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12,000 Workers Rally To Fight Anti-Labor Plots

On the National Picket Line

On April 7, the people of Detroit had a taste of what happened to us in Minneapolis when the street car operators went on strike last winter. All streetcars were tied up less than four hours after the strike was called. Only the busses operated. Normally the trams of Detroit carry upwards of one million riders every day. Traffic was tied up worse than ever before in the history of the city.

The strike was the result of a controversy involving the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees and a company union formed to circumvent the recent victory won by the AFL union for bargaining rights. The independent company union, the Motor Coach Operators, objected to the Amalgamated representing the bus drivers.

The strike was settled on Saturday, April 9. The union won the right to represent the street car operators and, if after an election, they win a majority of all of the employees, their jurisdiction over the bus drivers will be established.

Even in the center of CIO strength, this strike was marked by cooperation between the workers in the two factions. The United Automobile Workers Union offered pickets and the use of their sound trucks to aid the strike.

Another blow to organized labor was dealt by Premier Duplessis of Quebec when he succeeded in having a bill forcing the incorporation of labor unions put through the Legislative Assembly.

This is the third measure against labor which has been pushed over by the boss-controlled premier. The first bill exempted the government from paying the so-called "fair wage scale" to government employees and from dealing collectively with these workers.

Premier Duplessis was forced to accept an amendment to this latest bill providing that action by law against any group or association having collective personality in the eyes of the law may be relieved of responsibility from judgments as individuals. All collections resulting from such action must be made against the properties of these groups and associations rather than against the officers or members as individuals.

In Canada a victory against labor has been scored. The (Continued on page 4)



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

471 Strikes Land o' Lakes

Picket Lines Around Only Remaining Open-Shop Dairy—Union Appeals to Farmers to Help Win Strike—State Intercession Fruitless—NCCDDC Wires Locals Throughout Area to Cooperate

Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Local 471 declared its strike against Land o' Lakes Creamery company effective at midnight Tuesday. The first step taken by the union, after effecting the strike, was to issue an appeal for cooperation to the eighty thousand farmers of Minnesota who provide dairy products to the Land o' Lakes concern, reminding the farmers of the long years of harmonious collaboration between the milk drivers and the farmers.

The appeal to the farmers pointed out that for three years the union had attempted to secure a closed-shop contract with Land o' Lakes, identical with the contracts now covering every other dairy company in Minneapolis, and that further continuance of the open shop in a single concern was endangering the union gains made in the rest of the industry.

State Intercession Fails
A strike vote had been taken early last week, but the strike had been held up at the request of the State Administration, which attempted unsuccessfully to persuade the Land o' Lakes company to settle. On Monday morning the Executive Board of the Milk Drivers met with the governor and officials of the Department of Agriculture. The governor requested that the Board of Directors of Land o' Lakes, then in session, appoint a committee of three with full power to settle. That committee, headed by John Brandt, manager of the concern, met with the agriculture officials and the union representatives all afternoon and evening, without coming to an agreement.

Another long conference on Tuesday again arrived at no agreement, Brandt and the other officials of Land o' Lakes flatly refusing to accept the same contract already in effect in every other dairy in Minneapolis. The union had no other alternative left except to strike.

Strike Endorsed
The strike had already been endorsed by the Teamsters International and the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

Picket lines were thrown about the plant at 6 a. m. Wednesday. A commissary was immediately put into operation at union headquarters to feed the strikers three times a day. Every striker will report for a daily roll call and be subject to call at every hour of the day.

The strike involves 160 employees.

The North Central District Drivers Council wired every drivers local in the state and surrounding area, informing them that Land o' Lakes was on strike and requesting cooperation.

Warehouse Band Toots Own Horn

The band of the Warehouse Workers Union is holding very successful practice sessions. Over forty musicians will be present this Thursday night. The band invites all interested trade unionists to come down and listen.

The snappy Warehouse Band will make its first public appearance at the testimonial dance and rally to be given for L. G. Scott on Friday, April 29th, at 257 Plymouth Avenue. A concert is being planned soon to raise funds to purchase appropriate band uniforms, and the support of the entire union movement is being solicited for this worthwhile purpose.

More Awning Firms Sign With General Drivers

Two more firms signed contracts granting Local 544's demands, as the strike of tent and awning workers went into its second week. The new firms to sign for the 40-hour week and minimum wages of from 60c to 75c hourly are the Chesbro Tent and Awning company and the Rawitzer company. Last week the Mammen Wolmer firm had signed up with the union.

The strike was called following four months of fruitless negotiations with Minneapolis awning firms. Drivers and inside men at the remaining firms will stay on strike until their demands are met. Local 544 announced Wednesday morning.

New Pact Given Janney Company

A new contract covering wages and working conditions for the coming year was presented last week by organizers of Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 to the Janney-Semple-Hill company. The union is seeking a clear seniority clause which will assure that seniority will be administered in a manner fair to the employees and to their standing, the sort of clause that is already in effect with several major firms with whom Local 20316 has contracts.

The Janney management is insisting it be permitted to determine qualifications of employees to fill certain jobs—in reality, such an interpretation renders meaningless any talk of seniority.

The present Janney contract expires April 18th.

Appeal to Dairy Farmers To Help Win the Strike

Our union, bound by many ties of common interest with the dairy farmers of Minnesota, has on numerous occasions demonstrated its firm friendship for the working farmers who produce the milk which we haul and process. We have joined with the farmers on the political field in common action for our joint interests. The farmers' organizations of Minnesota have collaborated with us in convention and at the State Capitol, and over the decades we have learned to work together harmoniously.

Unionization of the dairy industry is one of the oldest forms of unionism in Minnesota, and the farmer has known for many years that strong dairy unions in the city mean for the farmer a firm friend in the city, ever ready to help him against grasping dairy corporations, discriminatory freight and truck rates, etc.

Every dairy plant in Minneapolis is now operating under a union closed shop agreement—except Land o' Lakes. If we permitted that open shop to continue, it would endanger the gains made by the union throughout the industry, for other employers would point to Land o' Lakes as an excuse for refusing such a union agreement. We have patiently attempted for three years to persuade the management of Land o' Lakes to agree to a closed shop. But that management—a Board of Directors which certainly has not reflected the spirit of friendliness which the farmers have for unions—has flatly refused to agree. After taking every possible intermediate step, including the intercession of the Department of Agriculture and other state authorities, we have been compelled to call a strike.

Our strike is solely against John Brandt and the Directors who have lined up with him. We know that the farmers who are affiliated with Land o' Lakes will understand that we are not striking against them. What is more, we share their anxiety that the strike shall not continue so long as to interfere with the farmers' revenue from sales to Land o' Lakes.

We are therefore appealing to our natural allies, these farmers, to intercede with the Board of Directors, and to see to it that the management settles with the union on the same basis as all other dairy plants in the city are operating. We ask our farmer friends to bring pressure to bear, so that both the workers at Land o' Lakes and the farmers who provide the milk shall be able to proceed with their work as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees
Union, Local 471

Local 20481 Friday Meeting Called Off

The regular membership meeting of Woodware Workers Union Local 20481, scheduled for Friday, April 15, has been postponed, it was announced today by union officials. Members will be informed shortly of the date for the next meeting.

Local 1859 Calls All Diamondball Players

All members of Furniture Workers Local 1859 who play diamondball are urged to get in touch with the union office immediately and give their names and addresses. The union will sponsor a diamondball team this summer. Practice sessions will be announced shortly.

Lund Told To Deal With Local 20481

A "Labor Board" victory for the Woodware Workers Union Local 20481 over the C. A. Lund company of Hastings and the Northland Ski company of St. Paul was scored last week with the release of a 22-page decision and order by the National Labor Relations Board.

Among other things, the board ordered Lund: to cease and desist from refusing to bargain collectively with Woodware Workers Union Local 20481 as the exclusive representative of the production employees; to offer to reinstate those employees of the C. A. Lund company who were on the payroll on March 25, 1937, and to pay to each of them a sum equal to that which he would normally have earned as wages during the period from the date of any such refusal of his application to the date of reinstatement, less the amount, if any, which he earned during said period.

All workers of the Northland Ski company of St. Paul who were on the payroll April 14, 1937, and who went on strike, are also to be reinstated with back pay.

Lund, one of the most notorious union-busters in this part of the country, is ordered to post notices in conspicuous places throughout his plant stating he will cease and desist from practices banned by the order.

Lund is also ordered to notify the Regional Director of the Labor Board within ten days as to the steps he has taken to comply with the order.

Intense interest in the decision of the Labor Board was noted among former employees of the Lund plants. Scores of such workers streamed into the offices of Local 20481, at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis, to discuss immediate action to force Lund to abide by the Labor Board decision.

Warehouse Union Firm on Higher Conditions

In the past month Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 has presented contracts to over twenty employers throughout the city. With few exceptions, employers have replied to the demands of their workers with proposals that the union accept wage cuts. They argue that lower living costs justify such cuts.

To all such employers, Local 20316 replies firmly that there is no foundation in fact to justify such demands. The union is going forward with plans to improve working and living conditions of all members. Negotiations with the companies are still being carried on. The agreement with the B. F. Nelson company has already been signed.

Strike Whips 'Local 1' Men Back Into Line

On Tuesday the General Drivers Union Local 544 stopped all deliveries from a gravel pit owned by the Consolidated Materials company in Hopkins to a union job in Minneapolis. The stoppage was called because five persons wearing buttons of the Leach-backed fink organization, "Local No. 1," were working in the pit.

At noon Wednesday deliveries were resumed, after these misled workers rejoined Local 544. The General Drivers Union will not tolerate any attempts by the fink No. 1 outfit to chisel on the union and on the wages and conditions won by the union.

Against Wage Cuts, For Higher Relief

Twelve thousand workers filled the municipal auditorium Monday night to hear representative union speakers outline the developing boss attack on the labor movement, expose the Minneapolis "Civic Council," and voice labor's militant determination to present united ranks to the enemy and to fight for WPA jobs, higher relief, and against all wage cuts.

Strung across the stage was a huge sign bearing a paraphrase of the slogan of the Northwest Organizer:

Strikes Pend Vs. Kozekar, Warren Shade

The Furniture Workers Local 1859, having presented a union working agreement covering the 15 employees of the Kozekar Carriage company, to the management a few days ago, received a counter-proposal that is completely unsatisfactory. A strike will be called this week unless a pact is signed with the union granting a 50c hourly minimum for all now receiving less than \$16 weekly, and a 55c minimum for those receiving less than \$20 weekly. The union is demanding a 5c hourly increase for several workers in another classification.

The counter-proposal of the management suggested a \$1 weekly increase for those now receiving \$12-\$13 weekly, that five workers now receiving 30c-35c hourly be raised to 47½c, and that two workers receive 50c hourly.

Second Strike Pends
Local 1859 planned to call a strike at the Warren Shade company also, following the shut-down of the venetian blind section of the company and the removal of machinery. Whereas the company has proposed the same wages as last year, Local 1859 is asking 5c hourly increases, the closed shop, and strict seniority.

Miss Union Labor To Be Chosen at Local 544 Picnic

Who is Miss Organized Labor in Minneapolis?

That question will be answered at the annual picnic of the General Drivers Union Local 544 on June 12th, when the bathing beauty contest is decided. All girls over eighteen years of age, who are members of organized labor or who have unionists in their immediate family, are eligible to participate in the beauty contest. A suitable loving cup, together with a cash prize, will be presented to the winner.

Girls who wish to enter the contest are asked to call the Northwest Organizer, Bridgeport 6966, and enter their names for the contest, which will be held at the afternoon of the picnic at Webb's Place on Bass Lake.

Local 544's Picnic Committee met Tuesday night to advance preparations for the great annual affair. Tickets are being printed to sell for 25c each. All tickets are redeemable at the picnic grounds for refreshments.

Twin City Lumber Co. Gets New Pact

On Monday afternoon, Woodware Workers Union Local 20481 presented a new contract to the Twin City Lumber company. The new pact calls for the closed shop, strict seniority; a 65c hourly minimum; higher classifications; week's vacation with pay.

The present contract, which expires April 30, specified 57½c hourly.

Strikes Pend Vs. Kozekar, Warren Shade

John Boscoe, of the Allied Printing Trades Council, opened the meeting as chairman, by declaring one of its chief aims to be the smashing of the contemplated open-shop drive in this city and state. Boscoe pointed out that Monday's daily papers claimed Minnesota was the bright spot in the country's economic map, and said this contrasted strangely with the wails of the employers that unionism was ruining industry.

Cities Union Growth
Roy Weir, organizer of the Central Labor Union, painted a vivid picture of the growth of unionism in the years since the 1934 drivers' strikes. "Up until 1933, the Central Labor Union was just a going concern," said Weir. "Today we're the best organized city in America." In 1923, he said, there were 78 AFL locals; today there are 130. In 1933 there were 28,000 dues-paying members; today there are between fifty and sixty thousand.

"This growth was not a gift from Santa Claus, but the result of a lot of cooperative effort of those who had the initiative to defy the Minneapolis employers in 1934."

Weir traced the development of the Citizens Alliance and its role in the latest employers' front, the "Minneapolis Civic Council." He called attention to the little-known recent visit of Galloway of the National Manufacturers Association to Minneapolis to aid in the formation of a council of company or "independent" unions. Weir warned the audience against giving credence to false rumors of "gangsterism and racketeering" in the local labor movement, rumors being circulated by the employers and the enemies of labor.

The huge labor audience cheered Weir as he closed with the vigorous words: "We don't know what union is being singled out for victimization by the employers. But we say: An injury to one is an injury to all. We are going to give our aid to ANY union in trouble. We of the Central Labor Union say that NO WAGE CUTS are to be considered in the negotiations of coming contracts by ANY union. We are still on the forward march!"

For a Housing Program
On behalf of the Building Trades Council, Walter Frank pledged to join in the coming fight (Continued on page 4)

Gas Workers Union In Negotiations

On Tuesday the Gas Workers Union Local 20490 opened negotiations with the Minneapolis Gas company for a new contract. Miles Dunne, who participated in the negotiations last year when the union got its first contract, is again sitting in with the union committee in the negotiations.

The union is demanding a 15 per cent wage raise, two weeks vacation with pay, and ten days paid sick leave. Last year the one week paid vacation and five days of sick leave prevailed.

General Executive Board of Electrical Workers Local 292



Above is the guiding body of one of the most powerful unions in the Northwest—the Electrical Workers Local 292. Seated, from left to right are: Sam Eyres, Oscar Coover, organizer; William Heigel, organizer; Ed Ackerman, George Phillips, vice-president; Ed Conway, president; G. G. Gerdin. Standing are Henry Schultz, assistant business manager; Walter Hackett, business manager, and Claude Skeldon, organizer.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

292 Utilities Section Adopts 1938 Wage Review Program

At the last Utility Section Meeting of Local 292, April 7, the 1938 wage review program was gone into. After a general report and a reading of the proposals the various departments and groups have turned in, a general discussion ensued.

The Advisory Board of the Utility Section recommended a 3-point program for guiding the union in the 1938 wage review. The Stewards' Meeting the night before had already endorsed the Advisory Board's program.

The Advisory Board's program, designed to lay the proper foundation for the Union's demands for 1938 wages contains three basic rules as follows:

1. Equalization of wages within a classification.
2. Equalization of wages between classifications.
3. General revision of all classifications so as to eliminate those deemed unnecessary and insert needed classifications.

The program further included instruction and authorization to the Advisory Board to analyze the submitted proposals (obtaining proposals where the groups or departments have not yet submitted them) and make such recommendations on the various proposals so as to coordinate them with the rules above given.

Unanimously Carried
After some general discussion and numerous questions the Advisory Board's recommendations were voted upon and unanimously carried.

N.S.P. Slow
The proceedings between Local 292 and the Northern States Power Company are still moving along very slowly. During the past week one informal meeting with the Company has been held and only a few of the letters the Union has sent to the Company, as reported in last week's ORGANIZER, have been answered. The grievance letter in regard to William Turok of the Overhead Department, who had been off work since December 31st with a broken leg, was answered by the Company. Brother Turok's pay was stopped on February 15th. The Company's letter states that his pay was stopped through error and that Brother Turok has been reimbursed in full for the time he was off. Brother Turok returned to work April 14th.

No Layoff
The layoff that was scheduled for the Overhead Department and for which notices had been given several times, the latest for April 9th, did not materialize. No layoff was made.

At St. Croix a layoff was scheduled for all but two men of the

Line Department for April 5th. However, April 5th a change was made and all except three groundmen continued working.

On Monday, April 11th, the union representatives, Heigel and Schultz, met with Mr. Gleeson and received seniority lists as revised by the Company for three more departments. The union representatives also received a report from Mr. Gleeson on the recent examination held in the Meter Department. According to the Company's report it is the intention of the Company to create four new jobs to be known as "small capacity polyphase meter tester." This new classification is intended to be a step in between small capacity single phase and large capacity tester classifications. A meeting with the Meter Department men will be held shortly to go into this matter.

Archie Little, assistant operator at the Fifth Street Uower plant, Northern States Power Company, member of Local 292, is reported ill in the Veterans' Hospital where he is undergoing an operation.

With the Limousines

The Private Chauffeurs Union is saddened by the death of one of our brothers, David Evans. We extend the deepest sympathy to his family.

If any member calls the union office and finds the organizer out, please leave your name and phone number. He will call you when he gets in. The press of negotiating contracts and caring for union business sometimes necessitates his absence from the office.

Many chauffeurs turned out for the auditorium rally. That's the right spirit, boys. Mickey Dunne sure made a rousing speech that went right to the point.

The union is planning a baby fink drive among the private chauffeurs in the coming period. All members are instructed to have their union books with them at all times. Be prepared to show your book to any organizer of the Teamsters Joint Council.

Make sure your book is stamped up-to-date—save yourself a lot of inconvenience. Dues can be paid at the front office if your organizer isn't in.

Fred Madlund not only had the honor of driving Mae West but received her autograph on a handsome check. Some guys get the luck.

Leighs have a new chauffeur, and we have a new member.

A dispute which came up with an auto livery concern was settled in a hurry. We don't tolerate any chiseling. Any member with a grievance should have no qualms about coming in and reporting.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Three cheers! Our April meeting really was a rouser. More new faces and more of our older members showed up than in a long time. Let's continue to build up from there and soon we will have to shove out the walls of our meeting room.

We all know the story of ground-hog day. Similarly, do you suppose our "local" friends came out a little prematurely and saw their shadows? Seems to me the red, white and blue has taken a dive—into hiding.

Last Thursday your reporter was almost scared into thinking that he might be relieved of his secretary's job. Perhaps, Al Stein wasn't feeling just right that night to propose that we make the secretary straighten up his face or get out. Now, Al, you wouldn't expect much of an attendance at meetings if the session was run like a funeral. Come up to the committee meeting some Thursday and watch how the real work is handled.

How does Farrell get that way, coming right in on public places hailing this guy as Winchell and stuff?

Every dog has his day? The Independents who mostly have gone around with chin on chest, may now start looking skyward again. We have been surprised to find that 257 finds we are worth a flock of special deliveries. McChane was so startled he misread the letter and tumbled out of bed to report to the office early in the morning.

After reading the classified advertising in the Sunday paper under the sub-titles "black dirt, landscaping and shrubbery" there are two things that register in my mind besides a great indignation. If a city inspector (weights and measures) were to ride each load and a guaranteed No. 1—544 helper assist in the loading, would most of them take a fast ride into bankruptcy? Or don't I know what it's all about?

Fill up your tank when you report for work on the state. Daily gallonage of fifteen to twenty is reported by many.

If only a small fraction of the number of people who bought tickets show up for the dance, the committee might get run out of town. Anyway, don't forget April 23, Saturday evening.

There is a certain paint shop on South Washington that was quite busy with Independents last week.

No emblems—call Gr. 4217, Lundholm.

FOR SALE—1935 Chevrolet dump truck. W. E. Hough, 2400 26th Ave. S., Dr. 2924.

Red Toohy says he owes his new Chev to the fact he went on the water wagon March 1st. He promised to fall off said wagon soon so he can be in shape for that free beer on Saturday, April 23.

The following patents were issued March 29 and April 5, 1938, to Minnesota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota:
Anderson, Roy H., Winona, Minn., display container; Hawrylas, Nykyfor, Minneapolis, Minn., window squeegee; Ruten, Peter, Osakis, Minn., roof for silos and the like; Cole, Arthur D., Minneapolis, Minn., damper control; Dutton, Earl W., Cromwell, Minn., engine hood cover; Kevics, William E., Owatonna, Minn., making finger rings; Erickson, Prentis E., Minneapolis, Minn., vibrating motor.

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BILL BROWN
President of 544

Bill Brown Says—

The bosses who looked in on the Auditorium rally Monday night appeared a bit green around the gills. They may have the money, but they saw that night that we have the organized strength.

Welfare Board Secret Plan Attacks All Living Standards

The employers' offensive against union wage standards is aided by a secret budget, never presented publicly, which the Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare is using.

A budget, prepared by Ole Pearson, has set up monthly and yearly wage standards in private industry. It is proposed that workers earning more than the stated amount in the budget will be ineligible for relief when they lose their jobs.

This means that strikers and others will not be eligible for relief if their previous earnings were more than those in the stipulated budget. To give a specific example—a worker with three in the family requires for living expenses, according to Pearson's budget, \$986.40 yearly. If this man has earned in the past year \$25 per week or \$1200 a year, he would be ineligible for relief for approximately two and one-half months after losing his job, during which time he is expected to live on the difference between his earnings and the amount set in the budget.

The Relief Department, in this manner, attacks union wage standards of living and proposes to put employed workers on a relief budget whether on or off relief.

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 calls the attention of the entire trade union movement to this underhanded attack on the labor movement. If the trade union movement permits this budget to be put into effect it means that the Relief Department will have set itself up as a dictatorial censor determining who a worker employed in private industry should spend his earnings.

This is an employer-fostered plan to drive down the standards of living of union workers. The FWS calls upon the entire trade union movement to thwart this dastardly attempt to tear down all that has been gained.

Representatives of the Federal Workers Section and of the Trade Union Movement will expose this employer's plot at the Welfare Board meeting Thursday, April 14.

Miles B. Dunne Speaks on War

Miles B. Dunne will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting on Friday, April 15, 8 p. m., at Pioneer Hall, 5th and Hennepin. He will speak on "How Can the Workers Do Away With War?"

James Bartlett will be chairman of the meeting, which is being held under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party.

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Unions Back New Jobless Movement In Rochester, N. Y.

Stating they are striving "to involve all unions in activity for the unemployed and WPA workers, similar to the set-up you have in Local 544's Federal Workers Section, "unemployed leaders in Rochester and Monroe counties, New York, recently received a special charter from the International Hod Carriers and Common Laborers' Union, under which they can organize the jobless at a reduced initiation fee and lower monthly dues.

The object of the new union, Local 1224, according to President Fred Struble, "is to keep unemployed workers identified with a union movement, to preserve their interests and make possible more determined effort to secure the necessities of life."

Among the unions endorsing Local 1224 are the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen Lodge 289; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen Lodge 99; the Machinists Lodge 793; the Central Trades and Labor Council of Rochester; and many local AFL unions.

Since the Communist Party took over the Workers Alliance nationally, the W. A. in Rochester dwindled from a membership of over 1,500 to about 40. All militancy and unity among the unemployed was destroyed. It is for this reason that the new unemployed movement has been started.

AFL Strikes Circus In Madison Square

The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus got off to the poorest start in years when it opened its season in Madison Square Garden, New York, this week. Three hundred technicians and roustabouts, members of the American Federation of Actors, struck the show and established picket lines. Strikers are demanding a wage scale for inside work identical to that paid them "under the canvas."

Instead of granting the workers' reasonable demands, the circus management is seeking to break the strike. Tuesday night many of the advertised spectacles were missing.

Unless the strike is settled by granting the union's demands, many strong union cities, such as Minneapolis, will give the circus the go-by when it comes through this year.

The system of pseudo-concessions, and certain apparently important steps taken to meet public opinion, has become part of the policy of every modern government.

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WE MEAN TO HAVE OUR WRONGS REDRESSED!

Too long have we the workers been
Deprived of leisure, our just due;
But a wiser now, ahead is seen
A nobler and a worthier view
Of what life offers in its train
When we are free men—unoppressed!
Henceforth we rise to this refrain:
WE MEAN TO HAVE OUR WRONGS REDRESSED!

No more we'll suffer stunted lives,
Devoid of sweetness and of light;
A full return to him who strives
Should be the guerdon as of right.
For this we'll fight! And not in vain!
What is not granted us, we'll wrest!
Henceforth we strike to this refrain:
WE MEAN TO HAVE OUR WRONGS REDRESSED!

A. Burfield

Fargo Drivers In Local 116 Make Gains

With closed-shop agreements on all Fargo construction jobs, with the first new over-the-road contract signed with Snyder Truck Lines at Lidgerwood, and with the membership at 1,200 strong, Fargo Drivers Local 116 is becoming an important cog in the Northwest drivers cooperating setup.

Local 116 recently moved to new headquarters, at 309 Broadway.

Morrow Speaks on French Crisis

"The End of the People's Front—A Bonapartist Dictatorship in France Today," is the topic of Felix Morrow's lecture this week at the Socialist Public Forum, Sunday at 3 p. m., 669 Second Avenue North.

This is the eleventh consecutive lecture in the weekly series.

Unity is an advantage when it raises all those who unite to the level of an intelligent and resolute program. Any other kind of unity is a disadvantage.

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Fred Beal Defense Movement Grows Despite CP Slanders

Alex Rose, secretary of the American Labor Party and a leader of the Millinery Workers Union, last week joined the growing number of labor and liberal leaders supporting the defense of Fred E. Beal, leader of the famous 1929 Gastonia textile strike, now serving a 17-20 years sentence in a North Carolina prison.

After a frameup trial, Beal escaped to the Soviet Union. He recently returned from there, sharply critical of the Stalin regime. For this "crime" the Communist Party has attempted to terrorize all who seek to secure Beal's release. The vindictive North Carolina authorities discovered Beal's whereabouts in the north and forced his surrender.

In expressing the fact that the American Labor Party is "deeply sympathetic" to Beal's cause, Rose authorized use of his letter "for enlisting the support of any of our affiliated trade unions."

Bernard Deserts Beal
Among those whom the Communist Party slanders succeeded in getting to desert Beal, was Farmer-Labor Congressman John T. Bernard. A letter from the Northwest Organizer, inquiring why Bernard deserted a class-war prisoner, elicited the following reply:

"In response to your inquiry as to the reasons why I withdrew from the Sponsor's Committee for the defense of Fred Beal, I wish to state that I did so after having received factual information from friends of mine relative to the past actions of this individual. . . Information reached me that during the past several years Mr. Beal was allied with Hearst in Hearst's attack against the labor and progressive movement in America. I found out that he has been the stooge openly acknowledged by the National Civic Federation, repudiated by both the CIO and AFL.

"More specifically he joined hands with the textile manufacturers against the CIO, and in the municipal elections in Lawrence, Mass., he came out against the candidates of Labor's Non-Partisan League, attempting to use his

24 Men Out for Local 544 Nine

From the calibre of players romping around in the practice sessions at the Parade Grounds, it is a safe bet that the General Drivers Union Local 544 will pull out with a championship in the Park Board baseball league this summer.

Twenty-four players showed up for practice Sunday morning. Local 544 is assured of competent and rugged batteries, with Russ Wenell, Norris Hanson and John Roberts as pitchers, Dick DuBay, catcher, and Ole Jensen, utility backstop.

Harry Flory, who tried out with the Pittsburgh nine last year, will be a tower of strength in the field and at the plate.

Jack Herman and Tony Manthis are bringing the squad along at a fast clip. Competition for each place is very keen, as the squad will have to be cut to 14 men when the season gets under way. The first game will be played early in May. The ability and spirit of Local 544's team merits the widest support from the union. The team practices Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30, and Sunday at 10 a. m.

repeated in your letter as 'information from friends.' They investigated, and learned that the 'factual information' was pure slander, invented by the Communist Party.

"The only semblance of truth in all these slanders is the fact that the Hearst press published some articles of Fred Beal, in which Beal denounced the REACTIONARY acts of the Stalin government, doing so explicitly on the basis that he, Beal, remained true to the workingclass, while Stalin had betrayed it. American labor history is full of incidents where progressive sections of the labor movement criticize reactionary union officials and the capitalist press tries to take advantage of the situation. Who is responsible for that situation? Not those who criticize the wrongs done by degenerate labor officials! The responsibility for that situation lies at the door of those who commit the crimes which must be criticized.

Benedict Arnold was rewarded by the Tories. Fred Beal is persecuted by the reactionaries. That shows which side he belongs to. Did it not occur to you that it was very strange that one joining 'in Hearst's attack against the labor and progressive movement,' a 'stooge openly acknowledged by the National Civic Federation,' should nevertheless now be seized by the State of North Carolina for the 'crime' of leading the Gastonia strike? Do the forces of reaction reward their agents by persecuting them? No! Only those who remain loyal to labor are thus persecuted. You would have known that, if you still thought like the worker you once were.

"The least you can now do to atone for having deserted the defense of Fred Beal is to investigate the 'information from friends,' and you will discover that it is a typical Moscow frameup. And while you're investigating, you should check up on those 'friends.' That will provide you, if you really want it, with the key to the intolerable situation they have gotten you into.

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Milk Drivers Retirement Fund Set Up

At the last meeting of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 a motion was passed establishing a Retirement Fund. The section embodying this fund will become a part of the union's constitution.

Below is given the text of the motion. Any union members having questions to ask regarding this matter are urged to contact the following committee members: Aage Koldborg, L. Schmid, Joe Morris, John Carter, George Bergquist.

Retirement Fund
1. That we establish a Retirement Fund by levying a fifty-cent assessment for each member retired.

2. To be eligible, a member must have twenty years of service in the Milk Business, fifteen years of which he must have been a member of our International Union.

3. Eligibility comes at the age of fifty-five or at the end of the Service Requirement, if he is forced out of employment. Forced-out shall mean, either by poor health or by failure of employers to re-hire him in the industry, within ninety days after he receives his withdrawal card.

4. Upon payment of this Fund, the member shall sign a contract, preventing him from again engaging in the Milk Business within the jurisdiction of Local 471.

5. There shall not be more than two assessments in any one month.

6. If the payment of this Fund becomes in arrears, the members eligible shall be placed-on-file and paid accordingly.

7. The problem of having the employers match this Fund with a like amount shall be referred to the next Agreement Committee.

8. Acceptance of this Retirement Fund shall at all times be optional with the member involved.

9. This Retirement Fund shall become operative on the first of the month following its second passage by the membership.

10. These provisions shall constitute one By-Law.

Local 221, 20316 Bowlers Tied for Runner-up

The cabbies lost three games to the Ice Drivers Monday, but retained first place in the union bowling league. Local 20316 copped a pair from the Consolidated to tie for second place with the Ice Drivers. Zimmerman led the Meat Drivers to win the series with Phillips Liquor. The Soft Drinks took a pair from the Teamsters Joint Council team which has a death-grip on last place.

The season's standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Local 125	55	29
Local 20316	51	33
Ice Drivers	51	33
Meat Drivers	46	38
Phillips	44	40
Soft Drinks	34	50
Consolidated	33	51
T.J.C.	23	61

Any section of the labor movement claiming to be the "vanguard," must act in such a way that all the other units of the army shall see it, and be obliged to admit that it is the vanguard.

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On the Route With the Milk Man

Ansel Nelson, our chief mechanic, is contemplating getting a new Packard. He said any time a packer like Joe Saleen is going ahead of him he wants to know it.

Art Hoyt was out one night last week. When he got home he told his wife he was out with his father and the funny part of it was that he was.

Willard Nelson had an early call on April 1st. I wonder if some of those cooler coolies know anything about that call.

It seems the boys are all getting set for the big feed that it to take place the latter part of the month. Ask the Duce if he is all set.

Al Tiden, the big shot on Stinson boulevard, is doing heavy duty in the back yard nowadays; he is going to have a truck garden and then watch him go to town.

"Eddy," the Sixth street Diplomat, was making soup for the Mrs. when she got in from out of town. Ed, have you got a union card from the Cooks'?

Clarence White bought a new suit for Easter. I wonder how that guy rates a new suit, when better men than him have to go without.

John Dodson went out with one of our other drivers the other night and the said driver passed out on him. He was asked, why, when he came to, the said driver said that Dodson paid the way into the show for the gang and that was too much excitement for one night.

Screw Ball Hopko is all set for the fatal day that is going to take place soon. He thinks he is going to get by without buying the cigars, just let him try it.

Gene Larson, our genial secretary-treasurer, is one bird you can't get his goat, but I wonder who tried to step on his toes the other night, much to their sorrow.

Tommy Ammerman, the sky pilot of our group, took Gust Anderson for a ride last Saturday. Gust is not over being dizzy yet. Boy, I wonder if Tommy had anything to do with it.

It seems that George Berquist should have the holes in his pocket.

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Today he's a member of the General Executive Board of Local 292; on the Advisory Board of the Wiremen's Section; a Local 292 organizer. His unflinching faith in the ability of the working class to solve the problems of humanity is as fresh and shining today as it was decades ago.

Health Committee Passes Labor-Backed Ordinance

The city council health and hospitals committee on Tuesday afternoon endorsed by a vote of 4 to 1 the proposed ice cream ordinance providing for the "continuous flow" method. The ordinance has the support of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471. Voting to recommend its passage were aldermen Bastis, Meagher, Gisslen, and Kauth. Alderman Romeo Riley voted against the ordinance.

The committee recommendation will be taken up by the city council at its meeting Friday, April 29.

ets sewed up, as long as he has no fish hooks in his pockets.

Wimpy, the Grease Monkey, is getting all set for the big feast. He said he can put away about three big steaks that night.

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NEXT MEETINGS: Yeast Drivers, Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p. m.; Cake and Pie Drivers, Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p. m.; Popcorn Jobbers, April 25; Candy Jobbers, April 29.

All the bakeries in town have diamondball teams, it seems. Regans has two, so there should be quite a little competition in diamondball as well as business.

Al Stanchfield, Monahans, is another benedict, having been married Tuesday night, April 6.

Skelly of Monahans dreams of a Utopian union that will be so strong that when you go into a store to buy something you would have to show a union card paid up to date before they would sell you anything. I think he's got something there.

Palmer, Excelsior, announces a birth. Don't get excited. This is the birth of a mustache and a regular hooperoo, too. It's beginning to curl a bit on the ends already and he says when it begins to interfere with his soup eating he is going to mow it right down.

Here's something to start thinking about. Joe wants to know what your opinion is on whether we will throw a picnic or a dance. Bring your ideas to the next General Membership Meeting, April 28. This is the meeting in which we will have initiation and all members not having been initiated must do so at the next General Meeting.

By the way, for some of you newer members, there is a blackboard inside 257 Plymouth on the first floor which lists all meetings for the evening and tells what hall they are to be held in.

After Monday, April 18, there will be no excuse for anyone not living up to the new bakers' contract as that is the deadline. Anyone who notices any violation, please report to the Executive Board.

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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.

We're Not Fooled by New Names

The Citizens Alliance was an innocent-sounding name under which the most rabid labor-haters organized and financed their union-busting schemes.

During the 1934 drivers' strikes, every worker and friend of labor learned to hate and despise the Citizens Alliance. And when the drivers smashed the plots of the Citizens Alliance, when Brothers Ness and Belor gave their lives that the Citizens Alliance should not prevail, then the labor-haters ran for cover.

Soon enough, however, they appeared above ground again under a new name, as the Associated Industries, Inc. But the name-changing business was done very clumsily. Everybody knows that the Associated Industries is merely a new name for the old Citizens Alliance gang.

Now a New Trick

Now, therefore, the labor-hating bosses are trying a new trick. They have set up a "Minneapolis Civic Council," of which the Associated Industries is "merely" one of seven "civic" organizations constituting the Council.

Upon examination, however, it is revealed that the title of Civic Council is merely a new label under which the Associated Industries will operate. The Associated Industries crowd are in full charge of the "new" outfit, except for a few dummies and none-too-bright stooges who provide a new "front."

Gives the Show Away

What gives the show away is that each constituent will continue its previous line of work. Since the Associated Industries is the only one of the seven constituents dealing with labor, the "bettering of employer-employee relationships" by "proposing more peaceable methods of adjusting labor difficulties," is going to be assigned by the Civic Council to the Associated Industries!

In plain English: the Minneapolis Civic Council is a new name under which \$325,000 is being publicly raised to finance the Associated Industries in a war against the unions. We know the Citizens Alliance-Associated Industries method of stopping strikes—by breaking them if they can. That, in sum and substance, is the program of the Minneapolis Civic Council.

On Guard, Workers!

On guard, every trade union and every worker and friend of labor in Minneapolis! On guard against these scoundrels! Build around each and every union a wall of firm, unyielding workers! The anti-labor bosses, whether they call themselves Citizens Alliance, or Associated Industries, or Civic Council, shall not break through the protective guard of workers!

Firmly united as never before, the trade union movement of Minneapolis will know how to deal blow for blow, and drive back the murderous hordes whom the anti-labor bosses will attempt to unleash against us. The workers of Minneapolis did not shed their blood to build the trade unions, only now to surrender to the forces of reaction. No! We beat these forces in 1934 and we will beat them again!

A Foully Reactionary Move

Mr. I. S. Joseph, the financial "brains" of the board of public welfare, on Monday introduced into the board a resolution requesting the civil service commission to take steps to oust from public service employment any person whose husband or wife is already employed. This foully reactionary proposal is justified in Joseph's resolution on the grounds that the relief rolls are large, that the Federal government already refuses to employ both husband and wife in public service, and that the University of Minnesota "refuses employment to one spouse where the other is gainfully employed."

As was to be expected, Mayor ("I want to be governor") Leach and W. J. McLaughren joined Joseph in voting for this scoundrelly proposal. Alderman Eric Hoyer voted against it. But Alderman Harold Kauth, who as a Farmer-Labor endorsee should know better, abstained from voting. The other two members of the board, Mrs. Carolin Storie and Dr. A. J. Herbolshemer, were not present. As that session was a meeting of the "committee of the whole," Joseph's resolution comes up for a vote at the next formal session of the board, probably today.

Defeat the Resolution!

We hope that Mrs. Storie and Dr. Herbolshemer will be present and join Alderman Hoyer in voting against the reactionary bloc. The deciding vote will then be up to Alderman Kauth; and if he wants to retain any respect among the labor unions, he had better cast the deciding vote against that reactionary resolution.

What It Really Means

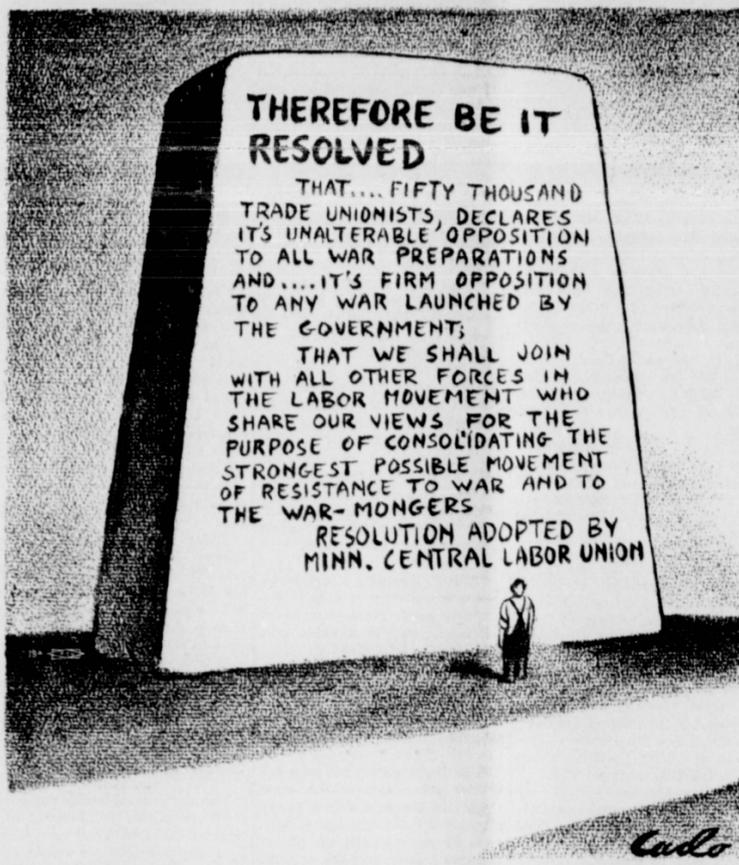
Labor knows the real meaning of Joseph's resolution. Sending the women back to the kitchen and thereby providing jobs for unemployed is an old piece of demagoguery used by reactionaries in every economic crisis. Hitler used it in organizing the demoralized hordes of storm troops who smashed the labor unions of Germany. It is a plank in every Fascist program. Because it serves to turn the eyes of the workers away from their real enemy, the decaying profit system and the bosses who by speedup, long hours, low wages, etc., employ as few workers as possible. Instead of facing their real enemy, the workers are told by such demagoguery to solve their problems by dividing up the available jobs by driving one out of every employed couple off their jobs.

The Right to Work

Everyone has a right to a job. That is a cardinal principle which every worker must defend as fiercely as he defends his right to organize. Those who own and control the means of production owe every one of us a job or its equivalent in social insurance. And they won't dodge this responsibility by finding scapegoats, by raising a cry against the Jews, or against married women who work, or against "monopolistic trade unions," etc.

It is a crime that the Federal government and the University of Minnesota already practice the reactionary proposal made by Joseph. That crime should not be extended to other fields. Defeat Joseph's foully reactionary resolution!

Milestone on the Road to Peace!



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT... FIFTY THOUSAND TRADE UNIONISTS, DECLARES ITS UNALTERABLE OPPOSITION TO ALL WAR PREPARATIONS AND...IT'S FIRM OPPOSITION TO ANY WAR LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT; THAT WE SHALL JOIN WITH ALL OTHER FORCES IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT WHO SHARE OUR VIEWS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OF RESISTANCE TO WAR AND TO THE WAR-MONGERS
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY MINN. CENTRAL LABOR UNION

12,000 Workers at Meeting Pledge Fight on Boss Plots

(Continued from page 1) to protect the gains of the trade union movement, and to further raise living standards.

"We raise the slogan of the six-hour day," stated Frank. "We say: we desire peace but are ready to fight to defeat ANY attempts to lower wages. We demand for the unemployed union wages, or social insurance equal to union wages. We demand a \$15,000,000 municipal housing program. We demand the Washington administration ear-mark funds for Minnesota. We demand the present inadequate relief set-up be transformed to one of adequate social insurance, to continue until a federal unemployed and social insurance plan is established. We demand that unemployed single persons receive a minimum of \$15 weekly."

Pointing out that the WPA is employing workers at non-union rates to compete with private industry, Frank demanded the establishment of trade union wages and conditions and the elimination of the pauper's oath on all WPA work. He expressed his firm faith that the Minneapolis labor movement had within its ranks the knowledge and ability to inspire, unite, and lead forward the labor movement of the country.

For Mooney's Release
Chairman Boscoe then introduced resolutions calling upon the AFL and CIO leaders to settle their differences and to unite, and one calling upon the U. S. Supreme Court and the National Administration to intervene and secure the immediate release of Mooney and Billings. Both resolutions passed unanimously.

Defends Unemployed
Robley Cramer of the Labor Review paid tribute to the unemployed for their participation on the picket lines in all recent strikes. "We owe the unemployed a great debt. Our enemies seek to drive a wedge between the unemployed and employed. . . . A man who tries to cut relief standards is more brutal than are those bombers who lower death on defenseless civilians. A bomb brings quick death, a cut in relief brings lingering death."

Organized labor will fight for the rights of the unemployed, declared Cramer. He paid tribute to General Drivers Local 544, "the shock troops of the Minneapolis labor movement. There is not a newly organized union in this city but has received the help of Local 544 in getting on its feet."

At the conclusion of Cramer's speech, Boscoe introduced resolutions demanding trade union wages and standards for all unemployed, and one on immediate local relief needs, presented by the Federal Workers Section of Local 544.

Program of Action

In a rousing talk, Miles Dunne, secretary of the Teamsters Joint Council, hammered home a program around which the workers of Minneapolis must rally, "to prepare for the fight we know is coming."

"First, we must defend the unemployed, and their living standards. Unless we do, the bosses will seek to smash down these standards, and then force the employed workers to work at the same level. History shows that fascism gets its roots in the unemployed masses whom labor fails to defend.

"Secondly, we must have even closer inter-union cooperation than heretofore. The unions must bind themselves together in a solid front.

"Thirdly, we must not weaken nor falter in our demands, we must press forward for higher demands."

"Lastly, we must be alert. The employers are going to use lots of new devices to attempt to break our ranks. Do not believe rumors or light-minded gossip. Immediately check all rumors with your union officials."

Reasons Behind Attack
"This meeting is testimony to the size and militancy of the local labor movement today," stated Dunne. He effectively analyzed the present suit against Local 544, "brought by five dishonored union members. The idea of this suit was never born in the minds of these people, but in the minds of those controlling the organized employers. . . ."

Dunne told of the standard auditing system in use by Local 544, of the monthly audit of the books by public accountants, of the reading of the financial reports at all monthly membership meetings.

The employers are launching their attack at this time because they have to—save more of their profits, which the present deep economic depression threatens to cut down. "Now is the time to guard your union more faithfully than ever before!" Miles Dunne warned.

Benson Closes
Steve Lush, representing the Railroad Brotherhoods, stated that as the hour was late he would surrender his time to Governor Benson. He pledged the audience that the railroad men are not going to take any wage cuts lying down.

Chairman Boscoe, having earlier announced that the Governor would be detained because he had been busy all afternoon trying to avert a strike, then presented Benson. The audience rose as he took his place at the loud-speaker. Governor Benson stated the Minneapolis labor movement was the glory of the whole Northwest. He came out against racketeering and gangsterism in the local unions, and said the LaFollette Committee would come here to expose nefarious practices.

It is not only of great importance to imbue one's own adherents with confidence in the strength of one's army; but also the enemy and all neutral elements. Friendly neutrality may sometimes decide the outcome of the battle.

Iowa Drivers Strike Brady, Make Gains

Fort Dodge, Iowa—Another brilliant demonstration of the strength made possible through the cooperation of all drivers unions in the North Central District Drivers Council was shown here last week when a 22-hour strike against the Brady Transfer company brought prompt reinstatement of a discharged union member.

No sooner had the strike gotten under way than Drivers Union Local 844 notified its sister unions in Des Moines, Sioux City, Omaha, Waterloo, Mason City and the Twin Cities. All went into action in support of the strike. The operations of this company came to a complete halt in the region.

Jack Maloney of Local 383, Sioux City, left immediately for Fort Dodge to assist Carl Treband of Local 844 in negotiating a settlement with the company.

In the settlement the company agreed to reinstate the discharged union man; to post a seniority list; pay expenses on the road; pay for lay-overs; call men to work instead of having them report to the snake room early in the morning without sufficient sleep; guarantee four hours pay; eliminate split shifts; pay time and one-half for overtime; give men one day off in seven; pay drivers for loading time; cease the practice of arbitrarily charging employees for lost or damaged goods.

This is another proof that immeasurably better conditions for drivers can be won through the organized strength of the drivers in this area. Local 844 of Fort Dodge expresses deep gratitude for the prompt cooperation received from its sister locals.

Duluth Guild Strikes Papers

Duluth, Minn.—Refusal of teamsters and mechanical employees to pass through mass picket lines of the Newspaper Guild on Friday halted publication of the Duluth Evening Herald and the morning News-Tribune. The papers are part of the Kidder chain.

The Guildsmen went out Sunday, April 2, on a 77-to-4 vote when contract negotiations reached a deadlock over the issue of the Guild shop. Strikers are publishing a daily strike bulletin, and are conducting an effective campaign to obtain cancellations of subscriptions and withdrawal of advertising from the struck sheets.

The publishers claim the strike is a violation of a contract alleged to be in effect with the union. The Guild states it has no contract with the management.

Negotiations are under way looking toward a settlement.

Gene Larson has developed a horror for cheese. During the fruitless negotiations with Land O' Lakes, the management fed him cheese and cheese and cheese. . . .

Driver Locals Confer in Austin April 3

Local unions in Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa met on Sunday, April 3, in a regional conference at the headquarters of Local 778 in Austin to map out a program of action to solve several organizational problems common to the group. The main point under consideration was the organization of creamery workers, especially those employed by the Mari-gold Dairies, a chain concern operating in this region, which has been the spearhead of employer opposition to organization of the creamery workers.

In attendance at the meeting were representatives of Locals 778 of Austin, 485 of Faribault, 487 of Mankato, 878 of Rochester, and 828 of Mason City whose representative was also delegated to speak for Waterloo and Fort Dodge. Farrell Dobbs, secretary of the North Central District Drivers Council, also attended.

Provisions were made at the meeting to set up a committee to coordinate efforts of the various local unions in a joint campaign and to carry on regional field work to supplement organization work of the area Council.

With the drive in the creamery industry as the spearhead, the group will also pay special attention to phases of the trucking industry which are purely local, with special emphasis to be given to the maintenance of uniform wage scales in the various towns.

Sandy McCourt of Local 778 of Austin was designated by the conference as field man for the region.

NOTICE

Candy, Cigarette, Cigar Jobbers.
An important meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 p. m., under the auspices of Bakery Drivers Union Local 289, at the Drivers Hall.

Yellow Notes

By Curly and Lunde

Our "Super" says, "If you want to keep the heat down, keep the bookings up."

Our "landed gentry" have memorized the seed catalogues and plotted a garden for their neighbor's chickens. The nomadic trailer-dwellers of our unit have the advantage of moving where fancy dictates, and fishing season just around the corner. Ah! Me.

If when in our garage you happen to hear "Midjet" Wiggins holler, "Harm! harm! blanket," it doesn't mean he's running amuck. He is merely trying to contact his mechanic (grease-ball to you) the energetic Mr. Harms.

Paris, France, April 16th, news dispatches report a strike of two thousand five hundred Taxi-drivers, even as you and I. Wonder if they try to settle those things in the Mayor's reception room in "gay Paree." You remember in the last fracas when that city was besieged they met the enemy by loading the Poilu's in Taxis, so maybe the boys want the war front concession on any coming war. Oh, well, that won't be any more exciting than Seven Corners on Saturday nite.

Thanks to Ed Irving we are no longer bound by tradition or other laws to transport inebriated individuals unless they can navigate in a perpendicular manner or are accompanied by someone.

Suggested safety slogan for cabmen "Your driving license is not permanent, DEATH is. Drive carefully at all times."

Very few people have any respect for a poor loser; this applies to business as well as athletics.

Paradoxical as it seems, on a clean shaven job like this, the guy with the most "whiskers" gets the best breaks.

One of our younger speedsters taking an elderly lady seemingly fast-like to the St. Barnabas hospital was very properly slowed down by the remark, "young man, I would like to arrive as a visitor, not as a victim."

Mileage salesman on the carpet: "I lay the full blame of my low bookings on the diabolical connivance of objects, inanimate and otherwise."

Fashion note—uniform caps will be worn with emblem and button; for further style hints see bulletin board.

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

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same bill will undoubtedly be used as a model for legislation here. Labor has been fighting forced incorporation of Labor unions. We must continue the fight. Collective security for labor comes only with collective action by labor as a united, militant class.

On April 9, the NLRB made public a decision in which they named the Republic Steel guilty of violating the Wagner Act during the "little steel" strike last summer. Tom Girdler, head of the Republic, announced immediately the decision had been handed down that he will fight its enforcement in the "highest courts in the land."

The decision was based on the following charges; domination of employee organization in its Ohio plants, shutting down of two of these plants to discourage union organization, discrimination in the discharge of twenty seven men, espionage and vilification against the SWOC within its own ranks by the introduction of stool pigeons and agents provocateur, inciting to violence which resulted in the death of three strikers at Massillon, Ohio, the donation of tear gas and vomiting gas to the city of Massillon, and the support of the Massillon Law and Order committee to bring adverse public opinion to bear upon the strikers. Republic Steel was found guilty of all charges.

The company was ordered to cease and desist its anti-union campaign among its employees and to disband at once its company union, known as Plan for Employee Representation and its successors, as well as the joint board known as the "Central Council of Employee Representatives." They were ordered to reinstate the twenty-seven employees originally discharged, with back pay, to reimburse the employees of the two closed mills between May 19 and May 25, 1937, to reinstate with back pay less other earnings, all of the 5,000 workers who lost their jobs after the strike was lost, even if it means discharging employees hired since that time, and to put the strikers on a preferen-

tial hiring list if there is not sufficient work for them now. They were ordered also to post notices of compliance within sixty days.

Those who still have faith in the various and sundry government boards and agencies, will look upon this decision as a victory for the strikers. It is only necessary, however, to remember that this is not the first time that the NLRB has handed down a sweeping indictment against some employer and ordered him to comply. Rand of Remington and Rand was given such an order. He did not comply and even stood trial for violation of the Byrnes Act with Pearl S. Bergoff. He was acquitted and has never paid much attention to the NLRB and its decision since that time. Nor is this an isolated case. The courts are full of such cases.

Again we say, there is no substitute for labor organization, no board or agency which can take the place of militant united action by labor as a class.

The small farmers can emancipate themselves from capital only by joining the labor movement, by helping the workers in their fight for a system of planned production, for converting the land as well as all means of production into public property.

Today Makes 8,031 Days . . .

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	LOCAL 292 Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
LOCAL 131 The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.	LOCAL 125 The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 544 MEETING SCHEDULE APRIL, 1938 Friday, April 1—Job Stewards Monday, April 4—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal Wednesday, April 6—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, April 7—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Sunday, April 10—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M. Monday, April 11—General Membership Wednesday, April 13—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, April 15—Job Stewards Sunday, April 17—Over-the-Road, 10 A. M. Monday, April 17—Building Material; Furniture Stores Thursday, April 21—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper 10 A. M. Monday, April 25—Spring Water Tuesday, April 26—Taxi Drivers. Night drivers, 1 P. M., Day Drivers, 7 P. M. Thursday, April 28—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating and Sand and Gravel Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 1 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 2 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in Staff Room
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	
LOCALS 1859, 20481 General Membership, Local 1859—April 6. Casket Section—April 2. General Membership, Local 20481—April 15. Clark Section—April 20. Puffer-Hubbard Section—April 21. Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Executive Board, Local 20481—First and Third Mondays. Twin City Stewards—Second and Fourth Mondays. General Membership, Local 1859—May 4.	
LOCAL 20318 Stewards—First and third Tuesday. 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 Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays.	
Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.	