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

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

and... ON THE Other Hand

"Soviet newspapers disclosed Sunday the drive against 'Trotskyist' wreckers which has cost hundreds of adult Russians their lives or liberty has extended into Soviet children's organizations.

"Punishment already has been meted out to scores. There was no mention of executions, but there have been many arrests."

What! No executions of children? The Stalinist bureaucrats must be softening up. This offense of 'Trotskyism' is no Send-You-To-Bed-Without-Your-Supper affair in Russia. Stalin goes the limit to stamp out all opposition.

"Mahoney is out to strengthen Tammany and the Tiger can no more alter its stripes than the leopard his spots."

But the Communist Party has not only changed its spots but its skin as well and along with that has evolved a sort of protective coloring which makes it difficult for the initiated to differentiate between a left wing republican and a Stalinist or a Farmer-Laborite and a Stalinist, as the case may be.

"The way to keep out of war is to avoid doing those things that lead to war. I am opposed and have voted consistently in the senate against extravagant appropriations for war purposes, appropriations that put the United States into the armament race that will lead to another world war."

Which is all to the sugar, Senator, and we realize that you cannot stop war or overthrow capitalism by voting in the senate.

Washington, D. C.—After next April 1, the bitter arguments as to the actual size of the unemployment problem in America should be settled.

## Winona Drivers Out On Strike

### 125 FURNITURE UNION DELEGATES MEET IN OSHKOSH

Delegates from 13 Cities Set Up Committees for Organization

Second Advisory Conference of Furniture Workers Plan for Coordination

About 125 delegates from over a dozen midwest towns met in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, last Saturday and Sunday in the second meeting of the Midwest Advisory Conference of Furniture and Kindred Products Workers.

Delegates were present from Milwaukee, Stevens Point, Rockford, Chicago, New London, Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Eau Claire, Menominee (Mich.), Racine, Kewanee, Port Washington and Minneapolis.

New officers, elected to function between conferences, are Griswold of New London, president; William Engelbreton of Minneapolis, vice-president; Walter Lewis of New London, secretary-treasurer; Victor Falla of Chicago, sergeant-at-arms; and Harris of Menominee and Kirby of Rockford, trustees.

The reports of the various delegates pictured the truly tremendous scope and tempo of organization work going on in the midwest at this time.

A jurisdictional dispute over the question of the Upholsterers organizing furniture workers was referred to a committee headed by Engelbreton which recommended that the problem be referred to the Executive Committee of the American Federation of Labor.

### 30 Twin Cities Radio Operators Join Local No. 292

Moving swiftly after their phenomenal victory in the WDGW strike, the Radio Section of Electrical Workers Local 292 called a meeting for last Friday morning at 1 a. m. which was attended by about 30 operators from stations in the Twin Cities.

The unit set up a committee with representatives from each station to draft a working agreement which is to be presented to local radio stations. The union urges all stations not yet represented to join up and select their representatives on the wage-scale committee.

A full report of the WDGW strike was given at the Friday meeting and was received enthusiastically. The checks obtained by the union for back-pay were exhibited Oscar Coover and Henry Schultz addressed the group.

The next meeting of the Radio Section will be announced in the near future. From the solid start already made, there is little question but what the air-waves emanating from Minneapolis and St. Paul will be Union air-waves in the very near future.

### "Plant the Union Banner High"



### Sixth Consecutive Section Of Drivers Renews Contract

Eight Firms Sign for Complete Recognition, Seniority, 72 1/2 Cent Hourly Wage in Two-Year Agreement

For the sixth straight week, the General Drivers Union Local 544 is able to record the achievement of a signed working agreement with a new section of the Minneapolis driving industry.

On July 22, the Northwest Organizer recorded the signing of the spring water contract; on July 29, the heavy hardware; on August 5, the market; on August 12, the lumber dealers; and last week, the package delivery employers.

### VIGILANTES FAIL EXCELSIOR BOSS

Firemen Disappoint Mayor Bardwell, Return Clubs to Mayors' House

An interesting angle on the auto salesmen's strike has come to light with the attempt of Mayor Elmer Bardwell and local business men of Excelsior to form a vigilante group to intimidate union organizers who come to the small suburban village.

A few days ago, Mayor Bardwell, together with the committee, called a special meeting of the fire department and laid plans to mobilize against union organizers. According to the mayor, it was agreed that in case of a "riot" the telephone company be notified immediately and the fire whistle be blown with one long steady blast of several minutes to distinguish it from a fire call.

"It is well understood among the business men what measures will be taken," says the mayor, "but I implore you not to use extreme measures unless forced to. We merely want to protect our men and property."

The mayor then went into a red-baiting song and dance. Bardwell is the type who is "all for a union, if it is properly organized and rightly conducted."

### SINGLE CONTRACT PLAN TO COVER WINE AND SPIRITS

Drivers in Three Cities, Twin City Warehouse Workers to Unite on Agreement

Warehouse Locals, Drivers Unite in Montgomery-Ward Unionization

If present plans mature, a single contract covering all employees of those firms affiliated with the Minnesota Wine and Spirits Institute will be negotiated by the five unions involved: the Drivers Locals of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, and the Warehouse Workers Locals of the Twin Cities.

Members of the Warehouse organizational committee, active in unionizing the Montgomery-Ward plant in St. Paul, announce that the campaign is taking a real hold in the plant. Last Friday, in a meeting held at 345 University Avenue, St. Paul, 200 workers who had already collected \$1 initiation fees to a union grouping, announced their willingness to turn over this amount to the organization committee as part payment on their initiation fee into the Warehouse Workers Local 20297.

On Wednesday night, August 25, the Dayton employees, organized into Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316, are to meet to put the final touches on a contract to be presented shortly to the management.

### Seattle Teamsters Set Up Hiring Hall

Seattle, Wash.—The local unions of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, and Helpers, through the Teamsters Joint Council, have set up a new hiring hall, through which employment opportunities are afforded members of all local unions of this craft in Seattle.

Located at 949 South Alaska Way, the new hiring hall was erected at a cost of \$3,500 in order to provide a central point for supplying employers with men, and men with jobs.

### Ice, Coal, Lumber, Transfer Drivers Walk Out Tuesday

Strike Called After Weeks of Negotiation; 544 Leaders Aid in Showdown With Employers

It appears difficult for the bosses in southern Minnesota to realize that their heavenly open-shop days are drawing abruptly to a close, and that the drivers in that section are up on their feet and demanding the same things that their union brothers in other parts of the Northwest are winning through organized struggle.

### 42 PRESENT AT IUAW MEETING

Delegates Representing 7,000 Workers Replace IUAW With Inter-City Council

Austin, Minn.—On Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21 and 22, the fourth annual convention of the Independent Union of All Workers was held at the union hall. Delegates from Mitchell, South Dakota, from Faribault, Albert Lea and Austin met to take up matters of reorganization that have arisen as a result of the affiliation of various I. U. A. W. locals with national labor organizations.

The 42 delegates present, representing 7,000 workers, voted to dissolve the Independent Union of All Workers and replace it with an inter-city labor council which will include both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions and will be guided by a policy of industrial unionism.

Represented in the convention were two A. F. of L. locals, nine CIO locals, and two independent locals.

The Inter-city Labor Council established by the convention will hold together the bodies that once were parts of the Independent Union of All Workers, and will carry on the militant traditions and the spirit of unity and struggle that made that body a bulwark of strength in southern Minnesota.

The progressives, under the leadership of Carl Nilson, Svend Godfredson, Paul Rasmussen and others, dominated the convention from beginning to end, despite the fact that a group of reactionaries came prepared to disrupt the good work of the conference.

### TWOC Sign Silk Workers; Automat Workers Still Out; UAWA Convenes; Radio Organizes

With continued progress being made in the eastern silk and rayon strike—with terror against union organizers growing throughout the South—with more violence in the steel area, and the convening of the United Auto Workers and the American Federation of Teachers in their annual meetings—the week has been a busy one in the nation's labor movement.

By the beginning of this week 46,600 of the 53,000 workers involved in the strike of the silk and rayon industry in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania had returned to work under contracts between the union and the employers.

Last Friday at Harrisburg the Textile Workers Organizing Committee signed a union working agreement with the association of Pennsylvania silk mills, putting 10,000 back to work. The following day, the organized small shop operators in Paterson signed a collective agreement

covering 2,500 workers. According to Sidney Hillman, TWOC leader, "the strike will continue with redoubled energy against those concerns which have failed to deal with the union looking to stabilized conditions in the industry."

Close to 11,000 Canadian textile workers are following the lead of their American brother unionists by holding solid their picket lines in Montreal and other cities.

The bitterly fought strike at the Horn & Hardart chain of Automats continued, with a group of "loyal workers" charging that the strike was inspired by reds and launched by a small minority of employees. The "loyal workers" are appealing to the State Labor Relations Board for action. "We have no fight with labor," this outfit says, "we simply demand the right to choose for ourselves our own collective bargaining agencies."

against four steamship lines. Before noon, however, they cancelled three of the strikes because, according to the union, "of the obvious anxiety of the National Labor Relations Board to bring about the peace on the waterfront. The union, however, continued its strike against the Clyde-Mallory Line, charging the company with intimidation, coercion and discrimination against N. M. U. members on the company's ships, in favor of members of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Sacco-Vanzetti Case Pops Up Throughout the nation, meetings in honor of the memory of Sacco and Vanzetti, murdered ten years ago by the state of Massachusetts, were held.

Echoes of the case were heard last week with the publication of a 675-page guide to Massachusetts, compiled as a WPA federal writers project. Concerning the two Italian martyrs, the book said: "It was widely believed that, although legal forms

effective Tuesday morning. General Drivers Union Local 799 has been in touch with the bosses during the day, but the latter continued to recognize the union's demand for seniority and for wage increases.

Grant Dunne, Pat Corcoran and Kelly Postal from the North Central District Drivers Council were in Winona Monday to assist the union in its showdown with the employers. On Tuesday morning the strike was 100 per cent effective, as the union sought to establish a strike headquarters for the 140 men who are out.

On Wednesday morning, word was received in Minneapolis that the strike was in excellent shape. Committees from the union were to meet with the ice, coal and lumber bosses at 10 a. m., and shortly thereafter with the transfer group. A representative from Local 289, Bakery Drivers, in Minneapolis, was in Winona Wednesday morning to assist the union in signing the local bakeries.

A strike headquarters has been set up at 200 West 3rd Street, and is functioning with the smoothness found usually only in veteran labor organizations.

An index of the enthusiasm with which the workers of Winona are greeting the struggle is shown by the fact that over 200 workers joined the union during the first few hours of the strike. They see in Local 799 a weapon by which they can exert their organized strength to back up their demands for decent living conditions, and have flocked into the union.

Elsewhere throughout the district, organization work proceeded during the past seven days. A charter from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for the Albert Lea Local has arrived and will be presented to this section at its next regular meeting. The Albert Lea drivers unit will henceforth be Local 845.

Organization meetings on Tuesday night were held in Eau Claire and in St. Cloud, with Karl Skoglund attending the latter meeting.

Organization work in St. Cloud has been proceeding at top speed during the past month, and the Daily Times of that city doesn't like it one bit. The Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Collignon are all up in the air because two Raymond Bros. trucks were stopped August 18 by union representatives and asked to join the union—a perfectly proper procedure, but apparently unknown to St. Cloud bosses. The union is determined to bring the few remaining no-bills into the organization.

From Brainerd comes word that the organizational work in that section is continuing to meet with good success.

### Buzza Workers Meeting Monday

A special meeting of the Buzza workers, organized into Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316, has been called for Monday evening, 8 o'clock, at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. The meeting will determine what action the union will take to enforce the company to adjust a great number of grievances which have arisen in the past few months. All Buzza workers are urged to attend.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town





