls for the closed shop, weekly pay increases for inside men from \$26.50 to \$28, a guaranteed weekly minimum for route salesmen of \$35, and abolition of graveyard hours.

Instead of beginning their routes at midnight, as formerly, milk drivers in the summer time will start work at 5 or 6 a. m. Instead of working up to 18 hours daily, they have won a 54-hour week.

The executive board of the union participated in the negotiations.

544 Transfer Settlement Appears Near

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weeks' paid vacations. In the Commission's discussion of the vacation issue, they concede only that the cold storage employees receive vacations, and fail to recognize that the majority of our members also receive such vacations.

"3. In discussing the closed shop the Commission admits 'that essentially all employees in the classifications affected of the various firms involved belong to Local 544.' The logical conclusion usually drawn from such a state of affairs is that the Union is entitled to a closed shop contract. The Commission only concludes that such a question is 'not properly within the purview' of its report.

Propose Further Wage Cut
"4. The Commission's proposal that the inside men continue to work the wage cut until October 24, 1939, after which it is proposed they accept another weekly wage cut of 15c, is not the Union's idea of 'equalizing the burden' so that it is 'borne by both groups.'

"The findings of our Commission were discussed by our Executive Board on Wednesday afternoon, July 5th. The report was studied carefully. The unanimous decision of the Executive Board was that we reject the report of the Commission as biased and prejudiced, and as distorting the position of the Union.

"Our experiences lead us to believe that we can expect nothing further from your Labor Conciliator in this dispute. Any further attempts to settle our dispute will be conducted directly with the employees concerned."

The union's letter was signed by President Carl Skoglund, Sec. Treas. Kelly Postal, and Recording Sec. Grant Dunne.

Haney and Stassen, even after receiving this blunt answer to their one-sided efforts to settle the transfer dispute, continued to attempt to inject themselves into the negotiations, but without success.

Akron Union To Celebrate 6th Birthday

On Saturday, July 29th, the Akron Drivers Union Local 348 will celebrate the sixth anniversary of its chartering with a banquet at the Mayflower Hotel, to which Daniel Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, is scheduled to come as one of the principal speakers.

A full course chicken dinner will be served at the banquet, to be followed by dancing, card playing and entertainment. A number of leading drivers' officials from the East have been invited to attend.

Since obtaining its charter on July 21st, 1933, Local 348 has obtained wage increases for its 2,000 members ranging from 25 to 500 per cent. Hours have been reduced from as much as 110 a week in over-road hauling to 60 hours, and from 70-80 weekly for local drivers to 40 hours. Members in all but two industries now receive paid vacations of from one to three weeks.

At 10 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Rinold Boltz (he's a driver for B. F. Nelson) won the special prize for waltzing offered by the union's

Great Fireworks Display
A mass chorus of "Ohs" and "Ahs" greeted the tremendous fireworks display in the evening which coincided with a dramatic sketch of the union's history presented by Miles Dunne. As Miles ended up with "Long Live Local 544," a special fireworks piece was let emblazoning the words "Local 544" in blue and red fire which burned for many minutes to the applause of the twenty thousand spectators.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

5,000 Strikers Mass at Parade Grounds



The fight of the Building Trades is the fight of American labor, speakers at the Parade Grounds Mass meeting Monday night told an audience of 5,000. Representatives of the Building Trades Unions, 544's FWS, the CIO and the Workers Alliance pledged themselves to a fight to the finish against the hated relief law.

History of Civilization

CHAPTER V.
The Written Law

Clerics, fed from the surplus meals raised by Runts, wrote mysterious Latin words on paper, saying:
"Runts are the property of Bully."
"Property is sacred."
"The Runt who runs away steals sacred property and shall be punished by due process of law."

Thus the fear of the law kept the Runts in their places and this was a great saving over the old method of holding them with ropes, chains and Big Stick fanners. And so, by due process of law, the Runts were elevated from just plain property by right of conquest to a state of being sacred property, and now it was their sacred duty to get about Bully's work and a violation of sacred rights for Runt to even consider his own welfare.

However and notwithstanding, the fear and "majesty of the Law," as it was called by now, some Runts persisted in running off and depriving Bully of his property. Something more potent than the fear of the law was needed. Something of a self-operating nature that would prevent Runt from swiping his own body or his owner's time which was one and the same.

As a result of this eternal striving for Higher Forms, the Voodoo Doctor, Medicine Man, Prophet and Soothsayer entered the service of Bully. Under more primitive arrangements they had made rain, kept out spooks, cast out devils and with magic words and witches' brew had manipulated the good and evil spirits which the woods, in those days, were full of. In the past they had done this on their own hook and for their own good.

To Be Continued

Chapter VI.—"He who is bound in the head is bound all over."

544's Picnic Last Sunday Is Best in Union's History

"The most successful, colorful and best attended picnic Local 544 has ever held"—that was the sentiment of the twenty-five thousand men and women and kids who gathered at Bass Lake last Sunday for the Fourth Annual 544 Picnic.

The day was replete with surprises which the union picnic committee had prepared for the guests. Shrieks of wonder and joy went up from the throats of five thousand kids at 3 o'clock when a complete animal circus suddenly appeared on the grounds and ponies and dogs went through an intricate and bewildering series of performances.

The merry-go-rounds and the other midway attractions lent their noise and enchantment to the scene until late at night.

A special match between professional wrestlers that went twenty minutes without a fall pleased the men mightily.

ITO Wins Again
The ITO tug-o-war team of 28 won its traditional victory over the Transfer Section, dragging the transfermen across the line in about one minute, to the cheers of the throng.

The women's egg race and the men's shoe-kicking contest drew bursts of laughter, especially when some of the eggs broke on the contestants and the shoes went flying into the crowd. Little Jimmy Williams came up the winner in the melon-eating contest with cantaloupe in his eyes and ears testifying to his strenuous efforts.

The Warehouse Union diamond-ball team scored an upset by nosing out the hitherto-undefeated 544 Youth ten.

Bill Sinnott and Marvel Dobbs refused to be stumped in the Labor Quiz, showing themselves to be two unionists who "knew all the answers."

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General Drivers Union Local 844 of Fort Dodge, Iowa, through its business agents, Maurice Olson and Art McCold settled seven back-pay grievances in short order this week.

Seven drivers of the Brady Transfer line were involved, and the collections amounted to \$157.15.

"Being a good union man does not pay dividends," commented Olson and McCold. "A few grievances settled this way and these bosses will soon have these checks made out in full."

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

At the Cleland Manufacturing company a water cooling system has been installed and the workers can get a drink of good cold well water. This is a big help during the hot weather.

Brother Charley Rosen had a little windfall last week. "I've got a pocket full of something besides dreams," says Charley.

Hold the press! We shall soon have a nice bit of rhyming from this section probably next week by special arrangement with the copy-right owners.

At the Northwest Casket company Margaret Johnson is back at work.

Joe Kulbida's '36 Dodge was smashed to smithereens last week in an accident. Our sympathy to Brother Kulbida.

At the Air-Loc seating the wheels of industry are spinning merrily.

"Give a man a car, a good cheap car, and let him wa-hoo," says Brother Schwartz.

Eino Koskela suffered an auto accident in Annandale Sunday. Haven't heard whether Eino was hurt or not.

Next Monday, July 18, Local 1859's diamond ball team will play a game in Pease, Minnesota, at 8:30 p. m. Pease is about 50 miles from here and these Pease boys are pretty cocky. Be a game worth going to see.

Only members of Local 1859 are permitted to read Chapter V of the History of Civilization elsewhere in this issue. All others are requested to remit 25 cents to the publisher for permission.

Clark plant closed down last week for semi-annual inventory.

Pity the small business man, brothers, for he is in the middle. When WPA works he says he has too much taxes. When WPA doesn't work the small business man's business gets smaller—until it almost vanishes. The income of WPA workers in this area amounts to \$75,000 a day or more. In three days it amounts to a quarter of a million. In twelve days it amounts to one million and over. Will the small business man miss this dough? We don't know—we're not business men.

Here is something that sounds like 1918. A radio announcement last Saturday morning stated that of 40,000 unemployed workers in the New York City area, some will be returned to WPA jobs and the rest shall register for military service.

Jews and Banking
Jews are attacked as international finance capitalists, as the great Jewish bankers handle only three per cent of all investment banking where J. P. Morgan and company control over 20 per cent.

Jews and Communism
It is stated over and over again, without any awareness of contradiction that all Jews are communists. This is very simply exploded by pointing out that there are a hundred thousand communists in the U. S. A. and four and a half million Jews.

Jews and the Labor Movement
Of one and one-half million Jews who are breadwinners only one-half million are in the labor movement. There are also 100,000 Jewish farmers.

The fight against anti-Semitism is the fight against fascism and war.

Sez the Sage to the Mack Truck: I can't understand why the herd follows such cruel bulls.

All riches come from inequity, and unless one has lost, another cannot gain.—ST. JEROME.

Our picnic is getting closer. Don't forget the date: July 30 at Webb's Place on Bass lake.

The diamond ball team is winding up a few of the postponed games and getting near to the play-off for the title.

All stewards please try to get your collections into the office by the twentieth of the month from now on. We have to close the books then in order to keep them up to date. If your reports come in after that date they will be entered in the next month.

On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)
The fascist movement in this country has been advised by Mr. Martin and some of his officers in his (Smith's) anti-union campaign."

These are serious charges. Certainly they could not have been made in a public statement unless the witnesses had very substantial evidence to back them up. If they are proven true they will do much to discredit Martin and his followers.

Oregon's Initiative Measure
—known also as the Picketing Regulations Act—which as crammed down the throat of the Oregon workers last fall as a "good" labor act has been upheld as constitutional by a court of appeals in the state.

Three judges upheld the law which makes it an illegal act to picket a place of business unless a "legitimate" strike is in progress. Wages, hours and working conditions are the only issues over which a strike may be called, and the majority of the workers in any given place must be out on strike. This act also makes it illegal to carry on a boycott against any business, unless a strike is in progress.

Attorneys for the AFL, the CIO, and the Big Four of the Railroad Brotherhoods will appeal the decision to the Oregon Supreme Court.

Minnesota's own Stassen Labor Slave Act was patterned after the Oregon Act. However, some of the provisions of the Minnesota Act are even more drastic than the Oregon Act.

Everywhere, in every man-

ner possible, the employing class is making use of its implements of oppression to beat down the workers and take from them the conditions and wages won by more than one hundred years of organized effort. The courts, with their adverse decision and their ever-ready injunctions against labor unions, the legislatures of not only the separate states but also the national bodies with their attempts to let laws and agencies take the place of the labor organizations, the police and national guards, the radio and newspaper with their insidious propaganda, the movies with the same brand of junk—everything is in the hands of the bosses—AND THEY ARE MAKING USE OF IT.

AND NOW THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, PUTS INTO EFFECT A RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS ACT WHICH, IF IT IS ALLOWED TO STAND, WILL ACT AS A SPEARHEAD TO THE NATIONAL WAGE-CUTTING PROGRAM OF THE BOSSES!

THEY CALL IT DEMOCRACY!

Campus WPA Workers Vote Strike

Following an overwhelming strike vote, WPA workers on the University of Minnesota, mostly technical and professional workers, went out on strike Monday. At a mass meeting in the Minnesota Union Monday afternoon, an Action Committee composed of two workers from each campus project was formed.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 General Membership — First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)	LOCAL 160 General Membership — Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—First Thursday
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 Grievance Board—July 10, 24 Casket Section—July 11 General Membership—July 19, August 2 1859 Executive Board—Every Friday night Twin City Stewards—July 10 and 24
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 20481 Executive Board—July 10 General Membership—July 27
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 JULY Monday, July 3—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, July 5—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, July 6—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, July 7—Job Stewards Monday, July 10—General Membership Tuesday, July 11—Lumber Wednesday, July 12—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liqueur Friday, July 14—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Sunday, July 16—Over-the-Road Drivers, 10 a. m. Monday, July 17—Furniture Stores, Coal Tuesday, July 18—Building Material Thursday, July 20—Tent and Awning, Printing, Newspaper—10 a. m. Friday, July 21—Job Stewards Monday, July 24—Spring Water Tuesday, July 25—Sand and Gravel Thursday, July 27—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Friday, July 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.
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 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting On call.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Thursday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	LOCAL 359 Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.
LOCAL 348 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	