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On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

With every passing moment America moves closer to our inevitable entry into the Second World War. Last week General Pershing expressed the opinion that compulsory military training was "essential." This week a measure which will provide for such training will be introduced into congress.

The House Ways and Means committee has reported, favorably, a bill to increase the taxes on incomes. The new bill will add two million workers to the Federal Tax rolls — all those single persons who earn \$800 will henceforth have to pay income taxes (a person whose weekly wage is \$15.40). All married people will pay income taxes on \$2,000 instead of 2,500. This will add \$82,500,000 to the revenue.

The employed workers are going to pay for the war — while the unemployed —

In New Jersey Relief Administrator Mudd has ordered all male single persons who are eligible for army service off the relief rolls. Basing his order on the contention that army service is "employment" the director said that this policy is "consistent with the principle of the relief law in meeting the needs of the family which cannot otherwise be met."

In Yonkers, N. Y., Mrs. Edith P. Welty, a member of the General Council, is pushing for the same program. And in Pennsylvania the Secretary of Assistance, Howard R. Russell, is also considering "seriously" the introduction of the same program.

All of these patriotic purveyors of charity speak of the "patriotic duty" of all eligibles to join the army. They also contend that army service is "employment" and anyone who is eligible and doesn't volunteer is not trying to find "work."

Meanwhile "Fifth column" propaganda rolls off the mills as fast as it can be dreamed up... aliens will be fingerprinted and registered... trade unionists will be registered and listed... relief clients will either starve or join the army... and American youth will go to war to fight to save "democracy" which doesn't exist.

The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO) charge the FBI with using "Gestapo" methods in an effort to break a nine-month-old strike of 1,200 colored and white workers against the Tennessee Copper Co.

Twenty unionists have been arrested and herded into a literal concentration camp at Cooperville, Tenn. Their wives and children refused permission to see them. Confessions have been forced under duress from several of the arrested men that they conspired to dynamite TVA property.

The indictment against the FBI was made by Reid Robinson, International President of the Union, after the Executive Board had decided to call off the strike.

The Tennessee CIO Industrial Council convention at Knoxville also passed a strong resolution condemning the actions of the FBI, in their attempts to pin

Farmer's Problem Similar to Ours, Says Gene Larson

Dairy Industry Is Minnesota's Largest Industry—Workers Can Make Dairy Month a Success by Drinking More Milk — Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council Pledges Aid to Dairy Farmers.

By Gene Larson, Secretary-Treasurer, Local 471
During the past year and a half, organized labor of Minnesota has, through the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council, made a close study of the farmer's problems of today, and they have been found to be so closely related to our own well-being, that they are, in fact, our own problems.

The basic industry of Minnesota is agriculture, and dairying is, by far, the largest and most important division thereof. According to a report issued by the State Dairy and Food Commission in 1937, the total value of dairy products produced in Minnesota amounted to an estimated value of \$166,980,154.31. Minnesota's dairy industry has shown rapid development during the past 30 years. Compiled reports show that only 86,217,727 lbs. of butter were manufactured during the year 1906, with production steadily increasing until a total of 290,474,359 lbs. was reached in 1936. Minnesota produces and manufactures approximately one sixth of the nation's butter, which places it as the number one Dairy State. Of the 290,474,359 pounds of butter produced for the year 1936, 224,944,963 lbs., or 77 1/2%, was shipped out of the state, mostly to Eastern markets such as New York City, Chicago and Philadelphia, while only 65,529,396 lbs. or 22 1/2%, was consumed within the state.

Milk Consumption
Statistics also show that in 1921, Minneapolis and St. Paul consumed 52,000,000 quarts of fluid milk and 19,328,000 half pints of cream. In 1938 the consumption was 65,620,000 quarts of milk and 20,496,000 half pints of cream. The increase shown here is, according to the statistics, not due to greater consumption but to increased population, as in 1938 one (1) pint per person a day was used, which was the same percentage as in 1921. Production of ice cream and sherbets for one year, according to the 1937 report, amounted to 6,569,034 gallons, valued at \$5,263,711.79. The total production of milk in the United States, reaching the staggering figure of 54,000,000,000 quarts per year, would fill a lake 30 feet deep, half a mile wide, 4 miles long, and would float the entire U. S. Navy.

The above figures are quoted so as to give the reader a fair idea of the size and importance of the dairy industry. It is obvious that the large amount of revenue received from the dairy industry is a tremendous factor in the well being of both labor and business in our state and is therefore entitled to the utmost consideration. The month of June is being proclaimed Dairy Month over our entire nation and efforts are being made to increase consumption, thus offsetting the economic dangers of a record production for that month, which is evident. Disposal of this surplus is a real problem to the dairy farmer.

Urges Aid to Dairy Month
At meetings held in farm com- (Continued on page 4)

Local 471—No Meeting On June 18th

By the action of the union membership, the second meeting in the months of June, July and August have been eliminated.

There will be no meeting June 18th. The next meeting is July 2nd.

Executive Board, Milk Drivers Union Local 471.

What Citation By Federal Trade Commission Means

Because of some misunderstanding among members of organized labor as to what the citation of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 by the Federal Trade Commission signifies, the following explanation is presented:

The Federal Trade Commission, upon the basis of its investigation, has issued a complaint that the Minneapolis bakeries and Local 289 have conspired to commit unfair acts to stifle competition.

This is NOT a criminal proceeding but a civil proceeding, similar to a hearing before the National Labor Relations Board.

The Federal Trade Commission will hold a hearing at which the parties cited will show cause why a cease-and-desist order should not be issued to ban the disputed clause in the union contract. Should the union or the bakeries be dissatisfied with the decision of the Federal Trade Commission, either party may appeal to the federal circuit court of appeals to review the commission's findings.

If the Federal Trade Commission should issue a cease-and-desist order, and all parties observe the order, no penalty will result. Should either party refuse to obey the order, they could be held in contempt of court.

In the case involving Local 289, the clause objected to by the Federal Trade Commission is no longer a section of the union working agreement.

977 Negotiations Near Completion

The Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 reported this week all its agreements for the coming year have been negotiated save the pact with the major tire companies which has not yet expired. Negotiations with the major tire firms will start in July.

A vigorous and well-coordinated drive to force all single men off the relief rolls and into the United States army was launched last week in the East by relief authorities, with the Minneapolis Welfare Board seemingly quick to pick up the hint and make tentative moves in the same direction here.

Last week in Trenton, State Relief Director Arthur Mudd of New Jersey proposed that local relief directors refuse relief to single persons eligible for military service.

In Pennsylvania the secretary of assistance, Howard L. Russell, made a similar move as that state prepared to undertake a "major purge" of single, able-bodied men from the relief rolls. Said Russell: "This action is being taken in view of the accelerating employment opportunities now existing and increasing... Service in the army and navy under the expanding national defense program

Local 977 Team Heads for Cup



With three wins in its first three games, two of them shut-outs, Local 977's Oilers appear headed for the championship of the park board's Federal League. If the team can win the city championship, the Teamsters Council will retain the cup won last year by Local 544.

Appearing in the above picture of 977's squad are: Top row, left to right Stan Merrick, Gilbert Jacobson, Bill Anderson, Ralph Guzzo, Art Hammer,

John Jacobson, Manager Louis Hanson, Coach Larry Davidson.

Middle Row: Tommy Connor, Joe Joketty, Roy Johnson, Bob Hanson, Don McKinley, Andy Shelde.

Front row: Glen Breuninger, Ray Alfred, Jay Nichols, Sonny White, Bill Malvin, Irving Gagnath, Kelly Roth.

Local 977 plays its next game this Sunday at Sibley Field, 2:30 p. m., against the Hove team.

664 Re-opens Medical Case With City

On the heels of the recent state supreme court decision in the case of Carmody vs. City of St. Paul, in which the court upheld the right of a city employee to choose his own physician and be reimbursed for medical expenses incurred during treatment of an injury sustained while working, the City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 has written to the Efficiency and Economy Committee of the Minneapolis City Council proposing to reopen the case of Francis Murphy.

Murphy, a member of Local 664, was injured while working several years ago. In January, 1938, Harold Seavey, union business representative, represented Murphy before the Claims Committee of the city council. At that time the committee denied claim on the grounds Murphy had not availed himself of the services of the city physician.

Brother Seavey has requested the Efficiency & Economy Committee to reconsider the action taken on the claim of Francis Murphy and to act in accordance with the supreme court ruling.

60% of All Workers For Unions

Sixty per cent of all workers—union and unorganized—favor the principle of unionism, Fortune magazine reports in its June issue after a nationwide poll by the usual sampling method.

An additional 25 per cent believe that unions are needed in some cases. "Since about two-thirds of U. S. labor is not organized, this indorsement of unionism is impressive," Fortune observes. "The belief that unions do more harm than good is surprisingly small, when it is considered that there are large sections of the country that are regarded as firmly anti-union."

Actually, however, PRO-UNION MAJORITIES prevail in every section of the country and in most occupations. The main exceptions are office workers and farmhands, with sales clerks equally divided. Interestingly, for every three supporters of the two boss parties, there were two supporters of independent labor political action. Among CIO members the national labor party idea was indorsed by 24% against 25% for the Republican and Democratic parties.

544 Grocery Men Meet This Friday

The regular meeting of the Grocery Section will be held this Friday, June 14th, 8 p. m. at the union hall, and all members are requested to attend.

Local 977 Cops Third Ball Game

Behind the effective four-hit pitching of Perry Melvin, the 977 Oilers defeated the Downtown Chev's of the Federal league by a 5-3 margin Sunday. High spot of the game came in the fourth inning when Bob Hanson doubled with the bases loaded, driving in three runs. He later scored by virtue of a double by Kelley Roth. Roth also poled out a homer for the fifth run.

Sunday's win was the third straight victory for Local 977 and they are now leading their division, and are considered the team to beat for the league championship.

Manager Louis Hanson says he is looking forward to a successful season and hopes all the union supporters will turn out for the remaining games. Larry Davidson has obtained moving pictures of the games, which will be shown the union membership at a later date. The team has been strengthened by the addition of two players, catcher Bill Anderson and outfielder Joe Joketty.

This Sunday Local 977 will play the Hoves' nine at Sibley field, 40th and Longfellow avenue, at 2:30 p. m. All unions fans are invited to come out and watch their team.

544 Negotiating For 45 Contracts Up for Renewal

Union Seeks Advances in Working Conditions in Most Pacts—Truck Helpers at Gamble-Skogmo Win 3c Hourly Increase—Printing Agreement Awaits Ratification by Men.

The period of contract negotiations for Local 544 has rolled around again, with most of the union staff occupied in various negotiations. About 45 working agreements expiring around June 1st are now in the process of negotiations, Ray Rainbolt reported to Monday night's 544 membership meeting.

Neal Is Last Witness in Fink Suit

Ted Neal, International organizer for the Brotherhood of Teamsters, took the stand in Judge Carrolls' courtroom Wednesday morning to give the last bit of testimony in the Fink suit.

The Fink's attorneys had tried to make it appear that the \$3,000 sent by Local 544 to the Kansas City Drivers Union Local 41 as a loan for bail bond, had not actually been sent.

Neal, who is an officer of Local 41, presented the union bank book in court, with a notation of the \$3,000, to show that it had indeed been received. His testimony was a crushing refutation of the Fink's dirty charges, and effectively cleared up this angle of the Fink suit.

Local 292 Wins Shorter Work Week

The Minneapolis Electrical Workers Union Local 292 advanced a stage towards the shorter work week when it came to an agreement with the Minneapolis Electrical Contractors association last week on a new contract. The pact calls for the 7-hour day at \$1.50 hourly. The former pact specified the 8-hour day at \$1.37 1/2 hourly.

The gaining of the 7-hour day by Local 292 is expected to lead the way for workers in other crafts and industries to the 6-hour day and the consequent employment of great numbers of workers now unemployed.

544 Sausage Group

A special meeting of Local 544's Sausage Section will be held Friday, June 13, at 7:30 p. m. to consider a new contract proposal. All members are instructed to be present.

Among the contracts up for renewal are those in the building materials, coal, department store, furniture, greenhouse, packing, delivery, sausage, produce, sand and gravel, and oil industries. About 250 employees are represented by these major agreements. The rest of the pacts are individual contracts with small concerns.

In some cases Local 544 will seek wage adjustments. Changes in various working conditions are sought in most of the new agreements.

Gamble-Skogmo Ready
Among the pacts already to sign is that with Gamble-Skogmo, covering about 80 men. The contract is similar to last year's, and will provide a 3c hourly wage increase for truck helpers.

The printing industry contract has been tentatively agreed to, and awaits ratification by the men involved at a meeting Wednesday night. The pact will contain no changes from the last one, save that provision is made for re-opening of the wage clause on February 1, 1941, should there be an increase in the cost of living by that time. About 150 men are involved.

A complete list of staff assignments to the various negotiations is posted in the organizer staff room in the union hall.

Workers—Ask Your Watch Repairman for His Union Card

The Watchmakers Union Local 103 this week appealed to all union workers having watch-repair work done to demand of the repairman that he produce his paid-up union dues book in Local 103.

Everyone doing watch-repair work, including individual shop owners, are eligible to join the union, so don't permit a shopowner to give that as an excuse for being a fink.

544 Produce Men Meet Thursday

A meeting of the Produce Section of Local 544 will be held Thursday, June 12, 8 p. m. to consider a new contract proposal.

Drive to Force Single Men on Relief Into Army Launched by Authorities

A vigorous and well-coordinated drive to force all single men off the relief rolls and into the United States army was launched last week in the East by relief authorities, with the Minneapolis Welfare Board seemingly quick to pick up the hint and make tentative moves in the same direction here.

WPA Vs. Defense
Boldly approving of the new campaign to drive the jobless into the army, the New York Times, in an editorial June 7th entitled "WPA Vs. Defense" stated that "The WPA program in its present form is clearly an obstacle to the defense program... The WPA program continues to go on the assumption that it is still necessary to invent all sorts of miscellaneous projects to keep men busy." The Times called for the end of work relief.

Commenting on the recent turn of events in Washington, where Congress quickly appropriated more than five billions for the war machine, and yet could not find even one billion for WPA, the United States NEWS foresees that "Right now there is developing a trend in official sentiment away from pump priming by WPA

and CCC and NYA toward pump priming by vastly increased spending on the air force, the army and the navy. The trend now may be away from "butter" toward armament, away from more social reforms toward machinery for defense."

Hollers For FBI
Last Friday the Minneapolis Welfare Board adopted a motion offering its assistance to the FBI in eliminating what it termed "subversive elements" from relief rolls and among employees of the board. Monday the Minneapolis STAR revealed that the Welfare Board was studying the moves in New Jersey and Pennsylvania to force able-bodied single relief clients into military service, and board members said that such a move here might be a possible "next step."

Fight Or Starve
The relief policy of the federal government as it is now developing can be reduced to three words: Fight or Starve. After suffering the tortures of unemployment for years, the jobless are now going to be herded into the army and navy to fight for the masters who denied them decent jobs and decent lives at home.

It is true that the government's huge armament program will give jobs to thousands of unemployed—eventually, jobs may be found for between one and two millions, in those sections of the country where war industry is concentrated. But even this development

What the Last War Cost

Besides the 20,000,000 human beings converted into fertilizer during the First World War, the cost of that war was \$400,000,000,000.

Consider these facts, fellow readers:
With \$4,000,000,000 we could have built a \$2,500 house and furnished this house with \$1,000 worth of furniture and placed it on five acres of land worth \$100 an acre and given all this to EACH AND EVERY FAMILY in the U. S. A., Canada, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia. After doing this there would have been enough money left to give each city of 200,000 inhabitants and over in ALL countries named a \$5,000,000 library and a \$5,000,000 hospital and a \$10,000,000 university. And then out of the balance, we would still have had sufficient money to have set aside a sum at 5 per cent interest which would have paid for all time to come a \$1,000 yearly salary to each member of an army of 125,000 teachers and in addition to this to have paid the same salary to each member of an army of 125,000 nurses. And after having done all this, we would still have had enough left out of our \$400,000,000,000 to buy up all of France and Belgium and everything of value in France and Belgium; farm, home, factory, church, railroad, street car.

It looks to us like the people who run the world don't manage things very well. It isn't the workers who run the world—the workers only fight the wars and sweat to produce the munitions of war—and pay the costs of the war.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Labor Assembly in Akron Tells Westbrook Pegler

Westbrook Pegler, whose false and malicious attacks on union leaders have earned him the contempt of organized labor everywhere really got "told off" by the Summit County Trades and Labor Assembly recently when the Assembly issued the following statement on Pegler's dirty work:

We, the undersigned members of organized labor in Akron and Summit County, have observed the yellow journalism of Westbrook Pegler for some time and we believe that it is necessary to make a few definite statements concerning his allegations of corruption in the labor movement.

Never Mentions This Graft

Pegler opposed to graft in principle? We do not recall his engaging in any extended and bitter campaigns against graft in business, about which the facts are well known to anyone who takes the trouble to read governmental reports and court decisions. He never criticized Richard Whitney for his thievery in the stock market with the viciousness that he attacks union officials, although Whitney's crime was far greater than anything any unionist has been accused of. Nor has Pegler accused J. P. Morgan and his partners of corruption, although they were equally involved in the Whitney scandal, as Robert Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, declared when he resigned from the New York Stock Exchange board of governors in protest.

We do not recall the Pegler pillar of virtue ever criticizing business for its misleading, corrupt and illegal advertising and marketing practices which cheat millions of consumers annually.

We come to the very obvious conclusion that Pegler is not opposed to graft in principle, and that he is especially silent about graft in business. He knows on which side his bread is buttered. Pegler evidently is only opposed to graft in unions.

Who Corrupts Labor? Is Pegler interested in the reasons for such alleged graft, and if so, why does he not state them? If any corruption exists in the Labor Movement it has been created by business in its attempts to buy out leaders. For generations employers have sought to bribe, bully, smash and destroy workers' organizations. Employers have spent millions on company stooges, spies, strikebreakers, and thugs, as has revealed.

The LaFollette Senate committee are we accusing Pegler of being in the pay of the employers? We know that he is paid handsomely for his columns and other "writings" by newspapers that are in the main notorious for their labor hating, that never miss an opportunity to smear labor, that have fought unions in the newspaper industry, that are owned or controlled by vested interests, and that are found on the reactionary side of every major question.

Labor's Affairs Are Its Own The affairs and problems of the labor movement are its own. Years before Pegler ever came on the scene the labor movement has been eliminating from its ranks the racketeers, usually planted with the aid of the employer. Neither Pegler nor anyone outside that movement—having as their basic premise an anti-union bias—has any right to interfere. We will solve our problems in our own way. We do not need and we condemn as insincere and dishonest the efforts of employers to pry into our affairs, because such snooping, back-biting and sniping is done only for the purpose of destroying our organizations.

If all these self-styled "friends of labor" who fill the columns of the press with their pusillanimous ravings are so concerned about graft, corruption and violence, let them drive out the grafters, shysters, strikebreakers and spies in their employ. If they are so interested in the welfare of the workman, let them pay higher wages, reduce working hours, improve conditions and sign contracts with unions. Let the press itself clean up its own columns by ceasing to falsify news, especially labor news, by demanding truth in advertising, by printing facts instead of slander.

Pegler is not interested in removing graft. He just wants to make the unions safe for the employers.

Summit County Trades & Labor Assembly.

It is impossible to conduct a large-scale war without systematic lying. That was discovered years and years ago. If you tell the truth about the other side your own people will soon realize that their supposed enemies are brothers of the human race, and poor, struggling devils like ourselves.—W. E. WOODWARD, "A NEW AMERICAN HISTORY."

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

In order that any democratic organization may function to its fullest extent it is imperative that each individual member of such an organization participate in its affairs on all occasions. This is particularly true of the election of the officers who direct the affairs of such an organization, and it is our contention that members who do not take the time to cast their ballots, for officers of Local B-160 for the next two years, at the coming elections are derelict in their duties as members of Organized Labor.

We're glad to say that Lenny Therrien has practically recovered from that broken hand.

Brother Haag of the Arc Department, who is an officer in the Reserve, has received orders to put his civilian affairs in order and be ready to report for duty.

Brothers Heigel, Phillips, Teasdale, Middleton and Leonard attended the quarterly meeting of the State Electrical Workers Council at Mankato last Saturday.

A number of brothers have remarked about the excellence of the Executive Board reports at the last two meetings.

The editors of this column would appreciate a contribution occasionally. You guys know what is happening on your jobs, we don't.

Make an opportunity to see the 160 D-Ball team in action, and you'll never regret it.

To members who have a habit of keeping their standing in the Local Union protected just on or near the dead line: If you do not get your dues paid in time, and you lose your insurance, it is no one's fault but your own.

If you go over the dead line, there is a reinstatement fee of three dollars and all dues have to be paid to date.

And your insurance starts as of the day you become a member in good standing again. Think of your family and keep your insurance and dues up to date.

Unless a written request is made before the ninety days are up, your standing in the Local Union will not be protected.

This rule will be enforced from now on, so it behooves all members to keep in good standing. If anyone is in doubt as to his standing, he should get in touch with the Office "pronto."

Once again—each of you—cast your ballot at the coming elections for those men who, you believe, will best serve the principles for which your organization stands. Give your incoming officers the support they need to carry on the affairs of B-160 by voting and after the elections attend the meetings. All together now!

Whenever I use the word aristocrat, I mean a citizen who can command two or more votes in society, whether by his virtue, his talents, his learning, his loquacity, his taciturnity, his frankness, his reserve, grace, face, figure, eloquence, air, attitude, movements, wealth, birth, art, address, intrigue, drunkenness, debauchery, fraud, perjury, violence, treachery, Pyrrhonism, deism, or atheism—for by every one of these methods have votes been obtained.—JOHN ADAMS.

"Why is it that you never get down to the shop on time anymore?" demanded the boss angrily.

"It's like this, sir," answered the worker. "You kept telling me so often not to watch the clock during working hours that now I've got so I don't look at it at home either."

BOSS POLITICS
Two workers were waiting for a street car and fell to discussing politics. One man was enthusiastic about a candidate who was seeking re-election, but the other favored a different candidate.

"Just what have you got against my man?" asked the first man. "Oh, he's all right. I suppose," answered the second, "but I don't like his platform." "Platform?" snorted the first man. "Man, don't you know anything about politics? A platform in politics is like one of these streetcars. It's not meant to be ridden on—it's to get in on!"

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- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Elliott, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
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- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

FWS Women Call Mothers To Oppose Entry Into War

"Realizing that the main obstacle to our achievement of better livings and a higher humanity is not in Europe nor in Asia but RIGHT HERE AT HOME," the women of Local 544's Federal Workers Section adopted a ringing anti-war declaration at their meeting May 28th.

"We oppose U. S. entry into any imperialist war and hereby call upon all working women and workers' wives, mothers and daughters to similarly oppose U. S. entry or participation in war," announced these women, stating they meant to redouble their struggle "for preserving and extending workers' civil rights, including the right to strike, even against the government, and for raising real wages and shortening hours of work until every employable worker has a decent job at union standards, and for increasing relief to the needy unemployed and unemployables including the immediate diversion of ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED."

Meaning of "Peace Scare"
The sacrifices and destruction brought about by imperialist war "are definitely NOT conducive to more and better jobs for sons and husbands. . . . Such sacrifices and destruction are now being promoted to uphold war profits of big industrialists (who fool and force the workers not only to produce the profits but also to do the fighting and dying for them) as evidenced by stock market panic whenever peace seems possible," stated the adopted resolution.

War Means Dictatorship
The sacrifices and destruction brought about by war "are definitely not for democracy, because the United States, like England and France, will become a dictatorship as cruel and destructive as Hitler's as soon as the United States declares war and will continue indefinitely thereafter. . . . Husbands of many of our members are already victims of the war drive, now serving prison sentences at Sandstone Federal Prison for protesting the unwarranted cutting of WPA wages, conditions and personnel, which money savings were taken from the hungry mouths of our children to grease the wheels of the war machine. . . . It seems infinitely harder for the unemployed to get pork and beans from overstuffed warehouses than to smash the Maginot line," concluded the resolution.

Debunking the War Propaganda
Hitler, his methods and form of government are awful, say the daily press and the Federal Government. We agree, but how is that, if they really mean it, the U. S. manufacturers have given Germany secret patents that cannot be used in America? Pratt and Whitney, manufacturers of airplane motors, have sold patents to Germany under conditions which prevent the U. S. from using the latest scientific developments in airplane motors.

Mrs. L. Wichter, Mrs. C. Gridner, Mrs. George Totino and Mrs. Max Geldman are planning to go to Sandstone next Sunday. William Riley, Jr., and George Totino are to be released July 3.

We learn that Ed Palmquist and Max Geldman are the compositors for the Sandstone prison news.

Card of Thanks
Words cannot express our appreciation and gratitude to Local 958, Yellow Cab Benefit Association, and executives and office employees of the Yellow Taxi company for their sincere expression of kindness, sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.
—Mrs. Edna Franzen and Sons,
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ILGWU Votes Return To AFL

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union which was expelled from the American Federation of Labor for joining the CIO, and later left the CIO, voted 640 to 12 at its 40th convention to return to the AFL.

The ILGWU has about 250,000 members employed in the ladies' garment industry. The vote to re-affiliate to the AFL came after William Green promised the union that the AFL would recommend at its next convention that the 1c monthly per capita to fight the CIO would be abolished, and that the AFL executive council's power to suspend international unions would be placed in the hands of the AFL annual conventions.

Mr. Green returned to David Dubinsky, ILGWU leader, the original charter issued to the union by the AFL on June 3, 1900. Green announced he expects the International Typographical Union to return to the AFL too.

BOSSES—AND WORKERS
A man was once approached by another seeking work. "Have you a boat?" the worker was asked, to which he replied in the affirmative. "Do you see all that driftwood floating on the river?" asked the boss.

"Yes, sir."

"Well, then, you row out and catch that wood and I'll give you half."

The worker stayed at this task for some time, then suddenly he stopped and pulled for the shore. On being asked why he quit, he replied: "Well, that wood is as much mine as yours. I'm not going to give you any more seeing that I did all the work. But now I'm out of a job!"

The name of the paper is the "Gist." One item from these two writers which appeared in the last issue asked the question: "What does it mean to pitch a 'little wood'?" The boys will appreciate any help they can get from the members here to answer this question.

Don't forget the membership meeting this Friday at 8 p. m. sharp. The Grievance board will meet at 7 o'clock.

All stewards take note: Stewards' meeting next Wednesday. Every steward should plan to be present at this important meeting.

The monthly women's meeting will be held the second Tuesday in July instead of the first. Ora Leslie, Thelma Brinda, Inez Boer, Leota Glass, Mae Erkkila, Goldie Geldman and Mildred Buisman were elected as a permanent committee to organize the women's activities. The last meeting was well attended and all present showed enthusiasm for furthering the women's section.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Cake and Pie drivers who meet Thursday, June 20, at 4:30. This, I think, will wind up the sectional meetings for the summer, so maybe you better make an effort to make this meeting. Don't misunderstand. We will still have the General Membership meetings every fourth Thursday through the summer, but no sectional meetings until October.

Received at the office this week was the convention call for the International convention to be held at Washington, D. C., September 9. The question of sending delegates to this will be brought up at the next General Membership meeting as well as to our own state convention, September 16, in St. Paul.

Negotiations still continue on the Gedney contract and Joe informs me that he expects these to be wound up Friday of this week.

Hats off to Grennan's. I understand the management took the whole bunch of them—16 strong fishing last Saturday, expenses paid, according to Frank Fleming. Jack Weiss, who is supposed to be a past expert at catching fish, turned up without even getting a nibble.

The Wally Doerrs, Purity, are the proud possessors of a newly arrived baby girl.

Say, by the way, if any of you members wish us to send one of those 544 books to any of your friends, get in touch with Joe and he will see that they get one. We have a limited number left over.

Del Sandgren and Norman Hanson of Zinsmaster's, responding to Frank Smith's call for players, are new members of the diamond ball team.

With Italy's entrance into the war, the feeling seems to become more intense in this country, the same sort of hysteria we had in the last war. It will be too easy for war-mongering speeches (many of which have already been made) to send us helter-skelter into another calamity leaving the grim trail of sorrowing mothers, cripples and dead. What we need is speakers who will get the American public down to earth and use common sense.

In another section of this issue you will read an explanation of the recent citation by the Federal

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16,000 Workers Killed on Jobs During 1939

"Capital takes all the risks. Why shouldn't we take all the profits?" How often have various employers offered this defense of the profit system?

Just how distorted a picture the above argument presents is shown by the figures released last week by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

At least 16,000 workers were killed, 106,000 suffered permanent disability and 1,407,000 suffered temporary disability while at work in 1939, the Bureau reports.

Agriculture had the highest casualty record, with 4,300 deaths. The construction industry was next with 3,200. The wholesale and retail trade followed with 1,800. Manufacturing and mining each accounted for 1,600 deaths, service and miscellaneous industries for 1,400, railroads for 800, truck and miscellaneous transportation for another 800 and public utilities for 500.

Capital may risk its dollars in industry. The workingmen and workingwomen risk their very lives and limbs.

Ask for work; if they do not give you work, ask for bread; and if they don't give you bread, take it!—EMMA GOLDMAN, advice to unemployed.

Trade Commission against the local and the bakeries which should explain thoroughly everything concerning this matter.

To the Ladeez: The Association of University women has been asking wives some questions which prospective husbands might resent. Their survey brought out that 57 per cent of husbands brought up on farms helped their wives with dishes and other work. Only 40 per cent of city-bred husbands do likewise. A fine thing to be advertising! Without getting us city-bred husbands in trouble, the association might have found out as to whether university women don't holler for help sooner than women not blessed with higher learning. I have definite suspicions about this.

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The Executive Board of Local 1859 Meets



Above is the executive board of the Minneapolis Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, one of the stalwart unions that has made the Minneapolis union movement the great thing that it is.
From left to right: Anthony Olson, trustee; Richard Gilmore, warden (and Organizer columnist); Henry Paulson, financial secretary; Ray Perlberg, vice-president; Fred Diedrick, president; Edward Kirby, recording secretary; Melvin Viken, treasurer; Frank Schwartzkopf, sergeant-at-arms; John Janosco, organizer and business agent. Peter Worthingham and Luverne Eastman, the other two trustees, were not present when the picture was snapped.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Warren Shade: Brother Debell's garden is cockeyed. He says his potatoes were so slow coming up that the potato bugs got tired waiting and are eating up the strawberry plants.

Slow and not so sure: Gladys hasn't opened that keg of nails in honor of her bigger and better pay check.

Ex-Warren Shade worker dies of heart ailment. Jesse Strong passed away May 28. The workers at the Warren company all extend their sympathy to the Strong family.

Grain King: Wall family reunion. Brother Richard Wall took a couple of weeks off to visit his brother in Canada whom he hasn't seen for 24 years. On account of the war situation it looked like this would be about the last chance to get into Canada.

J. R. Clark Plant: Elmer Eckberg came back to work Monday after two weeks on jury service. \$25 was Elmer's pay. In a special statement for the press, Elmer sez: "I done my duty."

Deep Purple: Week-end just a headache. What brother on first floor gave up bullhead fishing, hunting and pinocle playing and then got hayfever in the rose garden? The night life in Rob-

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Northwest Casket: Mrs. Louis Smolak (Ann Shutenberg) has been very ill at home for the past two weeks.

Mystery weapon strikes J. R. Clark worker: One of the brothers suffered an accident while on a fishing trip which put a mouse under his eye. How the accident occurred is not clear but it was conspicuous enough to keep this brother away from the last union meeting. Good cool beefsteak is said to be a good remedy.

Brother Ed Kirby was badly missed at the last meeting.

Those wedding bells are breaking up the old gang: Gordon Bishop was married Saturday, June 8. The boys on third floor presented Mr. and Mrs. Bishop with a veery nice wedding gift.

People of the U. S. A. are being dragged so close to war that they won't take much of a push to get right in it. The Duke of Wellington, who subjugated India to the English crown and who later defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, once said that given plenty of provisions and oen for transportation he could raise an army any time he needed one. Plenty of men would join the army in order to eat. Now it begins to look like some of the politicians are stealing Wellington's thunder by cutting off relief for able-bodied men out of work and instead of a dole giving them directions how to get to the nearest recruiting station. The idea that this is economy for the tax payers is not bolstered up by experience in the last war where it cost about \$30,000 to kill a man. At that rate, the prospect for an early grave could be kept on the dole for 75 years and help consume our surplus of blessings.

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Gassing With 977

The general membership meeting held Monday evening was well attended, but you members who were not there certainly missed out on some interesting entertainment. A representative of the Shell Oil company was present to show moving pictures pertaining to the oil industry.

The door prize was won by Bro. Jerry Rivet of the Pure Oil station at 36th and Lyndale.

A committee is being appointed to make plans for the forthcoming Jamboree. You all remember what a success we had at our last shindig. The membership has decided to hold the affair the last part of August. We are going to have a bigger time than ever, so watch for the date.

Bro. Carl Bismark will leave the Midwest plant next week to vacation in the sunny clime of Northern Minnesota. Carl says he is going after the big ones, those finny monsters. The boys at the plant want the proof so Bro. Bismark had better bring back some fish.

The boys at the Bardsall plant are still waiting for the stogies from Bro. Phil Hagstrom. His wife presented him with a bouncing baby boy just recently. Phil says he can't figure out why he should buy the cigars. He believes that the father should receive the ropes. Papa Eidsvold says that he heartily agrees with Phil.

Wedding bells will ring for Bro. Howard Handevit from the Shell station at Franklin and Portland. Congratulations, Howard, and we will see you later for the cigars.

That Pure Oil man, Kelley Roth, certainly has been going to town with the baseball team. Being an attendant in the market district must do something to our members. They are on their toes all of the time.

Sez he: "Why a fifth columnist is a terrible person, he would destroy our country and do all kinds of damage."

The second citizen agreed with him and said: "Why a fifth columnist might even go around the country plowing up every third row of cotton and killing off all our little pigs. Yup, we better get rid of these fifth columnists so we can get more bread and less lead."

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

Our June membership meeting was held last Tuesday evening and a fine crowd was on hand. Nominations were made for the International Convention (Washington, D. C.) and the Minnesota State Federation of Labor convention (St. Paul). Lists of the nominees will be posted at each plant, mailed to every member and published in our column. Because of only one meeting during the summer months, the election will not be held until July 2. On that day it will be an all-day affair with the polls open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. We can all feel proud of our Union because it is always willing to maintain its representation at the various conventions and meetings.

Brother Willard Nelson seems to have a new philosophy about violators of our By-Laws; if possible he does not like to "haul" a brother member down before the executive board. Reports are that "Bill" had a clear-cut case against Paul Gilquist; instead of the usual procedure there was a friendly warning. In regards to a first timer we see a lot of merit but a brotherly attitude, it may build a lot of good will among drivers in the district and besides will prevent any ill feelings from entering our ranks.

It is the old story of the student outdoing his teacher and that is what happened to Aage Kolberg when Tom Ammerman caught two bass to Aage's none. And the fish were big ones, four and almost six pounds. (At least they would be with a few years' growth!) Regardless of the bad break, we understand Brother Kolberg will take on all competition in the line of bass-fishing.

Through a strike threat against one of the employers in the fluid milk business it has been definitely established that the payment of commission or point money in any manner, shape or form, is a distinct violation of the contract. In the future those companies who violate said provision, will be "struck" without notice. However, there is no objection against paying overtime or increasing the weekly pay of a worker to a specified amount above the "scale."

Any member wishing to go on vacation and desirous of leaving his children with responsible people can be accommodated by contacting Brother Jos. Seleen of the Clover Leaf Creamery.

Brother Seleen is in a position to adequately care for any number of children for an indefinite time. Drivers may come in contact with people on their route who may appreciate this service. Anyone interested may call the Union office, GE. 4691, or write Jos. Seleen, Route No. 2, Osseo, Minn.

Independent Truck Chatter
By R. F. Hornig

Note the next regular meeting falls on Thursday, July 4, so watch this column for another date.

Writing this column is temporarily taken over by me in order that Dick Hornig can devote his full time to contracting. For your information, Superior Asphalt Surface company's office phone is Hyland 9937. It is under his direction.

Sir Milt says call if you have batch boards. He also wishes to remind you to get your flat racks ready for this winter's ice hauling.

Next time you see Hornig have him show you his latest hair cut and make him explain his reasons for it.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Brother Seavey, our business agent, read reports from Toledo, Norfolk and Cincinnati regarding operations of city manager governments in those cities at last Friday's meeting.

In case it might interest you, and it certainly should, I submit the following information from Toledo: not one labor candidate has been elected to council office. The first city manager attempted a drastic pay cut on all city employees but was stopped by the efforts of Central Labor Union. Union employees of the city have been eased out, whenever possible, and replaced by finks.

From Norfolk: Union labor and labor-indorsed candidates are opposed at every turn. Firemen expressly forbidden to organize. All prominent city officials reside in one section of the city, presumably "the right side of the tracks."

From Cincinnati: (as submitted by the "Chronicle"): all relief clients forced to work for city at 25 cents per hour, replacing regular city employees at maintenance work. The scheme was promoted by city-manager sheriff. If you have any regard for the future welfare of yourself, as a city employee, and the welfare of your families, talk against the proposed city charter which will be put up to a vote in Minneapolis this year.

Following is the new state salary schedule for Minnesota which is being fought by the Central Labor Union:

Auto drivers—\$80 to \$100 per month.
Equipment operators—(shovels, draglines, rollers, graders) \$110 to \$135 per month.
Truck drivers—\$90 to \$115 per month.

Laborers, Class No. 1—\$75 to \$90 per month.
Laborers, Class No. 2—\$85 to \$110 per month.

This is another Stassen masterpiece and anybody who is not congenitally feeble-minded should be able to read the handwriting on the wall and fully realize the peril which faces organized labor as well as unorganized workers throughout the United States.

Brother Francis (Baldy) Ryan emphatically denies any knowledge of or responsibility for rumors regarding pay-day dates and doesn't like implications to the contrary, so forget it. Nothing has happened or will happen to justify such rumors. Brother Clarence Samuelson is due to leave General Hospital this week for his home. Take it easy, Clarence. You're still young. Brother Ryan has undertaken the job of breaking in Harry Steffy's new brogans. That's what I call a pal.

Brother Horner, the old cigar mangle, was separated from several simoleons last week on account of getting from here to there without giving Father Time an even break. Slow down, Brother, you have a long way to go.

Brother Carl Erickson, of Glenwood, and his block and tackle are a big help to B.P.C. during hay-cutting season. Carl is a good-hearted old Swede and Johnny-on-the-spot in a pinch.

Card of Thanks
To Local 544 and Teamsters Joint Council-Office Girls:
We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy
—The Dunne Family

WOMAN'S BELIEFS
"She is a woman who has suffered a great deal for her belief."
"My goodness! What is her belief?"
"She believes that she can wear a number six shoe on a number eight foot."

and file members certainly are conspicuous by their absence at the regular General Membership meetings.

Ask Ed Tooley for details on his visit to the Hub of Hell last Decoration Day.

Remember to call the Union office and report when you see shovels working so that the jobs can be checked by the organizers. Milt is looking for one shovel in particular.

Winter in Honolulu does something to Ralph Morstad, judging by his tan.

Wasn't the last I. T. O. meeting a honey?
Guest writers are invited to contact writer for the privilege of exercising their talents.

K. C. Drivers Get Guarantees For War Time

General Drivers Local 41 of Kansas City has just signed its new pact to run until March 1, 1941. The contract contains two new clauses which give graphic evidence that the leaders of the trade union movement are well aware of the imminent danger of war and its consequences to the labor movement.

The provisions read:
22. "... if this nation is called to war the contract shall be re-opened for wage and hour negotiations only.

23. "It is agreed that in the event of war, men who are called for service will not lose their seniority with the company upon re-employment from service if physically fit."

The first provision makes it possible for the union to open negotiations for higher wages once the war gets under way. During the last war, when labor was not so well protected by wide-spread unionization, the cost of living so far outran wages that the working class was utterly unable to keep up.

The second provision lays the ground work for the further continuation of the Kansas City militant drivers' movement. When those men who are called for service return, they will not find, as they did after the last war, that they have been permanently displaced by new and unorganized workers.

Gas and Suds

By L. Clair Johnson
PICNIC SCHEDULE
Laundry Drivers and Warehouse Workers, July 28, Webb's Place, Bass Lake.

Laundry Workers Union, Local 183, June 16, Powderhorn Park. Minneapolis Labor School, June 23, Libby's Place, Bass Lake.

The W.P.A. Defense Committee has wound up its affairs. We received and disbursed \$23,545.72.

We have switched our board meetings back to Friday nights again until further notice.

The meeting this week will be very important. We have a number of important things to act on.

At some near future date the Organizer will probably carry a list of names of the finks in our industry.

The sick list is dwindling a little.

The powers that be are moving us into the war just as fast as they possibly can. Just as fast as propaganda can whip up the war hysteria to the proper pitch. It takes some little preparation to get the people in a democracy steamed up to the state of mind where they are ready for war.

BOTH WERE FOOLED
During the First World War a starving Montenegrin soldier, captured by the enemy, was asked by an Austrian officer: "Why do you poor Montenegrin fight us?"

"For bread," was the reply. "And why do you fight us?"

"For honor," was the answer of the Austrian, proudly.

"Well," said the Montenegrin philosophically, "I suppose every-one fights for what he hasn't got."
—From Stoyan Pribievich's "World Without End."

Mr. Noland Diller, who was one of Lincoln's neighbors in Springfield, tells that he was called to the door one day by the cries of children outside, with Lincoln walking by with two of his children, both crying bitterly. "Why, Mr. Lincoln, what's the matter?" Diller asked.

"Just what's the matter with whole world," Lincoln replied. "I've got three walnuts and each wants two."

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32nd and Hennepin Ave.
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45th and Chicago Ave.
- Excelsior and Minnesota Blvd.
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Holmes and Lake St.
- Standard Stations—North
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17th and Fremont Ave. N.
Broadway and Rockford Road

Workers FORUM

Whose War Shall We Fight In? To the Northwest Organizer:

Speaking as an unemployed worker, I would like to give my views on the war question before Big Business gets us into the imperialistic war. Hitler and his fascist dictatorship want to conquer all Europe to further exploit the workers and make them virtual slaves. England and France are crying they are fighting for democracy. What democracy have the unemployed got, when they can't even get a decent job and have some of the riches which only the few have?

Now we have the same kind of a so-called democracy in this country. We have more unemployment than they have. We have one third of the nation ill-housed, ill-heated, ill-fed, ill-clothed. Seems to me we have a big fight right here at home to make this country a decent place to live in.

Now shall we let them attempt to slaughter us in some mudhole in Germany or France or anywhere? NO. Let's demand an immediate solution for unemployment. Give us work, not relief. Decent jobs. Demand a 30-hour week at \$30 weekly. Have I decent clothes, home, car or anything? NO. Shall I bear arms for this country and I have nothing to defend. I don't dislike any worker in Europe or the Far East. Therefore I say, not one drop of the workers' blood in any war anywhere for the international bandits.

I would like you to print this in the Northwest Organizer because it is the workers' paper.
An Unemployed Worker

359 Signs Plumbing Supply Firms

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 has completed negotiations with the plumbing supply bosses in Minneapolis. The new pact provides for the preferential shop and for sick leave. These men have worked a 40-hour week since October 1, 1939.

The pact will run for two years from April 1, 1940.

St. Louis Unions Urge 6-Hour Day For Federal Workers

The St. Louis Central Trades and Labor Union at its last meeting adopted a resolution calling upon Congress to fix a 6-hour day for all federal employes, as a criterion for private industry.

Spokesmen for the resolution stated they felt that if the shorter day can be established for government employes, it will emphasize labor's contention that the best way to cope with unemployment is to cut the work-day, thereby spreading the available wage-earning time among more workers. They further emphasized they favored shortening the hours but maintaining wages at the same weekly level.

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I'm labor.

What Is the Fifth Column?

The war-mongers, from the White House down, are becoming desperate. In an effort to break down the anti-war sentiments of the people, they have now taken to designating all the opponents of war as "Fifth Columnists." On the wave of the hysteria unloosed by the President about the "Fifth Column," a number of tragedies have already been born. In Sparta, Michigan, a foundry worker was given a drink by a friend. Deciding that the water didn't taste right and that his friend was a "Fifth Columnist" bent on poisoning him, the worker killed his friend. In Illinois farmers have demanded anti-tank guns to protect their cornfields. In Detroit an auto worker was fired because he dropped a tool on the floor. In Texas Mayor Maverick of San Antonio has equipped all police cars with sub-machine guns to mow down "Fifth Columnists."

This use of an epithet like "Fifth Columnist" to attempt to smear the anti-war sentiment of the people is nothing new to those who think back on their experiences during the First World War. In those days the war-mongers slandered the opponents of war with such words as "Hun," "Pro-German," "Red," etc. Exactly the same shameful and deceitful trick is now being played with the word "Fifth Column." Organized labor must resolutely oppose this propagandistic use of the term "Fifth Column," and brand it for what it is—a use of the war-mongers to avoid the charge that THEY are preparing to take this nation into another imperialist war.

Let a worker but say: "I am a strong believer in trade unions and workers' rights and I am downright opposed to fighting another boss-war," and immediately the war-monger shouts: "You are a Fifth Columnist. You are subversive."

That is the way the war-mongers work. Every single worker, every unemployed person, every sincere opponent of war, must immediately be placed on guard to look with the greatest suspicion on any person who uses the epithet "Fifth Columnist."

Under the guise of organizing against the "Fifth Column," Big Business is already secretly organizing vigilante groups which it plans to use to crush the union movement and prepare the way for a native American fascism in the United States. Inadvertently the Minneapolis STAR last Thursday lifted a corner of the veil that masks what is now going on in Big Business circles, when it disclosed that numerous solicitors are now collecting funds in Minneapolis from business firms "for combating activities of the Fifth Column in Minnesota."

"Many responsible business firms are contributing," the STAR reported, and published a warning from the Better Business Bureau to businessmen to investigate carefully before contributing.

Organized labor knows very well the sort of groups that are supported by Big Business and what they will be used for. Organized labor remembers the incident of George K. Belden, president of the anti-labor Associated Industries, attending a meeting of the fascist Silver Shirts a couple of years ago. Organized labor denounces all those who support vigilante activities directed at alleged "Fifth Columns."

Organized labor constitutes the most bitter opposition to fascism, either the German variety or the native American variety. Organized labor is resolutely opposed to this nation's fighting any war, because labor knows that the working class of people only lose from war and that the only gainers from war are Wall Street and Big Business. Organized labor means to defend its unions and all the rights of the unions. Any and all attempts of the pro-war anti-labor elements to confuse the labor movement stand by branding labor as a "Fifth Column" will be firmly resisted.

War Means Wage Cuts

The Labor Anti-War Council, a pacifist organization, recently published an article on the M-Day Plan of the United States War Department. Most of the material is familiar to our readers, but one piece of information is worth the serious consideration of every man and woman who works for a living, of every union member and union official.

"Indicative of what the plans of the War Department will mean in terms of wages is a report that came in recently from New England. A member of a New England Democratic State Committee reported that they had been given to understand that wage scales are already worked out in detail. Example: A paper box machinery factory in Nashua, N. H., now pays skilled mechanics \$1.80 an hour—THE WAR TIME WAGE WILL BE 80c AN HOUR."

Indeed, every union man worthy of the name must oppose this country's involvement in war with every means at his disposal. War means not only military dictatorship, it means even more unemployment, it means deep wage cuts, it means death to the union movement.

Demand that Congress enact a law binding on the government calling for a national referendum on any and all wars.

2,000 Drivers Strike in Albany, N. Y.

Albany, N. Y.—Two thousand members of the Albany Drivers Union struck Saturday after the

Truck Owners association had refused to meet their demands for a week's vacation with pay, the 50-hour week and double pay for Sunday and holiday work. The present work week totals 54 hours. Union officials stated milk and other supplies will be released to hospitals and similar institutions.

Ain't It the Truth?



The simp who touches the boss for a raise, and gets put off with big talk about "Hard times now, but just string along with the company—"

Finds fifty years later that the boss still can't hear good when the matter of that raise is brought up.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Daniel Tobin, international president, has been appointed secretary to President Roosevelt. PRE-DICTION: He will be the next Secretary of Labor in the Roosevelt cabinet.

There are WPA trucks on the belt line working for as little as 85c per hour. Yes, we mean truck AND driver.

Bakery Drivers Union is preparing to answer a federal citation for "restraint of trade." Union attorneys are conferring with Judge Joseph Padway.

Transfer industry vacations will be given during the normal vacation period. That is, in the summer months.

The union staff is in the busiest period of the year. Dozens of agreements that expired during May and June are being negotiated.

If you want to see how speedily road machinery can move dirt, keep track of the progress on the Olson Memorial Highway.

Employment is at a high peak in over-the-road trucking.

Nearly all local unions affiliated to the Teamsters Joint Council are planning to send delegates to the International convention which will be held in Washington, D. C. The meeting starts September 9th.

THE FINK
A Fink that works long hours for low wages is somewhat understandable. But a Fink that accepts and enjoys improved standards, which have been won by union organization, is one of life's unsolved mysteries.

If the book suit did nothing else, it disclosed two real traitors in the ranks of the union.

WE THINK
That Elde will run for mayor again and will be elected.

Your union book is the grandest insurance policy you could carry. It pays dividends every payday.

Local 471 Urges Support To National Dairy Month

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munities, representatives of organized labor, including such well-known men as Robert Olson, president, and George Lawson, secretary-treasurer, of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, have pledged labor's whole-hearted support to the farmer in helping to solve his problems. Therefore, no finer opportunity will ever present itself for labor to cooperate than to now help promote Dairy Month by using more milk and cream. Just two glasses of milk per person per week, or more ice cream for dessert, would play a great part in increasing the consumption of these products; and, without a doubt, there is no finer food for human consumption than milk and cream.

Laundry Workers Annual Picnic Sunday, June 16

The fifth annual picnic and musical festival sponsored by the Laundry Workers Union Local 183 will be held Sunday, June 16, at Powderhorn Park. A fine program of sports, races, speakers and music will be presented. At 1 p. m. a championship diamondball game will be played between the Upholsters Local 61 and the Electricians Local 160.

The famous Nina Grieg ladies' chorus will sing Norwegian, Swedish and American folk songs, and the Norse Edda dancers will present Norwegian folk dances.

Speakers at the picnic will include Associate Justice Harry Peterson, George Lawson, Robley Cramer, Miles Dunne, John Boscoe, Henry Teigan and Clair Johnson. All members of organized labor are cordially invited to attend.

OPTIMIST: "Cheer up, old man. Things aren't as bad as they seem."
PESSIMIST: "Maybe not, but they seem to be."
BUSINESS MAN'S HEAVEN
A war might be just what the doctor ordered for American business. We would take over world trade, world manufacturing, world financing. Our huge surpluses of wheat, cotton, metals would be used up. Millions of dollars of gold bullion, shipped to this country and Canada in the last six months from France and England, would provide the buying power.

S & M Tire Grants Union Demands

The end of negotiations is in sight between the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 and the S. & M. Tire company. The company has granted adjustments in wages and hours. The membership has ratified the pact and it will be signed before the week is over. Wage adjustments amount to 33 1/2 per cent.

... the last word

By B. G.

It takes only \$52,000 a year to pay the personal expenses of Brenda Diana Duff Frazier, much publicized glamour deb, according to a petition filed by her mother. At this rate, of \$1,000 a week, I'd have to work about a year for one week's glamour. That's sort of expensive. But not for Brenda, because she still had \$83,000 left of her annual income each year, even after buying all that glamour. And it all comes out of her inheritance, anyway.

Minnesota jewelers predicted this spring that militarism would dominate the fashions in jewelry this season. This is borne out in the displays in age-earning woman in Cleveland jewelry stores. Just the other day I looked at a window full of gem-studded eagles, sabers, American flags and the national emblem of France. I hate to doubt the artistic impulses of American jewelry manufacturers, but I really think this is clever war propaganda. Here's one woman who won't spend her money for a gun or cannon to wear on her coat. I've

paid too much already in taxes to the government for the real thing.

If you want a good-looking green lawn at your house, don't be afraid to cut the grass too often, but don't cut it too close. Set the mower at 1 1/2 inches or more. Leaving the clippings on the grass will benefit the turf—and of course save raking. When you water your lawn, do it thoroughly, but don't do it too often. It's better to sprinkle after the sun goes down, because there is less evaporation then.

Every working woman who depends on herself for support needs \$20.72 weekly to live on. This covers room and board, clothing and its upkeep, health and personal care, leisure time activities, transportation, etc. These figures were compiled by the Consumers' League of Ohio and are an estimate for the wage-earning woman in Cleveland. This means that women on both factory and white collar jobs are not even earning what they need, not to mention what they deserve.

There's nothing that irritates me more than seeing something I bought put on sale a few days later for a dollar or two less. It happened again this week.

The American College of Surgeons stated not long ago that the empty beds in American hospitals prove that we do not need additional government constructed hospitals. I suppose it never occurred to them that maybe the reason hospital beds are empty is that when workers are sick, they cannot afford to go to hospitals where they must pay large sums for board, room, medicine, nurses, etc., etc. By the way, those of you who are interested in getting low cost hospital insurance should speak to your husbands about getting it through their unions. Or if

you are a union member, you can get it through your own organization. Quite a number of unions in the Drivers' Hall have already joined the Group Health Mutual, a cooperative hospitalization plan, under which members and their families are getting hospital benefits.

If more of your family income is spent for milk and other dairy products, your family will be healthier and the farmers and milk drivers and dairy employees will be happier. This is national Dairy Month.

Northland Signs with Local 1859

Tuesday the Northland Manufacturing company, 137 East Island avenue, signed a new one-year agreement with the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, effective from May 28, 1940.

The contract calls for hourly wage increases of 5c for all but six of the 17 employees, who will receive 2 1/2c hourly pay boosts. The hourly minimums have been raised to a 50c minimum for the first 30 days; 55c for the next 90 days; 57 1/2c until one year when the minimum is raised to 60c.

The agreement specifies the closed shop and plant seniority.

On the National Picket Line

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crimes on the arrested unionists and railroad them to jail. The Council also asked for financial assistance in fighting the charges.

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 Thursday. 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 1 Northland Mfg. Co.—May 14 J. R. Clark Section, June 19 Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—May 21 Grievance Board, June 20 Executive Board, Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards, June 24 General Membership—June 5
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	LOCAL 20481 Grain King Co.—June 18, 4:15 p. m. Twin City Lumber—June 18, 4:45 p. m. Twin City District Council Hall Hastings Section, June 18, 8 p. m. Hastings, Minn.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Thursday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.	LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.	LOCAL 544 May Meeting Schedule Wednesday, June 5—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, June 6—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, June 7—Job Stewards Monday, June 9—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, June 12—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, June 14—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, June 10—General Membership Monday, June 17—Furniture Store, Coal Thursday, June 20—Tent and Awning, Newspaper 10 a. m., Ways and Means Committee, (Independent Truck Owners) Friday, June 21—Job Stewards Monday, June 24—Spring Water	LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.

A DICTIONARY OF LABOR TERMS

Bedeaux System, the so-called B—system, a scientific speed-up plan to intensify exploitation of the workers.

Cartel, one who wishes to live at the expense of organized labor and not for organized labor.

Clique, a secret organization which pursues ends not divulged to others and not in the interests of others.

crisis, economic, a decline or stagnation of industry as a result of the absence of a market for the commodities in the process of over-production. During economic crises, the warehouses and markets are full of commodities but they lie stagnant, for there is no buyer, although the masses are suffering severely for lack of these commodities.

Crises are brought on by the accumulated result of the wages not receiving back in the value of what they have produced. The first economic crisis of capitalism occurred in 1825-1826, and others have occurred periodically since then. A deep world crisis of capitalism occurred in 1929, from which the world as a whole has not recovered, and which has brought forth widespread unemployment, an intensification of the struggle for markets, and finally the conversion of the economic and diplomatic struggle into a military struggle, the present war.

democracy, refers either to a particular form of state organization: the capitalist parliament regime; or to certain "democratic" rights arising out of the struggle of capitalism against feudalism. These rights are of two sorts. The first group consists of those rights which embody and enforce capitalist property relations, such as the right to hold property in the basic means of production; the right to employ wage labor; the right to monopolize for the sake of private profit; the right of individuals and private organizations to control the instruments of propaganda, such as press and telephone and radio and motion pictures; the right to suppress the products of science and invention in the interest of profit, etc. The second group of democratic rights include many of the so-called "civil liberties," such as the rights of free speech, free assembly, habeas corpus, petition, public secular education, etc.

demagogue, one who tells the masses things that are untrue, and who makes promises that he has no intention of fulfilling.

democratic centralism, an organizational principle that provides for full freedom of discussion prior to a decision, followed by complete unity in action in carrying out the decision.

dialectics, a method of logical reasoning whereby a thing is considered in the light of its development or evolution, and in its relationship to all other things.

Dies Committee, the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. Congress, headed by Congressman Martin A. Dies. The principle purpose of the Dies Committee is to stir up public suspicion against union leaders and militant workers generally.

duopoly, the state of affairs existing in a nation during a revolutionary crisis when the old government and the new revolutionary government both exercise power in the same area, each government representing different classes and aims. By its very nature, such a period is quite brief.

dual union, one which competes with an established union which has already organized the bulk of the workers in a trade or industry.

Economics, the study of the production and distribution of wealth.

employee representation, a fancy term for company unionism.

employer, one who owns the tools of production or exchange and hires workers to exploit their labor power.

epigone, a disciple who falsifies and distorts the teachings of his

master while still claiming to advocate those teachings.

exploitation, has come to mean utilizing resources or squeezing labor so that every last bit of profit may be obtained.

Fabian, member of the Fabian Society in England, or one sharing his views. A Fabian is a moderate socialist who advocates and preaches the possibility of gradual, peaceful reform through education.

factory committee, a committee elected by all the employees of a factory, irrespective of union affiliation, to press the interests of the workers.

Farm-Holiday Association, a radical organization formed by working farmers in the early 1930's to resist foreclosures on their farms through direct action against sheriffs, judges and other forces of law and order. Existed principally in Iowa and Minnesota.

Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council, a state-wide council of representatives of unions, cooperatives and farm organizations, formed in Minnesota in 1939 for the purpose of bringing about better understanding among the different groups, advancing their common interests, and to counteract the efforts of Big Business to drive a wedge between the city workers and the working farmers.

Farmer-Labor Party, a party based on trade unions and farm organizations. The Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota was founded in 1918 through a merger of the farmers' Non-Partisan League and the Workingmen's Non-Partisan Political League based on the trade unions. This party was formed in a period of mass disillusionment with the results of the First World War and the two employer-controlled political parties. From 1930 to 1938 the Farmer-Labor Party was in political control of the state government and of many city administrations. It is based on a Farmer-Labor Association of dues-paying members in ward, village and township clubs, and on trade unions affiliated and paying dues on a per capita basis.

Farmers' Union, a farmers' organization whose purpose is largely cooperative marketing and purchasing in the interests of its members. One of the more progressive farmers' organizations.

fascism, a system of capitalist government based on the uprooting of all elements of workers' democracy within bourgeois society. The historic role of fascism is to set on its feet those classes immediately above the working class and who are ever in dread of being forced down into its ranks; fascism organizes and militarizes them at the expense of Big Business, under the cover of the official government, and directs them to the extermination of all working-class organizations, from the most revolutionary to the most conservative. Fascism differs from capitalist democracy in that it utilizes open and sustained brute force and police terror against the workers. It has been described as an iron hoop holding the broken barrel of capitalism together. Fascism appears on the scene when capitalism is in its decline, and when Big Business can no longer rule through bourgeois democracy. Though successful fascist movements are always subsidized by Big Business, and act only in their interest, such movements are made up of middle class elements and workers and though appear originally to offer quite radical solutions of the social ills.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to you for the beautiful floral offering on the death of our husband and father.

—The Cameron Family

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