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FIVE CENTS

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

The United States government is not letting up on its drive against the unions. Last week five more AFL unionists were indicted for alleged conspiracy to boycott, a violation under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Local 46 of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers International Union, and five of its officials were named in three indictments charging them with instituting a boycott against building materials manufactured outside of New York.

The score board of indictments against trade unions now far exceeds 500. The prospects for further indictments, in the eyes of Thurman Arnold, are good. Last week the Federal District Court of Appeals threw the case against the Washington, D. C. Teamsters out of court on the grounds that the government had failed to prove conclusively that there had been any restraint of trade.

While this is a significant victory, it is equally significant that the Court decided to reverse the lower court decision because of lack of evidence, and not because they found the Sherman Anti-Trust Act non-applicable to labor unions. It would seem then the Federal Judges are chary of dealing with this question and will leave it up to the Supreme Court. The Apex decision, now long overdue, will be the most important decision that August body has been called upon to decide since the NRA.

The workers in the St. Louis dairy industry used a new tactic last week in a strike against the Quality Dairy Co. Instead of the usual procedure used by workers in perishable goods—a simple picket line outside the plant, the while the perishables are safe on ice inside, these drivers loaded their trucks, as usual, then parked them in the nearby streets. For a while all was well with the milk and butter but soon the hot sun began the process of melting the ice in the trucks, and to quote one worker, "The ice began to melt and ran down the gutters in rivulets."

The strike began at 5:30 a. m. and a temporary settlement was effected at 12:30 p. m. The strike was called to force the company to pay overtime which the workers were forced to put in because there were not enough inside workers in the plant to take care of drivers checking in after they were finished with their routes. For years this practice of making the drivers wait hours in line to be checked in without any overtime pay had been foisted on the drivers. The contract covering this work included provisions for overtime pay, but the company had consistently ignored this clause.

Another company in St. Louis found itself faced with a sudden strike on May 8, after weeks of hedging with a negotiations committee from the United Auto Workers Union, Local 282. Suddenly, according to our information, the workers at the St. Louis Spring Co., got tired of this delay in their contract negotiations, developed "spring fever" and adjourned to the yard to play ball. A frantic employer called the union, met with the negotiations committee, and within a few hours the men were back at work with an increase in pay and a week's vacation in their new contract.

V. R. Dunne Reporting to 544 Membership Monday Night on Fink Suit



A portion of the well-attended Local 544 membership meeting Monday night, listening as V. R. Dunne delivers a report on the progress of the fink suit. Other speakers were Gene Larson of the Milk Drivers Union, and Robley Cramer of the Central Labor Union.



Dunne is showing the members a small batch of the many documents prepared by the union in an answer to the plaintiffs. At the end of Dunne's report, the members unanimously approved a motion of confidence in their officers and staff. Local 544 also voted to aid the Milk Drivers Union in its fight.

544 Members Hear Larson, Cramer and Dunne on Fink Suit

"Finks Haven't Brought Out One Single Thing That Any 544 Member or Officer Need Be Ashamed of," Reports V. R. Dunne to Monday Membership Meeting of Local 544—Members Again Vote Confidence in Officers and Staff—Local 544 Passes Resolution to Aid Milk Drivers Union in Their Struggle

"The finks haven't brought out in court one single thing that any officer or member of Local 544 would have the slightest reason to be ashamed of. The finks have not shown one thing to prove that any officer of this union is guilty of a dishonest act. NOT ONE SINGLE THING."

So stated Vincent Dunne in his report on the progress of the fink suit, delivered to a well-attended membership meeting of the General Drivers Union on Monday night. Other speakers to reiterate their support to Local 544 and their complete faith in the integrity of the union and its officers were Gene Larson, representing the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, and Robley Cramer, speaking for the Central Labor Union.

The meeting was opened by President Carl Skoglund shortly after 8 p. m. First speaker was Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471.

Foresees Vindication
"We of Local 471 have always admired Local 544 and its accomplishments," stated Larson. "I bring you greetings from our membership. The General Drivers Union has been continuously subjected to vicious attacks ever since it became a power in 1934. The attacks have been mostly on your leaders, but don't fool yourselves. The enemy attack you through slandering your chosen leaders, in the hope of demoralizing the union and causing the members to lose confidence in its leadership. It was only through your militant leadership that you were able to build the organization and win the victories you have won. Don't think you'll have peace after this book suit is through. They will attack you for something else."

Larson briefly traced the history of Local 471 and the attacks it underwent in the lockout back in 1920.

"In the last three years I have had the opportunity of working with the 544 leaders in the Teamsters Joint Council," he continued.

Another Local 471 member, Donald Nadeau of Land o' Lakes, is at the Midway hospital. Harley Wind, driver for Norris creamery, went to the Veterans hospital this week for a hernia operation. The union hopes for the speedy recovery of these brothers.

Two 958 Drivers Win Log Cabin

Perry Rickard and Joe Wise, members of the Cab Drivers Union Local 958, were on the receiving end of congratulations at the Yellow Cab barn Tuesday.

Monday night Rickard and Wise walked off with the first prize at the Fishermen's Party in the auditorium—a cozy brand new log cabin beside a sparkling lake up in the north woods near Grand Marais.

Rickard and Wise had agreed that both would share in anything either won at the party. Just before the drawing for the main prize, Rickard left to pick up fares leaving the affair. His ticket, held by his buddy, Wise, won the cabin, and Wise walked up and accepted the deed to their new roost.

When notified of their luck, Rickard could hardly believe it. "All my life I've longed for a little spot up north, just to fish," he beamed. He'll go up there on his vacation. Wise will go up right away to look over their property. Mostly it seems that some cockroach boss who already has three

McLaughlin Signs with Local 359

Tuesday morning the McLaughlin, Gornley, King chemical company renewed its contract with the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359. The new one-year pact specifies the 40-hour 5-day week, with one week's vacation with pay. Bonuses of \$30 for men and \$25 for women will be forthcoming.

544 Furniture Men To Meet Monday

All members of the Furniture Section of Local 544 are instructed to attend a meeting Monday, May 20th, 8 p. m. in the union hall. The meeting will initiate the work of drawing up demands to be included in the new contract.

or four summer homes wins a prize like this. But Monday night old Lady Luck smiled on two loyal union men. There is nothing too good for union men, and it makes a person feel good to hear news like this.

Postal on Stand, Nails Each Charge Made by Plaintiffs

Local 544 Answering Every Lie of Finks—Kelly Postal Tells Real Story of Numerous Strikes—Reveals That Local 544 Has Not Morals of Bankers, but Is Real Workers Brotherhood, Aiding Its Members in Distress—Testifies As to Loans Made to Sister Unions

Item by item and check by check, Local 544 answered the accusations and charges of the plaintiffs as the defense went into the second week of its presentation of testimony in Judge Carroll's courtroom.

Every last one of the thousands of charges the finks made against the General Drivers Union is being nailed an answered, chiefly by Kelly Postal, secretary-treasurer of Local 544, who continued on the stand last Thursday and on Monday when the trial resumed.

The fink's charge that Local 544 conducted "illegal" strikes was answered in detail by Postal who identified minutes of various sectional meetings of the union showing that the workers involved always voted on proposed strike actions and on contracts. Postal's testimony, brought forth through examination by Defense Attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson, showed the scrupulous regard for democratic processes practiced by the union.

One of the strikes that had aroused Anderson's ire was the tiff with the Lambert Trucking company in June, 1939. When Secretary Postal explained the circumstances surrounding the strike, the affair looked quite different than when Anderson first broached the subject. After trying in many ways to avoid living up to the union agreement, the employer tried to get rid of the union steward by smearing ten pounds of axle grease over the interior of a truck cab and ordering the steward to take out the truck. When the steward refused, the boss fired him. The steward came to the union, the union investigated and took the matter to the transfermen's association, who straightened it out without strike action being necessary.

Anderson no doubt wishes he had never brought up the matter. Postal gave a case history of the strike against the Pratt's Express company in 1939—how the men affected had voted to strike, how the general membership had sanctioned the strike, how the International Brotherhood of Teamsters had sanctioned the strike, etc. Numerous smaller strikes were explained to the court.

Actually, Anderson and the finks are trying to call into question the very right of a union to call strikes. And the plaintiffs claim to be good union men acting in the best interests of 544's membership! What a farce!

Union Morals, Not Bankers' Morals
On Thursday Postal testified as to numbers of loans made by the unions to its members in distressed circumstances. It seems particularly to have enraged Anderson that Local 544 hasn't the morals of a bloodsucking bank, but instead behaves like the true workers' brotherhood that it is—its (Continued on page 4)

289 Men—Special Meeting Thursday Night On Contract

A special membership meeting of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 will be held Thursday evening, May 16th, to consider a counter-proposal received from the city's bakery firms.

By agreement of both sides, the three-man commission named by Governor Stassen to conduct a hearing in the dispute has not entered the picture. The meeting will start at 7:30 p. m. and all members are instructed to attend.

Labor Getting Serious About Drive For 30-Hour Week at 40-Hours' Pay

The Flint Fisher Body workers point out in their resolution that "the greatest problem facing our union is the fact that thousands of auto workers are today suffering the pangs of unemployment, having been displaced by new machines and technological devices," and further point out that "this growing army of unemployed stands as a threat to organized labor because of necessity they must work for scab wages or starve."

Bosses Can Afford to Pay
The Flint union sharply calls its negotiating committee to order for tossing the demand for the 30-hour week at 40 hours pay into the waste basket "in violation of the decision of the Cleveland convention. "General Motors can afford to give us the 30-hour week with no reduction in pay today and not tomorrow, with all their hundreds of millions of profits pouring into the coffers of the coupon clippers," the Fisher Body union states.

Progressives in the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, which opened its second national convention this week in Chicago, are also demanding that the union immediately launch a fight for the 30-hour week with no reduction in pay, to meet the concrete threat of technological unemployment which, since 1926, has thrown over 100,000 workers out of jobs.

AFL Discusses Issue
For several years the American Federation of Labor, and particularly some of its affiliates have been agitating for the 30-hour week at no reduction in weekly pay. In the forefront of the fight has been New York Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which has already established the 30-hour week with no pay reduction.

Last week at a conference in Town Hall in New York City, William Collins, eastern representative of the AFL, asserted the objective of the AFL is the 6-hour day at the same rate of pay as the 8-hour day.

Collins and other speakers sharply challenged Thomas Lyons, president of the N. Y. Federation of Labor, who advocated that labor must seek the 30-hour week even if it means reducing the income of some workers.

"The employers should take the major burden of the shorter work week," stated William Cross of the Photo-Engravers Union. "I don't see why a labor organization should recommend reduction of hours at the expense of labor."

George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the AFL, asserted the 6-hour, 5-day week would help to relieve unemployment by spreading work. "Workers should agitate for the shorter work-week at the same rate of weekly pay," he urged.

The conference was agreed, in Mr. Lyons' words, that "there is no use kidding around any longer. If organized labor can't do something about unemployment, we may see government taking over the unions and running them for us."

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Chicago Boss Editor Urges Employers to Cut Drivers' Wages

Editor of Chicago Journal of Commerce Directs Truck Operators of Middle West to "Squeeze Water out of Labor in Distributive Trades"—Seeks to Play Exploited Workers and Farmers Against Each Other—International Brotherhood of Teamsters Has Blazed Trail for All Workers and Poor Farmers

Sioux City, Iowa—One of the moth-eaten tricks of labor-hating employers in the United States is to dress up in patched overalls, nibble on a straw, and under the guise of a farmer to attack viciously the union movement and seek to drive a wedge between the exploited workers in the cities and the impoverished farmers in the countryside. Just such a trickster is Philip S. Hanna, editor of the Chicago Journal of Commerce, who spoke May 8th before three hundred bosses at the annual dinner of the Sioux City Traffic Club. Hanna's tirade against unionism is criticized in a news release issued by the Sioux City General Drivers Union.

The major theme of Hanna's agitational discourse was that the high wages of truck drivers "constitutes a serious economic threat to the country," and that the drivers "stand between" prosperity for the farmers and for the other workers in the cities.

Hanna also launched into a tirade against the Chicago Milk Drivers Union which was recently forced into a strike through the threat of the milk trust to institute a 25% cut in wages.

Hanna Masks Truth There is certainly delicious humor in Philip Hanna, one of the leaders of the Chicago Chambers of Commerce, posing as the friend of the poor workers and farmers. Tears as large as grapefruit rolled down Hanna's cheeks as he told his audience how "the water must be squeezed out of labor in the distributive trades" if prosperity is to be restored to the masses.

Hanna correctly stated the shameful fact that the average pay of the nation's farmers averages about 25c an hour, and that the average wages of the exploited workers in the cities is about the same.

But when Hanna attributes this picture of mass misery to the "princely wages" of the truck drivers, Hanna lies and he knows he lies.

What Hanna "Overlooked" 1. If it is true, as Hanna alleges, that a decent wage for truck drivers is the cause of poverty for the masses, then he would have to show that when the drivers were receiving miserable non-union wages, the masses were prosperous.

But up until a few years ago, before the International Brotherhood of Teamsters launched its successful drive to unionize the over-road drivers of the Middle West, truck drivers were very poorly paid. Some of them made even less than 25c hourly.

Were the farmers and workers any better off under those conditions? No, they were just as poor and miserable as they are today—many of them even poorer.

Drivers Show Way 2. Since the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has established union conditions for over-road truckers, it is true that the wages of the drivers have steadily risen, and today average about 75c hourly. In order to better their conditions, the drivers had to organize together and conduct strenuous struggles against the very group of people whom Hanna and his audience represent.

Despite the improvement in wages won by unionization, however, the profits of the over-road operators are still enormous. The drivers should and will receive even higher wages, and not lower wages, as Hanna recommends.

What the drivers have done, other groups of workers and farmers can do—ORGANIZE to fight the exploiters and the trusts who stand between the masses and a decent life.

The drivers' unions have aided millions of other workers in organizing and winning higher wages and better working conditions.

What is needed is not lower wages for the truck drivers but higher and higher wages for the drivers and for all workers, and a decent living for the farmers. And these things can be won only in the way the drivers won them—through unionism and struggle.

If Hanna had wanted to be truthful, he would have acknowledged that if it weren't for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the workers and farmers would be even worse off than they are today, still more underpaid, more exploited.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters is blazing the trail for all the workers and farmers to follow if they seriously mean to

gain the decent life that they are entitled to in this rich land.

Workers, Farmers Oppressed by Same Enemies 4. Hanna's attempt to drive a wedge between the workers in the cities and the toilers on the farms is an ancient device of Big Business that is as crude as it is misleading.

It is not the workers in the cities who exploit the farmers. It is the friends of people like Hanna who exploit both groups. The common enemy of BOTH worker and farmer are the railroads, the owners of American industry, the huge insurance companies, the finance capitalists, the fertilizer and farm implement trusts, etc.

The same banks and insurance companies that foreclose on the farmers are always lined up with the bosses against the workers in the cities. The same fertilizer and farm implement trusts and railroads that bleed the farmer are the very ones who deny their employees a decent living.

Truth About Chicago Strike 5. Hanna tries to picture the milk drivers' strike in Chicago as an example of "public revolt against exorbitant labor costs in the industry."

Nothing is further from the truth. The strike was forced upon the Chicago Milk Drivers Union and the Inside Dairy Workers Union by the threat of the Milk Dealers Association to institute a 25% wage cut whereby the wage of the milk driver would be slashed from \$48 weekly to \$30.

When the union answered that the wage scale must remain intact and that negotiations must begin immediately, the milk middlemen threatened a lock-out. The workers answered with a strike, unanimously voted by the union membership.

The union established a magnificent strike machine and for two days tied prevented the bosses from operating. The union served the city's hospitals, orphanages, and homes where little children required milk. The strike received not only the hearty backing of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the union movement, but of the overwhelming majority of the Chicago populace, who are sick and tired of the milk trust's game of trying to play the drivers and the farmers and the consumers against each other while Borden's and the other huge companies pocket the profits.

The drivers returned to their trucks with their previous wage of \$48 guaranteed until an agreement is concluded. The great victory of the drivers should be hailed by workers and farmers everywhere, for it is the best guarantee that the wage level of all workers will be maintained and improved.

High Wages Help Farmers And the farmers have every reason to rejoice in the victories of their city brothers. Figures compiled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics covering the fifteen-year period from 1924 to 1939 reveal that the cash income from farm products almost exactly parallels the income of the workers in industry; in short, that the higher the wages of the workers in the cities, the higher the cash income of the farmers.

This economic truth is very distasteful to Big Business for it doesn't jibe with the propaganda of Big Business that the farmer is the natural enemy of the worker, and vice versa. When the poor farmers set out to improve their economic position, they very quickly discover who their main enemy is. Commenting on the recent milk strike, the Chicago Tribune reminds the farmers that not so long ago they were

blockading highways, tipping over trucks, and even stopping trains" in their efforts to win a living from the milk trust.

A Sharp Warning Underneath Hanna's clumsy buffoonery, however, lies a warning to all drivers that their bosses may soon intensify their anti-union drive and their campaign for lower wages. The Sioux City Journal observed that the meeting at which Hanna spoke was "attended by important figures in transportation circles from Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis and other cities," that is, from the very area where the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has made the greatest gains in the over-road trucking industry. Hanna's appeal to the truck operators to "squeeze" labor may well be the preface to a widespread campaign against all drivers.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

The press begs to apologize to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Joupe for misspelling their name last week. Now do I get a cigar, Earl?

Now, as we wuz sayin', last week, docility means the shape a guy's mind is in when any well-dressed, prosperous looking guy with an official look and a white collar can lead him around by the nose. This state of mind can be cunningly developed to such a degree that even a guy with a bright mind and good schooling can be made feeble-minded on some lines of thought. In fact, there are any number of otherwise bright fellows who have been so cleverly shot full of wrong ideas as to what is best for them, that now they can't even begin to figure out very important but even simple social problems. That is, problems regarding where they fit into the picture, and problems about industrial justice and by industrial justice I mean hours, wages, conditions and job security.

George Metz has taken up bike riding and pedals his trusty bicycle back and forth to work. No parking problems and "tewhell" with the high price of gas. Maybe you got somepin' there, George.

There has been much bitter complaint by stalwart brethren of 1859 because the comely sistern don't give the press some news. Let this be a lesson to you, girls.

Emil Koskela, who works in the machine shop at the J. R. Clark plant, lost his father, Mr. Jacob Koskela, last Saturday, May 11. He was 65. The funeral was held at the Gill brothers mortuary, 1414 Laurel Ave., Tuesday. Burial was at French Lake.

Survivors are his wife, Emma, four sons, Eno, Clarence (who used to work at Clark's), Joseph and Leonard. Five daughters, Mrs. Chester Juntilla, Mrs. Delbert Jensen, Gladys, Beatrice and Martha. Mr. Koskela's brother, sister and mother live in Finland. The boys in the machine shop sent flowers.

Thank you kindly for your attention, brothers and sisters of 1859. And don't let anybody but union members read this column.

A national anthem is an order to God to do the nation's political dirty work. — G. BERNARD SHAW.

John Janosko sez: The National Window Shade and the Mobash Shade companies which are both under the same management signed a contract with Local 1859 last week. The contract is retroactive back to January 15. That is, the workers will receive back pay amounting to 15 per cent increase from January 15 to May 11. The contract is for one year.

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Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

We had some response from the women folks on our last week's item on the price war in the milk industry. One lady in particular says, "I will not only have milk delivered fresh daily, but I will also purchase butter from the milkman." Nice going, and they do say you can save money by purchasing butter in three-pound jars.

Daddy Warbucks will never live this one down. He and friend wife went out last fall to dig (free of charge) all the peony roots they wanted, which they gladly did. Result this spring—a nice bed of rhubarb.

OF ALL THINGS—It is reported Brother Leonard will be around with the cigars in the near future. Me, oh, my, is the "Happy Bachelor" really tottering?

Results of South Side Auditorium? It is reported L. D. Smith has an addition to the household and that he did not adopt her but married her.

Looks like the small stockholders are quite well squeezed out of Puffer-Hubbard. The receivers have sold the building, so where do they go from there.

If I steal a loaf of bread, I get five years. If I steal from widows and orphans, I'm a smart business man and a pillar of the church.

If you get a chance, read "The Iron Heel" by Jack London. It's well recommended by some of the foremost Twin City labor leaders.

Don't let anybody fool you on the milk price war. It isn't for the purpose of saving you money. It isn't to give you a better product. The only purpose is to break the Milk Drivers' union, gain automatic control of the industry by the milk trust and increase their profits.

Young Skwarek and Nelson from the Underground are looking for Bachelors Island (in that lake up north) for the opening date.

It's about time we do something about a labor library under the auspices of labor, where we can get the books we want to read when we want to read 'em.

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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

J. J. Bell attended the funeral of his mother at Mora, Minn., Saturday, May 11. We extend our sympathy.

Lennie Collins of the Minnesota Cab is in sick-bed this week.

Bill Postler is home from the Vets Hospital. We all hope to see see him around soon.

Ralph Schluter of the Liberty Cab is a grandpa, the baby girl arriving early Sunday, May 12. It's a happy world.

The Liberty Cab Co. started paying out the vacation money this week as a number of the nimrods are after the toothsome pike.

The new Yellow Taxis are here and after we've done a "shake-down" cruise for a week we will give you the mechanical details, right now we're happy about the whole thing. We will all try to do our best to give you a good demonstration whether you ride for a "jerk" or a "journey". P. S. (It takes sixty-two turns of a crank to get that landolet-up down and it is done while the meter "ticks").

Sixty-six railroads after May 20 will sell travel tickets on the installment plan. We poor "hackies" have done that for lo, these many years, and some we've never collected.

The Northwest Organizer is procuring a library on unionism and the labor movement for our union members. Watch this column for further announcements.

Recommended reading: The Iron Heel, by Jack London.

Have you seen Russ Wallace's congressman's car? It's a Pierce-Arrow and it really pierces the pocket-book. Russ is going to drive it and watch developments, then he's gonna corner the scrap-iron market.

How about sending a delegate from our Local No. 958 to the national A. F. of L. convention at Washington, D. C.? There's a rumor prevailing that the question of a death benefit will be brought up.

Freddie Ciperly took a leaf out of "Curly's" book when he absent-mindedly threw the flag when going on a phone call.

Fair competition? With two Liberty cabs on Lake and Hennepin, W. Powers of the Y. C. romped out of the corner drug store puffing his favorite stogie; a prospective fare not seeing the Liberty drivers in head-cab, asked for a hack and got it, yea! he trotted with "Grandpa Snazzi" down to the feeder-stand on Holmes and Lake where old No. 49 was parked.

Mr. Ramsey, whose first name escapes us at the moment, soloed a "Cab" last Sunday.

Don Underwood, a well known porter at the Milwaukee depot,

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

At last our Business Agents have a grievance and they want us to assist in rectifying matters. These officers take a distinct pride in their work and like to see it well done. Many times they cannot complete work because of lack of details, proper names and reliable information. Therefore co-operate with them so that they can handle our complaints properly, we urge every member to deliver all grievances direct to the Business Agents. Possibly this policy may mean a trip to the Union Office on our part but nevertheless we can rest assured the matters will get complete attention. Direct contact gives the Business Agents an opportunity to question us, recheck details and compile necessary information. Matters which are relayed to the office through a second or third party generally fall by the wayside because of a hitch some place. Let's co-operate on this new program so that each and every one of us will be more satisfied.

Reports from the WPA strike prisoners, just back from Sandstone federal prison are that the federal government serves an oleomargarine and skim milk diet in the place. Just another reason why

Our International delivered a fitting setback to the federal sleuth, Mr. Arnold, who charged our organization with restraint of trade in the Washington, D. C., cement mixer case.

Along with their request for aid the Council of Poles offered us some illustrated pictures showing the destruction of their native land. Here is hoping the board can arrange to have them shown at a membership meeting. They will be typical of the happenings in Norway, Holland and Belgium.

When I want to find the vanguard of the people I look to the uneasy dreams of the aristocracy, and find out what they fear the most.—WENDELL PHILLIPS.

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also soloed and is eager to pile up time.

E. Keriger took the oath of office and is now a delegate to the Central Labor Union.

Eddie Long had No. 200 Liberty sold out from under him at Seventh and Hennepin. The Boss paid him up for the week and he's now waiting for the new Buick.

Caught Cruising A number of Liberty owners and drivers are going to Flint Mich., to herd the new Buick Torpedoes back to Minneapolis. . . . Larson, Lentz, Ostlund and Ostlund are trying their luck at Mille Lacs. . . . What were Mich. Aboud and New Jones chasing out Hudson way? . . . La Guardia Airport, N. Y., soaks every hack a dime to go through the gate; looks like insult on top of injury when hooked on a no load. . . . Six of our trusty old Checker cabs are going business in Eau Claire, Roy Keddy spotted them.

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the farmers get so little for their products.

It is a swell name—the Civic Industrial Council and their job is a big one, to eliminate the Milwaukee R. R. grade crossings at Lake St., Franklin Ave., etc. The situation has been a thorn in the side of lots of us for many years and our Union will give its utmost to help the council. Brother Clarence Schwab is the official representative to that body from our organization.

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544 Membership Again Votes Confidence in Its Leaders

(Continued from page 1)
I admire them and respect them. I know when this trial is over, your leaders will be vindicated. Local 544 is a large portion of the hub of the wheel that supports the labor movement of Minneapolis.

"Local 471 is under attack too at the present time. There are dairy companies here that want to curtail the house-to-house delivery of milk. You can help us in our fight by asking your milkman to deliver milk to your homes every day."

On motion of Ray Rainbolt, 544 unanimously voted to support Local 471 in its fight, by encouraging the every-day delivery of milk to the home.

Zander Gives Financial Report
Curt Zander, union trustee, then read the three-month audit prepared by the union auditors covering the period ending March 31, 1940. A motion to approve the financial report carried unanimously.

Bill Ambrose, speaking for the stewards, urged the members to back the Milk Drivers Union. He told of how the 544 stewards originated the move for the special meeting being held.

"Our enemies have made us spend a lot of dough on this book suit. Now they are trying to move our leaders out of office. We've got to stop that. We've got to show the Big Shots of this town that we're behind our leaders a thousand per cent. The Big Shots who are behind this suit want to prolong it so they can bleed our treasury dry. We beat them in 1934 and we can and will win today."
"You Don't Fight Without Allies"
Robley Cramer, editor of the Labor Review, expressed regrets that John Boscoe was out of town and unable to be present to speak for the Central Labor Union. "I assure you that the Central Labor Union stands back of the defendants and the membership of 544 in this trial with everything organized labor has. It is always the tactics of the employers to try to defeat labor by dividing labor, because when we are united we are unbeatable."
"The greatest criminals in the

world today are those who try to divide the workers of the city, the nation, and the world. The unity of the world's workers is the hope of mankind.

"The employers have started this suit against 544 in the hope that somehow they could get you members to lose faith and confidence in your organization and its leadership. The employers further figure that if they can keep us busy in this law suit, etc., they can prevent us from going forward to complete the many aims we have set."

Cramer heatedly attacked the daily swindle sheets who throughout the suit have sought to smear Local 544.

Even Bosses Don't Believe Charges
"I have never had one person talk to me who cast any doubts whatsoever on the integrity of your officers," he continued. "Your cause is so just and so plain that even our enemies realize this is a fake suit, that the plaintiffs whose names appear in the trial are not the real plaintiffs, that the real plaintiffs are the organized anti-union employers."

"Instead of injuring you and weakening you, this suit has been an alarm clock to warn organized labor that all of us must be ever on the alert and ready to go to the aid of ANY labor organization under attack from the enemy. The Minneapolis Central Labor Union is proud of Local 544. You will never have to fight the enemy alone."

Dunne Outlines Defense
Vincent Dunne, the last speaker, displayed before the members a large stack of legal documents, part of the documents prepared by the union covering no less than 150,000 items raised by the finks.

"The officers of the union for more than two years have come to the membership from time to time to report to you on the fink suit, its status, and what it signified," Dunne reminded the meeting. "The leadership, the steward body and general membership at the start of this suit took the unchangeable position that Local 544 would do everything to make such a fight against this kind of anti-union attack as to discourage forever afterwards attacks of this sort on any union in Minneapolis or in the nation. Local 544 is not making this fight just to vindicate a half-dozen officers, we are fighting to defend the proposition that organized labor regulates its own internal affairs democratically, and without any intervention from the outside. If we hadn't made this sort of a fight, we would have betrayed labor's rights."

The Real Issue
"The issue in this suit is not whether the union's books are in good shape, whether the money is accounted for—the issue was and is that no set of finks or stool-

pigeons are going to set up a precedent whereby they can work with ambulance chasers to disrupt a union. . . .

"For six weeks in the courtroom we have listened to the prattle of the finks. They and their attorneys have made the most vicious attacks on Local 544. And we are not newcomers to slander. This union and its leaders have been slandered by experts. The finks, however, wove their slander into a legal pattern. It was necessary for us to answer them, charge by charge, and this is what we are doing. The finks' charges were made with the idea that they could be picked up by the daily press and used to give the impression to the more backward workers that the finks had something real to substantiate their charges."

Nothing Wrong With Books
"We finally turned over to the finks every record of the union from August 1, 1936, up to the present, to examine as they please, under the scrutiny of our attorneys and union officials. For weeks their accountant, who appeared to be a completely honest and capable man, examined our books. At the end of that time, he told the court that there is nothing wrong with 544's accounts, that there is no evidence of any shortage or dishonesty. But you didn't read about this in the daily papers. . . ."

Dunne praised the work of Attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson, defense counsel, and went on to explain some of Anderson's legal tricks calculated to make it appear that the union was guilty of wrong-doing when it came to the aid of sister unions.

"We will continue our plan to answer every last item brought up by Anderson. We will continue this fight until the union is completely vindicated, as I have every confidence we will be at the end of the trial. . . ."

"Not one single thing has been brought out in court that any union officer would have the slightest reason to be ashamed of. Not one single thing. They have not shown one thing to prove any officer dishonest. When this suit ends, this union will be stronger, more solid, than ever before."

"I don't know what decision the judge will make. I am convinced the union is putting its case so honestly, so clearly, that no court could make a decision that would hurt this union. When the decision is finally rendered, the membership will decide what course to take."

Vote of Confidence
After Dunne's report, which brought a hearty round of applause, a motion was made from the floor to give the executive board and the staff a vote of confidence. The motion carried.

A motion also carried to authorize the union to purchase and distribute one thousand copies of the pamphlet "Behind the 544 Suit" to various sections of the labor movement, after which President Skoglund declared the meeting adjourned.

Gassing With 977

The membership meeting was well attended last Monday night. Art Trade of the Coop Service stations was the lucky member who won the door prize of a month's free dues. The fellows unanimously voted to discontinue the general membership meetings during the months of July and August. Therefore everyone should make an extra effort to turn out for the June meeting.

Follow your baseball team throughout the season. On last Sunday, May 12th, the Local 977 baseball team beat the Minneapolis Redskins 8-7. You will find the line-up of the team as they will be playing next Sunday in another column of this issue of the Organizer. If you are not working on Sundays, get out and boost for your team.

A SHORT, SHORT STORY—
(with a real climax): Local 977 was banning the Standard station at 22nd and Hennepin Ave. this week for being unfair to organized labor in Minneapolis. The station was approached by a car containing Mr. Swank and his private chauffeur. When the private chauffeur saw the 977 banners, he refused to drive in for gas. Mr. Swank quickly changed his name to Mr. Fink, and while the chauffeur stood on the sidewalk, Mr. Fink drove his car through the banner line and was serviced by non-union operators.

MORAL—hats off to our brother, the private chauffeur, who stood for his own convictions as well as those of his fellow unionists.

The executive Board of Local 977 has changed its day of week-meeting from Thursday to Monday. Please take note of this change and if you wish to report to the Board, you will find them in the office of the Local on Monday evenings between 8 and 10 o'clock.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gerber, who are the proud parents of a nine and one-half pound baby girl; mother and daughter are doing nicely at Swedish hospital.

Thanks to our Big Brother, Local 544, for donating five baseball suits to Local 977's new ball team. As promised in this column last week, here's the dope on your union doctor: He is Dr. J. P. Korchiek and is continuing in the same suite of offices as occupied by the former union doctor, at 716 LaSalle Bldg., phone MA. 4656. Dr. Korchiek has been practicing here since 1934, is on the active staff at St. Barnabas Hospital and is a member in good standing of the Hennepin County Medical Society. The doctor enlightens us in regard to the stand taken by the companies in regard to having the insurance company doctor instead of the union doctor. This is for the interests of the company; all members should be on guard to look out after their own interests.

The Lessee meeting was held Wednesday evening; the members voted to discontinue meetings during the months of July and August. In case of an emergency, a special meeting will be called during those two months.

The fellows at the Erickson station at 28th and Lyndale Ave. S. inform us that Bro. Gordon Cul-

hane has a new "personality smile" he's sporting a new set of teeth.

The Standard station at Girard and Plymouth Aves. N. comes off the UNFAIR list this week.

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Standard Stations—South
Minneapolis and Lake St.
50th and France Ave. S.
23rd and Hennepin Ave. S.
64th and Nicollet Ave. S.
45th and Nicollet Ave. S.
Lake St. and Lake Calhoun
50th and Xerxes Ave. S.
50th and Penn Ave. S.
44th and Moringside Ave. S.
32nd and Lyndale Ave. S.
Garfield and Lake St. S.
24th and Bloomington Ave. S.
51st and Hiawatha
River Road and E. Lake St.
27th and Hennepin Ave. S.
48th and Chicago Ave. S.
38th and 2nd Ave. S.
32nd and Hennepin Ave. S.
40th and Nicollet Ave. S.
45th and Bryant Ave. S.
Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd. S.
26th and 1st Ave. S.
64th and Lyndale Ave. S.
38th and Chicago Ave. S.
Holmes and Lake St. S.
22nd and Cedar Ave. S.
42nd and 28th Ave. S.
- Standard Stations—North**
Penn and 8th Ave. N.
Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N.
51st and Fremont Ave. N.
Broadway and Rockford Road

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be for the General Membership, Thursday evening, May 23, at 7:30 p. m.

Harry and Joe were in Indianapolis meeting with the International "Biggies" about extremely important matters. We'll hear a full report at the General Membership meeting. Be sure to attend.

Robert Holan, Gladness, is our next Benedict, being married May 20 and going to South America for his honeymoon to find out the truth about the famous "South American Way" as told in the recent song hit by the same name. Not bad, eh?

Here's another transoceanic social note. See where Holland's Queen Wilhelmina and family have vanished to London. Her grandson was carried in a gas-proof box.

Just a week ago, the queen was exhorting the Dutch to defend the country with their lives. The ruling class is willing to defend the country it owns with the last drop of the worker's blood. But as for themselves, flight seems to be the better part of valor. Wonder what happens to the thousands of Dutch grandchildren who have no gas-proof chambers to sleep in or "royal" parents to carry them to safety?

"Behind the 544 Suit," a pamphlet, is a crushing answer to the finks and sinister boss forces lurking behind them in their attempt to smash 544 and the trade union movement. Get a copy and read it.

I'll be in the office all day Monday, so call me up and give me the dope about those fisherman tales you'll all be telling next week. Think up some new ones because I heard most of the old ones last year.

Shows of yesteryear: League of Nations! Kellogg Peace Pact! The World Court! etc. Weren't they supposed to prevent war? Or shouldn't we ask the great peace lovers?

To the Ladeez: Hope every Mother, Wife and Sweetheart of Local 289's stalwarts were especially happy Mothers' Day. But that's only one out of 365 days of the year. Well, a good union helps to make every day a better, happier day, doesn't it?

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With the Limousines

By Home James

With the consent of "James", who is always glad to have a little help with the column, I have taken the pleasure of jotting down a few reminiscences. As I sit here in the sun (which I am doing, being that damn Union-minded) my mind drifts back, naturally, to the days of the first Executive Board, also of those special meetings we were called upon to hold Sunday afternoons, weekdays, and nights too; of the hot arguments we used to have and how finally after all disputes were settled we would all join in a grand march to the Union Club bar. There we would all cool our tempers with indulgence in their most delicious highballs.

In those days one of our officials was a great lover of brandy (editors note: he still is). Of course we were always in the dog house, not air conditioned either. Just about the time everything at home was getting back to normal there would be another meeting called which put us back in with Asta. Quite a few times the dear wife informed me that if I would move in to 257 Plymouth Avenue North, I would not have so far to go after supper. We all lived through it and it certainly is good to hear that all the Executive Board's wives are happy and contented, we take it for granted that they all understand the labor movement now. We hear a lot of people talk about the Prophets and how everything they told came true, however, we wonder what happened to those Prophets who predicted the collapse and early end of Local No. 912. Here we are still going strong into the middle of 1940 although it has been a slow, hard pull. Don't forget that anything built up in a hurry will collapse at about the same rate of speed, so you can be sure that Local No. 912 is here to stay.

Placing credit where credit is due, Local No. 912 is being guided by an Executive Board that is 100 per cent capable and true. Under their guidance and leadership we are sure to succeed.

It looks good to see all our brother union members returning from their excursions, north.

We are all wishing our Brother Eskild a happy and speedy recovery and to all union members, here's hoping that tough luck, hard times, sickness and poverty follow you and never overtake you.

All members are urged to attend the next regular meeting of Local 912 next Tuesday evening, where the contract committee will submit its draught of the proposed new agreement to cover private chauffeurs. New developments on the livery pact will also be reported.

Gas and Suds

By L. Clair Johnson

Val O'Connor went to Rochester to go through the clinic. He really appreciates the benefit. He says that it enabled him to make the trip.

James Boosalis of American Linen broke his arm last week and will be laid up for some time.

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Do You Remember?

Do you recall, when you were young and strong
And newly wed, for her you went to bat?
You thought, "I'll work real hard—we'll get along,
The good Lord and the Boss will see to that."
This policy you followed, year by year.
Each day you tried to do a little more—
When the Boss got grouchy, you were sick with fear,
The mouths you had to feed then numbered four.

To rear them, well, you did the best you could.
With cast-off clothes, your good wife did her best.
To dress her kids, with pieces still some good.
The baby's pants were made from your old vest.
And still you plugged along, resigned and meek,
Your weary brain forever in a daze,
Still getting the same old twenty bucks a week
Because you never had the guts to ask a raise.

Do you remember when your two loved sons
Were sent to France, to save Democracy?
The older one's there yet, his mouldy bones
Are all that's left of what he used to be.
The younger one returned—he's with you still.
He's blind, and when he tries to walk he limps.
He cannot laugh nor smile nor never will
Of life's real joys obtain the slightest glimpse.

Do you recall the day you got the notion
When called to the office by the manager
That you, at least, were getting a promotion?
How he glanced at you, then lit a fresh cigar
And said, "Harumph, well, John, you doubtless know
Our business everywhere is not so good.
So we're compelled to let you old men go
And try to speed things up with younger blood."

"You're close to sixty, John, and getting slow—
You should have plenty saved. I'll also mention
That to all of you that we must now let go
We'll give each month a twenty dollar pension."
Do you recall how, later in dire want
You tramped the streets till you were weak and sick
Till eventually, down by the waterfront,
You got a watching job at seven buck per week?

And you're still there—all your ambition's fled.
Your weary mind and body both crave rest.
Sometimes you really wish that you were dead.
Hope and despair still battle in your breast.
I know you're old and tired, no longer spry,
After thirty years of ceaseless labor.
My sad-faced friend, why look with jealous eye
Upon the progress of your youthful neighbor?

I know his health is good, his prospects bright,
It's just because he wouldn't be a sap.
He got and holds his job, as is his right,
Because a union button's in his cap.
You resent the fact, that he, at half your age,
Earns twice as much as you did in your prime.
His union gets for him a living wage
And you took the little offered all that time.

Now, in all fairness, how can you begrudge
Him good food and clothes, for which he has the means?
Is it because you chose to be a drudge
And lived for thirty years on hope and beans?

Forget your bitter past—your children's sons
Will soon start out on life's rough, rocky road.
Draw up a map, marking the slippery stones
O'er which you fell beneath your heavy load.
Teach them to stick together all the way,
Equip them with the latest charts and maps.
Above all else, convince them it will pay
If all wear union buttons on their caps.
—W. E. RAZE.
City & Sanitary Drivers, Local 664.

SLP State Convention Sunday, May 19th

The Socialist Labor Party will hold its 1940 state convention on Sunday, May 19th, at 19 South Seventh street at 10 a. m. Nominations will be made for the state gubernatorial election, and a state platform will be drawn up. A report on the national convention held in New York April 28th will be given by Samuel Johnson of St. Paul.

A dinner commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Socialist Labor Party will be served by the Weekly People Club from 12 to 1 o'clock. The convention is open to the public.

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:
Your kind expressions of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.
Mrs. Gustaf Hammerlund and children.

The Brookings Institute has stated that with the raw materials and resources, the present improvements of production, factories, technical brains, the skilled and unskilled workers in this country, it is possible to produce more than we can consume if we could find a way to distribute the abundance.

It is encouraging to know that modern science has solved the problem of production from scarcity to abundance, but this transition has made the matter of distribution impossible under the present system. It seems logical to believe that the scientific brains that have overcome scarcity in the matter of production could also find a way to distribute the abundance they have created. They have, and they offer a plan through "Technocracy."

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Whip Injunction Sought by Bosses

Word has been received from the El Paso Drivers Union Local 941 that the injunction which the anti-union Braswell transfer company has had against the union for the past year and a half has been denied by the court. A few days ago the court formally signed an order denying Braswell the injunction.

Braswell had sought to enjoin the union and its members from picketing his place of business and from preventing him from interchanging freight with connecting carriers.

In effect the court has given legal sanction to the long fight Local 941 has been carrying on against this concern.

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

Emma Goldman Dies

Though Emma Goldman lectured many times in Minneapolis, it is likely that few workers here remember her. The famous anarchist leader was of an earlier generation which included such labor leaders and radicals as Eugene V. Debs, socialist agitator; Big Bill Haywood, the I.W.W. leader; Johann Most, Alexander Berkman, Eitor and Giovannianni; Jack London, socialist novelist; John Reed, poet and revolutionist; Clarence Darrow, etc. Red Emma, as she was called by the boss press, was a friend of the above, and of labor leaders in other countries.

Emma Goldman was an anarchist, a social philosophy which has few followers today. Like many other workers, she was aroused to a hatred of capitalism by the savagery of the courts against the Chicago anarchists in the Haymarket affair of 1886. She was the enemy of capitalism and of all authority and wanted a world where no state existed, a world where there were no police, no army, no courts, no jails, a world where every person was free.

Whereas every other big boss you meet will tell you he, too, is a "philosophical" anarchist (by which he means he wants full freedom for himself and the iron heel for the masses), Emma Goldman despised such a cheap belief. She wanted freedom for all people.

Emma Goldman first came into the public eye when her friend, Alexander Berkman, went to Homestead, Pennsylvania, during the Carnegie steel strike of 1892 and shot Frick, Carnegie's manager who was responsible for bringing in an army of Pinkerton detectives to slaughter the steel workers. Berkman's "propaganda by deed" in retaliation for Frick's savagery against the workers was defended by Goldman and by most of the union movement, though in later life Goldman came to see the fallacy in acts of individual terrorism against the exploiters.

Being a consistent anarchist, Emma Goldman could not see the difference between a workers' state and a capitalist state, between a Workers and Farmers government and a capitalist democracy. Consequently, she failed to understand the Russian revolution, and turned against it even in its great days, when Lenin was still alive and at the helm.

Today any worker or college youth who has read a 10c copy of Lenin's "State and Revolution" can point out the errors in Goldman's anarchism. The only time Goldman was praised by the bosses was for her bitter criticism of the Soviet Union. Just yesterday the Minneapolis Tribune, in its editorial on her death, said: "She did a tremendous amount of harm with her preachments of anarchism, but she partly offset her mischief making in later life by her expose of Soviet Russia's so-called Communism."

The employers know how to evaluate people, from their viewpoint. We must learn to do the same. Our differences with Emma Goldman's philosophy are deep-going. We pay homage to her, not for the things the exploiters praised her for, but for different things. We like to remember her as the great and fearless spirit she was, active in the battles of an earlier generation of workers and unemployed—fighting for the release of Bill Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone when these leaders of the Western Federation of Miners were framed for the murder of ex-governor Steunenberg of Colorado; urging the pickets on at the steel workers' strike at McKeesport; helping the garment workers of New York City to victory; active in the Lawrence textile strike; supporting Frank Tannenbaum in 1912 when he was leading the unemployed of New York in marches upon the churches, demanding they live up to their Christian preachings; rallying workers to the defense of Mooney and Billings. We particularly honor Emma Goldman for her courageous stand against the First World War. She and Berkman received two years' imprisonment on a charge of "obstructing the draft," and were later deported to Russia on the rotten old ship, Buford.

Emma Goldman was an active fighter for her beliefs up to the end. During the Spanish civil war she was in Spain working with the Spanish anarchists. (Neither she nor any of her anarchist friends have explained how they justified the Spanish anarchists' participation in the Spanish Popular Front government which dragged the Spanish workers to defeat).

Recently she returned to Canada, sought entrance into this country, but was denied the democratic right of asylum by the Washington administration. She died Monday in Toronto, and will be buried Friday by her friends.

Emma Goldman was born a hundred years too early. And she was glad of it. She said she got her deepest satisfaction out of struggling for her unpopular beliefs.

Farewell to you, brave spirit.

160 Players Again Head For Trophy

From the showing in pre-season games it looks like the Utility Workers Union Local 160 will have another championship diamondball team this year. Last Thursday Local 160 took the Deere & Weber team in a practice game at the Parade, 5 to 4.

Jimmy Nevens is again managing Local 160's ten, which contains several players from the Battery Workers Union Local 1034.

Last year Local 160's diamondballers won three trophies—the Class B championship in the Union

League, the championship of the Union League, and the Sportsman-ship cup.

Wanted: Union Homes to Board Children—

All union households interested in taking unfortunate children into their homes to board, are asked to get in touch with the Federal Workers Section office at 257 Plymouth avenue. Relief authorities pay board of about \$5 weekly for such services. The FWS is interested in getting a list of union homes willing to board children, as many relief families do not wish their children brought up in non-union homes.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

As the old West Hotel falls under the wreckers' hammers a running dispute has developed between 544 and the Building Laborers Union over the loading of trucks. Local 544 will continue to claim its full jurisdiction as in the past.

Anderson, attorney, for the five links in the book suit, whose bombastic claims made newspaper headlines a few weeks ago, is being whittled down to his real size by testimony of union officials now being offered in district court. Truth is a real weapon to have on one's side, Mr. Anderson.

Two members of the Cab Drivers Union won the North Shore Cabin at the Fishermen's Party Monday night.

The Organizer is now being printed in one of the most modern print shops in the northwest. The Argus has had a face lifting.

Negotiations are again in full swing as some twenty odd contracts expire during May and June.

Milk Drivers have scored as delivery charge plan has been dropped by the dealers.

The building trades are suffer-

ing from a lack of large projects but buildings are being wrecked in the loop with great regularity, swelling employment of our members with wrecking companies.

Many teaming unions are planning on sending a delegation to the International Convention which takes place in Washington, D. C., during August.

The Farmer Co-op Labor Council will hold a rally in Madison, Minnesota, Thursday.

A late, wet spring is holding up road construction over the entire state.

The Area Committee met in Chicago this week.

A series of petty pilfering has taken place in the union headquarters lately. The guilty party is known and will soon be brought before the bar of Union Justice.

Frog's teeth are now an issue in the book suit.

Plenty of vacancies in places of employment Wednesday. Fishing opened.

Slogan of the Week "When you buy, have it delivered."

The Shocking Fact About Mr. Thurman Arnold

(A Guest Editorial by Edward Keating, Manager of LABOR, Weekly Newspaper Published by Fifteen Railroad Unions)

Mr. Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general of the United States, is proceeding with his crusade against organized labor, more particularly unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. True, practically every time he indicts a trade union official he also indicts some employers, but in all his public utterances Mr. Arnold makes it clear that he is "gunning" for the unions.

The foes of labor were quick to sense that fact. They are vociferously applauding Mr. Arnold with the "Saturday Evening Post" and the Scripps-Howard papers taking the lead.

A striking example of the press chorus was a column by David Lawrence, Washington writer, published throughout the country and carrying the ominous headline: "Labor Faces Iron Hand of Authority."

It must never be forgotten that when Congress passed the original anti-trust law and when it subsequently amended that law, it endeavored in every possible way to make it clear that farmers' cooperatives and labor organizations were specifically exempted. Reactionary Federal courts took issue with the interpretation placed on the law by Congress.

Now Mr. Arnold says the reactionary courts were right and that Congress was wrong. As a matter of fact, he's going farther than any reactionary court has ever attempted to go.

Mr. Arnold takes the position that if a labor union does something he doesn't like, he will have its officers indicted by a Federal grand jury and will put back of the prosecution all the influence of the Federal government.

For example, he says that a jurisdictional dispute between two unions is "a restraint of trade." Of course, the men who framed the anti-trust laws never entertained such a "cockeyed" notion. But that interesting fact doesn't carry any weight with Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Arnold says there are crooks in the labor movement and he's out to "save labor from itself." There are 8,000,000 trade unionists in this country. It would be a miracle without precedent if all were virtuous. We seek no immunity for crooked trade unionists, but there are plenty of laws to punish any offense they may commit, and plenty of prosecutors to see that the job is done. It's not necessary for Mr. Arnold to distort the anti-trust laws, which, as the name indicates, were designed to deal with great business combinations, commonly described as "trusts."

And speaking of crooks, there are at least a few in the legal profession of which Mr. Arnold is a distinguished member. Why doesn't he try "saving the lawyers from themselves" for a while?

If Mr. Arnold has his way he will become a sort of Mussolini of the labor movement. Any union official who dares to do anything Mr. Arnold does not approve will be dragged before a hand-picked grand jury, indicted, and then tried before some hand-picked jury in some Federal court and back of the prosecution will be the money and prestige of the Federal government.

A more brazen and unjustifiable assault on the labor movement has not been undertaken in our time.

What would have happened if anything like that had been attempted in the days of Harding, Coolidge and Hoover? Every worker in the land would have been aroused. The shocking fact is that Mr. Arnold is not only tolerated, but apparently encouraged by the administration which has done many good things for the American workers and which at all times insists it is uncompromisingly progressive.

359 Signs Ruberoid Roofing

The Warehouse Workers Union last Thursday renewed for one year its agreement with the Ruberoid roofing company, 50 Lowry avenue north. The new agreement brings an increase of 2c hourly in the upper brackets, and 4c hourly in the lower brackets.

Workers with two years of service will receive one week's paid vacation, and workers with four years' service will receive two weeks.

Local 359 is making some progress in its negotiations with the Buzza company. The management has granted the preferential shop, and negotiations are now being conducted on wages.

HE: "There is nothing like experience, after all. She is our greatest teacher."

SHE: "And there is no holding back on her salary either."

544 Testimony in Fink Suit Nails Each Lie of Plaintiffs

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members when they are in deep trouble, holding out a helping hand to brothers in times of death, sickness, birth, etc.

Postal readily admitted Local 544 had advanced \$50 to Brother George Blass upon the death of his daughter; had advanced \$65 to Brother Lawrence Bovey when his wife was about to have a baby, etc., and that the loans hadn't been repaid and that the union hadn't taken any steps to collect them.

On the other hand, Postal testified that many loans made—to Jack Smith, to V. R. Dunne, to the Federal Workers Section, etc.—had been repaid to the penny.

Monday Postal testified that the Local 544 executive board last summer had voted to provide an \$800 cash bond for the arrested WPA strikers. Anderson had made quite a stink about this act of solidarity with the unemployed. Postal added, much to Anderson's discomfiture, that the money was returned to Local 544 within a week after it was given on July 15, 1939.

Discussing a \$500 loan made to the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383 last July, Postal testified that Jack Maloney, business agent of Local 383, had endorsed the note for the loan.

When the defense announced to the court it intended to bring Maloney and other union officials in to testify they received the money and what it was used for, the court suggested "Don't do it until you talk with me; it may be possible to save that expense of bringing them here."

Among other advances testified to were a donation of \$50 to the American Red Cross last summer following the tornado disaster in Anoka; a contribution of \$91.75 to the strike fund of Drivers Union Local 745 of Dallas; a check of \$175 to the Federal Workers Section; a \$25 donation to the Farmer-Labor candidate in the Tenth Ward; the regular monthly assessments for the Northwest Organizer; a \$25 donation to the Machinists Union Local 382 during the strike at the Diamond Iron Works last fall, and dozens of other items.

On one point the defense introduced a set of general membership minutes recording a motion passed by the membership instructing the executive board to present only summarized financial reports each month. As the monthly financial report runs to about forty pages, and is available to all members for inspection, the reading of the entire reports took up too much time at the meetings, consequently the members moved to receive only the summarized report orally.

On Tuesday afternoon an official of the bank where the General Drivers Union has its account testified as to the conduct of the account and the banking procedure followed. Mr. J. N. Renckens, assistant manager of the North American bank, gave testimony which disproved the plaintiff's contention that checks made out by Local 544 to the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, were cashed at the bank; instead, he testified, the checks went through Local 544's bank account.

Postal spent the rest of the time Tuesday testifying as to how numerous checks were spent.

C. A. Lund Once Again Cutting Up

The C. A. Lund Ski company of Hastings, which last December finally ended a two-year dispute with the Wood Workers Union Local 20481, is again stepping out of line. Recently the company has laid older men off and has called back three workers out of seniority.

Efforts of the union to straighten out the management have been met with a rebuff. Local 20481 is now studying the dispute. The workers in the Hastings plant now meet regularly the first and third Fridays of each month. They are learning their unionism fast, and Lund will have a much harder time pulling the wool over their eyes than he did two years ago.

Notice to Columnists

If you want a set of the four pictures taken at the Northwest Organizer banquet at Harry's Cafe, call the Organizer office, Bridgeport 8741. Yours for cost, 50c for the set.

977 Team Opens Season This Sunday

The newly-organized Local 544 baseball nine, which makes it bow this year to fans of the Park League, will open the regular season this Sunday at the new Columbia Heights diamond, against the Blackhawk's. The game starts at 2:30 p. m. and all union fans are urged to turn out.

Manager Louis Hanson has got together a real aggregation of players for Local 977. Pitchers are Perry Malvin and Jay Nichols. Glen Bruninger will be behind the plate. Others are Ervin Gagnet, first base; Bob Hanson, second base; Ray Alford, shortstop; Roy Alford, third base; Shelde, centerfield; Art Hammer, left field; Merrick, right field. Sonny White is mascot.

The team has new white-and-black uniforms bearing the number of the union and of the player. Hanson, who coached last year's city champion 544 team, says he aims to repeat this year with Local 977's nine.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to extend our appreciation to Local 664 for the flowers at my father's funeral.
ED MOSIER and Family

... the last word

By B. G.

A great many over-the-road drivers are deaf in their left ears. It's due to having the left ear to the open window of the cab, exposed to the constant rush of cold air. This is on the authority of a veteran.

Some time back we carried on a discussion in this column about the rights of married women to work. In a recent survey conducted by the National Industrial Conference Board, 484 companies with a total employment of 1,150,646 workers were interviewed. Results show that the majority of manufacturing companies and offices do not require women employees to leave their jobs when they marry. Statements from the employers include the following:

"There is no question but that from the employer's standpoint there will be a distinct loss if he attempts to dismiss all married women from his organization. We do not believe that employers should set up restrictions regarding employment of married women. They are not valued by domestic value but by job value."
Even the bosses stand to lose by excluding married women from jobs. Although none of us would gain from such a step, there are still those among us who would like to legislate this unfortunate group of workers out of their jobs. If you still think married women work because they want to, just talk to some of them.

After all his helping about slot machines, Leach legalizes them and calls them parking meters. Only now you never win.

Virginia Safford — you know, the dame who writes for the Star-Journal — described her trip to the 1940 World's Fair in last Monday's paper. She told about a wonderful luncheon, a tour of the fair, previews of the musicals, a "mass flight" in nice, shiny airplanes and her friendly little visit with 500 women who "represent the class, culture and wealth of America."

Certainly, they represent the wealth of America. They ought to; they are the wives of some of the richest men in the country. Of course, she didn't mention the fact that this wealth also represents your sweat and mine. That wouldn't be a nice thing to think about. And it would spoil the perfectly lovely time these women were having.

"They represent the 'class' of America," she says. "I wonder what she means by 'class'?" If she means the employing class, she is absolutely correct. But we represent our class, too. Our class is the working class. It's bigger than theirs by about 60 million. And if it weren't for us, they wouldn't represent anything at all. So why all this talk from Virginia?

And when I stop to think about it, I can see I write a better column than she does, too. So where's the culture?

Last Sunday was Mothers' Day. Last Sunday mother was feted with candy and flowers and gifts. But for the other 364 days Mother continues to struggle with problems created by unemployment, hunger, want, disease, and the scourge which often deprives her of her motherhood—war!

On the National Picket Line

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Radio reports, brief and without any details, indicate that the English workers are not too content under their war administration. 500 bus and trolley workers struck last week, effectively tying up transportation in London.

Canadian workers in Quebec turned a weapon used by non-striking finks inside the Canadian Delanes Co., to their own use last week. Strike-breakers who refused to join the strike barricaded themselves within the struck plant. After the strikers had cut off the electricity, and telephone service, the finks turned huge water hoses on the strikers. They were trying to get out of the plant, and the pickets had decided that they should stay in. Strikers seized the hoses, turned them back into the building. Then they shut off the water in the building.

The strike was called for an increase in wages and for union recognition. The company has agreed to a small increase in pay but still refuses the union recognition.

President Roosevelt sounded the key note for the future war propaganda which will come from the war machine. In his speech before the Pan-American Scientific Congress in Washington last Friday, he warned the assembled delegates and the world at large that the time has come for the Americas to "bring the problems facing us into the cold light of day." He stressed the fact that our belief that the Americas were

safe from invasion because of our geographical location is "false and insecure."

The Navy Appropriations Bill for \$655,000,000 has passed the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, and will undoubtedly pass both houses. A new appropriation for the Army will exceed \$500,000,000. Army enthusiasts are speaking of the necessity of a standing army of one million men.

Great Britain and France have moved troops into the Dutch West Indies. Roosevelt says this is no infraction of the Monroe Doctrine. It seems that that document can only be violated by certain people!

It is significant also that the training period for the national guards, normally a two-week period, has been increased to one month.

The American fleet, in full battle regalia, ostensibly still engaged in war games, is hovering protectively off the Dutch East Indies. Japan has her eyes on these islands and it would go very hard on Big Business in the U. S. should Japan decide to move into them to "protect them."

95% of all the tin and rubber used in the United States comes from the Dutch East Indies, and Standard Oil has millions invested there. Is it any wonder that Uncle Sam should be concerned lest the Niponese grab off such a juicy plum?

FLP Convention In Brainerd On June 21st

The state convention of the Farmer-Labor association will be held at Brainerd on June 21st, the state executive committee announced Sunday.

An earlier convention was held March 7th in Rochester, which accomplished little towards unifying the party or giving a progressive lead to the workers and farmers.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE	
LOCAL 471 General Membership — First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section — Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.) Milk Haulers — Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section — Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 General Membership—May 14 Northland Mfg. Co.—May 14 J. R. Clark Meeting—May 15 Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—May 21 Grievance Board—May 16 Executive Board — Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 13 and 27 General Membership—June 5 Notice The Grievance Board will meet once a month (on the 3rd Thursday of each month) from May 1, 1940 until further notice.
LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	LOCAL 20481 C. A. Lund—"Hastings Union Hall", May 24, 8 p. m. District Council, 4:30 p. m. May 14.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers — 7 p. m., third Thursday each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 May Meeting Schedule Wednesday, May 1—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, May 2—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, May 3—Job Stewards Monday, May 6—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, May 8 — Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, May 10 — Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, May 13 — General Membership Tuesday, May 14 — Lumber, Raymond Bros, 9 p. m. Thursday, May 16—Tent and Awning, Newspaper 10 a. m., Ways and Means Committee, (Independent Truck Owners) Friday, May 17—Job Stewards Monday, May 20 — Furniture Store, Coal Wednesday, May 22—Sand and Gravel and Excavating at Thursday, May 23 — Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Friday, May 24—Cold Storage and Produce Monday, May 27—Spring Water Tuesday, May 28 — Building Material 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, first floor All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated