Always Say HAVE IT DELIVERED--Help Put Hundreds of Men Back to Work

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

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Stand all as

is done!

Believe and

dare and do!

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Till right

Union Militancy Wins Great Labor Gains in U.S.

On the **National** Picket Line Marvel Scholl

unions go out on strike? If you position to the practice of WPA are a worker, you KNOW whybecause they have to have more undermine the prevailing wage wages to meet the rising costs of scales for truck drivers. living-because the workers correctly feel they have a right to that truckers from the area surwage increases at a time when the rounding Minneapolis were bidowners of industry are making ding as low as 79c hourly on WPA tremendous war profits—because jobs, the 79c representing not only the employer will not yield to their hire and upkeep of the truck but demands and they have only the the wages of the driver as well. strike weapon with which to fight The WPA officials, refusing to rec-

Every worker knows that these are among the most important reasons for strikes.

BUT NO BOSS WILL EVER ADMIT THESE TRUTHS, BE-CAUSE TO ADMIT THEM WOULD BE TO ADMIT THAT THE WORKERS HAVE JUST

So the bosses and all their friends and politicians have to invent other reasons why strikes occur. They scream that the strike was caused by "outside agitators" or by "reds." Or that the strike is a "plot" to embarass "national

the National Research Council Committee on Nutrition. This sawbones now claims that "lack of farmers bring a load of vegetables vitamins, especially vitamin B1 to the city market in the morning. strikes and industrial conflicts now truck to work on WPA during the hampering defense production." | day. They don't pay the son any Too little vitamin in the food wage. At night the truck returns causes irritability and unwilling- to the market, picks up the family ness to cooperate," Dr. Wilder and perhaps brings back a load of

Now if the bosses would just give their workers vitamin tablets to chew on, there wouldn't be break even at an 80c bid. Farmany more strikes. When John Work-Ox is chock full of vitamin, that the rural insurance rates on what the hell does he care if his family is starving, or living in a hovel? What's it to him that his toes are coming through his oxfords, or that the boss's patriotism rises in direct proportion to his profits? Smart man, Dr. Wilder.

It is interesting to observe how Knudsen and Knox back watered in a hurry in the Allis-Chalmers strike when the union called their hand. On March 26th these two government officials sent a telegram to Milwaukee ordering the union to call off its strike and return to work with its demands unmet. The union immediately called a meeting attended by over 5,000 of the 7,000 strikers, which voted overwhelmingly to continue the fight for their demands. Incidentally this meeting disproved the government's lie that the union didn't have the majority of the workers behind it, and that the original strike vote had been obtained by fraudulent means. Confronted with the strikers' determination, Knox and Knudsen peddled backward fast. They told Philip Murray, CIO head, that "contrary to your statement, we issued no 'ultimatum' in connection with the reopening of the plant."

The Allis-Chalmers strikers adopted a stiff resolution resolving "that Knudsen and Knox be condemned for their conspiracy with company officials to try and force a government-sponsored back to work movement with all the high-handed tactics that were (Continued on page 4)

544 Protests WPA Attack On Wages

Milton Hodson of Local 544 appeared before the Minneapolis city council last Wednesday to again Why do workers and their register the union's vigorous opofficials conniving with chiselers to

Hodson told the city council ognize the prevailing union wage scale, encourage such truckers to work on WPA at wages that cannot possibly cover even the cost of maintaining a truck.

Brother Hodson stressed the fact that, though the bulk of the chiselers are farmers, there are many fair farmers who are members of Local 544's Independent Truck Owners Section and realize the need for maintaining the union wage scale. Local 544 has fought the WPA administration on this In Chicago issue for years but the situation does not improve.

Hodson had a list of scores of farmers who had submitted bids ranging from 79c to 89c for the Gathering It remains for Dr. Russell Wild- truck and the wages of a driver. er to advance the dizziest theory Obviously, any city truck driver yet as to the causes of strikes. who tried to operate on such a The good doctor is chairman of margin would go broke in a hurry. How do some farmers manage

to do it? It is known that some

(thiamine), is a hidden cause of Then they send their son with the feed to the farm. By exploiting the driver, paying him no wage, it is possible for the farmer to barely ers have the additional advantage trucks are only one-third of the

Over-road Men Meet April 13

A regular meeting of all over-the-road drivers will be held Sunday, April 13, at 2 p. m. All city pickup men, dockmen and road drivers who come under the area contract are expected to attend this

of the terrible problem of unem-

published by Senator O'Mahoney's

Temporary National Economic

Committee. Many industries are

The report cites studies to show

that improved equipment on the

nation's railroads have destroyed

a total of 640,000 railroad jobs

in the last 18 years—345,000 jobs

The output-per-hour of the av-

than doubled during the 30-year

more jobs from 1930-1937.

examined in the report.

ployment in America today.

Joint Council Meeting Postponed To April 16th

The regular April meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, originally sched-uled to fall on Good Friday, has been postponed to next Wednesday evening, April 16. All members, please take note.

Local 471 Yearly Dance April 22nd

The annual Spring Ball of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union Local 471 will be presented at the Marigold ballroom on Tuesday, April 22nd. A good time is promised all, from the time the doors open at 8 p. m. until closing time. Ernest Bjorklund's dazzling orhestra will play for the affair. Gene Larson is chairman of the

entertainment committee in charge

544 Leaders For Area

of the Annual Ball.

A large delegation from the Minneapolis Union Local 544 left Monday noon to attend the mass meeting in Chicago called by the Union Area Committee.

The meeting of union representatives there will discuss plans for setting up a permanent Over Road Drivers Council.

471 Members Mourn Death of Lloyd Merhkens

Members of the Milk Drivers ternoon at the O. E. Larson mor- vent sabotage.' tuary, with interment at Sunset cemetery.

Brother Mehrkens is survived by a wife, Peggy; a son, Kenneth; a step-daughter, Mrs. E. E. Schaaf; a step-son, Donald; father, J. W. Merhken, and two sisters.

Take Terrific Toll of Workers' Jobs

In other words, the average rail-

ALL OTHER INDUSTRIES

PROVIDE SIMILAR PICTURES

OF FEWER WORKERS PRODU-

CING MORE GOODS AND SER-

VICES, AND GETTING PAID

LESS PER UNIT OF PRODUC-

from 1920-1929, and 295,000 and steam railroads alone, techno- by 1936 about 20 per cent of such

Unemployment would have been

period from 1909-1939; it has still greater had not the unions this was one of the arguments Mahoney report.

road worker was paid 21.4 per

is the name the professors use At the same time, the unit labor ment.

to describe what happens to you cost—the wages paid workers for

when a new machine is invented each unit of transportation they

to take your job. This is one of produced—fell from an index of

A glimpse at the full scope of cent less in 1939 than in 1923 for

TION.

technological unemployment is producing the same amount of

the basic factors in the creation 100 in 1923 to 78.6 in 1939.

erage railroad worker has more to 1939," the report states.

given in the 313-page report just transportation.

Government Report Shows How Machines

Labor in Minnesota Unites to Oppose Fake Sabotage Bill

Judge Joseph Padway, Nation's Crack Labor Attorney, Comes Here To Speak Against Union-Smashing Bill Which Masquerades as "Model Sabotage" Law — AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods Fight Bill in Minnesota and Throughout Nation - Bill Would Throw Strikers in Prison for Ten Years, Fine Them

All sections of the organized labor movement in Minnesota went into action Monday night to attack the vicious anti-labor bills masquerading as "model sabotage" acts. Representatives of the State Federation of Labor, the railroad brotherhoods and the CIO were on hand to expose the "model" acts and urge their defeat.

believe that such act will hin-

der, delay or interfere with

the preparation of the United

States or of any of the states

for defense or for war, or

with the prosecution of war

by the United States, shall be

punished by IMPRISON-

MENT FOR NOT MORE

THAN TEN YEARS OR BY

A FINE OF NOT MORE

THAN TEN THOUSAND

higher wages by workers in a war

would be a crime because the

strike would be an "interference

Any labor paper supporting the

Act Is Medieval

smuggle them. The united oppo-

ing industrial unions in the basic

Disaster Looms

so far industry has found no

other method except a resort to

A more powerful and sober ar-

gument for trade unionism, for a

ed the bills from passage.

to penalty.

ng small things."

DOLLARS, OR BOTH."

So important is it to labor that these mis-named sabotage proposals be defeated that Judge Joseph A. Padway (attorney for the American Federation of Labor, the railway brotherhoods, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, etc.) came here to oppose the proposals.

The "model sabotage" acts were drawn up by a recent "federal conference on law enforcement problems of national defense," the conference being completely dominated by Big Business and various super-patriotic groups. This conference proposed that every state legislature in the country enact four "anti-sabotage" bills, and has General Drivers since been peddling the bills industry (and almost every indusaround to the various state gov- try is called a "war" industry)

> Two of the proposed acts-the with defense work." Likewise, a "model explosives" act and the strike would be considered an "in-"model interstate public property" tentional" act. act-are judged by the Minnesota Federation of Labor to have no apparent relationship to labor to imprisonment for ten years and problems.

Terrible Threat to Labor However, the State Federation cated. of Labor points out that "the nodel sabotage act is a direct threat to organized labor and

should be vigorously opposed. Des-Union Local 471 mourn the death pite a statement in its accompanyof Lloyd Mehrkens, 43, 1815 ing report that the 'act is designed' Pierce St. N. E., who passed away to prevent sabotage and not to af-April 2nd. Brother Mehrkens had fect in any manner the existing been employed at the Franklin rights of labor,' this act will op-Co-op creamery for many years. erate MORE TO DESTROY ex-Services were held last Friday af- isting lawful rights than to pre-

For instance Section 2 of the "model sabotage" act provides that "Whoever intentionally destroys, impairs, injures, interferes or tampers with real or personal property with reasonable grounds to

Skilled Labor Losing Out

the worker is being replaced by

the skill of the machine is clearly

"In 1931, it took two to four

duce the same metal products.

"In manufacturing, coal mining less than two weeks' training, but tem."

logical progress has displaced 1,- workers were entirely competent

"In 1931 only 4 per cent of

621,000 wage earners from 1929 after only two weeks of learning Workers and Farmers govern-

ndicated in the report.

The extent to which the skill of

This Is the LABOR SLATE

dorsed by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union for the coming municipal campaign. These men are pledged to support the labor platform drawn up and approved by organized labor. The union movement may put up additional candidates for office before the primaries.

Every worker in Minneapolis has an important stake in a victory for the labor candidates. Do your part to help.
Mayor—T. A. Eide
ALDERMEN
First Ward—Harold Kauth

Second Ward-Al Johnson Third Ward—Henry Bank Fifth Ward—Walter J. Murphy Sixth Ward-Edwin A. Hendricks

Ninth Ward—Eric Hoyer Tenth Ward—Robert Fitzsimmons Eleventh Ward — Herbert G.

Twelfth Ward-Edwin I. Hud-CITY BOARDS Park Board (29th) — Edward A. Chalgren

Park Board (31st) - Stanley Bullard Park Board (33rd) - Adrian Johnson Park Board (35th) - S. W. (Bill) Thomblison
School Board — Arthur LeSueur, Owen Cunningham.

Board of Estimate, Taxation-Herbert Mattson Library Board-Myrtle Harris, Cliff Blanchard

Labor Names Fitzsimmons In 10th Ward

to an additional ten thousand dol-secretary of the Gas Workers tions of a special labor commission lar fine. The striking union would Union, will be labor's choice for to settle the threatened strike. The work in all U. S. Steel mills until be smashed and its funds confis- alderman in the Tenth Ward. Fitz- strike deadline ended at midnight April 15th under the existing consimmons was unanimously ap-|Sunday, but the waiting period tract, the corporation agreeing proved by the Central Labor was voluntarily extended. Union political committee at its strike would be likewise subject meeting last Saturday. Fitzsimmons is seen as almost a certain the special labor commission fell of negotiations came about when victor in the Tenth Ward, where considerably short of the union's the National Steel corporation, one Judge Padway, in opposing the he will oppose the anti-labor Lund. demands, the union has voted to of U. S. Steel's major competitors, act before the house judiciary Fitzsimmons is well known to accept them. The compromise knuckled under to the union and committee, said it was "as cruel Northwest Organizer readers as provides for a flat 21/2 c wage in- granted a 10c hourly wage inand bitter as some of the old laws the author of the Gas Log Column. crease, a week's vacation with pay, crease to 210,000 employees. of four hundred years ago when He is a delegate to the Central and a vote on the preferential men were put to death for steal- Labor Union.

The Central Labor Union has Both the AFL and the CIO na- also indorsed Adrian Johnson for POWER IMPLEMENT COM- pany are continuing negotiations, tionally have joined hands to op-park commissioner in the 33rd pose the "model" bills in whatever district.

states the labor-haters try to The complete list of union-indorsed candidates appears on this sition of labor has thus far blockpage. Other indorsements may be made by the Central Labor Union before the primaries.

Three 544 Men Hurt In Blast "Technological unemployment" risen from an index of 70 to 142. shortened the hours of employ- made by John L. Lewis within the AFL in 1935, when he sought to

win the AFL to the idea of build-Brothers A. J. Murck, Anthony Lupino and Oscar Rantala, all members of the General Drivers department on the Moline situa- to mediation. The report predicts that "techfive men injured Sunday morning fight in the hands of a strike comnology will continue to increase in the explosion at the Lakeland labor productivity, to displace years to train 42 per cent of the skilled occupations and to reduce Fifth street north. The blast was Fruit & Produce plant at 905 vorkers in the metal trades, but unit labor costs," and that unless attributed to ammonia fumes esmachines so reduced the skill re- something is done to offset these caping from a fruit refrigerator 12½% wage increase. The comquired that by 1936 only 7 per tendencies, economic and social in the basement.

> Murck, most seriously injured, was taken to St. Barnabas hospital for treatment of severe head and war to provide full employment arm burns. He was piling fruit inside the refrigerator when the explosion occurred. Lupino and Rantala were blown across the first floor.

It was the first serious accident ment, and for socialism, could on the market since the collapse smashed through at the most vital Older unionists will recall that hardly be imagined than the O'- of the Morris fruit plant several points—at Bethlehem and Johns-

Both Locally and Nationally, Labor Surges Forward-Bakery Drivers Strike Thrown into 30-Day Period-Minneapolis Moline Company Refuses to Accept settlement Proposal—Fighting Unions in Auto and Steel Force Ford and Bethlehem to Obey Laws, Deal With Unions-Backbone of Open Shop Seen Broken by Organized Labor-Government Strike-breaking Is Greatest Threat to Workers

Brushing aside all opposition, the organized workers of the United States have marched forward during the past two weeks to the greatest victories achieved in any comparable period in the history of this country. The greatest industrial fortresses and company towns in the world-Ford, Bethlehem Steel-are today union strong-

Both locally and nationally, AFL and CIO, the workers are demand- wanna, New York. The Steel ing and winning the gains in Workers Organizing Committee wages and conditions that they strike has busted the Bethlehem and their families must have.

wage increases of 15 per centwas thrown into the "30-day delay ed to their jobs without any disperiod" when Governor Stassen crimination. What the NLRB could named a commission of three to investigate the dispute and delay own organized strength have achstrike action. Henry Marks, Harrison Hobart and Reuel Harmon. all of St. Paul, will comprise the commission. Conciliation meetings continued early this week in St. Paul. The next meeting will be held Monday. Joe O'Hare of Local 289 will represent the St. Cloud that an election will be held, the drivers in the negotiations, at the request of the St. Cloud drivers.

Last week conciliation hearings were launched into the dispute between 600 members of unions affiliated with the Minneapolis Building Trades Council, and

One of the larger local disputes, the NLRB ordered an election involving about 2,000 members of among the 12,000 workers at the the CIO Machinists Union at the Lackawanna plant of Bethlehem Minneapolis and Hopkins plants steel. of the Moline Power Implement company, appeared well on the road to settlement after the union |S. Steel, originally set for April membership voted Monday and 1st and delayed one week, has Robert Fitzsimmons, recording Tuesday to approve recommenda- again been postponed. The CIO

Boss Rejects Settlement

LABOR COMMISSION.

local boss papers, who have been shricking about labor's responsi- Harry Bennett have bowed to the fense, has uttered NOT ONE tion, which the CIO will win hands WORD OF CRITICISM against down. It is understood the NLRB the Minneapolis Moline company has already ordered an election to which is refusing to accept the be held within 45 days to detercommission's recommendation. The mine collective bargaining agents commission itself has, so far as is at the company's plants in Dearknown, uttered not one word of born and Detroit. public protest against the company for its stand.

torney to Washington where he tion. The union has placed its mittee.

Workers at the Paper-Calmenson steel plant in St. Paul have drawn up demands for a straight pany has agreed to grant "whatever increase the Eastern steel industry gives," retroactive to April 1st.

Heavy Battalions March On the national arena, labor's heavy battalions in the basic in-

The Open-Shop kingdom of Bethlehem Steel has finally been town, Pennsylvania, and at Lacka-

dustries continued to progress.

company union to smithereens. For The dispute of the bakery driv- the first time, the bonafide SWOC ers in Minneapolis, St. Paul and union has been granted recogni-St. Cloud-who are demanding tion, the right to bargain for its members, and all strikers return-

not do, the steel workers with their

ieved. All the cops, the state police, the company thugs and the company tricks, failed to break that strike at Bethlehem. Despite the fact the strikers go back to work with the promise from the NLRB workers know they still have ahead of them tremendous struggles-

to force the company to discontinue altogether the company union, to end the speed-up system, to raise their base pay. On top of the victories at Beth-

lehem and Johnstown, on Monday

Steel Strike Delay The pending SWOC strike at U.

steel union has agreed to continue that any gains in wages and working conditions will be made retro-Though the recommendations of active to April 1st. The extension

Ford Still Down

Representatives of the United THE MINNEAPOLIS MOLINE Auto Workers and the Ford com-PANY HAS REFUSED TO AC- with about forty Ford plants scat-CEPT THE REPORT OF THE tered throughout the country shut down. It seemed certain that Ford It was very noticeable that the workers will never consent to return to work until Henry Ford and bility for holding up national de- union and consented to an elec-

Monday morning the 7,800 Allis-Chalmers strikers in Milwau-The CIO union has sent its at- kee voted to accept a settlement which brings them a one-year conwill confer with the federal labor tract, with most issues submitted

Coal Victory Seen At this writing it appears that

the strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners will be at least partially settled, on the basis of a straight \$1 daily increase for miners in the North, and a straight \$1.40 daily increase for Southern miners, who have been receiving lower wages than their brothers in Pennsylvania. It is certain that 65% of the bituminous coal operators, in the North and West, will sign with the union. The Southern operators, employing about 150,-000 miners, may continue to resist the union's demands.

Great Labor Gains What the union victories at (Continued on page 4)

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

cent of all metal tradesmen needed distress will accumulate. The re-

such a prolonged training to pro- port ends on the gloomy note that

metal production workers required under "our present economic sys-

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle, Ke. 4232

The question has unofficially arisen again as to how many laundry and dry cleaning plants will go broke before the industry in general will really do something definite toward stabilization of prices and services. This department is merely trying to convey the opinions expressed by numerous individuals who have been wondering . . . We were informed Jones, etc., are now all under thing shall be called Seniority that all drivers making regular union contract, but do not bear Rights Always remember trips to the airport are required the union label. to have a recent photograph of themselves put on a button to meet the government regulations recently inaugurated and enforced out that way. (We don't know how authentic this information is, but it wouldn't hurt to inquire, anyway) Private cars making laundry and dry cleaning deliveries seem to be the topic of conversation lately. Most of them have no signs and are running around after hours. You can help by reporting to the union any such violators by taking their num-

We got a tip that Mrs. William Hoaglund, who won the bicycle a couple of weeks ago and advertised it and sold it through our column to one of our readers, is sprouting out with a complete new Easter outfit shortly. Incidentally, Bill "might" get a new bonnet, too . . . This week we have a complete \$25 Weber fly-fishing outfit, consisting of a three-piece rod, extra tip, reel, high quality line, steel box, aluminum fly box, flies, leaders, spinners, etc. This outfit goes to any fly fisherman for \$15, or the best offer. Call KE. 4232 for details Twentyeight game Kaeder (American Linen) gets the spotlight this week as he put over a winner on the "ponies" to the tune of 38 simoleons (Despatch): "The boys have been complaining about the quality of the cigars lately. Would you keep this in mind when you purchase Corporation has invented and deyour next pocketful of ropes?" K. as you come in the door readties gets a prize of \$10. Well, ten 600 ties is a raft of 'em. . . .

severed all connections there and is planning on driving "indepenthrew a banquet for the boys over route. that way as a stimulus for the Easter rush. It was held at the Leamington Every time anyone sees or meets Don Blance of Howard Peck (Globe) they're not waiting for a streetcar but wait ing for a mechanic as usual. Why net swap the heaps for some new jeeps? Clair Johnson has been smoking Bull Durham lately. It seems Orville Hegdahl went out to supper with him last Friday. (And I thought he was delicate!) Earl Sweet (Nevens) popped for a brand new Chevrolet sport sedan last week. Dear, dear. It hurts me to write these things.

Wes Burnham (Lawrence) and Burt Watling (Globe) both got 15 Dick Boicke (Troy) had room, boys; it looks serious . . . Frank Cruikshank, formerly at the in the drawings. Royal, got a civil service job with the government since leaving. Also, Harold Morgan is the new south Chistenson . . . E. Anchus is PHILLIPS. back at G. and K. after an allwinter lay-off. He expects to work steadily from now on. Well, oldtimer, it's good to see you busy again and we know you can use the dough.

Des Moines Teamios Move to New Hall

On April 18th the Des Moines Teamsters Joint Council will move its offices to the newly-remodeled telephone exchange building at 821 East Des Moines street, which the Council has taken over for its headquarters. Each local drivers union will have its offices on the first floor, with the second floor used for meetings. A formal "opening day" celebration will be held in the near future.

NLRB Election Sought by Union At Camel Plant

The Tobacco Workers International Union has filed a petition for a labor board election in the Camel cigarette division of the Reynolds plant at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Camel is about the only remaining cigarette company not under union contract.

Makers of Chesterfield, Lucky Strike, Old Golds, Phillip Morris, breadth of Local 1859 for all to Herbert Tareyton, Sensation, Paul know where they stand and this

are both made under union condi- that stacks the cards and handles tions and bear the union label: the loaded dice. All of which Raleigh, Twenty Grand, Kool, means nothing until you catch a Spud, Viceroy, Avalon, Yankee Girl and Wings.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

Sometimes, children just won't drink milk. This is your chance to get them started on chocolate. They may turn down milk, but they will not refuse chocolate think there is as much food value in the chocolate drink, but if there total of five per cent or more fat. There's real food value and many

the dairy industry behind . . . (and that ain't hay) . . . An Congratulations to Brother Ed thank you for the fine cigars.

> The National Dairy Products veloped a synthetic wool fiber

employees to thrive also and does

ON UNIONS When rich men conspire, poor driver out there, replacing Aner men must combine.-WENDELL

These Leased Standard Oil Stations Unfair

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

Sears-Roebuck Stations
Elliot and Lake Streets
Downtown Stations
13th and Harmon Place
7th and 3rd Ave. South
South Stations
60th and France Ave. S.
22nd and Hennepin Ave.
54th and Nicollet Ave.
45th and Nicollet Ave.
52nd and Lyndale Ave. S.
32nd and Lyndale Ave. S.
32nd and Lyndale Ave. S.
32nd and Hennepin Ave.
64th and Nicollet Ave.
Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd.
54th and Lyndale Ave. S.
Holmes and Lake St.
North Stations
Pylmouth and Oliver Ave. N.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

And so it is said unto you that the last shall be first and the first shall be last which means that the first worker hired shall be the last to be laid off and the last worker hired shall be the first to be laid off. And so it shall be proclaimed throughout the length and the that what you don't know won't Only the following cigarettes hurt you provided you are the guy

Well, from what I've been read-

ing in the paper, somebody is do-

ing his best to make Organized

Labor his meat. All over the front page in box car letters are the gruesome details of how labor is bottle-necking this, that and the other defense work. Remember about a year ago when the defense program first started? Monopoly industry refused to turn a wheel or take an order until it was guaranteed by an act of congress that all necessary building and equipment needed to fill said milk. Some mothers might not order would be paid for by the government, including the furnishing of cash wherever necessary. is only two per cent butterfat in Well, congress passed the necesthe chocolate drink, you still have sary laws but was that enough? about three per cent or more fat in Monopoly business wanted still in me when you endorsed my canthe chocolate. This gives you a more security. So it was further didacy for this office at the last arranged that monopoly business was guaranteed not only a profit children will put on weight fast but better yet, the right to charge with chocolate drink-hot or cold "all the traffic would bear." These retirements for Brothers Haskell care of, the wheels of national de- enthusiasm to give the Tenth ward ness your various grocery items, Powers of Superior and Jack Cole fense industry began to turn and a labor alderman at the coming with men's work clothing and wool of Northland. Both men have seen then only. Monopoly industry had election. With this enthusiasm clothing going higher. The outplenty service in the milk business not only formed a bottleneck but and we are glad to help them leave it had driven in a cork. As far as and elect the entire Central Lawe can remember, nobody seemed open letter to Mr. Burt negdahl Henry on the new baby boy and Congratulations to Brotner Ed very excited about that, but when making this race will take considerable time and energy which will Roland DeTuncy, Elmer Nielson, most cases, inasmuch as he has the proposed to the circulate proposed and the considerable time and energy which will be a circulate proposed and the circulate proposed and th bemoan the fact that labor is going too far when it uses economic cent working conditions and the agreed to edit the weekly news for department, are all new permit assurance of a pay day at the end the Gas Log and anyone having men in the utilization department. Signed, I. Smeltum We no- from casein to be known as Ara- of the week, just take a few min- any news can contact him at HY. ticed a large sign over at G. and tex, for use in the manufacture of utes of your time to brush up his 8396. felt and carpet. The company has memory and straighten him out on ing: "600 neckties?" Upon in been manufacturing transparent who invented bottlenecks and how quiring what it meant, I found that wrapping of casein at its plant to cork them. Nevertheless and the driver bringing in over 600 near Chicago for cheese wrappings not withstanding, the fact that bucks ain't to be sneezed at but but favorable remarks about our I am sorry to say, with more or grove of Utilization is sporting to a mixup on the league's release of scores we can only tell you that last membership meeting. It was a less success—work to place Or- around in what was once a Yellow of scores we can only tell you that long session, the attendance fine ganized Labor in a bad light be-Arnold Silverman (Royal) fa- and a great deal of important fore the public eye, not one inthered a baby boy born last Mon-business transacted. Brother L. stance can be found where Organ-Congratulations to you and Lorrang of Twin City carried away ized Labor has ever failed to coboxes of cigars were passed around May. To display a Union Label fense program. I cite one instance now Les insists on weighing in all 265 and crashed that select circle the Mrs., Arnold. By the way, three the free dues and assessments for operate fully with the national de-... Hyman Resnick, former part was no obstacle for him with which you are all familiar his guests coming and going. . . . ner at the Prosperity cleaners, has Matters are getting to the place where the workers in a St. Paul Oscar Hall and the rest of the league of 661. Nice trundling, where we will have to conduct an plant which had a defense order entertainment committee have ar- fella. A safety school is being investigation and possibly make a that was being held up pending the ranged a fine evening for our conducted in the works lunch room transfer to the 471 girls' division settlement of the economic dispute Whazat? . . . Model laundry if Geraldine is to continue on the in which they were engaged. These next Friday night. Have you of the departments represented. workers offered to go back in the bought your tickets yet? Better The meter readers are rejoicing plant and turn out the rest of the "Believe It or Not," one Min- order for nothing. They were will- bor's monthly survey from the A. rubbers and heavier clothing and bor's monthly survey from the A. Pill Onion is cotting botton mile. eapolis milk dealer refused to ing to give their time and labor sign a request for the opening of free but were they permitted to the Fluid Milk Contract. Said do so? No, for the main and sim- last year with figures for Februdealer is doing well, he wants his ple reason that the defense order ary showing an increase of 1.2% Parting Shot: Your co-operation not want to join bosses who stir drawn into the controversy to conup labor trouble in the time of a fuse the public. Organized labor national emergency This win- has and will continue to give of its ing man would work for reasonter assessments have been a bit best for National Defense but it able wages. Don't, don't for pity high so let's all try to get a little knows that to do this it is not sakes snub the guy and think he is co-operation from Brother Andy necessary to give up any of the too dumb to waste your time on. Jensen. When his clothes are Industrial Democracy that has Take a little of your time and get burning up our brother could at been so dearly won by Labor. Or- him off in a corner and tell him least mention the fact and give us ganized labor knows that to put some of the facts of life and you a fighting chance . . . Local 471 any of its rights on ice will not will be surprised how nine times expresses its deepest sorrow in the be to put them in cold storage out of ten he will thank you for loss of Brother Lloyd Merhkins where they can be taken out again it. And so we say to you, brothers . . . We urge the most complete but will be to put its rights in the and sisters, "Do not hide your and speedy co-operation of all ice of the morgue. And so brothout their outboards and oiled and drivers in gathering route data ers and sisters of 1859, when your greased them. Resrvations must be for one entire week. Return the neighbor says to you, "Ain't it in their "office" on or before May sheet to your Steward at once awful? Ain't it terrible? Ain't it when it is finished Our an- a shame how Organized Labor is been a little sparking over that nual 471 dance will be held at the to blame for the high price of way until it now has reached the Marigold Tuesday evening, April pants pockets?" And your local flame stage. Give 'em plenty of 22. Contact your Steward for free trading post manager says prices tickets which may be prize winners would be lower if only the work-

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By Bob Fitzsimmons

ast and your writer has filed for on "Unions and Labor Relations" can, we, outside the defense field alderman of the Tenth ward, at the Minneapolis Labor School will have our difficulties. Considpledged to the platform of the Tuesday, April 15th, at 8 p. m. er just what an employer would Central Labor Union, and endorsed On Thursday evening, April 17th, de if you could not pull a strike. is convalescing now at home. by the Central Labor Union for Henry Prentice of the University He would merely sit back with his this race in the Tenth ward that will speak on "Is War With feet on the desk and say "NO!" where, Frank Gates gets those has always been recognized as a Japan Inevitable?" Next week Then what? You tell me. Strikes liberal ward and by the graces of Gilbert Carlson, well-known union are not nice, to be sure, but occathe support of the labor movement, attorney, will speak on "Union sionally they must be used. It's will regain its rightful place in the Contracts, Negotiations," etc. Ad- the only weapon labor has . . . ranks of the liberal column once mission is free. noie. Let me extend my warm personal appreciation to all of you for your fine gesture of confidence To Local 664: thanks the kind expression of your regular meeting. Let me also sympathy. thank those officers and members of other unions who are regular subscribers to the Organizer for their pledges of support and their backing our efforts we can unite not expected to exceed 5%... bor ticket. You all realize that Paul Johnson, cadet at the works, making this race will take consid- has resigned for other work and

Joseph Kelly of collection is ily last week when his son was showing a new fluid drive Dodge rushed to the hospital for an opand says it sure makes four-wheel- eration for appendicitis but we are ing a pleasure and Thomas Cos- glad he is getting along nicely. Due that Les Hubbard's wife has last Monday night — DOWN— detail will save you money if you bought a new bathroom scale and members and their families for this week with members from most see your steward now. . . . La- over the opportunity to douse the F. of L. states that the cost of Bill Quinn is getting better mileliving as a whole is not much above age out of his legs since taking wasn't the issue. It had only been over February 1940 but that in passing on news has been appreprices are moving upward as wit- ciated and here's hoping you will

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By "Dinner Roll"

Thirty days! Well, we can sit t out, standing on our heads. Pubindustry that would leave retail bakery products to the pubic, with war. housewives all over the city able their neighbor if necessary. "Thir-Lecture on Contracts abolishment of strikes in defense Professor Lindbloom of the Well, fellows, the die has been University of Minnesota will speak industry. If it happens, and it grounds for impeachment.

The Bakery companies say they wages, yet they can afford a cut in the price of bread, which means Give it to us, we'll deliver it. a decrease in wages to you com-To acknowledge with sincere mission men. "So what?" They have a right to sell it for any price they wish; it's their bread. A year Edward Field, Mrs. Johnson, age, they could not afford an increase in pay (when the price of bread was higher) either. It would and action must be initiated to panies, and that's a good logical boys, if you can't make it on time, cut down the profit for the comreason, we all agree. look continues as before: increases

The cooling off period works to the advantage of the employer, in is to be for \$48 per week. He is necessitate my getting a pinch hit- Thory Nelson, Leonard Labodie time to circulate propaganda and Cake Company, and he further reter for this column writing—start- and Russell Flack, who over a year spread rumors, with the intention ing next week. James Mooney has ago worked in the meter repair of weakening the morale of the men to a point where they will accept a less favorable working agreement than could be obtained it the pressure were on the emporter, had tough luck in his fam- ployer as well as on the men.

> The retail section meeting was rather poorly attended due, no doubt, to the hangover from the general meeting of the previous week. Any member leaving the craft for any reason, should obtain a withdrawal card. This little driving craft. The Executive Board held a joint meeting with St. Paul with the season's high for the

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Banquet to Honor Dr. Grace Carlson

Dr. Grace Carlson who has just completed a nationwide threemonths' lecture tour, will be honored Saturday evening, April 12th, lic interest clause, says the Gov- 7:15 p. m., at a banquet to be ernor. Since when did the profits given by the Socialist Workers of a group of bakery owners be- Party at 919 Marquette avenue. come public interest? How can Dr. Carlson will tell of the condiyou reason public interest in an tions she observed throughout the country, the general mood of the bakeries ready and willing to sell workers and their attitude to the

batch of bread for themselves and last Wednesday in St. Paul and a sibly they figure that since it is few points in strategy were worked such a short job they can afford ty days" for the bosses to spread cut. . . . Mrs. Joe O'Hare has been to work for that price, just to have propaganda that will convince confined to the hospital incommusomething to do. At any rate, we some of the less courageous to nicado due to a severe attack of hope that the prices increase conconcede that their bosses need the strepticocci. Here's hoping for a siderably on the May 1 bids . . . money. It won't work, Governor, speedy recovery and that she will Our sympathies are extended to because that will bring the contract soon be up and around again. . . Mr. and Mrs. Franklin McLain eleven weeks overdue, and back Mr. Sam Ash received another who lost their infant son Tuesday first week of the strike on the safe driving award. Do any of you Liners all remember Sam Chase boss. We have heard and suppose it's "Kosher" for a part from Robbinsdale, I know. He read a great deal lately about the owner to sit in on the Executive crashed to his death last Saturday

Mrs. Greg Helvig was released from the hospital a week ago and way all the time. Always did wonder how, or rather "see gars" he smokes. Another wonder is: How does Mel Edstrom know when he needs a haircut?

... If you want to see your name in the column, get one of your cannot afford any increase in friends to phone in the incident. That's how these other guys did it.

> off to remove an intestinal disorder that causd him to eat continuously and still be hungry. . . Overtime is getting out of control stop this abuse. Watch your step, report to O'Hare Phil Knoblauch, formerly of Gladness, writes a nice letter from California, statirg that the new contract out there now working for Dolly Madison quests we extend his good wishes to all his friends in Minnesota.

In a change of government, the poor change nothing but the names of their masters .- PHAEDRUS.



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Independent **Truck Chatter**

By Ralph Mengelkoch

It's certainly peculiar the way the bids on these different jobs run. Monday, April 7, the WPA received them for eight trucks for the balance of the month for approximately 120 hours of work (five yards). The bids ran from \$1.50 to \$1.70 per hour. Several of our good members were among the eight successful bidders. Posblock of Purity stock recently for afternoon . . . You old Belt Board? Seems to me them's afternoon Our regular meeting last Thursday night was very orderly for a change. There is no reason why it shouldn't be that

V. R. Dunne Speaks On "Right to Strike" At Sunday Forum

"The Democratic Right to Strike" will be the subject of a talk by Vincent Dunne at the regular Sunday Forum April 13th, 3:30 p. m. at 919 Marquette avenue. Admission is 10c, with re-Saba of Wonder took a few days freshments served after each

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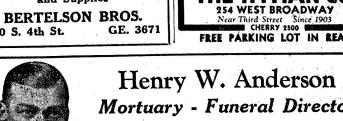
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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

pital after nearly a year in the waiting while having a drink and place; we are glad to see you back. demands we break all traffic laws ... Watch those working rules, to get him there in a hurry, and boys, there's no fun to be had with uses the innocent "hackie" as an a fishing vacation before the sea- alibi for his foolish acts. . . . son begins Three well-known artists of the steering wheel have Pender, owner of No. 192, Lud thinks we really would have a con-

rides on slippery streets.

are deceiving but those are not today and they both needed hair-



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the Y. C. garage We could "louse up" the fraction-wit rider who throws the door of our cabs open when passing a post, who hands us a fist full of cab-fare. spilling it in and around the ever-Owen Chappell is out of the hos-present sidewalk grating, keeps us

bought Liberty Blue and White of the week by lowering his top to cabs; from the owners' side of the demonstrate and had to pull for fence they now line up as Jack the shop to get it up. . . . Curly Holland has No. 168, and Tom glomeration of assets if we took Newhouse No. 191. We wish you the taxicab "scalers" at their word good luck in the venture, fellows. and bought a fire-engine, a new Rodger Adams doesn't have cab, lace curtains for that room to get up by the bugle after all; in the poorhouse, forty acres and the army dogs found hi-pressure, a mule, a cup-a-cawffee, a club which he probably got selling cab for the baby, a washboard for the wife, a "smudge" (cigar), a seat on the stock exchange, a trolley-Olson "Ole" gets this week's hand- have heard any others let us know of the By-Laws of the lo- nological advances and plant or width of the truck behind the shake for taking a moment of his and we'll print 'em. Larry time as night boss at the Y. C. to Warmey underwent a tonsilectomy jot down license numbers of lugs so that's the reason he didn't sing who carelessly damage private for a couple of days. . . . Franklin cars parked around the garage. . . of the Liberty is hearing the siren Floyd "Dark Tenor" Anger is giv- song of spring through his new cab ing our tiddle-de-winks sharks a radio. . . Life's true irony for drubbing and is looking for new Curly Goodnough: He answered a fields to conquer Benny phone call at a barber shop on S. "Nazi Patrol" Rosen and Jake Sixth street, went in to announce Greenberg are all set for the sum- the cab when the prospective rider mer season with "kosher" boat chirped from under a hot shave engines. . . . Ed the "Judge" in- towel for Bill to get into a chair vaded the Pole country and was for a haircut, saying, "I can't see jolted off the hi-wheeler. . . . Looks you but I rode with two hackmen

> Curly got into the chair, and you the prospective cab rider to find that our Bill just has no hair on his head. . . . No more aluminum paint for the circus wagons. Uncle Sam has got first pick.

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The April meeting of the general membership will be held as per schedule, next Monday evening. The Minneapolis Union Card and Label Council has prepared a group of stereoptican slides showing the Union Card, or Union La-Charlie Bigelow did the boner bel, for all of the unionized crafts in the city. The Local 977 Union batton is displayed on this group of slides, and a showing of the slides will be given for the membership next Monday. . . . There were thirty-one members who retheir dues, and therefore were not A large cleaning establishment wrapped in its purple or red the union will have to be met on pressed.

Fort Francis Warren, Wyoming, soiled things you could think of in the 20th Infantry, Co. A, that were being cleaned in this plant. has the "Lake Harriet" route, cov-

accompanied the officers of the machines of all description. that's where the picked-up soiled other Teaming Crafts of the city, and represented the petroleum in-

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(Below is the second in a series of articles describing the work of the various driving crafts affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. This article portrays a typical morning's work in the life of a laundry driver.)

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ceived medical care last month at in their persons, but in the clothes the office of Dr. Korchik, the union they wear. This urge for cleanli- it out to the garage where the physician. There were two of this ness has given rise to the large truck is loaded. number who were not paid up in laundry and dry cleaning industry.

eligible for the benefit; this is in —like the one I visited last Thursaccordance with Art. VII, Sec. 3, day morning—is a marvel of tech-from a hanger stretching the cal. Dr. Korchik has been advised ganization. The soiled and un-driver's seat. The driver wheels that the two delinquent members pressed clothing of the entire city out another hand-truck load with will have to pay for the medical seemed to rush through the plant the laundry packages and wet care, and he will render a state in a torrent - children's things, wash, which are packed in the ment to each for same. For the ladies' clothing, men's wear, rugs, back of the truck behind the dry information of the membership, a even furniture—damp wash, hand cleaning. close check is kept by the office of finished goods, family flat work, the local, and if union benefits are a million articles being washed to be obtained, all obligations to and mended and cleaned and

the laundry I could see dresses, board card; and a bundle of paper Bro. William Danielson (Clark, drawers, skirts, waists and under-slips containing the names and 2804 University Ave. S. E.) came waists, knickers, stockings and addresses of customers who have to the office for his honorary with- socks. sweaters, uniforms, slips phoned into the company switchdraway card this week. Bill has and chemises, bloomers and bras- board asking that a driver stop anti-tank barricades in front of cuts so barber, do your stuff!" entered the Naval Training School sieres, pajamas and nightgowns, there that day to pick up goods. at Great Lakes, Illinois, after handkerchiefs, smocks and aprons, Before pulling out, the truck is which he expects to be stationed sheets and bed spreads, pillow fueled and checked, and the driver tonsorial specialist and surprise of at Norfolk, Va. . . . Bro. Robert cases, table cloths and napkins, makes sure he has sufficient Olson (Pure, 3601 Lyndale Ave. doilies and dresser scarves, rugs, change to care for the C.O.D. S.) is the father of a baby daugh- quilts, draperies and curtains, goods. ter born last week The local men's shirts, collars, undershirts received word this week from Bro. and B.V.D.'s, trousers, suits, top-William Beiswangr, stationed at coats, neckties and hats—all the various orders promised for that

> his company is being transferred With incredible speed each bun-ering everything south of 38th to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. . . . dle is sorted, separated, identi-street and west of Humboldt ave-Twenty-three members have taken fied, and sent scurrying by a sort nue — Morningside, the Country hospital insurance premiums of belt-line system to various sec- Club district, and the new subspent by the United States went through the union office; this tions of the plant, where it is urbs that have been built up in to pay the costs of past or future union benefit is available at the worked over by the most amazing recent years around that area. He wars. In 1927, 80 percent of the rate of 60c per month per mem- machinery, operated by the inside has hauled that route for about laundry workers. There are large ten years now, twice a day, and revolving brushes to shampoo you can sense he knows every truck. Your president, Roy Sturdevant, rugs, pushed around by a man bumb on every road, every turn ard secretary, Larry Davidson, at- wearing rubbers-special forms to and twist and rut. tended the Teamsters Area Con-press all sorts of clothes—sewing ference in Chicago this week, and machines, blocks of all sizes, re-pinned up in his cab a string of Glendale Terrace, at 38th and in. will give a detailed report to the volving drying ovens, a special fading union buttons. Beside the Ewing, at 42nd and Scott Termembership at the meeting next dry cleaning room separate from driver's seat in laundry trucks race, at 43rd and Wooddale. While his ten years ever counted the

> > 400 Laundry Drivers All of which is prefatory to an union laundry drivers of Minneapolis, employed by the eighty firms using delivery service, to call for the soiled things and deliver the clean things of the city.

I was privileged to spend a Wesley Burnham, president of the questions about the industry, and Laundry, Linen & Dry Cleaning the lives and work of those em-

Drivers Union Local 131. ployed. Local 131 has been able Drivers get down to the plant to build up very good conditions. days, twenty and thirty years ago, between 7 and 8 o'clock in the The present union contract calls when laundry drivers made their morning, six days a week. At this for a work week of 48 hours, and rounds in horses and rigs. There plant there are about 15 drivers, that every driver shall be off the are some laundry drivers working 15 routes. Each route is lettered, streets not later than 6 p. m. Mon- today who graduated from those with corresponding racks for the day through Friday, and not later one-horse days. Then a driver aundry and dry cleaning to be de- than 4 p. m. Saturdays. From the livered on that route. The driver "Gas and Suds" column, you will hood only twice a week. Now, with first rounds up his load, "routing" it according to the sequence in which the goods will be delivered. minimum weekly salary of \$27.50 The driver wheels a low fouris guaranteed, with an 11% comwheeled hand-truck up to his rack, mission on all sales over \$150 places the load on it, and wheels

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heard other union men talk about.

Hours of work? There was no

drivers didn't pull in until 10 or

11 p. m. Paid vacations were some-

thing that only Big Shots and their

Weekly earnings of \$40 and \$45 are by no means uncommon among Minneapolis laundry drivunion has raised the average driver's wage about \$11 a week.

The former oppressive practice of cash bonds has been eliminated, and certain restrictions imposed by the union on the cutting of routes.

office two lists-a list of regular The first of the 37 stops we customers he is to call on that made Thursday morning was a day to pick up goods, each cushome at 40th and Sheridan ave-Amid the clean steamy smell of tomer identified by a long cardnue south, where my friend delivered some dry cleaning and laundry-\$4.40 worth. The "woman of the house" didn't have any ready cash, and told him to come back Saturday and collect. At the second stop we delivered dry cleaning at 42nd and Queen to a charge customer. The third stop was at 44th and Beard, also dry cleaning.

"Minneapolis laundry drivers We left the garage for the are considerably better off than morning run, after checking for those in Chicago," Burnham told me between stops. "They have a morning delivery. Wes Burnham union there, and have made gains, but have no hours at all."

The next stop was at 44th and York, where a housewife had phoned in asking the driver to pick up some clothing to be cleaned and laundered. Burnham made out tickets for the goods, pinned them on the bundles and ham pinned a ticket on the lid and placed the goods behind him in the placed it in the truck.

Then came a series of stops, both to pick up soiled laundry Like most union drivers he has and deliver clean laundry — at Monday evening. Roy and Larry the main plant, dozens of special there is no other seat, because I remained in the truck, I could stop the made, and was interested occasionally hear Burnham exlaundry is placed. But because I change greetings with the customwas accompanying him this morn- ers. When no one was at home, examination of a typical day in ing, a portable seat was placed he would leave the goods in the the life of a laundry driver. For on the floor of the truck. Beneath vestibule or some other safe place. it is the task of the four hundred my feet was a wooden box con- As we drove along, mailmen and taining safety pins and a bill of other drivers waved to us. string; in the open glove compart-

I gathered that the trick in dement were various slips, used to livering goods was to ring the door hood. bell, then walk right in the back door, and announce yourself and As we sped out to his first stop, of course you should try to obtain morning on his route with Brother Brother Burnham answered my either a laundry or dry cleaning repeat order at that time.

Changes Made Burnham told me of the old would cover an outlying neighborhave learned that these hours are the autos and the competition, strictly enforced by the union. A each neighborhood is covered twice a day.

As with many of the laundry routes, Burnham makes no deliveries at all on Mondays, and few on Tuesdays. Heavy loads are picked up both days, and the deof the week. Goods are returned as a rule three days after being picked up for cleaning.

Around Christmas time, a driver is lucky if he gets dollar Christon C.O.D. business. A driver was mas presents from half a dozen customers, though many families invite you in for a drink at the that for the uniforms it ordered holiday season. At a home on 45th and Casco

we made our 11th stop, and I learned a new wrinkle-a "bachelor's bundle" of men's shirts. Some families will do their own aundry, all except the shirts. The men like their shirts to be sent out for laundering.

We made a series of stops along Casco and that section of the

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baker but how about yourslf? Why not open an account here-NOWand add some amount to it each pay day. It's a sure way to get ahead—to increase your earnings by your own efforts.

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Country Club area, an upper middle class district that used to be known as "Mortgage Row" because of the high turnover in home ownership.

About 70% of Burnham's stops represent charge customers; at the rest he has to collect as he deliv-

Good Memory Needed

I was amazed that he held in his memory all the stops he was limit to the hours; some days the required to make—the addresses where dry cleaning and laundry was to be delivered, the phone calls and regular customers from whom he was to pick up laundry that day. A laundry driver has to have a darned good memory to handle his route efficiently.

We drove out the Normandale road to reach the 21st stop, a laundry delivery, and then drove club for several stops.

Each laundry driver must be able to give a housewife estimates ers, though the city average is of as to how much rugs, drapes, etc., course somewhat lower. The will cost for cleaning, and must be able to advise her whether a garment should be laundered or dry cleaned, what will be the effect of cleaning or laundering as the case may be.

Around 11 a. m. we stopped at 50th and France while Burnham phoned in to the company switchboard to ascertain if other customers had called in during the morn-

The 29th stop was made at 49th and Sheridan, but we had to bring the dry cleaning and laundry back to the truck because there was no one at home and there was no safe place to leave the goods.

Burnham covers his route each morning and afternoon, driving about 50-60 miles daily, or about 1,200 miles a month.

We both got a laugh at the 36th stop, at 46th and York, where the curtain braid dripping from it. | vited. Burnham had to inform her that no known block in the world would fit that hat and that she must have it cleaned at her own risk. The woman agreed, and so Burn-

Our 37th and last stop was made about noon, when we picked up some dry cleaning at 39th and West Organizer, 253 Plymouth Vork where a woman had phoned Avenue North, Bridgeport \$741.)

Burnham himself has never in laundry owners, who tend to exaggerate a thing like this, had figured a driver could make twelve stops an hour. Burnham himself once made 22 deliveries in an hour, all charge customers and bunched in the same neighbor-

As we sped back to the plant. I told him about what Curly Goodnough had written on the taxi drivers, and about the taxis no longer carrying spare tires. It's the same with the laundry drivers. Today if a laundry driver gets a flat, the company sends out a me-

chanic to change the tire. He invited me to go on the afternoon haul with him, but I declined with thanks. I was cold and besides I had other work to do.

No doubt your laundry driver can tell you a thousand more angles to his business, but this is what I learned in four hours about the day's work of a laundry driver. When I thought of the shortened hours, the average \$11 weekly wage increase, the seniority, the week's paid vacations and what these things mean to a perliveries are made the latter part son and his family, I wondered what Westbrook Pegler would have to whimper about it all.

L. Clair Johnson, business agent for the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, lists the following as desirable requirements of a successful laundry driver. One must be a good driver, must know the city, be strong and healthy. honest, clean and neat, sober, be a good bookkeeper, a good salesman, and have a broad technical acquaintance with the industry so as to be able to deal intelligently with customers.

The bosses demand a number of contradictory qualities of a driver, Brother Johnson pointed out. They want a man to be married, with enough obligations so he can't be independent but not too many obligations so that he might be tempted to be dishonest.

They want experienced men but not men who have been fired from or quit a competitor. They want a driver to be able to take customers from competitors, but tell him he should not do so. One of their principal requirements is that the driver be able to build new business; but if the driver leaves his job, the patrons are supposed to belong to the company

(witness the injunctions and suits for thousands of dollars damages against drivers who have gone to work for other

The bosses demand too many qualifications for a young man to meet, and too severe physical requirements for an older driver to pass.

They demand an ability to create new business, but when a driver succeeds and his earnings become good. his route is divided together with his earnings, and he must start over to build a new route.

If the bosses could ever find a man to meet all their requirements. that man could make more money in other fields of endeavor. In the laundry industry, the employers consider drivers' wages high on the basis of unit delivery cost, as compared to such cost in general trucking. BUT the employers do not consider that the major portion of selling costs are included in the delivery cost. When our wages are being considered, the employers call us drivers or delivery men. But to obtain and hold our jobs, we must be also salesmen plus a great many other things. The End

12th Ward FLP to Hold Card Party

The 12th Ward Farmer-Labor Club will have a card party at the club headquarters, 2815 East Lake street, on Saturday evening, April woman handed him a funny-look- 12th. Cash prizes and door prizes ing hat to have blocked and clean- will be presented, and refreshed. The hat had what looked like ments served. All are cordially in-

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sleeveless sweater, outgrown. Man's gray suit, size 39. All good condition. Reasonable. 3440 Emerson Ave. S., Apt. 6,

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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.

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."



Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

This week our Contest Letter made nice gains in conditions, is written not by the wife of a hours and wages. Local 544 member, but by a union member himself. He vividly describes the wages and working But I did tell about a few things, conditions in the industry before and was put on the spot as a built, and the great gains made by the union in the past eight years.

I think these letters written by the members and wives of our union furnish very convincing evidence of the good that unionism brings. They explain why unionism has such a grip on the minds and hearts of those who work for a living.

We have many other interesting pay a first prize of \$10 and a second prize of \$5 for the best lethas improved your living condi-Plymouth Ave. N.

Here's the Letter

In 1926 I had been working on a roofing job and due to the wet season I could not work. I decided to look for another job.

company that had just moved in a drivers had elected a steward and the National Mediation Board, who early Spring songs of the robins, large new building. I was given a a good one, too. I talked to him has told all unions henceforth to meadowlarks and blackbirds . . . job and was asked to start at 6 a. about this and with help from the observe a "cooling off" period, Brother Rasmus Anderson, who frankly characterizing the Stas- you members do your part by atm. the next morning. This was drivers and helpers the whole during which the employers could visited us a couple of months ago, senite politicians on the Minnesota tending this affair? Our back in May, 1926. I started work warehouse crew joined the union prepare at their leisure to break is in St. Paul this week assisting the next morning. The crew con- in August, 1936. I had joined a any strikes that they may precipi- in the negotiations of the new persecution of Drs. Carstater and with cooperation from the memsisted of about twelve warehouse- week before this. men and six drivers. The warehousemen were used as helpers on big gain for us. At first the ware- turn to work and discuss their that these negotiations are going the trucks in the mornings and housemen were afraid to show grievances later, knowing that along nicely and things look very worked inside in the afternoons. their buttons or wear them. I put once the boss has his plant run- favorable for the union . . . My first day was a nice 15 hours, so I was very tired when I went that, most of the boys came out hand over the union. home that night.

here, with low wages, long hours weeks. We soon had our contract production" of coal, but doesn't and poor conditions. No one drawn up and presented, with a mention that the United Mine tire day last Saturday raking and nor Stassen and the state board of supposed to be a real wild one. . . dared say a word about this or it would mean your job. Men would come and go. Pay day came and here I had put in fully 70 hours and I received \$17 per week. However, I stayed and after six months I asked for more money. To my surprise the next week I received \$1 more. Still long hours and poor conditions.

Business began to grow. In a stores. When I started they had gave them about 120 stores. The crew grew, too, to about 60 or 70 from \$15 to \$25, with long hours. Local 544.

we had no seniority rights.

come back. Business was at a here. 1934. Our drivers and helpers Carpenters Union, Painters Union, ry about my job.

We in the warehouse were not allowed to talk about the strike. the General Drivers Union was union organizer. I was accused of this and so was called on the carpet. I denied this, but drew the penalty of a night job, with hours from 7 p. m. to 6 a. m. That was to get me to quit. I did not quit and breasted the storm which followed. The night foreman (who became a good friend of mine and today is one of our best union members, well liked by all the men) was instructed to let me go as soon as possible. However, and worthwhile letters which will after working with him for a be published in this column in month he took my side and refused coming weeks. If you have not to let me go. Then they tried to already entered this Contest, it is frame me, but this was nipped still not too late to do so. We will each time. After a few months of this things began to quiet down. I was left alone from then on. ters from members or their The drivers and helpers were gowives, describing how the union ing along fine and I did not hesitate to use every opportunity to tions. Address all letters to rub it into the warehousemen, to "Keeping Step with 544," 257 tell them about the good wages and conditions the drivers and helpers had. This of course hurt the warehousemen.

I had whipped them all into a

mine on at once, so after they saw ning again, he will have the upper Brother Meinz is busier these days with theirs. There was lots of ex-I soon found out it was all work citement about there for a few self who demands "uninterrupted in the face.

> their true selves. Everyone proved fused this. he was a true union man and to this date we are the best.

After seven weeks of hard pickthe company were glad. It showed der against labor disturbances." few years the company had 250 it had been a hard fight for them 20 stores. Of course they took to our jobs and things began to over two other grocery firms which hum. I was put back on my day job. Our contract was a dandy, men. We also had 20 small trucks. per man per week, seniority with a gain of at least \$6-\$8-\$10 compared with what we have now. rights, good conditions and a 48-In the course of four years I was hour work week. No wonder every

out at the rate of 4 or 5 a week. our warehousemen. This of course strike situation. Many states have having some tough sledding right Things went bad. The N.R.A. was a big victory for me and I did came and the long hours went. not hesitate to even the score. served, would have the effect of thing to happen to us. Yes, it Forty hours per week now. We Each year a better contract has outlawing strikes. Texas has just seems as if we should try to do were all happy but not for long. come up and better gains made Cuts in wages came next and my for our men in wages, seniority, Union, Machinists Union, Milk you buy your new Spring bonnet, dle West states, will meet in Chi- adopts to defend the country. We first one was \$5. Another one conditions and hours. Today each Drivers Union, Bakery Union, and don't forget to tell the clerk to cago Saturday and Sunday, April have never criticized any man for followed and I was back to where man at our plant has gained at at our stores the Clerks Union. "Box it, please." Well, have 26th and 27th, to take up mutual the language his father spoke or I had started from four years ago. least \$35 to \$40 a month and Everything is going forward we a date for that next meeting? problems of the industry. The the country he revered. But it was Men were being laid off and no gained in hours from 60-70 per again, new men are being hired. Remember, it's an important one! Minneapolis Furniture Workers written from the day he left his

45 hours and twenty minutes. The N.R.A. lasted a year, so Yes, friends, I dare say we have union. They all want to come in power saw in the shop last week. After the District Council meetafter that we went back to long the best place to work, under the union, they know the big gains The saw won! No new babies ing a national meeting of repre- dren would find homes and inhours again. But this time to 48 100% union conditions, and all we have made. hours, which was not so bad. The new trucks for the drivers and Now I have a home and am able body pinched, nobody sick. No resenting casket workers will be this country were his problems;

joined the union Local 574. They Steamfitters Union, Engineers'

Great Labor Gains Won Thru Union Action-Ford Tied Up

the financial writer for the New by waving the flag."

been broken in the United States. the strikes. The way will be paved for union-

their heads and build their unions; ed at industry." for they, just like workers every- All of which adds up to this: offset the drastic increases in own in the coming period, they ing at Ford's new aircraft plant. prices. With industry swimming must be prepared to defend their According to the boys, there were and establish their unions.

Danger Ahead Yet with all the great advances made by organized labor in the past few weeks, ominous danger signals continue to flash in every all, everything, can be wiped out state capitol and in Congress and by labor's enemies unless labor is the White House. Powerful ene- prepared and ready to fight for is 85% organized. This is a fight mies of labor are lying in ambush, waiting to strike, to crack living. down on the unions, to take from the workers all they have gained through years of struggle.

The chief enemies of labor today are those in the United States government machine, in the Office of Production Management, on the National Mediation Board, in Congress, who are more determined

It is President Roosevelt him- session.

Political Union-Smashing

wages stayed low, the cuts did not helpers, and everything is union to pay my bills, all because of news is good news, I guess . . . held. This meeting will draw up a that he was not justified in critigood union wages. I feel free and See you Monday night. standstill until the big strike of We also are represented by the happy because I don't have to wor-

Bethlehem Steel and elsewhere passed a law that will make it a mean was frankly summarized by felony for a striker to protect April, don't fail to include the himself from a strikebreaker. In fifty cents for the I. O. military York Times, who said that "The New York a bill backed by Mayor assessment. The total due for Bethlehem agreement may break LaGuardia has been sent to the April is \$4.50. The rule of the down the 'last ditchers' in indus- governor, which is aimed at break- International is that the assesstry who hoped to keep out unions ing the Transport Workers Union ment must be collected before in New York City. Representa- credit can be given for dues If the American working-class tive Cox of Georgia continues to Drop in and see Hjalmer Lagercan plant its union banners firmly demand that federal troops be or- gren at the Swedish Hospital. He in Bethlehem and Ford, the back- dered out to "crush this insurrec- is convalescing from an appendec-

ism to organize millions of new hint ominously that labor is due April 5th Howard Wright workers who have held back from to get it in the neck from the gov- picked up a medal at the State organizing to just see what labor ernment. On April 4th Arthur small-bore competition at the Unicould do with Henry Ford and Krock of the New York Times versity Armory last Sunday. And Eugene Grace, the firmest oppo- wrote that "Signs are multiplying therein lies a thought. Why not nents of workers' rights in the today that action is near which start a B-160 rifle team? Among United States. For twenty years will throw the full personal and our members are some of the best Swing, brings his famous band to Henry Ford has said he would political prestige of the President marksmen in the Twin Cities. Oien the Minneapolis armory next Monnever recognize the union, that his behind the government machinery and Stauffer have been shooting day evening, April 14th, through that "it is a different thing to seek plant would never be shut down to prevent strikes in the defense for years, and R. C. Vann is rap- arrangements with the William to secure work or higher wages by unionism. For twenty years, industries." Columnist Burton idly getting there. How about it, Morris Agency. Ford has used every device in the Heath, writing in the Minneapolis Nevens? The Ladies' Auxili-This deeply impressive union which is to be distinctly the Presi- will be given and refreshments Count and his band. achievement will not be lost on dent's. When the scheme breaks will be served. Come and get acthe millions of hitherto unorgan- . . . it will be built around an at- quainted ized workers. It will give them tempt to put the skids under lathe needed confidence to raise bor, while purporting to be direct-

where today, need higher wages to If the workers are to hold their Dearborn. They have been workin profits, there is no better time unions and their strikes and picket 50,000 pickets around the plant at 10:30 p. m. at Parade Grounds than the present for the workers lines against strikebreakers, sent to step out and win their demands against labor not only by the employers but by the government as ers are well organized and as well

Labor through its own organdous strides in recent weeks. But the right to life and a decent

THIS SIDE UP

By W. W. Mousseau

Our new contract for 1941-42 s now ready to be submitted to than ever to stop the rush of the membership. It will be read unionism and to place all the bur-dens of war upon the working- on April 14. Better make it a dens of war upon the working- on April 14. Better make it a point to be present and see that It was OPM Director Knudsen your interests are taken care of. good stage for organizing. I had and Secretary of the Navy Knox It will be too late to make any been down to the union hall sev- who sent that order to the Allis- changes after the contract is signeral times to have some one come Chalmers strikers to return to ed and put into effect The I applied for a job at a grocery out and help, but no help. The work. It is Dykstra, chairman of sweetest music in the world: the tate. It is the National Mediation Waldorf contract. The news we It was a big victory and also a Board that tells all strikers to re- get from St. Paul would indicate than the trap drummer at a jam

What's the use? I spent the en-

big seven-week strike staring us Workers union agreed to continue cleaning up the yard. Went to bed education: "You say that Dr. Bill Gimble says a man gets older working on condition that any very tired but very proud of my-The strike came and I must say gains made be retroactive to April self. Next day the wind blew like is a red, you say he is wrong in his have a better job with less work. our bunch of men sure showed 1st, and that the coal bosses re- all get-out all day and now all the support of Dr. Carstater. We have But this doesn't seem to be true It is Secretary of War Stimson the neighborhood are back in my we don't believe you." who has reminded the state gov- yard again. Nerts! But ernments they can get from him Spring is here and vacation time eting we won the strike and went all the guns they need, and has and fishin' season are just around back to work. Everyone was happy urged them to expand the "Home the corner We had the very tion under civil service last old case: the boss is cutting down to get back, even the officials of Guard" to "maintain law and or- good fortune a couple of weeks Thursday. Carstater should have the expenses. Anybody knowing of ago to meet personally Brother been blanketed in as a five-year a job, get in touch with Gene be-The present government strike- Curly Goodnough of the taxi drivalso. We soon adjusted ourselves breaking campaign is only a fore- ers, Brothers Amps and Volts, Cup tion ordered him to take the ex- ing a married man with two chilrunner of what labor may expect Cake and all the other birds who amination. from this source in the near fu- push the pencils for these columns. It sure is nice to be allowed to consider one's self a stater had passed the qualifying feeling amongst us members for Representative Hoffman of member of such a group of fine Michigan has called for the forma- fellows. Thanks, Wally Raze, for has still not been returned to his crying room which can be bought tion of vigilante committees to the suggested name for our col- job of vocational director, which cheap. Would like to see a good earning \$25 per week. That was man was happy. What gains, break all strikes. Representative umn. If anyone has any other breaker Harry Schmid in any other breaker Harry Schmid. top wages then, the wages being thanks to our good officials of our Ford of California has introduced ideas, please let this department breaker, Harry Schmid. a bill providing for imprisonment know September seems a strike situation. Many states have having some tough sledding right passed legislation which, if obnow and we don't want the same one knew who would be next, as week to the present work week of After their trial period of thirty | Myles Barton of Flour City Union Local 189 will be repre- own country to live in this, that days they are put right in the had a little argument with the sented at the meeting.

A MEMBER OF 544 | ERED. Help create more jobs. | ket manufacturers.

Watt Notes

When sending in your dues for bone of the Open Shop will have tion"—by which he means break tomy We extend our sympathies to Brother Prothero, whose A dozen columnists continue to mother was buried on Saturday,

Some of the boys are back from Detroit taking a little rest while the CIO strike is in progress at the first day. All the state police 17. in Michigan are there. The strikdrilled as a military machine. There was some violence the first ized strength has made tremen- day, but not over four or five windows have been broken in the whole plant. Subsequently everything has been orderly. The plant to the finish, and the strikers (after many months of preparation) are determined to win "Old Ranges" Gilbertson has accumulated enough cork to start thoughtfulness. making his decoys for next fall. All he needs now is a horse and wagon and a lumber yard McDonald, Rotary Room operator, is at home ill. We want you back

To Teach at

educators of the nation from this gathering a good one.

Rockwell.

Carstater Takes Exam Under protest Dr. Eugene Car- . . . I understand Gene Nelson stater took a qualifying examina- is looking for a new job. The same

examination. However, Carstater we have some new keys to the

The Upholsterers District Counsomething about it! When cil No. 2, embrasing the eight Mid-

this week, nobody got married, no- sentatives from all the unions rep- terests here; that the problems of Always say HAVE IT DELIV- which will be presented to all cas- there is a boat leaving every day

Hot Music

By Amps & Volts



Count Basie, the Count of

Basie, considered one of the bag to stamp out unionism. Yet Tribune, predicted April 8th that ary of Local B-160 will hold an finest swing pianists in the world, turn." when the showdown came, the "Those most familiar with the open house Thursday evening, leads an orchestra that has been United Auto Workers showed it- Roosevelt method believe that April 17th, at Unity House, 250 acclaimed by lovers of good jazz self capable of shutting down the F.D.R. will take action against de- Seventeenth avenue north, Minne- throughout the world. Swing fans racketeering act passed by Con-Ford factory, largest in the world, fense strikers in the not distant apolis. All Local B-160 wives are from the Twin Cities are expected gress in 1934 was incorrect so far just as though it were a corner future, but that he either has cordially invited to attend. A to pack the armory Monday eve- as it affected unincorporated found or is seeking some formula Truth and Consequence program ning to catch the music of the unions.

Local 160 Softball Players Practice

The first softball practice session of the season for the Utility Workers Union Local 160 will be. held Sunday morning, April 20th,

All members of last year's team, and all new members wishing to try out, are urged by manager James Nevins to report for practice April 20th. For several years justify a ferocious speed-up systhe best softball teams in the city leagues, and has won several cups. ers.

Card of Thanks

Expressing sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for your

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cincotta

With the Limousines By Home James

Our next meeting will be on

bridge and two door prizes. That the Department of Labor has Northwestern | bridge and two door prizes. That | the Department of Labor has should make every member of 912 | launched a nation-wide drive to reattend. The entertainment com- duce these accidents. Professional ethics prevents the mittee is trying its best to make state board of education for their dance is progressing favorably But the heads of Northwestern | We see Ted Gardner is back

university outside of Chicago are with a Florida tan on his face. Not doing the next best thing. North- changed a bit. Same old felow. western has asked Dr. Rockwell to Ted I understand George join its summer faculty. He will Liebl and Carl Gustafson have teach there this summer, as he has tickets to a stag. They claim it's in the past. On the part of North- a whiz. Any member wishing tickwestern university, this is a pro- ets may get them from either fessional way of saying to Gover- member or Jerry Cremers. This is Rockwell is inefficient, you say he on the job every year and should papers and leaves and rubbish of known Dr. Rockwell for years, and in any case. For references, talk to little Willie, because the work is being pushed on instead of off.

> employee, but the board of educa- cause he would appreciate it, bedren The Smith gang has Wednesday the state civil ser- been rather weak in attendance rice board acknowledged that Car- lately. Hope there isn't any ill ing and get reactions of prospects among us. Not that we are laying down on the job. How about it, Henry? I will buy you a glass of milk Whatever we do, each and every one of us, let it be plain to all who see us or hear of us that we are one people, united and knit together in absolute unanimity in support of the nation's government and of the measures it his home was here and that his heart must be here; that his chilnational agreement to cover the cizing what he found here. P. S. casket workers of the nation, If you don't like this country, for Europe.

N. Y. Drivers Win Court Decision

Last Saturday the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision of a lower court which had convicted the New York Drivers Union Local 807 of violating the Sherman anti-trust act. The Circuit Court has held that the union and its members are innocent of such violation.

The indictment grew out of charges that the union enforced a provision in the contract that only union members could drive out-of-town trucks in New York Judge Learned Hand in the

najority opinion of the Circuit Court said that the end sought by the union is to secure work on better terms for its members and from extorting money without proposing to give anything in re-

Judge Charles Clark in an affirming opinion held that the anti-

Efforts of the Department of Justice to use the Sherman anti-trust laws illegally against the union movement have pretty well been brought to a standstill by the vigorous defense of the union movement.

Huge Increase In Industrial Accidents

Because Big Business refuses to provide adequate safety equipment and is using the war program to Local 160 has maintained one of tem, accidents in industrial plants are taking a terrific toll of work-

> the defense program has increased strike. The Lehigh County AFL industrial accidents by 10 per cent Trades & Labor Assembly passed in the last few months alone, the a resolution supporting the strike, U. S. Department of Labor reveals. and invited the CIO to a joint

> CAUSING A GREATER LOSS IN working on new coke ovens, walk-WORKING TIME THAN ed out in a body. The Internation-STRIKES OR ANY OTHER FAC- al Ladies Garment Workers pulled TOR, the director of the Division a half-day sympathy strike. When of Labor Standards reports. The loss in the past year would

rector Verne A. Zimmer states. So serious is the number of in-April 15. We are to have lunch, dustrial accidents and deaths that the SWOC picket line.

Profits Up 70% For Big Industry A group of 230 of the larg-

est American corporations gar-nered profits of \$599,152,269 in the year 1940, the highest profits in ten years and 70.77% ABOVE CORRES-PONDING EARNINGS OF \$350,858,678 IN 1939, according to an article in the April 6th New York Times. 70.77% more profits in 1940 than in 1939—450% more profits in 1940 than in 1938. That is how Big Business is faring under the war program. These are the profits accruing to the wealthy AFTER all taxes and charges-AFTER the puny ex-

Wages lag far, far behind this golden stream of profits.
"The coal industry earned its first profits in many years in 1940 and the railroad and farm equipment companies more than doubled their 1939 results While all machinery makers showed sharp gains, the machine tool group exceeded all peaks by a wide margin, all but one of the companies set-

cess profits tax and income

ting new high records."
War and war preparations are indeed profitable undertakings-for the owners of indus-

On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1) used by Mr. Knudsen as the head of General Motors Corporation."

Thanks to the Allis-Chalmers strikers, this important effort at government strikebreaking was hurled back.

The AFL Structural Iron Workers working at the Bethlehem steel plant, together with the entire AFL local movement, supported Speeding up production under the SWOC completely in the DEATHS AND INJURIES DUE | meeting to protest the use of state TO THESE MISHAPS ARE troopers. The AFL Bricklayers, AFL top leaders tried to force the AFL Structural Iron Workers to be enough to build 50,000 fighting go through the picket lines, the planes, or 160,000 light tanks, Di- members went through all rightbut only to secure their pay. Then they quit their jobs and joined

> Always say HAVE IT DELIV-ERED. Help create more jobs.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 April 2—General Membership. April 8—Casket Section.

April 8—Casket Section.
April 14—Stewards.
April 16—Clark Section.
April 17—Box Section.
April 28—Stewards.
Executive Board meets every Friday.
Other section meetings subject to call

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

Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 mm., third floor.

Taxi Drivers Union Local 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month.

Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday ay Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.

City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664
General Membership—First and third Fridays.

Park Board Grievance Committee—
Monday night preceding last meeting of month.

Petroleum Drivers Locals 544 and 977 and Warehousemen Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.

Petroleum Workers Union Local 977
General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. essee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.

Federal Workers Section Local 544
Regular Membership—Second Friday
each month, 8 p. m.
Stewards—First and third Wednesdays.

Bakery Drivers Union Local 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.
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.

Coal; Faper & Frinting.
Tuesday, April 22—Building Material.
Wednesday, April 24—Wholesale Drug;
Transfer and Warehouse.
Friday, April 25—Cold Storage & Produce.
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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. Local 289

Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers
Local 912 meets the first and third
Tuesdays of each month.

Warehouse Employees Union Local 359
General Membership—Second Tuesday.
Stewards—Fourth Monday.
Executive Board—Every Monday.
Office open Tuesdays and Fridays,
6-8 p. m.

Tea & Coffee Drivers Union Local 275
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275,
meets the first Friday of every
month.

Utility Workers Union Local B-160
General Membership—First and third General Membership—First and third Thursdays.

Stewards — Second and Fourth Thursdays.

Seniority Board—Every Monday.

Executive Board—Every Tuesday.

Ice Drivers Union Local 221 Day Laborers Section—First Tuesday each month.
Independent Truck Owners Section—
Second Tuesday each month.

Pulp & Sulphite Workers Union Local 259
Second Monday of each month, 8

General Drivers Union Local 544
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Wednesday, April 2—Sausage; Pe-

troleum. Thursday, April 3—Greenhouse; In-Thursday, April 3—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners.
Friday, April 4—Job Stewards.
Monday, April 7—Package Delivery;
Department Store.
Tuesday, April 8—Lumber.
Wednesday, April 9—Market; Wholesale Liquor.
Friday, April 11—Wholesale Grocery.
Sunday, April 13—City Pickup.
Dockmen and Road Drivers who come under area contract, 2 p. m.
Monday, April 14—General Membership.

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Thursday, April 17—Tent and Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m.; Ways Means Committee I.T.O.
Friday, April 18—Job Stewards.
Monday, April 21—Furniture Stores;
Coal; Paper & Printing.
Tuesday, April 22—Building Material.