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FIVE CENTS

Vote Next Monday Without Fail

## Support the Central Labor Union Ticket; Defeat Police Dictator Amendment No. 9

### On the National Picket Line

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Last Tuesday evening President Roosevelt carried this nation into the final mile of a dead-end road. A few more steps and we go over the fence into the holocaust of total war. The Chief Executive has said that he is going to shoot. When the Chief Gunner gives the command the youth of this nation will swing into line, marching to the same tune their fathers and uncles tramped to in 1917. And for the same empty slogans.

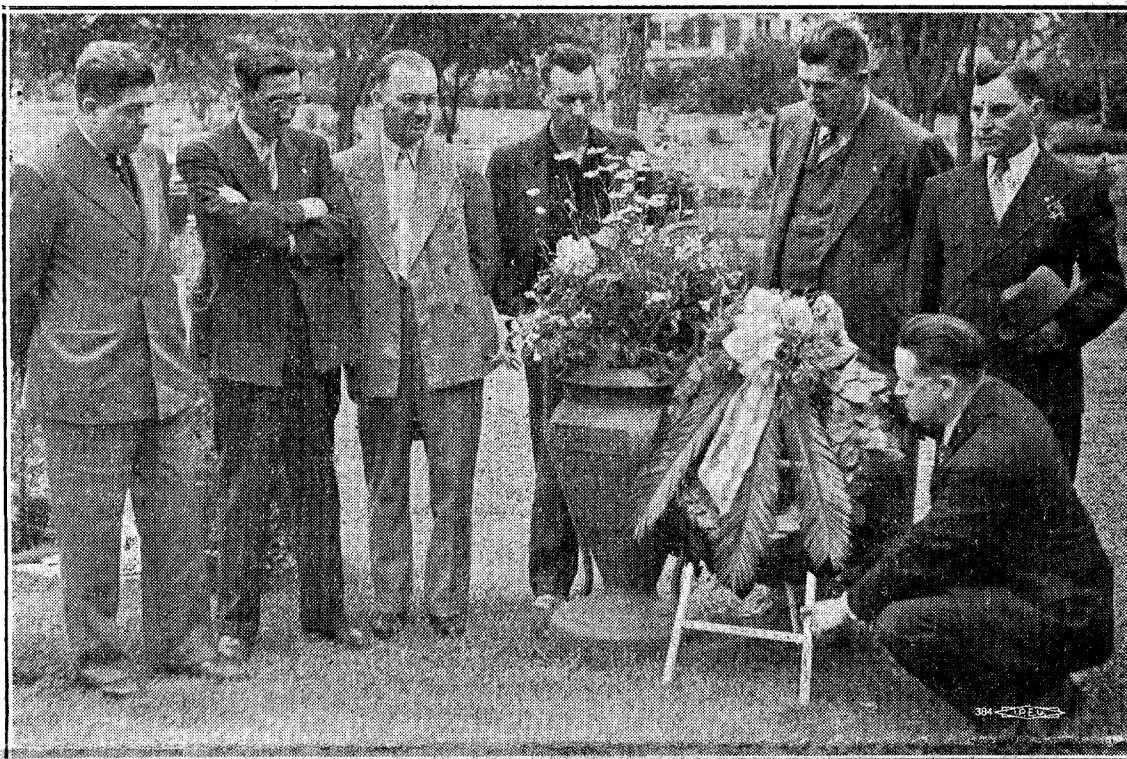
For us that section of Mr. Roosevelt's speech in which he declared open war on the organized labor movement is the most important. All of the rest—the convicts, the extent of our "borders," the "freedom of the seas," etc., he or his stooges have said, in one form or another for some time. But up to last week the president had used the "silk glove over an iron fist" tactic with labor, allowing his secretaries and departments to make most of the pronouncements. Now the Chief Executive says—"this government is determined to use all of its powers . . . to prevent interference with the production of materials . . . collective bargaining will be retained, BUT . . ."

Roosevelt stated that from now on, the "voluntary" character of mediation and arbitration of labor disputes is to be compulsory, whether labor wants it that way or not. He said "that (mediation) machinery must be used promptly, and without stoppage of work . . . collective bargaining will be retained, but the American people expect that impartial (?) recommendations of our government conciliation and mediation services will be followed by both capital and labor."

Everyone with any thinking power at all knows that Capital is very anxious to stop strikes. The bosses have never enjoyed paying the higher wages which strikes almost always bring the workers. Nor do they (the bosses) like the shorter hours, the seniority, nor the collective bargaining rights which millions of workers have won through striking. In fact, there is nothing the bosses would like better than to go back to the old "American Plan" days when the open shop ruled the nation's "labor relations." Hence it is easy to see that this dictum of Roosevelt is aimed at the workers, and at them alone.

Roosevelt has already begun to use the powers he granted himself last week when he so dramatically announced that "a state of unlimited national emergency" exists. Monday's New York Times announced that "President to Test Axis War Threat by Seizing Ships." A sub head tells a further story—"Shaping his course alone." And "He will Sign Acquisition Bill Tomorrow . . . Free from Pressure, Roosevelt returning to capi-

### Ness, Belor, Corcoran and Brown Are Honored



For the seventh successive year a committee representing the unions housed in the Drivers Hall decorated the graves of Henry Ness and John Belor, General Drivers Union strike pickets slain by police in the 1934 drivers' strike. The graves of Pat Corcoran and of Bill Brown, drivers' officials slain by unknown enemies of labor, were also decorated by the Memorial Day committee. Above are seen committee members placing a wreath on the grave of Pat Corcoran. From left to right: John Janasco, Bill Sinnott, Jerry Cremer, Ed Palmquist, Emil Hanson, Nick Wagner and Walter Hagstrom.

## Bosses Still Stall 544 Negotiations

Associated Industries Attorney Obtains Temporary Restraining Order Against Local 544 in Wheeler-Barnes Strike—Warehousemen Back General Drivers Union Demand that Driver Be Replaced on Job—544 Leaders to Present Program of Action at Monday Membership Meeting

Another week has passed and negotiators for the Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544 report that no progress has been made in negotiations on the demands drawn up and ratified by the various union sections. Continuing their stalling tactics of the past month, the employer groupings play for time, delay, look wise, discuss the irrelevant and the immaterial, but refuse to talk turkey with union representatives.

In what is seen as a move by the Associated Industries to probe the armor of Local 544, Sam Levy, the bosses' attorney, obtained a temporary restraining order Monday from Judge Luther Youngdahl involving Local 544's strike against the Wheeler-Barnes company. The order was served on Local 544 officials.

The Wheeler-Barnes management precipitated the strike a week ago when it sought to maneuver out of his job a driver who had toiled there for 20 years. Local 544 brought its fist down on this cruel action and called a strike (Continued on page 4)

### 544 Members

### Membership Meeting Next Monday Night

The regular membership meeting of the General Drivers Union Local 544 will be held Monday evening, June 9th, 8 p. m. at the union headquarters. Reports of considerable importance to every union member will be submitted to this meeting. All union members are instructed to attend.

### 160 Members Reject NSP Proposal

Last Wednesday the membership of the Minneapolis Utility Workers Union Local B-160, after duly debating a new offer from the Northern States Power company in the contract negotiations, voted to reject the management's proposal. The company had proposed a cost-of-living clause providing that if the cost of living as reported by the U. S. Department of Labor showed an 8 per cent increase by May 1st, 1942, that the agreement could be opened at that time for a wage review. The company had further proposed wage adjustments totaling \$60,000 for the Minneapolis and St. Paul local unions, of which \$37,500 was to go to the larger Minneapolis membership.

After rejecting the company proposal, Local 160's membership instructed its negotiating committee to return to the original demands of the union. These demands include a straight \$7.50 monthly increase for all workers, a number of wage adjustments, three weeks vacation with pay for all with fifteen years of seniority, a complete settlement of working rules, etc.

Local 160 negotiators, together with International Vice-President Boyle, presented the union's position to the company Tuesday afternoon. The company said no.

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## 544 Leaders Attend Capitol Hearing

Union Representatives Present Stand for Trade Union Democracy and Against Personal Dictatorship—544 Leaders Called to Hearing in Midst of Strike Situation—Will Report to Membership Meeting Monday Night

Readers of the Twin Cities daily press will have noted the United Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., concerning the hearing held Tuesday by the executive board of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, on charges of radicalism against the Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544.

It is true that a committee representing Local 544's executive board was summoned to Washington by Daniel Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Local 544's representatives will return to Minneapolis the latter part of this week.

Readers of the Northwest Organizer will know from Local 544's statement published in last week's issue what the union's position is regarding the charges placed against the union officials.

For Union Democracy The board statement set forth that "The present leadership of Local 544 has been elected by the membership in a free and democratic election. . . . Nobody can change this leadership, in whole or in part, except the membership which placed confidence in them and elected them to their posts. Local 544 believes in trade union democracy. It is opposed to personal dictatorship."

It is outrageous that in the midst of Local 544's fight with the bosses and in a pending strike situation that members of Local 544's board and staff, who have an important responsibility in the negotiations, must go to Washington to listen to phoney red-baiting charges from a group of disgruntled elements.

The membership of Local 544 demonstrated its solidarity with the leadership in the special membership meeting last Tuesday. If the employers of Minneapolis calculate to profit from the episode created by a handful of disgruntled union members who apparently

### Drivers in Pittsburgh Walk Out

Pittsburgh, Pa.—About 2,200 drivers and helpers of the Pittsburgh Drivers Union, employed in 179 establishments, marched out on strike Monday.

Bosses and government officials immediately branded the strike as "a blow to national defense." The drivers had been receiving the union scale of 85c an hour. They insisted that the steep rise in prices made it necessary for them to receive higher wages.

They are demanding a straight 10c hourly increase to bring their hourly wage to 95c.

## Win with the Labor Slate

All candidates endorsed by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union were victorious in the primaries and now face the general election Monday, June 9th. The ONLY candidates worthy of labor's support are these candidates on the labor slate and pledged to the labor platform.

Every wage earner in Minneapolis has an important stake in a victory for the labor candidates. Do your part to help elect these labor candidates. Don't permit the anti-labor 8th and 13th wards to continue dominating the city government.

### FOR MAYOR

#### T. A. Eide

#### ALDERMEN

First Ward—Harold Kaath

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 C. Finseth

Twelfth Ward—Edwin I. Hudson

#### CITY BOARDS

PARK BOARD—29th district, Edwin A. Chalgren; 31st district, Stanley Ballard; 33rd district, Adrian Johnson; 35th district, S. W. (Bill) Thomblison.

SCHOOL BOARD: Arthur LeSueur and Owen Cunningham.

LIBRARY BOARD: Cliff Blanchard and Myrtle Harris.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE: Herbert Mattson.

Vote NO to Police Amendment

Labor Dumped Leach in the Primaries, Labor Can Dump Kline Next Monday—Kline's Anti-Labor Record in City Council Recommends Him to Bosses and Finks—Important that Labor Elect All Its Candidates to City Council, School, Park and Library Boards—Vote the Straight Labor Ticket, Be Union at the Polls

In the best position in many years to challenge the conservatives in the 8th and 13th wards for domination of the city hall, labor and its friends will march to the polls in the general election next Monday, June 9th.

After drubbing Mayor Leach in the primaries and knocking him out of the race, the labor vote is cocked, ready to hammer away against the Associated Industries candidate and its Police Dictator Amendment Number Nine.

Having carried to victory every single candidate of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union in the May 12th primaries, labor is determined to complete the job by winning a sweeping labor victory in the general election.

The labor issue runs like a thread through every contest for every post in the city government.

Kline All Out for Bosses Having been advised by his supporters that he didn't have a chance to secure any significant portion of the labor vote, and that not a single labor official could be found to speak on his behalf, Alderman Marvin Kline has come out openly on the Associated Industries program against the wage earners of this city.

Concentrating his attack upon General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Dunne brothers, spearhead of trade unionism in Minneapolis, Kline is repeating all the filthy lies and slanders and stupidities manufactured by labor's enemies during the past seven years.

In a dishonest attempt to obscure the fact that it is the Minneapolis Central Labor Union who endorsed the labor ticket headed by Eide, and that it is the Central Labor Union who calls for the defeat of the vicious Police Dictatorship Amendment, Kline is trying to make it appear that "the Dunne brothers" are the only people in town who have endorsed the labor slate and called for the defeat of the Police Dictator scheme.

Repeating such stupid lies with Hitler-like demagoguery, Kline is rallying all the bosses and finks in town to the support of his candidacy and his campaign against organized labor.

This man who has rendered professional services to the underworld dares to speak of trade unionism and racketeering in the same breath.

Has Anti-Labor Record Throughout his work on the city council Kline has consistently voted against every major labor proposal to come before the council. The last chance he had to throw his hooks into labor was on October 25, 1940, when an official committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union appeared before the city council to ask that body to go on record against the Stassen Slave Law.

Voting AGAINST the request of the Central Labor Union were both Marvin Kline and Oscar Lund, the latter the boss candidate for alderman in the Tenth Ward.

Despite his personal quarrel with Governor Stassen (a quarrel caused by the vaulting political ambitions of both anti-labor skates), Kline lined up with Stassen against labor on this issue.

If Kline were in the mayor's chair, it is certain he would use the office against labor on every possible occasion. His suspicious silence on the sales tax issue confirms reports that he plans to plug for a city sales tax if elected.

### The Truth About 544 and T. A. Eide

Because of the lies spread by Kline and the boss press, and in the interest of public sanitation, the truth about the relationship between Local 544 and T. A. Eide and the Central Labor Union slate of candidates is hereby set forth.

Two Local 544 delegates were nominated by the Central Labor Union to its Political Committee. Because of the press of union negotiations, the 544 nominees declined. There are no representatives of Local 544 on the Central Labor Union Political Committee which nominated the slate of labor candidates.

Despite the fact that no Local 544 representative had anything to do with the designation of the labor slate of candidates, Local 544 wholeheartedly approves and indorses the complete slate of labor candidates put forward by the Central Labor Union.

Local 544 firmly believes the interests of labor will best be served by the election of the entire labor slate of candidates, and urges all workers to vote the straight labor ticket without fail next Monday.

It is of particular importance that every labor candidate for alderman be placed in office this year.

The Central Labor Union endorsements for aldermanic posts are listed in the adjoining box. We urge our readers and all labor's friends to vote for the labor man in their ward. In those wards where organized labor has made no endorsement, vote for neither candidate. In the 4th, 7th, 8th and 13th wards there are no aldermanic candidates worthy of labor's support.

#### For the City Boards

A firm labor issue is presented in the contest for the school board. The labor incumbents up for reelection, Arthur LeSueur and Owen Cunningham, led the entire field by substantial margins in the primaries and have every reason to receive labor's vote in the general election.

The boss candidates, Oscar Nordquist and the renegade, Lynn Thompson, are running on a platform pledged to continue the practice of cutting the wages of school teachers and school employees, and thus undermining the morale and work of the city's educational system.

Your vote for labor's candidates for the library board—Cliff Blanchard and Myrtle Harris—will be the best guarantee that citizens will continue to obtain full use of the libraries of the city, without curtailment or dictatorial censorship of books.

Labor's candidates for the park board—Edwin Chalgren in the 29th district, Stanley Ballard in the 31st district, Adrian Johnson in the 33rd district, and S. W. (Bill) Thomblison in the 35th district—are pledged to maintain a high standard of service throughout the entire park system, pro-

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# "Shape of Things to Come" As Laid Down by Roosevelt

President Roosevelt in his fireside chat last Tuesday did more than declare war on the Axis powers. He also threatened war against organized labor.

Roosevelt warned the workers that they will have to give up the strike weapon, and resort to compulsory arbitration. In one breath the President says this is a war "in defense of democracy." In the next breath he demands that the workers give up the very democratic rights they are supposed to be fighting for. Under fascism, Roosevelt rightly remarks, "Trade unions would become historical relics and collective bargaining a joke." But his own ban on strikes will have precisely these effects. Roosevelt is doing the work of fascism before any foreign fascists land on our shores.

In his decree forbidding strikes in "defense industries"—and all industries are today becoming defense industries—Roosevelt deprives labor of its main weapon against boss aggression. He is acting not as a defender of democracy but as an agent of the employers. The right to strike is a democratic right which the American workers have won for themselves by generations of struggle. It is part of the law of the land. The trade-unions should not, must not under any circumstances, consent to abandon this right, or they will be helpless in the face of boss attacks upon them.

### Ask Yourself

Would the Ford workers be organized and negotiating a contract today if they had been forbidden to strike? Would the mine workers have won dollar a day increases and their first paid vacations? Would workers throughout the country be able to cope with the constantly ascending cost of living if they could not strike for higher wages?

Roosevelt contrasts the free labor of the United States with the slave labor of totalitarian countries. But it is in totalitarian countries that the government forbids all strikes and enforces compulsory arbitration upon "capital and labor."

Roosevelt talks about the terrors of the Nazi "Shape of Things to Come." The efforts of the O.P.M. and Roosevelt's Mediation Board to break the AFL-CIO Machine strike against the open shop Bethlehem Steel Corp. in San Francisco, and the use of naval trucks and marines to run in finks foreshadows Roosevelt's own dictatorship. We don't believe the American workers will submit to Roosevelt's "Shape of Things to Come," any more than they will accept a Nazi regime.

Roosevelt did make one remark in his speech that we thoroughly agree with: "We can't lose democracy by struggling to save it." To our mind, the fight to save democracy begins here at home. We think the workers of this country are intelligent and militant enough not to fall for the propaganda of the profiteers or buckle under before the threats and terrorism of their political representatives. They won't give up what democratic rights they now enjoy but will struggle successfully to preserve and protect them.

### The 289 Blab

By "Coffee Cake"

The first big holiday of the season has come and gone and the "Grim Reaper" has taken its toll; some of us have lost a friend or a relative in the passing of a day which was meant to bring rest and pleasure to this care-worn world. These catastrophes have happened because someone was careless or failed to think, or because someone took an unnecessary chance. The vacation period is here and we sincerely hope that all of you enjoy this period without tragedy. Be alert and practice safety every day. . . . The by-laws are scheduled to be read for the second time at the general membership meeting on the fourth Thursday of this month. Among other things to be considered on this date is a fine for non-attendance at meetings. Should such a motion be passed on the floor, it can only be recalled by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership at a subsequent meeting. . . . We suggest that you ask Sam Ash to tell you about the lady who called up the plumber. . . . The propaganda is still rampant that the unions are responsible for all of the delay in preparing the nation for war. For the life of me, I can't see the logic in calling one party to an economic dispute of a son of B-- and not calling the other party the kind of a son of B-- he is.

This local again has lost a member for the one unforgivable cause—drinking on the job—Don't kid yourself—you can't get away with it forever. . . . President Frank LaGrave is spending

### GAS LOG

By James Mooney

The meeting of the membership last week was not well attended. The rain may have cut down the attendance, but weather conditions do not keep the truly faithful away. . . . The new diamondball field at the Construction Building on Broadway N. E. has been completed and the brothers from the Street Dept. held their first practice Tuesday evening. . . . The talent at practice was good, and all are enthused over the enterprise, Kenny Smith not excepted, even though a late supper may mean the doghouse. . . . Dolly Gray of the Works has caught the bug and is contemplating getting up a team to play the boys from the Street. You brothers at the Works should assist Dolly and his only prospect to achieve his dream. . . . Bill Fyten returned to work June 2nd fully recovered from his injury on the Parade Grounds during the league game two weeks ago.

Walter Gorrill should trot out to the hill and shove that nothing ball over the plate like he used to do in yesteryears. Walter had to be directed to his truck Monday morning, due to the fact that the vehicle was clothed in a new coat of paint over the week-end. . . . The faithful Argo Mattison is taking his annual rest this week, thereby crippling the staff. . . . Bob Fitzsimmons, candidate for alderman in the Tenth Ward, is thankful to all the members in his ward and outside wards for their interest in his behalf. A house-to-house canvass was started and it is hoped the entire ward will be covered by the end of the week. Much money is being spent by the opponents of labor to defeat Bob. Good hard work can and will offset this large expenditure of money. If the interests of labor are to be protected, it necessarily must be done by the working man, his family and his friends. No one is going to vote for you next Monday, June 9th. Either you vote then or your franchise is lost. You show by your action whether you have a concern about your own way of life.

Ray Nelson of the Meter Reading Dept. spent the week-end in the Ozark mountains in Missouri. Ray, a great home-lover, was glad to return and claims there is only one way to appreciate Minnesota and that is to leave the state for a few days. . . . Marvin Shaw was at Randall, Minn., over Memorial Day. His baby is doing nicely now and we all hope the little tot will be a "good child." . . . Theodore Fredrickson, a resident of Williston Park, enjoys giving the whizz to Roy Cain in his drives to and from work with his speedy car. . . . Jens Gantries is back to work following a tonsillectomy. Highballs still cause him some agony. . . . Roy Thurston and John Olson, author of the Thurston-Olson bill, a bill changing the daily schedule of hours, get quite a ribbing when the 12:30 bell rings. . . . Ole Ellingboe is at home recovering from a fracture of three toes, sustained at work. . . . Following the advice of John Carey, William Young and Gordon Martin caught many nice fish in lakes nearby.

Out of Order: "Good morning, lady. I'm from the gas company. Is there anything in the house that won't work?" "There is. And that's him upstairs, hollering for his breakfast." Thought for June 9th: Gas Workers, be honest with yourselves, be consistent in your convictions and true to the principles of unionism and support all labor-indorsed candidates on that day.

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LAND TITLE SUMMONS STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN—ss. District Court, Fourth Judicial District. In the matter of the application of Francis W. Rodeen and Margit C. Rodeen, his wife, as joint tenants, to register the title to the following described real estate situated in Hennepin County, Minnesota, namely: Lot Twenty-eight (28), Block Four (4), The Soo-Pacific Addition to Minneapolis.

Witness, GEO. H. HEMPERLEY, Clerk of said court, and the seal thereof, at Minneapolis, in said county, this 19th day of December, A. D. 1940. (SEAL) GEO. H. HEMPERLEY, Clerk By C. B. MAURER, Deputy C. O. WEGNER & FRED WIGGIN Attorneys for Applicants 2334 Central Avenue N. E. Minneapolis, Minnesota May 29, June 5, 12, 1941.

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### LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Begging your pardon, brothers and sisters of Local 1859, this column sez it forgot about the holiday last week and didn't make the deadline. . . . Tak, tsik. Brother Ed Jordan has parted with the hirsut adornment that has been gracing his upper lip for quite a few years. The reason? Quote: When I saw Joe Ballot's attempt at being a man I sez to myself, here goes mine. Besides, it had become quite weather-beaten. . . . The J. R. Clark ball team walloped Oheleen Dairy, 11 to 10, last Tuesday. Last week's games were postponed on account of rain. Brother Joe Gurek, rightfielder, suffered a knee injury which will place him on the bench for some time to come. Joe has proven a valuable player and his absence will be a handicap to the team. We all hope you recover soon, Joe. . . . The boys at Clarks presented the recently married Mr. and Mrs. Bert Schirmer with a two-slice automatic toastmaster as a wedding present. Brother Earl Jouppe was master of ceremonies. No burnt toast now. . . . Brother Jack (wet wash) Lapata is all smiles at the new washing machine was installed on third floor.

Alma J. Breuninger, mother of Howard Breuninger, passed away May 28, 1941. Funeral services were May 28 at Hope Lutheran church at 52nd and Dupont north and interment at Mound Cemetery in Brooklyn Center. Two of the brothers of Local 1859 were pallbearers—Jake Wood, steward at Clelland Manufacturing company, and Ira Goodwill. Brother Kenneth (Kenny) Johnson and wife also attended. Brother Breuninger's many friends in Local 1859 offer their heartfelt sympathy. . . . The press has been requested to formally thank Brothers John Eckman and Ed Jordan for their presentation of groceries by the happy recipient. Thanks a million times. . . . Horrah! Mr. and Mrs. Leo Drew take great pleasure in announcing the arrival of a daughter in the Drew household. The brothers at the Cooprage presented Ma and Pa with a beautiful bouquet on this occasion. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely and will be home by the time you read this. Congratulations from Local 1859. . . . Brother Pete Richards has promised this column some news and Pete's word is as good as gold with us. . . . Brother Nick Tischi who was taken ill a short time ago is now in the hospital at Glenwood and 19th street. Nick is reported feeling better and

could stand a little visit from some of his many friends. We hope for a speedy recovery for Brother Tischi. Rumor is that Brother Wally Berglin got hitched over the holidays. How's about the cigars, Squire Berglin? . . . Brother Sam Muscovitz is doing some very nice work on the Local 1859 Picnic Committee. As you all know, the picnic is scheduled for August 10 at Eagle Lake and we don't want to praise the committee too much and give 'em a swelled head, but just between you and me they really are going to town. . . . Short Story: A battery firm in Minneapolis refused to take back Al P. Linneberg after he was drafted and later rejected for failure to pass the physical test. Alderman Norman Irgens presented Al's case to the council and the council turned him over to the welfare committee. Moral: Don't join a union if you want to keep off relief rolls, or why pay dues when you've got friends in politics? . . . It is fitting and proper at this time to repeat an observation in regard to politics which you can appreciate: "Politics is the only trade known that requires no other qualifications than a glib tongue, an india rubber conscience and a taking personality with a heavy accent on "taking". . . . Yours for Ouh way of life.

912 Appreciates Donors' Aid The Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 wishes to express its appreciation to those firms and individuals who donated the door prizes at the union dance held May 24th at the Royal Arcanum hall.

Card of Thanks To Local 544: To thank you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated. —Mrs. Benedict and Family

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### Women's Co-op Guild Elects June 11th

The regular meeting of the Franklin Women's Co-op Guild will be held Wednesday, June 11, in the Franklin auditorium. All members are urged to attend. Officers for the coming year are to be elected. In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Guild, a 12:30 luncheon will be served.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471 By George Bergquist

The use of aluminum bottle caps will be discontinued by milk distributors as an aid to the national defense program. R. E. Little, executive secretary of the International Association of Milk Dealers, informed distributors in a questionnaire sent out last week. In that questionnaire Mr. Little seeks information as to the amount of aluminum foil on hand on the first of the month, estimated receipts of foil during May and the approximate date on which the transition from aluminum to other types of caps will be made. Mr. Little's action followed the conference between industry representatives and the Priorities Division of OPM in Washington. The industry group requested an extension of the priority on aluminum foil for cover caps beyond May 31. The government showed a disposition to co-operate if the same willingness was displayed by the milk trade.

Franklin Co-operative has developed a grand organization known as the Old Timers Club with Brothers Carl Olson, Roy Rickstad, Ole Peterson and Jens Jensen as charter members. Last week said brothers went fishing and we are expecting "fish stories" of the latest type at the next membership meeting. It took some keen maneuvering to get all of these brothers free on the same day and for a time it looked like the South Plant would have to close for a day. . . . The following is a notice to fast drivers although it sounds like the "Thrift Plan." A live man pays 25 cents for a shave. It costs \$5.00 to shave a dead man in the morgue. A woolen overcoat costs \$40.00 while a wooden one costs \$400.00. A taxi to the theater costs \$1 for a round-trip. But one to the cemetery costs \$10.00 for one way. Stay alive and save your money. It's easy: Drive Carefully. . . . Just a friendly warning to those brothers who sometimes fail to get back to the plant by three P. M., that unloading chutes are going to be closed air-tight at that time and that they will not be

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opened again for violators. It will be a mess to hold returns and empties until the next day so please give this tip plenty of consideration. If your route is too long or heavy contact Gene Larson; he will give you whole-hearted co-operation in the matter. Why should anyone kill himself on a milk route when at the present time over one half of the workers in the entire world are busy making munitions to kill the other half? . . . The story used to be circulated about a fellow that took his girl out and made her walk back but with Connie Ordeaman it was a brand new motor that took him out and made him row back. We understand that true to form they are friends again. . . . Trading seats in a canoe will be much easier for Andy Jensen and Bill Johnson than trading days.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds" By N. E. Carle, Ka. 4232

As we enter into the closing few days before YOU and OUR FRIENDS go to the polls and exercise our rights by voting, in so doing let us remember to elect our friends and defeat our enemies. There will be the usual last minute smear and slander cast at labor and its candidates to befuddle and confuse the working people, but by ignoring such cheap tricks and voting as your mind suggests will be labor's answer to such propaganda. In addition to electing T. A. Eide for mayor, let us not forget the aldermanic contests, particularly that of Robert (Bob) Fitzsimmons in the 10th Ward and our own Al Johnson in the 2nd Ward. Al has the toughest fight of all of them but we are confident he will be elected if we will really contact or telephone our friends to remind them to mark an X beside his name.

Attention! If any of you laundry, linen and dry cleaning drivers who get off early Saturday afternoon and feel like helping in this campaign, particularly that of Al Johnson, will you kindly call Geneva 2443? Any help you can give will be appreciated. Those who will volunteer will not only help to elect Al but will have the satisfaction of having helped defeat the worst reactionary in the city council. . . . The new Lawrence (jeep) trucks will have white panels with dark lettering. Gay Aasve is now "breaking" one in. . . . Nearly every plant I have visited lately have their vacation schedule up and listed. Some have already started and some go into effect next month. . . . Jim Fowler, formerly of G. and K., is now driving

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Why Workers Strike?

Wholesale Prices Climb 44 Per Cent, Pay Checks Shrink

Why are workers throughout the country taking and threatening strike action? The enemies of labor attribute the current strike wave to "fifth columnists" and "communist agitators."

Prices have been climbing steadily since the war began. The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes a daily index of 28 basic commodities. On Wednesday, May 23rd, this index was 44 1/2% above the level of commodity prices in August, 1939.

According to the same authority, the general wholesale prices of food and clothing have gone up 6.6% since the outbreak of the war. At its recent conference at Sky-Top, Pennsylvania, the Associated Grocery Mfrs. of America estimated that the food bill of the American people will be 25% higher in 1941 than in 1940.

Now prices are taking an even faster spurt forward. Food prices have increased almost 1/2 as much in the past month as in the previous 20 months. The wholesale commodity price index is today at its highest level since October, 1937, and is moving up fast.

It is important to note that these are increases in wholesale

commodity prices, which have yet to be fully reflected in the retail prices which consumers pay. These price rises, however, are in the process of being passed along, and every day sees further increases in the cost of goods to the worker-consumer.

This higher cost of living is nothing but a concealed form of wage-slashing. Although workers may receive the same wages as before, they actually receive less for their labor, since the same pay check can buy less food, clothing and other necessities.

Every wage worker and his family feels the effects of this cut even when they do not understand how it is accomplished. That is why millions of workers are demanding and struggling for higher wages. This does not mean that the workers are asking or receiving more money than before for their labor, as the bosses claim, but only that they are striving to maintain existing standards.

There is no disagreement among economists or government officials that the curve of prices will continue upward throughout the war. The only question they now discuss is how to keep the rise from assuming runaway proportions. So far all efforts to curb rising prices have been conspicuously unsuccessful, and they will be no more effective in the future.

The organized workers cannot depend upon government officials to keep down the cost of living. The only way they can cope with this problem is to insist upon higher wages for their work. That is why many unions, in addition to immediate increases, are including in their new contracts a clause providing for a rising scale of wages. To protect their living standards against the ascending cost of living, union men need such a rising scale of wages.

Labor Temple Shareholders to Meet Monday Eve

A meeting of all shareholders in the Labor Temple Association will be held next Monday, June 9th, 8 p. m. at 18 North 8th street. Two plans for proceeding with the construction of a labor temple will be presented by the board to the union shareholders.

With the Limosines

By Home James

Well, here we are again, fresh as a daisy after a three-day holiday. To most of us chauffeurs who are able to speak up for ourselves, and ask for a holiday off, we got it, and so three days was a nice week-end. I would like to ask if all you members are getting your day a week off. I see some of you driving every day. You know you pay \$2 a month dues for these privileges, so step up and ask for them, don't be like the fellow who hollers about what he can do, and then when his boss talks to him, why he is tongue-tied.

I was up at union headquarters the other night and it was a pleasure to see a large gathering of men representing a union and willing to stand up and fight for their rights and know exactly what they want. . . . Well, we see where our governor voted another pension bill, he is doing what the old-time Republicans always believed in—don't give the poor anything, they don't deserve it. It is the same old story about the chauffeur whose boss told him, "You work for \$90 a month and when I die, you will be taken care of."

Talking with Gene Nelson the other day, and he said his farming days are all over. He can't make any money selling eggs and chickens, so he is going back driving again. I hope this will give them feet of yours a rest, Gene. . . . What undertaker with a family of eight wants to rent a three-room apartment, which is owned and operated by a chauffeur? My advice would be the husband must live at home, eh, Henry? . . . For tickets to the Gopher club, see Carl Gustafson.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Carly

If this column seems kind of drabby this week, blame it on my failure to accept the fact that Time Marches On—in other words, that I could play ball, run bases and chase flies with a bunch of kids last Sunday. Boy, or boy, I know better now. . . . Well, we are going into the finals of the city elections, and it gives us a big laugh to see the way 544 is kicked around by the daily papers. Everyone seems to be afraid of their support. The average worker is not fooled, however. He knows if it weren't for this same 544, most of the working public would be toiling long hours for low wages.

No, that wasn't Tony acting as caddy for Floyd "Rebel" Griggs at a recent 958 ball game, that was a genuine Alabama Greek. . . . Due to lack of particulars, we neglected to mention the death of the mother of Russ Wallace of the Y. C. unit. May we offer our condolences at this time. . . . Glad to report that Brother John Berglund is up on his hind feet again after his long siege in the hospital. . . . Our spies report that Earl Seitzer is seriously contemplating matrimony in the near by and bye. Well, good luck, Earl, you'll probably need it. . . . K. Grapp swung over on nights for a week; well, our loss is the night drivers' gain. So we will try to bear it. Heh, heh, heh. . . . Clyde Keady of Oxboro and points south insists the depression is over. His claim and it is amply supported) is that Brother Floyd Lundie, the original lunch-basket kid, was seen buying and paying for his dinner one day this week.

The baseball team, after losing two straight games, defeated Pillsbury House Sunday, 10-5, to even their season's play to two won and two lost. Lefty Dick Hogan on the mound for the Cabbies got off to a shaky start, then settled down and pitched a fine game. He gave up only four hits and struck out two, as his mates gave him splendid support. Floyd Griggs at short-stop, besides playing a fine game afield, had a big day at the plate. In four times up, he helped himself to a single, a double, a triple,

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and then wound up with a home run into deep right field. . . . Next Sunday, June 8th, the union team meets Columbia Heights at Phelps field, 40th and Chicago, at 2:30 p. m. Local 958 won the first game between these two teams, 2-1.

Watt Notes

By Amps & Volta

The Ladies' Auxiliary will have a weiner roast on June 11th. . . . Rudolph Dahl's wife is at St. Andrew's Hospital. She was given a blood transfusion Sunday. . . . Our Lost and Found Department. One metal lunch bucket complete with Brown thermos, one glass dish, Rogers teaspoon and one pork sandwich on white. . . . One green felt hat (Longley Imperial). Size 7 3/4. Owner uses hair oil. This hat has been through the war. . . . Owners can claim above articles by calling at Union office.

One of the main reasons that England finds herself in her present predicament is because the stuffed shirts in the military aristocracy could not break loose from tradition and modernize their military establishment. Manufacturers and industrialists also objected to the changing of manufacture of old line military equipment to something new, particularly small profit lines. England is notably deficient in hand grenades, only because they are easily manufactured and there is small profit in their production. Yet hand grenades are one of the most efficient of weapons in the hands of the average citizen for protection against invasion by sea, land or air. . . . Our own brass hats seem to find it equally difficult to break with tradition. They are building an old-style mass army, with many months spent in useless out of date training. Our army has two mechanized divisions and is planning for two more. Hitler has twenty-three mechanized divisions and is creating more. With 150,000 men and mechanical equipment the Nazis overran and captured Belgium, the Netherlands and France against an Allied old style army of 2,000,000 men.

This is the last issue of Watt Notes before ELECTION. Every C.L.U. endorsed candidate is endorsed by the entire labor movement as well as by each section of it. Your future is tied up with your labor representatives. Consult the labor slate elsewhere in this issue and acquaint your family with these candidates. Don't forget to vote for Eide for Mayor. Fitzsimmons in the 10th. Edwin Hudson in the 12th.

County Drivers In Flint Win Strike, Increase

The General Drivers Union Local 332 of Flint, Michigan, has successfully ended a strike of county drivers, conducted in the interest of grader and mower operators on county highways, which brings a 5c hourly wage increase, union recognition and vacations with pay to these workers.

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Carl Keul "Guilty of Conspiracy"

Carl Keul, a leader of the Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90 and international representative of the Teamsters, was found guilty last week by a jury of "conspiring" to injure the business of a labor-hating Des Moines truck boss.

Keul's attorney, John Connolly, denounced the verdict as due to the flood of anti-labor propaganda sweeping the country, and said the union would appeal the case all the way up to the U. S. supreme court if that is necessary.

He pointed out that since 1933 the drivers of Des Moines have increased their weekly wages \$30-000, thanks to Local 90.

Keul is the first of five leaders of Local 90 to be tried on the "conspiracy" charge. It is possible that the remaining unionists under indictment will not be brought to trial until the appeal in the Keul case is disposed of.

Verdict Unexpected The decision in the Keul case came as a shock to the Des Moines union movement. Last year when the FBI was successful in framing officials of the Sioux City and Omaha drivers unions and sending them to prison for the alleged destruction of a fink bakery truck, Des Moines unionists felt that the Sioux City union leaders could have defeated the frame-up had they been defended by proper attorneys. They now see Keul found "guilty" in just as flimsy a frame-up as that used against the Sioux City and Omaha drivers' union officials. Keul's attorneys, John Connolly and C. I. McNutt, are leading figures in the Democratic party in Iowa.

As in the Sioux City case, the motivation behind the Des Moines "conspiracy" trial is the desire of union-hating trucking operators to weaken the drivers' union movement. . . . The main reasons that England finds herself in her present predicament is because the stuffed shirts in the military aristocracy could not break loose from tradition and modernize their military establishment. Manufacturers and industrialists also objected to the changing of manufacture of old line military equipment to something new, particularly small profit lines. England is notably deficient in hand grenades, only because they are easily manufactured and there is small profit in their production. Yet hand grenades are one of the most efficient of weapons in the hands of the average citizen for protection against invasion by sea, land or air. . . . Our own brass hats seem to find it equally difficult to break with tradition. They are building an old-style mass army, with many months spent in useless out of date training. Our army has two mechanized divisions and is planning for two more. Hitler has twenty-three mechanized divisions and is creating more. With 150,000 men and mechanical equipment the Nazis overran and captured Belgium, the Netherlands and France against an Allied old style army of 2,000,000 men.

Editors of Labor Press Rap Convoys

Three of four labor editors are opposed to convoys, the Federated Press poll for May shows. An even higher percentage are convinced that convoying means war. The survey indicates a sharp disagreement with the latest Gallup poll, which reported 52 per cent of the public favoring convoys. Only 21 per cent of labor editors want American warships to help deliver goods to Britain.

Comments indicated that convoys are opposed chiefly because they mean war. Several editors charged the administration is driving for a war that has nothing to do with democracy.

Most support for convoys came from editors of AFL papers, who were 37 per cent in favor. CIO editors and independents were about 12-1 against.

More AFL leaders than CIO leaders have lined up with the pro-war program of Washington.

Slander Against Bob Fitzsimmons Is Retracted

That statements made against Robert Fitzsimmons during the primary campaign were "untrue and unfounded" has been testified to by James Bartlett in a signed affidavit in the possession of the Volunteer Committee for Fitzsimmons, labor's candidate for alderman in the Tenth Ward.

"As a candidate in the primaries for the nomination of alderman in the Tenth Ward," the affidavit signed by Bartlett reads, "certain campaign pamphlets were circulated in my behalf containing certain statements against Robert Fitzsimmons which after checking proved to be untrue and unfounded. In fairness to Bob Fitzsimmons and the organized labor movement I wish to state that such statements were based upon misunderstanding and misinformation."

We expect old men to be conservative, but when a nation's young men are so, its funeral bell is already tolled.—HENRY WARD BEECHES.

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Local 359 Collects \$500 Back Pay

Three members of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 are happier to the tune of \$500 this week, as their union has collected back pay for them, accumulated since last October. The three, employees at the Old Peoria company, received checks Monday in the following amounts: Morris Ratinov, \$244.50; William Engler, \$205.50; Louis Weinstock, \$50. That it pays to belong to the union is shown by the fact that several non-union workers failed to receive back pay because they were not working under the union contract. The settlement provides that henceforth all eligible workers are to be members of Local 359 and to receive the union wage scale of 70c hourly.

Gassing With 977

The attention of the membership is called to the fact that the regular membership meeting will be held next Monday evening, June 9th, at 9 o'clock, in the club room at union headquarters. This meeting is of special importance to each member. Action will be taken in regard to holding but one meeting for the two months of July and August; Sec. Davidson will give reports on matters of vital importance to employees in the petroleum industry. Come prepared to discuss these reports and to take speedy action on these important issues. Plans will be laid to make the third annual Jamboree bigger and better than ever. The "all out" signal is given; we'll see you Monday. . . . Bro. Erwin Elburg (Shell, 2920 Nicollet Ave.) is confined to his home by illness. The best wishes of the membership are extended Bro. Elburg for a speedy recovery. . . . Bro. R. O. Vold (Standard bulk plant) is receiving congratulations from his fellow workers; Bro. Vold has been advanced to the advertising department in the main office of the company. . . . A check on the files in the office of the local reveals the fact that about one-third of the members have not signed and returned their death beneficiary cards to the office. Better to be safe than sorry—so fill out your card, sign and mail it—NOW. . . . We call your attention to the state of political candidates who are endorsed by labor; you will find it in another column of this paper. Remember these when you go to the polls Monday; the united efforts of all workers in Minneapolis is making itself felt in this election—take a part in this campaign, and make your future more secure.

KSTP Dispute Ends with 1-Year Pact

The four-month dispute between the St. Paul Musicians Union and the management of station KSTP has terminated in the signing of a one-year union agreement retroactive to January 19, 1941. The broadcasting company has agreed to set aside \$22,000 to be paid local union musicians during the year for services. Other recent agreements won by St. Paul unions include a new union agreement between Waldorf Paper company and the Pulp & Sulphite Local 264 calling for a 5c hourly increase for male workers, a 2c increase for women workers and desirable changes in provisions for vacations. Local 264 is now negotiating with the Rapin-wax company.

To All Unionists

When repairing, altering or building your home, make sure that all men you hire are members of their respective AFL unions. When signing an agreement or contract with a contractor to do any work for you, specify in your contract that "All work shall be done by members in their respective American Federation of Labor Unions."

DO NOT FORGET THAT NON-UNION MEN AND THE ASSOCIATED INDEPENDENT UNION "FINKS" DO NOT HESITATE TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES AS UNION MEN. Mpls. Building Trades Council

Higher Pay For Draftees Is Urged

An immediate and substantial increase in the rate of pay for the enlisted men in American armed forces was urged upon Congress last week by the annual delegated conference of the American Association of Social Workers meeting in Philadelphia.

The 150 delegates declared in a resolution that the present rates of pay for the enlisted man "involves him and his family in economic difficulties."

The conference called for a "genuine work program independent of relief, with work available to all persons who are able to work but who cannot find jobs in private industry. Such a program to be financed largely through Federal funds without requiring State and local contributions.

The delegates further approved a resolution calling for "provision for allowances for families of men in service where loss of support has made such families dependent upon assistance programs."

Card of Thanks

To Local 544: Your kind expressions of sympathy are gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. —Albert Gates and Family

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

## Labor's Two-Fold Task June 9th

If the wage earners of Minneapolis are to create for themselves the best possible local political environment to maintain and improve their wages and working conditions, they have a two-fold task to perform next Monday at the polls.

First, they must give a real shellacking to the Associated Industries' candidate for mayor, the red-baiting union-hating Marvin Kline.

Secondly, labor must defeat the Police Dictator Amendment Number Nine, sponsored by Kline and his gang of Big Business backers.

Every wage earner in this city has a stake in defeating the dangers represented by Kline and the Police Dictator Amendment. Should the bosses fool enough people to place Kline in the front office in the city hall and give him the Police Amendment as a weapon, the bosses would be in a favorable position to launch an attack on the wages and working conditions—not of just a section of the labor movement, not of just the organized workers, but of every man and woman who works for a living.

The bosses' candidate, Kline, can be defeated by electing the entire slate of labor-indorsed candidates, including T. A. Eide as mayor.

The Northwest Organizer regrets T. A. Eide's statement last week repudiating Local 544. His cowardly answer to Kline's cheap red-baiting is an insult to the five thousand members of the General Drivers Union.

We sincerely hope that this stupidity will not be repeated, and that this single stupidity will not cause such revulsion among unionists that they refrain from voting in the mayor's race.

It is our belief that labor's ends can best be served by rolling up a huge majority for Eide and by flanking him with the full slate of labor candidates for the city council and all city boards.

The Northwest Organizer, together with the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, urges every worker, every worker's family, every friend of labor, to march to the polls next Monday, elect the entire slate of candidates indorsed by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, and defeat the Police Dictator Amendment.

Vote Union!  
Don't permit the 8th and 13th wards to dominate the city hall!

Bury the labor-hater, Kline, and his police amendment.

## Get Out and Vote Monday For the Entire Labor Slate

(Continued from page 1)  
viding recreation for both youth and adults.

All of labor's candidates are pledged to uphold civil liberties and labor's rights, the freedom to organize into trade unions, to bargain collectively, to picket and strike.

All labor candidates are on record against a municipal sales tax, and stand for decent relief standards, for a municipal housing program, for a new General Hospital, for public ownership of all public utilities.

**Police Amendment Dangerous**  
The Police Dictator Amendment Number Nine, cooked up by the Associated Industries and backed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the boss candidate, Kline, is nothing less than a brazen attempt to fasten another Bloody Mike Johannes on the citizens of Minneapolis.

The Police Amendment would give the superintendent of police the broadest powers to recruit strikebreakers for use against organized labor and to establish a police dictatorship in the city.

The Police Amendment has been rejected and condemned by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, by every responsible section of organized labor and by the Minneapolis Police Federation.

Refuse to place this anti-labor weapon in the hands of the labor haters. Vote NO to Police Amendment Number Nine and tell all your friends and neighbors and fellow workers to do likewise.

### Labor's Stake

Organized labor has a stake in this election. A sweeping labor victory that will place the entire labor slate headed by T. A. Eide in office will create the best possible local political atmosphere to maintain and advance the living standards of all who toil for a living.

Act like union people at the

polls just as you do on the job, and vote the Central Labor Union ticket straight.

## Bosses Still Stall 544 Negotiations

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to block the company's violation of the contract and to place the driver, Emil Bach, back on the job.

**Back Bach**  
The fifty members of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 employed at Wheeler-Barnes respected Local 544's banner and enthusiastically joined in the fight in the anti-labor company. The driver, Bach, had helped considerably in organizing the warehousemen, and the company has been gunning for him for months. Mr. Wheeler admitted as much to Bach's wife after he was fired.

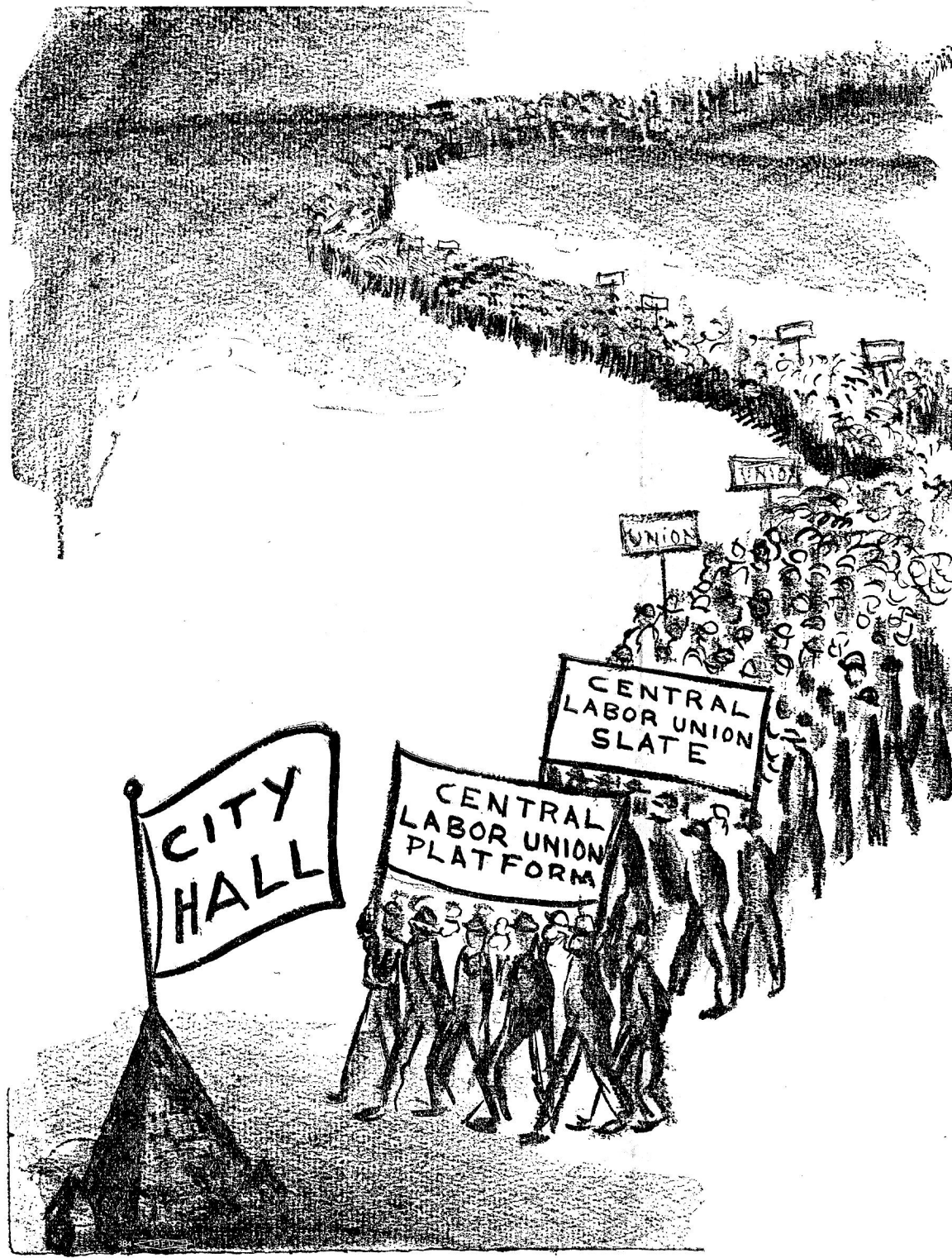
After receiving the restraining order, Local 544 pulled its pickets off the job. The warehousemen returned to work, but their present agreement expires June 6th and they look forward to settling accounts with the management. One of the warehousemen's demands is that if there is any hauling done at Wheeler-Barnes, Emil Bach is to do the hauling, and to be reinstated with back pay.

As is Levy's custom, he neglected to include with the summons the information as to the cause for the legal action against the union. The case will be heard before Judge Youngdahl Saturday at 9:30 a. m.

Local 544 officials will submit a program of action pointed towards winning the union's demands, at the important membership meeting next Monday evening.

We Made Minneapolis a Union Town—Let's KEEP It That Way.

## All Workers to the Polls Monday



### Shipyard Strike in 4th Week

# Frisco Machinists Holding the Fort Of Trade Unionism

**1,100 AFL and 700 CIO Machinists Hold Firm for Union Principles Against Unholy Combination of Government Strike-Breakers and AFL Tops—John Frey's Attempt to Crash Picket Line With Aid of Cops and U. S. Navy Is a Flop as Frisco Workers Respect Picket Line—Bethlehem Steel Provokes Strike But U. S. Navy and Boss Press Silent**

Since May 9th eighteen hundred striking shipyard machinists in San Francisco have been holding the fort of unionism in a matchless struggle against an unholy conglomeration of bosses, government strikebreakers and labor skates as has yet gathered together to bear down on a union of workingmen.

The facts about this bitter and crucial strike are simple and most of them have been kept well-hidden by the daily boss press.

This spring at the instigation of Sidney Hillman of the OPM, a master union contract was signed covering all shipyard workers on the West Coast, the first of similar contracts being sought on the Gulf and East Coasts.

The master contract provided an hourly wage of \$1.12 for machinists, and time and one-half for overtime.

The AFL Machinists Union Local 68 in Frisco, through previous successful strikes, had won a wage scale of \$1.15 an hour, with double time for overtime. Thus the master contract represented a cut in wages and overtime pay for the members of this union.

While the AFL Metal Trades Department was negotiating the master pact, Local 68 voted against the proposed wages and overtime provisions, 687 to 67, and so notified the AFL leaders.

With a ruthless disregard of union democracy, however, the heads of the AFL Metal Trades Department went ahead and signed the wage-lowering master contract without bothering to submit it to a referendum vote of the workers affected.

Most of the shipyards signed the master pact. But the largest shipyard, owned by the union-hating Bethlehem Steel corporation, did not sign the master pact and has not signed it to this day.

The machinists of Local 68 indicated they would submit to the master pact (even though it cut their wages and even though they

## AFL Orders Men Back to Work At Bethlehem

Jumping at the request of the national defense mediation board, the American Federation of Labor Tuesday ordered members of 17 craft unions back to work at two Bethlehem shipbuilding plants in Frisco, neither of which has signed a union agreement. Despite orders of the AFL, only 200 of some 4,500 AFL workers at Bethlehem walked through the picket lines established by the striking machinists.

Wednesday evening the 1,100 AFL Machinists involved in the shipyard strike will ballot on the request of a senate committee that they return to work with their demands unmet.

The 700 CIO Machinists who struck jointly with the AFL have already voted to reject the strike-breaking proposal of the senate committee.

had nothing to do with the negotiating thereof) if Bethlehem Steel would accept it. Bethlehem refused. On May 9th the shipbuilders announced they were putting a 6-day work week in effect.

### 700 CIO Men Join Strike

The AFL Machinists Local 68, with 1,100 members in the shipyards, voted overwhelmingly to strike. Some 700 members of a CIO Machinists Union voted to join the strike. About 11,000 other AFL workers refused to go through the picket line.

For four weeks these 1,800 workers have stood firm for their

demands against a whole army of would-be strike-breakers.

The United States Navy and Marines have manned navy trucks to "convoy" non-strikers through the picket line.

Admiral Emory S. Land, anti-union chairman of the Maritime Commission, has hollered for the United States Army to smash the picket line.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has told the machinists to return to work.

Eli Oliver, Sidney Hillman's assistant on the OPM, has pled with the machinists that they break their own strike.

Assistant Navy Secretary Ralph Bard has demanded troops to crash the picket line.

Senator Conally, Democrat of Texas, has proposed that the government conscript strikers.

Governor Olson of California, after admitting that justice was on the side of the strikers, advised them to return to work with their demands unmet.

Senator Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, has denounced the strikers. Senator Hatch has asked the strikers to forget the wage cut and go back to work.

Senator Truman has quoted President Roosevelt's last talk as justification to break the strike.

Mayor Rossi of San Francisco has attacked the strikers.

The Frisco police department threw more cops into the strike than they did in the 1934 general strike.

The bosses and the boss politicians are not the only figures who have sought to break the strike.

William Green, president of the AFL, has called the strike an "outlaw strike."

John Frey, head of the AFL Metal Trades Department, has branded the strike "illegal," has called in the cops and the navy and marines, and has sought to personally lead non-strikers through the picket lines.

"This strike is a crime," Frey has said. "I shall lead the men who want to return to work through this outlaw picket line myself."

Protected by 500 cops and riding in trucks manned by U. S. sailors and marines, Frey actually did accompany a few non-strikers through the picket lines. Even the boss press admitted that Frey's finking was a flop.

"PICKET-CRASHING ON COAST FIZZLES — Frey Leads Workers Into One Plant, but Return Is Scant and Stops on Night Shift," wrote the N. Y. Times on May 22nd. "A back-to-work movement of metal trades craftsmen of the American Federation of Labor, intended to break the twelve-day-old strike of AFL and CIO San Francisco Bay area shipyards, apparently fizzled out tonight after an estimated 500 to 1,500 workmen of a normal day shift of 11,000 had gone through the union picket lines this morning."

Here is the description in the San Francisco Examiner of the same scene: "Many of the marchers fell out of line and mingled with the pickets before the gates of the plant were reached; and just as many sidled out of the picket line and joined the marchers. The confusion felt by union men, being led through picket lines by union leaders was exemplified by one group of seventy-five ship-fitters which went into the plant, held a caucus, and walked out again. Then, outside, the group held another caucus, and went back in."

**Machinists Hold Key**  
The president of the Moore Drydock company, where Frey led the attack, admitted that "While the machinists represent only 10 per cent of the entire personnel, that figure should not be confused with 10 per cent of the work. It will be impossible to operate without the machinists."

It is very noticeable that while Washington and the AFL heads denounce the strikers, NOT ONCE HAVE THESE PEOPLE DENOUNCED BETHLEHEM STEEL FOR ITS REFUSAL TO SIGN THE MASTER AGREEMENT.

The reason that the heads of the U. S. Navy have concentrated all their fire on the strikers and have protected Bethlehem Steel was revealed this week by I. P. Stone. Writing in the Nation, Stone said that "Bethlehem can kick the navy in the teeth on contracts, provoke strikes by refusing to obey the laws, and generally comport itself like a cave man of industry—the navy loves it just the same."

The reason for this is that Bethlehem hires retired U. S. admirals as "consultants," Stone writes.

**Senate Investigation**  
The Senate Committee Investigating Defense Projects has held a hearing on the strike, using the hearing as a sounding-board to further denounce and flay the strikers.

The only AFL top leader who has thus far stood by the strike is President Harvey W. Brown of the International Association of Machinists, who says the strike is not "outlaw" and that it violates no agreement because Bethlehem has signed no agreement.

Despite the tremendous pressure to break the strike, the 1,800 AFL and CIO Machinists have held firm in defense of their union wage scale. In addition, the overwhelming majority of non-striking AFL workers have demonstrated their union solidarity by honoring the Machinists Union picket line and refusing to permit Frey to smash the strike.

Organized workers throughout the United States pay tribute to the bravery and courage and devotion to trade union principles demonstrated by these shipyard machinists and workers of San Francisco. It is labor action like this that is the best pledge that Hitlerism, either the native or foreign brand, will never conquer the masses of the United States.

## Food for Thought

From the May 13th column by S. Hurton Heath in the Minneapolis Morning Tribune, we reprint the following description of the attitude of Big Business towards the war program, a description that dovetails with the story of huge war profits being made by American industry:

"In general F.D.R. and the interventionists have no more ardently loyal and belligerently active supporters than the denizens of New York's downtown financial community. The membership rolls, the honorary offices, the donation reports and even the active committees of most pro-war groups are star-studded with their front-page names. They number many of those who are most intolerant of any criticism of the Roosevelt foreign policy. . . . In the international field, outstanding financial-commercial-industrial magnates are so ardently pro-Roosevelt that they had almost forgotten the long and bitter economic battle that the war appeared to interrupt."

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tonight, prepares emergency steps."

Tuesday's Times carries this headline: "Government Backs a Bill for Seizing Defense Property."

That headline sounds almost as though the government was going to expropriate the war industries. But rest your fears, my brothers. There is a vast difference between expropriation and "taking over" as the terms of this bill set forth.

Under the bill now proposed by the War Department the president could take over any industry he desired, after "just compensation to the owners," on a "temporary or permanent basis." During the last war the government "took over" the railroads, returning them, completely re-equipped to their owners in 1919. Not only did the railroad barons profit by this act of the Wilson regime immediately, in the form of a magnificent "rental" but when those roads were returned they were completely reorganized, with all new rolling stock, road beds, etc., and with a strike-proof "labor relations" system which culminated in the Railroad Labor Act of 1921! The owners of Defense industry won't lose anything if Roosevelt decides to take them over!

But Labor stands to lose a great deal. The only possible way in which the workers can gain anything by the proposed "taking over" of war industries is if the government would expropriate these occupiers and work them under trade union control. And that would be the next thing to socialism. Roosevelt hasn't any intention of doing that.

Roosevelt and his class have only one road upon which they can take this nation. War. And upon the "victory" or "defeat" of Roosevelt and all he represents, depends the fate of the entire world. But whether our president defeats or is defeated by Hitler. No matter which way the tide of battle finally surges—to Roosevelt and the so-called democracies, or to Hitler and Fascism—the workers of the world will lose.

So long as we who toil allow the economic system which breeds war to exist, so

## Rents Rise As Landlords Profiteer

Landlords in some sections of the country have raised rents from 15 per cent to 200 per cent higher, tenants have reported to the Consumer Division of the National Defense Advisory Commission. Owners of dwellings that are no bargain at \$10 and \$15 a month are said to be demanding and getting \$50 and \$60.

One writer protested that "The landlords down here have gone crazy." Another wrote "This rent business down here is too much profiteering." A third wrote "Here in Pittsburgh rents have gone so high it is terrible."

**Poor Hardest Hit**  
Largest rent increases have been for properties that rent for less than \$50 a month—the kind occupied by workers.

According to Miss Elliot, head of the government's Consumer Division, the federal government has no control over local rents, which is a problem for the people in each state.

Miss Elliot proposes a "model" bill for passage by all state legislatures, but this is hardly a solution. Even if any legislature would pass such a bill directed against the vested interests of landlords, most state legislatures have adjourned for the year.

Every time I attempted to trace to its sources the political corruption of a city ring, the stream of corruption branched off in the most unexpected directions, and spread out in a network of veins and arteries so complex that hardly any part of the body politic seemed clear. It flowed out of politics into business crime, out of business into politics, and back again into business. . . . Big, throbbing arteries ran out through the states to the nation and back. . . . The corruption of our American cities is political. . . . but financial and industrial too. . . . A system is in control of the land.—LINCOLN STEFFINS, AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

## Revive the Spirit of 1934!

long will we remain slaves, in bondage; poverty, starvation and degradation, living always in fear of war and more wars, our lot.

There is only one peace which can come from this holocaust. One peace which will be forever. And that is the peace which the workers of the world, united, will bring when they slip the chains of bondage from their wrists!

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE	
<b>Furniture Workers Union</b> Local 1859 May 7—General Membership May 11—American Excelsior, 10 a. m. May 12—Stewards May 13—Casket Section May 15—Box Section May 21—J. R. Clark May 26—Stewards May 28—Kory Kar Loc. American Worker Executive Board meets every Friday night	<b>Private Chauffeurs Union</b> Local 912 The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
<b>Milk Drivers Union Local 471</b> 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	<b>Warehouse Employees Union</b> Local 359 General Membership—Second Tuesday Stewards—Fourth Monday Executive Board—Every Monday Office open Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-8 p. m.
<b>Laundry Drivers Union</b> Local 131 Second Tuesday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Drivers Union</b> Local 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
<b>Taxi Drivers Union Local 958</b> Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	<b>Utility Workers Union</b> Local B-160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays Stewards—Second and Fourth Thursdays Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday.
<b>City &amp; Sanitary Drivers Union</b> Local 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	<b>Ice Drivers Union Local 221</b> Day Laborers Section—First Tuesday each month. This Section Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
<b>Petroleum Drivers Locals 544 and 977 and Warehousemen</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>Pulp &amp; Sulphite Workers Union</b> Local 259 Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
<b>Petroleum Workers Union</b> Local 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Sauce Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	<b>General Drivers Union</b> Local 544 JUNE Monday, June 2—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, June 4—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, June 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, June 6—Job Stewards Sunday, June 8—Over-the-road, City pickup, dockmen and road drivers heard under the area contract, 2 p. m. Monday, June 9—General Membership Tuesday, June 10—Lumber Wednesday, June 11—Market; Coal; Paper and Printing Friday, June 13—Wholesale Grocery Monday, June 16—Furniture Store; Tuesday, June 19—Tent and Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m.; Ways and Means 110 Thursday, June 20—Job Stewards Monday, June 23—Spring Water Tuesday, June 24—Building Material Thursday, June 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, June 27—Cold Storage and Produce Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office on the 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.
<b>Federal Workers Section</b> Regular Membership—Third Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—First and third Wednesdays.	<b>Bakery Drivers Union</b> 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.
<b>Jewelry Workers Union</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting as call.	

# Vote NO to Police Amendment Number 9