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Labor Selects Its Slate For City Election

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

It's mighty seldom that a union person can praise a daily paper for its treatment of a labor situation. This isn't because unionists are sour pussies, but because the daily papers are so uniformly unfair in their approach to workers' problems.

It is a rare pleasure to be able to praise the New York newspaper PM for its front-page editorial of Sunday, March 9th. Entitled "Send (Henry) Ford to Prison Unless . . .", PM points out to its readers that "The Ford Motor Co. has been convicted by the National Labor Relations Board of breaking this law (the Wagner Act) seven times."

PM proposes: "Let the U. S. Government institute the criminal proceedings against executives of the Ford Motor Co., under Section 51, Title 18, of the U. S. Code—for conspiring to oppress, injure or intimidate citizens in the free exercise of privileges secured them by the laws of the nation."

Doubtless, the U. S. Government will not be moved by PM's editorial. But the editorial is a reflection of the growing resentment in this nation against Henry Ford's murderous anti-labor tactics. When a daily paper finally comes out on the front-page to demand that the criminal Ford be treated as are other criminals, that is news.

Make no mistake, the Ford Motor company is the greatest single enemy of trade unionism in the United States. To force it to sign a contract with the United Auto Workers would constitute the greatest victory of the labor movement in years. It would strengthen the hand of unionism—AFL and CIO—throughout the nation. It would strike at the very heart of the Open Shop philosophy of anti-union terror that feeds on Ford's exploits in spitting on trade unionism and defying the laws and the courts.

Soft coal operators have flatly rejected demands of the United Mine Workers for a \$1-a-day pay raise. The mine owners also voted down a resolution offered by John L. Lewis that mining operations continue without interruption in the event no accord is reached by April 1st, expiration date of the present contract.

Lewis' resolution stipulated that any wage increase shall be retroactive to April 1st. The mine bosses say this is the reason they reject it. The bosses further propose that the work-day and work-week be lengthened from the present 7-hour day, 30-day work, to longer hours of work daily and weekly; this, in the face of continuing unemployment in the coal field.

Stating that "strike threats and strikes would be particularly disturbing to the industry and so to the national defense program," the National Mediation Board last week asked the fourteen standard railway unions which are now taking a strike vote, to postpone counting of the ballots until mediation is concluded.

Railway workers are demanding paid vacations. Rail bosses are proposing pay slashes on some roads.

The demand of the National (Continued on page 4)

Standard Oil Signs First Agreement With AFL Local 977

Rockefeller Corporation Signs Agreements with Locals 977 and 975 Covering Twin City Employees—Warehousemen Get \$3 Raise—Strict Seniority Clause Won—All Former Benefits Retained—Past Is Tribute to Growth of Unionism Locally

The first union agreement ever to be signed locally with the Standard Oil company was effected Monday when the Minneapolis and St. Paul Petroleum Employees Union Locals 977 and 975 signed one-year contracts with the industrial giant founded by John D. Rockefeller. The pact climaxes almost two months of negotiations.

Foremost among the gains made by Standard Oil employees is a strict seniority list covering both cities. Ten warehouse employees receive a straight \$3 monthly wage increase. Following is the minimum monthly scale of wages agreed upon for all classifications:

Truck Drivers—Starting rate, \$127; after 6 months, \$132.50; after 12 months, \$138.

Warehouse Employees—Starting rate, \$120; after 6 months, \$125; after 12 months, \$130.

Washers—\$100.

Maintenance Men—Starting rate, \$130; after 6 months, \$135; after 12 months, \$140.

Benefits Retained
The Standard Oil company has hitherto had in effect an acceptable form of sick and death benefits, paid vacations, etc. All these will be retained and are now embodied in section 5 of the agreement which reads that "Plans of the company covering death benefits, sickness and disability benefits, or vacations which are now in effect will continue in force during the life of this agreement. . . ."

The agreement covers 52 employees in Minneapolis, and a lesser number in St. Paul. Standard Oil is now working under union agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters locals in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, Des Moines and St. Louis in the Middle West area.

The new contract is retroactive to March 1st and will run to February 28, 1942. Negotiations were carried on by a joint committee representing Minneapolis Local 977 and St. Paul Local 975.

Franklin Co-op To Be Feted on Monday, March 31

The Twin City League of Unions and Cooperatives, representing various local unions and cooperatives, will pay tribute to the Franklin Cooperative Creamery association at the spring meeting Monday evening, March 31st, at the Franklin auditorium.

Twenty years ago Franklin was organized by the locked-out milk drivers of the city, and the Franklin Cooperative has flourished ever since. Invitations have been sent inviting unions and cooperatives to attend the March 31st meeting. A colorful program of attractions is being arranged.

There are thousands of unorganized people who would appreciate our side of the story . . . if they KNEW IT. Pass your Northwest Organizer along to them.

Unions Face Choice on Labor Temple

A Minneapolis Labor Temple will go up this year, or the Labor Temple association will liquidate its affairs. That is what association officers told representatives of 37 unions who met Sunday afternoon at 18 North 8th street. Despite the blizzard, the meeting was well-attended.

Last month the Labor Temple association sent out questionnaires to all local AFL unions. The association asks all union executive boards to discuss the questionnaires to the association.

Another meeting is planned next month when the remaining questionnaires have been returned. A decision will there be made either to break ground for a new building by July, or to drop the undertaking. All union executive boards will be invited to attend the April meeting.

Union Loses Vote At Direct Service

The AFL Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 lost the election Tuesday involving employees of the Direct Service company. The company and the CIO outfit pulled 30 votes to 29 for the union.

Local 977 expresses the hope that the CIO union will now be able to win the \$5 increase for the men that Local 977 was definitely set to win. The company and the CIO were generous in their promises to the men if the men would only vote against Local 977. May those generous promises be fulfilled.

Old Workers Alliance Clique Gets Charter from Local CIO

"WPA workers should think twice before accepting the promises of the CIO's proposed new organization for WPA workers," Ed Palmquist, chairman of Local 544's Federal Workers Section, said this week.

The local CIO set-up has announced it is chartering an organization for WPA workers. Through leaflets distributed on the jobs, WPA workers are invited to join the CIO and get the benefits of union organization. Following the customary style of those in control of the local CIO movement, promises of benefits gush from every sentence of the leaflet.

Those behind the local CIO proposal represent the same crowd that ran the old Workers Alliance into the ground, locally and nationally. They are the same people who betrayed the 1939 WPA strike. Now they are again trying to lure the unemployed into their incompetent hands.

Would Split Unemployed
"This CIO maneuver is a move to split the ranks of the unemployed," Ed Palmquist stated. "The sponsoring of a WPA local by the CIO is an admission of bankruptcy by the old Workers Alliance crew. Every time these union splitters run an organization into a blind alley, they reorganize under a new name, get some unknown to head the organization and confuse the workers with promises they never mean to deliver."

"The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has for many years been in the vanguard of the continuous fight for the protection and welfare of the unemployed. We of the FWS are not interested in competing with the union wreckers on a mimeograph machine. Our time is entirely occupied with caring for the grievances and needs of the unemployed, and with protecting relief standards."

"The Federal Workers Section stands on its militant record of struggle for the unemployed on WPA and direct relief. We shall carry on this tradition. Workers who remember the miserable record of the old Workers Alliance gang will not fall for this new trap to split their ranks. The Federal Workers Section has no reason to change its name or its leadership. Its past is as honorable and worthwhile as its present. There is need for organization on relief and WPA, but only one organization can answer the problems of the unemployed. That organization is Local 544's Federal Workers Section."

FWS Office Open
Unemployed workers on WPA, relief, old age pension, unemployment insurance, mothers' aid, and other state and federal projects, are invited to bring their problems to the Federal Workers Section office, on the second floor at 257 Plymouth avenue north. The office is open all day. Stewards meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month. General membership meetings are held the second Friday of each month.

All Over-Road Unions in Area Called to Form Drivers Council

All over-road drivers union in the Eleven-State Area are being invited by the Union Area Committee to send representatives to Chicago on Wednesday, April 9th, where a meeting will be held to discuss plans and make arrangements for an Over-Road Drivers Council. All phases of the pending Council will be gone in to at this important gathering—rules and arrangements, the benefits and obligations, the functioning of such a Council.

Invitations to every over-road drivers union in the area to attend this important gathering have gone out. In Minnesota Miles B. Dunne and Harry DeBoer have been instructed to see that representatives from all eligible unions in the state attend the Chicago gathering. Every over-road union in the state and area should be represented at this meeting.

Formation of such a delegated Over-Road Council has long been an aim of progressive members of the over-road unions in this area.

Union delegates will be housed at the Sherman hotel in Chicago. Reservations can be made directly with the Sherman hotel in Chicago, or by getting in touch with Miles Dunne or Harry DeBoer, care of Local 544.

Locals 160, 23, Open Joint Negotiations With Power Company

Will Discuss Program for State Drivers

The regular monthly meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council was held last Friday evening at 257 Plymouth avenue.

Secretary-treasurer Miles Dunne reported on the successful conference of the three Teamsters Councils in the state held recently in St. Paul. On March 23rd the executive boards of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth Councils will meet at the Minneapolis Drivers Hall to formulate a program for the state drivers' movement. The Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council has aided Local 544 and the Brainerd Drivers Union in amicably settling disputes with the Wadena Cooperative Trucking association, Dunne reported. He urged all present to attend the meeting March 16th sponsored by the Labor Temple association.

Trustee Joe O'Hare read the February financial reports for the Teamsters Council, the building fund and the Northwest Organizer. All were accepted. There followed reports for the affiliated unions.

Under new business, a proposed bill calling for care of tubercular patients released from sanatoriums was referred to the executive board.

A lengthy discussion was held on the problem of a labor temple. A motion carried that representatives of the drivers' unions attend the Labor Temple meeting Sunday in a cooperative spirit.

The drawing was won by Augie Jeppeson.

U. S. Troopships Being Prepared?

Radio news broadcasts the evening of March 5th announced that President Grace, making his annual report to Bethlehem Steel, said its repair yards are now converting passenger liners to troop transports for the United States government.

According to George Seldes, editor and author, this news has been suppressed in many newspapers. Seldes attributes the suppression to the severe press censorship now in effect.

Central Labor Union Picks Eide to Head Strong Ticket

Recommendation to Back Eide, Launch Labor Campaign, Carries by Tremendous Majority—Unions Will Function as Independent Political Force in City Campaign—Endorse Aldermen, Board Members—Progressive Labor Platform Adopted.

By an overwhelming majority the Minneapolis Central Labor Union at its March 12th meeting accepted the report of its Political Committee and launched the drive for a labor campaign to win control of the city government in the municipal elections.

In the specially-notified meeting, the delegates approved the platform and program presented by Chairman L. Boerbach of the platform committee, a platform that deals with local problems and labor issues vitally concerning every man and woman who workers for a living.

The recommendation of the nominating committee that T. A. Eide be endorsed as candidate for mayor was adopted by a tremendous majority. Sweeping aside a feeble opposition, the recommendation carried, 177 to 21. The vote was the clearest expression of organized labor's determination to function as an independent labor force on the political field.

Eide, a strong campaigner, is seen as a certain winner in the 1941 elections. Running for the first time in 1939, organized labor backed him in a whirlwind campaign which found him losing to Leach by only 7,257 votes. Many developments since then have only served to tip the scales in favor of the labor ticket.

After approving Eide, the Central Labor Union delegates approved the following recommendations of their nominating committee:

- For Aldermen**
First Ward—Harold Kauth (incumbent).
Third Ward—Henry Bank (incumbent).
Fifth Ward—Walter J. Murphy (incumbent).
Ninth Ward—Eric G. Hoyer (incumbent).
Eleventh Ward—Herb G. Finseth (incumbent).
Twelfth Ward—Edwin I. Hudson (incumbent).

- Library Board**
Cliff Blanchard.
- Park Board**
Stanley Ballard.

Further Nominations
The CLU instructed its nominating committee to make further endorsements at subsequent committee meetings. Saturday the committee met and nominated the following on the labor slate:

- School Board**
Owen Cunningham (incumbent).
Arthur LeSeuer (incumbent).
- Park Commissioner**
Ed Chalgren (incumbent), 29th District.
- Alderman**
Sixth Ward—Edwin Hendricks (incumbent).

The Central Labor Union further instructed its political committee to prepare ways and means to assist in conducting a campaign in behalf of the endorsed candidates, all of whom will stand on the labor platform adopted by the union movement. Letters will be sent all local unions asking financial support for the labor campaign.

A large portion of the conference was taken up with reports from delegates. It was apparent that the problem of cut-rate non-union milk stations is of almost universal scope.

Will Confer in May
The chair appointed a representative committee of union leaders to meet in Chicago May 15th and draw up an agenda and program for another conference to be held on Chicago Friday and Saturday, May 16th and 17th. Gene Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union Local 471, will represent milk drivers unions in Minnesota on the committee.

Representative Picago reviewed the work of the milk drivers conference held recently in Milwaukee. He discussed the advisability of state milk control bills and the possibility of having milk distribution recognized as a public utility.

544 Grocery Men Meet Sunday
A special meeting of the Grocery Section of Local 544 will be held Sunday, March 23rd, 2 p. m. in the third-floor hall at 257 Plymouth avenue north. The meeting will consider terms of a new working agreements to be presented.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

St. Paul Assembly Votes to Leave Farmer-Labor Group; Will Seek Union Convention

By a majority of 81 to 30 the St. Paul Trades & Labor Assembly voted at its February 28th meeting to disassociate itself from the Minnesota Farmer-Labor association and the Ramsey County F-L committee. The Assembly also voted to authorize the president of the Assembly to name a committee of ten to contact all AFL unions, their auxiliaries and the railway brotherhoods to the end that a constitutional convention may be called to consider the advisability of establishing a nonpartisan political organization as may be deemed fit and proper to meet labor's needs.

President Gerald O'Donnell appointed the following ten to the committee: Gydesen, Wright, Pfeffer, Lutz, Esboldt, Greengard, Moore, Wentz, Kosek and Brennan.

While the St. Paul union movement has long participated in politics through independent labor action, the recent move there is somewhat different than in Minneapolis. About 30 AFL unions in St. Paul are affiliated with the Ramsey County FLP. People of Seestrom stripe are not prevalent in the movement.

Lockhart Explains
Some light was thrown on the direction and motivation of the Trades & Labor Assembly move, by A. F. Lockhart, editor of the St. Paul UNION ADVOCATE. In a column in the March 6th issue, Lockhart writes that "Labor all too often permits its prejudices and bigotries to outbalance good sense and fair play here in Minnesota where labor has been up to its ears in partisan politics a Republican trade unionist has been made to feel that he is ten times worse than a traitor to the labor movement if he remained true to his political faith. Veteran trade unionists who have accepted political jobs from Stassen have been assailed as though they had betrayed the rank and file of organized labor. And that's all bosh. A Republican trade unionist is just as good a union man as a Farmer-Labor unionist or a Democratic unionist. A man's political faith has no more to do with his worth as a trade unionist than his religious belief, and the sooner labor gets over the crazy notion that a political label is more important than a union label the better it will be for all concerned."

FLP Free From Unions
The move in St. Paul now leaves the Farmer-Labor association in Minnesota singularly aloof from a trade union base. The union movements in Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul, three major cities, are now largely unrepresented in the FLP.

With the Limousines

By Home James

We are gathered here to help, not injure, any chauffeur or helper of our trade. But yet reports come in that a certain group of fellows find time to find fault. In fairness to all, they can't do that to us, or can they, only if we let them.

I for one have been helped in working conditions and a day off, plus salary. Can any chauffeur honestly say he has not been helped by the union? If so, you can report to J. J. C. and he promises to aid you. Pillsbury avenue seems to be in the limelight—one driver having a fire at the garage, the other driver having a party at the boss's town house last Saturday night. Might I add the bosses at both places are South. Laurence Miller says he can't get lone some at 1210 La Salle, the place only holds 10 men and there are six there from 9 a. m. till closing. There must be an attraction there—can it be women?

Lent is with us and Bill Hines joined the WCTU. Esk Nilsen won at bridge Monday. Now there will be some changes made, he quotes. Times are bad for the big men, for they are buying used cars again. I wonder why. Can the chauffeurs stand for that, or is it the pay-off system? . . . I understand Roy Belland's boss gets home soon, and he has to leave the other job and go back to driving. Two pay checks must be nice every pay day for three months. . . . Homer Thompson is on the loose again, always looking for Smith. . . . A doorman's job ain't bad. There are three in town and all drive nice cars, one a Cadillac sedan. A chauffeur can't do that. I mean not many can afford it, though they try just the same. What with the rent, eats, clothes and cars that collector comes often.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE DANCE COMING IN MAY. TED JOHNSON'S MUSIC. ENOUGH SAID!

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

The Taxi Men's Local No. 958 Federal Credit Union is getting into a much bigger stride. They have loaned out money for many necessary reasons from doctor bills to financing refrigerators and automobiles. There are still cab-men who have not availed themselves of the opportunity to join in this credit union, for further information contact an official or come to your regular union meeting and they will plan with you. . . . St. Patrick's day was well done by the sons of the old sod except Ed "Judge" Harlan who handed over the torch to the younger "micks" as he climbed to his lofty seat on the water wagon. . . . The Mpls. Taxi drivers are being signed up for jiu jitsu lessons. This training makes it possible for a driver to handle a lug with the "d-t's" without getting teeth marks on his (the driver's) knuckles. . . . Camp notes: C. Smitty Smith who kept bachelor quarters in a house trailer had to get further instructions on making up a bed from a tough Top Kick. . . . Correction: Fred Giffis, who was recently inducted in the defense army was a Yellow Cab Co. employee and not a Liberty driver as stated last week. P. S. We like to make corrections cause it proves we got a reader.

Country Gentlemen: Tom Olson succumbed to the bright lights and leased his farm for a year. . . . Bill Quinnell is ordering from the seed catalogue and taking orders for fall delivery on garden stuff. . . . "Banker" Kjeseth is dealing on a big house. . . . The Ostlund Brothers are carefully looking at blueprints for homes. . . . Jobs: B. & W. man Vern Du Bois is reported back at his pre-depression job in the printing trade. . . . More jobs: Gunnar Blomgren is a right smart cab washer, but we point out to Cy (G. O. T. Treasury) Passolt that it is not necessary to equip him with boots. The "Hill Billy" used to wade the creek to town barefoot. . . . "Big Joe" Nelson has taken over Smitty's inside job at the Y. C. Co. . . . That plague of mustache culture that has affected a goodly number of drivers defies explanation but Messrs Anger, McNeal, M. Mitchell, Abood, Holm and W. Pearson have an assortment of cookie cutters that would get by a casting director. You should see the new tooth brush Pearson got to train that circus barker's handle-bar he's got.

Run of the week: Vivian Johnson met Santa Clause at the airport when a "no load" paid off two bucks and gave him a chance to promote a trip to Rochester, Minn., with another two dollars scale when he got the man there on time. . . . That new river drive from Franklin Ave. bridge at the terrace to Twenty-First and Third street is a mile and a tenth of good time saver as well as good scenery. . . . The interperid aviators "Prop Wash" Nordstrom and "Wild Bill" Rankin have moved their flying circus to Friday field. . . . Johnny Jallo of the B. & W. is itching for "cross country" with his new Luscombe. . . . No word from the flying team of Carlson and Larson of the B. & W. but we know they'll be in the air with the advent of warm weather. . . . New York Cab man got a break in the big bus strike. . . . The sympathy of his fellow workers to Joe Williams at the sudden death of his brother, Thomas D. Williams, a former member of this local.

Legally we owe this (World War) debt to the United States, but logically we don't, and this because America should have minded her own business and stayed out of the World War. If she had done so, the Allies would have made peace with Germany in the spring of 1917, thus saving over a million British, French, American and other lives and preventing the subsequent rise of fascism and nazism.
—Winston Churchill, in 1936.

and our only lady member, Mrs. Carrie Overbeck is home sick with Mrs. Roy Hook filling in for her. . . . Thomas Gendreau, John Bahnenman and Mary Shaw must have had some dough left over from that TAX man as they all are sporting new or newer model cars. The boys in most all the other departments got new cars and trucks—but the meter readers just go along buying their own. . . . Thought for the week: Be sure and attend your UNION MEETING next WEDNESDAY night, March the 26th.

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By N. E. Carle, Ke. 4232

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The 289 Blab

By "Cream Puff"

Boy, oh, boy! Was that a honey of a meeting the wholesale men held last week (Wednesday). A grand turnout and a spirit of unity that is sure to accomplish our objective. Congratulations, boys! It is further rumored that the strike committee is getting themselves prepared for any emergency that may arise. . . . While we are handing out compliments, we want our St. Paul brothers to know that we think they are "tops" for their fine show of spirit. . . . One brother reports that he is out of the "dog house." He is now spending most of his time in the annex. Carl did not say what caused the commotion. . . . Talk about "bottoms up"; four of our brothers are reported to have "ground looped" last week. Brothers Russell, Hatcher and Stansfield of Monahans and also Brother Lofness of Master. All are said to have escaped without any serious injury. Clair Johnson, "B. A.", of the Laundry Drivers have some of your boys contact these men; perhaps they could pick up a little business.

F. Groenmer from Purity North Plant is recovering from a sprained ankle. What's the matter, Franny, did friend wife clip you on the head? . . . Some of the country men claim that the mud is deeper in the country this year—deeper than what? . . . The north wall in the office has been moved farther north. Two people can now breathe at the same time with the door closed and Joe says it's a big relief not to have to remove his coat before entering. . . . A little illustration on how a Board member spends his leisure time. Monday, no meeting; Tuesday, by-laws committee from 4:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.; Wednesday, special contract committee from 6:30 p. m. to 7:15 p. m. and special wholesale meeting from 7:30 p. m. to 9:15 p. m.; Thursday Board meeting 6:00 p. m. to 8:45 p. m.; Friday Teamsters Joint Council meeting 8:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. No meeting Saturday, and Sunday Labor Temple meeting 2:00 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. Just a few hours coming and going and some wives kick about their husbands playing golf. . . . If the wholesale and the retail section show up as well at the general meeting as they did at their separate meetings this month, the ham on rye is going to get a whale of a workout. How about it, boys? Let's make the fourth Thursday of this month tops for attendance, each of us to bring a brother member and someone is sure to hit the "jack pot" on her first voyage. O. K.? It's a date.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle, Ke. 4232

The regular and the specially called meetings, both of which were held last Thursday, were very poorly attended considering the importance of the latter one in particular. It seems a little more enthusiasm should be shown when recommendations pertaining to important changes are made. Your Executive Board is naturally in contact with problems coming up from time to time and is constantly trying to alleviate certain mistakes and it's up to them to recommend certain changes that they feel are necessary. But right or wrong, whichever they may be, it is for YOU to decide and by a majority decision. That is the only and proper way for the board to determine the policies for this union. . . . Not long ago, Wes Burnham and Billy Gleason (Lawrence's) drove out into the country and were heading for a fair-sized town in Wisconsin. But during the trip they were sidetracked somehow and stopped in a small town to get their bearings. Seeing no inhabitants on the street, they proceeded to look for a sign designating this wide awake town, but after a thorough search, they drove out of town and by some strategy found to their amazement that it was the city of Afton, Minn. (The Afton Chamber of Commerce should hear of this!) . . . Nicollet cleaners just installed a new type "see" cleaning machine. This outfit is somewhat similar to a band-box in design but has bigger and better cleaning facilities.

Ralph Biorn (Nevens) has just "donated" one of his sons to the army. Where have I heard that slogan—"I never raised my boy to be a soldier"? . . . Lawrence's laundry is buying a flock of new "jeep trucks." They claim 17 miles to the gallon. . . . Ed Hjeltness (Vogue) arrived safely back from his little vacation trip through Death Valley. We asked Ed to stop in to see Scotty on his way down, but he reports the old coyote wasn't around when he arrived. . . . It seems Donald (Duck) Blanche (Globe) wasn't around one evening when the checks were passed out. The closing hour had arrived and there was Don at the wrong door. Upon awakening to the fact that he was given the run around, he immediately put his detective instinct to work and ferreted out the guilty ones a short distance away. Incidentally, that precious hunk of paper has been transformed and is tucked safely away at home under the mattress. . . . Franklin laundry contemplates a new fleet of trucks shortly.

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Al Dahl (Royal) just loves those dainty little tid-bits they serve at one of the Haystee Taystee shops. She has blue eyes, rosy cheeks with dimples and not so much up here and a little down here and a little more down here. We could go on describing her all evening if space and time permitted, but anyhow, Al has to eat, doesn't he? . . . This remark was overheard at the last meeting: "Don't stand up, you darn fool. They might be raising your dues." Unquote. . . . Dinsmore and Majestic cleaners both sprung for some new trucks lately. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Peterson (Model) are the proud parents of a 7½ pound boy, born March 9. Congratulations to you and the little guy, too. . . . Ted Sandeen (G. and K.) took over the downtown route last week which will make him more dough. . . . Ray Malecki (Anchor) appeared on the scene last week with a shiny new '41 Buick and offered us a ride. Thanks, Ray. I wouldn't know how to act in such luxury. . . . George Sparrow (Troy) was on the sick list last week. Ken Halvorson has been running his route since. . . . The Howie Keatings (Model) are now on the "expectant" list. . . . Alvin Wanzer (Swan) has been seen around the used car lots lately. Al figures when the fishing season opens he won't have to sit and wait for a ride when the biting's good. And by the way, last but not least, Julie Olson (Nevens) has been taking a gander at some late model Oldsmobiles. He's ready to pop any day now.

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

It seems like the dairy industry is ever-ready for improvement. "Milk may be one of civilization's oldest food products, but there are yet thousands of mothers who do not know that children like milk flavored with coca cola, that iced coffee is better when made and frozen in the refrigerator trays, then served by pouring hot milk over the coffee cubes, or that much of the vitamin, mineral salts and other essentials in milk can be had by using plenty of milk and dairy products in the preparation of vegetables, meats and desserts. By showing women how to use dairy products, consumption is increased and the individual dairy plant owner does not have to worry so much about his competitors, adding new routes, or finding new outlets. Getting greater volume from present stops served is the most profitable activity for the dairy operator."

Brother Steve Matula will have a lot of explaining to do at the next Stewards meeting. He was excused from the February session on the grounds that he had become a "proud father" and would definitely provide cigars at the March meeting. There was no Brother Steve to be found at the last Stewards meeting so some one will have to do an awful lot of soft-pedaling in order to square himself. . . . Local 289, the Bakery

Employees, have opened their contract and are asking a fifteen per cent increase in wages for all of their members. . . . Brother Aggie Goldberg has generously given many of us some fine points on fishing and at last we have an opportunity to repay him. He will appreciate very much any information which will help him distinguish between an Irishman and a Swede. . . . Most optimistic note: Announcement that bovine tuberculosis is under such complete control in the United States that the infection in no county in any state is more than one-half of one per cent.

We are mighty proud of sixty-eight Franklin Co-operative brothers who have mastered the art of getting a truck around without tangling-up with the other fellow. They have established an outstanding record and we hope that during our coming membership meetings under "good and welfare" they will favor us with a few good suggestions. . . . It is a distinct violation of the good old Golden Rule to "race horse" a milk route so that your route foreman or vacation man cannot efficiently follow your time. . . . Bernice Iversen has been serving on the petit jury for a couple of weeks and we will appreciate very much her return to our office.

They eat and drink and scheme and plea,
And many go to church on Sunday—
And many are afraid of God—
And more of Mrs. Grundy.
—LOCKER LAMBSON.

'Tis a very good world we live in,
in;
To spend, and to lend, and to give
But to beg, or to borrow, or to ask
for your own;
'Tis the very worst world that ever
was known.
—EARL OF ROCHESTER, 1647-80.

All great truths began as blasphemies.—BERNARD SHAW.

Gassing With 977

Carroll Melloy informs us that the baseball season is just around the corner. After winning the championship of their division last year, the Local 977 team expects to step right into line and carry through to another winning. Bro. Melloy says that he is nosing around for new faces to line up with the team, especially snow paw pitchers, and says to keep your Sundays open to attend the games when the season opens. . . . Bro. M. M. Murphy (Texaco, 3255 Hennepin Ave.) says that Christmas doesn't have anything on St. Patrick's day. Murphy helped a gentleman out of a snowbank and received a \$5 tip—not bad. . . . Bro. Clarence Olson (Phillips Plant, 821 2nd Ave. N.) returned this week from a vacation trip of two weeks in the South. . . . An eight pound baby boy has come to live with Bro. Victor Boline and wife (Standard, 2905 Marshall Ave. S. E.). . . . Any member who did not receive a death beneficiary card, should call the office of the Local—one will be mailed. The cards have not all been returned to the office; it is necessary for each member to designate his beneficiary, if \$100 is to be paid in case of death. Better check on this point and get the cards in to the office. . . . The Texaco Station attendants should talk with the Drivers who call at the stations in regard to lining up with the Union. They should join either Local 975 in St. Paul, or Local 977 in Minneapolis. Now that Standard Oil Drivers are all in the Union, the Texas drivers are the only major oil group who are not unionized. . . . Twenty-two members have taken out hospitalization insurance through the Local 977 Health Group. This hospitalization insurance is with the Group Health Mutual; the rate is very reasonable, 60¢ per month for full benefit per member and covers hospitalization in any hospital in the United States or Canada. Group Health is the only plan which is owned and operated cooperatively by its members on a non-profit basis and is for that reason the only plan offering such broad benefits at the lowest cost available.

When property accumulates in too few hands it is taken away. And when a majority of the people are cold and hungry they will take by force what they need. And repression only works to strengthen and knit the repressed.—JOHN STEINBECK, GRAPES OF WRATH.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Notice No. 1: The following notice to all credit union members will be run three times in this column. Due to the fact that there are several 1859 union meetings going on every Friday evening, the credit union committee will meet in the future on Tuesday nights at the same place, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., and at the same time, from 7 to 8 p. m. The next credit union meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 7 p. m. That is the time to make deposits, fork over payments and negotiate loans. Come up and see us sometime.

Brother Abe Schwartz, steward at Air-Loc Seating, injected life, vim, vigor and vitality into the general executive board meeting a week ago last Friday. Some of the brothers, and especially those who have come into the fold lately, have asked the question, "Why is everyone in Local 1859?" Why don't the wire benders belong to the wire benders' union? Why don't the nailers belong to the nailers' union? Why don't the machinists belong to the machinists' union? The bungsters to the bungsters' union, and so on and so on.

In the first place, there are three kinds of finks or scabs. There is the professional fink. This kind is very efficient but never very numerous. Then there is the amateur fink. This kind is sometimes numerous but never very efficient. And thirdly there is the union fink. These are both numerous and efficient and very deadly, if allowed to function unmolested. Now, the main object of an economic dispute or strike is to close a plant and keep it closed until such concessions are gained as to satisfy the union members engaged in the economic controversy whereupon a contract is signed and lived up to for its duration. But suppose there are several unions having jurisdiction over the workers in the plant and several contracts coming due at different dates? Well, all the contracts are signed but that of the nut-twisters' union and this group goes out on strike, setting up

a picket line. When known professional finks or amateur finks attempt to pass the picket line, they are promptly discouraged and shown the error of their ways. But when the union finks, belonging to the unions whose contracts have been signed, attempt to enter the plant, it is another matter. It's hi-ya John, hi-ya Louie, hi-ya Joe, hi-ya Hugo! Well, why did you let that man go in the plant to work? Oh, him? He's a union man, showed his union card. And the result is the plant runs merrily along and the few members of the nut-twisters' union stand around in the cold, getting nowhere and powerless to do anything about the union finks who simply wave union cards in the face of all and sundry and go right on working, picket line or no picket line. You will run across men and women who will condemn and consign any and all unions and nine times out of ten, what they are so bitter about was the outgrowth of union finking activity. It is to avoid such a condition and to give the members of Local 1859 the utmost protection possible that each and every member of a plant group in Local 1859 is covered under a single contract. Industrial unionism, one for all and all for one.

Old man winter certainly returned with a big blast over the weekend, all of which delays the start of the dirt-moving season, of course. But it's an ill wind that blows nobody good; the coal haulers got a break out of it, anyway. . . . Our sympathies are extended to the Pomerleau family for the terrible tragedy which has befallen them. . . . The Park Board has loosened up again. Five more super-dupers went to work at the airport. There should also be some 2-year trucks going to work soon. . . . It is reported that R. F. H. is now skinning one of those "government mules." I'll bet the khaki-clad boys in that regiment will get some thrilling rides in the future. . . . R. A. Larson had quite an accident on his way to work Tuesday morning. His truck was damaged pretty badly, but by this time it is probably repaired. . . . If you have occasion to go by 15th and 3rd St. N., cast your peepers on that big "red job." It's certainly a honey! The name on the side of the cow will tell you who the owner is. . . . Ways and Means meets this Thursday at usual time. State Committee will also meet at the same time. . . . Kenny Corbett really went hot in the bowling tournament at St. Joe's last Sunday. He won top honors with 702 for three games.

If my soldiers were to begin to reflect, not one of them would remain in the ranks.—FREDERICK THE GREAT.

Independent Truck Chatter

By Ralph Mengelkoch

In striking contrast to the war profiteering of Big Business was the status of labor during the war years. Real hourly earnings of labor throughout the nation increased 3 per cent in 1915; were stationary in 1916; declined 6 per cent in 1917; declined 4 per cent in 1918. Because of labor shortage and overtime, yearly earnings rose slightly. In most occupations outside the war industries, however, real wages dropped considerably. As historians continued to dig in the slime of war profiteering during the 1920's and early 1930's, the American people became more and more outraged. Finally in 1934 there was created the Senate Munitions Committee, headed by Senator Gerald P. Nye.

This Committee has made it unmistakably clear that profits and war are as inseparable as Siamese Twins.

Can't Curb Profiteering
The Committee thoroughly examined the two methods by which it has been contended that profits can be eliminated from war: Price-Fixing and an Excess-Profits Tax. The Committee has shown that neither one nor the other, nor a combination of both, can prevent war profiteering.

Why won't price-fixing work? Because, found the Committee, Big Business is too greedy for profits. If the government, which is in

"Taking Profits Out of War" Was Powerless in 1917 to Stop Business Profiteering

First World War Created 17,000 New Millionaires in United States—Price-Fixing and Excess Profit Tax Failed Miserably to Curb Profiteering of Wealthy Corporations—Bosses Easily Evaded Efforts to Curb Graft and Profit-Grabbing — See Only Remedy in Expropriating Plants

As knowledge of the huge profits being made by Big Business from war industries seeps down to the people, it is inevitable that Washington will soon launch a movement designed to "Take the Profits Out of War."

Such a slogan was coined during the First World War as an antidote to the growing dislike for profiteering. It is worthwhile studying the results of this move to "Take the Profits Out of War," in order that the people do not permit government and industry to get away with such a fraud a second time.

In the year 1919 Congress appointed a committee (the Graham Committee) to investigate expenditures of the U. S. War Department. Testimony before the committee revealed that industry had completely dominated the government's war-time spending. The people were shocked to find that enormous profits were made, and that inefficiency and graft ran wild.

The outrageous profiteering of Big Business during the First World War is now common knowledge. The people cannot forget the 17,000 new millionaires created during the war years. Hoping not to bore our readers by rehearsing the scandal of war-time profits, we quote from part 13 of the Nye Committee Hearings testifying to the swollen war profits for the one year, 1917:

Corporation	Profit %
American Brass Co.	23.7
Bethlehem Steel	43.9
Jones & Laughlin Steel	47.4
Atlas Powder	27.5
Colt's Patent Arms	64.9
Newport News Shipbuilding	86.2
U. S. Steel Corp.	35.3
21 copper companies	24.4
New Jersey Zinc	56
International Nickel	24

Professor Walter Jennings in his book "History of Economic Progress in the United States" has stated that whereas in 1914 there was only one manufacturer having a value of over one billion dollars, by 1919 fifteen manufacturers were in this group. Whereas in 1914 only 56 establishments had a value of more than \$100,000,000, by 1919 the number had risen to 99.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue has testified that the number of incomes of \$100,000 and over rose from 2,290 in 1914 to 6,633 in 1916.

During its brief existence in the last war, the excess-profits tax gave rise to long-drawn-out litigation, some of which has not even yet been settled. Big corporations refused to pay and dragged out their cases for years. The government canceled many cases and compromised on others.

Bosses Evade Tax
A ridiculous example of the ease with which Big Business evaded war taxes is cited by Rose Stein in her book "M-Day." Some seventeen metal corporations reported in 1917 the amount of taxes due the government as \$49 millions. A check by revenue agents showed the companies were trying to defraud the government of \$40 millions additional. However, by the time the additional tax was adjusted, most of the corporations were insolvent. They were insolvent because their owners had distributed their wartime surplus earnings in dividends, and had then scrambled.

Again, a tax law passed in war-time can always be repealed as soon as peace breaks out. Big Business can always find ways of squirring out of paying its legal taxes. It can claim exemptions on any number of scores: depreciation, depletion, amortization, etc. If the law under which the disputed reports were filed has been repealed, the government is even less insistent upon enforcing the law against the wealthy.

Even more, Big Business, just as in 1920, always insists upon taking over the post of Secretary of the Treasury after the war is over. America's Sixty Families were careful to install one of their own, Andrew W. Mellon, as Secretary of the Treasury after the last war. Mellon, as can be imagined, was extremely lenient in waiving taxes on industry and even in lading out rebates to his wealthy friends.

After hearing all these facts brought out by the Senate Munitions Committee, Colonel C. T. Harris of the War Department

need of materials in large quantities, won't permit Big Business its profits, Big Business won't produce.

Furthermore the industrial and banking lords won't reveal to the government their cost figures; the government has to take industry's word for it. Needless to say, there are a thousand and one ways by which industry can screen its profit rate from outsiders.

If price-fixing still leaves profiteers holding onto their profits, the excess profits tax is just as ineffective. Such a tax was tried in the First World War, and its results were simply laughable—especially to Big Business.

Industry found a dozen ways to avoid paying the excess profits tax. One very simple and effective way was to raise prices.

Testifying on the excess-profits tax before the House Military Affairs Committee in March, 1924, Mr. Clover (wartime chairman of the Federal Trade Commission) said:

" . . . A study of the actual working out of our excess-profits tax during the last war will demonstrate beyond any possible question that it did not recover the excess profits; that it did not keep prices down, and that it did not stimulate production. . . . Not a penny of excess-profits tax has been or will be paid to the government that has not first been collected with many other pennies from the people of the country, either as consumers or as tax-payers. . . . In the main, it is not industry which ultimately pays excess-profits taxes, but the consumer. . . ."

Despite the excess-profits tax during the First World War, the solicitor of Internal Revenue in 1918 testified before the War Policies Commission that the total NET corporation income increased during the war years.

The average annual net income reported by corporations in the United States for 1914-1916 amounted to \$5,900,000,000. During the years 1917-1919 the same net income averaged \$7,000,000,000, an annual increase of \$1,100,000,000. Both figures represent income AFTER the payment of all taxes.

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finally admitted, "I do not know how to take the profits out of war and get the material we have to have."

Remember This
So if in the near future you hear the Washington politicians roll their eyes and drivel about "Taking the Profits Out of War" through an excess-profits tax or through price-fixing, or through any other device, you can be safe in smiling to yourself.

There is no orderly way to take the profits out of war. This is why Big Business supports the war.

And this is why organized labor should demand that the government expropriate all war industries and operate them under workers' control. Unless this is done, the same filthy profiteering will continue in the Second World War as in the First. And the tax burden upon the masses of people will rise so swiftly and steeply that it will impoverish a hundred million people for years to come.

Warren Harding told this story about himself as a youth at a National Press Club dinner while he was President. His father said to him one day:

"Warren, it's a good thing you wasn't born a gal."
"Why?" asked the youthful Warren.

"Because you'd be in the family way all the time," returned the blurt-spoken father. "You can't say 'No.'—SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS, 'THE INCREDIBLE ERA.'"

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"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."

Profits Zoom, But Wages . . .

In an effort to misdirect the attention of the people from the extravagant profits accruing to industry, the daily press is hammering away at those workers who are fighting for wage increases to meet the swiftly-rising living costs.

The recent report of the American Federation of Labor's research and information service throws some light on those who are profiting from the war. Basing its report on studies prepared by the National City Bank and the U. S. Labor Department, the AFL points out that NET profits (after deduction of all taxes) of 925 manufacturing companies increased an average of 26.9 per cent in 1940 over 1939.

On the other hand, states the AFL, average hourly wages of these same companies increased an average of only 4.7 per cent.

Profits of 18 aircraft and parts companies rose by 290.74 per cent in 1940 over 1939; profits of 20 railway equipment companies rose by 247.92 per cent; of 43 iron and steel companies, by 98.5 per cent; of 11 farm implement companies, by 70.9 per cent; of 77 machinery companies, by 68.5 per cent, etc.

The AFL concludes, modestly indeed, that wages have by no means absorbed a very great share of the increase in profits.

President Philip Murray of the CIO points out similar facts, which the daily papers bury in their financial pages whilst they pour hatred on those workers who dare fight for a decent living in the face of the "defense" program.

Says Murray, the General Motors corporation made a net profit of \$977 on each one of its employees in 1940. American Telephone & Telegraph netted \$528; Standard Oil of New Jersey, \$2,000 per worker; du Pont did even better, with \$2,220 per worker. General Electric earned \$826 per worker, U. S. Steel \$420.

Next time you observe the daily lie factory screaming against the union movement and strikes, please recall these facts.

A Lesson in Economics

Two years ago Congress directed the Federal Trade Commission to study American industries to determine the real facts about their costs, profits and other "financial statistics." Last week the commission published two reports in a series which is giving such statistics for 1939, the last year for which complete figures are available.

One report is on the 13 big petroleum producers and refiners who monopolize the oil industry in the United States and throughout half the world. These oil magnates sold their products for the sum of \$3,632,257,441 in 1939.

Of each \$1 they received for their products, only 8.4c was paid in "wages and salaries" to the workers who made the products.

Even this doesn't divulge the full extent to which the workers were rooked out of that which they produced. It is safe to assume that in the item of "wages and salaries" are included the fat salaries of higher company officials.

What happened to the other 91.6c—the difference between the 8.4c received by the workers in wages and the \$1 received by the monopolists in sales?

A portion of the 91.6c went for raw materials and factories. The rest fell into the laps of the monopolists in the form of profits.

The other report is on 12 large confectionery corporations whose sales totaled \$197,467,021. On each \$1, only 8.8c went to the workers.

These two large but entirely different industries—petroleum and confectionery—were alike in this respect, that they both give an unmerciful rooking to the workers who produce all the wealth. In each of them the workers received less than 9 cents of each \$1 paid by consumers.

Commenting on these facts, the railroad union paper LABOR points out that "These figures show that a 10 per cent boost in the workers' wages and salaries would increase the prices of the products by less than 1 per cent."

LABOR might have gone further and pointed out that if the workers owned the factories and operated them for all the people, wages could be doubled and trebled and prices to the consumers lowered. To be sure, such an advancement would leave no room in the economic picture for the fat monopolists who today are so invaluable to society as coupon-clippers. A rational society, however, could so organize production as to produce such an abundance of goods for all that it could well afford to pension off the wealthy parasites and place them on some South Sea island where they could live out their years reveling in the luxury to which they are accustomed to be kept by the workers of America.

The MacKinnon Proposal

Representative George MacKinnon's proposal to the state legislature that the system of popular election of judges be abandoned in favor of an appointive system is a reactionary move to further prevent popular control of the judiciary.

Instead of the public electing the judges, MacKinnon would have judges file without opposition when their terms expire. A plebiscite a la Hitler would then be taken, whereby voters would be asked, "Do you want this man to be your judge?" If the majority vote yes, the

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

We print herewith a contest letter written by the wife of a member of Local 544. Several letters have been received by this column and will be printed in the order of their arrival, as far as possible. All letters received will be entered in the contest and will be eligible for the prizes of ten dollars for the best letter and five dollars for second best.

Never mind spelling, grammar or writing. We will correct such mistakes before letters are published. All letters must be signed, but your name will not be used if you so state.

Just tell, in simple language, how the union has improved your living conditions.

Enter the contest and win a prize. Address all letters to "Keeping Step with 544," c/o General Drivers Union, 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

HERE'S THE LETTER

Dear Mr. Dunne,
I'm not good at writing letters but I can compare what I have now, and didn't have before. Please remember my husband has no work during the winter months, but drives a truck for a sand and gravel company during the summer and has been doing this work for the same company for about nine years.

I have a living room suite and other nice furniture now, that we got last April. It is almost paid for. We have been married eighteen years this March 15th, and that is the first living room suite I ever had.

We have a second-hand Ply-

mouth car costing \$271. We paid that up this last summer. We have insurance now that we have been able to keep up, where before we always lost it after a time because we couldn't keep up the payments. We have paid up bills of years standing.

We paid out rent for the winter on money we saved. I have a receipt for \$80 that paid our rent up until this April 20th, as we get our rent for \$20 a month for the four winter months, otherwise it is \$22 a month. We bought four tons of briquets on the budget plan this summer; we also have that paid for.

Above all, we haven't had to fight or beg for relief this winter, or worry about our rent or anything while my husband has been out of work, because we have had the compensation checks every week this winter.

During the summer, with the working hours your union has made, my husband has his week in by Friday noon. My husband and I and the two boys go fishing all the time, it's a sport we like very much.

We used to be crowded in one small room and live on relief in the winter time, yes, and almost starve. My husband would get threats of garnishments as soon as he started to work because the creditors wouldn't give us a chance to get started. My husband hasn't had work only about three weeks since the Armistice Day storm, so I think we have done very good on \$35.64 a week. I don't expect to win a prize but I do want you to know we are thankful for the way it is now.

A MEMBER'S WIFE

judge would remain in office. If not, new judges would be appointed by the governor from a state judicial council. Were such a plan in effect, it would make it still more difficult for the people to control the judiciary. As it is, judges, by virtue of their training and environment, are much too far removed from popular control.

Under MacKinnon's plan, the people would have no chance of obtaining justice. They could vote out an unpopular judge, but could not replace him with a fair judge. Instead, the governor would decide who was to be judge.

Organized labor will do well to speak out unmistakably against MacKinnon's anti-democratic proposal.

Boss Poll Is a Phony

There are many "public opinion polls" making the rounds which are supposed to show what people are actually thinking. The fact is that in most cases, these "polls" are run in order to have people think as those who run that particular racket want them to think . . .

Now there is a poll being run by the Elmo Roper organization, which also acts for FORTUNE magazine, which "shows" that 57% of the people are for longer hours because of "national defense."

According to this reasoning, "defense" production is so shorthanded that it is necessary to have the individual worker work more than forty hours a week in order to meet schedules. But what are the actual facts?

What the Figures Show?

According to the statistics released recently by the American Federation of Labor, latest figures show that there are 54,192,000 gainful workers in the country. Of these only 46,063,000 are employed. 8,130,000 are STILL UNEMPLOYED, in spite of the terrific increase in production this year! That means that ONE-SIXTH of the country's labor force is still idle and ready to be absorbed in industry.

Why should any one of the masses of toiling people in this country then be for longer hours? It stands to reason that the average man would be for EVEN SHORTER HOURS so as to put that ONE-SIXTH of the country's idle labor back to work!

Who's Back of the "Poll"?

But to understand the "poll" properly it must be known who the SPONSORS are. Now, the sponsors of the Roper poll are none other than the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS, which hired the Elmo Roper organization to make this "survey" for them.

That clears up the mystery. The N.A.M.—the big association of employers—wanted "facts" to prove that "the people" were for longer hours. The "poll" simply delivered goods bought and paid for by the manufacturers! Naturally, the big business men are for longer hours. That permits them to get more out of the men employed for their profits, and at the same time leaves an army of unemployed that they can use as a pressure club against the men on the jobs!

Just Another Phony Trick

The employer-run "polls" are just as phony as all the other methods they use to beat down the workers.—From AFL SEAFARERS' LOG.

Living Costs Rise, Reports Dept. of Labor

Food costs in the United States have been going up since November. By the middle of January they averaged about 3 per cent higher than a year ago, the February LABOR INFORMATION BULLETIN issued by the U. S. Department of Labor reports.

"Meat prices have gone up very sharply in the last 2 months, and pork products have risen more than any other meat item. The price of pork chops rose about 9 per cent between December and January and was almost 19 per cent higher than at the beginning of 1940. Another factor in the increase in workers' food costs

was an advance of about 9 per cent in the price of fresh fruit and vegetables. . . . The advance in food costs would have been considerably greater had it not been for the fact that the price of butter dropped about 9 per cent and that of eggs about 13 per cent. Despite these declines both butter and eggs cost more now than they did a year ago.

Rents Up

"Rents, the second most important item in the workers' budget, also moved higher in a number of areas, particularly where the influx of defense workers has greatly increased the demand for housing."

Rents in Minneapolis have risen 1.7 per cent since August 15, 1939, the Department of Labor reports.

Labor Backs Safety Bill For Linemen

The State Electrical Workers Council, the State Utility Council and the Minnesota Federation of Labor have all endorsed the measure known as the Clearance Bill, which has already been discussed in two hearings before the committee on general legislation of the state legislature.

The bill deals with the construction and re-construction of power lines, providing for adequate clearance, etc., aimed to increase the safety of the men working on the power lines. Many accidents and deaths have befallen power linemen because of inadequate safety measures in this field of industry.

The bill is being fought by the usual front of those who place monetary gain before human life—the power companies, the phone corporation, the telegraph companies, etc.

The Clearance Bill is a carefully drawn measure which all interested in saving the lives and limbs of linemen can support with good conscience.

While unanimously favoring the Clearance Bill, state electrical workers are just as solidly opposed to a bill backed by rural members of the state legislature which would invalidate the present state licensing law for electricians. Originating from the heads of the Rural Electrical projects (the REA), the law would abolish licensing of electricians in communities of 20,000 and less. The bill is aimed to cut down costs of wiring; it would make it possible for anyone to do power and residential wiring in the small communities.

In effect, the bill's passage would place a premium on poor wiring jobs, would raise insurance rates, and would create hazards to life and property.

664 Equipment Men Eligible to Exam for Serviceman

The City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 calls to the attention of drivers in the Equipment Division that applications for the job of equipment serviceman (salary range, \$140-\$150 monthly) are now being taken. The examination date will shortly be announced. An eligible list will then be established from which vacancies will be filled.

Employees of the Equipment Division between the ages of 25 to 45 are eligible if they have worked at least six months for the department and are employed or on the layoff list for re-employment.

Duties of an equipment serviceman are to keep equipment in working condition by performing such work as grease and wash equipment; service cars with gas, oil and alcohol; check water on batteries and do related work as required.

Hotel Unions Name Latz President

Rubin Latz of the Laundry Workers Local 183 was re-elected president of the Hotel Employees Advisory Board for the third consecutive term. The Board is composed of representatives of the fifteen unions having to do with work in hotels.

Others re-elected were Al Kilday of the Bartenders Union Local 152, vice-president; Raymond D. Wright of the Miscellaneous Workers Union Local 665, secretary-treasurer.

PWOC Wins At Cudahy Plant In South St. Paul

Last week the Cudahy workers of South St. Paul won an NLRB election by voting 710 for the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee and 93 against.

With the election out of the way, the hard part of the struggle opens: the winning of a union contract in the Open Shop packinghouse area of South St. Paul.

War Profits and Labor Sacrifices Is Forum Topic

Carlos Hudson will speak on "War Profits and Labor Sacrifices" at the regular Sunday forum March 23rd, 3:30 p. m. at 919 Marquette. Admission is 10c, with refreshments served after the forum.

Hospitalization Plan Launched by Chicago Unions

Described as the first hospitalization plan in the United States managed by union men, the Chicago Federation of Labor has unanimously approved the report of its research committee for the Union Hospital Association Plan. This project is incorporated under state laws as a non-profit corporation and is to be operated as an assessment plan. Dr. M. J. Sullivan is chairman of the research committee which has perfected plans for the project.

Office Workers Sign Grennan's

Settlement of the Office Workers' strike at the Grennan bakery was made Monday, March 17, after two weeks of picketing. An agreement was signed by the Grennan company and the Office Workers' Union, Local 17661, providing for \$2 per week increase for all employees involved, setting up of grievance machinery, job protection against discrimination, lay-offs and firing. Charges have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board citing interference with employees' organization, discrimination, and refusal to recognize the union as the exclusive bargaining agent of the employees.

All employees are back at work. Local 17661 wishes to acknowledge the aid and cooperation of the Bakery Drivers, Local 289, and the Bakers, Locals 222, during the strike and negotiations.

Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts

First Call for Diamondball

All last year players as well as new players who wish to try out for this year's team are requested to be present at the regular membership meeting on April 3rd. It is very important that you attend this meeting, as this will be the only meeting at which it will be determined just how we will be affected by the draft. The outcome of this meeting will decide whether or not we will be entering a diamondball team in the Union Sports League. For further information call Jim Nevins at GR. 6680.

A week and a half ago we sent 10 groundmen (6 from Minneapolis and 4 from St. Paul) to Manhattan, Ill. The four from St. Paul came back two days later. On March 12th we got a card as follows: "Dear Brothers: Wednesday worked 1 1/2. Room rent \$3.50 per week. Board high. Have a nice room with a young couple. Food lousy. Fellows we work with all boomers. Wages back hour. Mud up to your neck. No overtime yet. None in sight. Had a good trip. Cost \$6.97. Wimp is here. The Grunts. . . . Our boys aren't afraid of work. All you have to do is show 'em where it is. . . . Hosey McCabe will soon be back at Riverside. . . . Joe Rubbelke is in the Midway Hospital. Drop in and see him when you're passing by. . . . Don't forget the Ladies' Auxiliary blowout on the 22nd. . . . If at any time you park in the union parking lot at night, in the back row, don't back in. Some of the boys have had their gas tanks robbed. . . . Do you belong to the American Legion? If you do you have had the "heat" put on to join the "HOME GUARD." THE HOME GUARD is intended to replace the National Guard and will take over all of its functions. The first use of the Home Guard is against Labor at Aniston, Alabama, where these tyros are being used to break a strike at the Utica Knitting Co.

ST. CLOUD NOTES

The news this week is decidedly of a blue tinge. . . . Bro. Anderson has been in the hospital with the flu but is expected back on the job soon. . . . We're glad to welcome Brother Hertzberg back on the job, even though he is still a bit shaky. . . . And here is a good place for an observation. "Hospitalization insurance is a good thing." . . . Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Campbell, whose mother was buried on March 14th at Clear Lake. . . . From one of the St. Cloud members comes the following: "We have often wondered how many people give the Union brotherhood the credit it deserves. For instance, what brought about our public schools, wage-hour law, workmen's compensation, 40-hour week and a host of other reforms? You know—LABOR."

HE MEANS, SHOULD BE

The greatest happiness of the greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation.—JEREMY BENTHAM.

On the National Picket Line

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Mediation Board, if acceded to by the unions, would weaken them greatly in the negotiations. No union can play a strong hand in negotiations unless it knows (and the bosses know) the union membership is backing it up by a willingness to fight if necessary.

Sidney Hillman, so-called labor representative on the OPM, last week called upon shipbuilders and representatives of the shipyard workers to reach agreement on a contract outlawing strikes in the industry. The national administration is pushing more and more aggressively its plans for a new labor-board set-up which will do its utmost to outlaw strikes, hamper union organization and leave the workers at the mercy of the employers of rising prices with mounting living costs.

Governor James of Pennsylvania last week ordered state police to proceed to the Bridgeville plant of the Vanadium corporation and assist in the removal of goods "which are resolutely necessary for the defense program." For a month 400 workers have been on strike at this plant. The state cops will protect scabs removing the goods.

The governor and the cops aren't the only ones attacking this strike. The CIO regional director in Pittsburgh has also publicly condemned the strike.

The bus drivers in New York City, striking against a proposed wage cut, were viciously attacked by the little Mayor LaGuardia. The Dies Committee has come to the aid of the bus companies by asserting that the bus strike is the work of "reds."

Those like LaGuardia who used to classify themselves as "Labor's Friends" are fast fading from the picture these days as the war hysteria mounts. Under the screen of patriotism, the reaction is louder and louder demanding that unionism be curbed. The louder comes the cry to hamstring the unions, the faster labor's former "friends" scuttle away and join the boss pack. The attack on labor's basic weapon—the strike—is today even coming from some persons who are themselves in the leadership of the union movement. Such people are playing a dangerous game indeed.

WIL Raps Anti-Labor Legislation

The state executive board of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom met last week in Minneapolis, adopting a resolution urging Congress and Roosevelt "to refrain from using this emergency to pass restrictive labor legislation." A proposed bill to outlaw strikes was particularly opposed.

The board stated "We note with alarm a growing tendency of the press and radio commentators to play up strikes in the so-called defense industries as being due to unreasonable demands by the labor movement. . . . We express our confidence that organized labor uses the strike weapon only as a last resort when every other attempt to settle the question has failed. The present isolated strikes may be symptomatic of an effort on the part of the employers to assure their profits from the rearmament program without including the interests of labor. WE PROTEST THAT THE RIGHT TO STRIKE IS OF THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY FOR LABOR."

Democracy for Negroes Too

The League also sharply criticized the discrimination being shown against Negroes in the defense industries and the armed forces: "We call upon the government of the United States to demonstrate to the nation and to the world its sincere regard for that 'democratic way of life' which it professes to be preparing to defend, by including ALL citizens, without discrimination in the rewards and profits to be gained from the defense program. We refer specifically to the exclusion of Negroes from jobs for which they are trained and qualified. . . . Likewise we call to the attention of the War and Navy Departments and the draft authorities that any attempt at segregation of Negroes into companies and regiments of their own is contrary to generally accepted principles of democracy. Negroes should be permitted to enter any branch of the United States service they choose and to rise as high in its offices as their qualifications will entitle them."

ON FIRESIDE CHATS

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.—ISAIAH.

Any compromise with those elements who would outlaw strikes will be a death blow to the established union movement of this nation. The sort of unions we have known will be wiped off the map.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 February 9 — American Excelsior, 10:30 a. m. February 10 — Steward, 8 p. m. February 14 — Casket Section, 8 p. m. February 21 — Box Section, 8 p. m. February 24 — Steward, 8 p. m. February 28 — Kozek and Traveler, 8 p. m. Executive Board — Every Friday night, 8 p. m.	Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
Milk Drivers Union 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	Warehouse Employees Union Local 359 Stewards—Fourth Monday. Executive Board — First and third Mondays. General Membership—Second Tuesday.
Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	Tea & Coffee Drivers Union Local 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
Taxi Drivers Union Local 956 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	Utility Workers Union Local 2160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Stewards — Second and Fourth Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday.
City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 8 p. m. Park Road Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	Ice Drivers Union Local 221 Day Laborers Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
Petroleum Drivers Locals 544 and 977 and Warehousemen Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	Pulp & Sulphite Workers Union Local 259 Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
Petroleum Workers Union Local 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 9 p. m. Assoc Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	General Drivers Union Local 544 Monday, March 5, Package Delivery, Department Store. Wednesday, March 5, Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, March 6, Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, March 7, Job Stewards. Sunday, March 9, City Pickup, Dockmen and Boat Drivers who come under area contract; 2:00 p. m. Monday, March 10, General Membership. Tuesday, March 11, Lumber. Wednesday, March 12, Market; Wholesale Liquor. Thursday, March 13, Wholesale Grocery. Monday, March 17, Furniture Stores; Coal; Paper & Printing. Thursday, March 20, Tent & Awning; Newspaper; 10 a. m.; Ways and Means Committee; 1:00. Friday, March 21, Job Stewards. Monday, March 24, Spring Water. Wednesday, March 26, Sand and Gravel and Excavating. Thursday, March 27, Wholesale Drug; Transfer & Warehouse. Friday, March 28, Cold Storage & Produce. Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 8. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local No. 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.
Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Wednesday, March 26, Sand and Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 8 p. m.	Jewelry Workers Union Local 103 Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.