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# Winona Drivers Out On Strike 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

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

-Minneapolis Tribune

. . . . By the Cynic

What! No executions of children? The Stalinist bureaucrats must be softening up. This of-fense of "Trotskyism" is no Send-You-To-Bed-Without - Your Supper affair in Russia. Stalin goes the limit to stamp out all opposition. Anyone, regardless of age or sex who is found with ideas that do not coincide with this great betrayer is inevitably branded a "wrecker," and as such is in quick succession ar-rested, "confessed" and shot. The Marxist is not persecuted in Fascist Germany with more venom than in Stalinist Russia. What a long distance toward counter-revolution has Stalin led Russia since the great days of

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

-The DAILY WORKER

But the Communist Party has not only changed its spots but its skin as well and along with that has evolved a sort of pro-tective coloring which makes it difficult for the intiated to differ entiate between a left wing re-publican and a Stalinist or a Farmer-Laborite and a Stalinist, as the case may be. The truth is that the Communist Party has orientated itself so far from the teachings of Lenin that they fit in very well with almost any par-ty whether it be Mahoney or La-Guardia. So why this pot calling the kettle black?

"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 pur-poses, appropriations that put the poses, 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 ate. Nevertheless, so long as reformists, liberals and People's Fronters continue to do everything in their power to guarantee the continuity of the system that causes war, how can we logically say that these same people are not doing those things that lead tributing to a system under which war is inevitable?

#### Unemployment Census Before Next April 1

Washington, D. C.—After next April 1, the bitter arguments as to the actual size of the unemployment problem in America should be settled. With the passage of a bill by congress, five million dollars has been appropriated to take a jobless count be-

Ever since 1929, no one has actually known how many unemployed there were. The A. F. of L.'s figures (at present, eight million) have been attacked as too large by the conservatives, as too small by the progressives. Within seven menths, the whole sives. Within seven menths, the whole residue attacked as too large have the whole into a wattern American capitalism has failed in producing employment.

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## 125 FURNITURE **UNION DELEGATES**

Delegates from 13 Cities Set Up Committees for Organization

MEET IN OSHKOSH

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 Furni-ture and Kindred Products Workers. The purpose of the Conference, which first met June 12, 1937, is to coordinate the activities of the various midwest unions affiliated with the Interna-tional Brotherhood of Carpenters and the International Upholsterers Union, to the end that the industry in this section gains union working condi-

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 Engelbretson of Minneapolis, vicepresident; Walter Lewis of New Lonlon, secretary-treasurer: Victor Failla 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

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

Various committees, on constitution, on by-laws, on finances, and on organization, were appointed. Attending from Local 1859 of Minneapolis were Fred Diedrich, William (Continued on page 2)

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

Moving swiftly after their pheno enal victory in the WDGY strike, the Radio Section of Electrical Workers local business men of Excelsion Local 292 called a meeting for last Friday morning at 1 a. m. which was attended by about 30 operators from come to the small suburban village. stations in the Twin Cities. All present joined the union, save for the Minneapolis and St. Paul police radio operators (because of civil service

The unit set up a committee with representatives from each station to draft a working agreement which is to be presented to local radio sta-

A full report of the WDGY strike "but the scene as soon as possible, "but the women had better remain was given at the Friday meeting and was received enthusiastically. The "It is well understood among the checks obtained by the union for back-pay were exhibited Oscar Coover taken," says the mayor, "but I im-Ever since 1929, no one has actual- and Henry Schultz addressed the

#### "Plant the Union Banner High"



## Sixth Consecutive Section Of Drivers Renews Contract

Eight Firms Sign for Complete Recognition, Seniority, 721/2 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. The latest group to sign up with the Drivers is the sand and gravel employers, all of whom have signed up during the

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,

## **VIGILANTES FAIL EXCELSIOR BOSS**

emen Disappoint May Bardwell, Return Clubs to Mayors' House

An interesting angle on the auto salesmen's strike has come to light with the attempt negotiations on wages and hours may be opened up next year. Represent(Continued on page 2) represent(Continued on page 2) represent(Continued on page 2) represent(Continued on page 2) local business men of Excelsior to form a vigilante group to in-

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 notified immediately and the fire

The new sand and gravel con-tract, besides granting complete rec-ognition and seniority, establishes the 48-hour week, with time and one-half for overtime. Drivers will be paid 72 1/2 c hourly; plant men, 65c, and extra men, 60c. Like all the contracts, it is retroactive to June 1; tracts, it is retroactive to June 1; the new hiring hall was erected at a group of reactionaries came prepared to the new hiring hall was rected at a group of reactionaries came prepared cost of \$3,500 in order to provide a to disrupt the good work of the con-

the package delivery employers.

# PLAN TO COVER

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 neand Spirits institute will be ne-gotiated by the five unions in-volved: 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 union-izing the Montgomery-Ward plant in St. Paul, announce that the campaign is taking a real hold in the plant. 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. General agreement was reached on the carrying out of a militant, aggressive policy at the Ward plant. A mass meeting of all Montgomery-Ward workers will be held this Friday at the St. Paul General Drivers Hall, 845 University

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. The organization drive at Daytons is nearing completion, and the union announces that excellent results have been forthcoming from these work-

#### 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 em-ployment opportunities are afforded members of all local unions of this craft in Seattle.

Located at 949 South Alaska Way, ning to end, despite the fact that a

## SINGLE CONTRACT Ice, Coal, Lumber, Transfer **Drivers Walk Out Tuesday**

WINE AND SPIRITS 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. After weeks of negotiation with the driving employers in Winona, a strike of all ice, coal, lumber and transfer drivers was called Monday night and became 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 It appears difficult for the bosses in southern Minnesota

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 mat-

ters of reorganization that have aris-en 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 dis-

Workers and replace it with an inter-

city labor council which will include

both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. union

and will be guided by a policy of in-

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

The Intercity Labor Council estab-ished by the convention will hold to-

gether 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 south-

ern Minnesota. Included in the Inter-

city Labor Council, which cuts acros

The progressives, under the leader-ship of Carl Nilson, Svend Godfred-

son, Paul Rasmussen and others, dom

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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 Wi-Delegates Representing 7,000 Workers Replace IUAW With Inter-City Council nona Monday to assist the union in its showdown with the employers. On -On Saturday and 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 senting 7,000 workers, voted to dis-solve the Independent Union of All 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

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 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

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 meet-ing. The Albert Lea drivers unit will henceforth be Local 845.

Organizaiton meetings on Tuesday night were held in Eau Claire and in St. Cloud, with Karl Skog 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 organizational work in that section is continuing to meet with good

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

With continued progress being made in the eastern silk and rayon to Sidney Hillman, TWOC leader, strike—with terror against union or- "the strike will continue with reganizers growing throughout the doubled energy against those continue with reganizers growing throughout the doubled energy against those continue with reganizers growing throughout the strike-with terror against union or-United Auto Workers and the Amer- tions in the industry."

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mayor, it was agreed that in case of a "riot" the telephone company be South—with more violence in the cerns which have failed to deal with steel area, and the convening of the the union looking to stabilized condi-

By the beginning of this week 46,000 of the 58,000 workers involved in the strike of the

ed to work under contracts between inspired by reds and launched by a Vanzetti, murdered ten years ago by

the National Labor Relations Board to bring about the peace on the water- the organization. whistle be blown with one long steady tions. The union urges all stations not yet represented to join up and select their representatives on the wage-scale committee.

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#### **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

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

#### **Sixth Consecutive Section** Of Drivers Renews Contract

15. Should the Employer require any employee to give bonds, the premium shall be paid by the Employer

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16. The Employer agrees to cooperate in securing prompt payment
of injury compensation claims by
their compensation insurance carriers
as required by the Minnesota Workmen's Compensation Act.

17. Seniority rights shall prevail
in all matters relating to employment.
A list of the employees arranged in
the order of their seniority shall be
oosted in a conspleuous place on the
job.

Any controversy over the sen-rity standing of an employee on is list shall be referred to the union

ing the union in the final negotia tions were Curt Zander and Skoglund. The companies signing are Century Washed Sand & Gravel; Consolidated Materials; Glacier Sand & Gravel; Hedberg-Freidheim; Industrial Aggregate; Landers-Norblom-Christianson; Rice Sand & Gravel and the Minnesota Sand & Gravel.

Early this week, a signed agree 13. The Employer agrees that if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform, same shall be furnished and maintained by the Employer free of charge and chall bear the union label. ment was also won from local excavating companies, about 20 in number. Complete details and the full contract for the excavating section the union label.

14. The Employer shall not arbitrarily charge employees for any loss or damage. The Employer may prefer charges against an employee for alleged negligence resulting in excessive loss or damage. The Union will make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.

15. Should the Employer require will be run next week.

The sand and gravel contract fol-

The undersigned firms, partner-ships, and corporations, hereinafter referred to as the Employer and the General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 544, A. F. of L., herein-after referred to as the Union, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and

to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions.

1. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against tny employee because of Union affiliation.

2. The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.

3. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to any employee designated by the Union to catter I have the solution to the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution to the solution to the solution to the solution of t

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## **UNION DELEGATES** MEET IN OSHKOSH

(Continued from page 1) Engelbretson, Luverne Eastman Edward Kirby.

a driver. The vehicle shall have no seniority standing. The Union agrees to submit a list of certified individual truck owners to the Employer, and in the event the Employer requires the services of an individual truck owner, the employer agrees to select the same from said certified list providing trucks are available. It is understood that an individual truck owner is one that owns only one truck and drives the same himself.

13. The Employer agrees, that if. The next meeting of the conferce will be held the first Saturday in November, at Eau Claire, Wiscon sin, in the new labor temple in that city.

The organization of this confer ence parallels other progressive or ganizational developments which are taking place in industry after indus try all over the country, region by region, the sort of work in which the North Central District Drivers Council has pioneered in this section of

the company taking the con-tract and be placed at the bot-tom of the seniority list of that company with first preference for all work done for their former employer.

former employer.

(b) In the event that a contract for hauling is transferred from one hauling contractor to another, the men employed at the company which is losing the contract may elect in accordance with their seniority rights at that company to transfer to the company receiving the contract where they shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list and shall have no preference in hauling other than that provided by their seniority standing at the company to which they transfer.

25. It is understood and agreed

before the lack Steres of robe countries as may be a second to the sension of the

The Labor Movement in the Northwest

#### Bill Brown Says-

Remember, about three years ago we were just winning our 423gc an hour, which the bosses insisted was nothing more nor less than Communism. The 70-75c hourly that we are now getting must put us in some advanced stage of Utopia that hasn't been named as yet.



## SILK WORKERS SIGN, AUTOMAT STRIKE GOES ON

(Continued from page 1) were observed, the determining factor in the case from start to finish was the affiliation of the two men with an unpopular minority group."

Governor Hurley of Massachusetts took exception immediately to the statement about Sacco and Vanzetti, declaring before a state American Legion convention that if the WPA writers "don't like Massachusetts and the United States, they can go back where they came from." Ex-governor Ely was even more burned up. "The useless books ought to be heaped on Boston Common and burned in a bon-

change rate charged for cashing out of town checks.

THIS CONTRACT shall take effect from the 1st day of June, 1937, and be in full force and effect up to and including the 31st day of May, 1939, except as to hours and wages which may be modified by negotiation between the parties, and in the event any change in bours and wages are agreed upon the same shall take effect as of June 1, 1938.

Strike—Hollywood Style

In a so-called "strike," Claudette Colbert walked off the Warner Brothers set over the week-end in protest against the discharge of Charles dispute was quickly settled when Miss Colbert suggested she forfeit three weeks' pay (\$30,000) to offset

the studio's alleged losses due to the tardiness of the cameraman. This celsic offer was readily accepted by the flat. management, and Lang and Miss Colbert returned to work.

Other movie, stage and screen stars behaved more normally during the week by setting up the new American Federation of Radio Artists, which aims to better the working conditions for radio performers even as the Screen Actors Guild and Actors Equity have done in thier fields. (Paid-up membership in the Screen Equity counts 3,300 of its members as paid-up. The radio union has about 5,000 persons to draw on.) Formation A. F. of L. charter—was regarded as soon present an attempt to keep the CIO out of these people. the radio industry. In the field already is the independent American Guild of Announcers and Performers; it re gards itself as "friendly" to both

In New York City a strike of eleva tor operators and other service em ployees, called by the Building Ser vice Employes International Union against the Hudson Terminal Buildngs, has been in progress since last Wednesday. About one third of the elevators are running in the struck buildings. A police detail of four radio cars and twenty patrolmen is guarding the building.

After four days, striking girl clerks at fifteen five-and-dime stores in San Francisco won their struggle. Appar ently alarmed by threats to spread the strike to other cities, the Woo worth and Newberry chains capitula shop; a \$20 weekly minimum, with a 10 per cent raise for anyone already receiving more than \$20, and 44-hour week.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor opened its annual session in the Hotel Ambassa dor at Atlantic City on Saturday and continued meeting this week to work on its annual report for presen tation to the A. F. of L. at its con vention at Denver in October.

On the same day, John L. Lewis announced he would discuss the steel strike situation in a radio address September 3, to be delivered over nation-wide hook-up.

Hundreds of workers making up the WPA job march, the purpose of which was to put pressure on congres to bring about passage of the Schwel enbach-Allen resolution, reached Washington on Monday, 48 hours afer Congress had adjourned.

Terror against union organizers in he South continued during the week union organizers, two men were taker from a hotel in Laurel, Miss., early one morning last week and put on a orthbound train by a mob of 30 men. The men said they were "friends of

Twice within the week, Ben Mc

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## **VIGILANTES FAIL EXCELSIOR BOSS**

(Continued from page 1) After thinking over Bardwell's pro posals for a day, the firemen of Exelsior refused to volunteer for vig ilante duty. The clubs sent by the mayor to the firebarn were returned

to the mayor's house. The committee of five has told the mayor that no more articles are to be made in public in the name of the committee. All in all, Mayor Bardwell's dream of pulling a "Tom Girdler" on the Excelsior workers seems to have fallen

#### Grocery Clerks Vote For N. W. Organizer

Grocery Clerks Local 804, at its meeting Monday night at 18 South Eighth Street, voted to subscribe as a union to the Northwest Organizer A committee from the union with the Retail Grocers' association Actors Guild is about 11,000; Actors on Tuesday night to push ahead the negotiations for a union contract. The union is moving in rapidly or the chain grocery stores in town, of the new union-it plans to seek an with its membership expanding, it will soon present a working agreement to

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Cullough, assembly line worker at the Ford plant in Memphis, Tenn., was beaten by company thugs for ex-pressing opinions favorable to unionization. Local police have refused to do anything about the matter.

Documents of the National Labor Relations Board, recently made pub ie, prove that Reginald Boote, vice president of the new "Independent Labor Federation," is an agent of James H. Rand, Jr., head of the Remngton-Rand company, and is directed and financed by Rand himself.

The National Citizens Committee formed recently to carry on the move ent launched by the strike-breaking Citizens Committee of Johnstown, Pa., has opened headquarters at 41 East Forty-Second Street in New York City. It has issued a press state ment saying that it is advising New York employers to counter-picket whenever their places of business are picketed by unions. The committee is ecommending that the bosses hire nen to carry banners and use plac ards "and use such other peaceful methods as will enable them to tell

their story to the public. New Steel Violence On Monday night, a "riot" broke out at the struck Heppenstall Steel

company officials attempted to rush two carloads of strike-breakers, armed with bricks and clubs, through the picket lines. Police charged the pickets, with clubs swinging, and dispersed the workers, only to have the lines form again shortly before mid-

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#### Thousands Present at Floyd Olson Memorial

Thousands of persons gathered at orthrup auditorium Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to the late Floyd B. Olson. President Roosevelt sent a sage in which he paid tribute to "the memory of a gallant leader, a fighter, and a fast friend."

Others who spoke in eulogy to the late governor were the Rev. John Dunphy; Rabbi Albert I. Gordon; Dean Guy Ford; Dr. J. N. Brown, college president, and Governor Elmer

During the day, thousands visited Olson's grave in Lakewood cemetery, where a guard of honor was posted.

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## **42 PRESENT AT IUAW MEETING**

(Continued from page 1)
Resolutions in tribute to the late Floyd Olson, demanding the release of Tom Mooney and sending him greetings-to pause and stand in silence for one minute in honor of Sacco and Vanzetti-were adopted unanimously. On a roll call vote, a resolution condemning the writer of a series of anti-labor articles in the capitalist Austin Herald and further condemning the false and vicious contents of these articles, was also adopted unanimously. These vicious writings, appearing under the title of "I'm Labor," and purporting to be written by a union man, maliciously attacked the union, its leaders, and 'Trotskyism."

The resolution further recommended the expulsion of the writer from the labor movement if and when he is discovered and found guilty.

For Frank Ellis

The convention showed that the case of Frank Ellis, maliciously framed by the bosses and now in prison, was close to its heart. resolution passed unanimously de-manding of the state Pardon Board that it clear up the injustice to Ellis and "release our friend and fellow worker from prison with a full and unconditional pardon." Another resolution provided for securing funds from the union and defense treasury to defray the expenses incurred in securing Frank Ellis' release, the unexpended amount of such funds to be turned over to Ellis when he is freed from prison.

Last week the city workers digging ditches in Austin went on strike against a violation of their seniority rights by the Light and Water board. The strike was settled in the latter part of the week, with the board agreeing to rehire all workers ac cording to seniority.

937, to Minnesota inventors, as re-by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life the Author of th

LOST-A 544 steward's kit, by William L. Hafie, 1409 21st Ave. North. My signature is in the kit. Finder please return to union of-

#### On WPA **Projects**

A delegation from the Federal Workers Section Local 544 visited Victor Christgau at the state WPA office Monday.

Bob Greenberg, secretary to Congressman Teigan, accompanied Federal Workers delegation.

Erwin McKinney, 544 FWS stev ard at Fort Snelling, who was fired for alleged "loafing and talking on the job"—but really for union affiliation-is still the victim of the rank discrimination of the anti-union policies of the assistant superinten-dent on that job.

The FWS will, if necessary, bring the power of the entire labor move-ment to bear in order to reinstate McKinney on WPA. Bosses on WPA who are campaigning against the Union are due for some

Members are cautioned to insist on receipts when paying dues. This is for your own pretection.

All stewards of the Independent Truck Owners section are due to meet with the stewards of the Federal Workers Section the first Wednesday of each month.

WPA workers who are concerned about the \$9 supplement that was taken away can best help to have it returned by helping to organize yet more workers into FWS, Local 544.

All WPA workers should know by

now that reactionary forces are mak-ing a concerted drive to cut down on WPA supplements and direct relief; and only by organization can the workers hope to maintain what they have at present.

So-called labor aldermen have certain obligations to labor that elected them. The Welfare Board is not the nicest spot for a politician but it does show what they are made of and labor is anxious to know just that.

A well-known Third Ward alder-Aldermen who give prior allegiance

#### Imperialism and the Worker By Tex Norris

IMPERIALISM AND THE WORKER

Some \$18,000,000,000 worth of products have been shipped out of the U. S. to foreign countries to become foreign investments, the basis of American imperialism. Although millions of Americans are jobless, this American capital preferred to the foreign labor which can be foreign to the foreign labor which can be foreign to the foreign labor which can be foreign to the control of the cont fers to make jobs for foreign labor which can be forced to work for wages even lower than those which are paid here. Since these foreign wage rates help to drag down our wages, American workers act wisely when they lend a hand to foreign workers in their attempts to organize † and better their conditions.

Foreign Invesments Made of Products Taken From Labor

Now consider these products which were sent abroad to turn into imperialist capital: who made them? Who owns them now? They were produced, at one time or another, by American workers and farmers. They could have been used to great advantage by the millions of ill-housed and underfed American producers. But the very people who made these goods never had the chance to use them, as became the property of those who now own shares of stock in forign corporations and the bonds of

Ail wealth is produced by labor; et the producer never enjoys the full value of his products. Instead, he has to part with some of his products which form profits and dividends for the owners of capital. And what does the profit-maker do with these products? Of course he consumes son them to satisfy his desires. But after this, he still has profits to spare. These are invested, or turned into more capital, in the hopes of making still greater profits the following year.

To turn profits into capital means to expand. Perhaps new machinery is bought, or additions to factories are onstructed. Perhaps some newly invented product is developed. Or maybe new areas are built up, and frontiers are pushed back. Thus a continual search is made for new profit possibilities for ever greater amounts of capital. The following figures show how the industrial wealth of Amer-

ican capitalists has increased: 1860 \$ 8,000,000,000 1910 120,000,000,000 192,000,000,000 Capital is Invested Abroad to

Escape Falling Profit Rates Now the problem presents itself; ow can this process keep up? The American frontier is gone. Radio, airconditioning, television, and other new industries do not arise fast enough to absorb the rapidly accumu-lating capital. Additional factories

busy. Here, then, we have the conditions which make profit seekers ests are trying to break in U. S. siner-ests are trying to break in U. S. sine look around for investment opportunities in foreign countries. Ever greater amounts of capital must either find new fields or else suffer lower

It is natural, therefore, to find im perialist capital going to the regions of the world where industry ha yet fully developed. American foreign investments have gone in large amounts to such Latin American countries as Mexico, Cuba, Columbia, Peru, and Bolivia. Several billions are also in Canada. Lesser amounts have gone to Europe, Asia, and Africa—places where American imperialist capital runs into stronger competition from that of the British, French, Dutch, and other imperialist

Foreign Investments Aid Monopoly Another characteristic of capital sm which leads to imperialism is the growth of monopoly. The history of the Standard Oil Corporation is a fine example of this. Its history is one of imperisidered

grievance."

then swallowing them up. As the corporation grew steadily larger, it got more and more control in the industry from beginning to end: oil wells, pipe lines, refineries, and filling stations. Such control in the industry enabled it to force higher prices upon the consumers and thus make larger prof-

In spite of tremendous opposition on the part of small business men and the "public" against trusts, we find monopolies here to stay and still increasing in power. Since the direc tion of monopoly is toward complete control in an industry, it is only natural that a monopoly should expand outside the nation to control foreign supplies, manufacturing, and markets. Thus we find Standard Oil scattered all over the globe.

In banking, likewise, concentration and monopoly occur so that a few large banking groups compete for the business of the world. Of course, monopolistic combines and come into competition with each other on a world scale. Occasionally they are able to get together and agree to divide a competitive area into territories.

These international agreements are in the form of private treaties, but governmental understandings are tied in with them very closely. In some they may slice up the whole world into territories. At best, however, these truces are temporary Like the gang leaders of the bootleg era, trusts are always hoping to get strong enough to be able to in" on another territory. And the armies of nations are the gangs which are supposed to do the work necessary for this kind of a job.

Thus we find that huge combinaons in such fields as banking, steel chemicals, electrical manufacturing petroleum, and shipping are pulling the strings which operate the diplo ats and generals of world powers In Latin America, where U. and railroads are not logical when uses the Monroe Doctrine as an in-the present existing ones cannot keep strument to keep European imperialests are intrenched, U. S. diplomacy ests are trying to break in, U. S. dip priate to the interests of their capital-

Foreign Investments and

Super-exploitation Another reason for imperialism has already been suggested, namely, the extremely low wages forced upon the workers in the areas which im-perialism exploits. In India, China, Africa, and Latin America, which hold a good half of the world's popu lation, that worker is lucky, indeed, who makes as much as a dollar a day. He is much more likely to count his day's pay in pennies. Yet he is very often working for English, American, Italian, and other imperialists.

Imperialist propaganda often tries to claim that these native workers, despit such wages, are benefitted by the introduction of industry and "civilization." How ever, these workers dont seem to think as ever, these workers dont seem with the company are trying to free themselves from imperial to the company are trying to free themselves from imperial to the company of the compan

#### The President of the Company Union Is Ivar Olson of Mitchell baking are going to load the trucks Elected

"You've been a loyal worker, Finkley, but before I put you in charge of the company union, there's a few questions I'd like to ask you.' "Fire away, sir."

"Suppose the boys on the assembly line wanted a new water bubbler.

What would you tell them?" "I'd tell them that our Independent Union was determined to receive justice from the management, and that we'd go right down the line on their

"Now suppose some of the men wanted a boost in pay?"

"That, sir, is something that does not involve the Independent Union. All questions concerning wages are to be left to the management. After all, sir, who knows better than you whether you can afford to pay higher wages?'

"Supposing some worker insists on agitating for an outside union." "He is a disgruntled element. And probably a red and a foreigner to coot. We'd turn him in instantly, sir."

"Suppsing I fire him?" He is not being fired for union activity, but for incompetency, sir." "Supposing a real union gets a foothold in the plant, and calls a strike?" "It is the duty of every worker to loyally support the company and continue to work. After all, the company has stood by us these many

"What is an outside union organizer?"
"An outside union organizer is a racketeer who waxes fat on the dues he collects from the poor dupes whom he manages to beguile into joining

'What does a union need dues and a strike fund for?'

A well-known Third Ward alderman, when asked for the endorsement of Palmquist on the Welfare Board, replied that he was for Labor but he was a friend of I. S. Joseph.

What does a union need dues and a strike fund for?"

"A union doesn't need dues and a strike fund, sir. The dues just go buy expensive cars and pent-houses for the union officials. Besides, no worker ever gained anything by a strike."

"Are the interests of the company opposed to the interests of its

"Oh, no, sir. The interests of both are identical. What's good for

Aldermen who give prior allegiance to I. S. Joseph where the needs of the workers are concerned had better be remembered for what they are at next election time.

"On, no, sar. The interests of both are identical. What's good for the worker."

"That's all, Finkley. I appoint you president of the company union. Get the boys together after work tonight. You can meet in the company dining-room."

#### **Drivers Strike** American Tea

The Great American Tea Com-pany, at 646 Stinson Boulevard, which has lived up to its name by exploiting its workers to an ex-treme degree and refusing to sign

treme degree and refusing to sign a union working agreement with the Tea and Coffee Drivers Local 275, got called by the union Wednesday morning when eleven drivers went out on strike.

For a long period of time, the union has sought to gain decent working conditions at this plant, but with no success. Indignation against the company finally reached the boiling point this week, with the result that all drivers voted a strike and walked out. Picket lines hve been established. The men vow they will stay out until their legitimate demands are met and guaranteed with a signed union contract.

#### **Central Body Sees** Withdrawal of **CIO Labor Unions**

At the special meeting of the Mincapolis Central Labor Union, held Wednesday night, August 18, Hilliard Smith of the Machinist noved "that the Central Labor Union record and accept the expulsion of the CIO unions from the Central Labor Union on the demand of William Green through his personal representative, Francis J. Dillon, and go on record as appealing this desion to the convention of the American Federation of Labor.'

After some debate on the motion during which Farrell Dobbs objected debate on the motion. to this move as one that would disunite the forces of labor locally, the motion carried. Before the vote was put a fifteen minutes recess was de lared. During the recess, Finkelstein of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, spoke and announced that his organization withdrawing from the Central Labor Union and that it would elect a committee to meet with a Central Labor Union committee in order to promote unity. The unity committee of the CLU has already met, the Northwest Organizer was informed on Tuesday, considering this question.

## BAKERY

Joe O'Hare feels pretty proud and for a good reason. He has a desk and office now. If you come up to the union looking for him, you will find m in the last office on your right, straight down the corridor.

I won't guarantee you will find him in always, as he's pretty busy but any how that's his office from now on.

Our drive to get the men in or time has helped a good deal. By the vay, we are continuing this plan indefinitely until we have everybody oming in according to the contract

According to the biennial report of siness conditions published at Washington, D. C., the baking busi ness is close to being one of Minne sota's biggest businesses. Figures for 1935 as follows:

Daily output, \$47,700 Yearly output, \$14,788,851. Number of workers, 2,542

thinks two can live as cheaply as one. men, so by the end of this month

Last Saturday, August 21, Norman | the case. Hanson of Zinsmaster has his last day of Single Blessedness and is now on his honeymoon. By golly, they're clocks!!

#### Puffer-Hubbard **Renews Pact With Woodenware Union**

new working agreement was signed Tuesday morning between Wooden-

The new contract, covering about 150 workers in this plant, records genuine advances by the union. For the first time, the management grants a week's vacation with pay to all em-ployees who have worked a year or Wage increases will average about 14 per cent throughout the plant. The minimum hourly wage will be 52 1/2 c; most of the workers receive more, ranging up to 67½c for millwrights, rough cabinet men, rip-saw, swing-saw, planer, jointer, shaper and sticker operators to \$1 hourly for all department foremen. The eight-hour day, 40-hour week

stipulated, with time and one-half or overtime. The contract is retroactive to July 23, 1937, and will run for one year to July 22, 1938.

#### **Watt Notes**

To me has been delegated the task of writing the Watt Notes column this week in the absence of Brother Middleton, who is vacationing among the lakes. Here's hoping I get a fish

The theme for this column will be The the stewardship.

To my way of thinking, the first requirements of a steward are: loyalty to your union and its officers; auto salesmen ended, under terms of never be backward in upholding its

for the smooth and efficient managelook to us for loyal support in car- grievances, and to reinstate all sale rying out our duties. Study your agreement and be able to answer questions pertaining to it.

The troubles of a business manager are so many that to try and enumerate them here would require more space than the Organizer could spare. So we will only say to you that the business manager requires your unselfish aid to enlighten his troubles.

Be sure to attend all steward meetings; if you can't attend yourself, be sure to have an alternate.

Last meeting we kept track of the members. To our surprise there were only 34 out of 76 stewards present This is not right nor proper. The absent stewards are missing valuable in-formation and are failing in their

duty to the brothers they represent.

Brother John Williams' case is still ending. It is high time this was settled. Let's get into motion and put him back on the job.

getting married so fast nowadays I think something ought to be done about it.

Coming back to our drive on getting men in on time, our Executive Board meeting last Friday had a number of men before them who were charged with being late. All cases were continued till next Friday because every man charged was At that rate it should be much greater for 1937 with prices up and more people given employment, especially in the Minneapolis and St. in on time. In some cases, the bakeries

Cause every man charged was conscientiously working on it. But each place picketed, do not go into that place for ANY purpose. For a union man to do this gives aid and comfort to our enemies. That is one thing a Paul areas, due to union regulations. are going to put on new routes or regood union man will not do. arrange their old ones. Other bakeries He is middle-aisling it Saturday, September 14.

men, so by the end of this month there should be no excuse for any man's continually working from one to three hours overtime as has been

Don't forget to punch those time

### **Bosses Organize** Frisco Vigilantes

Special to N. W. Organizer

San Francisco, Calif .- A new law and order committee, which organized labor is already likening to the in-Workers Local 1859 and the famous Law and Order Committee of Puffer-Hubbard Manufacturing com- 1916, is being formed by the bosses in this city.

Like the manifesto of the 1916 committee, the new organization has a flag-waving preamble full of noble was formed, there followed the smash ing of the seamen's strike, the framing of Mooney and Billings, and the assage of the anti- picketing law in

the created wave of hysterics.

Many members of the 1916 labor nating group are in the forefront of the new movement, including Albert E. Boynton of the San Francisco Industrial Association; Mortimer Fleish hacker, banker; J. W. Howell, president, S. F. Chamber of Con W. Hellman, banker; Kenneth Kingsbury, president, Standard Oil; Frederick J. Koster, president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1916; Roger D. Lapham, president, American-Hawaiian S. S. company, etc. Organized labor is pointing out that this new committee fits in with the schemes of the nation's reactionaries to form a nation-wide vigilante com

#### **Auto Salesmen End** Strike in St. Paul

strike of St. Paul and South St. Paul auto salesmen ended, under terms of To the officers of a union we look argain collectively. agreed to recognize representatives ment of our business and in turn they of Local 1072 in the presentation of men who were employed on July 12, the day the strike began, with discrimination. All strikers returned to work Monday morning. It is under stood that other working conditions will be identical to those granted August 11 by St. Paul bosses to their Independent Retail Automobile Sales en's Association.

The strike continued in Minneapo lis, with striking salesmen continuing to picket the various sales agencies

#### Representatives of Pioneer Press Here

Two representatives of the Pioneer Publishing company of New York City, Jack Wasserman and Ben Lieberman, are in Minneapolis for two or three weeks to introduce new literature on the labor and revolut ary movements in America and abroad. Many new books and pam-phlets published by the Pioneer printers are on display at the Labor Book Shop at 669 Second Ave. N. Workers are invited to stop in these recent publications.

One more feather in the cap of organized labor has come about in signing up of radio station WDGY. We most heartily commend the effect tive work of the officers and pickets on this job.

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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.



#### Where Do the Bullets Strike?

Daily, persistently, in millions of copies, the boss press of America in the last seven months has carried on a vicious cambrian based lines against the "fine boss press of the union."

My motivations have been gone into paign in screaming headlines agianst the "violence" of organ- at some length in the regular column ized labor. With the publication by the American Civil Lib-erties Union of a score card for the first seven months of 1937, gotten entirely—that was a defense the people can now see what class it is that has been carrying on a murderous policy.

According to the A.C.L.U. tabulation, 34 strikers and sympathizers have been killed. Not ONE strikebreaker or nonstriker lost his life during this period. During these months, 490 strikers were injured, whereas onyl 31 strikebreakers and scabs were injured. In other words, 16 strikers were injured to every one strikebreaker. One cop was killed, and 70 were

Here are the figures for all to read. They prove conclusively that the boss press, in its charges of "violence" made against organized labor, lies. They prove that American employers, as a class, are guilty of wholesale murder.

#### "The Mohawk Valley Formula"

Soon after the Remington-Rand strike at Ilion, New York, there appeared in the form of an article in the Labor Relations Bulletin of the National Association of Manufacturers, the "Mohawk Valley Formula," indicating in detail the steps to be taken by employers in a campaign of national strikebreaking.

Because this Formula was followed in detail in crushing the Little Steel strike, and because it will most certainly be applied in other strikes in all parts of the country, the Northwest Organizer here epitomizes the essential outline of this vigilante program, truly brilliant in its logical and cynical

Forewarned is forearmed! Benjamin Stolberg, writing in the Nation, calls this "the most significant program in the history of American vigilantism." Here are the ten scab commandments:

1. When a strike is threatened label all union leaders as "agitators." In the plant conduct a forced balloting under the direction of foremen to ascertain the strength of the union and to make possible misrepresentation of the strikers as a small minority imposing their will upon the majority. At the same time disseminate propaganda, by means of press releases, advertisements, and the activities of "missionaries," such propaganda falsely stating the issues involved in the strike so that the strikers appear to be making arbitrary demands, and the real issues, such as the employers' refusal to bargain collectively, are obscured.

tively, are obscured.

2. Concurrently with these moves, by exerting economic pressure and threatening to move the plants, if that is feasible, align the influential members of the community into a cohsive group opposed to the strike. In this group, usually designated as a "citizens committee," include representatives of the bankers, real-estate owners, business men, ministers, etc.

3. When the strike is called raise high the banner of law and order, thereby causing the community to mass legal and police weapons against their wholly imagined violence, thereby suppressing all the civil liberties of the strikers.

4. Call a "mass meeting" of the citizens to coordinate public sentiment against the strike and to strengthen the power of the citizens' committee, which organization, thus sup-

power of the citizens' committee, which organization, thus supported, will both aid the employer in exerting pressure upon the local authorities and itself sponsor vigilante activities.

5. Bring about the formation of a large armed police force to be built up by utilizing local police, state police if the government of the state of the stat

ernor cooperates, vigilantes, and special deputies, the deputies being chosen if possible from other neighborhoods. Coach the

being chosen if possible from other neighborhoods. Coach the deputies and vigilantes on the law of unlawful assembly, inciting to riot, disorderly conduct, etc., and make them anxious and ready to use their newly acquired authority to the limit.

6. Perhaps most important, heighten the demoralizing effect of the above measures by a "back-to-work" movement, operated by a puppet association of so-called loyal employees secretly organized by the employer.

7. When a sufficient number of applications to go "back to work" are on hand, fix a date for the opening of the plant, which opening is of course requested by the "back-to-work" association. Together with the citizens' committee, prepare for such opening by making provisions for a peak army of police by roping off the area surrounding the plant, by securing arms and munitions, etc. . . . Even if the maneuver fails ing arms and munitions, etc. . . . Even if the maneuver fails to induce a sufficient number of persons to return, persuade the public through pictures. the public through pictures and news releases that the opening was nevertheless successful.

Stage the "opening" as theatrically as possible. 9. Capitalize on the demoralization of the strikers by continuing the show of police force and the pressure of the citizens' committee, both to insure that those employees who have returned will continue at work and to force the remainhave returned will continue at work and to force the remaining strikers to capitulate. If necessary, turn the locality into a warlike camp through the declaration of a state of emergency tantamount to martial law and barricade it from the outside world so that nothing may interfere with the successful conclusion of the "Formula," thereby driving home to the union leaders the futility of efforts to hold their ranks intact.

10. Close the publicity barrage on the theme that the plant is in full operation and that the strikers were merely a minority attempting to interfere with the "right to work" . . . the cam-

paign is over—the strike is broken.

In studying this list, one recognizes that most of these stunts have been tried against the union movement locally (for instance, in 1934), but never in the cold-blooded systematized method recommended by the big-time exploiters in their "Formula." Workers should judge all major strike struggles in the next period, whether local or afar, in the light of the Mohawk Valley recipe for strike-breaking.

#### **Letters from Worker - Readers**

To General Drivers Local 544: cere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy. Sincerely,

Guy Clyde Sonborn Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sonborn Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reid

To General Drivers Local 544: Thanking you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Mrs. C. Olson Mr. and Mrs. R. Olson Mr. and Mrs. Jorgenson

To the Editor:

The business agent of Laundry Workers Local 183, in true bureaucratic style, has interpreted my letter criticizing certain of his policies and of his position on the questions volved.

This is a typical Stalinist trick to get out of a tight place. However, be assured that ample and sufficient material is available to guarantee a ively discussion in personalities, if that is desired.

It would, however, be much more nteresting to learn if it is correct to ase the instrument of the class enemy against workers in order to collect union dues, as it can be shown he threatened to do to certain members

Here is the sample of a mimeo-graphed letter sent out by said busiess agent, dated July 15: "Dear Member:

"Dear Member:

You are indebted to the Cleaners and Laundry Workers Union of Local 183 and 30 the sum of In accordance with the unanimous decision of the members of our organization at a recent meeting, the Secretary and Business Agent were instructed to start legal suit and gurnishment proceedings against any one whose application for membership is on file and who failed to pay or make arrangements for same. Unless you come to the office and make a satisfactory settlement on or before July 31, action will be taken accordingly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yours truly,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Local 183 and 30."
The NORTHWEST ORGANIZER

sures us that the courtesy of its columns has been extended to said business agent for reply to these

Is the letter reproduced above a replica of the letter you sent out from your office? When has it become the state industrial commission in order to derive benefits for the workers by price, wage and hour fixing? Is it not possible that the workers might be betrayed if the functions of the union were taken over by the industrial commission? Is it not a fact that a group of laundry and cleaning emyers worked in collaboration for his very scheme?

It would be interesting to kn ust what particular shade of politi ing theories of labor strategy that is causing so much discussion and some unseemly merriment in labor circles.
Sincerely,
NATHAN OSBORN

#### Drivers' Picnic Well Attended Despite Rain

Despite an early morning rain, a out last Sunday for the second annual picnic of Local 544 at Webb's Place. Fully as many men, women and children participated in the affair as were present last year.

In the two major events of the day, the diamondball team from the Milk Wagon Drivers Local 471 nosed out the building Laborers team by a score of 5 to 3, and the Transfer neavyweights dragged the Independent Truck Owners over the line in

The Olson memorial services in the afternoon at Nothrop auditorium were broadcast to the picnic grounds over a loud-speaker hook-up. The Picnic Committee is to be congratu ated for the smoothness with which the program was run off, and for the lack of disorder at the picnic.

#### Seven Transfer Firms Sign in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa.—The seven con tractors hauling groceries for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., after using guards and every other strikebreaking device, finally signed closed shop agreements, granting wage and hour gains, for 125 mem-bers of Local 127 of the International

otherhood of Teamsters. Drivers will receive \$42 weekly for big trucks, \$38 for small trucks.

#### WPA News of the Week in Headlines

(Details on file at FWS in Minneapolis, at Minnesota WPA in St. Paul, and with Congressman Teigan of Washington)

U. of M. White Collar WPA Workers Win Reopening of Project, Christgau Refuses to Let Them Make Up Lost Wages, Many in Distress Get Direct Relief,

U. of M. Workers to Meet Friday, 8 P. M., at 257 Plymouth Ave.

Civilian Fort Snelling WPA Workers Placed Under War Dept. Rule. Authority for Militarization Not Disclosed.

WPA Pays 85c and 75c Hourly for Shoveling on Some Projects But Denies "Prevailing Wage" is Over 6834c Christgau Refuses to Recommend That Roosevelt Raise the \$60.50 Maximum. His Reason: "We Know What They'll Say." What Will They Say, Vic?

Richards Orders Tools Checked In and Out on Workers' Time.
"Involuntary Servitude," Says FWS. (Only Slaves
Will Do It)

State and County Bring Their Road Workers Back to Town
During Working Hours; WPA Travel Is All
on Workers' Time. Why?

Richards and Christgau Would Stall Labor Complaint Appeals by Referring Cases to Local Officials. FWS Isn't Biting.

Any WPA Straw-Boss Can Fire Worker, But Union Gets Run-Around While Discharged Workers' Families Starve. (New Deal Justice?)

FWS Demands WPA Foremen and Superintendents Have Clear Civil Service Records as Such and That Workers Get Four-Day Notice Before Discharge.

Minnesota WPA's Buck-Passing Is Witnessed by Bob Greenberg, Teigen's Secretary.

McKinney, Brave FWS Steward, Still Out, Family Hungry.
Fired from WPA for "Talking Too Much"
(To Deaf-Mute!)

Give "Farmer" Anderson (5th District Labor Director) Time to Hit City Stride, Begs Sassaman in Dodging Issue of Delays in Settling Labor Complaints.

"Not-So-Clever" Sassaman Raves Over Statements in "N. W. Organizer'

Kudish, of Course, Needs His Job-Poor Stooge

Living Costs Up—General Wage Levels Up—But "Lynch Law" for WPA Workers

Rumblings of Individual Violence Follow Failure of Christgau to Stop WPA Bulldozing and Discriminations

Christgau Fears to Meet Workers' Committees Without "Medicine-Man" Sassaman at His Side

Christgau's Office Alters Record of Labor Committee Hearing Christgau-Sassaman-Kudish Juggling Troupe Exhausts Bag of Tricks—Time to Pack Up!

#### The Warehouse SLATE

INITIATION FEES:

The initiation fee for membership in Local 20316 is \$5.00, which includes the dues for the current month. This fee shall remain the same until further notice from the Executive Board. Initiation fees are payable for the current month before the 25th. No grievance shall be accepted by any steward from any person who is not in good standing. Initiation fees must be paid up in full in order to be in good standing.
DUES:

Dues are payable on or before the first day of each month. Any member whose dues are not paid before the 15th day of each month shall be considered delinquent. Such members being delinquent in dues cannot present any grievances to the Union until paid up-to-date. Dues are \$1.25 per m and include a subscription to the Northwest Organizer.

WITHDRAWAL CARDS:

Withdrawal cards will be issued only to members in good standing, only to members in good standing, and only upon the recommendation of a steward Withdrawal cards will be taken from us without warning." steward. Withdrawal cards forwarded to members in good stand-ing thirty days after application is made to the financial secretary. Mem-bers must have their dues paid for gible to make such application.

GRIEVANCES. Grievances must be presented in writing. The Union will then instruct the Grievance Committee at the com pany on the matter; and if there has not been a committee set up, then it will instruct a steward or other representative of the Union to make a adjustment of the matter. All griev ances must be written up on he blanks furnished by the Union.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Membership meetings are held regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Members are expected to at-

tend all membership meetings.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS: Section meetings shall be arranged by the Executive Board in accordance with the requirements of the Union. All action taken in section meetings shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board. STEWARD MEETINGS

Steward meetings are held regu-larly on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Stewards are expected to attend all meetings. The job steward shall represent the Union on the job; to see that the working agreements between the Union and the small represent the Union and the small represent that there is the small represent that there is the small representation of the smal Helpers will be paid \$29.50 and \$27. agreements between the Union and A 48-hour week is included, with the employer are enforced; that there is no discrimination against Union

#### **Rubber Workers to Settle Bargaining**

Special to N. W. Organizer

Akron, Ohio .- Production workers n both the Goodyear and Goodrich plants will ballot this week in the first Labor Board elections ever held in this city. Workers will vote on the question of whether or not they desire to be represented by the United Rubber Workers of America as their sole bargaining agent. Goodyear workers will vote Tuesday and Wednesday, and Goodrich employees will vote Thursday.

Officers of the union are charging that evidence is available that antiunion forces are organizing to show their strength at the election, and break down the union and the im-proved conditions so far gained.

In a public statement, the union appealed especially to those workers not yet members, pointing out that "the conditions which you are enjoying today are the result of the months and years of constant, unflagging struggle on the part of the union. We pelieve you realize as well as we do that without a strong union to protect

nembers by the employer; that the seniority rule is observed; and that all employees on the job are members in good standing in the Union. He shall attend the regular steward meetings to obtain help and guidance in carrying out his responsibility. All grievances which cannot be settled by the job steward shall be reported to the Union Grievance Committee for

COMMISSIONS

Starting for the month of Septem-er and for all months following thenceforth, stewards shall 10% of all monies collected for the Union in the form of dues or initiation fees. Stewards are required to turn in their full amount of collections. At the end of each month the financial secretary shall tabulate the total sum turned in by each individual steward and renumeration to the steward to the amount of 10% shall

DELINOUENT MEMBERS.

Members who owe two or three months' dues are not in good standing with either the local Union or

Members who owe three months' dues are subject to suspension from membership, and if their dues are not paid, it will require a reinstate-ment fee of \$1.00 and the payment of three months' back dues and dues for the current month to place them in

## Vigilantism, 1937

(The information in this article is taken from a series of articles on "Vigilantism" written by Benjamin Stolberg, now appearing in the Nation.)

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During the past six months the vigilante racket, organized by big business, has appeared in many eastern industrial communities where strikes have been in progress) in Hershey, Johnstown, Massil'on, Youngstown, Detroit, and many other centers. The present vigilante drive differs from its predecessors in that it is better organized, better financed and more dangerous. It is in the initial stages of organization by big industry itself. It exploits all the local reactionaries and crackpots through citizens committees and \*\* law-and-order leagues. And it exerts pressure on the local authorities "to do their duty."

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Klan is still going pretty strong. In DearBorn, where Ford is, the Friends of New Germany and the Veterans

appeals to the deepest anti-intellectual and regressive instincts: to chauinism, to race hatred, to anti-Semitism, to the spirit of violence. The technique of vigilantism is always the a base must be created. It is recruited from the most backward layer in the social pyramid. In modern society this is the lower middle class, which is bewildered by the split between its real and its fancied interests.

Just as Mussolini's access to power inspired Hitler and his many lesser imitators, so Hitler's rise encouraged vigilantism from Rumania to Califor-nia. The fascist language and technique have been consciously copied by innumerable vigilante adventurers in America. Today the country swarms with these miscellaneous hick Fuhrers who walk the streets of big business hawking their wares. Often they run little seurrilous newspapers, all-moron and half-blackmail.

The vigilante entrepreneurs are corever on the lookout for angels to subsidize them until their Big Day comes. Thus the Reverend Gerald K. Smith is kept going by a New York broker named Henry Marsh. Now and then a frightened dowager gives him a check for the good work. The Georgian textile manufacturers gave Governor Talmadge \$20,000 for breaking the textile strike; he got \$5,000 from the Liberty League for his grass-roots convention.

During the Little Steel Strike the worst of the vigilante outfits—in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and especially in Ohio and in Michigan—did not hesitate to engage in plain thuggery and to provoke murder. Big industry used them where it found them and paid merely for their services.

The types and their activities vary. In Toledo there are the Young Nationalists, who talk "Americanism" over the radio very Sunday. In Akron there were the Stahlmate Clubs at Goodyear's, now pretty well shot to pieces. In Warren, Ohio, there is an active John Q. Public League. In Columbus, Ohio, the State University has become a regular center of resident has become a regular center of young fascist activities. There are the Student Americaneers, run by Captain Arden S. Turner of the R. O. T. C. The Reverend Frank Throop of the Committee of 200 is also active

Rights. In Indiana and in Michigan the trade.

of New Germany and the Veterans of New Germany and the Veterans of Foreign Wars hold joint meetings. Father Coughlin has a rather insignation of the coughlin has a rather insignation. name of "law and order," it defends nificant Workers' Council for Social the most bitter class exploitation. It Justice at Ford's. Father Coughlin is lying low because the Catholic church is lying low. "My day will come in 1938," he says. But he still receives 1,000 letters daily and is selling widely an anti-C. I. O. editorial sersame. Since no movement can beat vice. At Fords there are also the the masses without a mass base, such Knights of Dearborn, made up of Ford Service Men under the command of Sam Taylor, a foreman at River Rouge. In Lansing the American Le-gion and the R. O. T. C. of Michigan State College are very active, neither of them officially. The worst vigilante in town is the Reverend Frank J. Norris, who once killed a sheriff in Texas. He now runs a paper and speaks in a church on General Mo-tors property. He is also closely associated with K. T. Keller, president of Chrysler, The Flint Alliance, under George E. Boysen, is trying to get along now as the American La-bor League; and Walter Chrysler is watching it in erestedly. These are the major local vigilante movements

in this section.

The "Civic Federation" Then there is a multitude of ser-vice organizations, of which probably the best known and most characteristic is the National Civic Federation. It is now circularizing the American business community with "confidential" literature, and cries of commu nism and more money, please. While Mathew Woll was acting president of the Civic Federation, it collaborated closely with all the official Nazi agents and organizations in this country. It probably still does. But of late Mr. Easley is presenting a set-up a new red-baiting campaign.

Continued Next Week **Trotsky Committee** 

Sponsors Boat Trip A moonlight excursion on the steamer "Capitol" is being sponsored by the Twin City Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky next Tuesday night, August 31. The fare for the trip is fifty cents per person. Tickets for the excursion may be obtained from any member of the defense committee or at 669 Second Ave. N. The boat leaves the Jackson

St. wharf in St. Paul at 9 p. m. sharp. Two Month Strike at Mazey Florist Settled

The two-months' strike against the Mazey Florist company was settled Committee of 200 is also active last week when the company agreed among the students. Then there is to the seniority requirements of Genthe Ohio League for Constitutional eral Drivers Local 544. Mazey's have discontinued their wholesale floral

### UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

#### **Petroleum Drivers**

The Petroleum Drivers will meethe first and third Wednesdays of sach month.

#### Federal Workers

Regular Membership Meetings— Second Friday in each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wed-nesday, 8 p. m.

#### **Local 1859**

General Membership—August Casket Industry—August 9, Box Industry—August 17, Clark Co.—Augurt 18, Puffer-Hubbard—August 20, t, Paul Section—August 23

#### Local 20316

Stewards-First and third Tues day.

Regular Membership Meeting—
fourth Tuesday
Executive Board—Regularly every
Monday.

#### Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Unior meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdaya. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.

#### Local 289

Retail Drivers-First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers - Second

Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.

#### Private Chauffeurs

#### Local 292

Inside Section-First Tuesday Utility Section—First Thursday Full Membership — Third Thurs-Full Menuce day
day
General Executive Board — Mondays preceding first and third
Thursdays
Advisory Board—Every Tuesday

## Local 544

Thursday, August 19—Tent and Awning; Print Drivers.
Friday, August 20—Job Stewards.,
Monday, August 23—Transfer Warehouse Men (Special).
Tuesday, August 24—Taxi Drivers; Night drivers, 1 p. m.;
Day drivers, 7 p. m.
Thursday, August 26—Transfer; Wholesale Drug.
Seniority Committee meets each Friday at 8 p. m. in Hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.
Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.