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664 Members Hear Report on Pending Wagner Act Change

At the January 17th meeting of the City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664, members received a report by Harold Seavey on the proposed amendment to the Wagner Act which would place all state, county and municipal employees under the Social Security Act.

The report was based on the findings of Arthur Johnson, secretary of the Municipal Employees Retirement Board, who attended the conference of retirement officers in Washington, D. C., late in November.

The February 21st meeting of Local 664 will hear a report by Mr. Johnson on all phases of the proposed Wagner Act amendment, and on a proposed state law which would improve existing retirement plans covering municipal employees.

Most city employees in Minneapolis are now covered by a municipal pension system recognized as almost a model pension plan. Employees fear that the amendment to the Wagner Act would jeopardize the municipal pension plan.

Proposed State Law
Brother Seavey reported that a legislative proposal has been presented to state legislators of Hennepin County, and will be presented at the state capitol this session. The proposed plan would increase the pension benefits.

Mr. Johnson has reported to the Minneapolis unions having members covered by the municipal pension plan that the Social Security Act leaves much to be desired. It should not be extended to cover state, county and municipal employees, he recommended.

Instead state-wide retirement systems should be built, covering all municipal employees not now covered by an organized retirement system.

Before the end of January it is expected that the various retirement funds throughout the country will agree on unified action regarding the Wagner amendment and may offer a substitute plan. The local unions involved fear that the Wagner amendment, if passed, would take away local control of the present pension plan and might endanger the existence of solvency of the plan, as well as other valued features of the Minneapolis pension system.

Hidden Taxes Heavy Burden Upon Nation's Workers

A person with a wife and two children who earns \$80 a month (\$18 a week) pays \$10.29 MONTHLY IN INVISIBLE TAXES.

Item	Cost per month	% of taxes in cost	amount of taxes in dollars
Food	\$27.00	7.8	\$2.11
Shelter	18.00	26.1	4.70
Clothing	9.00	9.5	.86
Fuel, light	6.00	9.7	.58
Carfare	4.00	11.2	.45
Recreation	2.00	10.3	.21
Insurance	2.00	3.5	.07
Miscellaneous	12.00	10.9	1.31
Total	\$80.00	Av. 12.9%	\$10.29
Annually	\$960.00	12.9	123.48

Some Taxes You Pay
There are 126 indirect (hidden) taxes on one single pair of shoes—9 taxes paid by the rancher; 16 by the transportation companies; 12 by the findings producers; 15 by the packer; 14 by the tanner; 14 by the shoe wholesaler; 16 by the retailer. All are passed along to the consumer.

359 Members Executive Board Makes Rule Changes

In accordance with the decisions of the executive board of the Warehouse Employees Union Local 359, made at its regular meeting January 20th, the following rules will be in effect starting immediately until further notice.

Change in schedule of office hours: Henceforth office hours will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily Monday to Friday. Evenings the office will be open from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. on Tuesday and Friday nights. All other hours subject to appointments.

Grievances: All grievances MUST be in writing. Grievances will not be acknowledged or acted upon unless in writing and containing the signature of the complainant. All grievances must be acknowledged by receipt.

Executive board meetings: Executive board meetings will be held every Monday evening starting at 7 p. m.

Steward meetings: Steward meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each and every month.

Membership meetings: Membership meetings will continue on the second Tuesday of each and every month.

CASH
A gushing and wealthy lady for whom he had won a lawsuit asked Clarence Darrow: "How can I ever show my appreciation?"

Said Darrow: "My dear woman, ever since the Phoenicians invented money, no one has ever bothered with that question!"

More Coming
The proposed defense budget of \$17,485,528,049 will mean still higher hidden taxes for the workers to pay. In 1940 all hidden taxes were increased by 10%. In coming months the percentage of increase is bound to be much higher.

After all, you can't expect the Big Shots to pay for their war. What's the use of HAVING a war unless there are super-profits to be made by the wealthy?

Miller Cafe Workers Beat Injunction Move

The important principle that a union strike notice under the Stassen Labor Law remains in effect even though negotiations have lapsed was upheld in district court this week. Judge Luther Youngdahl so held in his ruling amending a restraining order issued January 9th to the Miller cafeteria, 20 South 7th street. The original restraining order forbade the union to strike and to picket.

By Tuesday's ruling, portions of the order were amended to permit picketing if a majority of pickets were strikers.

Last August 27th the AFL Miscellaneous Workers Union Local 665 had given strike notice to the Miller cafeteria. The strike was precipitated by refusal of the cafeteria to pay union wages, and the discharge of union members.

More than 30 employees of the union-hating Miller cafeteria are on strike. The strike has been endorsed by the Central Labor Union's Policy Committee.

Inasmuch as the Stassen Labor Law has nullified the federal Anti-Injunction Law, Miller was able to run to the courts for a restraining order against the union. The order, granted by Judge Bardwell, restrained the union and members of the Policy Committee from calling a strike, picketing, or interfering in any manner whatsoever with the operation of any vehicle.

Attorney John Goldie represented the union in the hearing on a temporary injunction.

Time and Life Magazines Anti-Union

The Chicago Printing Trades Unions is calling the attention of the labor press to the fact that Time and Life magazines are printed under "deplorable non-union, sweat-shop working conditions by the notoriously anti-union printing concern of R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Chicago.

The AFL has endorsed a nationwide campaign against Time and Life. The Chicago unions appeal to all Americans to refrain from patronizing Time and Life. Most other picture magazines—Look, Pic, Click, Newsweek—are produced under union working conditions.

Doctor Thanks 544 Driver for Road Courtesy

W. G. Workman, M.D., of Tracy, Minn., recently wrote the following note to the Red Owl company, Minneapolis:

Thursday night about 9 o'clock, when returning from a call at Melroy, and when traveling too fast on a very slippery road, I went into the ditch. About 9:30 one of your trucks came along and the driver, whose name I forgot to inquire, very kindly pulled my car back onto the road. I would like to thank him personally, and your organization for the courtesy."

United Blind Thank TJC

The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council has received the following letter from Joe DeBeer, secretary of the United Blind of Minnesota:

Teamios Are Praised by Kate Smith

An eloquent tribute to the truck drivers of the nation was uttered by Kate Smith in a recent broadcast over the Columbia stations. It is undoubtedly true that the famous singer did not herself compose the tribute. But the fact that she uttered it indicates the growing respect of the nation for the truck drivers.

"Tonight," said Kate Smith, "when the lights have gone out in the houses of the towns and cities of America—the towns and cities that cradle a million bustling streets—when the darkness wraps closely a world asleep, thousands of modern 'Paul Reveres' who ride the concrete trail will climb into their loaded trucks, hunch deeper into their windbreakers to keep out the night frost, switch on their headlights, and roar down the highways of the nation.

"They'll slide away in the dark, thunder mightily along the vast network of roads that tie countless communities together—great cities, little villages, cross-road hamlets, from coast to coast. On the long straight track across the desert, on the winding roads through majestic mountains, in the quiet New England towns, over the prairie, they guide their powerful machines with a steady hand, a watchful eye on the thoroughfare ahead.

"They are the truck drivers of America—the men who cover the miles from state to state, from border to border, from ocean to ocean. They are the wheels of commerce, serving the nation; carrying produce, and paper, and oil, carrying furniture, food and lumber, and all the countless commodities by which we live in comfort.

"If you happen, by chance, to be driving by night on some emergency errand, you'll meet these modern knights of the road; you'll see them in the early hours of the morning, stopping at a roadside stand for a cup of coffee, stopping for a moment's rest before they ride into the dawn . . .

"I'd like to pay tribute . . . to the thousands of men who ride the roads day and night, performing a service that requires skill, alertness and clear thinking—the men who carry on in all sorts of weather, filling the needs of a nation—the truck drivers of America!"

544 Building Material Men Gain

The General Drivers Union Local 544 is about to sign its first contract of the new year, with the building materials firms.

For the first time, workers in this industry will receive a week's vacation with pay. The agreement will go into effect June 1, 1941, and will run for one year. Curt Zander and Kelly Postal represented the union in the negotiations.

Negotiations are also proceeding between Local 544 and the Loose-Wiles Biscuit company. This will be the first 544 contract with Loose-Wiles. In order to assure that fair agreements are reached, Local 544 and the Tulsa Drivers Union Local 523 are cooperating in the negotiations.

CLU Scores In Court on Fink Suit

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union gained several important points in Judge Hall's court Wednesday morning, when the court granted labor's requests in connection with the suit of the Associated Independent Unions.

The court ordered that the portion of the plaintiff's complaint that they were suing in behalf of the citizens of Minneapolis and in the "public interest" be stricken.

The court also ordered that paragraph 31 of the plaintiff's charges must be made definite, setting forth the time and place when various alleged overt acts by trade unions were committed.

Over-Road Men Discuss Problems

A well-attended meeting of Local 544 over-road drivers was held Sunday afternoon in the union hall. The meeting took action on several pressing problems.

It was decided that Minneapolis will be the home terminal for all members of the union employed by Minneapolis concerns.

One straight seniority list will be in effect in each firm. Where cooperation of outlying local unions can be secured, a system-wide seniority plan will be introduced.

Grievances of over-road men will be handled in exactly the same way as grievances of other members of the union are handled. Grievances can be handled only by the grievance board, which meets each Tuesday and Friday from 7 to 9 p. m. Union members knowing of other members being victimized by the company should urge the victim to report violations of the union agreement to the union. If the victimized worker fails to report to the union, other members knowing of company violations of the contract are to report to the union.

Will Meet 2nd Sundays
Henceforth, all over-road drivers, dockmen and city drivers of over-road companies will meet the second Sunday of each month at 2 p. m. in the union headquarters.

At Sunday's meeting Grant Dunne reported on the book suit. A motion carried to endorse and approve of the union's handling of the book suit.

977 Hoopsters Lose Practice Game, 35-27

In a warm-up game with Local 61, the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 basketball game lost, 35 to 27.

Tobacco Workers Organize 'Camels'

The AFL Tobacco Workers Union is making a powerful drive to organize the R. J. Reynolds' gigantic Camel plant at Winston-Salem, N. C. The drive is succeeding and the union already has a majority in the cigarette making and packing departments. Unionists all over the nation will watch with great interest the progress of negotiations with the Reynolds company, the only major cigarette manufacturer not now under contract with the union.

Gene Larson on WLOL

Stassen Labor Law Nullifies Federal Injunction Laws

Over WLOL
Hear John Boscoe On Labor Law Monday, 7 p. m.

Next Monday, January 27th, at 7 p. m. turn your radio dials to 1300. You will hear John Boscoe, president of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, who will deliver the third in a series of union broadcasts on the Stassen labor relations law. Brother Boscoe will outline the severe restrictions placed upon labor's fundamental rights by the Stassen law.

Remind your friends to listen to this instructive broadcast over Station WLOL.

Carstater Hearing Is Held

The tangle in the matter of the discharge-suspension-removal-reinstatement-delay proceedings between the State Board of Education and Eugene D. Carstater, State Director of Vocational Education came one step nearer being cleared up last Saturday, January 18, when the matter was set for hearing before Judge Gustavus Loevner in Ramsey County District Court at 2 p. m., Wednesday, January 22.

The State Civil Service Board ordered Carstater's reinstatement last December 7, but on application of Julius Boraas, president of the State Board of Education and a teacher at St. Olaf College, granted a ten day stay beginning December 9, to permit the Board of Education to decide whether or not to take the case to court. On December 18, the Board of Education met and ordered an appeal to the court. Acting for the Board, Assistant Attorney-General M. Tedd Evans secured an order directed to the Civil Service Board to turn over the records of the case and a transcript of the testimony taken. The order required this to be done within twenty days.

On January 11, when the twenty-days was ended the case was not on the court calendar. Benjamin Drake, Carstater attorney then secured an order making him a party to the action and caused it to be put on the calendar for January 18.

Delays Deluxe
The history of the delays in this case is a lesson in government lockouts under the Civil Service law. Carstater was suspended August 7, without pay. He was dismissed and charges filed against him on September 5. Although he applied immediately for a hearing it was not begun until September 23 and was not ended until October 22. Final briefs were filed on November 4, and the decision of the Civil Service Board, finding all of the charges untrue and ordering reinstatement was given on December 7.

In the meantime, direction of the State's Vocational Education Program and the program for Vocational Training of Defense Workers is in the hands of a "union man" who stepped into the job two days after Carstater was suspended and had been interviewed for it before the suspension order was passed.

Milk Drivers Union Official Delivers Second Talk in Labor Series on Minnesota Labor Relations Law—Charges Law Marks Return to "Government by Injunction"—John Boscoe to Speak Next Monday over WLOL, 7 p. m.

"Since the Minnesota Labor Relations Act of 1939 was adopted, the Anti-Injunction Law has not been complied with. In Hennepin County alone there have been at least fifteen restraining orders or injunctions issued without a hearing. In all of these cases, the restraining order was issued by the court, preventing the union, or employees, from picketing, banner, or doing any other act in connection with a labor dispute."

So stated Gene Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471, in a radio address Monday night over station WLOL.

Larson charged the Stassen Labor Law represents a return to the barbaric days of "government by injunction," a "throw-back to the old days of unfair court proceedings and secret injunctions obtained without notice.

Nullifies Federal Law
The manner in which the Minnesota Labor Relations Act nullifies the federal and state anti-injunction laws "only serves to cause a widespread feeling on the part of the employees that legal procedure, as affecting them and their labor relations, is unfair," Larson said. "It denies to them what is guaranteed to every other citizen in other relations, namely, notice of judicial proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. What would a business man think of a court procedure by which his competitor could get an injunction against him secretly and without proper protection for his rights and without an opportunity to be heard? He would think it highly unfair and he would be right.

"This is one of the most important grievances which labor has against the 1939 Minnesota Labor Act. All fair-minded citizens will support labor's position that the effectiveness of the 1939 Anti-

Injunction Law must be restored." Injunction Defined
At the start of his talk Brother Larson defined a labor injunction as "a legal procedure often employed by employers in labor disputes to prevent employees from carrying on activities in connection with a strike or labor dispute, such as picketing, banner, patrolling, advertising facts of the dispute and similar acts. These rights are fundamental and valuable from the point of view of employees in a labor dispute. They represent the only methods which employees and unions have to appeal to the public for support of their side of the dispute . . . Any procedure such as labor injunction which takes away these rights from employees without notice and without opportunity to be heard, is highly unfair, and labor has a legitimate right to protest against the unfairness of any such law.

Larson traced the history of the injunction in labor disputes, and the manner in which the Anti-Injunction Law of 1933 served in part to protect unions from the worst practices of anti-labor courts.

Didn't Dare Seek Repeal
"The promoters of the Minnesota Labor Relations Act decided that all of these anti-injunction provisions should be done away with. They did not dare to provide for a direct repeal. The 1939 Labor Relations Act does not purport expressly to repeal the Anti-Injunction Law. If such a frank and candid and open attack had been made on the Anti-Injunction Law in 1939, there is no doubt but what public opinion would have asserted itself against the repeal of the Anti-Injunction Law. Instead, the promoters of the 1939 Labor Act used a scheme and a device to accomplish the destruction of the Anti-Injunction Law by simply providing that it should not be applicable in any case where "an unfair labor practice is threatened."

"Section 14 of the 1939 Minnesota Labor Act provides that when any unfair labor practice is threatened or committed, a suit for injunction may be commenced in the District Court, and that the Anti-Injunction Law shall not apply. The result is that all an employer need do now is go to the court, file a complaint and state that he feels that an unfair labor practice is threatened, and he can obtain an injunction without complying with any of the provisions of the Anti-Injunction Law . . . Bosses Would Spread Stassen Evil

"Big Business is so pleased with the capacity of the Minnesota Labor Relations Act to hamper trade unionism," Larson charged, "that they are campaigning to spread the evils of the Minnesota Labor Law to the whole nation. Mr. Joseph Ball, the man whom Governor Stassen appointed to the United States Senate, has expressed his intention to seek the passage of a national labor relations act based on our own state Labor Relations Act."

Local 259 Yearly Dance February 8

The annual dance and card party of the Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union Local 259 will be presented Saturday evening, February 8th at the Northside auditorium, 23rd and Washington avenues.

A 5-piece union orchestra will play. There will be a gorgeous four-act floor show and many door prizes. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Dancing will be from 9 to 11:30 a. m.

All members of organized labor and their friends are cordially invited to attend. A bang-up time for all is promised. Tickets are only 25c.

FLP Vets to Hold Forum on Friday

The Farmer-Labor Veterans Club will hold an open forum this Friday, January 24, 8 p. m., at 902 Hennepin avenue. Speakers will include Alderman Hendricks, Al Hanson, chairman of the Board of Estimate and taxation, and Howard Y. Williams. The forum will discuss jobs, defense work and economic security. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

At the Veterans Club last meeting, officers for 1941 were installed.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Burlington Mass Meeting Pledges Support to Strike

Burlington, Iowa—Over seven hundred workers and union sympathizers crowded into the auditorium of St. John's church last Sunday afternoon at a public mass meeting in support of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1860 and the strike against the Northwestern Cabinet company. The meeting was sponsored jointly by Local 1860 and the Burlington Trades & Labor Assembly.

The meeting not only served to mobilize labor support for the strikers but effectively exposed the boss campaign of lies that the strike was settled through the fake agreement between Starker and the company union.

Among the speakers Sunday were Alfred Rota, first vice-president of the Upholsterers International Union; Herman J. Burbach, International representative; John Janosco, International organizer; Joseph Lieb, financial secretary of Local 1860; George Walker, former Carpenters Union leader on the West Coast; and V. R. Dunne, of the Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544.

Leo J. Burke of the Burlington Motion Picture Operators Union was chairman of the meeting.

Brother Lieb told of the sub-standard wages and working conditions at the Northwestern Cabinet company, which prompted employees to organize.

Brother Janosco gave a history of the unsatisfactory negotiations leading to the strike, and the experience of the strikers with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, and the subsequent affiliation with the Upholsterers International Union.

Wire from Hoffman Read

International Representative Burbach exposed the unfairness of the Hawkeye Gazette in its stories on the strike; and the way in which the company was using the so-called "Citizens Committee" as a strike-breaking instrument. He told of the boss pressure used in Burlington to prevent the Burlington Labor News from being printed last week (the paper did come out, however, having been printed in a nearby town).

A wire from President Sal Hoffman was read expressing his regrets in being unable to be present. "Be assured I am with you in spirit in your great fight against the Northwestern Cabinet company, and those who have heartlessly endeavored to betray you. Continue to hold high the banner of Americanism under which workers are free to organize in the union of their choice, to strike for their inalienable rights and to brush aside economic despots and their tools," wired Hoffman.

Dunne Gives Janosco's Record

George Walker told of the regime within the Carpenters International which was causing furniture workers everywhere to leave that organization and affiliate with the Upholsterers International Union.

V. R. Dunne spoke on the need for unionism and told of John Janosco's splendid record in the Minneapolis union movement.

Altogether the meeting was a triumph for the strikers. Hundreds of workers present pledged to join a mass picket line to prevent the company and its stooges and flunks from breaking the strike.

Gazette Stammers

Last Friday Brothers Janosco and Burbach called upon the editor of the Hawk-Eye Gazette and found him in session with the Reverend Smith, the company union promoter. The two unionists presented the editor with a letter from President Sal Hoffman demanding the paper retract slanderous statements made about John Janosco and Local 1860.

The following day this boss sheet printed Hoffman's letter and stammered around trying to explain it hadn't state Janosco was a communist.

President Hoffman's letter follows:

"To the Editor of The Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette Dear Sir: "This is to advise that we demand an immediate retraction of your statement printed in your issue of Jan. 13, 1941, in which you print that Mr. Janosco, our organizer, is a "dyed-in-the-wool communist." This statement of yours is a malicious slander upon our International Union . . . Unless your paper prints a retraction of this slander we shall be compelled to institute a libel suit against you immediately. "In this same article of Jan. 13th, you also print the false and malicious statement to the effect that the representatives of our Union are not inclined to consent to a free, open and secret election among the employees to determine the majority. As you know . . . we proposed that a conciliator from the United States Department of Labor be brought to Burlington for the purpose of checking the cards signed by the workers of the company with our union against the payroll of the company . . . We have never objected to a fair and secret election among the employees of the company, conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. It was the N.L.R.B. which refused to conduct such an election. "It seems that the so-called citi-

zens committee is not really an impartial body of honest citizens, but merely a camouflaged instrument of the company to break the strike and to sell out the interests of the honest members of the community of Burlington. Otherwise, why did the committee refuse to accept our offer to have the United States Department of Labor check the records of our members with the company payroll?"

Though the Hawk-Eye Gazette under pressure printed Hoffman's letter it continued to display its venom and class bias by the insolent manner in which it reported the Sunday mass meeting. Readers of that sheet cannot remember its ever reporting a meeting of businessmen in the manner in which it reported the workers' meeting Sunday.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds" By N. E. Carlo KE. 4232

Mill City Laundry contemplates some new and modern improvements shortly. The interior will be remodeled and decorated. New dry cleaning units plus a new electric type of outdoor sign is planned. L. Roy Chase, formerly a driver for American Linen, has been added to the firm as a partner and "route foreman." The policies, advertising, etc., are in the process of being streamlined. . . . Gross and Kronick's are now installing three huge automatic washers and I mean HUGE, as I watched them hoist 'em in. . . . ATTENTION! Several complaints have been made regarding drivers working after hours. The Executive Board intends to enforce this rule, by checking up on future violators. So, be sure to be off the streets by 6 p. m. and 4 p. m. Saturdays to avoid penalties. . . .

There's a "Military Sales Contest" going on over at the Model. The drivers start out as buck privates and are promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, etc., up to General, depending upon the number of sales. Various prizes go to all the drivers except that those attaining the higher ranks get first choice or the better prizes. All the boys have a name plate and rank and file on their uniforms, so if you see private so-and-so today, treat him with respect, as tomorrow he may be a colonel. . . . Max Putnam, formerly at Nicolle cleaners, and now driving for Harriet laundry, had an unusual experience recently. A lady customer hauled Max and the Nicolle cleaners into the conciliation court, claiming he picked up several garments at her house which were not returned. Upon "positive" identification of a neighbor witness, the judge rendered a judgment for the alleged customer. Now, after investigation and telephone inquiries, the manager of the Nicolle located the missing garments at another cleaner's some distance away, where they were sent originally!

Ted Wilson of Lawrence's was laid up a few days with the flu. William Boe, Garber's, has been on the sick list for a couple of weeks and is not expected back for a couple more weeks. Howard Parker, Calhoun, was also on the sick list, but is back on the job again. Bill DeVries, Nevens', is on the sick side this week, but Bill is still hanging on. . . . There's a little "tussle" going on over the rag business from the new North-end Pump plant. It has now dwindled down to Ross Plauda, Minneapolis Overall, versus Hopper, Swan laundry. . . . Beefs are coming in regarding the "dawn patrol" over at the Troy. . . . Perhaps a sleeping powder before retiring would help? (Note: The boys are desperate.) . . . Sam Marcus, G. and K., is going to Florida for a two-months vacation. Sam has looked forward to this occasion for 15 years.

Harry Uppman, Custom, won the "brass banana" for the first time and Keith Jacobson came in second, only he encountered a woman driver who had her way and caved in his fender, grill and headlight. By the way, Clair Stone, Model, developed a dent on his new truck by some hit-and-dent driver. Coises! Such luck! . . . Meyer Fishman, having recuperated after a five-month siege, is back at the Mill City, this time as a regular driver. . . . Gavel pounder Burnham had a "flock" of teeth pulled lately. So he'll have to eat

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 By Wally Raze

Last Friday's regular meeting was one of the most vociferous that I can remember. A healthy interest was taken in everything by everybody present. Brother Ham Martin, our new sergeant-at-arms, was given an opportunity to demonstrate his technique as a peace-maker and acquitted himself nobly. Meeting adjourned one hour later than usual. . . . Attempts are still being made, according to reports of C. L. U. delegates, Skarpohl and Pearson, to bring about the laying-off of many milk wagon drivers by reducing the cost of the second, third and fourth quarts of milk purchased at one time. The purchase of about 350 quarts under this system, will lay off one driver. Think that over and order your milk fresh, daily. The use of paper containers imperils the livelihood of all the bottle handlers inside the plants, so insist on the glass bottle. . . . In the interests of the driving crafts, have all your purchases delivered. It doesn't cost anything extra and provides a living for hundreds of union drivers, so be a union man yourself by demanding the union label on your purchases and have them delivered. . . . Any union member in Minneapolis who patronizes milk oil stations or milk houses stands a mighty good chance of being hauled up before his Executive Board for violating his initiation oath. If found guilty, he won't get by with a slap on the wrist, either.

Brother Ray Eters is home from the hospital, following an operation, and is practically his old self, again. . . . Likewise, Brother Ed Coash of B. P. C. is back on the job and has already become known as "Iron Man." . . . We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Earl Dillon who passed away on January 11, of a heart attack. . . . Report has it that Brother Ray Wright is still in General Hospital. We hope for an early recovery for Brother Wright. . . . The Special Committee from the Park department met with the Commission January 14, as scheduled, to press our demands for wage adjustments in lower paid brackets. At present writing, we have better than a 50-50 chance of getting it. Another special meeting is to be held in February. Those of you who have never seen Brother Seavey holding the Ace Kid down on his chair by his coat tail would never suspect such alertness from a guy of Brother Seavey's build.

Attention! All you brothers who have moved recently, notify Brother Holter, our secretary-treasurer, at once of your new address. This information is urgent-ly needed. His phone number is Locust 8991. . . . Brother Charles Strom, the old road man, would make a good one-man fire department for most any small community. Boy! Can he pour it on! . . . Brother George Webbert, Park department, loves his pipe and arguments, but doesn't go for publicity. . . . A mild epidemic of flu is gaining headway here in Minneapolis, so don't take any chances, brothers. The after-effects are often more serious and lasting than influenza, itself. Now that we have sick leave, there's no point in neglecting a cold of any kind by continuing on the job, especially in winter. . . . The party who pulled the "practical joke" on Brother Horner in the B. P. C. shops should have head examined and his keester kicked up behind his ears. Fun is fun, but that sort of thing verges on imbecility. . . . Has anybody seen Hjalmar Johnson since his retirement?

Brother C. C. Pearson, our "good man" is an able football player as well. With his interference in the ditch our brother slid through a pavement of horses and caught an eighteen hundred pound White Horse lateral tossed by Greyhound. The catch was perfect although Brother Louis Sandberg's new Pontiac folded up like a book. . . . "One good turn deserves another" so we can produce ours by having an annual roundup to return to the plant stray milk cases, minnow milk cans, handy trays, carton milk tool boxes, forgotten

adding machines, etc. . . . Local 471 does not determine milk prices or policies; therefore our members have no criticism coming from any source, whatever.

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Note: Some of the drivers at the Liberty Cleaning and Dyeing company are UNFAIR TO LAUNDRY, LINEN AND DRY CLEANING DRIVERS LOCAL 131. If you patronize this firm be sure to ask the driver for his union book or button.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471 By George Bergquist

A good diet is an essential part of the health program at Randolph Field, and the meals served the cadets are renowned for their excellence. A sample breakfast menu includes fruit or tomato juice, cereal, bacon and eggs, toast and butter, jelly and honey and milk to drink. Ice cream appears on the dinner or supper menu every day—sometimes it is served at both meals. Nine or ten servings of fruits and vegetables appear on a day's menus. During a typical month an average of 290 cadets consumed 225 quarts of milk and 6 quarts of cream daily, or almost a quart of milk and cream for each cadet. Twenty-four gallons of ice cream and 30 pounds of butter are eaten every day, which means about two-thirds of a pint of ice cream and one-tenth of a pound of butter for each cadet. Vitamin A, which milk and other dairy products furnish in large amounts, is important in the diet of aviators because it protects them from night blindness, or inability to see clearly in dim light. A quart of milk daily is recommended as a safeguard. Our Government would do well to extend the Randolph Field menu to every man in service. And by adopting this diet some of us may more safely and effectively find our way about in the early morning hours.

Now we can say many fine things about married life, when we find Brother Art Olson of Clover Leaf enrolled in its ranks. Our brother has been a student of long standing and has read many books about the subject. . . . This winter we have had considerable ice to slip and slide around on so while the worst is yet to come, we should give some consideration to using "ice cleats," which may prevent an accident, broken bones or lost time. There is available a type you can have riveted to your rubbers for fifty cents: these can be tripped out of the way when not needed. Brother Rollo Johnson reports them entirely satisfactory. If the employers would only read our column they might pick up the suggestion and provide us with these safeguards. We would sure appreciate the "good turn."

Brother C. C. Pearson, our "good man" is an able football player as well. With his interference in the ditch our brother slid through a pavement of horses and caught an eighteen hundred pound White Horse lateral tossed by Greyhound. The catch was perfect although Brother Louis Sandberg's new Pontiac folded up like a book. . . . "One good turn deserves another" so we can produce ours by having an annual roundup to return to the plant stray milk cases, minnow milk cans, handy trays, carton milk tool boxes, forgotten

adding machines, etc. . . . Local 471 does not determine milk prices or policies; therefore our members have no criticism coming from any source, whatever.

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GAS LOG By Bob Fitzsimmons

Yes, we did write a column last week, but believe it or not, our good brother, James Mooney, who usually delivers it to the Organizer office, became so enthused over our "Employees' Sale" and talking about those elegant new ranges, that he plumb forgot to deliver the copy. . . . Our congratulations go to Dick Danowski and his Mrs. from the "works" on their first addition—a nice baby girl, stork dividend. All are getting along just fine, and you know how these dads for the first time are, just bursting with pride. . . . All members are urged to carry their dues book with them and be sure to have their stewards place stamps in the book when they pay their dues. No stamps will be given out by the stewards to members not having their books. This is the only receipt that the Federation recognizes, a stamp in your book. A word of caution or a reminder that the by-laws say that to be eligible for the Death Benefit Fund you must be up to date in your dues. So why not be positive about your protection in this line and also keep yourself regular with your union by making it a point to pay your obligation to your Union first each month?

Bill Olson from the tin shop is doing some extensive remodeling on his home to please his boss and his wife and we understand the Open House will be the order there when the work is completed and spring rolls around. . . . Who says it can't happen here? Well, it has and like our New Arrival Department which gave us three boys a couple of weeks ago, we present from the Utilization department three good brothers who have taken unto themselves Life Partners and we're sure these boys signed perfect contracts, that we all hope will give them lots of happiness and those bind-the-home-together dividends. For your approval we present Bob Geraghty, Jack Jansene and Winston Moline. Congratulations from all of us to all of you. . . . BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS: Last week the boys got all their bad blood out so we can give you this week's honor roll. Don Schoning, 528; Al Sissener, 520; I. Doucette, 505; Harry Brandon, 498; and C. Dunham, 490. Minneapolis Gas Heat had three game high with 2579 and high single of 958. Al Sissener, Adam Gibo and Einar Fahnerberg are all tied at 164 for leading individual average. . . . Argo Mattison came through in the clutch last week and gave a blood transfusion to his sister whom we hope is getting along nicely. Bud Eaken from Meter Repair, who was off with a

broken leg for quite a while, is now back to work and the flu continues to get a few of our boys down for short counts with Walter Bratlund and Gordon Herald from Installation recent victims.

After hearing a fellow say a fellow has got to be a capitalist to be sporting new license plates after Christmas, and seeing Clyde Harrison, Collection steward, leading the parade of "black on aluminum," I put my spies on his trail and they tell me that Brother Harrison has a brother in the American Embassy in Berlin, Germany, who slipped half a century note past that lunatic, Hitler, and sent it to a happy home in St. Louis Park. That would kind of brighten up the home at Christmas time, or wouldn't it? . . . William Lutter, assistant display man, was operated on last week and is getting along nicely, we are glad to report. Henry Peterson of Meter Repair was a blood donor and now by transfusion Bill has some good Swedish blood to go with that sturdy Dutch constitution of his and we hope he will soon be back with that pleasing smile. . . . Walter Mercer and our old pal, James Kelly, are spending a week in Evansville, Indiana, getting firsthand knowledge on how those Electrolux refrigerators are put together to win their way into thousands of homes as "the refrigerator you hear so much about but never hear." . . . John Denham, meter reader, has done a lot of walking. In fact, he says he intends to do a little riding now that he has invested and is now enjoying all those new features of a 1941 Chevrolet. Ralph Preston's idea of wishing his pal, Ray Nelson, a happy birthday out at the lake backfired when he tried to reverse the charges, only to find it on his phone bill.

John Burke of meter repair has one perfectly good Model T Ford for sale, since his wife refused to ride with him and be laughed at and said, "let's go modern." . . . Things took a bad turn in the

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street department when 17 men were laid off. At that, the work held up better than usual this year and now an early spring and a breakup of winter will see them all back shortly, we hope. George Kloster had company while hospitalized, his sister having the bed alongside him while they were both recovering from their appendectomies. George is now back on the job, feeling quite fit. . . . Martin Johnson phones to say he is grateful to the union and his pals for remembering him while he was off sick. . . . Gordon Smythe, also of the street department, has received his pilot's license and took Wayne Kuivisto and Ollie Molstad for a sky ride last Saturday. He offers to give others rides if they will come out to the airport on Saturdays. . . . We wish to extend our sympathies and condolences to brothers Ondick of the works and Everson of Utilization in their time of great sorrow in the loss of their wives. . . . TO THE LADIES: Findings of the recent census show that slacks have taken the place of skirts for home wear and 50 per cent of the women do not know their husbands' earnings. Which 50 per cent includes you? . . . THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: We urge all members to cooperate and follow the terms of the contract and keep their skirts clean. If you must get in a jam, get in touch with your steward, or one of your officers and give your Union a chance to fight your case for you. Remember! Your Union will be and can be just as strong as the members help to make it.

I wish to thank the members of 20490 and my fellow workmen who remembered me during my illness the past month. Wishing you all a very happy New Year. J. J. BRENNAN

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ORDER FOR HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN Probate Court Re Estate of August Reetz, Decedent. IT IS ORDERED that the final account and petition for examination thereof and for distribution, filed herein, be heard on Monday, February 3rd, 1941, at 10 o'clock A. M. by this Court in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that all persons interested in this estate present objections, if any, why said petition should not be granted. This Order shall be published in the Northwest Organizer and copies thereof mailed according to law. WITNESS the HON. MANLEY L. FORSEEN, Judge of Probate Court, this 6th day of January, 1941. (SEAL) ERNEST P. LORENZ, Clerk. HENRY MARKS, Attorney. 722-7 N. Y. Life Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. January 9, 16, 23, 1941.

Piddling Testimony Given Against Rockwell at Hearing

Napoleon with ten thousand men marched up a hill—and then marched down again. Pierce Butler and six employees of the State Board of Education marched before Referee Daniel Foley this week, told the worst things they could think of about Dr. Rockwell, experienced memory lapses when cross-examined by Benjamin Drake, and marched down again off the witness stand.

Testimony began last Wednesday in the hearing room of the Railroad & Warehouse Commission in the state office building, St. Paul. Sessions are expected to continue this week and for an indefinite time thereafter. Thus far the only witnesses have been employees in the Department of Education, with the exception of one former employee. Witnesses included Harry C. Schmid, Sarah Alexander, Agnes Pyne, Mayme Schow, Theodore Utne, and T. J. Berning. An average of about fifty spectators attend the hearings each day.

All the testimony presented by state board of education witnesses to date has been so piddling as hardly to merit a report.

Miss Sarah Alexander recalled one specific instance in which Commissioner Rockwell had ruled that a provisional teaching certificate should be issued to a graduate of the Northwestern University school of business who had taught commercial subjects in Wisconsin and was then employed as a teacher in Austin, Minnesota. Miss Alexander, a clerk, thought Commissioner Rockwell should not

have granted the provisional certificate, even though it had been requested by the Austin school superintendent.

Has Read Article
Miss Agnes Pyne relayed an amount of hearsay evidence and said she had read a magazine article. She said it was her unaltered conviction that tables and chairs weren't as healthful for children as school desks.

Miss Mayme Schow, a rural school supervisor, testified that school projects initiated under Rockwell's administration were not only continuing but spreading. Her answers did not appear to please Mr. Butler who stopped questioning her almost immediately.

Utne gave contradictory testimony about state aid money and gave his version to the royalties paid himself and Mr. Flynn on a record system used in the public schools. Mr. Berning's chief contribution was his acknowledgment that four years ago Dr. Rockwell had refused to permit the firing of himself, Flynn and Utne, and had consistently fought to keep politics out of the department.

AFL Observer
Mr. Irvin Kuenzli, secretary and treasurer of the American Federation of Teachers, is attending the hearing as an observer for the American Federation of Labor. Kuenzli has requested the AFL executive council to make a full investigation of the Rockwell affair. "Dr. Rockwell is recognized as a foremost American educator," he said.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

To the members of Local 1859: the laws of your local union approved by the International govern your membership. Dues: 1. Dues are payable in advance at the beginning of each month or week in accordance with your local requirements. 2. If you owe more than two months' dues at any time you are not in good standing. 3. A member owing three months' dues will be suspended and a member owing six months' dues will be expelled. In order that all members may familiarize themselves with the general rules by easy stages the Mississippi Valley Kid will place them in this column from time to time. . . . NOTICE! All Credit Union Members—Turn in your books right away in order to receive your dividends. The books were called in December 30 and so far only half have come in signed. C. U. Audit Committee. . . . The C. U. members voted to buy a streamlined, underslung, ball-bearing combination desk and cabinet. It will be installed with proper ceremony when it arrives. American Excelsior: Early spring signs—Ivan Reed has come out of the brush and is now a clean-shaven, young fellow. . . . While on the way home from work last Thursday, E. Ray Hanson suffered a bad fall at Sixth and Hennepin. Ray won't be able to work for several days. . . . Mike Koslosky caught his thumb in the ladder squeaker at the J. R. Clark company last Wednesday. Mike sez it sure took the steam out of him for a while. . . . Sister Tillie of Warren Shade is probably still waiting for those crutches but as soon as we can locate them, the same will be forwarded. Before you get them we hope you don't need them, Tillie. . . . The Mobas Window Shade company may get up steam since the owner has moved the main office from Detroit to Minneapolis.

By all means, read the article, "Labor versus Westbrook Pegler" in the Organizer of January 16. Here is a veritable arsenal of facts in Organized labor's answer to the high pressure attacks constantly being made against it in the daily papers. . . . 1859 General Membership meeting Wednesday, February 5, 8 p. m. . . . A special announcement by Brother J. P. will be made next week.

Colonel Philip B. Fleming, national wage and hour administrator has the nation's figures to prove that the short work-week gets the most production out of the individual worker. This will put more to work, spread the wages and teach more people the different crafts. That has been the efforts of labor to achieve for generations. . . . We are happy to report that Hoyt Stow has left the Eitel hospital and is resting at his home. . . . James "Fireball" Edholm was released from the Eitel hospital last Monday and is on his way to a complete recovery. . . . Chuck Younglove has a few yards of tape wrapped around him which proves it don't pay to run for those "hot lights. . . . Hilding Holmberg will have a tough time counting things for a while, he fractured a finger-bone while working Saturday.

The run of the week: Mrs. Strout's favorite boy, George, had a cab run to Superior, Wisconsin. . . . Ira "Pop" Bingham of the Y. C. unit is celebrating his fortieth year of married bliss. This "Hardy Perennial" is also a veter-

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- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Ave.
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- 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

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Starting the week of January 20, the police taxicab inspector's office wants all renewals for city drivers licenses. Bring your '41 state badge, two recent bust-pictures, your license book and one American dollar. . . . Earnest (Pete) Delano will be back driving in a few weeks, he is recuperating from a major operation. . . . Caution: When taking passengers to the street car line be sure and look for a car-stop as the trolleys no longer stop at all intersections. . . . The drivers on the dog-shift are following with more than passing interest the army aviators successful test of electric undies. . . . Gunnar B. says all cops' cars with '41 plates start with numbers 270-.

Several men left this week for linemen's jobs out east at a buck and a half. Three trailers were in this group—the boys believe in taking the home right along. . . . Carl Ault has been troubled with sinus, and has applied for a leave of absence. He's looking for a change of climate. . . . The Working Rules Committee for the Garage meets at 2 p. m. Sunday.

I know two boys, one a member of the Drivers Local, who in their own time, have been doing research in heating during the last several years. As a result, they have developed something that may revolutionize low-cost house heating. It is a producer gas burner, using the lowest and cheapest grade of Illinois coal and making a gas from it, which gives about the same type of flame as natural gas. It has no moving parts and requires no electricity for operation. The installation price will be considerably less than that of a stoker or oil burner. They claim a ton and a half saving per year for an average house in quantity consumed, and using a coal at about half the price of premium fuels.

Estimates for the present war indicate that it may cost the warring countries not less than \$50,000 for each man killed.—Senator Homer T. Bone.

Local 471 Adopts Motion Bearing On City Election

At Tuesday night's membership meeting of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471, a motion carried that any member of the union who contemplates filing for office in the coming city election should first get in touch with the union executive board or the union legislative committee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD Local 471

TJC Delegates Will Attend Conference of Wisconsin Drivers

Having received an official call, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will send two official delegates to the next meeting of the Wisconsin State Drivers Conference. The conference will be held in Green Bay on Thursday and Friday, January 30-31.

Local 544, which has been sending representatives to the Wisconsin Conference, will also send delegates.

Up in Alaska a Father Lorento advised a class of missionaries never to bring up the subject of hell's fire to the Eskimos. "When the first priests here told them about hell," the Father warned, "the Eskimos wanted to go there to keep warm."

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Retail Section meeting on Thursday evening, February 6, at 7:30 p. m. The dinner for the Picnic Committee was held last Saturday night and promptly pronounced a rousing success. In attendance were the members of the committee and some of them even brought their wives. At any rate, everybody agreed the steaks and chicken were delicious. . . . Joe made a trip to Brainerd the first part of this week together with Carl Skoglund, on Joint Council business. (Oh, by the way, some of the members of the Picnic Committee said they didn't receive cards for the dinner. Should there be any members who were missed, I apologize, but I would like to say it most certainly was no intentional slight, as we advertised this dinner both by cards and in this column last week. As yet, I haven't heard of any who were missed.) Returned from his month-long vacation in Mexico and southern United States is Ralph Anderson, Zinsmaster, who is telling some mighty tall tales about what he saw and did down there. Interesting is the fact that they shoot firecrackers in Mexico City on New Year's Eve, along with drinking fireworks.

We have just received in our office the new International Charter. As you all know, the word "Stablemen" has been dropped from the name and "Warehousemen" inserted instead. This shows that "Old Dobbin" is fast disappearing from the American scene. I suppose at the next International convention they will take out the word "Teamsters" and then we'll be completely motorized. Very interesting and educational, I think, are the current editorials running in the Organizer on Labor versus Pegler. Pegler is the guy who called the International convention at Washington a meeting of hoodlums. So, personally, I've got it in for him myself, as I consider myself anything but a hoodlum. . . . Arnold Skoog, Hostess Cake, is in the hospital with a strained muscle which necessitated his removal from the contract committee which, by the way, will meet with the St. Paul committee in the very near future. . . . TO THE LADEEZ: Keep up the good work. I think some of you must really be working for better attendance at the meetings. Thank you, and don't forget to Have It Delivered!

Attention! All Unionists Drafted in Army

In line with the action taken by other union papers, the Northwest Organizer will be mailed free on request to any member of a subscribing union who is drafted or enlists in any branch of the military service. If you are going in the army, be sure to write us and request your union paper, giving us your address. As long as you are in the army, the Northwest Organizer will be mailed free to you. Keep in touch with the life of your union and your union brothers.

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With the Limousines

By Home James

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For the benefit of you who have not been reading your column in the Organizer and who keep calling the office to find out what the Medical Assessment is all about, we again explain that the Medical Assessment of \$1 per year per member was unanimously voted by the membership at the December meeting and was incorporated in the revised edition of the by-laws of Local 977. The Medical plan gives you complete medical service for one year under the care of the union doctor, Dr. J. P. Korchik, who is on the staff of St. Barnabas hospital. You may call at his office, 716 La Salle building, for examination or medical attention; if you cannot go to his office for treatment, you may call him to your home. Any medical attention, including surgery, which does not require the aid of a specialist, will be taken care of by the doctor.

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To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance or relief have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such aid, that the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has set up a special department to deal with this problem. All workers seeking unemployment insurance or relief are asked to get in touch with Ed Palmquist before applying for aid. Palmquist is in the office of the FWS from 9 a. m. to noon, Monday through Friday each week. The office is on the second floor, 257 Plymouth avenue north.

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Preamble of Constitution of American Federation of Labor
"Whereas, a struggle is going on in all the nations of the civilized world between the oppressors and the oppressed of all countries, a struggle between the capitalist and the laborer, which grows in intensity from year to year, and will work disastrous results to the toiling millions if they are not combined for mutual protection and benefit.
"It, therefore, behooves the representatives of the Trade and Labor Unions of America, in convention assembled, to adopt such measures and disseminate such principles among the mechanics and laborers of our country as will permanently unite them to secure the recognition of rights to which they are justly entitled.
"We, therefore, declare ourselves in favor of the formation of a thorough Federation, embracing every trade and labor organization in America, organized under the Trade Union System."

THE DEBATE

Labor Versus Westbrook Pegler

III.

"Oh th' boss likes unions, all right. Th' sort o' union he likes is th' union with no dues, no initiation fees, no contracts n' damned few members."—Mr. Dooley.

To Poison Pen Pegler, every trade union is a racket and every worker who pays an initiation fee and dues to his union is the victim of a shake-down. Particularly it burns up Pegler to see workers in the war industries flock into the unions—or to be "intimidated" into the unions, as he would put it. Pegler reminds us a great deal of that boss mentioned by Mr. Dooley who was all for the unions—especially those unions that had no funds and no contracts and few members!

From reading Westbrook Pegler's criticism of unions for charging initiation fees and dues, a reader would gather that Pegler was defending the abstract right of a worker to work without having to pay a fee of any kind to anyone.

Nothing could be more untrue. If THIS is what Pegler defends, then why doesn't he attack the grafting employment agencies throughout the nation, those slave markets that have for years picked the pockets of the American workers.

For decades, tens of millions have been robbed and are still robbed by the employment agencies, forced to pay exorbitant fees for the privilege of being sweated by some chiseling employer. Many times a worker must pay his first week's wages to the head of such a slave market, only to be fired from the job after two or three weeks to make way for the next victim. It is a common practice for the employment agency to kick back part of the graft to the employer. The existence of these dishonest agencies has been a scandal and menace in American life for scores of years.

As Professor Lescohier sums up in his study of "The Labor Market":

"The profit-seeking employment agencies which supply employers with MANUAL LABOR . . . have developed most objectionable business methods. They are a social menace rather than a social benefit. They disorganize rather than organize the labor market; they INCREASE instead of decrease labor turnover; they are honeycombed with graft, dishonesty and trickery; and they increase the discontent and bitterness of the working class. It is the writer's earnest conviction, after years of contact with these agencies, that the only sound national policy is to eradicate them from our social fabric, root and branch."

Any worker who has ever been victimized by these parasitic agencies—AND THERE IS HARDLY A MANUAL OR WHITE COLLAR WORKER IN AMERICA WHO HASN'T BEEN ROOKED MANY TIMES THROUGH THIS RACKET—will certainly agree.

A thousand books and government reports have exposed the extortions of this racket, but it still flourishes, fleecing millions yearly from the pockets of the poor. To be sure, in recent years state and federal employment agencies not run for profit have to some extent cut down on the employment agency racket. But with the extent of mass unemployment and the goodwill of the employers, the private agencies have still managed to do quite nicely, continuing to batten on the sweat-soaked dollars of the masses.

A few of the private employment agencies, especially those dealing with professional people, give the job-seeker a break. But most of them wallow in graft. Today in every large city there are a dozen or more private employment agencies taking their cut of the workers' wages.

Doesn't Talk About This

Yes, the ways in which the poor are fleeced have all been thought out and put into practice and protected by codes and laws. One could write for pages about the grafting of the blood-sucking employment agencies: the trick agreements—the victimization of the foreign-born—the graft of selling

supplies at exorbitant prices to new employees—the fees taken for non-existent jobs out of town—the misrepresentation of jobs to job-applicants by the agencies—the lack of standards for fees charged—the kick-back to bosses of fees charged employees—the use of "runners" to deceive men about "the fine jobs opening up"—the tie-up between employment agencies and saloons and houses of prostitution—the use of employment agencies as strike-breaking forces, etc., etc.

Is there an adult worker in this nation who hasn't been the victim of one or more forms of the graft practiced by these swindlers?

After all, it was to protect themselves from this and other intolerable conditions that the working men and women formed their unions.

But you won't ever read a Pegler exposing the employment agency racket. The employers FOSTER this racket and protect it and profit from it.

Pegler may acknowledge the justice of our criticism of the practices of some employment agencies. But the man has a mind like a steel trap; he will point to union dues and initiation fees and say triumphantly: "Yes, but two wrongs do not make a right."

Unions Aid Worker

Not so fast, Mr. Pegler. The all-important DIFFERENCE is this. The worker, when he pays an initiation fee to his union, is contributing towards an organization of his own, one which has worked and will work to defend him and all workers in the trade, to better his wages and working conditions.

The poor victims of the employment agencies will only be lining the pockets of some parasitic rascals, and part of what the victims pay to these agencies may find its way back to the boss or foreman who hires them.

When Pegler criticizes unions for charging initiation fees and dues, he does not really burn with indignation at the thought a worker must pay to belong to a union. What he really seeks is the destruction of unionism.

Union Is Best Judge

After all, the union itself is the best judge as to what fees it must charge members in order to bring in the funds necessary to maintain the union, patrol the agreements, build up strike funds, take care of its obligations to its members and its sister unions and the labor movement, defend the union against its enemies, etc.

A rough rule-of-thumb in determining union initiation fees and dues is that a union should charge enough to assure that the organization can carry out its basic intention: to defend and advance the wages, hours and working conditions of its members. The overwhelming majority of unions observe this rule. Few unions indeed charge such initiation fees or dues as to exclude a single worker in the industry from the union. Should a local union charge excessive initiation fees, it is the duty of conscientious members within that union to work towards lowering the fees to reasonable levels.

Since the nation began preparing for war, more jobs have opened up. Unions everywhere are embarking on organization campaigns. The overwhelming majority of unions have LOWERED their initiation fees in this period, contrary to the impression given by the boss press.

Two examples of hundreds that could be adduced: A large number of building trades unions in Des Moines, Iowa, instead of raising their initiation fees when the war speed-up began, have reduced them. Their international unions had instructed them to do so.

President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in the January issue of the official union magazine, instructs all Drivers Unions to see that their initiation fee is reasonable, so that all men getting jobs and willing and able to work at the craft shall be encouraged into membership.

Unions everywhere are taking the same sort of intelligent action.

The worker gets more for the money he invests in his union than for any other expenditure he makes in this life.

The Worker's Best Investment

Let us illustrate with the benefits that accrue to the 11,000 members of the Minneapolis teaming crafts. Due SOLELY to their unions, wages in the industry have increased from an average of \$13 weekly to about \$33 weekly in the past six years, with thousands of drivers making higher wages than this. The average driver has almost TRIPLED his wages through unionism—not to speak of shortened hours, more leisure, better working conditions, a measure of job security, seniority, increased self-respect, etc. All this has cost him an initiation fee of far less than one week's wage, and annual dues of \$30 or less. Where dues are higher, it is because the union also pays a moderate death benefit.

Other unions in Minneapolis, and throughout the nation, have performed similar services for their members.

Where else in this world can a worker get such impressive results from such moderate expenditures? Nowhere. Nowhere.

Only a boss man or a scoundrel would dare cry that such a state of affairs constitutes a "union shake-down."

Real Role of Unionism

As for the actual role of unionism in the war projects, let a member of the Kenosha building trades unions tell his story of what unions do for workers on these jobs. This imaginative description (which thousands of workers will recognize as absolutely true to life) was printed in the Kenosha Labor for January 9th:

"I arrived in Campville last night and early this morning joined the huge line of men waiting outside the main gate. At about 7:30 a. m. a tough-looking fellow came out of the contractor's shanty and started looking us over. He picked about 10 men and I noticed that every one of them was at least six feet and weighed around 200 pounds, I would judge. I'm only five nine myself and never weighed over 160 in my life so I began to get rather discouraged.

"I overheard one of the men standing in line ask the foreman who was picking the men, how much they were paying an hour. His answer was, 'forty cents an hour for labor and 70 cents for carpenters.' That didn't sound so hot to me when I figured it out as only \$16 for a full 40 hour week. But I stuck around all day.

"About 15 more men were hired that day, but there must have been 300 men there. I got to talking with a man who had had some experience at this sort of thing and he told me that my only chance, seeing that I was not so husky looking, would be to get the hiring foreman off to one side and slip him a fiver when no one was looking. I'm going to try that tomorrow morning . . .

"I got a job today and got fired tonight. The tip my fellow job-seeker gave me yesterday worked out alright. I slipped the foreman the fiver and five

minutes later he came over and picked me to go to work. There is no point to going into details on the nature of the work, except that it wasn't easy and our gang boss stood over us all day and kept hollering in a raucous voice, 'Get the lead out, you over there!' every time one of us stopped to blow his nose or straightened up for a second.

"Anyway when quitting time came the fellow I gave the fiver to was waiting at the gate and told me I was through and to get my check. I couldn't figure it out since I thought I had done a good day's work, in fact a lot more than the lousy \$3.17 check they gave me. It wasn't till I had downed about 10 whiskies in the nearest tavern (that's the way I felt) that it began to dawn on me. There wasn't any percentage in it for the hiring foreman unless I and all the others who slipped him fivers got the can tied to us. That way he stood to take in a nice cut every day.

"While I was finishing the 11th whiskey, a man in working clothes who had been standing beside me at the bar leaned over and said, 'Say, bud, did you hear what they're paying over at the Fort? That's a union job, you know. A dollar ten an hour. Course it costs \$25 to join the union, but it sure is worth it.'

"Well, you know I started to figure it out and saw that I'd make \$44 a week there, where it was only \$16 a week here. That was \$28 more the first week. More than the whole initiation fee. In four weeks time I'd be almost \$90 to the good over what I could make on this non-union job, without figuring whether I'd get on again or the pay-off to the foreman. So that's where I'm going now."

There is a hundred-times truer picture of the significance of union initiation fees, told by a worker who has gone through the mill, than you will ever find in Pegler's column.

Pegler knows this. But his job is to misdirect the attention of the public from the graft going on under cover of the "national defense" program, to befuddle the public by pointing at the legitimate efforts of the unions to protect the workers, and to cry "racketeering."

The louder Pegler shouts "union racketeers," the faster the business men raid the treasury. Just last week the exploits of one Francis P. Murphy, "dollar-a-year" man, former governor of New Hampshire and director of a shoe company, came to light. Since Murphy has replaced another man in the government army procurement office, the average price of army shoes to the United States government has increased from \$2.83 a pair to \$3.31 a pair. Murphy's company has trebled its business.

And this is just petty stuff compared to what will come to light before this war is over—if the Second World War is anything like the First World War.

But this brings us to a new subject which we leave for a subsequent chapter in this debate.

Next week: Don't Miss "Who Are the Racketeers and Their Friends?"

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 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays Stewards—Second and Fourth Thursdays Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday
LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	LOCAL 1859 January 13—Stewards January 14—Casket Section January 15—Membership Meeting January 21—Box Industry January 27—Stewards Executive Board—Every Friday night
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 JANUARY, 1941 MEETING SCHEDULE Wednesday, January 1—New Year's Day Thursday, January 2—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, January 3—Job Stewards Monday, January 6—Department Store; Package Delivery Wednesday, January 8—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, January 10—Wholesale Grocery Monday, January 13—General Membership Tuesday, January 14—Lumber; Raymond Bros., 9 p. m. Thursday, January 16—Tent & Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m.; Ways & Means ITO Friday, January 17—Job Stewards Monday, January 20—Furniture Stores; Coal; Paper & Printing Wednesday, January 22—Sand and Gravel and Excavating Thursday, January 23—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, January 24—Cold Storage & Produce Monday, January 27—Spring Water Tuesday, January 28—Building material Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office, first floor. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.

Policy Committee Does Work But Governor Takes Credit

That the Stassen administration is claiming credit for accomplishments of the Policy Committees of the central labor unions in Minnesota was the contention of Roy Wier, organizer for the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, in an address January 13th over the Labor Hour on station WLOL at 7 p. m.

Brother Wier told of the opposition of organized labor to the Stassen Labor Law. He described the unhappy experiences of the 150 local unions in Minneapolis with that law; he told of the Policy Committee in Minneapolis and described its workings.

Excerpts from his speech follow:

" . . . Let us follow this Act from the time Governor Stassen approved it with his signature, making it effective as of May 1st, 1939. From May 1st, 1939, until tonight is almost twenty months or a little over a year and a half, so we have had some experience trying to adjust our movement to the new deal in Minnesota, at least insofar as Labor is concerned, it has been a new but sad deal.

"We believe that by this time we are qualified by way of our many experiences under this law to speak honestly and frankly of our reactions with facts and records that have been kept of all these experiences during this year and a half, at least here in Minneapolis where every one of our 150 local unions have been interviewed for the express purpose of finding out by questioning the results each union has had under the law and with the law . . .

Describes Policy Committee
"Early in 1938, before the Stassen Slave Act was a reality, the Labor movement of Minneapolis felt the need for a committee of well posted leaders, to be duly elected by respective Councils to which they were affiliated, and in a democratic manner to act as a clearing house, or as we later came to call it, our AFL Policy Committee. On this committee for the past and at present, are the Central Labor Union's two delegates, Rubin Latz and Roy Wier; from the Building Trades Council, two delegates, Walter Frank and Len Boerbach; from the Teamsters Joint Council, two delegates, Carl Skoglund and William Sinnott; and from the Printing Trades Council, two delegates, August Hartkorn and Edward O'Neil.

"This committee of eight meets every Friday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of giving consideration to all types of problems within our movement, to analyze and advise unions on major organization work, to counsel with unions that may be headed for trouble, and last, but not least, every union which has an agreement with its employers and which it is attempting to renew, or in the case of a newly organized group who are attempting to negotiate their first agreement, we offer our aid and advice.

"To all our unions, we request that if and when they reach the stage of disagreement with their employers, directly, they shall contact our committee for the purpose of letting us know whether or not they have yet taken a strike vote or if they have given the State Labor Conciliator the necessary and legal ten day strike notice, and if so was any agreement reached before the State Conciliator; in these cases our unions have complied and given us fine cooperation. Therefore we feel we have a very practical picture of

the real problems in this field. As a matter of fact, permit me to quote some figures here before me that deal with our records for the entire year of 1940, the year just passed, and then I ask that you compare these figures with reports that are being made by certain politicians and employer agencies here in Minneapolis.

Handled 110 Cases in 1940
"Altogether, we had about 110 individual cases before our Policy Committee for the year of 1940; all of these cases, of course, being local cases involving only Minneapolis labor organizations. Of these 110 cases, 79 cases were unions which were unable to reach an agreement directly with their employer or employers; in that case the law requires before they proceed in their own way that they submit the case either for conciliation, minus any strike action, or if they are faced by a strike that they shall serve the necessary 10 day strike notice. By the language of the law this 10 day notice may be increased another 30 days, making 40 days in all. During these 10 or 40 days of cooling off, as the Governor likes to call it, many things have happened (that is, if you understand human nature and most employers do know what to do during that time); for instance, out of these 79 cases of disputes between unions and employers, the most of them were cases that had received the attention of the state conciliator's office, at one or more meetings . . . And so we have found in most of these 79 cases that because of reluctance of the employer to concede anything further, or in the case of the union to make certain concessions from their requests or present conditions, we find a deadlock over which the conciliation can do nothing except let the 10 days elapse; both sides are now free to fight it out, because they have both complied with the law (except, of course, that we find many employers of late in violation of the law, able to secure restraining orders or injunctions against the union when legally calling a strike.)

"It is after the employer and the union have disagreed before the law that we feel we have done the real task, by talking over with the union our program. We proceed to appoint a committee of three or four from the Policy Committee to meet the employer with the union committee. We let it be known that our entire movement is supporting this union in its just demands and for the benefit of the records made public we should be given the credit for the satisfactory settlement of many of these difficult problems that the law has failed to settle . . .

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Gust Widholm Dies, Was 77

Gust Widholm, an officer of the Widholm Transfer company, 115 N. 1st, died January 17 at the age of 77 years. He had been with the company since 1895. Funeral services were held at the Pilgrim church, 14th and Lyndale avenue north, on Monday, with burial at Hillside cemetery.

Letters From Readers

If you wish to write a letter to this column, please sign your full name. Unsigned letters will go unpublished. If you wish your name deleted, indicate so in your letter.

Praises Articles on Pegler

Northwest Organizer:

I would like very much to obtain 10 more copies of the issue of January 9th, 1941. Your article on Pegler is one that should be read far and wide. It is a GEM. Incalculable harm has been done the labor movement by the insolent excesses of tongue and pen by this man, and unfortunately because of conditions over which we have no control, we have been inarticulate, except in such instances as your paper and a few other papers have provided.

I was wondering if the present article and the others that fol-

low could be printed on the same kind of stock as your paper and sold for a penny or two apiece. My whole idea is to get it into the hands of as many union members as is possible, and as many others outside our movement who have one side of the picture only. If you think that it is practical, I will do all that is possible to put it in circulation.

In any event, I want you to know that your well-directed effort against Pegler is understood and deeply appreciated.

A. PEARLSTEIN, Sec.-Treas.
Drivers Union Local 259
Boston, Mass.

TJC Labor Temple Plan On Display

On display in the Northwest Organizer window are the architect's preliminary sketches of a labor temple building, prepared for the housing sub-committee of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

Several views of a proposed two-story T-shaped building are exhibited. The plans will be discussed at the February meeting of the Teamsters Joint Council, where a report will also be given of the joint meeting with the Labor Temple Association executive board.

Only those young people can be accepted as healthy who refuse to be reconciled to the old order or wisely struggle against it—such is the will of nature and is the foundation of progress.—ANTON CHEKHOV.

Local 1859 Signs with Casket Firms

The three local casket companies were signed to a new agreement Wednesday with the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859. The new agreement is a renewal of last year's pact, with several exceptions. There is a war clause protecting seniority rights of workers at each of the plants. All workers at the Minneapolis Casket company receive a straight hourly increase of 2 1/2%.

The three companies are the Minneapolis Casket, Minnesota Casket, and Northwestern Casket. Local 1859 is also negotiating with the Keller Manufacturing company.

She: Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?
He: Why, no; I don't think anyone did.
She: Well, then, I'd like to know where you got the idea.