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and... ON THE Other Hand ... By the Cynic

"Mayor Shields of Johnstown and Citizens' Committee Heads to Testify This Week—In the three sessions already held the board directed its attack on the company on the score of its alleged domination of the employees' representational plan. The board attorneys brought out through the testimony of mill employes that they received regular wages while attending meetings, that the company prepared minutes of the meetings, etc."—New York Times.

The company union is a wonderful thing—for the bosses. "The Research Tax Institute of America," a confidential bulletin sent out to its members, has this to recommend to the bosses: "The company union can be divorced from the company and incorporated. It can then logically carry public support, employee approval and employers' blessings by pointing out that by incorporating, it has accepted liability for its contracts, whereas other unions may be financially irresponsible." Just one big happy family.

"The activities of the Trotskyists in the various trade unions in the United States such as Minnesota, the Marine Workers Union on the West Coast and in Toledo and other places were always of a treacherous character, resulting in either weakening of the strike or an attempt at betrayal of the workers."—Daily Worker.

While the Stalinists have been occupied trying to build People's Fronts, people's lobbies and peace organizations, the progressive unions in Minneapolis have not only made Minneapolis a union town, but the best union town in the United States and that in spite of all the Stalinists that have been imported into the city to break up these unions.

"The new-born Democratic organization headed by Franklin Roosevelt has been gradually becoming all that the third-party forces, the Farmer-Laborites and the progressives, could hope for—and their increasingly close identification with it indicates that they know its real significance. It can assure labor far more than labor could hope for in a party of its own. If it marches in closed ranks with these natural allies the danger of a fascist movement arising will remain remote."—Common Sense.

Yes, yes, yes, the Popular Front in Spain definitely prevented a fascist movement from arising. The sad truth is that the 'new-born Democratic Party' has indeed become all that the third-party forces could hope for—that is, in every crisis it has stabbed labor in the back, as every party in power, Democratic or Labor Party, is bound to do under capitalism. The New Deal governor in Pennsylvania was a good enough "friend" of labor to turn the troops into scab herders in the recent steel strike. The New Deal governor of Michigan was a good enough "friend" of labor to draft a law curbing mass picketing, every strike's main weapon. The New Deal Democrats of Chicago were "friendly" enough to order their cops out for a special massacre to celebrate Memorial Day.

HARK! COAL DRIVERS! All coal drivers and yard men must report to their respective companies before November 1, to inform the companies as to whether they plan to work during the coal season. If this is not done, coal workers will lose their seniority rights. Attend to this, without fail, before November 1.

NCDDC Meets in Hibbing Sat.

ANTI-INJUNCTION LAW PASSED BY N Y LEGISLATURE

New Measure Keeps Two Justices from Passing Sentence on Pickets

Under the new anti-injunction law passed recently by the New York State legislature certain proceedings must be followed in trying pickets arrested for and charged with violating an injunction. They can ask for and be granted trial by jury. Last week two New York City justices saw their orders reversed and found themselves restrained from passing sentence upon convicted pickets.

Justice McCoey, of the Appellate Division, granted an injunction restraining picketing around the restaurant of Joseph Sartori. As the result of this injunction and its "violation" 32 members of the Waiters and Waitresses' Union, Local 2 of Brooklyn were arrested, charged with contempt of court and convicted. Justice McCoey refused the prisoners trial by jury and set their sentences up for September 8. An attorney for the union applied for a writ of habeas corpus. Justice Taylor, who "ranks" with McCoey in the Appellate Division, declared a restraining order against McCoey, stopping him from declaring sentences. McCoey must show cause on September 27 why he should not be permanently enjoined from punishing strikers without a jury trial.

In the testimony brought out in the hearing for the writ union members related that "Justice" McCoey was a close friend of the restaurant owner, that he nor any member of his family was ever billed for any food eaten at the restaurant, and that after the judge's father died the owner, Sartori, staged a three-day wake for the dead man's friends at which hundreds of dollars of food

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NSP Arbitration Board Reinstates John F. Williams

The Utility Section of Electrical Workers Local 292 won an important victory Tuesday night when the case of John Williams, meter reader for the Minneapolis General Electric Company, finally came to arbitration. Williams was discharged May 12, 1937. The company claimed it was for insubordination and disobeying rules. The union claimed the case one of discrimination against an active union member.

On Tuesday, the arbitration board agreed that Williams shall be reinstated on his former job as of September 16. He shall be allowed two weeks' vacation with pay; in other words, placed on the payroll as of September 1.

Radio Section Puts WDGY Operator Back

The Radio Section of Electrical Workers Local 292 wiped the slate clean this week as far as the recent WDGY strike is concerned. George Jacobsen, chief engineer, went back to work this Monday, Sept. 13, without his case having gone through arbitration.

Jacobsen received \$45 weekly for the seven weeks he was out. Effective last Saturday, he will receive the \$15 weekly increase won by the radio operators.

North Central Drivers Council Work Progresses into Iowa

Marshalltown Local of 150 Members Receives Charter; Mankato Wins Pact With Gas Line

Though the quarterly conference of the North Central Drivers Council occupies the center of the stage, organization work is going on right up to the eve of the meeting. Marshalltown, Mankato, Albert Lea, St. Cloud and Winona were visited by Council representatives. Last Sunday Karl Skoglund spoke to the Drivers local in Marshalltown, Iowa. This unit, which already has about 150 members, got its charter from the International last week. It will be represented by a delegate to the NCDDC meeting. News has come that the Drivers union in Des Moines has increased its membership from 200 to 1,500 in the last year. Winona reports about 700 members, Mankato, 300, Red Wing, 150, and Waseca, 100.

Pat Corcoran met with the Mankato unit Monday night. This local now has signed 31 contracts. Its latest is a working agreement with the gas line company coming in from Waseca. Other reports showing solid progress were given at Monday's meeting. A campaign has been started to check up on all slackers who have not paid recent dues, and a definite program is underway to straighten out these short-sighted people immediately. The three delegates from the Mankato General Drivers Union to the Council meeting are Brothers Gundrom, Lawrence Adams and Bob Bares. These men will also represent the local at the State Federation of Labor convolve.

Tom Barden of Waseca reported to the Mankato meeting on the steady progress of union work there. Barden, together with one more driver, will represent Waseca in Hibbing. K. Skoglund and J. Corcoran are scheduled to appear in Albert Lea Thursday night for the drivers' meeting in that community.

There is some chance that the strike of Minneapolis drivers against the Great American Tea company may be extended into southern Minnesota and Iowa within the near future.

Watertown, South Dakota, has sent word that it will be represented in Hibbing with at least 2 delegates. The Winona local is now negotiating with the wholesale grocers. If a settlement is not forthcoming immediately, there may be a strike on there before this appears in print.

Electrical Workers To Hold Skeet Shoot

The entertainment committee of Electrical Workers Local 292 invites all union members and their friends to participate in a trap shooting event Sunday morning, Sept. 19, beginning at 8 a. m., at the North Minneapolis Gun Club. The club is located two miles outside of Robbinsdale on the new highway.

So that all who attend may participate, there will be three skeet and straightaway ranges, and one monkey skeet range. The management of the club will have a professional trap shooter on the grounds to give instruction and pointers to those shooters new to the game.

257 Dressed Up With Drapes an' Everything

The redecoration of the third-floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth was completed Monday with the hanging of handsome drapes on all the windows, which greatly improve the appearance of the huge room. The stage is also now framed in curtains of the same material, a brown plaid design.

On the main floor, the side door facing on Third Street has been blocked up and the area forming the hallway adjacent to the door has been added to the office occupied jointly by Woodware Workers Local 1859 and Warehouse & Inside Workers Local 20316.

WOODWORKERS CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST LUND

Mass Meeting of Northland Ski Workers Called for Saturday

Realizing that the favorable decision of the National Labor Relations Board by itself is no guarantee of union victory, Lund workers in both St. Paul and Hastings have moved into action during the past few days to renew their struggle to win union agreements in the two Lund plants.

The strike and negotiating committees of the Northland Ski company met Saturday noon at 257 Plymouth Avenue to discuss the National Labor Board decision and to plan a new unionization program. Another mass meeting of all employees of the Northland plant has been called for 2:30 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at 257 Plymouth, for the purpose of furthering union organization.

The entire labor movement of Hastings, Minn., met in the armory Sunday afternoon to discuss the new turn in the Lund situation. The Lund workers in this town received the NLRB enthusiastically, and are supporting vigorously the union-building program laid out by various speakers. Addressing the Sunday meeting were A. Urtubeas and Roy Weir of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, Herman Edelman, union attorney in the Labor Board hearings, who interpreted the labor act and the recent decision; Bill Engelbreton of Local 1859, and others. Plans are now under way to unionize every worker in Hastings, and a joint committee has been set up for this purpose.

A regular meeting of all Lund workers in Hastings was held Tuesday night at the union hall. Lund has already shown his contempt for the NLRB decision by blandly disregarding its findings. Northland Ski workers reported that on Saturday he was back to his old trick of circulating petitions around the plant asking workers if they were satisfied with their conditions, etc. It appears as though he wants to build a new company union and start the whole game over again. This the workers are determined he will not do.

Campaign for Private Chauffeurs Continues

The campaign to increase the membership of the Private Chauffeurs unit in Minneapolis is being vigorously pursued. Two men are out this week checking up on the membership and dues records of members and eligible drivers. The next meeting of the unit will be held Tuesday, Sept. 28.

RELIEF PROGRAM OF FWS ADOPTED BY CENTRAL BODY

Joint Committee from Both Groups to Direct Program

The following Relief Program of Labor, drawn up by the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, was presented to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union at its Sept. 8 meeting, and subsequently adopted.

1. Obtain enactment of a CITY ORDINANCE requiring that all special and adjoined meetings of the Welfare Board, and the purposes thereof, must have at least 48 hours advance public notice.
2. See that relief is given all needy Minneapolis residents as required by law, and that relief officials who violate such laws be removed from office.
3. Stop relief and WPA evictions by any means required.
4. Stop enforced removal of relief clients from the city.
5. Press the national administration for bigger WPA quotas and raising of WPA monthly wage maximums.
6. Avoid relief financing methods which would place the load on the workers (sales tax, wheelage tax, etc.)
7. Re-establish standardized relief supplements for WPA workers.
8. Establish at once an authoritative local HOUSING COMMISSION OF LABOR, to obtain public funds and begin construction that will genuinely relieve the housing situation for the needy.

The execution of this program was placed in the hands of a Joint Committee from the Central Labor Union and the Federal Workers Section. In order to preserve union standards in the city, the labor movement must get behind this program and substitute it for the present vicious policies of the Welfare Board, which has dealt one blow after another to the unemployed of this city.

N Y Plumbers Out; Teamsters, Longshoremen Are Still Fighting; British Unions Convene

Labor continues its fight for better working conditions, higher wages, and shorter hours. While there are no large, spectacular strikes to report on, there are nevertheless many which merit attention.

New York city is the scene of three of the nation's battles this week. The strike against the Horn and Hardart cafeterias continues. Militant pickets continue to take the place of those arrested as fast as the police can pick up marching pickets. Eight of those arrested were fined \$1 or one day in jail, on September 10. They chose to serve the one day. Seven others were arrested the same day. All are charged with disorderly conduct, and testimony by police is

to the effect that they block sidewalk traffic.

Maxwell House Coffee advertises its product as being "Good to the last drop." Evidently workers in the New York city plant have found the "last drop" bitter, for they have gone on strike. All but forty of the workers are out. They are demanding union recognition for the Coffee Workers Union, Local 21,291, an A. F. of L. affiliate, \$1 per hour for coffee handlers, \$1.10 for checkers, 75c for mixers, 90c for roasters, and \$1 for special roasters. Average wages now range between 55c and 75c.

N. Y. Plumbers Out
On September 8, the Alteration, Steamfitters and Helpers Union called

NCDDC Meeting Will Mark First Year of Organization

Seventeen Cities, Over 20,000 Workers to Be Represented; Five Locals Added Since Last Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the North Central District Drivers Council will open this Saturday afternoon, Sept. 18, at 1 p. m. The conference will be held in the Hotel Androy in Hibbing, Minnesota, and will continue through the following day. It is anticipated that over 100 delegates from drivers' locals throughout the Northwest will attend the meeting. As a result of the growth of the NCDDC since the last quarterly meeting in Duluth, several new locals — Winona, Waseca, Brainerd, Willmar and Mason City (Iowa)—will have delegates in attendance at Hibbing.

Reports from each local will be given at the meeting. A general report on the present strength of the Council and the work before it will be delivered, after which a discussion will take place on ways of yet further improving the organizational machinery, of insuring adequate financial support to this necessary work, etc.

Among the towns to be represented at the Council meeting are Austin, Albert Lea, Brainerd, Duluth, Eau Claire, Fargo, Grand Forks, Mankato, Mason City, Minneapolis, Minot, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Superior, Waseca, Willmar and Winona.

It was just one year ago that the groundwork for the Council was first laid. During the twelve months that have since elapsed, the Council has become the most powerful labor body ever built in this part of the country. The hard-hitting organizational drive has resulted in new General Drivers units being established in a dozen towns. Though many strikes have been held, it has yet to be recorded that a "Council" union has lost in a struggle with the bosses. Thousands of new workers are today covered with union working agreements who a year ago did not know the blessings of unionism. Over twenty thousand workers will be represented at the Hibbing gathering, and hundreds more are being enlisted weekly in the various Council unions.

Many Council delegates from drivers' unions in Minnesota will stay over in Hibbing for the Minnesota State Federation of Labor convention, which opens Monday, Sept. 20. Reservations have been made in advance with the Hotel Androy to house all Council delegates.

Upholsterers Back to Work With Increase

As the result of a short "holiday" called last Saturday by the Minneapolis Upholsterers Local No. 61, the members of this union went back to work early this week with a new contract calling for a 7 1/2 hourly increase in wages. The only exceptions were the female workers, the tow-pickers, the sweepers and helpers, who won an increase of 5c hourly. The new agreement also calls for a week's vacation with pay for all employees who have worked for over two years.

Between 600 and 700 workers are covered by the contract. About fifteen companies are involved. The union had asked for hourly increases of 10c.

St. Croix NSP Workers Win New Wage Rate

Last Friday a committee of Northern States Power Union workers from St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, together with Brothers Schultz and Heigel of the Utility Section of Local 292, met in Stillwater with Mr. Lund and Mr. Miller of the NSP, to determine working conditions in St. Croix Falls.

Job classifications were established, and standard wage rates agreed to, for all the men. About 35 workers are involved. The men will get the new wage rates as of Sept. 1.

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