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You use your power,
The world must follow you.

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

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CITIZENS ALLIANCE NEWEST "SCARE" CALLS FOR TROOPS

MILL STRIKERS ROUT GUNMEN STRIKEBREAKERS

Last week saw the bosses of the striking Flour and Cereal Mill Workers attempt a strikebreaking tactic that goes back to the days of the 1919 strike. In those days a very effective way of running scabs and thugs through the picket lines was by the means of loading railroad cars with thugs, gunmen and scabs and shipping them into the plants.

It all started when on Monday of last week the Archer-Daniels-Midland mill replaced all the regular employees with new men. Some of the men had in previous years worked in the plant but most of them were new men and no doubt were told they were additional help when they were hired.

Up to that time there were no Union men in the plant and a company union was supposed to represent the Archer-Daniels-Midland employees. While the Archer-Daniels-Midland employees did not work for several days during the present strike because the company shut down, they did return when work was to resume.

When on Monday they were thrown out of a job these employees immediately appealed to the Flour and Cereal Workers Union, and over 70 joined the Union and started to picket the mill.

On Thursday evening, September 17, while practically all pickets
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Furniture Workers Sign Agreements

The Furniture Workers Local Union 1859 has been exceedingly busy over the last weekend. Three more box and crating employers were signed up as Union shops.

The firms with whom the Furniture Workers signed are the Flour City Box and Crating Mfg. Co., the Co-operative Box and Crating Co. and The Glazer and Co.

The agreements provide for full union conditions including a closed shop clause, full seniority rights and an average increase in pay of 22½%. The pay rates of the agreements are from a minimum of 45c per hour up to 89c.

Another forward step of the Furniture Workers was accomplished when Brother John Janasco last week became full-time organizer for the Union.

Big Teaming Craft Delegations at Cloquet

The Minneapolis teaming crafts are fully represented at the State Federation of Labor convention now in progress at Cloquet.

Full delegations left last Sunday headed by Bill Brown, Teamsters Joint Council; Farrel Dobbs, Local 544; Pat Corcoran, Local 471, and Jack Wilson, Local 221. Among the delegates from the above organizations are Nick Wagner, Walter Hagstrom, Moe Hork, "Tiny" Gardner and Bruce Vincent.

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has sent Grant Dunne to the convention as their representative with the hope of laying before the delegates the Federal Workers program and of gaining the support of State Federation for a state-wide organization campaign for the WPA workers and relief clients.

Union Signs With Washburn Crosby

The Washburn Crosby Mills on Monday reached an agreement with the Union of the striking Flour and Cereal Mill Workers and this mill is now operating. Negotiations were carried out through several federal government officials and Meyer Lewis. Full details of the agreement were not available at the time of going to press.

Hoigard Refuses to Deal With Union

The employees of the J. C. Hoigard Tent and Awning in a special meeting held at noon Tuesday, September 22, unanimously voted to stop work. All are members of General Drivers, Local 544.

Some days ago Local 544 presented a proposal for a union contract to the J. C. Hoigard Co. Last week the company gave the Union a counter proposal on the agreement. On Monday afternoon Union officers met with the head of the firm and informed him the Union would accept the company's counter proposal on the agreement.

The Company then informed the Union officers that they had changed their mind and would not deal with any union.

When the Hoigard employees were informed of this action of the company they took the only course left to them and voted to strike. Within an hour the firm was completely tied up by the picket line.

ANOKA P. W. A. WORKERS JOIN WITH F. W. S.

A big step toward unity resulted from the WPA holiday when the Anoka Protective League at Anoka and the Columbia Heights Local of the A. C. C. L. both of which groups have charters in the W. A. A. voted to affiliate with the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, until a genuine Minnesota body of the WAA is set up by truly representative convention after the November elections.

The action came from correct policies of FWS in bringing order and common sense into the WPA strike early this month. "It's just one more proof," said spokesmen from Columbia Heights and Anoka, "That 544's record of dependable leadership means much to the workers. Our members believe that going along with 544 will build a powerful statewide unemployed movement that will win improved living conditions for the workers in the quickest possible time."

Arrangements are being completed for a monthly statewide delegated conference, probably on Sunday of each month, where all Minnesota groups which feel as Anoka and Columbia Heights do can plan and give mutual aid until broader unity through the WAA becomes a reality.

The FWS and the Drivers Unions thank Anoka and Columbia Heights for their acts of confidence and welcome them to the widening circle. Each such addition brings in more competent personnel to shoulder growing responsibilities in the irresistible forward march of the workers.

Post Office Helps Stop Food for Scabs

Mr. Walsh, of the striking Flour and Cereal Mill Workers, reported that attempts to get food supplies to the scabs in the Archer-Daniels-Midland mill by men masquerading as employees of the post office had been stopped with the aid of the Post Office department.

**Battery Workers Union
STRIKE BENEFIT
DANCE
Friday, Sept. 25
257 Plymouth Ave. N.
Tickets 25c**

Troops Asked for by Sheriff Wall While Negotiation Meetings Are Being Held

Another "Scare" Being Attempted to Break the Forward March of Labor

Citizens Alliance Trying to Manufacture Panic Conditions

The Citizens Alliance and the grocery bosses are apparently set on making good the "panic" they proclaimed weeks ago. As we go to press the daily press reports that the National Guard is being "mobilized for emergency action in Minneapolis labor disputes."

After trying desperately by the means of paid ads in the daily press to arouse the public against the grocery strike on the basis of a food shortage when no shortage exists, the bosses are attempting to use the troops to make good their food scarcity scare.

Arrested Grocery Picket Dismissed

Wallace Rasmussen, striking grocery worker who was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was accused of breaking three windows of a car belonging to a Leo Long that was parked in front of the bakery's applying the C. Thomas Stores, about 5 a. m. September 5.

Rasmussen was arrested on September 8 and released on bail of \$25 furnished by Drivers Local 544. He was represented in court by Gilbert Carlson of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense and pleaded not guilty when his case came up in court.

All six of the prosecution witnesses failed to identify Rasmussen and when directly asked stated they had not seen him on the morning of the window breaking. Among the witnesses was Leo Long, owner of the car. The witnesses further testified that the license number of Rasmussen's car had been taken a week before the window breaking occurred. It was through the license number that Rasmussen was arrested.

When City Attorney McHale could not obtain identification of Rasmussen through the witnesses, he asked and received permission from the court to call Assistant Attorney Hadley as a witness to try to show that the statements of the witnesses were different when the complaint was issued by the city attorney's office. Hadley, however, merely stated that Long, the owner of the car, had told him he could identify the window breaker.

The defense then moved and obtained the dismissal of the case and another episode of workers' justice was over.

The latest moves to break strikes now in progress are being engineered by the Citizens Alliance through the offices of Sheriff John P. Wall. The Sheriff is making claims of "rioting and disorders" and has appealed for troops.

The grocery strike, now in the fifth week, has been accompanied by no violence or disorder. The only disorders that have occurred in any of the strikes were caused by the bosses using the sheriff's office to arm scabs and thugs. These thugs and gunmen under the cloak of the authority of the sheriff's offices as deputy sheriffs have fired on unarmed and defenseless pickets and sympathizers.

The closing down of all C. Thomas Stores and Piggley Wiggley Stores has resulted in a steady procession of independent merchants appearing at the grocery strike headquarters with financial contributions. Several of these merchants aptly put it, "This is the first time the independent has had a chance since early in the 1900's. We appreciate the Union very much and we want you to know it."

The grocery strike directed at the unfair wholesale grocery houses has completely prevented the unfair wholesale houses from doing business. The General Drivers Union has signed Union agreements with a number of wholesale grocery firms who are operating full blast. No complaints from retail grocery merchants are forthcoming. All independent grocery stores are being fully supplied.

While all these maneuvers to attempt to break the strike are going on the Union committee has been meeting daily with the grocery bosses in negotiation meetings. Another meeting was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

As has been stated time and again the real forces behind the
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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

MILL STRIKERS ROUT GUNMEN STRIKEBRAKERS

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were at a regular Union meeting, a railroad coach containing about ten armed men and a quantity of supplies was run in on the mill track. Word rapidly spread and at the conclusion of the Union meeting hundreds of pickets together with many hundreds of sympathizers gathered around the mill and coach.

Soon the armed men in the car came out carrying rifles. The police on duty ordered the rifle men back into the car and they complied. But a short while later they again came out of the car with revolvers. At least a dozen shots were fired at the crowd of pickets and sympathizers. The crowd thereon rushed the car and thugs. In the melee the car windows were broken out and the coach burst out in flames. With the car in flames at their back and facing a hostile crowd, the scabs and gunmen were rescued by the cops rushing through the crowds and escorting them in the mill.

Attempting to ascertain who these gunmen were and by what authority they were armed, Sheriff Wall is reported to have said he did not know who the men were, but that he had sworn them in as deputy sheriffs at the request of an official of the mill.

Yellow Notes

One of the boys took it upon himself to do a little "spouting" at the fair grounds stand during fair week which went like this:

We haul 'em big
We haul 'em small
To Minneapolis
Or St. Paul.

(Oh my goodness gracious sakes, Agnes!)

Alice "The Goon" is just about ready to grease the skids and slide off the proverbial water wagon very soon now. He has been on it approximately three weeks now. Watch him next Sunday.

The "Wilkens family" sneaked up full force on one of the boys just when he lacked three hours of being a full thirty days on the water wagon. Did he fall off and how!

Everywhere you look you see signs "Vote for Landon and Land a Job." Evidently Mr. Landon's campaign manager, ex-President Hoover, has informed him he has located the corner the long awaited prosperity as around.

A look at the Yellow Cab garage the Sunday after the fair was over would have given the impression the drivers had called another strike.

The Blue and White drivers of St. Paul really joined Local 120 in a hurry. But what we are anxious to learn is what kind of an agreement have they succeeded in obtaining if any.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER
Local No. 160
Tuesday, Sept. 8—Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 15—Executive Board Meeting and Stewards' Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 16—Regular Membership Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 22—Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 29—Executive Board Meeting

Forum Sponsored by Dept. of Education

The Minneapolis Public Forum sponsored by the Office of Education, United States Department of the Interior, and the Minneapolis Board of Education started its second week of public forums Sunday, September 20.

Open forums are being held in a number of the public schools each day. Various speakers with a wide variety of subjects are scheduled for the meetings, but none with a workers point of view.

The Minneapolis Public Forum has had printed a folder containing a full schedule of meetings, subjects and speakers and has supplied the headquarters at 257 Plymouth N. with several thousand copies. All interested should call at the headquarters and ask for a folder and full information.

SPECIAL NOTICE
All Local 544 members whose dues book is filled please turn in your old book to the Union office and receive a new dues book.

With the Laundry Workers Union

The Laundry Workers of Austin, Minnesota, are out on strike. Some of the demands are guarantees of a 40 hour week, one week vacation with pay, and a substantial wage increase.

Two organizers from the Laundry Workers ran out of gas the other day on 45th Street. Some of the boys from Local 160 were perched on nearby poles. Perhaps the approach of the old chariot had something to do with the boys being there, anyway they rendered valuable assistance in locating the vacuum tank. Thanks, boys!

About 40 shop stewards were present at their meeting September 16. Every one of them gave a report on conditions and progress of organization in their shops. Art Seibert, from the Workers Educational coached the meeting on procedure in Parliamentary Law and also gave a half hour address on Labor History.

A special class is being arranged and this includes all the shop stewards. The subjects will be Labor History, Parliamentary Law, Public Speaking, etc. We are very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Seibert to teach this class.

Members who have paid for the Northwest Organizer and have not received it should notify the office at once.

Watch for a big mass meeting on September 30. We are expecting at least a thousand Laundry and Cleaning Workers at this meet.

Threats from the bosses coupled with dilly-dallying in negotiating is arousing the ire of the workers—they demand action. "We want wages and conditions, not talk," they say.

Every member of the Union should wear their button on the job. Shop Stewards should set this example.

Demand the Union button from the person who serves you, and the label on the article you buy.

We wonder if a certain "stool pigeon" knows the boss has double-crossed her. Workers who betray their fellow workers will also betray their employer. Better stick to your press or see your name in print!

Bill Brown Says—

There can be no question but that Minneapolis employers have really braced their feet against the unions. The Citizens Alliance has raised the biggest slush fund since 1924. They are telling their members to prepare for a final showdown with labor. General Drivers Union is the main point of attack. We are going to fight back with everything we've got. The battle may be a hard one but it is comfort to know that we've got the kind of a union bosses don't like. Employers always first fight the union that struggles hardest to advance the interest of their members.



BILL BROWN
President of 544

Coal, Coke and By-Products Unions Vote to Join With Mine Workers

On WPA Projects

Steward Busch at the Belt Line found the power of organization—the foreman is with him now. Talk is rife that FWS stewards are all to be transferred to one project in the sticks where they can talk to themselves and get nowhere. Yet, somehow, those methods promote rather than retard organization. Someone said, "Put WPA officials on our payroll." Dave Sauver, for example, was transferred to Dayton. That's a good place to organize.

Many Federal Workers have been transferred to the Airport.

Stewards and members need not antagonize officials—neither need they silently accept wrongs. Organizational procedure is sometimes slower, but always better than individual action.

The State Federation of Labor convention at Cloquet will hear about FWS progress and a plan to aid in the unemployed field.

Clients who for good reasons are unable to pay dues will still get help from FWS when in difficulty. But members who receive aid from the Union and then stay away are likely to get the cold shoulder.

Members on projects without a FWS steward have a Union duty to perform. Elect a steward and send him to the Wednesday evening meetings.

Members and stewards will ignore yelpings of the few who still cling to the Bean leadership. Slander must be answered, but let's leave the monkey cocoon battles to Roberts & Co.

Every dance season has its high spot. This season it's the Federal Workers Dance Saturday, September 26, at General Drivers hall. Dick Atherton will furnish melody and rhythm. Proceeds (10c admission) are for the Frank Ross Defense Fund.

Last Friday's big membership meeting kept the members interested every minute. Over a thousand new members have joined in the last three weeks.

The Mankato Federal Workers Section sent a delegation to HQ last week to report excellent progress and growing membership.

Colonel Knox, according to the Minneapolis Star, is known throughout the newspaper world as the man who has cut budgets so often and kept expenses down so well, he has been a target of attack by victims of his economy program.

You will notice that these famous economisers and budget-balancers are always victimizing somebody or other.

The groundwork for industrial organization of 100,000 gas and by-product coke workers was laid at a convention in Boston of representatives of more than 4,000 members of 23 federal unions of the American Federation of Labor.

The delegates voted unanimously to affiliate with the United Mine Workers of America. They adopted a constitution under which they became a provisional district of the U. M. W., to be known as Gas and By-Product Coke Workers of America.

This district will include all workers in and about plants processing coal in the United States and Canada. It will organize all on an industrial basis, without regard to craft, race or color.

As district 50 of the U. M. W., the organized gas and coke workers will be divided into five regional sub-districts. Each of these will have full autonomy on legislative, wage and other like matters, with the parent body extending assistance when necessary in matters of collective bargaining.

These letters and telegrams explained that it was impossible for these unions to hold special meetings and vote to send delegates, but that meetings at which the move was discussed voted in every case to join up with the U. M. W.

James Nelson, executive secretary and chairman of the National Council of Federal Labor Unions in the Gas and By-Product Coke Industries, presided over the convention which was also attended by a commission of United Mine Workers representatives.

John Brophy, director of the Committee for Industrial Organization and a member of the U. M. W. Commission, told the meeting that the last U. M. W. convention had voted to enroll gas and by-product coke workers because this industry was originally set up at the mines and was a part of the mining of coal.

He pointed out that the same financial interests have in recent years taken over control of mines, gas plants and by-product coke plants.

THE UNION LABEL

You're a Union man, I take it,
For you pay your Union dues;
But, my friend, is there a label
Of a Union in your shoes?

Do you see the Union label
On tobacco that you buy?
Or upon your daily paper?
You can get one if you try.

Is a label in the pocket
Of the suit upon your back?
A label on your collar—
Or a Chinese spider track?

Do you find the Union label
In the sweatband of your hat?
Look and see if you can find it—
Did you ever think of that?

There's a moral in this poem,
You can find it if you try;
If at first you fail to see it—
Ask yourself the reason why.
—N. B. Maxwell.

BOSSES' CALL FOR TROOPS IS NEWEST 'SCARE'

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refusal of the employers to deal with the Unions in the present strikes is the Citizens Alliance program for a "showdown" with the labor movement.

Local No. 544 is the particular Union the Citizens Alliance wants broken first. Successful in this, they will rapidly break any other Union that attempts to gain a single thing for its members.

The thousands of dollars already raised and spent by the Citizens Alliance will be quickly regained if the present progressive march of the labor movement can be stopped. Wages and working conditions will quickly go down.

The General Drivers Union in its demand on the unfair wholesale grocery firms is only asking the same conditions and wages that numerous other wholesale grocery firms are meeting and who have signed Union contracts. All maneuvers and rumors of food shortages, violence and disorders are absolutely unfounded. All picketing is peaceful.

Grocery stores are fully stocked with supplies and are being replenished as rapidly as needed from fully stocked Union wholesale houses. Union trucks are moving goods wherever needed.

Daily Press Report of Guilty Incorrect

Earl Sunde, a grocery picket, was arrested last week and charged with disorderly conduct. The charge against him has not yet been fully disclosed but it seems he stopped a non-union meat truck and asked the driver to join the union. After some talk the non-union driver agreed to go up to the headquarters and followed Earl to headquarters.

Later in the afternoon Sunde was arrested and the non-union meat driver signed a complaint against him. Sunde's case came up the next morning where he pleaded not guilty and the case was postponed. The daily press reported that Sunde had pleaded guilty but the court records still show not guilty.

Sunde's case is now pending and will come up again in a few days.

Dorothy Thompson, in the Herald-Tribune: The Communist Party members in America have recently decided that their ancestors all came over in the Mayflower, and their credo is expressed not in the Communist Manifesto but in . . . the Declaration of Independence. Earl Browder is about as inflammatory as David Lloyd George.

It's come to the point where it's a race between the C. P. and the D. A. R. as to which one enrolls the most bluebloods and waves the flag the hardest.

The sympathy of the rich for poverty never preserved the poor from humiliation and need.

The bosses will do everything, in fact—but get off our backs.

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We feature Home Cooking
Try Our Sunday Chicken
Dinners, They Are Delicious
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Present Location, 2520 Nicollet
Moving Soon—Watch for
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Typo Unions Line Up With CIO Group

The International Typographical Union at their convention in Colorado Springs became the potent ally of the Committee for Industrial Organization in that group's current struggle with the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. Brushing aside the Federation's argument, laid before it by William Green, A. F. of L. president, the union's eighth annual convention adopted a resolution pledging "moral and financial support" to the committee. The resolution was adopted by a voice vote. The resolution instructed the union's executives to "take action to protect and preserve the autonomy of the International Typographical Union as an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor."

Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

TAPE—

Well, it's done. The band is now a member of Local 73, A. F. of M. We all went down last week and did our duty. They really ask a lot of questions. Honest, the application blank was this long. . . .

HEH! HEH!

Harry Richman, the flying crooner filled the wings of his cross Atlantic plane with ping pong balls to facilitate floating in case water was the landing spot. But he lit in a bog where he remained with time on his hands and nothing to do but wait. 10,000 ping pong balls and not one paddle. . . .

POISON—

Next time you have a damp party at your house try this one. One part Sloe Gin, one part absynth, three parts soda water, one wintergreen life saver. Bang! Bang! Two high balls and you'll need the life saver. . . .

SQUIRREL

season opens next month. The greys are fat and plentiful. The season should be good. We have a couple nice grey squirrels just around the corner here that we have been feeding all summer. Some dark night—Oh well, come up to the house for a squirrel dinner. You bring the dinner. . . .

RHYTHM—

Without reservation, the dirtiest rhythm we ever heard is played on an old reed organ such as was used to lead the hymns in Sunday school way back when. Local radio station WDGy has two such recordings. Absolutely the hottest! Imagine "Stompin' at the Savoy" being swung on your chapel organ. Whew! . . .

GAMES—

We know it's old, but it's still good. Lots of you won't get it. If you had a five-gallon can and a two-gallon can and you wanted to measure out one gallon of water, how would you go about it? Tear off the top of a stake body truck and send it in with your answer and get your sample of Smarter Little Quivver Pills. . . .

FUN—

Well, he Athertonians went to town last Saturday night. And we had quite a time. Boy, there were raffles, turtle races and for a dime you could stick a dart in Hitler's nose.

If you plan to hold a dancing party, be sure you have the best in music. Dick Atherton's all Union band is at your service. Simply call Gl. 3382.

IN THE END ZONE

THEY'RE OFF!

When this reaches you, football season will be only a few hours from its start. Today and tomorrow mark the beginning of High School, Small College and inter-sectional games. . . .

IN FACT

this week is chucked full of bang-up sports events. Al Etoe and Joe Louis go in for a game of handies. Al says he's going to stop the sunburned Indian. Who are you pulling for?

Minnesota and Washington go to bat tomorrow. Others of the big ten teams start their seasons as well and then too our High School kids start booting leather. . . .

SCHEDULE:

At about 3 p. m. today eight sparkling high school teams take the field in four games. 1935's Championship Teddies meet North High. Marshall goes to South. Edison is entertained at West while Washburn tussles with Central.

Every game should be packed full of thrills. . . .

PICKING

the winners is a mean job. No one knows what to expect from these untried teams. In fact the situation was very ably, however laconically described by Keith, stellar Marshall quarterback. When we asked who looked tough, he answered, "Who doesn't!" We'll pick them this way:

- South to beat Marshall
- Central to beat Washburn
- West to beat Roosevelt
- North to beat Edison

WHY?

Marshall will lose because of slowness and lack of co-ordination. Washburn will be much outclassed by a stronger opponent.

North should have no trouble with a weak, unsteady Roosevelt team.

West should by superior playing wear down a scrappy Edison eleven and win. . . .

NOW

in this Minnesota and Washington game tomorrow the picking is tough. The world of sports writers is divided into two camps. The coast sportsmen are swaggering in the confidence that the Huskies will trip the Gophers and thus end a long string of victories for Minnesota. Midwest sports scribes, while realizing Washington is tough, still see room for a Minnesota win. Writers in the east are about equal. No one seems to consider a draw. It's like the Spanish Revolution—No quarter is asked nor given. . . .

OUR CHOICE:

We haven't seen the Huskies. We have seen Minnesota. We know what over-confidence can do, and it does seem that Washington is a little over-confident. . . . Well, hell, we live here and can do nothing but pick Minnesota. If our Gophers go down we'll ask nothing more than to go down with them. . . .

BUT

We will stick our neck out and pick Minnesota to win by 6 points. We believe that Thompson, Gmitro, Uram, Alphonse, and Wilkinson will run those Huskies dizzy. At any rate the whole situation has us dizzy. . . .

ATTENTION BOWLERS!

An enterprising young fellow named James H. Johnson, whose official title is Job Steward, would like your co-operation in organizing a 100 per cent Union bowling league. Johnson says it is to be a handicap league. So your degree of proficiency doesn't matter. The

F. W. S. SECTION MEET ADOPTS NEW DEMANDS

With its usual huge attendance, the regular semi-monthly membership meeting of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, last Friday held a snappy meeting which meant business and did it.

It adopted a new universal minimum schedule of supplemental and direct relief being demanded of the Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare; approved the F. W. S. policy being followed in the Pauper's Oath controversy; prepared to uphold the right of needy strikers to obtain relief; reviewed WPA strike facts; and elected a representative to lay suggestions for the unemployed movement before the State Federation of Labor's Annual Convention at Cloquet.

One Common Demand

A new schedule to unite WPA workers and direct relief clients in a powerful drive for more adequate relief was adopted by the meeting as follows:

Minimum monthly budgets including wages actually received:
Single persons, \$60.00 (WPA wage).

Families of two, \$66.

Families of three, \$72.

Each additional dependent, \$8.

The above is on a basis of one member of family working. Differential for each person working is \$15 per month. Clothing and medical care to be in addition.

Pauper's Oath

Reports to the meeting indicated the Welfare Board is about to get down off its high horse on the Pauper's Oath question, but speakers stressed the importance of having the signed affidavits returned to their signers and requested each member to make such a demand individually of his investigator and to report results to the F. W. S.

Relief for Strikers

Enthusiastic response greeted the proposal that Federal Workers Section must give its full support to the Labor Movement in maintaining the right of needy strikers to obtain relief.

Whenever any worker runs out of the necessities of life and money with which to purchase same, it was pointed out, no matter what the cause, he is and must be entitled to immediate relief to cover his needs, and the Federal Workers Section is the organization through which all Unions should concentrate their united strength in retaining this basic right of Labor.

Speaker to Cloquet

The meeting elected Grant Dunne as representative to lay before the Cloquet Convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, an outline of principles underlying the Federal Workers Section, its plans for the immediate future, and to propose that the State Federation of Labor take greater interest in unemployment organization; aid in building a healthy statewide unemployment movement, and support immediate demands of F. W. S. for relief and WPA.

WANTED

A large rat trap for our Commissary. It seems there has been pilfering down in the pantry, and we can't believe it can be any one but a rat.

F. W. S. and the Consolidated Package Delivery have already organized. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! The season is already underway.

Federal Workers DANCE

This Saturday, Sept. 26

At General Drivers Hall

Proceeds for Frank Ross

Defense

Many Valuable Prizes Given Free

FWS Picnic Tickets will admit bearers to dance and prize drawings

Get Tickets of FWS Stewards

or at door

10c Per Person

Atherton's Orchestra

Madden Bros. Struck By General Drivers

Tuesday, September 22, found Madden Bros., Inc., principally engaged in hauling new Ford cars for the local Ford plant, struck by General Drivers, Local 544.

The drivers at Madden Bros., Inc., have all been members of Local 544 for some time. A verbal agreement was reached weeks ago with the firm on the signing of a Union contract. Artful stalling by the employer had held up the actual signing.

Last week, without warning or notice, one of the drivers was fired. Organizers from the Union immediately requested the reason for firing, and when none was given, served notice that the driver must be restored his job by Tuesday morning, September 22.

When the company failed to put the driver back on his job on Tuesday morning the men on the job ceased work.

Immediately Madden Bros. informed their employees that they would quit business and laid up the several tractors and trailers.

On investigation it was found that the hauling of Madden Bros., Inc., is being turned over to E. M. Wylie, Inc., a bitter competitor of Madden Bros., Inc., and a 100% non-union firm. As is usual when the bosses come to grips with their employees they always very quickly form the best of alliances with their bitterest competitors.

Will the Ford Motor Co. also insist on non-union concerns doing their work when the bulk of Ford buyers are in the working class is the question more and more Union members are asking.

Tampa Cops Handed Five Year Terms

Bartow, Florida—Five former Tampa cops were handed five-year sentences by Judge Robert Dewell of Bartow for their part in the kidnaping last November 30 of Eugene F. Poulnot, Florida chairman of the Workers Alliance.

The sentences were given following denial of defense motions for a new trial. The men, who were convicted May 23, were allowed four months to file an appeal with the state supreme court.

Two other cases will be heard in coming months for the kidnaping of Dr. Samuel Rogers and the kidnaping-murder of Joseph Shoemaker, companions of Poulnot. The trio were seized in a Tampa home, taken to the police station, then spirited away by a band of masked men, allegedly Ku Klux Klanners, and badly beaten in the woods outside the city. Shoemaker died from the wounds inflicted.

In New York the Committee for Defense of Civil Liberties in Tampa, which had helped focus national attention on the case, hailed Dewell's decision as a "real triumph for the cause of civil liberties in Tampa."

Headline: Marlene Dietrich Pays \$300 for John Gilbert's \$80 Bedsheets.

Some guys would pay \$330 for Dietrich's bedsheets—if Marlene were in betw—oh well.

Battery Workers to Hold Strike Dance

The past week has seen no effort whatever on the part of the battery manufacturers to settle the strike which has stopped all battery production in Minneapolis. Apparently these employers, like the grocery bosses, intend to attempt to shift all responsibility onto the employees. The battery employees, however, are presenting a solid front and a determination that will spell victory for them.

Local 292 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is aiding the striking battery workers and has requested the I. B. E. W. to issue a charter for them. Local 292 is further assisting in contacting other battery manufacturing points such as Omaha, Chicago, etc., to gain the support of these plants for the local strike. Some of these out of town plants are already organized and others are being organized.

The organization committee of the Battery Workers Union has made arrangements with the employees of the National Battery Co. of St. Paul to hold a special organization campaign meeting in St. Paul on Tuesday, September 22. At this meeting plans for a Twin City Battery Workers Union will be gone over and such definite steps taken to start functioning as a Twin City Union.

To aid in raising finances for the strike, the battery workers are holding a dance at the headquarters, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., Friday, September 25, with an admission of 25 cents. The music will be furnished by talent within the ranks of the strikers themselves. Everyone is urged to come and help the striking battery workers.

Company Union Launched at Minneapolis Knitting Co.

According to the latest reports available, the Minneapolis Knitting Co. has succeeded in stemming real union organization among their employees by granting wage raises and forming a company union.

As has happened all too many times in the past, these workers uninitiated in all the pitfalls constructed by the employers have been diverted from the only road to real protection.

The full import of the falsity of this company program will be revealed to the Minneapolis Knitting Co. employees as they attempt to gain their full rights. Only then will they fully understand unionism.

Local 544 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 1: Block Men.
Thursday, Sept. 3: Independent Truck Owners
Friday, Sept. 4: Federal Workers.
Wednesday, Sept. 9: Market
Friday, Sept. 11: Local 544 Job Stewards
Monday, Sept. 14: Full Membership
Thursday, Sept. 17: Independent Truck Owners
Friday, Sept. 18: Federal Workers
Monday, Sept. 21: Coal Workers
Friday, Sept. 25: Local 544 Job Stewards
Monday, Sept. 28: Full Membership
Tuesday, Sept. 29: Taxi Drivers; Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m.

NOTES:
 Local 544 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday at 8 p. m.
 Local 544 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m.
 Federal Workers Job Stewards meet each Wednesday at 8 p. m.

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"When I ply my needle, trowel or pick,
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike, I'm a Bolshevik
I'm labor."

No Substitute

The strike of the wholesale grocery workers has demonstrated, beyond the shadow of doubt, that some Minneapolis employers, as represented by the Citizens Alliance, have determined to have a showdown with the local labor movement. This labor-hating group have adopted the policy of refusing to recognize the right of their employes to bargain collectively, to raise wages and establish decent conditions of employment. The old workers-rights-betrayed method of dealing with employes has become their creed and the arrogance with which they are carrying out the agreed-upon policy should alarm the local movement.

Organized labor has made gigantic strides forward in Minneapolis during the past two years. Instead of this community being known, from coast to coast, as a non-union, scab city it has become equally well known as a union town. There are some employers who grant and recognize that organized labor has a right to have a voice in the direction of industry. Many employers of labor adopt the attitude that it is to their financial interests to establish friendly relations with labor unions. A large section of Minneapolis employers have recognized the right of labor to bargain collectively; others have bowed to the power of the labor movement and have had unions established in their industries. However, the old die-hard group, led by the Alliance and backed and encouraged by the banks, are, without a question, prepared for a fight with labor. In this coming struggle no union and no organization of the working class will be spared. It will be a life and death affair for every organized group of workers.

Some sections of the movement indicate, by their attitude, that, in some manner, they will be spared and that the employers' wrath will be directed against only the union organizations that have been aggressive and militant. **Nothing could be farther from the truth.** Such an error will lead to grave consequences. It is true that the labor-haters will aim their first and most destructive blows at the aggressive mass organizations of labor. That, however, is only the first step. Once the spearhead of the progressive section of the movement is taken care of, their attention will be turned to the weaker and more impotent of labor's group. None will be spared if the vanguard is destroyed. There are those leaders who believe that if their organization assumes the protective color of an old ladies' sewing circle they will be forgotten when the union-busting program gets under way. Such people are organizers of defeat, not victories. The need of the hour is in the adoption of an aggressive policy of struggle. Labor's rights can only be established by united, determined action of labor itself. There is no substitute for union organization, leadership and program.

Again—the Employer-Employee Board

During the recent days the entire Employer-Employee Board resigned. In so far as the labor members of this board were concerned certainly the major reason for their resignation was the increasing conviction in the labor movement that the board was a growing detriment. Many unionists heaved a big sigh of relief and said, "That's the end of that."

But notwithstanding his own resignation from the board, President T. E. Cunningham of the State Federation of Labor is quoted in the daily press as saying another such board should be set up.

The **Organizer** sharply puts the question, "Why another board?" The past board aptly demonstrated its true function when it so ruthlessly struck at the present grocery and mill strikers. Shall we now set up another such a potential threat against future strikers?

If there is the need of a so-called labor board, doesn't the local office of the National Labor Relations Board suffice? If it does not, then the only reason left for another Employer-Employee Board is an ulterior one that bodes no good for labor.

Thomas Lamont, Morgan partner: There will be no general war in Europe, because 95 per cent of the people do not want to fight.

But remember, Mister, in 1916 the majority of Americans didn't want war either. That's why they voted for Woodrow Wilson. But we got war. It's not what the people want, it's what their masters want that is real.

Stephen Leacock: For 40 years I've taught economics. Now that I'm retiring, I admit I've been teaching bunk. The old economic theories throw about as much light on our social problems as a glow worm.

And glow worms are of no use today. What is needed is the searchlight of Marxism—as more and more workers are discovering.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Morrie Olson, popular Independent Truck Owner, is in the hospital, very ill. It's at the Swedish. He can see visitors.

Dick Atherton wants to sell a sweet banjo. It can be gotten cheaply.

The Welfare Board is ready to toss the paupers oath.

The editor is at the State Federation convention this week.

Charges and counter-charges are still flying through the air over the recent WPA strike. It was an ill-advised affair. Why not admit it?

Some of the retail grocery chains closed their stores Saturday. Plenty of food. They want a panic.

The Friday Federal meeting is a large one.

The Minneapolis Knitting company succeeded in setting up a company union there. The workers there are in for a stormy time.

Bill Miller, grocery striker, rolled over in his new Plymouth last week. Plenty of damage.

Vacation time for the office force.

Swede Westerlund went to work at Werners Saturday. A short job. He earned 17c.

Pete Harris says that if the strike keeps up he'll turn to writing.

The Flour Mill strikers staged a party at the Midland mill one night last week.

There's going to be a big fight on the question of extra relief aid for WPA workers.

Slim Gardner, Walter Hagstrom and Moe Hork, all stewards, are convention delegates.

Get Pete Harris to tell you the one about the two Irishmen and the night-cap.

Two wholesale grocery owners became very wet at the Corner Spot Saturday.

Happy Holstein is packing his right claw in a sling. A Highway battle.

Dobbs is having a medical going-over.

The battery workers are making a real fight of it. Its a question of recognition.

A warehouse charter is expected in town shortly. Look out for a battle there.

Northwest teaming craft unions caucused at the State Federation Convention. They met in Duluth.

One of the Bigger Unions is going to unload the whole official crew shortly.

The Kinkaid May Brothers company are making themselves a fortune during the grocery strike. They are On the Line with the Union.

WPA workers are organizing to make a demand for a common state-wide wage scale.

The company union at Archer-

Daniels took a knock-out punch since the elevator strike.

Some of the girls at Minneapolis Knit are plenty heart-sick.

Viola Flanz represented the Stenographer's Union at the state convention.

V. R. Dunne spoke before the Saturday Lunch club last week. The talk was on the current strike and was well received.

544 dance band opened the season at the Saturday frolic of the Socialist party. A good crowd was on hand.

Six non-union workers walked out of Slocum-Bergren's plant Friday. An hour later they were on the picket line.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

By Carl O' Shea

Wellesley Hills, Mass., news item: Roger Babson, noted economist, today announced that the depression was at last over, and that we are all set for a period of prosperity.

The ten million unemployed will please stand and sing in chorus, "Hurray, hurray, the depression is over."

Isaac Marcossin, in the American magazine: There is no militarization of youth in America, unless you count the R. O. T. C. and the army supervision of the C. C. C. as militarism.

And he'd probably say there is no capitalism in this country, unless you count the private ownership of the means of production as capitalism.

New York World-Telegram: Joseph Harriman, 72, left the federal penitentiary this morning. . . He had served two years and one month of a four and a half year sentence for falsifying records and misappropriating \$600,000 in the defunct Harriman National Bank and Trust Co.

Sacco and Vanzetti, Tom Mooney and Joseph Harriman They all get the same kind of justice. That's one of the nicest things about America today.

Nuremberg, Germany: Chancellor Hitler reiterated today his faith that woman's place is in the home. . . "I do not want to drive women out of the professions," he said, "I simply want to provide women with a maximum opportunity to found a family and bear children."

Jerusalem: Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope today warned the Arabs to halt their violence. . . Since the disturbance began five months ago, 34 Britons have been killed, 81 Jews and 600 Arabs.—N. Y. Times.

I guess British imperialism doesn't believe in violence—except when it invokes violence against a subject race.

News item from the Vatican: His Holiness spoke feelingly of the increasingly dirty swirl of contemporary life which carries away into a turmoil of material things the youth of today. . . He spoke of the war in Spain as an example of subversion and the spread of Bolshevism.

His Holiness is 100% correct—

Strike Notes

By Pete

The writer, while acting as chairman the other night, got the names of the speakers twisted and almost changed their nationalities by calling on Pat Skoglund and Carl Corcoran. . . One of the firms that signed our agreement has found it difficult to replenish their stock. Even with cash on the line certain brokers have refused to sell. . . Give George W. Helme, R. E. Tritz and Dohney Tobacco Companies.

The pickets during the rest period play cards and baseball, a game played with a two-blade knife. You probably played it when you were a kid. Remember? . . . Give that WPA worker a big hand for donating a buck to our strike fund. Said he wished he could give more. Wish we had more like him. . . What a thrill the writer got when a fellow told me he knew who I was because he read my column. I wasn't sure if anyone did.

Ask Harry DeBoer what he does with that newspaper when he visits the third floor. . . This music fellow, Atherton, is always cracking wise. A sort of a wit, or shall we say half-wit? . . . Several of the boys had accidents last week. The most serious was the rolling over of Miller's car on Excelsior Boulevard. Fortunately nobody was hurt.

How's about getting that large daily paper to retract that story of our picket "pleading guilty" when in the court records it states, "not guilty"? . . . When four men were asked to point out one of our pickets who was charged with disorderly conduct, they failed to do so. How does that tune go. "Be sure it's true. . . Brother Palmquist has been a daily visitor on the third floor. He has given advice to all of us. Thanks a lot, Ed. . .

except it wasn't the workers who provoked the civil war in Spain—it was the wealthy industrialists and land owners who were carried away into "a turmoil of material things."

Commander James E. Van Zandt of the Veterans of Foreign Wars: "We are ready to fight again for preservation of the peace we enjoy today."

Sure, there's nothing like a good war to preserve peace.

Governor Landon comes across: "There is no future on relief."

And there sure as hell is no future in NOT being on relief, either.

Washington news item: President Roosevelt, when asked to reply to Frank Knox's charge that bank deposits and insurance policies are not safe under the New Deal, smiled and said, "Res ipsa loquitur."

That's an idea. Both the Republican and Democratic parties ought to carry on the whole campaign in Latin—they might as well, because what they talk about doesn't make sense to the working class anyhow.

Robert Golding, the Chicago Tribune's guest red-baiter this week: Don't you know that under socialism nobody can get a job except members of the party? . . . Tugwell and Lenin both talk the same language.

One explanation of why the boss press in this country favors the cause of the Fascists against the Spanish people: Of the 72 million American dollars invested in Spain, 67 million represents the investment of the Morgan controlled International Telephone and Telegraph Co.