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On the **National** Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

During the past few months the war propaganda has taken on a new and clever twist-"Americanism" is the theme song, the slogan under which the American workers are to be led into the world war. From every avenue of communication-the radio, the press the pulpit, the newsreel-you hear and read about the glories and wonders of our "democracy," our "inalienable rights" which we must prepare to die to defend.

I realize that to question the quality of this democracy is to be accused of being "un-American." Yet I cannot help but wonder if others do not feel the same as I do. Let's analyze briefly some of the machinations of this "democracy" and see if it applies as well to the working class as it does to the rich.

Every school child, from his kindergarten days on, is taught that in the United States every man can ris efrom office boy to president if he chooses. Yet today even the most reactionary economists admit that most of the present ten million unemployed are out of work, not because they do not choose to toil, but because they have been permanently displaced in the industrial world by labor-saving machinery, and by a crisis in the profit system.

Equality is, supposedly, an undeniable quality which all men in this land enjoy, regardless of their financial position. Consider this "equality" from this angle—the 1938 income tax reports, published by the Department of Internal Revenue, show that there were fifty-five individuale who enjoyed incomes of more than one million dollars each. One hundred and fifteen persons had incomes last year of slightly under one million dollars each. Another group of two hundred and seven squeezed by on annual incomes of from \$300,000 to \$500,000. IN ALL 377 PER-SONS HAD INCOMES HUNDRED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS!

only the barest necessities. in many cases, way below what is considered subsistence levels. Another TEN MILLION UNEM-PLOYED had only enough relief and work relief to keep them alive.

Universal suffrage is also supposed to be the law of the land. Yet in many of the southern states the Negro has never been granted the vote. Still others have laws which allow Negro suffrage, yet if a Negro dares to exercise that of fantastic stories about discoverright he finds himself a victim of Judge Lynch. Many others have about warning letters received, such high poll taxes that the "poor white trash" cannot afford to vote.

In Mississippi a new law has been passed taking from the text books of Negro students all references to voting. instructions on how to vote. government matters, and civic responsibility. Said Senator Davis, in his arguments before the Mississippi senate "Under the constitution the Negro is a citizen and of cept it. BUT HE CAN NEV-ER EXPECT TO BE GIVEN THE SAME EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL PRIVILEGES WITH THE WHITE MAN AND HE DOESN'T EXPECT THEM. THE BEST EDUCA-TION WE CAN GIVE HIM IS TO USE HIS HANDS BE-CAUSE THAT IS THE

Owners Cry 'Arson' To Sidetrack City In Fire-trap Probe

Property Owners Association Pulls New Rabbit from Hat,
This Time Claims "Terrorist Fire Plots"—Is Desperate
Effort to Stave Off Public Hearing, Effective Fire Ordinances — Magnesium Found by "U" Chemist at
Marlborough Could Have Been From Plaster—Nicollet Island Fire Almost Another Marlborough—Labor
Continues to Demand Public Fire and Housing Properate
Program

Efforts of the Minneapolis Property Owners Association and of certain public officials to divert public attention from the presence of hundreds of rotten fire traps in this city, and to prevent a public hearing on this menace, have become more and more fantastic during the past week.

Appointed to

appointments.

cigarette," as our readers will re- pointed head of the Resolutions

Announcement by President

John Boscoe of the Minneapolis

Central Labor Union of commit-

tees for the year reveals that sev-

William Sinnott of the Milk

Drivers Union will serve as chair-

man of the Card and Label Coun-

Latest trick of the Property Owners Association, group of wealthy tenement owners, is to cry "arson" and issue sensational stories of "terrorist"

fire plots" which the employer-controlled daily press plays up in Drivers Are big headlines. The "arson" cry was raised last week in connection with the Marl- CLU Committees

borough fire of January 3rd which

took the lives of nineteen persons and injured many more. The obvious motivation for such talk is the hope it will divert publie opinion from the fire hazarda which exist in abundance in Min- eral members of unions housed in

neapolis, and from the need for the Drivers Hall were honored by decent housing. Is Third "Explanation" The Property Owners Associa tion, when first confronted with the fateful Marlborough fire, suggested it was caused by "a lighted cil. Miles Dunne has been ap-

When this story was laughed Local 471 will also serve on this out of court, the Association came forward with a new theory on January 11th, expressed by Harry

this rapid spreading of the fire." forward a third story-that the stitution committee; and L. Clair Warren Shade company contract Marlborough fire was the result of Johnson of Local 131, on the edu- expires April 1st, and the Air-Loc criminal arson.

The Association's story is based on a report compiled by Dr. L. H. magnesium powder was present in the building.

Magnesium is a highly inflam-

MAGNESIUM IS ALSO FOUND IN PLASTER, ESPECIALLY IN This same report shows that IN PLASTER, ESPECIALLY IN SEVENTY-SIX MILLION work-PLASTERING JOBS PERFORMers had incomes which allowed for ED MANY YEARS AGO, as any plasterer can inform one.

> It is more than likely that the ough came from this source.

Tell Fantastic Stories Reverson's report was all the in the Twin Cities. Property Owners Association needed to launch into a regular Walt Disney story about "terrorist fire plots." At the Association's meeting last Thursday at the King Cole hotel, tenement owners told ing fires set in their buildings,

Now organized labor certainly holds no brief for arsonists. After all, it is the poor who are most large, they should be caught and placed in appropriate institutions. Labor knows that a high per-

centage of arson cases can be

Attention— All Coal Men

All coal drivers, helpers and yardmen are instructed to at-tend the special meeting to be held Monday, March 4th, 8 p. m., in the third floor hall at 25.7 Plymouth Avenue North. Matters of great importance are to be discussed and all coal men are instructed to attend.

Signed: Executive Board, Local 544

Facts on Fire At Grove Street

On February 16th fire broke out in the rooming house at 23-25 Nicollet Island, at 3:53 a. m. Four residents and a fireman were injured, as flames cut off

An investigation by the Northwest Organizer reveals:

1. No formal building inspection of this structure has been made since 1880, when the building permit was secured.

2. The WPA fire hazard survey investigated the structure on July 24, 1939, noted that fire extinguishers were needed. No record has been made that the order was obeyed.

the order was obeyed.

3. The structure was described as in "bad condition" by the city planning committee when it made its housing survey in 1934.

4. Present owner of the structure is John V. Peterson.

5. Despite the above facts which indicate the place was indeed a fire hazard, Fire Chief Spottswood attributes the fire to—a lighted cigarette tossed carelessly at the foot of a stairway.

Deman he city council hold a public he ing on housing and fire hazards! Join with organized labor in demanding a \$10 billion fed-eral housing program!

committee, and Willard Nelson of Two 1859 Sections Draw Demands

Carl Skoglund and Sinnott will The Air-Loc Seating Section Benton, president of the associ-a serve on the grievance committee; and the Warren Shade Section of tion: "Something in the air caused William Heigel of Local 160, on the Furniture Workers Union have the credentials committee; Walter met recently to draw up demands Now the Association is bringing Hagstrom of Local 544 on the con- for new agreements. The present cation and legislation committee. pact, April 18th.

Reyerson, head of the university chemistry department, showing Laundry Drivers Renew Notice of Strike Intention praise than with money, but the appropriation allowed represents one of only two increases that

Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 first sent out strike notices on Nomagnesium found in the Marlbor- and the St. Paul Laundry Drivers vember 25, 1939, but the notices Local 319 will renew their notice were withdrawn after two days of intention to strike the laundries had expired, because the employ-

The decision to renew the strike negotiations in good faith. notice was made after it was evi- The new strike notice will have the slightest intentions of grant- mands of the two Laundry Drivers

ing the unions' demands. been negotiating through a Joint Teamsters Joint Councils.

On March 1st the Minneapolis Union Negotiating Committee, ers intimated they would continue

Locals 131 and 319, who have both the Minneapolis and St. Paul

dent that the employers had not only eight days to run. The de- with satisfaction that neither Unions have been endorsed by Attorney General, Robert Jacknold "to pipe down."

544 Book Probe Now In 4th Week

Another week has dragged by during which plaintiffs' representatives continued examination of the General Drivers Union records in Judge Carroll's courtroom. The union's original estimate that the examination would be prolonged indefinitely has been proven correct. The absence of Local 544's books and records is a considerable handicap to the union in conducting its daily affairs.

The fourth article on the series. 'Behind the 544 Suit," appears on page four.

Trustbusters Hit Labor In Chicago

Latest Chicago unionists to feel the whip of the United States Department of Justice are Michael Boyle, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and five business agents of the Chicago Electrical Workers Union Local 134. On February 14th these union leaders were indicted by a federal grand jury which charged them with "conspiracy and combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act." Bail was set at \$1,000 each.

Local 134 was charged with organizing and representing fixture workers employed by the defen-dant manufacturers, and the manufacturers with entering into working agreements with the under which the union would install only fixtures stamped with the union label.

How Bosses View Indictments Attitude of the United States Congress (which quite accurately reflects employer-opinion in this country) towards the union-smashing campaign is revealing.

The February 10th issue of Business Week, employers' magazine, records with satisfaction that 'Remarkable in Congressional annals is the fulsome indorsement given to Thurman Arnold's antitrust drive by the House Approbecause of the heat being put on Congress by the AFL to hamstring Arnold's prosecution of racketeercommittee was more generous with the economy-minded committee made over budget estimates for the Justice, State and Commerce it. With best regards, I remain Departments."

Congress has appropriated \$1,-309,000 this year to finance Arnold's anti-labor drive, and \$1,-250,000 for next year.

Business Week magazine notes President Roosevelt nor the new son, have ordered Thurman Ar-

NSP Co. Accused Of Tricky Tactics With Farm Co-ops

Commission Starts Hearing In NSP Dispute

On Wednesday morning the three-man commission appointed by Stassen to investigate the Northern States Power company dispute began its hearing in room 206 of the state capitol.

The Joint Union Negotiating Committee representing the Minneapolis and St. Paul Elec-trical Workers Union Locals 160 and 110 attended the hear-

Members of the three-man commission appointed by the governor are Earl Lyons, Frank Allen and A. J. Kampmann. At the end of thirty days the commission may publish its find-

The Northern States Power company representatives have indicated the company will dis-regard the commission's find-ings if such findings displease the company.

A Letter From the Workhouse

A letter expressing deep thanks been presented unsuccessfully to Defense Committee was received the past twenty years, has the supers Section, the letter reads:

getting along well. Please give my Given the reactionary nature of I am getting the Organizer now the two thousand city day laborers and it feels good to read our side and swell the profits of the pri-

"Here's to the Federal Workers priations Committee—the more so Section. Hello everybody, how're all unions involved in the city's things out there in the wide open work has been set up and is comspaces? I am getting along well, piling figures proving that the day working in the laundry. I never labor system is much more ecoknew men wore so many shirts in nomical to the city than the con- States Power company has been one week. I will never beef to my tract system, and that it permits attempting to high-pressure many wife about why haven't I a clean a fair wage scale to city workers. of the REA-financed cooperatives shirt. I sure hope you members and stewards aren't letting us fel- Women Co-op Guild ting approved by REA, a trick lows down, because we will be in the fight again before you know as ever."

12th Ward FLP Card Party March 2

The Twelfth Ward Farmer-Labor Club will give a card party Saturday, March 2, 1940, 8:30 p. m. at 2815 1/2 East Lake street.

Same Company That Refuses Demands of Utility Workers in Twin Cities Accused of Trying to Rook Farmers— Power Firm Charged with High Pressure Stuff, Boosting Price of Electricity to Farm Co-ops, and Misrep-reesnting Facts—Union Movement, Knowing Company, Sympathizes with Farmers Against Common Oppressor—Government Official Urges Cooperatives to Reject NSP 'Trick' Contract

Finding the high-pressure tactics of the Northern States Power company too raw even for the Rural Electrification Administration, Robert B. Craig, assistant REA administrator, a few days ago wrote letters to 40,000 members of rural electric cooperatives in Minnesota warning them to throw overboard a contract being offered them by the NSP Company.

Robb Attacks Day Labor System

A new drive against the longestablished day labor system of city construction projects was launched last Friday by Alderman Walter C. Robb when he introduced his ordinance which aims to introduce the costly contract system with its accompanying lower The Robb ordinance, which has

to the Central Labor Union's WPA the Minneapolis city council for this week from Ralph Core, now ers association and the General at the city workhouse serving a Contractors Association. Under 60-day sentence for "conspiracy." the proposed ordinance, the Board Addressed to the Federal Work- of Estimate and Taxation could, at its discretion, decree whether "Just a line to let you know I a project was to be based on the received both allowances and am day labor or contract system. warmest thanks to the Central La- the Board, no one questions that bor Union's Defense Committee. it would press to cut the wages of

vate contractors. A joint committee representing

Luncheon Tuesday

The Women's Co-operative Guild essarily high rate. will sponsor a one o'clock luncheon "It would bind the systems for N. Admission is 25c.

"I strongly urge every system to refuse to sign this contract in its present form," wrote Craig, stating that even the worst of 600 contracts submitted to REA never contained such high rates as those asked by the NSP firm.

Big Business for many decades has spread the lie that it is the friend of the farmer, and that both should join hands against the worker in the city. Here is a situation that neatly explodes this lie before the eyes of the people. The Northern States Power company, caught trying to rook the farmer, is the selfsame company that has rejected the moderate demands of its workers in the cities.

There are 33 farmers' cooperatives in Minnesota being served by 5,000 miles of rural power lines built with REA government loans. Minnesota ranks second only to Texas in the use being made by farmers of REA loans for power lines, having borrowed some \$17 millions.

Craig accused the company of trying to high pressure farmers to accept its contract; of sending flying squadrons to argue at co-op meetings; of asking trick contract provisions holding up some rates and increasing others.

Tries High Pressure

"For months the Northern in Minnesota into signing, and getwholesale power contract. This contract would enforce an unnec-

and card party Tuesday, March five years. It would injure every 5th, at the Franklin Creamery au-system that might operate under ditorium, 2108 Washington Ave. it. Potentially, because of the

St. Paul Labor Assembly Backs Anti-Lynch Bill

Last Friday night the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly approved the following resolution in support of the anti-lynching bill now before the Senate. Representatives of six St. Paul unions signed the resolution:

WHEREAS, organized labor is continually faced with the threat to move industries into the South where coolie wages

WHEREAS, systematic terrorism has kept the workers of the South largely unorganized, and WHEREAS, lynching, an important part of this terrorism,

has served to drive a wedge between the colored and white workers and to prevent either from bettering their conditions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, go on record as urging the passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill now in the U. S. Senate, not only on the basis of protecting Constitutional human rights, but also with the hope that it will give some confidence and encouragement to the Negro workers and help break down the barriers that now stand in the way of a widespread union movement in

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our Sepators be notified of our stand by telegram, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the National Association for the Advancement of

8,000 Shipyard Workers Get Preview often the victims of fires. Labor believes that if arsonists are at Of M-Day -- Overtime Pay Withdrawn Just a mild taste of what the duced, under which hundreds of patriotism of the workers whose al Trades Department, Boiler-M-Day military dictatorship will employees are being compelled to wages have been cut. The union makers, Plumbers, Asbestos Work-

8.000 AFL workers at the Norfolk yards, the unions claim.

resenting the workers called upon the new plan was not only taking hour standards under cover of the holiday work. war emergency'."

week at the Norfolk plant has been now operating under "emergency plan. stagger system has been intro- the old gag of questioning the were the Electrical Workers, Met- the navy."

Last week a union delegation rep- management on the ground that back them in their fight. the management to protest "an away week-end holidays of the attempt by commandants at the workers, but was destroying the yards to break down wage and principle of overtime rates for

Nary Claims "Emergency"

mean to the workers of this nation out overtime pay. Similar re- around by Navy Department offiin wartime has been received by vamping is going on in some other cials at Washington, after which unionists took their story to Wil-

work Saturdays and Sundays with- delegation was given a similar run- ers, Machinists and Sheet Metal

CIO Gets Same Deal Last Saturday it was learned

government navy yard in Virginia. Protests were first made to the liam Green. Green promised to the CIO's Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, claiming to represent Union leaders state they fear 90,000 civilian employees of the that if the Navy Department gets Navy, had all its demands rejected away with their new program, it by Secretary of the Navy Charles would be a foretaste of other at- Edison. Edison refused to recogtacks on union standards such as nize either the union or its de-Heretofore the regular work The management, claiming it is are provided for in the M-Day mands, laying down the principle that "the wishes of civilians must Monday through Friday. Now a conditions," answered by using Among the protesting unions be subordinated to the needs of

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

than the proudest battles.-Chan-

These livery boys are coming to

Necessity is the plea for every

We can hardly wait until the

Next week Lilly will have a box

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around is that several house men

and gardeners want to come in

with us. These men should be en-

couraged and helped. They belong

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Union Delegates Take Walk At 3rd Dist. F-L Convention

In protest against the seating of four Communist Party members at the Farmer-Labor Third District Convention in Cambridge, Minnesota, last Sunday, all AFL union delegates, together with the delegates from Anoka and Washington counties, walked out of the cooperative hall and held their own legal convention at a nearby hall. Chairman Archie Ogg read a letter from state secretary

With the

Dairy Workers

Local 471

By George Bergquist

Our last membership meeting

was fine; we had a big turn-out,

Ray Johnson and Chester Good-

through harmony and co-operation

with them we will be able to avoid

many of the evils which crept into

the milk industry in Chicago, De-

troit and St. Louis. Our Duluth

Brothers have done very well; any

give will be available at any time.

At last we dug up a nickname

for Joe Sherman; we can call him

"Lucky." He won the free dues

and assessments in the drawing at

the last meeting. Number 435 was

winner also, but that dear broth-

his Local.

one swell time.

heard a lot of talk about him.

to keep in mind; same was ap-

proved at the last membership

meeting, "Any claim for Death

order to be valid, must be made

The average life of a milk bot-

tle is 32 trips out on your route.

with some tourist and get in on a

Our next regular meeting will

Temple Association (we have 321

that unloading chutes are to be

lar habit of getting in before three.

on Tuesday, March 26, at the Mari-

gold. Check the date on your cal-

endar and make plans now to at-

tend. We want to have one swell

Lillian Hurley

Regains Use of

Remaining Eye

Stewards of Local 544's Fed-

eral Workers Section and all

daughter, is home from General

than it ever has been. The child.

who lost the sight of one eye, was

Her father, Floyd, is one of the

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He always seems to carry that big

Call the firemen-Leonard got

Our 1940 dance will be held

said member's death."

Harold Peterson, quoting the constitution of the Farmer-Labor association and ruling that those expelled as Stalinists in 1939 could not hold membership or be delegates until subsequent action by the state convention or until the state constitution was amended to permit them back in the associa-

credentials committee brought in a report that the four could not be seated, nor could delegates from those clubs from which the four came, inasmuch as such clubs came in the scope of Communist Party sympathizers.

When the convention overrode the credentials committee report by a vote of 33 1/2 to 17, amid dead silence the AFL union delegates, representing the Milk Drivers, the Street Car Employees, the Electrical Workers Local 292, the City & County Laborers and others, walked out, accompanied by the rural delegations.

Favor Open Primary

Marching to a nearby hall, the delegates passed a resolution le galizing their convention, and pe titioned the coming state conven tion in Rochester to seat and rec ognize only delegates and committeemen coming from the legal con vention.

The union convention passed resolutions opposing the Stassen civil service bill, favoring the open primary, and condemning any candidate who seeks and accepts endorsement previous to the primaries. John Nordin of Anoka county and Mrs. I. G. Scott were chairman and secretary, respec tively, of the legal convention.

Both factions elected delegates to the Rochester convention on March 8-9.

At the Fifth District convention held Sunday at 2505 Bloomington avenue in Minneapolis, Mrs. Selma Seestrom was renamed to the state central committee of the F-L Association

Ask NSP Investigation

The Second District convention was also held Sunday, at Mankato, and adopted a resolution favoring the open primary, and one asking Senator Lundeen to launch an investigation into activities of the Northern States Power company to high pressure rural co-ops to accept trick contracts.

Split delegations from at least three districts will appear at Rochester and ask recognition from the state convention.

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts ********************************

and this week news is really shares) and upon us falls largely scarce. There may be some im- the responsibility of putting the portant news before long, so all program across. Come prepared to Welles Trip Is out to the next membership meet- ask plenty of questions. ing Thursday, March 7th.

We understand others beside Local 160 claim the company is checked often so let's make a reguinclined to sign trick contracts. (REA must be getting radical.)

A million dollars to break a union but no five per cent for wages. Tsk! Tsk! Tsk!

Confucius says: "Money badly spent is no investment."

Are workers dependent on a company for a livelihood? If so, what can they do to guarantee

themselves a livelihood? Get a signed union agreement and then see that the company

lives up to it. Sickness is hitting the Meter friends of the Floyd Hurley fam-Department rather hard this week. ily will be glad to learn that little Brothers Pearson, Skaug, Aane- Lillian Hurley, 8-year-old twin

stad, Adkins and Merry are reported on the sick list as this col- hospital with her eyesight better umn is being written. At the next stewards' meeting recently operated on to remove a on March 6th there will be a dis- cataract from her remaining eye. cussion on INJUNCTION PRO-

CEDURE by a Minneapolis attor- convicted WPA strikers now servney who is thoroughly familiar ing a 90-day sentence in Sandwith labor law.

Any member of the Local in good standing is welcome to attend.

This local extends sympathy to smile except when he growls. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moe, whose daughter is seriously ill at the Abbott hospital. We wish her a a new suit. Seventeen bucks, he rapid recovery.

they're wool. We hear Donny Moore is trying his hand at "authoring." Here's If you want your column to be luck to you, Brother. news items. Mail them to the Lo-

Nothing ever seems to bother cal Union office. They will be ap-"Starchy" Brown at Riverside. preciated.

The 289 Blab By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be Retail Drivers Thursday evening, March 7, at 7:30 p. m. Please note the new time: 7:30 instead of 8 p. m.

Ray Ferguson, Purity North Plant, is back on the job again while our other casualties are still at home; Ralph Anderson for another month or more and Fred Poisson for about the same time.

Our bowling team has finally bounced back into its usual form by trouncing the Ice Drivers three games to the dismay of Bruce Vinent, the captain. By winning last Monday the team should win in walk.

transacted out business smoothly Promoted from the ranks is Carl and we were favored with short All of Grennan's bakery who was talks by the officials of the Duluth recently made assistant to the Milk Drivers Union. Bob Rooney, Sales Manager, after 8 years as a route salesman. Good luck, Carl, vangen paid us a very pleasant visand all that stuff. Carl. vou reit. It seems their present problems member, made quite a good showare quite similar to ours and those ing last year in the aldermanic of St. Paul. It is hoped that race in the Third ward.

> SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL **MEMBERS**

Night Men Excluded A fine will be levied against all members who do not attend the help or co-operation that we can March General Membership meeting as voted by the membership last Thursday night. This applies only to the next General Membership meeting.

you missed the last meeting. Car- be installed in the loop and it is up press. los Hudson was the guest speaker to every man in the cab industry Harold Hurle put on a real feed in this country.

the other night for members of his Shrine Patrol: it was a dinner that The committee to investigate the old East High school building as a R. E. Hacking is buying the old money couldn't buy, a crappie feed Harold has been doing a lot of fish-Labor Temple possibility will meet Yellow Cabs . . . Is Mr. Hacking tion for racketeering or shady at the union office next Tuesday, gonna' resell the "hacks" to hacking, he had plenty of crappies on March 5, and go from there. Ed drivers" for "hacking?" and (it wouldn't be nice to mention the figure) and the boys had Skelly, please take notice.

Another 471 girl has gone astray; Berl Westman is headed for I guess. As you know, he was re- airplane pilot's license. the altar on June 1. We have been cently reported as having milk pedtrying to find out who "Waldo" dling aspirations but somehow or over on the east side. We've Here is just one more By-Law be on route 31 as usual.

Tournament was held at Colberts' Benefit or Death Assessment, in bowling alley in St. Paul last Sunday with 144 entrants, but only within the thirty days following three from the Minneapolis plant breakable saucer for his coffee. scored for the prizes: Jack Moran, Fritz Smidell and Fred Lindsted

"Slim" Kuehn, Continental, St. Occasionally they go hitch hiking Cloud, is very seriously ill with pneumonia and is in St. Josephs hospital in that city.

To the ladeez: Be sure to re be held on Tuesday, March 5, and mind the old man about that dolat 8 p. m. There will be a special lar fine and see that he attends order of business to decide if we the General Membership meeting want old East High school to be on March 28. Maybe he will give our Labor Temple. Local 471 is you the buck he saved toward the the largest stockholder in the Labor new Easter bonnet. Dont' forget, only said maybe.

Forum Subject We heard from a reliable source

"Why Did Sumner Welles Go to Europe?" will be the subject to be discussed at the regular Sunday Forum, March 3rd, 3 p. m., at 919 Marquette. A question and discussion period will follow the presentation.

Card of Thanks

To Local 160: Many thanks for the beautiful flowers sent to Bill Odenwalder. This is his first sick leave in 37 years, and so the first opportunity to know what the union does for men who are ill.

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AFL Building Trades Form United Front vs. Government

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Died: William Williams, burial charter member of this local. We extend our sympathy.

Died: W. (Shorty) Davis, age 77. He was the last man in Minneapolis to drive a horse-drawn hack. He is well remembered by our older drivers.

DO NOT FAIL to read the taxicopy away for reference.

world conditions as related to labor taxi ordinance as these new meters tion" to begin with.

Arlo Liebeler is burning midnite Harold Larson of Zinsmaster oil to learn the mysteries of metewill still continue to hike bread, orology and aviation to secure his

other the deal fell flatter than a razed in April; Maxie B. and some herring and to the greater loss of others of our drivers who drove the milk industry Harold will still "way back when" are going to be there to see if they can "flush out'l those missing fares that told The Annual Zinsmaster Bowling them to wait till they came out.

> Art Sundby will join the L.B.B. as soon as he can procure an un-

Merton "The Goon" McLean has climbed way up on the watermonths he spent up there while crossing the desert.

Fred Setrum "The Sage of Seventh Street' was sent to a Lowry Hill address just to "squire" a little pooch around the block. It ain't right, says Fred, "to put two tons of taxicab and two hundred and cials. twenty pounds of man in motion to exercise a little flea-cushion, even n a cold day.'

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All unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor's Building and Construction Trades Department will confer in Washington March 4th and 5th to form a united front of defense against the administration's persecution of unions under guise of enforcing the at St. Mary's cemeiery. He was Sherman Anti-Trust Law. John the father of Joseph Williams, a Coyne, president of the Building Trades Department, announced international officers and legal counsel of the affiliated organizations will participate in the united front. Representatives of local building trades councils will also attend to discuss application of the defense program.

"Arnold, assistant attorney genmen's working agreement, printed eral, is broadening his crusade for us in last week's copy of the every day," Coyne announced. "He Northwest Organizer. Our contract is proceeding against trade union runs for two years so file your practices which have always been considered legitimate, and we never know where he will strike next, You really missed something if The parking meters are soon to or what activity he will try to sup-

er failed to attend the meeting of and made them all sit up and take to see that no taxi-stands, etc., are our unions are being sapped by notice in his speech touching on taken from us. Read up on the legal expenses to fight his prosecution. Unless we combine to meet are bound to cause "copper-fric- his attack, some of the unions may be financially crippled."

Coyne stated the building trades unions do not object to prosecupractices. Arnold, however, he said, s prosecuting labor for practices which are legitimate and which protect the union and its agree-

The old West Hotel is being F-L Veterans Meet Frida

Since the Farmer-Labor Veterrevised its charter to include fam-Federal Workers Section have joined. The charter amendment allows the club a larger scope in social activities. The new charter that Calvin Coolidge was dead, will be read at the open meeting wagon to better his previous five Friday, March 1st, at 818 Hennepin avenue. Former Congressman Dewey Johnson will be guest speaker.

The Veterans, following the lead of organized labor, sent in protests to Congress over Roosevelt's promotions of Glotzbach and Stolte, strike-breaking WPA offi-

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Gassing With 977

The final proposal on the gen eral station working agreement is being handed the employers by the local this week. Immediate action will be taken by the union if the negotiations are not completed by the first of the month. The local opened negotiations on the contract in the month of December the contract is retroactive as of February 1st.

Harold Westover returned to his work at the Roberts Pure Oil station this week, after being ill at his home with pneumonia.

With spring just around the corto get your car radio tuned up. Karl's Radio Service at 1100 3rd to build a new building, but we Ave. S., is a union shop-guaran- are afraid this is going to be a teed to minimize the static ele-

John Gardner, employed at Olson Loop Service, 300 4th St. S. is confined to his home with pneumonia.

Section 7, Article VI, of the By-Laws reads: "Members in good standing who are leaving employment on jobs which are under the jurisdiction of the Union shall be issued a withdrawal card by the Secretary-Treasurer. The mem ber's dues must be paid for the month in which the withdrawal card is issued. No member is relieved of the obligation of dues payments unless he has received a withdrawal card." - Just a re minder.

The following members have ans' Club of Hennepin County has fered by the local, during the past made use of the medical care of month: Abe Nichols of the Midily or relatives of veterans, eight land Co-op plant; Joe Salzl of the women members of Local 544's Phillips Petroleum plant; and Carl Wood of the Barber Oil plant.

> When Dorothy Parker heard she asked: "How can they tell?"

> > FOR MONEY See **PHOENIX** Loans on Auto

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With the Limousines

By Home James

News that Minneapolis Labor is thinking of taking over the old It is the argument of tyrants; it ner (or sumpin'), you may want East Side high school for a labor temple sounds better than trying very unwelcome guest to some of those VERY finky mortuaries over there, or would it, Don?

> Poor old what's my name takes the shelf for the want of nasty words. Lord knows we have plenty of candidates.

That was a nice letter from Willie Green about our social security.

One of our leading members his name is on the charter at east) thinks there should be a FAIR list; he can't mean finks, we ope, so we take it he means members. So here it is, the only one we have of his kind so far. ED LITFIN

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Arson Talk Designed to Stop Probe

(Continued from Page 1) traced directly to landlords seeking insurance.

One thing labor is sure of, and that is, that it doesn't want to see the public desire for an open hearing into fire traps and housing sidetracked by a group of wealthy real estate owners crying "arson."

The Association also condemned the grand jury investigation into persons lost their lives in a fire on fires and fire hazards.

We also condemn the grand another angle. Together with the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. we demand the city council hold a public hearing on fire traps and don't like the idea of shunting this hearing on to a grand jury which meets behind closed doors. Almost Another Marlborough

That drastic efforts are needed to protect the tenants of fire traps was again indicated February 16th when the 60-year-old two-story and had to jump or climb down greedy tenement owners. trees. There were no outside fire

converted into a four-plex, and common to the nation. The last

ommendations for stricter fire de- were in really good condition. partment and building inspection Ordinances to protect those studied a survey showing the un- also needed. sanitary and dangerous housing

Organizer continues to press its right now. Congress must be demands on the city council-to forced to adopt this program.

pass an ordinance making it obligatory for every owner of a fire trap to display a sign warning tenants of that fact, and to make it obligatory that every owner of a fire trap housing more than one dozen persons hire a night watchman to be on duty during the night, ready to warn occupants if

city cursed with tenement owners who violate the law and maintain fire traps, is indicated by the trial last Friday in New York City of I. Smith, president of a corporation owning the tenement at 210 West 103rd street in which four January 5, 1939. Smith pleaded guilty Friday to charges of first

jury investigation, but from quite and second degree manslaughter. He faces a maximum sentence of twenty years imprisonment. He is now out on \$7.500 bail. Smith refused to comply with the multiple general housing conditions. We dwelling law on repeated demands by the building and fire departments to install fire-retarding and stopped the spread of the flames Claus? and provided an opportunity for the victims to escape.

Though there are 63,000 tenements in New York City that have tenement at 23-25 Grove street, ignored similar orders, the Smith Nicollet Island, caught fire early case is said by the New York in the morning, and drove 19 per- Times to be the first time a plea sons into the street in their night- of guilty or a conviction has been clothes. Five were injured, in- recorded in that state on an including one fireman. Tenants in dictment of that nature, which inhalf of the second floor found dicates that the courts are no bultheir stairway blocked by flames, wark to protect the poor from

Nation Needs Decent Housing The horrible and dangerous

The building was built in 1880 housing conditions that exist in as a single family residence, later Minneapolis and New York are still later into a rooming house. federal housing survey conducted Jury Investigates Traps by the Department of Commerce The final report of the grand in 1934 indicated that only 37% jury is expected to include rec- of the dwelling units in 64 cities

regulations and for more rigid en- forced to live in fire traps are forcement of present codes. The urgently needed. Public hearings jury is said to have made a per- to acquaint the people with the sonal investigation of some of the extent of fire traps and fire hazcity's worst fire traps, and to have ards and the housing problem are

The Final Solution

Slight progress on another front for the federal government to ap- to a grading job this coming sumwas indicated when the city coun- propriate ten billion dollars for a mer. The site will be known as cil fire department committee was public housing program. Such a Ellwell Park. said to be studying a new fire pre- program would provide decent vention ordinance by which build- low-cost homes for millions of ing owners who fail to comply families, and would give jobs to with fire prevention requirements millions of unemployed. Such a would be liable for fire fighting program would put America to business. Us married guys will work and add to the nation's City fire and building inspectors wealth and health. If Congress long as we stick to the B.P.C. have been asked to propose teeth really represented the people, such for the ordinance. The Northwest a program would be in operation

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By Wally Raze

There's not much to report this That Minneapolis is not the only and I spent a few hours at Sloppy Joe's last night.

Some 70 men have been laid off offs will doubtless have received some attention by the B.P.C. eming. I believe it is possible and extra crews throughout the year as to periodic layoffs on the grounds of "insufficient funds" to maintain a year-round payroll. Who's payother appliances which might have ing these extra crews - Santa

> Brother Swen Lorenson is the proud papa of a new daughter. All parties concerned are doing nicely-including Swen.

Brother Eric Pearson is now under treatment at Rochester We are hoping for his quick recovery.

Brothers Charles Rudeen and Henry Forsman are back on the job again although Henry's foot still bothers him some.

Sea-walls are under construction at Calhoun Nokomis Hiawatha lakes and at Loring park by WPA. Seems to be plenty dough in the B.P.C. treasury for supplies expired, the company has been and equipment necessary to these nore or less useless projects despite their claims that "shortage of funds" forces long lay-offs among their regular civil service employ-There's something screwy about an argument like that. Let's prove it.

B.P.C. has acquired the whole block directly across East Henne pin from the old Minneapolis Bedconditions in the university dis- But the one thing that can solve ding company. A WPA crew is the housing problem TODAY is cleaning the place out preparatory

> Howard Moore, our B.P.C. at orney, can give any of you single lads pointers on this income tax never have to worry over that so

Could be, we'll all be in the dark before long if the N.S.P. company doesn't play ball with Local 160. Personally, I won't squawk as long as 160 wins out. I like to see some of the dough I pay out for juice go to the boys who maintain that service.

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out of our struggle over power per kilowat-hour). But these were it out. limited to one year. Since they

Misrepresents Facts

"In seeking signature for its contract, the company has sent a flying squadron of its officials to virtually every meeting the cooperatives have held recently. When representatives of the cooperatives met with our representative in Minneapolis recently, the company held an earlier secret neeting with some of the cooperative people, we are advised, in an unsuccessful attempt to win general acceptance of the contract. . . Along with its contract, the company is seeking to persuade

the cooperatives to sign resolupossible otherwise to get a fair deal for the farmers.'

Craig urged the cooperatives to insist upon a fair contract for your wholesale power, and if you want any resolutions, write your

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I hear you sold your pig, said the first farmer. "Yep, last Thursday," answered

the second farmer. "How much did you get?" "Eight dollars." "What did it cost you to raise

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Business Still On Toboggan

Where are those jobs in private industry that President Roosevelt promised in his budget speech, as justification for again slashing WPA?

For the seventh consecutive week the New York Times business index went down last Sunday. The drop for the week was two full points, from 98.6 to 96.6. Every week since Janutwo full points, from 98.6 to 96.6. Every week since January 1st the index has dropped, in as steep a decline as the disastrous drop in the fall of 1937.

Independent **Truck Chatter**

By R. F. Hornig

A special meeting of the Ways and Means committee will be held this Saturday, at 10 a. m. Miles Dunne will be present to advise the members of the committee of the views of the executive board.

Prospects for an early start of spring work are not very encouraging if all indications so far found out by our members can be depended upon. The county no work until the snow is gone; Olson Highway-not till May 1-15, the sewers must be relaid first; "The present situation grows park board-not until the WPA peters out, unless a lot of heat supply about two years ago. There piles up; city-Vincent and Paul was a demand from Minnesota at say the same as last year. Only that time for generating plants. last year even in January we had Ultimately Northern States put ten truckers on the city payroll into effect 1 cent contracts (1c and now-well, I pass, you figure

Remember the seniority and charging, generally, a cent and a grievance board meets every Tueshalf. Then came the proposed new day and Friday night at 7 p. m.

A call has been made for more ITO stewards to show up for stewards meetings on Friday.

Somebody down at the courthouse tried to throw a scare into our ITO section, possibly a little spite talk, by starting a promotion for competitive bidding for city hired trucks. Or was it an undercover move to assure our support for the day labor system against Alderman Robb's ordinance calling for competitive bidding on all city jobs over \$5,000?

Motor Notes: The U. S. Forest service operates about 8,000 tions expressing opposition to the trucks . . . A tractor unit just building of generating plants. It retired by a transport company is being argued so plausibly that had turned over 700,000 miles. ome of the farm leaders have be- And you boys must trade 'em in lieved it, that distribution lines every other year! . . . Horton Mowill not get built because REA tor Lines drivers of Charlottee, money goes into generating plants. N. C., passing through the state of This is a smoke screen . . . No- Virginia during the recent snowwhere would we finance any gen- storms in the Southland, helped erating plants unless it was im- 387 stalled motorists in a three day period.

> Our City bowling team took two games from the 544 team of the Union Drivers league. They will play a return match at the Recreation alleys this coming Sunday at 2:30. And that famous organizer's team of Hansen. Williams, Rainbolt, Hamel and Hork will appear on our alleys this Friday from the Warehousemen. L. Masnight at 9:30 for a match game with our Minnesota team.

Jack Herman, last year's 544 baseball manager has given up plans for his job in the south this summer managing the baseball team at Chattanooga, Tennessee. "Well, I paid \$3 for the shote I believe Judge Landis' breakup of the big league farm systems forced his prospective boss in the south to buy up Jack's contract.

> 544-ITO Bowling League Team 57 City Dragline Committee Gravellers 32 37 Minnesota Muckers . 21 48 Woolery, 507; Schwartz, 532.

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8iroadway and Rockford Road Standard Stations-13th and Harmon Pla

1859 Demands **Jobless Aid** For Forty

Local 1859 appeared before the state unemployment board tribunal this week to press its contention that forty locked-out Puffer-Hubbard workers are entitled to about \$7,000 in unemployment in-

The union contends that the company has not been negotiating in good faith, and that the jobs are no longer available as the machinery has been moved to Wisconsin and Michigan and the work contracted out by the Puffer-Hubbard management.

Goetzman, Puffer-Hubbard re eiver, was present to state that he strike was still in progress 'The union won't accept our de nands," Goetzman pleaded.

His attorney was Robertson rom the same law office that per- mile trip last week. forms work for the Northwestern National Bank, Robertson also op posed the idea of paying the workers the unemployment insurance to which they are entitled. Like the labor-hating bank whom he serves, this lawyer seeks to grind the Puffer-Hubbard workers down

289 Keglers Increase Lead

Local 289 shot a little further in the lead Monday night by blanking the Ice Drivers P. Knoblauch had 570. Oasis Bar blanked the Soft Drinks and also set a new high for three-game total: 2,881. E. Klein had 604. L. Hatling had 548. The Meat Drivers took the odd game from Kenzies, O'Con- Think that over in your noodle nell having 589, and D. Curran, 557. Local 544 took the odd game avenue in St. Paul and see the big

Local 289 42 24 Kenzies : Soft Drinks 36 Oasis Bar 35 Meat Drivers Local 359 Local 221 Local 544

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You By Richard B. Gilmore

George Solder, the trusty firenan at the J. R. Clark plant, came

back on the job February 22.

George had been down with

light touch of pneumonia. HOUSE HUNTING Author Unknown (he hopes) There once was a guy Down at our plant Who went hunting houses In beer joints, the tramp!

He first tried the Siren And downed a few beers And half an hour later He gave a few cheers. Then off to the Glenwood

He downed a few more And felt like a man. He stepped up to the bar; With his foot on the rail

He hurriedly ran.

He ordered some more. By now he was pale. The Nip and Sip Was the next place he tried.

Before he was fried. He reached in his pocket, His dough was gone. So two-bits he borrowed:

It didn't last long.

And it wasn't long

And when he had spent Every last dime, He looked at the clock-Holy smokes! It was nine!

So on to his home He wearily tread. His brain was whirling And his feet were dead.

And now for the moral: When house-hunting, try Laying off beer And keep yourself dry. Louis "Curly" Trya sez: "I like

gave it a good workout on a 300 pital. The boss was explaining wage

my '36 Ford. That 60 h. p. en-

gine is saving me dough." Curly

adjustment to the workmen. 'Now see here, you guys. How would you like it if you had money invested in the business and then break even on the dance when all didn't get any dividends? What we gotta do is give some dividends all of you who have tickets, make to the stockholders to make 'em your report at the next meeting. happy. It will be good for the business if the stockholders feel

good. They will be boosters." yesterday. Something is brewing. "What about us?" asked one of You guess what. We gotta get it we supposed to be happy and be season opens. boosters if we take a cut in our

"What the hell are you squawking about?" said the boss. "Don't you know that if you work for a living you are in business? And if you are in business what is good for business is good for you? and then go over on University Lexington avenue that says the what they are trying to do? Get same thing. That ought to prove something to you."

This may not be news to most ered over such trivial matters as of you 1859-ers but it will bear saving Finland or restoring Porepeating. It was first printed in a land or Czechoslovakia. As far as 35 Texas newspaper issued February business is concerned, sell where 41 15 and due to lack of space I am you can make the most profit, 41 cutting it down to the bare facts, war or no war. duly authenticated from reliable private sources. The exchange of goods between

France and Germany is going on slit by Nazi bayonets made of at a rapid pace and is not confined to coke and ore. Until lately the French ore has been shipped into Belgium, reloaded into Belgian box cars and then shipped into Germany. German coke was handled the same but this made the cost of transportation so high that it has been discontinued and ore and coke is now being shipped direct between France and Ger many via Belgium and no bones made about it. Up to the first of the year the

Shell Oil company made deliveries to Germany in fulfillment of their regular contracts. This business was sewed up by Sir Henri Deterding for his Shell company when he helped the handsome Adolf Hitler come to power through the Nazi party by kicking in with very substantial cash payments to the rising nationalist party. Standard Oil of New Jersey through its German affiliate. the Deutsch-Amerikanische Petro leum Gesellschaft, is getting a large hunk of the business.

Another major American oil company which furnished the largest individual part of the fuel for General Franco in Spain continues to get the Spanish government contracts out of gratitude although their prices are higher than those of competitors for the Spanish government's business (let the taxpayer worry).

Northfield **Praises FCL** Council

The Northfield Independent, a weekly paper, praises the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council meeting held there February 8th as "very enlightening."

"Farmers, labor union men, and representatives of cooperatives, together with a goodly sprinkling of economists, college students, and just plain ordinary citizens, to the number of nearly 100, sat down together at dinner Thursday night in the Community building to discuss their problems, their objectives, and their differences," writes the Independent.

"At the conclusion of the discussion, which lasted until 11 o'clock in the evening, it was generally agreed that the facts brought out had been very enlightening, that the divergent views expressed had been very interesting, that the evening's association had brought about a more tolerant feeling if not good fellowship, but that only a beginning had been made in actually solving the question of how the industrial worker and the farmer can harmonize their differences and frame a program for each other's benefit . . .

In marked contrast to the restrained and commendatory tone of the Independent's story was W. F. Schilling's article on the Council upper, appearing in the same isue. Schilling attacked the unions. the Farmer-Labor movement and the cooperatives indiscriminately, triking particularly at the union vage scale.

Gas and Suds

Charles Karch of Master, after bein goff for two weeks went back to work last Monday.

Elmer Kaeder of American Linen had an appendectomy last week and is still at St. Mary's hos-

Art Marg from Progressive has been confined to his home for nearly two weeks.

We are still hoping we will the tickets are reported in. Please, Sal Juetten was in the office

the thick-skulled workmen, "Are out of the way before the fishing Some of you old timers who re-

member Box Walstrom, stop in and visit him at the Swedish hospital in the old building, room 130.

"Yep, he's a regular human dy-"Really?" "Yes; Everything he has on is charged."

the underlying masses into uniforms and let 'em kill each other off but big business can't be both-

We have no way of knowing how the French soldiers feel about the idea of getting their bellies French ore but as the cook said when he strained the mice out of the milk, "What they don't know

won't hurt them." Just call it adventure and ex-

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See, brothers and sisters. See

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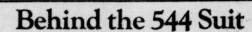
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick, But when I strike I'm a Belshevik I'm labor.



But union men were not the only witnesses in Judge Carroll's courtroom. Each of the plaintiffs also testified, and their testimony only reinforces what Local 544 has said of them.

1. John Asplund, plaintiff. Attended six meetings of Local Number One, attended meetings in Mayor Leach's office where union matters were discussed. His activities in behalf of Local No. 1 took up much more time than he gave to Local 544 meetings, yet he claims to be a loyal member of Local 544. Admits he chiseled on the union wage scale while working for I. O. Swanson. Joined Local 544 in 1936, yet was so uninterested in the union he didn't even know there was a union wage scale. Has never talked to Local 544 officials. Says he was motivated in bringing the suit because of his belief the funds of the union were being squandered, and further admits his only basis for such belief as that once he read in the Northwest Organizer that Skoglund was having a good time in Washington. Admits he heard financial reports read, but says there were no balances. Two score Local 544 members testified that not only are financial reports made, but that such reports include all balances, receipts and disbursements. Admits he carried and still carries a Local 1 card; that he has attended every meeting of Local 1 since it was founded; that it is a matter of indifference to him whether there is a dual union to Local 544. Admits that all the other plaintiffs also attended meetings of the Local 1.

2. Robert Fisher. Was initiated into Local 544 in August, 1936, and during the next eight months attended three general membership meetings. Two months after he joined, he claims he stood up at a union meeting (in October 1936) and demanded a general accounting of funds. Stated that, though he knew none of the union officers and had never spoken to them, Miles Dunne came down from the platform and told him his wife would find him in the gutter if he ever asked for an accounting. When asked if there were any witnesses who overheard Dunne's threat, Fisher said "Dunne talked in a whisper and no one overheard him." Fisher didn't explain how Dunne knew Fisher was married and had a wife. Whereas Fisher testified Dunne left the platform, talked to a few friends, and then came over to him, Ely Stevens, Fisher's own witness, testified that Dunne came directly to Fisher from the platform without

stopping to talk with friends.

Fisher testified a car-load of men representing themselves as 544 organizers once stopped him and demanded \$5 a load. Fisher, who reviewed in the greatest detail and exactness ten years of his life, failed to remember the names of the men and failed to get the license number of the car, which would certainly have been an easy method of identification

-had Fisher's story been true. Fisher gave the interesting information that he drove a truck in Minneapolis during the summer of 1934 and NEVER EVEN KNEW THERE WAS A DRIVERS' STRIKE.

Pause here a moment, reader, and consider Fisher's statement in the light of the momentous events of the year 1934. What a glaring light this man's claim throws on the character of the plaintiffs and their testimony.

Fisher swore in court he drove a truck in Minneapolis all during 1934 and never heard of the three drivers' strikes of that year.

He never heard of the civil war in the market in May, when the serried ranks of grim union pickets squads on one day defended themselves against the entire Minneapolis police force, and on the next day drove an army of 5,000 special deputies and finks from the market.

He never heard that the national guard was mobilized in May. He never learned that the national guard was actually called out in August to raid the strike headquarters, to raid the Central Labor Union, to jail the strike headquarters, to patrol the streets. Why, for a peroid, all trucks had to have a permit to operate-not a union permit but a permit from the national guard.

When the drivers of Minneapolis were shedding their very hearts' blood on the pavements of this city, in order that themselves and all labor might advance a few steps towards the goal of a better life for the masses, where was Fisher?

When every union and every union man and woman in Minneapolis was backing the General Drivers Union to the hilt in this decisive struggle, where

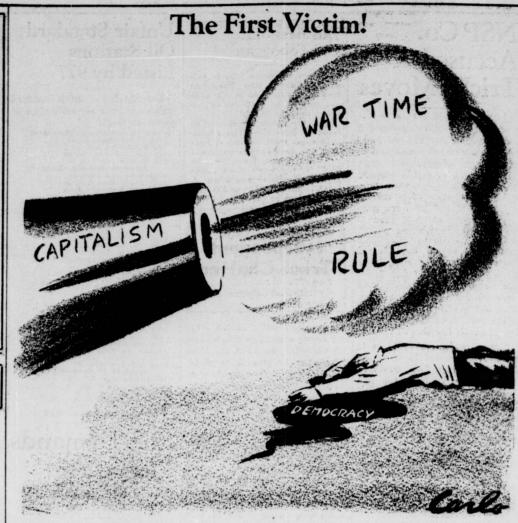
Was he scabbing on the union? If so, was he not stopped by a union picket squad that explained to him the significance of the strike and asked him to join the union?

Did he try to operate his truck in July and August, 1934, without a permit from the national guard? Or did he obtain a permit?

Did he ever talk to a neighbor? Did he ever read a newspaper? Did he ever listen to a radio? Every newspaper, radio and magazine in Minneapolis, not to speak of the country and of Europe, in formed its readers of the momentous drivers 'strikes in Minne-

And where was Fisher? Driving a truck all the time, and not even knowing there was a strike, he swears in court.

But enough! His story is too utterly fantastic. His story calls into question not only himself and his



Need for Anti-Lynch Bill Told by NAACP Speaker

With the nation discussing the lynching problem and the United States Senate about to vote on the federal antilynching bill, the Twin Cities branch of the Workers Defense League heard Mrs. Josie Williams of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People describe the lynching question last *

ngs in the United States since troubles in 1936, half the lynch-1882. In 99.2% of these cases, not one lyncher was arrested, ers. One of the major purposes of

world which tolerates lynching. nade by Mrs. Williams.

"Lynching can be effectively thing will be an effort to let the curtailed only by increasing state responsibilities, in dollars and cents, to the families of lynched If a man does wrong, let him have victims," the speaker said, urging a just trial for his crimes. When support to the federal anti-lynch- you fight against lynching, you're ing bill which contains a clause making it obligatory upon the state to pay \$10,000 to the family of a lynched person.

The NAACP has fought for such bill since 1909, and has backed the proposed Dyer anti-lynching bill of 1922, the Costigan-Wagner bill which finally passed the House lynch bill. in 1937 but which was stopped in the Senate through a lengthy filibuster by Southern senators, costing U. S. taxpayers \$460,000.

Unions Interested in Bill "It's an economic set-up that causes lynching. When employment is hard to get, the situation

Friday evening at the St. Paul said. "What hurts the colored worker also hurts the white work-There have been 5,125 lynch- er. During a period of labor ings were of white persons, workmuch less punished. The United lynching is to keep Negroes from States, claiming to be a great deagitating for employment at denocracy, is the only country in the cent wages, for education and for the ballot. Senator Pat Harrison These were some of the points objects to the anti-lynch bill because 'If we pass this law, the next

> Negroes vote.' "Lynching must be stamped out. fighting to build what we all want -a bigger and better democracy." Large sections of the union

novement in the United States are supporting the anti-lynching bill. On Monday the Gallup poll reported that a majority (55%) of the American voters favor passage bill in 1934-35, and the Gavagan of the proposed Gavagan anti-

teacher.

"No'm," replied the little boy. "Is it flat, then?" "No'm."

one fights to live," Mrs. Williams "My dad says it's crooked."

testimony, but the lying testimony of his four cronies

It may be possible for a robed judge to summon up the imagination to believe this fink's story. But please don't ask a common worker to credit such

3. John D. Ryan. Testified he had attended meetings of the Local 1. Testified he had never asked for an accounting at a union meeting, and had never been threatened or intimidated by the union.

4. Edward Corbett. Testified he was once a member of the ITO, but later went into the wrecking business and became a small business man. Had difficulty with the Building Laborers Union and was picketed by them for ten days. Testified that he attended a meeting at Viking Hall some time before the suit started, where persons present discussed drawing up a constitution and by-laws for Local No. 1. First discussed the suit against Local 544 a few days after New Years, 1938. Testified he never demanded an accounting of funds from Local 544.

5. Adolf Svenndal. Svenndal, the real leader of Local No. 1, withdrew from the fink suit on January 8th, the day he was to go on the stand. When counsel for Local 544 strenuously objected to Svenndal's attempt to crawl out of the suit, a court subpoena was issued and Svenndal was brought in for examination the following day. Svenndal admitted he had attended numerous meetings of Local No. 1, that he saw all the plaintiffs at these meetings. Had driven a truck here since 1925, went all through the 1934 strikes without becoming a member, and did not join Local 544 until 1936. Testified he had never demanded an accounting from any officers. Testified that he had attended meetings of the Silver Shirts, antilabor and anti-Semitic fascist outfit that at one time

threatened to raid the Teamsters Hall. In the face of their own evidence, a five-yearold child can see that these plaintiffs haven't a spark of unionism in their souls, that they are members of a fink outfit, bitterly hostile to Local 544 and to real unionism. Their ONLY grievance against Local 544 seems to be that the General Drivers Union is in the habit of enforcing its union contracts and its union wage scale, and in making it difficult for petty chiselers to get around paying the union scale. To this, Local 544 pleads guilty. And every union man and woman in Minneapolis and the United States will rise up and say "Bravo."

(To Be Continued)

Local 977 Negotiating **New Pacts**

Before the end of this week the AFL Filling Station Attendants Union will begin negotiations for new contract with the 22 major oil companies, covering 350 drivers and warehousemen. The men are demanding six days of sick leave. one week's vacation with pay, 75c hourly for drivers and 70c for warehousemen, and a 30-day probationary period before new employees join the union. The wage demands represent an increase of about 11/2c hourly. The present pact calls for a 60-day probationary period.

Local 977 is already in the midst of negotiations for a new pact covering station attendants and

664 Men Aided by Syl Blosky

Members of the City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 who work in the sanitation department were pleased to learn of the co-"Is the world round?" asked the operation received from Alderman Syl Blosky on Wednesday.

Alderman Blosky moved in the Sanitation Committee that the superintendent of sanitation be di-"Are you crazy, child?" the rected to secure information into teacher asked. "If the world isn't the approximate cost of suitable rain coats to protect the health of sanitary workers who are required to toil in all sorts of weather.

The union has been pressing this matter for some time, and greatly appreciates the cooperation received from Alderman Blos-

16 Killed In'39 Labor Struggles

Sixteen unionists met death in abor's front line trenches during without sufficient to eat? Is it 1939, including Emil Bergstrom, Minneapolis unemployed, shot by police on July 14th at the WPA to vote? Is it "Americanism" to sewing project.

Five strikers were killed in Kentucky's Harlan County, still the capitalists may get their share in center of industrial feudalism in the redivision of the world marthe United States.

Two farmer unionists, Paul Hicks and Charles Anderson of the Dairy Farmers Union, were killed during the milk strike in New York last summer.

Eric Hessler of the Farm Implement Workers Union in Chicago was slain just before an important election. Others who lost their lives were John Charlton, Des Moines packinghouse worker John Abrahamson, Ohio miner; Mrs. J. B. Treadway, Louisiana cannery worker; Dan Bishop of Tupelo, Mississippi, killed resisting eviction; Paul Pietrzkowski, Chicago printer, and John Sasso, Newark teamsters' organizers, both slain under mysterious circumstances.

"The trouble is that there are too many pigs for the teats," said Abe Lincoln in discussing his troubles with would-be office holders.

On the **National** Picket Line

WAY HE MUST EARN HIS LIVING. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND IT WILL AL-WAYS BE."

The new bill also provides that the school books used by Negro students shall be stored in different warehouses than those used for the books of white children because "white children might get germs off the books used by the Negroes."

In New Jersey they are attempting to pass a law making all relief clients who have been or are on the roll three years sign a statement of pauperism. Under the New Jersey constitution a pauper is denied the right to vote.

According to the "Patriotism' enjoy the right, under the constitution, of "organizing and bargaining collectively, of striking to redress wrongs, and of peaceful picketing." What the orators forget is that the American workers had won that right by their own militancy, long before Senator Wagner ever wrote his bill. They gave us only what we had already won for ourselves. And they are doing everything in their power to take from us those rights for which many of our martyrs have died to gain.

Further, every agency of

the government and of big business is used to tone down and take away the benefits of the more than one hundred years of struggle. The courts are used - Fansteel decision outlawing the sit-down strike, the Apex decision ordering the Hosiery Workers Union to pay huge damages after a strike against the Apex Hosiery Mills, the decision against an Illinois Miners local union, likewise ordering the union and several individuals to pay huge damages after a strike, the WPA strikers conviction in Minneapolis, the conviction of the seven Drivers Union leaders in Iowa and Nebraska, the conviction for "criminal syndicalism" of two CIO leaders in Iowa after a strike against the nefarious Maytag Washing Machine Company-I could go on for pages-. We hear much about the free education granted our children. What we don't hear if that it was the fighting labor movement of the last century which brought about that system of education we now have. Nor do we hear about the hundreds of schools in all parts of the country which have been closed because of lack of funds during the past year. We hear much crying from Big Business about the awful tax bills which they have to pay in order to maintain education and reliefyet there is scarcely a murmer from these same persons about the Armament appropriations passed by congress!

unemployed starve, our children go uneducated? Is it "Americanism" to demand of Labor that it give up its hard-won gains so that more million dollar incomes can be created for our already overstuffed masters? Is it "Americanism" to plow under foodstuffs, the while millions of our citizens go "Americanism" to deny a large part of our population the right ask literally millions of our young manhood to go to war so that our There's no denying that the

Is it "Americanism" to let our

territory which comprises these United States is a wonderful land. There's no denying either that the vast majority of the population never has been and never will be, under our present system, able to enjoy the fruits of that land. I contend that every worker in this country, the vast majority of whom are either native born or two to three generations removed from the foreign soil which bred their ancestors, loves America. But I also contend that the vast majority of the working class does not love the repressions and restrictions placed upon them by the present rulers of the United States! And I still proclaim that I am a true Amer-

THAT THE TOTAL STREET

the last word

If you are one of those who doubts the honesty or accuracy of the Gallup Poll, this information is for you. Results of the Gallup Poll on any number of questions have been printed widely in the country's leading newspapers and in many magazines and periodicals. In every case where it has been possible to make a comparison between an official expression of voter sentiment and Gallup's tabulations, Gallup has been proven correct. But still the widespread objection is heard: "It can't be a national poll. I haven't had a bal-

This is the method which George H. Gallup uses: Through his organization—called the American Institute of Public Opinion-this opinion-seeker and his staff prepare ballots of 10 or more questions each week. These ballots are distributed to a field staff of more than 700 canvassers throughout the country. Questions on half the ballots are phrased in one way and on the other half in another way so that the questions will not pouters, the American workers prejudice the voter. The "yes and "no" are printed in both large and small type so that the person interviewed may check the large print if he has strong convictions

> Field workers interview a small group of voters, selected so carefully so as to form a miniature electorate. On national questions, one group is chosen from each state. Each group is divided according to 1. geographic location, ang to 1. geographic location, 2. income, 3. age, 4. sex, 5. color, 6. politics. A new division—religion—is one which Gallup is also experimenting with. All together, only three or four thousand voters are necessary for a national poll. The number of ballots must be in correct proportion to be in correct proportion to the number of persons mak-ing up the different groups, but the total number of bal-lots is insignificant. What is important is the accuracy of the cross-section of the public reached.

Gallup bases his success on his cientific method. He points to the Literary Digest poll-which predicted a victory for Landon just before the 1936 presidential elections as an example of an inaccurate, unscientific undertaking and hence, useless. The reason for its failure was that it completely ignored the low income groups and reached only voters listed in business and city directories. Gallup's' first release on October 20, 1936, predicted the results of the Literary Digest Poll. He predicted that would be wrong-much to the

chagrin of the Literary Digest. The Institute is a private enterprise and maintains itself by selling its results to subscribing newspapers which pay a fee of \$500 a week. The expenses of the Institute amount to \$300,000 yearly which includes Gallup's salary of \$10,000. Of his own work, Gallup says that by what people thought yesterday and think today he predicts what they will think tomorrow. Gallup's aim, of course, is to reduce the margin of error in his poll to a minimum. At present, he claims less than a three per cent expectancy of error.

But there are some objections which we have to Gallup's poll. We are convinced that Gallup is scientific and that his results show a true picture of the American voting public. But what of those large sections of the United States which do not vote? For example, the millions of Negroes in the south who do not vote either because they cannot legally or because they are kept from the polls by a poll tax which they are unable to pay? And what of the 5 million jobless youth between the ages of 16 and 21 who cannot vote because they are "minora" but who would be regimented into the army and into war industries without ever having a voice in the affairs of the government? ing public. But what of those

ment?
According to Gallup, the youth and the Negroes are not part of America. According to us, Gallup is ignoring two groups whose opinions will mean a great deal in a time of national crisis.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership — and third Tuesday month, 7 p. m.

Girls' Section—Second Tuesday
each month (7:30 p. m.)

LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month 8 p. m., third floor.

LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month

LOCAL 664
General Membership—First and third Fridays.
Park Board Grievance Committee-Monday night preceding last meeting of month.

LOCAL 1086

The Retail Clerks Local 1086
will meet on the first and
third Tuesdays of each
month.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS

LOCAL 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards —Each Thursday, 7 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9

Executive Board-Each Thurs day, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednes day, 9 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership — Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—Every Wednesday,

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—
First Monday each month.
Executive Committee Meeting

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each

LOCAL 275
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local
275, meets the first Friday
of every month.

LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tues-

day. Stewards—Wednesdays preced-ing 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First
Tuesday each month.
Independent Truck Owners Section — Second Tuesday each
month.

LOCAL 1859

General Membership — March 6, 1940
Box Section—March 19, 1940
J. R. Clark Meeting—March 20, 1940
Warren Shade Meeting—March 21, 1940
Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—March 22, 1940
Grievance Board—March 7 and Grievance Board-March 7 and 21, 1940 Executive Board — Every Fri-

day, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards — March
11 and 25, 1940
General Membership—April 3,
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LOCAL 20481 General Membership - March

Night Drivers — 1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers — 7 p. m., third Thursday each month.

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ards
Monday, March 18—Furniture;
Coal
Thursday, March 21—Tent &
Awning; Newspaper 10 a.m.;
Ways & Means ITO
Friday, March 22—Cold
Storage
Monday, March 25—Spring
Water

Monday, March 25—Spring
Water
Wednesday, March 27—Sand
& Gravel & Excavating
Thursday, March 28—Transfer
& Warehouse; Wholesale
Drug
Seniority Committee meets
each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in
Hall 3.

Hall 3. Hall 3.
Grievance Committee meets
each Tuesday and Friday at 7
p. m. in Local 544 office, first
floor.
The Executive Board meets

LOCAL 359
Stewards—Second Mondays.
Executive Board — First and third Mondays,

Executive Board and inserts 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.