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You use your power,
The world must follow you.

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Till right is done!
Believe and dare
and do!

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FOOD STRIKERS RETURN TO WAREHOUSES WEDNESDAY

COAL DRIVERS HOLD MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Coming Agreement in Coal Holds Interest of All Members

Reports Show Organization Is Badly Needed in Yards

Monday night saw the first season's meeting of the coal drivers, yard workers and helpers. It was a surprisingly large meeting for the first gathering of the coal yard workers. Almost 400 workers were on hand when the meeting was opened by Brother DeBoer who acted as chairman.

It was evident from the first that the major subject of the evening would be the pending agreement between the Union and the coal employers. It will be recalled that the coal contract, which covered all workers in the coal industry during the 1935-36 season, expired May 30 of this year. At that time the coal bosses refused to renew the agreement which called for a substantial increase in wages.

Brother Skoglund reported on the situation in the coal industry. In his report Brother Skoglund said that only that day the Union had received a letter from the chairman of the Coal Employers committee asking that a meeting be immediately arranged with the

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Hoigaard Awning Co. Is Still Unfair

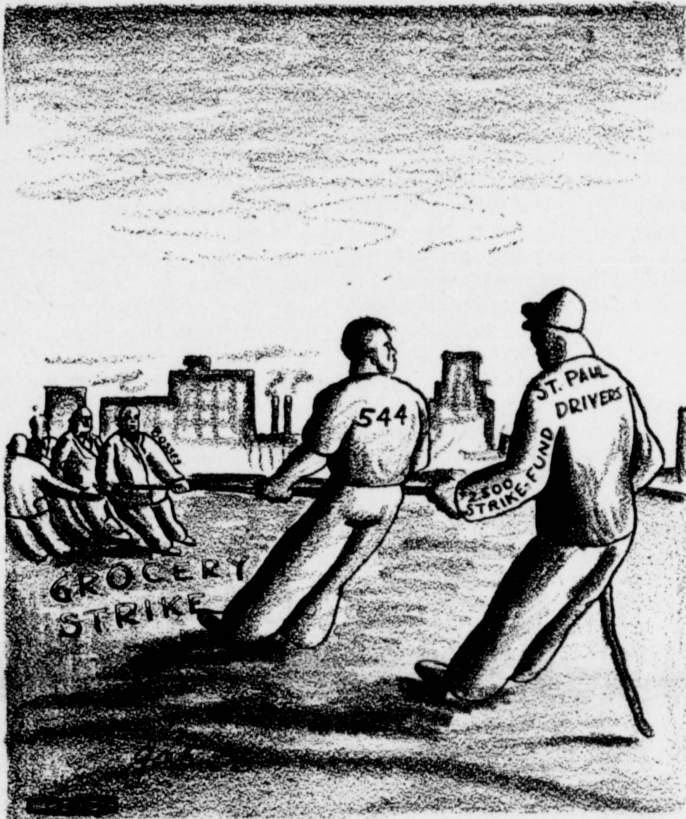
The striking workers at the Hoigaard Tent and Awning Co. continue to hold firm and since the calling of the strike very little work has been accomplished by this firm.

Despite the fact that this is the peak of the tent and awning season the owner of the plant stubbornly refuses to recognize the right of his employees to belong to a labor Union.

Coal Workers

It is important that all members of the coal workers section, drivers, helpers and yard workers, be on hand for the next regular membership meeting of the Union which will be held October 12th. At that time it is probable that a report on the negotiations between the Union and the coal employers will be made by Union representatives who are in charge of this work. The meeting will start promptly at 8 p. m.

The Helping Hand



American Railway Express Aided Grocery Bosses in Recent Strike

"Union" Drivers Deliver Through Picket Lines

The American Railway Express Co. have played a very sorry role in the recently concluded strike of wholesale grocery workers. The American Express agency during the course of the whole affair acted an out and out strikebreaking role.

Commodities which are ordinarily shipped by truck or rail were sent via the American Railway Express and delivered into struck stores. Wholesale grocery employers shipped material out of their warehouses via the express company directly to the retail establishments that were being bannered and picketed by members of General Drivers Union.

It has become distinctly noticeable in the last few years that whenever a strike occurs which interferes with normal truck transportation, the American Express company has been called in to act the role of strikebreaker. It is all the more shameful when one considers that drivers of American Railway Express trucks are completely organized into a Union.

During the recent grocery-trouble in Minneapolis express drivers were appealed to time and again to refuse to make scab deliveries into struck establishments. That

they refused to accede to the reasonable request of the striking grocery workers is indicative that they are not Union men, but merely card carriers.

The present role of the American Railway Express is a distinct menace to any transportation strike.

Ry-Krisp Workers Win Real Victory

The six-week old strike at the Ry-Krisp Co. came to an end Monday, October 6. The ending of the strike brought an agreement which means substantial pay increases, seniority and a readjustment of hours for the workers involved.

Eighty-seven employees of the plant, all of whom are members of the Union, have stood solidly throughout the strike resisting the attempted banishments of the employer to get them to return to work. Wage increases provided for in the agreement average from 15 to 21 per cent.

The wage raises granted to women workers was particularly good as it raised the minimum rate of pay for these workers almost 20 per cent. Workers at the Ry-Krisp Co. belong to the Food and Candy Workers Union under Federal charter No. 2120.

Grocery Strike Ends as Workers Return to Work With Union Recognized

Six Weeks Struggle Terminates When Bosses Agree to Grant Demands

Workers Win Wages, Seniority and the Right to Be Represented by Unions

The strike of the wholesale grocery drivers, helpers and warehousemen, which has been carried on since August 20, came to an end Wednesday, October 7.

Characterized by the most militant and determined picketing that has been seen in Minneapolis since the 1934 General Drivers strike, the battle between the bosses and the employees of grocery warehouses was one that was fought to establish the rights of workers in this industry to bargain collectively through an organization of their own choosing.

The strike ended with an almost 100% victory for General Drivers Union. All employees are returned to work without discrimination, seniority rights are established in all plants and wage rates asked by the Union are granted with one exception. That single exception will be referred to a Board of Arbitration with every assurance that the workers involved will come out of the struggle with substantial increases in pay.

Madden Bros. Strike Is Over

Last week saw the ending of the two weeks old strike of the Madden Brothers Transportation Co. This firm, engaged in transporting automobiles from the lake ports to the Twin Cities, refused to recognize that their employees were members of Local No. 544.

Over a three months period this firm had consistently refused to enter into an agreement with the General Drivers Union in spite of the fact that all of their employees were members of that organization.

Wednesday, September 30, the Madden firm signed a contract with Drivers Union providing substantial increases in wages and many reforms in working conditions.

Splendid help was accorded the striking Madden drivers by Union Longshoremens in Duluth and Superior who refused to load automobiles on scab-driven trucks.

Local Team Wins Season's Opener

Local 544 football team, playing its first game of the season Sunday, took the Camden-Fremonts into camp by a score of 7 to 0. The local team, which has been practicing faithfully for several weeks, are sure to give a good account of themselves in the Park Board league. Games will be played regularly each Sunday from now on.

The winning of the struggle with the grocery bosses is, without question, one of the most important victories achieved by General Drivers Union since August of 1934.

In this strike the Union encountered a group of employers, backed by the Citizens Alliance, coerced and intimidated by huge Northwest banking institutions and determined, on their own part, not to incur the danger of Union organization gaining a foothold in their industry. Almost two months elapsed before the grocery employers could be induced to recognize the rights of their employees to bargain collectively.

Union organization in the wholesale grocery warehouses began early last spring. At the outset Union organizers found low wages were almost universal with this class of workers and shameful conditions of employment were prevalent in many of the warehouses.

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Sanitary Drivers Get a Short Week

Last week saw the achievement of a real victory by the City and Sanitary Drivers Union. By a resolution of the City Council they were granted the five-day 40-hour week. The passing of this resolution ended a long struggle of the city and sanitary drivers to achieve this reform in their working conditions. The establishment of the short work week for employees in the garbage department brings their wages and working conditions to a peak for drivers in this part of the country.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

COAL DRIVERS HOLD MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

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Union. Skoglund said that there seemed to be an indication that the employers had suffered a change of heart and were now probably agreeable to entering into an agreement with the Union.

Reports of representatives from various yards indicated that Union organization was at a low ebb in many places. Brother Dunne spoke on the necessity for complete unionization in the coal yards as a necessary prerequisite to securing a Union agreement.

A motion was made and defeated that a ten-day deadline be given the coal employers to sign the new agreement.

A motion was made and passed that Union officials meet with representatives of the coal employers and report back to the next meeting of the coal yard workers which will be held Monday, October 19.

Yellow Notes

Miles threatened to go on the water-wagon last Saturday night. To this date he hasn't violated this threat.

Anyone who wants to even up an old grudge against George Olson should invite him to a steak supper now.

Larry Brown is recuperating at his home. He expects to be back in a short time now.

Bill Saunders is at home now, according to latest reports. He is hobbling about with a brace on his leg. Although he isn't quite able to take part in a prize waltz, as yet, he is doing as well as can be expected in getting around.

Harry Garrett suffered a heart attack in the drivers' room one morning last week. He is recuperating at his home.

The action of the members in the nominations for a day committee-man and recording secretary at the last meeting, simplified the election problem.

"Shorty" DePew's strategy board idea is a very commendable one. There are lots of improvements to be made yet in our conditions both on and off the job.

The "Big Chief" Clairmont took a very much needed vacation last week. Banjo Miller made a valiant attempt to take his place.

"Red" Wodruff is taking his try-out on the switchboard very seriously. Evidently he is getting tired of driving.

It isn't hard to pick the members out who take a real interest in our organization. Meeting after meeting practically the same members are in attendance. Let's see a little more interest by those who haven't been attending meetings.

LOCAL 160 MEETING SCHEDULE

- October 6 — Executive Board meeting and Stewards meeting.
- October 7 — General Membership meeting.
- October 13 — Executive Board meeting.
- October 20 — Executive Board and Stewards.
- October 21 — General Membership meeting.
- October 27 — Executive Board meeting.

IN THE END ZONE

STALE HASH

Well, the critics picked the Iowa powerhouse over Northwestern and Northwestern took the critics for a picking. We were one of those fortunates who strung along with the wildcats. Way back on June 24 of this year we picked Northwestern as a tough baby. We still think the Wildcats will give Minnesota her toughest battle this year. . . .

TOMORROW!

In last week's issue we made an error in stating that the Nebraska Huskers played our Gophers on October 3. We are sure no one was fooled. We all know it's tomorrow, the 10th. And if you think that those Huskers are going to be a pushover don't bet too much on them. Nebraska demanded enough attention to rate the presence of Bernie Bierman at their triumph over Iowa State. Bernie doesn't seem worried but he'll feel lots better when Nebraska is out of the way. . . .

BAD BREAKS

Last week we picked Roosevelt over Marshall. We did think that the Tedies had enough to win and they did have that little margin. They put their touchdown over, but a penalty nullified the score. Then on a bad break they lost the game by a two point margin. Marshall showed a lot more punch than they have thus far. They'll need that punch today—plenty! . . .

LINE UP

Four more pretty swell games again this week will draw thousands of fans to South, Marshall, Edison and North. West and Washburn cross the river to engage Marshall and Edison respectively. Roosevelt runs amuck with South while North battles Central on the North field. . . .

PICKING

This series presents two easy and two difficult choices. West and South are prohibitive favorites over Roosevelt and Marshall respectively. Central and North are a toss-up. Edison has a slight edge on Washburn. At any rate we'll take them like this:

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

WHY

South will have what amounts to a romp over Roosevelt. This South team has loads of class, speed and power. West should purge the humility of Roosevelt's short decision to Marshall last week by crushing the Cardinals. Edison, playing on their own ground for the first time this year, will be anxious to defeat a stubborn Washburn eleven. In their anxiety they may make some costly mistakes but should come through to win. In this Central-North game we find two teams well matched. This should produce a great battle. We may be upset in our choice but we expect North to retaliate for her defeat of last week. . . .

MORE GOPHERS

Just a word more about this game tomorrow. Fans will see a better Minnesota team than the one which went to Washington. The Gophers should be better seasoned and fresher than they were in Seattle. Then, too, we are in our own back yard and that helps too. We should see smoother, running and passing attacks tomorrow — an attack smooth enough, we hope, to topple those hearty Huskers. . . .

Bill Brown Says—

Once again our Union has struck one of the biggest industries in Minneapolis and forced the wages up and the hours down. The Citizens Alliance has used every effort to prevent a settlement in this strike but all they have done is waste the employers' money and time. The employers not only in Minneapolis but everywhere must recognize the rights of workers and the sooner they deal with labor unions the fewer strikes we will have. Then the employers can pay the money to the workers instead of the Citizens Alliance.



BILL BROWN, President of 544

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houses. The workers, given the opportunity, eagerly joined the Union ranks. Once they became acquainted with what the Union stood for and what it was attempting to accomplish for its members, they became eager for reforms in their wages and working conditions.

A Union agreement was drawn up by the men calling for Union recognition, seniority and raises in hourly wage rates. No outlandish or outrageous demands were made. The agreement merely provided for wage scales similar to those that existed in allied industries.

Union officials tried for two months to secure a meeting with wholesale grocery employers for the purpose of laying the grievances of their employees before them. All efforts of Union representatives were unavailing. The Employers stubbornly refused to concede the right of Local No. 544 to recognize their employees.

After two months of fruitless effort to secure an agreement with the grocery bosses, a strike was finally called. From the outset it was apparent that the employers had determined upon a lockout policy and had made up their minds to starve the workers in the grocery industry into submission.

The progress of the strike saw every device ever used by any employer anywhere brought into play by the grocery bosses. The red scare, threats of a food shortage, full page newspaper advertisements, meetings of indignant "citizens," appeals to civic and fraternal organizations to intervene — all combined with constant threats of calling of National Guard troops was a day by day occurrence during the strike.

In spite of all the threats and intimidations the ranks of the strikers remained firm throughout the almost two months' period. Many new members were added to the wholesale grocery section during the fight.

Too much credit cannot be given the magnificent solidarity of the striking grocery workers which contributed in a large measure to their victory.

It is almost certain that the near future will see a 100 per cent Union organization in the wholesale grocery industry.

Acknowledging with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.
Mrs. John Schuster and
MRS. JOHN SCHUSTER
and family.

Bowling Note

So far we have five captains with teams signed for the Union Bowling League: Meat Drivers, L. Kenzie; Consolidated No. 1, Zanker; Consolidated No. 2, Shallow; Federal Workers, J. H. Johnson; and the Office Force, G. Dunne. We also expect the Socialist Party, A. Russell, and Furniture Workers, Janasco to sign. There is room for one or two more teams. They must be in this week.

Farmer-Labor Rally Draws Huge Throng

The Farmer-Labor picnic and barbecue, held Sunday at Floyd Olson park at Camden, attracted a huge throng who listened attentively to the speaking program which included almost all Farmer-Labor candidates.

The committee in charge of the arrangements had provided a huge quantity of barbecued beef which was distributed free to those present. Before the afternoon was over it became evident that too small a space had been provided for the crowd that attended.

Before the speaking program started there was music and community singing over the loud speaker system.

General Drivers Thanks Donors

As evidence that the grocery strike received the whole-hearted support of the Twin City labor movement, General Drivers Union, during the course of the difficulty, was given almost \$4,000 for the use of the strikers. Local 544, the Executive Board and the entire membership of the union wish to take this opportunity to thank all labor organizations and all members of the labor movement who contributed to the strike fund. A complete list of donors will be published in a later issue.

Workers Alliance Will Move Office

The state headquarters of the Workers Alliance of Minnesota, located until recently in the Gateway Bank Building, will be moved to Room 211, DeSoto Building, Minneapolis, Minn., October 5, 1936. Hennepin County headquarters of the Workers Alliance will be located temporarily at 212 Hennepin Avenue.

Stenos' Union Will Have an Organizer

At the Monday meeting of the Stenographers and Bookkeepers Union it was voted to put a paid organizer on the staff of the local. Florence Strong was selected for the position. Thousands of unorganized office workers in the city testify to the need for unionization in that field.

All Meter Readers Wear 160 Button

Meter readers at the Northern States Power company are reported to be joining the union in good shape. A campaign is being carried on by the readers to get all trade unionists to demand the union button of Local 160 from the meter reader.

Each week brings in additional proof that members of the Independent Truck Owners Section shouldn't have more than one truck.

Strike Faces All Seamen on the Pacific Coast

San Francisco—The agreements and awards between the various unions and the employers have lapsed and a gigantic strike looms on the waterfront.

The shipowners are insistent on dropping the terms of the old agreements. They are out for blood and seem to be intent on forcing a head-on collision with the longshoremen and seamen. The workers, however, are insistent upon retaining union control of hiring halls.

Longshoremen are demanding a five cent raise in hourly pay. The seamen are insisting on a living wage and a six hour day in port.

The seamen are also determined to block the imposition of the Copeland "continuous discharge book" passed by the last Congress which would smooth the machinery for the operation of a black list against the militant elements. Up and down the coasts one sees conspicuous white buttons worn by seamen, reading: "As an American I refuse the Copeland Pink Book."

Faced with the strike possibility, President Roosevelt, whose man, Johnson, broke the general strike here which began on the waterfront in 1934, hastily appointed a new Federal Maritime commission, headed by Admiral Henry A. Wiley, anti-labor "arbitrator." Wiley is a strong "big navy" man whose arbitration decisions in the Camden, N. J., shipbuilding strike recently were denounced by the union.

Independent Truck Chatter

At this time many of the county WPA jobs are graveling. Some of the Independents choose to ignore all simple rules of Union co-operation on these jobs, perhaps intending in a childish way to ingratiate themselves into the good graces of the boss. Where a string of trucks are on the road, always keep spread apart a good distance, which is only good common sense from a standpoint of safety. Some drivers have a habit of speeding to catch the truck ahead and then tail him for the rest of the trip. This means that he hasn't sufficient judgment of speed and distance to be permitted to drive or else he is deliberately trying to show the boss what a good fink he is. There should be no necessity for trucks passing each other on graveling jobs paid by the hour and hauling to the same place.

There should be a better spirit of co-operation between the Union members and the stewards on the jobs. Remember he is only working for the interest of all on the job. If your toes get stepped on, take it and shut up. If on the other hand you have a grievance, take it to the Ways and Means committee.

It might be a good idea for some of these Independents with two trucks to act like Union men. A tip to the wise, and a flip to the smart.

"We Are Proud of Our Coffee"
S & S CAFE
633 THIRD AVE. S.
We feature Home Cooking
Try Our Sunday Chicken
Dinners, They Are Delicious
35c up

Nelson Welding Co.
E. C. NELSON, Prop.
A Specialty of Truck Body Building
Present Location, 2520 Nicollet
Moving Soon—Watch for
New Address

Notes to You
by
Kenn Harlan

BLUNDER—

In this much advertised film, "And Sudden Death," which was written and filmed for the sole purpose of promoting safety, there is a blunder. Perhaps you have seen the picture and know of the mistake. At any rate it occurred in the sequence in which Randolph Scott, as a traffic expert, parks his car in one lane of a two-lane highway while he stops to chat with the proud beauty. Bad I call it! . . .

COMPLIMENT—

Nick, the yard foreman at the Carnegie Coal Co., is a real fellow. He's a good yard foreman and an avid Union advocate. You can't work long for Nick without

ADD—

I might not be a bad idea to drop in at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. tomorrow night. The Independent Truckmen are giving a dance. Oh yes—Dick Atherton's band will play. And if you haven't heard our new sax combination you've missed something. Don't forget when you patronize this band you are getting all Union entertainment. The band owes allegiance to No. 544 and to Local 73, A. F. of M. You owe your support to the band and to its sponsors. . . .

OH MY—

The recurrence of misprints in our copy is not the fault of the office force, nor the Editor, nor the printer. No—this reporter has had a bad cold for the past two weeks. A cold so bad—would you believe me, I even write with a blub—Thank you so much for uddurstadig. . . .

LAUGH—

We let ourself in for an extremely odd midnight movie the other late Pee Em. The picture was filmed in England and was a pitifully funny attempt at a good American mystery. Imagine a bunch of thugs holding their guns on a level with their own noses and in cultured Oxford English saying—"Drop your pistol theya old fellow—if you don't mond." Tsk, tsk. . . .

TRUCKS

With the passing of the horse and, more pertinently, the mule, we thought that vehicles could be driven without cussin'. But no—trucks are driven verbally, too. When stalled behind a car at a through stop street, a truck driver reacts this way—"Hey, what the hell—that sign says stop—nothing about parking on it! Cuss, cuss, cuss, cuss, then some bad words, then cuss, cuss, cuss. The mule would faint in shame! . . .

KINDNESS—

Illness left him a cripple. His little legs twisted. His arms became useless things—but his mind was left normal and bright. He wanted, oh so much, to be an athlete. He loved football, but there was no place in that game for his poor misshapen body. Still, he hoped and his hopes kept him near the team. Finally, for his loyalty, they gave him a sweater and let him sit on the bench with the players. Now we see him weekly dragging himself about the sidelines—making himself useful—and is he happy. You should see that kid's face. . . .

SEASON—

Bird season opens on the twenty-fourth. Don't believe this writer will see the field this year unless someone wants to hire him out for a pointer. We'll be there, too, if we can point with a gun. . . .

Local 160 N. S. P. Settles With Boss

A main grievance of the employees of the Northern States Power Co. is finally well on the way towards a solution. Negotiations between the company and Local 160 have been intermittently carried on ever since the arbitration agreement was reached in July. On several occasions it seemed that negotiations had reached an end and that the matters would have to be arbitrated. But negotiations were each time again resumed and at the present time a general understanding on seniority has been fairly well outlined. The understanding covers a big obstacle in providing a full list on seniority for each department. Therefore, in the very near future a seniority list for each department should be available.

A number of other matters have also been gradually disposed of. The three truck drivers of the Underground Department have now been restored their former monthly wage of \$125 per month. The Union has succeeded in getting several of the newer linemen their full pay scale. The number of 55c per hour men has now been reduced to one or two. A layoff violating seniority in the Underground Department was corrected and the member put back to work.

Numerous meetings have been necessary, but point by point Local 160 is overcoming the causes of complaint and dissatisfaction for its membership.

At the regular membership meeting of October 7 reports and discussion of the program and drive forward, when the present letter of agreement with the company expires, will be gone into. Every member should be fully acquainted with all developments during the next few months and attendance at meetings is the best way of getting the full facts. Each man must become twice as active as before and must, more than ever, work on the non-member.

Wm. McGaughren Speaks at Meeting

At the regular FWS membership meeting on September 29, William McGaughren, member of the Welfare Board, heard the schedule of supplemental relief demands read and discussed. He then told the meeting that the demands were very reasonable and that he had been considering proposing the same figures to the Welfare Board. At the show-down, however, McGaughren proposed an entirely different and wholly inadequate set of figures to the board.

Although the FWS members voted unanimously to take drastic steps in obtaining their demands, it was felt that the consent of a larger number of WPA workers should first be registered, since the means of exerting pressure on the local and state relief authorities in this issue is for all family men now on WPA is to go back to straight direct relief unless the demands are granted in full. For that reason action was deferred until the large mass meeting which has been called for October 16.

Company Union

According to the latest information, the attempt of the workers at the Minneapolis Knitting Company to organize a Union there has been defeated by the management. In its place a company union has been set up and has been forced down the throats of the workers. Too late the workers there will discover the tremendous mistake they have made. Attempts at unionization there should not cease. A Union still can be built.

Teamsters Joint Council, CLU and Building Trades Issue Statement

Indicative of the support given the wholesale grocery workers by the organized labor movement of Minneapolis, the following statement was issued last week by the Executive Boards of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, the Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council. This statement was released to the press after a joint meeting of the three bodies.

"In view of the fact that there have been many conflicting and contradictory reports of the progress of negotiations in the wholesale grocery strike, and since the many unfounded rumors and erroneous statements have confused the public mind and hindered progress toward a settlement, the General Drivers Union, Local No. 544, wishes to make the following statement:

"A joint meeting of the committees representing the Union and the wholesale grocery employers, called by Governor Peterson, and held in his office, with Federal Conciliator Robert E. Mythen present, occurred on Tuesday, September 27, to discuss proposals for settling the strike. After thorough discussion Mr. Mythen presented the following proposal:

"At a conference held in the Governor's office, attended by the chief executive of the state of Minnesota, the following members of the Wholesale Grocers' Association of Minneapolis, state and federal officials, representatives of the International Teamsters Union, Local No. 544, the following proposal was agreed upon as a basis for terminating the dispute:

1. That all members of the Union be returned to work without discrimination and seniority rights to prevail.

2. That the employer, wholesale grocers of Minneapolis and its various members agree to recognize Drivers' Union No. 544 as the representative of their members who are employees of the above mentioned firms, to adopt a policy of working conditions governing hours, wages and other conditions.

3. That a committee of two be appointed from the Union and two from the employers immediately, for the purpose of performing the aforementioned acts and attesting same.

"In consideration of the above agreements between both parties, it is recognized by the federal authorities and the civil authorities of the state of Minnesota, that a truce has been established and any unlawful acts alleged by either party shall be terminated at once and that the federal and civil authorities do pledge themselves to see that this is observed.

"Governor Peterson stated that he agreed with Mr. Mythen that the above proposal was a fair basis for settlement. The committee representing the Union and the employers were handed copies of the proposal and each of them agreed that the proposal would be submitted to their organization for consideration.

"The Union, at a specially called meeting of the strikers on the following day, accepted the proposal exactly as written as a fair basis for settlement of the strike. Governor Peterson and Federal Conciliator Mythen were so notified. The Union does not feel that this proposal does full justice to the rights of the strikers, but it was accepted, nevertheless, with the hope and belief that the road would thereby be opened to terminate the strike on the basis of fruitful negotiations to clarify and agree upon the points which would remain in controversy. The Union

committee was later informed that the employers had rejected the proposal.

"On Thursday, October 1, Governor Peterson and Federal Conciliator Mythen submitted a second proposal in which several of the provisions of the first proposal had been eliminated. The second proposal was submitted after the first proposal, which had already been accepted by the Union, was rejected by the employers.

"The Union feels that it is meaningless and purposeless for the mediators to have issued the second or any subsequent proposal until such time as the employers indicated that they are ready to recognize the legal right of their employees to be restored to the job without discrimination, with full seniority rights and with the recognition of their legal right to be represented by their Union.

"When the employers agree to recognize these fundamental and legal rights of their employees, the controversy over hours, wages and working conditions can be quickly settled by negotiation or arbitration and the results reduced to writing and signed by both parties as an evidence of good faith."

With the Laundry Workers Union

Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 have started to negotiate with the employers. Just think, the employers committee will have to tell all those stories over again.

One consolation is that no one ever gets their shins barked sitting around the table, but they might get hit with snow-balls if they sit there too long.

At the Custom laundry one certain laundry foreman doesn't like the Union button. Seems to be a case of BUTTON, BUTTON, who's got the button. Let's see, one thing we don't like is piece work. Was there anything else?

The batting average of our shop stewards is running high and the commercial laundries have no monopoly on good stewards, some of our finest can be found in hotel laundries. Next year will find many of these people among the leaders of the Union.

We are curious to know what became of that committee selected by the St. Paul Local 150 for the purpose of setting up a JOINT BOARD with the Minneapolis local. This board could and would be an effective means to correct many evils that exist in both cities.

How many have seen that thermometer showing the progress of organization in Kronicks? We won't be satisfied 'til it hits the top.

It was necessary to add 200 chairs at our last meeting, every chair was filled. Miles Dunne was the principal speaker and, as always, inspired the workers to help build a better workers' world.

There is still time to get into the Union for \$2. The time extension will run until October 15. After that date the initiation fee will be \$5. Gone is the day when Minneapolis was known from coast to coast as a scab town. EVERY SHOP A UNION SHOP—EVERY WORKER A UNION WORKER. Help keep Minneapolis a UNION town.

Extra Relief Aid Asked of Board

Universal Minimum Schedule
The schedule of demands adopted by the Federal Workers Section is a MINIMUM monthly schedule. Whenever wages actually received are less than this schedule, the difference is to be made up by a relief order for groceries, coal, etc. The schedule does not include clothing, which is to be furnished in addition.

For single persons, \$60.50. (The WPA wage.)
Families of two, \$66.
Families of three, \$72.

Each additional dependent, \$8.
Where two members of the family are working, add \$15. For straight direct relief, deduct \$15. In many cases the need will be greater and must be provided. This schedule is a minimum only.

The schedule is to apply not only to WPA workers but to every worker no matter what his trade or occupation. If he earns less than the schedule and has no means of making up the difference, he should apply to the DPR for the difference.

Dickinson Seed Co. Has Armed Guards

Monday the Albert Dickinson Seed Company brought armed guards into their plant, from all appearances preparing to withstand a seige from the striking Elevator workers. Armed slug-gers at the Dickinson plant mark the first preparation the mill employers have made to offer violence to the strikers. Scabs are also in the plant.

Bargain Dept. Bill Brown has the agency for the Never Sharpe pencil. Send in your orders. . . . 21 to 6 (Minnesota) Brother Brown's prediction.

Larry J. Davidson
2540 4th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minn.
October 2, 1936

Mr. DeBoer
Mr. Hawn
Mr. Rainbolt
General Drivers Union
Local 544

Dear Brothers:

We the drivers and unloaders of the Madden Bros. Inc., are taking the liberty at this time in thanking you one and all, for helping us so courageously in the strike that we just had with our company.

We are all sure that our company will recognize our union from now on and in the future our wages and working conditions will be much better than they have been in the past.

We are all happy to belong to such a union as Local 544.

We all thank you one and all, With kindest regards,
DRIVERS AND UNLOADERS
Drivers and Unloaders
Madden Bros. Inc.
Larry Davidson

LOCAL No. 544 MEETING SCHEDULE
Friday, Oct. 9—Local No. 544 Job Stewards.
Monday, Oct. 12—Full Membership.
Wednesday, Oct. 14—Market Workers.
Thursday, Oct. 15—Independent Truck Owners.
Friday, Oct. 16—Federal Workers.
Monday, Oct. 19—Coal Workers.
Friday, Oct. 23—Local No. 544 Job Stewards.
Monday, Oct. 26—Full Membership.
Tuesday, Oct. 27—Taxi Drivers; Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m.

NOTES:
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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."

Labor and Election

As the summer months draw to a close and the date of election nears it becomes more and more evident, to every clear-thinking person that labor difficulties in Minneapolis and the settlement of those difficulties have been influenced to a great degree by the prevailing political situation. The state Republican party, whose standard bearer is Martin Nelson, is determined to unseat the state Farmer-Labor administration at all costs. The Farmer-Labor association, to whom most labor unions are directly affiliated is felt, by the spokesmen for reaction, to be too close to the interests of the working class and too sympathetic to their aims and aspirations.

The Republican party, which is the acknowledged spokesman of reactionary bankers and big capital, feel in their attempt to exploit the Minnesota working class that their hands are fettered by an unsympathetic political regime. Minnesota exploiters of labor are determined, in conjunction with capitalism everywhere, to cut wages, lengthen hours and reduce the standard of living of Minnesota workers. The stumbling block in their path, at the present time, is the Farmer-Labor party which is in almost complete control of the state political machinery. Striking workers must be subdued, say the agents of arch-reaction, and a political dynasty must be installed in Minnesota which will ruthlessly suppress the attempts of the struggling working class to better its economic conditions.

That Republican politicians have connived with reactionary employers to prolong strike struggles and prevent settlement of economic battles is a certainty. Their objective is two-fold. First, they wish to create the impression throughout the state that the Farmer-Labor party is responsible for the strikes and turmoil that have shaken the state during the last two years. Second, their aim is to provoke violence and rioting that will create a situation which will necessitate a Farmer-Labor governor calling out troops to be used against the workers.

There can be no question but that the prolonged struggle and long drawn-out strike of the wholesale grocery workers would not have happened had not certain interests, whose only aim is creating a favorable political situation for themselves, injected themselves into the picture. The answer that the Farmer-Labor party should make to this dastardly conniving of the Republican party is to come out wholeheartedly in support of striking workers and answer the slander of reactionary politicians by saying openly that the Farmer-Labor party DOES support the economic organizations of the workers.

We're Not Obligated to Scab

A contract just signed by the Truck Drivers Union in Chicago providing that the union will not become involved in a strike of any union not affiliated with it, makes a glaring contrast with the addenda that the crew of the Magmeric forced on the captain, providing that they get ten days pay while standing by should they enter a port where a strike is on, and transportation home if it is not settled by that time.

If unions are formed to stop scabbery, then surely when a union contracts to scab it ceases to be a union. If contracts must be signed, why not have them provide never in any way to obligate the members to aid or abet the breaking of any strike? Insistence on our right to stand by our fellow workers will never weaken us; it can only strengthen us—all of us—and give us more of the good things of life that we organize to get.

The Munition Maker's Prayer

Great God of Battle, hear us while we pray
For greater profits than we now receive.
Grant us another war without delay,
Since mothers now have almost ceased to grieve
Because of sons whose blood we sacrificed
A few short years ago. Their younger sons
Are at the age when, in the name of Christ,
They can be used as fodder for our guns.
So help us to arouse men's fear and hate,
And let the tongues of pacifists be dumb.
Great Lord, make haste, else it may be too late
For us by war to make Thy Kingdom come
And don't forget the profits that accrue;
We'll use a tithe to build a house for You.

Food Workers Are Well Organized

The settling of the Ry-Krisp strike revealed the fact that food and candy workers in the city of Minneapolis are in the best or-

ganized state that has ever existed in the local food industry. Not only does there exist a strong union organization in the candy factories, but cracker and biscuit manufacturing plants are also well unionized. They are organized into Federal Union No. 2120.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Does that new barb-wire fence around the Strutwear plant mean anything?

The drivers at the American Railway Express have played a sorry role in the recent grocery dispute. And union men, yet.

Madden Bros. went on the line with the union Wednesday, September 30.

City and Sanitary drivers went on a 40 hour week starting Saturday.

Laundry owners have agreed to meet representatives of Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union. An agreement is in the making.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT
All dog catchers are in the Union.

The Citizens Alliance received a body blow last week when the whole Minneapolis Trade Union Movement pledged support to the grocery strike.

There are more amateur "strike-settlers" in Minneapolis than there are strikers.

Thomas opened a store in Robbinsdale Saturday. They might as well have remained closed. A banner did effective work.

Murphy Chicagoed over the weekend.

The Battery Workers ranks are still solid.

Duluth and Superior union dock workers gave the Madden strikers splendid support. They refused to load autos on scab-driven trucks.

Talk about hitting 'em. The End Zone conductor had 9 out of 10 last week. Watch his forecasts.

The report of the C. L. U. delegates to the State Federation convention forgot to mention the C. I. O. resolution. Very strange say we.

FOR SALE

Steel box and hoist complete. H. Fischer, 3024 Pleasant Ave.

Swede Westlund became a father Sunday.

The Union sent ten trucks and drivers to Garrison Monday. A State Highway job that is good for six weeks.

Dobbs and Smith were at the International office in Indianapolis Saturday.

Splendid turn-out at the coal meeting Monday.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING
There are no non-union milk drivers in Minneapolis.

Buster Madigan was a Fourth St. "visitor" last week

HOW TRUE!

The other night in the strike headquarters the talk turned to diets and dieting. Dick Atherton quietly remarked that he and his family were already on a diet and

Dock Workers

Thanks of the striking Madden drivers go to the organized dock workers and longshoremen of Duluth and Superior who refused to load automobiles on automobile hauling equipment manned by non-union drivers. This was a splendid gesture of solidarity and support.

had been since they went on relief.

Wagner says that in the future, convention delegates should wear asbestos capes.

Candy workers are restless.

FOR MERCY SAKE
The picture showing at the Art Institute will be picketed.

Hoigaard is still on strike.

Not a major accident at the Yellow Cab since the new cars hit the street.

Sunday saw meetings between union officials and grocery employers that lasted from 9 a. m. until 12 p. m. No dice.

Is it true that the Brewery Workers voted against the C. I. O. resolution at the state convention?

A huge turn-out greeted the speakers at the Camden F-L rally Sunday.

Coal is up. What about wages?

LABOR... Looks at the Press

By Carl O'Shea

Headline in medical journal: Pain in Neck Traced to Sinuses in Nose.

Or to bosses who shout about to gut the country for their own pocketbook.

Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia U President, comments on the Seattle news strike: "... This is an example of the failure of the church, the school and the family to create intelligence, sound moral standards, and a spirit of service in the community. . . The strikers are a disorderly and lawless group of disturbers of the peace.

Or the strike might be an example of the failure of Hearst to recognize the News Guild.

Letter to the editor, American Legion Monthly: . . . I would like to see a doctrine of virile Americanism that will match Marx's stuff point for point, and answer Marx point for point, and the rest of the socialist-communist crowd point for point.

So would the bosses, who have been looking for something like that for 85 years. And they haven't found it yet.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, etc., required by the Acts of Congress of August 3, 1933, of The Northwest Organizer, published weekly at Minneapolis, Minnesota, for Oct. 1, 1936.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN—ss.
I, Before me, R. J. Dynes, Notary Public, in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared M. B. Dunne, who, having been duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor of the Northwest Organizer, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager are: Publisher, Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Editor, M. B. Dunne, Minneapolis, Minn.; Business Manager, M. B. Dunne, Minneapolis, Minn.
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M. B. DUNNE
Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of Sept., 1936.
R. J. DYNES
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.
My Commission Expires Oct. 3, 1938.
(Notarial Seal)

Band

All members of Local 544 dance band are now members of the Musicians Union. They have several dances scheduled and are promised a busy season. Dick Atherton will be at the helm again this season. For information call Dick or the union office.

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Editor and Publisher news item: Cameramen covering the Salinas, Cal., lettuce pickers strike last week needed gas masks to brave the clouds of tear, sulphur and nauseating gas used to clear the streets of battling pickets and citizens.

I can picture the strikers getting gassed, but who ever heard of citizens getting gassed?

Berlin news item: Nazis consider that any man who has lived to the age of 26 without getting married lacks courage and determination.

Or dough.

Campbell, Ohio, news item: Police hurled tear gas bombs among hundreds of striking high school pupils protesting against the transfer of a favorite journalism teacher.

Who says the schools ain't teaching the kids something these days. The kids are learning what cops are for.

New York news item: After five days and five nights, Charles Suit, divinity student, was still praying today for the return of his automobile license. Unless his prayer is answered within ten days, the magistrate will fine him.

Lots o' good prayer being wasted there, boy.

This is how the story ends: Banging his fist down on the table the Farmer-Labor governor again cried, "We gotta have Law and Order."

From an ad for Physical Culture: Few people think of Bernaar MacFadden as the great editor.

True for you, brother. A great editor would not pander to the worst superstitions, to the ignorance and prejudice of the people. A great editor would strike to expose the superstitions, to drive out prejudice with reasoned argument. Today, only editors of working class papers have a claim to greatness, for it is only they who can afford to proclaim the truth.

Short short story. A black widow spider bit the head of the Citizens Alliance. Ten minutes later—the spider died.

Famous last words: Do ya really believe that—or is that what your boss told ya to think?

CORRECT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION

FWS Stewards, each Wed 7 p. m.
FWS membership meetings, first and third Friday of each month, 8 p. m.
FWS Leadership class No. 1, each Friday 2 p. m.
FWS Leadership, class No. 2, each Saturday 10 a. m.
Direct relief grievance hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 to 12 a. m.
Mass Meeting, Friday, October 16, 8 p. m. on Supplemental relief.
Watch the FWS Bowling team knock 'em down. Jimmie Johnson is captain, pro tem.