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As from this hour You use your power, The World must follow you

Stand all as one Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

The Debate Is On!

Who Are the Racketeers?

For Labor: The Northwest Organizer

For the Employers: Westbrook Pegler

For some months Westbrook Pegler, Scripps-Howard columnist, has been utilizing his column to attack "racketeering" within the organized trade union movement of the United States. Pegler's attacks have aroused widespread interest, in and out of the labor movement. On two occasions (issues of December 5 and December 26, 1940) the Northwest Organizer has commented editorially on Pegler's campaign and has condemned him as a dishonest writer who serves the employing interest of the nation.

Every worker in this nation should understand that the slogan of "labor union racketeering" is the spearhead of the new Open Shop drive of American industry against trade unionism.

Our editorials have reached the attention of Mr. Pegler. On Tuesday, January 7th, he devoted his syndicated column to an answer (to what extent we shall soon see) to our criticism. "Fair Enough." We are more than willing, indeed we are eager, to debate the issue of labor racketeering in particular and racketeering in general with Westbrook Pegler before the people of this nation.

Beginning with this issue of the Northwest Organizer we shall defend labor's side of the debate. We hope that Pegler will continue to present his side of the debate in the 18 Scripps-Howard papers and the additional 114 papers throughout the nation who give his column daily to 6 1/2 million readers throughout the land. Or, if Pegler wishes to utilize the columns of the Northwest Organizer to press his arguments, we offer him space equal to that our articles shall occupy; in return, of course, we would appreciate his listing the Northwest Organizer arguments in his column. Or, if Pegler wishes to debate the issues face to face, on any platform in the land, we shall be pleased to meet him.

The State of the Debate
Inasmuch as Pegler's articles are carried by at least one paper in each city (in Minneapolis the Star-Journal regularly prints them), we assume that most of our readers are well acquainted with Pegler's brand of mercenary journalism. In his scores of columns Pegler has attacked those whom he designates as "labor racketeers." His attacks have helped drive two men out of the union movement—William Bioff, a leader of the theatrical trades in Hollywood, and George Scalise, ex-president of the Building Service Employees International Union. All told, Pegler has discovered a baker's dozen among the 9,000,000 members of organized labor in America whom he claims are crooks and racketeers.

To be sure, that is hardly an impressive number of crooks for one to discover in a movement totaling 9,000,000 members—especially for one who claims the proportion of crooks within the union movement is higher than in any other occupation!

Actually, Pegler's columns serve an interest which he keeps hidden from his readers but which he (and we) understand very well. Pegler is really not so much interested in exposing the handful of crooks who have wormed their way into organized labor as he is to do his part to cripple and destroy the trade union movement of this nation. How well he understands that his anti-union diatribes serve to prepare public opinion for the drastic laws curbing unions which are being introduced in many state legislatures and in Congress today! That this is exactly the case and the use to which his attacks are being utilized by the employing interests, we shall easily prove in the course of this debate.

What We Said
On December 5th the Northwest Organizer made the following points in the debate:
1. "Pegler writes from a class bias. He only cries 'crook' at organized labor. We never read columns of his exposing the bribe-taking judges, the absconding bankers, the universal crookedness of the monopolistic corporations, the preying cops, or the all-around rascality of the wealthy. It is only organized labor that harbors crooks. That you would gather from Pegler's dishonest columns."

In our December 26th editorial we gave content to this charge by citing ten recent instances of genuine racketeering and thievery on the part of an assortment of Wall Street brokers, boss newspaper owners, bribe-taking cops, sticky-fingered bankers and a Missouri electric company. "You can read Pegler's column until 1980 and you won't find him exposing such genuine swindlers as these," we wrote.

2. "We are opposed to the courts or the government chasing after crooks in the union movement. If these people today remove a gangster from some union, tomorrow they may step in and remove decent, honest and militant unionists and leaders. Courts have been known to find innocent workers guilty, and to set guilty persons free. The job of cleaning out the crooks and racketeers from organized labor is the exclusive job of union members themselves. Organized labor cannot afford to turn over this task to the courts or the government. Our enemies have no reason to help us build our unions. When they pretend to, they are faking."

3. "No union member ever wanted to see crooks in his union. Crooks enter the unions and remain in them ONLY with the help and connivance of the employers. The employers are interested in planting

work with them AGAINST the union. For every dollar such a crook gets from the employer, he saves the employer twenty or a hundred in the low wages and poor working conditions the crook is able to put over on the rank and file."

4. Lastly we said that the job of cleaning the crooks out of organized labor is a job for the membership of each local union and of each international union. Let the membership use its democratic power to do this job. Labor can do this job itself. Labor has no reason to sub-let such a job to the labor-hating courts or the government.

Pegler's Reply to Date
In his reply of January 7th, Pegler does not come to grips with our charges. He does not, and cannot, deny that he writes from a class bias, that he concentrates his fire upon organized labor and overlooks the widespread racketeering among the class whose interests Pegler defends.

Pegler fails to answer our statement, based upon the whole experience of organized labor with the courts, that the courts will pick up Pegler's cry of "union racketeering" and utilize it as a means of ham-stringing the unions and removing honest and effective union leaders from office.

Pegler does not pass on our advice to the ranks of organized labor to use their democratic power to themselves remove any dishonest leaders who have managed to gain power within the labor movement.

No, Pegler's answer is strictly in keeping with his own peculiar standards of journalism. In his very first sentence, Mr. Pegler (who is paid \$60,000 a year) suggests we are mercenary (who get a truck driver's wage).

Actually, of course, this intimate authority on venality does not know us at all. Himself accustomed to selling his talents to the highest bidder, Pegler simply cannot conceive of union men and women devoting their lives to the service of their fellow workers. Such a concept is alien to Pegler, is in another world. There he sits, in his 35-acre estate in Westchester County, New York, soaking in his bigotry and class prejudice. Shut off in his ivory tower, he devotes himself to dashing off his daily stint of 750 words against the organized labor movement of this nation. What does this creature know of the lives of the masses, of the problems, of the horrible sufferings and mountainous burdens of the poor? What does he care?

The very first thing that strikes one about Pegler's answer to our charges is that, for the first time, Pegler seems to feel it necessary to justify and defend his position. Hitherto he has assumed that only the dishonest take issue with his anti-labor bill of goods.

The heart of Pegler's answer is contained in the following sentence: "The answer is, of course, that crooks are constantly being exposed and punished in all walks of life, but that only in the labor racket is the denunciation and legal prosecution of a knave resented as an attack on a whole class of innocent people."

A complete lie, and an error in every word, Mr. Pegler.

The truth is that there is an infinitely higher proportion of crooks among the wealthy than there are within organized labor.

For every single union crook that Pegler can show us, I can give him ten Wall Street brokers in stripes—and throw in a round score of time-serving patent medicine vendors, over-eager investment bankers, debarred lawyers and startled political heelers.

The truth is, that in all this great Democracy that we love to boast of, nowhere is there more genuine democracy, more honesty, more self-affacement, more heroism, more idealism than is within the union movement of America. And that man who, like Pegler, attacks the workers' organizations is attacking those within whose hands and hearts and brains rests the future of our country.

Wealthy Crooks
It is further true that crooks in high places are much safer from exposure than would they be if they operated in the labor movement. The operations of this type of crooks are shielded and protected as much as possible by the press, and by Westbrook Pegler himself.

The employers as a rule display a great deal of resistance to efforts to expose one of their cronies. This explains, incidentally, why such figures as Judge Manton and Richard Whitney and Howard Hobson were able to operate for years within their respective circles, and be accepted everywhere as honorable and upright men, though their respective court trials proved that wide circles of their colleagues knew of and even participated in the peccadillos of the three.

It is true, however, that when the wealthy are forced through self-preservation to expose and denounce one of their cronies, they cut themselves conspicuously away from the exposed one, and seek to take over for themselves the business left vacant by the crook.

If occasional and limited solidarity is a characteristic of the wealthy, each member of which has considerable individual power by virtue of his wealth, solidarity is an absolute necessity among the workers. Alone, the worker in modern society is helpless as he confronts the huge concentrations of wealth

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Rockwell Hearing Continues Monday

Friday, January 10, at 10 a. m., the state board of education will meet in its office in the state office building to consider its charges against Dr. Rockwell. The meeting is open to the public.

The public hearing in the case of the state board of education versus Dr. Rockwell will be continued next Monday in St. Paul, at a time and place yet to be set by the board of education.

Dr. Boraas, board chairman, has named Daniel Foley as referee. Pierce Butler, Jr., has been assigned as special counsel for the board of education. Attorney General Burnquist has indicated he has no intention of paying the expenses of Foley and Butler from his department funds. Dr. Boraas confessed last week he did not know who would pay the attorneys' fees.

A large delegation from the Minneapolis union movement plans to attend the hearing.

Many Support Rockwell
Among new supporters of Dr. Rockwell is Dean Harold Benjamin of the University of Maryland, who suggests that the people of Minnesota elect their own state commissioner of education. Rockwell "is a school administrator of great skill," Benjamin stated.

Dean Thomas E. Benner of the college of education, University of Illinois, has written to Rockwell expressing his confidence that the public would rally to the support of the suspended state administrator of education.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People expressed its astonishment that "Minnesota with its liberal traditions should indulge in such Hitler-like use of an appeal to racial prejudice" as was used by attorney Evans and the state board of education in the Rockwell hearing.

The Minneapolis Spokesman, Negro weekly, said last week that "we join with other papers in suggesting that the Board of Education, and not Dr. Rockwell, be dismissed. In addition we feel that the Governor and the Attorney General should apologize to the people of Minnesota by asking for the resignation of Mr. Evans for his un-American attitude."

Early this week the Citizens Committee supporting Dr. Rockwell issued a pamphlet entitled "The Threat to Educational Freedom in Minnesota."

TJC Aiding Workers in Brainerd

At the request of the Brainerd Drivers Union Local 736, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council has sent a representative, Carroll Melloy, to that town to aid in general organization work. For the next six years a special campaign will be conducted to complete the organization of the workers in the North American creameries in the Brainerd area.

Sharecropper's Mother To Speak Here Friday

Mrs. Annie Waller, mother of Odell Waller, convicted sharecropper, will speak on behalf of her son at an open meeting Friday, January 10th. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p. m. in the mayor's reception room of the Minneapolis City Hall.

Miss Pauli Murray, field investigator for the Worker's Defense League, will also speak. She and Mrs. Waller are at present on a nation-wide tour attempting to raise funds for the defense of Odell Waller.

Waller shot his landlord during an argument over crops and was scheduled to be hanged on December 27th. A stay of execution has been granted to permit an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Mrs. Waller and Miss Murray will be in the Twin Cities the 9th, 10th and 11th of January. The Friday evening meeting is being sponsored by the Minneapolis Branch of the NAACP and the Twin City Worker's Defense League.

Group Health Pays 1,000th Claim



Pictured is Group Health member Alfred W. Magnuson, receiving a check for \$56.35 in payment of claim No. 1,000. O. E. Rude, president of Group Health, is making the payment. Magnuson is a station manager for Cooperative Services, Inc., and is a member of the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977.

Group Health in less than two years has grown to a cooperative hospitalization plan which covers over 7,000 persons in 74 groups.

Clergy Hear 544 Suit Explained

A group of Minneapolis clergymen on Tuesday noon attended the regular meeting of the Minneapolis Business Agents, and heard Vincent Dunne give a detailed explanation of the history of the fink suit against the General Drivers Union. The preachers received the talk sympathetically and asked numerous questions.

Paul Chamberlain, business agent of the Building Service Employees Union, told of the problems confronting the apartment house janitors in this city. Gene Larson spoke on the program of the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council and the banquet the Council will sponsor in February for the clergy of the Twin Cities.

Walter Frank urged the clergy present to support the move to bring medical relief to the Chinese people opposing Japan.

"Peace in 1941?" At Sunday Forum

"What Are the Possibilities for Peace in 1941?" will be the subject of a lecture by Vincent Dunne at the regular Sunday Forum on January 12th, 3:30 p. m., at 919 Marquette Ave.

Admission is 10c. Coffee and refreshments are served after each forum.

Hit State Labor Law

WLOL, Dial 1300

Monday, January 13th, at 7 p. m., Roy Wier, organizer of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, will open a series of radio talks voicing labor's united opposition to the Stassen Slave Act. Calling upon the state legislature to repeal the law, Wier will analyze the more vicious portions of the anti-labor measure.

On succeeding Monday evenings other Minneapolis union leaders will further discuss the Slave Act. over station WLOL. Monday, January 20th, John Boscoe will speak. Monday, January 27th, Gene Larson will speak. All talks will start at 7 p. m. over station WLOL, 1300 on your dial. Make a note now to listen to this instructive series of addresses.

1859, J. R. Clark Sign New Contract

The new 1941 working agreement between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the J. R. Clark company has been ratified by the men and signed. The pact provides for 42 wage adjustments which will bring a total of over \$3,000 yearly to these workers. Every year since the union has been in existence at the Clark plant, the men have made gains, and this year is no exception.

In addition the Clark contract contains a war clause protecting the seniority of workers called into the army.

Before you read this, the Furniture Workers Union will also have signed new agreements with the Kozekar company and the Trav-Leez auto carriage firm. Five 5c hourly raises were won in each plan. These workers will also be protected by a war clause.

Local 1859 members take great satisfaction in these pacts, the first to be signed since the union affiliated with the Upholsters International Union.

977 Enters Basketball Team in Race

The Petroleum Employees Union Local 977, whose baseball team won the Park league championship last summer, is thrown down the gauntlet to the city's Park basketball teams by entering a team in the Union House league.

Roy Gustafson will manage Local 977's hoopsters. On the union squad are Joe Jocketty of baseball fame, Phil Raabe, Earl Neider, Cliff Peterson, Walter Hodge, Virgil Eisinger, Cliff Jensen and Marvin Lovrud.

The season's schedule will be announced next week, when the opening games are played. Watch your daily paper for the Park basketball schedule. Root for the union team.

664 Grievance Board Meeting Is Postponed

The regular meeting of the grievance board of City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664, scheduled for Monday night, January 13th, has been postponed.

HAROLD SEAVEY
Business Agent

NOTICE To All Unionists At Drivers Hall

In parking your cars while attending meetings at the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North, you are requested to avoid parking in front of private or public driveways and alleys.

This is a courtesy that the people living in the immediate vicinity of the union headquarters have a right to expect. Please extend it to them at all times.

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Preamble of Constitution of American Federation of Labor... Whereas, a struggle is going on in all the nations of the world...

Labor Vs. Pegler

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crooks within organized labor, because a crook will and power. Only through solidarity with his fellow workers can he gain enough power to confront on fairly equal terms the great monopolies controlling the nation.

Incidentally, Pegler, this is the historic reason for trade unions. Were it not for trade unions, the American workers would still be toiling 12 and 15 hours daily, for the equivalent of a dollar a day. Only a handful of employers throughout history ever voluntarily raised the wages or bettered the conditions of their employes.

Yes, it is perfectly true that organized labor constructs an attack upon any one of its members as an attack upon all. The employers make an identical construction, and how well Pegler knows this.

Proof? Thanks to just such anti-labor writings as Pegler's, the Illinois division of the National Small Business Men's association is preparing to introduce in the state legislature this month a bill described as "designed to outlaw labor racketeers."

It comes as no surprise to us to discover that this bill "designed to outlaw labor racketeers" in actuality strikes at the very heart of trade unionism. The proposed bill would bar from union office anyone convicted of a felony, and all non-citizens.

Naturally, Representative Robert M. Woodward, the man who prepared this bill, proclaims himself "a friend of organized labor." Ah, the Woodwards and Peglers, they are all, all, friends of labor.

"I am in sympathy with the honest cause of the labor movement. . . . But I am against the labor racketeer who sets himself up as a dictator, using strong arm methods, coercion, and terrorism to become an overlord of his fellow men."

Bravo, Representative Woodward! You might be quoting from Mr. Pegler himself. Or did Pegler get his line from you and the business men associations?

Well, what's wrong with the proposed Illinois bill, Pegler will ask. After all, the proposed bill is in good measure Pegler's handiwork and so he will have to defend it.

From the working man's viewpoint, everything is wrong with the bill.

What's Wrong With the Bill To bar workers convicted of felony, or non-citizens, from union leadership is often to work a hardship upon a union by barring its most devoted and self-sacrificing members from leadership. After all, thousands of honest, straight-forward and courageous union men, among them the staunchest fighters for workers' rights, have been framed and convicted of felony for their militant defense of unionism.

To policeman Pegler and the courts these men are felons. To us they are heroes, with stainless names, great fighters for the cause of unionism. The Illinois bill (and bills similar to it will be introduced in many state legislatures) would bar them from union leadership.

Why bar from union office those workers who have served less than three years in the industry? It might be that the best possible leadership in the Union is to be found among young workers relatively new to the industry. Had such a law as the Illinois bosses propose been in effect in Minneapolis in 1934, men such as Farrell Dobbs would have been unable to serve the General Drivers Union in a leading capacity.

And by the way, no one has proposed to bar the sons of the wealthy from cushy executive jobs with the corporations. Yet a stock humorous figure in American folk-lore is the youth fresh from college who steps into the vice-presidency of a bank.

What is wrong with forcing union officers to register with the state? What could be a better way to break up a new union seeking to organize some industry, than to obtain a list of the union leaders, fire them from their jobs and blacklist them? But maybe

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

TRUSTWORTHY? YES! Union records show that one of our union members was called for employment out of the hiring hall by a local gasoline company, worked there three days, collected and turned in each day several hundred dollars of COD's. When his service was terminated and the employer was about to make out the check, the boss asked: "What is your name and address?"

The writer visited the Brainerd local last week. Local truckers here are still having some luck. All WPA projects are closed in that area.

The strike on Morse Bros., at La Crescent, Minn., is still on, with the issue not settled.

LISTEN To WL0L Monday nights at 7 p. m. Hear local labor leaders discuss the Stassen Slave Act. It's 1300 on your dial.

Farmers in Minnesota will be surprised to learn that seven "farmers" in the state drew AAA checks from the federal government totaling \$281,381.37. Still more surprised will they be to learn that these seven lucky "farmers" were banks, insurance companies, and state bureaus. Oh, for the life of a farmer.

It is worthwhile noting that sentiments expressed in this column two weeks ago in regard to union benefits were echoed in the last issue of the International Brotherhood magazine. See the inside back cover.

The Teamsters Council assisted in the county-wide fire prevention drive and collecting and burning discarded Christmas trees.

By the time this is in print the election of our local union will be over. Regardless of the outcome everyone should turn his attention towards helping build a bigger and better union in 1941.

Pegler never heard of such things, or doesn't believe they happen.

What is wrong with forcing a union to expose its books and records to every labor spy and stool pigeon and boss who wants to stick his nose into union affairs? For Minneapolis workers this is an easy one to answer, because in the Local 544 book suit we have fought this issue for almost three years now. The answer that Local 544 gave to Judge Reed, we pass on to Westbrook Pegler:

"By the very nature of their function, unions are engaged in conflict, now quiescent, now sharp, with the employers from whom they are seeking better wages and conditions. In this struggle, both sides have to solve various problems of strategy and tactics, and no union could be long successful whose strategic and tactical decisions were known to the opposing employers. The minutes of the executive board of a strong union are worth tens of thousands of dollars to the hostile employers. Even such an apparently duplicable item as the membership mailing list, possession of which can have such manifold uses, would ordinarily be an enormous task even for the most powerful employers' agency. . . . In a word: A union has the same objection to permitting the enemy to scrutinize its documents, plans books, etc., as does the United States government have to a potential enemy scrutinizing its industrial and military resources and plans. . . ."

So deeply ingrained and subconscious are the anti-labor prejudices of such persons as Westbrook Pegler and his Illinois law-maker that, while they do not hesitate to demand that the workers reveal what secrets they have to the employers, these same persons would never dream of demanding that Henry Ford, the Girdlers, the du Ponts, the Morgans, open their books and records for public inspection.

Would Tie Workers to Boss Parties The final point in the proposed Illinois bill would prevent unions from contributing to political parties. The major reason for such a prohibition as this is to prevent the workers from building and supporting a labor party of their own. Such a law as is proposed would only make it more difficult for organized labor to get out from under the corrupt boss political machines in Illinois. We doubt that even Pegler will care to defend either the Republican or Democratic machines in the state of Illinois, though we wager that before this debate is over, Pegler will be defending in his own way one or the other of these machines.

Front Man for the Bosses The proposed Illinois anti-labor legislation is just one of the fruits of Westbrook Pegler's attacks upon the trade union movement of America. He certainly merits a pat on the back from the employers whom he serves. His attacks on "labor racketeering" have contributed toward creating a climate of public opinion wherein bills like the Woodworth bill will flourish.

We again emphasize: THE NEW OPEN SHOP DRIVE OF THE EMPLOYERS IS PROCEEDING UNDER THE SLOGAN OF "DRIVE THE RACKETEERS FROM THE UNIONS." And Westbrook Pegler is advance man for the Open Shoppers.

. . . That just about rounds out the discussion," ended Pegler in his Tuesday attack on the Northwest Organizer editorials. Not quite so fast, Mr. Pegler. Don't think your shallow answer rounds out THIS argument. This discussion will continue until the workers of the whole nation see you in your true colors—as one who has prostituted your talents as a writer to the service of the employing interests of this nation.

Coming Next Week: Why Pegler's recent interest in what he calls "labor racketeering." Union dues and initiation fees, and their critics.

The Leading "Farmers" in Minnesota

From time to time this paper has pointed out to its readers the extent to which the farmers of America are gradually becoming impoverished serfs, the victims of the giant Wall Street monopolies that also oppose the workers in the cities. The farm policies of the Roosevelt administration have not curbed this tendency, they have only intensified it.

An interesting verification of this fact is contained in a recent weekly report from Washington on the AAA payments to Minnesota farmers, published by the Gopher Technocrat.

- The seven leading "farmers" in Minnesota, in order of the magnitude of their AAA checks, are: Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, \$143,346.82; Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Minneapolis, 19,318.72; Kennedy Trading Co., 13,994.28; Minn. Mutual Life Insurance Co., St. Paul, 13,229.02; Northwestern National Life Ins. Co., Mpls., 15,545.38; So. Minn. Joint Stock Land Bank, Mpls., 32,844.74; Minn. Dept. of Rural Credit, St. Paul, 44,002.41.

These seven "farmers" received AAA checks of \$281,381.37. The next 129 farmers got checks ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Ask the technocrats: "The question for the class this morning, children, is: How much money went to the man on the spreader?"

It is a good question. The incredible figures above show to what an extent the wealth of the nation is flowing ever swifter in a golden stream into the coffers of the banking and insurance monopolies.

84% of Labor Papers Doubt Britain Fights for Any Ideal Higher Than Saving Empire

Contrary to President Roosevelt's claim that only "a small minority" oppose this government's financing of Britain's war, the latest Federated Press poll of the nation's labor papers shows that 84% of the union press is convinced that the war now being fought in Europe is primarily "an effort by England to prevent breakup of its empire by a rival power."

More than two-thirds of the labor editors oppose legislation to permit U. S. government loans to England, and 91 per cent say this country should not enter the conflict even if England seems to be losing.

Alexander Crosby, poll conductor, writes that "The almost unanimous sentiment for keeping at peace and the overwhelming skepticism on Britain's objectives are all the more significant because of labor's universal hatred of fascism—a hatred that is not wholly shared by the daily press. Comments . . . indicate that the strong anti-interventionist stand of the labor press may be attributed to labor's belief that any alleged crusade to wipe out fascism would open America's door to fascist customs. . . . This view has been strengthened by congressional demands for Hitler-like laws to hamstring labor in the defense program, while the same legislators have done nothing to protect labor from exploitation by profit-making patriots.

"Opposition to loans stems from a conviction that financial aid to the Allies in the last war helped drag the U. S. into the conflict." Typical comments from labor editors follow: Ohio Valley Labor News: "While labor fights for democracy in Europe we would lose it here." Union Advocate in Elizabeth N. J.: "England was silent on China, Spain, Russia and Germany until her empire was threatened."

Tenth Ward FLP Names Bartlett

The regular indorsement meeting of the 10th Ward Farmer-Labor Club has unanimously indorsed James H. (Jimmy) Bartlett as its aldermanic candidate in the coming municipal elections. Bartlett will oppose Oscar Lund, Republican candidate, whose anti-labor record in the city council is widely known.

Bartlett is now president and business agent of the Warehouse Employees Union. He has been active in the trade union field for many years.

The 10th Ward club is in the process of selecting a Volunteer Campaign Committee that will carry on the work in behalf of its candidate, and is most optimistic about the election outcome. Jimmy Thomblison, a young aggressive fighter, is the choice of the club for the Park Board.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to brothers of Local B-160 for the beautiful floral offering and the sympathy extended to us in the loss of our beloved mother.

THE ROCHEFORDS Progress is the law of life, man is not man as yet.—Browning.

... the last word

King George VI is now a member of the British Trades Union congress. For him a special gold union button was made. Times must be really hard—when kings have to organize. If worse comes to worst, I wonder who will sign a contract with the King's Local of the British unions for higher wages and job security?

According to the Census Bureau the number of males in the United States—now in excess of females—is falling by 100,000 a year. In about five years females will outnumber males in the United States as they already do in Germany, France and England. Unless women make rapid advances during the next few years this will be a woman's world—ruled by men. Even now, after 20 years of suffrage, women of the United States, the most advanced country in the world, do not enjoy social, political and economic equality. Women who work are paid only half as much as men who do the same work in the same place at the same hours. Women in any field you can mention are discriminated against as the "weaker sex."

MEMO ON MILK

Do not leave milk in the open after it is delivered. It is desirable to have a covered box at your back door in which milk can be left until you bring it into the house. Milk may be kept for three or four days in a refrigerator at a temperature of 45 degrees. Never mix new milk or cream with old. Unless your milk comes in hooded caps, wash the top of the bottle before you open it. If there is infection in your household, do not return milk bottles until you consult the health department.

After reading fourteen installments of the Windsors' love story, I feel sort of sick to my stomach. When I read about dear old Wallie, draped in flowing white chiffon, her hair dressed carefully by her own coiffurier, surrounded by a dozen servants and enjoying all the comforts that money can buy and ship to the Bahamas, I somehow cannot believe that she made any sacrifice to become the wife of the Duke of Windsor. On the contrary, I think she made a good deal. And that goes for the Duke, too. When he gave up his throne, he gave up nothing and retained everything—title, money, the best of food, clothing and all the luxuries of life.

359 Elects Friday and Saturday

The regular election of the Warehouse Employees Union Local 359 will be held this Friday and Saturday, January 10th and 11th, from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. in the union hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North. All members in good standing are urged to vote. Election judges are Roy Wilson, Spencer Stetzer and Robert Scholler.

1st Union Patient Of The New Year

John Majersky of Local 544 is the first patient of Dr. Korchik, union physician, in the new year. On January 2nd Brother Majersky had his appendix removed, Dr. Korchik performing the operation. The patient is coming along fine.

Card of Thanks

To Local 544: We wish to thank you for your kindness and gifts given to us at Christmas. The children enjoyed the Christmas party very much.

MRS. JAMES ZIMA The big shot boss was visiting the insane asylum and was having great difficulty in getting his party on the telephone. Blaming the operator, he belittled: "Say, young woman, do you know who I am?"

"No," replied the girl sweetly, "but I know where you are."

Revolution is the law of civilization.—Victor Hugo.

Unfair Standard Oil Stations Listed by 977

Keep this list of unfair Standard stations in your car and refuse to patronize them:

- Sears-Roebuck Station: Elliot and Lake Streets; Standard Stations—Downtown: 13th and Harmon Place; 7th and 3rd Ave. South; Standard Stations—South: 50th and France Ave. S.; 22nd and Hennepin Ave.; 54th and Nicollet Ave.; 45th and Nicollet Ave.; Lake St. at Lake Calhoun; 50th and Excels Ave. S.; 44th and Morningdale Ave.; 32nd and Lyndale Ave. S.; 32nd and Lyndale Ave. S.; 32nd and Hennepin Ave.; 46th and Nicollet Ave.; Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd.; 54th and Lyndale Ave. S.; Holmes and Lake St.; Standard Stations—North: Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N.

deal. And that goes for the Duke, too. When he gave up his throne, he gave up nothing and retained everything—title, money, the best of food, clothing and all the luxuries of life.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE table listing meetings for LOCAL 471, LOCAL 275, LOCAL 160, LOCAL 131, LOCAL 958, LOCAL 664, LOCAL 1086, PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977, LOCAL 977, LOCAL 289, LOCAL 346, LOCAL 103, PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS, LOCAL 359.

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