

The Truth About Direct Service

1. In the spring of 1938, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters received jurisdiction over filling station attendants. In Minneapolis, the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 was set up to organize these employees. In what union were the Direct Service employees?

Up to this time, Direct Service employees were enrolled in the Gasoline Operators and Helpers Union Local 20383, an AFL Union. When jurisdiction was granted the Teamsters Joint Council, employees of Direct Service concurredly withdrew from the union movement and affiliated with Lee and Taylor's "Local 15."

2. Is "Local 15" a union?

No, no more than any employer-dominated organization is a union. A bona fide union fights for the interests of its members, not for the interests of the boss. "Local 15," like any other company union, is supported and financed by the employers, functions in their interests, and cannot therefore function in the interests of the workers.

3. Do Direct Service employees WANT to stay out of the bona fide union, Local 977?

No, with very few exceptions. Through intimidation by the company officials and station managers, Direct Service workers are kept out of the real union.

4. Has Local 977 called a strike against Direct Service?

Yes. In order to break the hold of the company over the men, Local 977 has struck all Direct Service stations and is banning them as unfair to labor.

5. Was the rest of the labor movement consulted in this action, and does labor support Local 977 in its efforts to organize the industry?

Yes, the actions of Local 977 against the Direct Service company were fully endorsed by the Teamsters Joint Council, and by the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union. The August 10th meeting of the Central Labor Union voted to unconditionally support Local 977 in the drive to organize Direct Service stations and to shun these stations until attendants wear AFL buttons.

6. When did the CIO "union" step into the picture?

AFTER Local 977 had declared a strike against all Direct Service stations and was banning such stations.

7. In what manner did the CIO intervene?

Company officials, who through intimidation and threats of firing Direct Service workers, and actual firing of such workers, had prevented employees from joining Local 977, invited a CIO spokesman to address all Direct Service employees at a special meeting.

8. Was Local 977 invited to send a spokesman to this meeting to present its position?

No.

9. Did Direct Service employees then join the CIO?

Yes, in the same way they had previously joined the fink set-up through intimidation by company officials.

10. When one union steps into a strike called by another union and connives with the boss to take over the workers, what is this called?

This is called STRIKE-BREAKING, and has been so designated in this instance by both the Teamsters Joint Council and the Central Labor Union.

11. Does the CIO's "International Oil Workers Union" have jurisdiction over filling station attendants?

No. This union was organized as the Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers Union, AFL, and later went over to the CIO. It never claimed jurisdiction over filling station attendants, but restricted itself to organizing only oil production workers, as its original name indicated.

12. The Direct Service company and the CIO claim that Local 977 has resorted to practices of intimidation and misrepresentation. What is the truth?

There has been both misrepresentation and intimidation, but not on the part of Local 977. Just as the company intimidated its employees and by threats forced them into "Local 15," so the company by threats later forced its employees into the CIO.

13. When the so-called CIO movement in Minneapolis now appeals to the AFL to call off the strike against Direct Service, and speaks of "unity," what is this?

This is hypocrisy. After indulging in an act of strike-breaking, the CIO leaders now want the labor movement to pardon this anti-labor act. From the very first, the Minneapolis CIO movement has done nothing but seek to split established AFL unions. They have always spoken for "unity," and always acted in every circumstance in such a manner as to make for disunity.

14. Will the strike against Direct Service be continued?

Of course. Until the company has ceased its intimidation and threats against its employees, and until these employees are enrolled in Local 977, the Minneapolis labor movement will continue to regard all Direct Service stations as unfair to organized labor and will refuse to patronize such stations.

Nicollet Cleaners Forced Kick-Back, Driver Swears

July 7, 1938

I, Roy Knox, under oath do swear that on or about November 17, 1937, received a check from the Nicollet Cleaners in the amount of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) representing back pay. I had previously filed a claim for this amount with Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union, Local 131, and it was due to their efforts in the matter that I was able to collect such back pay. When Mr. Hessel gave me this check he said that the only way he could keep me on the job and maintain the route would be to sign the check and give it back to him without cashing it. I did this with the hope that under such circumstances I would be able to remain on the job. I also received checks after that in the amounts of twenty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents (\$27.22) as a weekly wage and in each instance gave back seven dollars and twenty-two cents (\$7.22) as Mr. Hessel requested, but in a very short time I was laid off anyway.

Signed,
ROY A. KNOX

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(Signed)
RAY L. SAWYER, Notary Public

All Direct Service Oil Stations Are UNFAIR to Labor

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Eight More Unions Strike Gamble-Rob

Frank's Trial Set for Next Tuesday

The entire Minneapolis union movement is watching with intense interest developments in the frame-up being attempted by E. T. Lee, head of the "Associated Independent Unions," against Walter Frank, business agent of the Lathers Union.

The case will come up in municipal court next Tuesday morning, August 23rd, before Judge William A. Anderson. John Goldie will act as attorney for Frank. All sections of the movement in Minneapolis have passed strongly worded resolutions pledging their support to Frank and demanding that the frame-up charges against him be dropped.

Jewelry Shops Balked by Local 103

Attempts of the Amalgamated Watchmakers and Jewelry Workers Union Local 103 to obtain working agreements and wage increases from Minneapolis employers precipitated a crisis in the industry late last week. Rather than meet the demands of the union, jewelry employers had organized to discontinue all watch-repair departments Saturday, and fire all employees doing this work.

Last Friday Local 103 proposed to all employers involved the following: 1. That employers continue watch repair departments for a period of four weeks from August 13, after which time such departments may be discontinued and the employees laid off; 2. That employers at the end of four weeks agree to send out watches only to union shops; 3. That should employers later re-establish watch repair departments, rehiring would be only according to seniority.

Practically all employers agreed to the above proposals. The only ones taking a definitely hostile attitude were the following: Max A. Kohen; Harry Green; National Optical House; and Gittelson. Repair men at these shops have been laid off.

Local 103 officials will appear before the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union on Friday to discuss what course of action to take in order to further develop and safeguard union conditions and wages in the industry.

Two Unions Set Up by Electricians

Electrical Workers Local 292 will divide into two locals, according to an agreement reached last week by the boards of the Inside and Utilities sections.

The two sections have been functioning together as a single union since March 1, 1937.

Initiative for the division was taken by the Inside section, comprising wiremen in the building and alteration trades.

The Inside wiremen will probably be chartered as Local 292, while the others have requested their old number, Local 160. The Utilities section's request for a charter to the International requested that it "completely cover our full industry including our construction department and the possibility of taking in scattered members in some of the other branches in outlying districts that are not organized as yet but where we have a nucleus of an organization in the power and light industry."

Peterson Men Split On Aid to Stassen

Supporters of Hjalmar Petersen in the primaries split wide open last Sunday when one faction, led by State Senator McLeod, sought to endorse the Republican candidate, Harold Stassen, in the name of Petersen supporters, at a "convention" in the West hotel.

Shortly after the McLeod faction endorsed Stassen, by a reported vote of 41-5 with three not voting, another group of Petersen supporters, numbering about thirty, met at the Dyckman hotel and joined with dissidents from the McLeod meeting to denounce the attempt to swing Petersen votes to Stassen.

A peculiar aspect of the controversy is that Hjalmar Petersen addressed the West hotel group, denounced the Benson "machine" but did not declare himself for Stassen, and left the meeting before the motion to endorse Stassen was made. Political circles concluded that Petersen would not come into the open until he had ascertained the effects of the McLeod group's declaration for Stassen.

In its weekly issue prior to the West Hotel meeting, the organ of the Farmer-Labor Party, the Minnesota Leader, had predicted that that meeting, with its participants handicapped and arrangements financed by the Republican party, was going to endorse Stassen on the basis of a secret deal already entered into with the Republican machine.

Many well-known Petersen supporters in the primaries, including Dave Lundeen, Phil Scherer and numerous active workers, were excluded from the McLeod faction's meeting. No reporters were admitted, except Vivian Thorpe of the Minneapolis Journal.

As "accredited delegates" in the West hotel meeting sat Wendell Ledin, chairman of the Anoka County Republicans, and one Glen Nelson, never identified with the Farmer-Labor Party.

The resolution of the Dyckman hotel meeting, declaring for support of Benson, pointed out that the West hotel "convention" was "handicapped and called for the express purpose of securing endorsements for the Republican candidate for governor; and that from this convention were excluded practically all of the Petersen workers who were Farmer-Laborites and in favor of supporting the Benson administration in the November elections."

AFL Offers International Charter To Sailors Union of the Pacific

A long step towards organizing all seamen in the United States into one union has been taken with the agreement reached between the AFL and the Sailors' Union of the Pacific for the issuance of an international charter on the following basis:

1. An international charter shall be issued by the AFL to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

2. The Sailors' Union of the Pacific shall in turn issue a District charter to the bona fide seamen of the Atlantic and Gulf in order to organize the seamen in one organization, who—together with the SUP—will unite the seamen on all coasts.

3. The SUP shall issue a District charter to the bona fide seamen of the Great Lakes.

4. An intensive organization campaign among Atlantic, Gulf and Great Lakes seamen will be started under the auspices of the SUP, and in conjunction with such present East Coast seamen's organizations as are willing to come

CLU Plans Labor Day Picnic Soon

On Sunday, August 28, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union will sponsor an "Old-Fashioned Labor Day Picnic" at Powderhorn Park. There will be races and sports for everyone, and an imposing speakers' list including Governor Benson, Congressman Dewey Johnson and Henry Teigan, Judge Vince Day, Farrell Dobbs, and George W. Lawson.

The picnic will be an all-day affair and it is anticipated that a huge crowd will attend.

CLU Elects Delegates to State Confab

Carl Skoglund, Myrtle Harris, Willard Nelson of the Milk Drivers, and Walter Frank were elected delegates of the Central Labor Union to the convention of the State Federation of Labor.

Skoglund received the highest vote in the balloting, which took place at the last meeting of the Central Labor Union.

20316 Dickers with Lavis, Stores

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 is negotiating with the Lavis company for a union contract. Hitherto, workers at this plant have not been protected by unionism. Agreement has been reached on questions of hours, seniority and union recognition. Matters of wages and vacations are still being negotiated. About 25 workers are involved.

Local 20316 is continuing its negotiations with department stores for warehouse workers employed in such establishments.

Clover Leaf Team Cops Ball Title

On Monday night the Clover Leaf kitenball team grabbed off the championship of the Union Milk League by downing the Ohleens, 16-2. Orvan Hansen, pitching for the winners, allowed only five hits. H. Langborg and M. LeVold formed the Ohleen battery, with C. Hotten behind the plate for the winners.

N. W. Labor Clamps Down On Circus

For scores of years the American circus has been a world-famed institution that has fired the imaginations of the country's youngsters and has brought entertainment to millions—and has meant long, grueling work at terribly low wages to those circus workers and entertainers whose toil filled the coffers of the circus-owners.

Circus Workers Organize

The circus workers finally stood up on their feet like men and fell in line with the rest of the organized American workers. This year the circus owners tried to smash the union and only succeeded in crippling the circus. At present the big circuses have merged and are traveling around the country as the Al G. Barnes—Sells Floto—Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Advance Man—For Labor

A few weeks ago they started the trek through the West. Traveling ahead of them was Jack Mills, international representative of the American Federation of Actors, telling the union movement the facts about the anti-labor attitude of the circus owners. The circus was picketed by local labor movements in Dillon, Montana; in Utah; in Idaho; in Jamesville and Racine, Wisconsin. On Wednesday, August 10, it hit Grand Forks, North Dakota, and was met by a group of pickets organized by the Trades and Labor Assembly. In Fargo on Friday they had the same experience. Attendance has been cut down a third from the regular draw.

Minnesota Labor Acts

Last Saturday the circus crossed over into Minnesota and met a picket line in Breckenridge. The organized union movement in Minnesota is prepared to give the circus the sort of welcome such anti-labor scoundrels deserve. In an attempt to trick the unions, the circus sent along a "24-hour advance man," Gordon Wilson, who makes a practice of contracting the unions and assuring them the circus is one hundred per cent union. But this cock-and-bull story hasn't fooled a single union in this part of the country. The American Federation of Actors, whose members have been discriminated against by the big show, tells a different story.

Drivers' Unions in 4 States Strike in Unison Tuesday Morning After Negotiations Fail

Five-Day Strike of Six Unions in June Succeeded in Winning Demands from Same Company

Following the breakdown of negotiations between the Gamble-Robinson company and a sub-regional committee of Drivers Unions in four states, a strike was called against the firm at 7 a. m. Tuesday morning, August 16th. The strike was effective in Mason

At press time reports from the eight towns involved in the strike indicated that all branches of the Gamble-Robinson company were closed down tight. The Minneapolis union headquarters of the sub-regional committee announced it had received calls from several unorganized Gamble-Rob branches asking for assistance in setting up a union and drawing up demands.

City and Fort Dodge, Iowa; Austin, Albert Lea, Thief River Falls, and Bemidji, Minnesota; Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Grand Forks, North Dakota.

During the last few days preceding the strike, negotiations had been carried on; when it became certain the Gamble-Rob firm would refuse the demands of the drivers, helpers and warehousemen, preparations for the strike were launched. About 100 workers are involved. The strike machinery operated like clock work on Tuesday morning.

Demands of the eight unions are similar to those contained in the agreement signed June 23, 1938, between the Gamble-Robinson company and six drivers locals in Mankato, St. Cloud, Willmar, Brainerd, Rochester and Eau Claire. The eight unions in the present controversy are demanding in addition the closed shop, two weeks' vacation with pay, and six days' sick leave.

The June 23rd agreement was won following a five-day strike during which all Gamble-Rob produce was tied up tight.

Watch for Local 725's House Card

The Off Sale Liquor Store Employees Union Local 725 reports that a large number of the principle off sale liquor stores in Minneapolis are now operating under a contract with the union. The contract provides, among other things, that all employees are members of Local 725 and that the firm must display the union house card.

All union members and sympathizers are urged to watch for Local 725's house card when purchasing liquor.



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.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Getting Jobs For Our Jobless Boys and Girls

III.

By Oscar Kohler, Youth Secretary, Federal Workers Section

The National Youth Administration was created by President Roosevelt in 1935 in order that young people might "have their chance in school, their turn as apprentices, and their opportunity for jobs—a chance to work and earn for themselves." Thus the government was forced to recognize the principle that the youth have a RIGHT TO A JOB—to recognize that the young people have a right to work and to earn their own living, and that if they were locked out of private industry, it was up to the government to provide jobs for them. The unfortunate fact is, though, that this recognition has remained an empty victory, a skeleton without any flesh. The NYA, as we will show, has failed to provide any sort of adequate relief for the youth of today.

Seven million youth are still unemployed, with an additional two million leaving the schools each year. In a typical city like Minneapolis, out of a total of 100,000 young people between the ages of 16 and 25, approximately 30,000 are out of school and without jobs. In this city, with nearly one out of every three youth unemployed, less than one out of every fifty are receiving any form of work relief.

What Has Been Done for the Youth?

Let us see what the National Youth Administration has accomplished. First, who is eligible for the NYA? For those not attending any school, the age minimum is 18 years. In other words, a large group of those who are unemployed and not yet eighteen are simply disqualified from receiving any NYA work. Secondly, as on the WPA, at least ninety per cent of those on the work projects must come from families that are certified for relief. Thus, if the unemployed young person applying for NYA has a father or other member of the family who is working and barely earning a living, he also is disqualified from receiving any work on the NYA. So we see that the NYA does not even pretend to take care of a very large group of young people who are in need of jobs or work relief.

The NYA Set-up

How much can you earn on the NYA? The National Youth Administration is divided into two sections—one called the Student Aid program for those attending high school or college and the other for those not attending school, called the Works Project Program. The purpose of the Student Aid Program is to enable "needy high school, college and graduate students to continue in school." The maximum that student aid employees can receive is \$6.00 a month for high school students (the average is \$3), \$20.00 in the colleges and \$40.00 for those few who have graduated from college and are attending the graduate schools.

For the Works Project Program, i.e., for those between 18 and 25 and not going to school, the maximum is \$25.00 per month.

The earnings of those few who are on the NYA are not enough to give them any sort of independence. We doubt if even the "expert dietitians" of the relief departments could figure out a budget for an NYA worker on the wages he receives.

How Many Have Been Helped?

How many have been helped by the NYA? According to an NYA bulletin, 581,320 young people were re-

ceiving direct cash benefits. Of these, 398,843 were on student aid and 182,477 were on the work projects. "The number to be added during the present fiscal year is not expected to exceed this figure." Of the seven million unemployed and not in school, only 182,477 were on NYA! Less than one out of every 350 unemployed young people were given any work by the NYA. In Minneapolis, for example, with about 30,000 youth unemployed, the entire quota for the work projects of the NYA is 1,000.

The Limitations of NYA

Summarizing what has been done, we see that: 1. Accepting the principle that the youth have a right to jobs or work relief, the NYA itself takes care of but an insignificant minority of those who are in desperate need. 2. A great number of youth are disqualified by the very regulations of the NYA. 3. For those who are on NYA, the wages they receive are not enough to keep them alive and are not sufficient by themselves to even come up to the "subsistence level."

"Offering Young Men a Chance"

The Civilian Conservation Corps is another federal agency "established for the dual purpose of assisting unemployed young men whose families were on relief and for launching the nation on a huge conservation program." The slogan of the CCC is: "The CCC offers young men a chance."

CCC is restricted to single men between 17 and 23. The highest number of men ever employed in the camps was 506,000. As a result of new legislation, this has been cut to a maximum of 300,000. In the state of Minnesota there never have been more than 8,000 employed by the CCC. Wages are \$30 a month with room and board. Of this \$30, \$25 is usually sent back home to the family on relief. (In most sections of the country, this \$25 is in turn deducted from the family relief budget.)

This is the "chance" that the CCC offers to young men—opportunity for a small minority temporarily to earn a dollar a day. (All the CCC literature carefully refrains from mentioning that the boys in the camps do have a very good chance—of losing their lives, as so many have already in fighting forest fires, floods, etc.) In case a CCC boy is killed in line of duty, the government only pays \$100 burial expenses and compensation of \$2.10 per week to any unemployed dependents for a maximum of 100 weeks.

There is another feature of the CCC's which is not usually mentioned in the government propaganda. The CCC's are under the direct control of the U. S. Army. Camps are in charge of army officers, military discipline is enforced and the CCC's can be transformed into military training camps overnight.

We Must Fight for a Solution

The NYA and the CCC's, totally inadequate as they are, nevertheless, are the only specific government youth measures. WPA does not aid young people, since the rolls are open only to the heads of families and in almost every section of the country, single men and women are barred.

Thus we see that the federal government, although supposedly recognizing the principle that the youth have a right to jobs and that jobs must be provided, has not even come near to solving the terrible crisis confronting the young people.

Austin Packinghouse Union Quits Central Labor Body

Austin, Minn.—At a membership meeting of the United Packinghouse Workers Union Local 183, CIO, held in the Austin armory on August 18th, the union voted to withdraw delegates from the Austin Central Labor Assembly, thus taking a long stride away from the labor unity between CIO and AFL unions which has prevailed for so long in Austin—ever since the days of the original Independent Union of All Workers.

On the Route With the Milk Man

Sorry to miss last week, but that could not be helped. I'll try to make up for it this week.

C. C. Olin of the North Franklin, Chief Prognosticator, the Man who Sees All and Knows All, predicts a bright future in the milk industry. For who, Sid, us or the big shots?

Carmel Donatelle is sporting a sparkler on her port side digit. Tell us who the boy friend is, so we can congratulate him.

Those South Sea maids must have put the sign on Al Christensen. He hasn't been the same since his vacation.

Bob Tipleby of the Ewald gang has a new nickname—"Two Step"—because it's just two steps to the back door and two steps back.

Rosy has deserted our ranks for the upper crust since he acquired that high-powered Dusenbergs.

The office staff lost their sky pieces last Thursday while boat riding with the plutocrats from the Northland Credit Union. All except Tom Ammerman, who doesn't wear a lid.

Get out September 6th and vote for your five delegates to the state convention. You will get credit for attendance if you vote. So be there.

I'd like to know what brand of rope Odin Olson smokes. He was in the office last week and laid down a smoke screen that would hide fleet maneuvers.

Jersey Joe Auld, the Romeo who takes up the pass word at our meetings, has finally mastered the technique of chewing snuff and hitting the gaboon at 20 paces. Nice eye, Joe.

The Franklin Chorus held their picnic at Libby's Place last Sunday, but who was the Butcher Boy who played the Bazooka?

Gene Aitken of the Superior is gone for two weeks. We hear he's going east to have a toupee made. He says he wants to look like Bob Taylor.

Gus Lundeen was presented with a baby girl Sunday. How about the smokes, Gus?

John Prestemon sure feels cocky these days. His wife presented him with a baby boy. We haven't seen the cigars yet.

Who's in the dog house at the North Franklin? I hear there was a red head that had something to do with it.

Brothers Schwab and Flikaid have great aspirations to become politicians. As silver-tongued orators, they're it, all right.

Your steward has tickets for the CLU picnic August 28. Each member should be able to buy at least one ticket. We have been very reasonable in the allotment to each steward.

Betty Smaker broke into print, we see. How many read of the Egg-Breaking Expert in the Minneapolis "Star," which thought Betty's work quite curious?

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Text of the cold storage agreement follows:

The Compliance Agreement in effect from June 1st, 1937, to June 1st, 1938, and as extended from June 1st, 1938, to June 1st, 1939, with amendment as signed by all contracting parties on May 16, 1938, between Minneapolis Transfer Men's Association, Inc., and General Drivers and Helpers' Union, Local No. 544, is hereby amplified to cover the Cold Storage Warehouses of Minneapolis as members of the Minnesota-Northwest Warehousemen's Association to June 1st, 1939. Said entire agreement be that as referred to above with these additions:

I. The Employer agrees to hire only members of the Union or those who agree to become members within fifteen (15) days, provided, however, that such employees will make immediate application for membership in this local.

II. The minimum rate of pay for checking, general loading, unloading and inside work shall be 65c per hour and the minimum rate of pay for watchmen shall be 55c per hour.

III. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all time worked in excess of 45 hours per week. All time worked on Sundays and legal holidays, except work performed by watchmen,

Bemidji Drivers Receive Charter At Sunday Meet

The drivers' union of Bemidji, Minnesota, received its new charter in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters from the hands of John Geary, International vice-president, in ceremonies held Sunday afternoon in the St. Phillips School hall. The Bemidji Union is now Local 468 of the I.B.T.

Already, over fifty members have signed up in the union, including all Gamble-Robinson workers in the town. Officers were elected Sunday and plans laid down to organize every driver in the area. Arnold Schnoener and Robert Fleming, officers of General Drivers Union Local 120 of St. Paul, were present at the meeting and spoke on the growth and prospects for the drivers' movement in the Northwest. W. L. Grant of the Machinists International, who is active in organization work in Bemidji, was a guest speaker at the installation ceremonies.

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IV. All employees on the seniority list for one year or longer who have been employed for forty (40) weeks or more out of the last fifty-two (52) weeks shall be given each year six consecutive days vacation with pay. If it is mutually agreed, between the Employer and employee, the six day vacation need not be six consecutive days. The time each employee's vacation is taken shall be determined by the Employer except that senior employees shall have first preference.

(Signed) GENERAL DRIVERS' AND HELPERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 544

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TAXI TOPICS

In Memory of Paul E. Urtie Now that I have lost someone very dear, And solace is hard to find, I can still take comfort in the thought That he left many good friends behind.

And the thanks pour out from a sorrowing heart To the boys he had as his friends. For our lives as we live them are all too short, But real friendships go on without end.

Remember a couple of years ago when the woman of Ridgewood ave. nearly went wacky one Sunday morning when she saw a yellow cab driver delivering her morning milk? The milk truck had broken down, so we got a two dollar run and lots of fun. Turn about is fair play; many an early morning drunk has rode home in a milk wagon.

The company and its battery of attorneys sure gave us a swell boost at the hearing of the unemployment insurance board, after promising not to oppose us. Thanks. Maybe we can return the favor sometime.

"Lumber-Jack" Bolander, who bought a house with a comfortable dog-house, is an honest man. His bank made a mistake of thousands on a certified check. Tch! tch! he

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might have gone and spent it all if he hadn't noticed it in time.

Vern Snow found a lake way up north where fifteen inch crappies are the rule. Now he's trying to float a syndicate to buy the place. We suppose his advertising will feature the slogan: Fish where snow is present the year around.

Better business manners department: Observe the old-world bow that Cecil Cotton gives when paid off. We bet that special low-bow means he got scale. He wears store clothes and a fresh "biled" shirt and tie every day too.

Society item: Well known social climber H. Tripp (the man with the funny hankie round his neck) and Harvey Johnston have their early morning wafers and hot chocolate in the modern air conditioned Milwaukee cafe.

News note: Taxi-drivers in Calcutta are being fined for not wearing uniforms. In a country where a uniform consists of a breech-clout a la Gandhi, no wonder.

Kirchberg has new pants. He claims he got twenty thousand miles on the seat of the uniform pants he just wore out.

Clyde Keddy, the country gentleman, was seen heading for the sticks with a bicycle tied on his back. What's the matter, expecting motor trouble? Maybe he's just fond of the sport or something.

We don't like to mention names but it has come to our knowledge that a guy whose initials are George Reed gets all his hot tips on business from a fortune teller. One of George's little chores every work day morning after punching his time card is to count noses; if Oscar Benson is missing he skips over to the Ryan and

wakes him up. Wonder if he gets commission on the Finnish philosopher's bookin's for this necessary act? Wonder what puts him to sleep so soundly, these hot nites?

Ray Landis (with the Paul Bunyan whiskers is having difficulty selling those Irish merry-go-round things. Well, Ray, that's a lot of hay in the summertime.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

League Championship Playoff Our ball team played a sensational practice game last Tuesday evening at Logan Park. The game was called on account of darkness. Having won every game played thus far, our team played the McGill League bunch, composed of a syndicate team, on Friday and ran away from them by a score of 17-5. The victory entitles the team to another game in the elimination contest. A fair representation was on hand to witness Friday's game, particularly from Lawrence's, Globe, Nevens, Minneapolis and a few smaller plants.

The team deserves a larger turnout from the other plants, especially during the elimination play-offs. You'll see some good fast twirling by Earl Elmer and Wes Hardy, also some real teamwork by the other players. Future games will be called on short notice, so those desiring to attend should call our office for the dates and time.

Short Cuts of the Week Walter Ersfeld of Falconers saw a laundry truck out one night after 10 p. m.! Who was the culprit?

Well, another year has rolled

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around. It's our guess we'll be "choosing sides" shortly.

Virgil Rochets of Custom gave notice to the Union and the plant that he was quitting. We hope he betters himself on his new venture.

The inside workers and the employers have been sparring lately. There's a few "differences" between 'em.

We notice the Calhoun "sprung" for some new transportation lately. Or did they?

Joe Forrer of Nevens was the proud papa of a bouncing baby boy recently. Not bad.

Mannie Hutchins of Royal is up with the wood-ticks for a week. Get out the tweezers.

Ted Sandeen of Kronicks treated the boys with a brand new joke this week. Ask him to tell it.

Rogers of the Model went vacationing last week. The fish didn't bite worth a darn, did they?

There's a low rumble about air-conditioning the Royal bundle room. The boys think it would help their complexions, especially in the early hours of the morning.

We got a report that Adolph Anderson and Welch Cleaners have been out after hours again. Herb Bloomdahl of the J-H is on the water wagon again.

Ted Berquist has been running the vacation routes out at Crescent's.

Custom Laundry will hold its annual outing Sunday, Aug. 21st. Free coffee and ice cream for the kids.

Fred Bear of the Lincoln is going to do it the week of the 27th—honeymoon and vacation all in one. "Oh, slush."

Triumph Laundry can't figure how we can give his driver a vacation. Will someone explain the clause to him.

One of our heavy hitters busted Wal O'Connor's brand new bat. The way they've been clouting them, the union shouldn't squawk on buying him a new one, we think.

The Union Gallery



Larry Davidson Born in Detroit, Larry Davidson came to Minneapolis in 1931 for a visit, liked it so well he's still here. A former driver for Madden Brothers, he joined the General Drivers Union in 1935, later becoming an organizer for the union, and, subsequently, for the North Central District. At present he is functioning under the Teamsters Joint Council as organizer for the new Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977.

Larry has a boy serving in the naval air service in Honolulu, who recently married a lovely Hawaiian girl. He has the common hobbies of most union people: hunting and fishing.

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"America's Sixty Families" The Public Versus The "Public Press"

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And so, because they are cheap, everybody reads the papers. Only half-wits believe everything they read, but most of us are to some extent influenced by the daily papers.

Newspapers and magazines wield a vast force in America.

A Dirty Window

This, then, is a matter of great importance to every wage-worker, because the newspaper is often the only window we can look through to see what is happening in the world. If the glass of this window is queer and twisted by the whims of wealthy self-seekers, how can anybody KNOW what really goes on in the world?

We read in our newspapers, which always boast about freedom of the press, about how they are representing the interests of the "public," how they give fair and impartial news, and present both sides of the question.

And yet, we are amazed to see that, according to the newspapers, there is something wrong with every strike. We see that a union victory appears on the back pages while union losses make headlines; that our union leaders all have something wrong with them.

The question arises, why all of these distortions? Why, for example, was John D. Rockefeller pictured ONLY as a public benefactor, when he killed more persons than Al Capone?

Why is Barbara Hutton Haugwitz-Reventlow pictured ONLY as a cute little persecuted American Cinderella, when everybody knows she's really a spoiled, irresponsible flirt who skipped out of America with her fabulous unearned millions, and who even renounced her citizenship to avoid legitimate taxes?

Why this and a million other planned lies? Why?

Lords of the Press

The exposé of America's Sixty Families is too honest to beat around the bush on this vital question of interest to every worker.

"The Journalism of the United States, from top to bottom, is the personal affair—bought and paid for—of the wealthy families. There is little in American journalism today, good or bad, which does not emanate from the family dynasties. The press lords of America are actually to be found among the millionaire families."

An astounding statement! If this is true, what does "freedom of the press" really mean here in the United States?

We must carefully examine the author's proof of his statement that the entire big press of America is the chained slave of the rich.

Freedom to Lie

If he is right, freedom of the press means freedom for the rich, who own all the papers, to lie, distort facts, persecute minorities,

picture to be seen. But a few of the facts may be given.

Case of Rockefeller

John D. Rockefeller was once the most hated man in this country. A ruthless, miserly, dishonest and cruel money-grabber, he was hated by competitors and workers alike. His life was threatened many times. He was even prosecuted by the government in spite of enormous bribes. So he hired a smart press agent, Ivy Lee, to sweeten his sour name in the mouths of the people. He started doing out a small fraction of his wealth. He searched out those newspapers that attacked him and bought them off.

"One of the first papers taken in hand by Rockefeller was the influential Oil City (Pa.) Derrick, which immediately changed from his worst foe to his staunchest apologist." During and after the horrible slaughter of workers at Bloody Ludlow in Colorado under Rockefeller's direction, Rockefeller had his press send out hundreds of bulletins falsifying the facts.

The wealth-swollen Rockefeller family now has, through vast philanthropic and journalistic connections, such a strange-grip on public opinion that scarcely a whisper is heard.

The Hand of Morgan

J. P. Morgan, through his lieutenant Thomas Lamont and others, exerts his deep and mysterious control over hundreds of newspapers. Morgan men sit on the board of directors of Colliers, the American magazine, the Woman's Home Companion.

The most significant direct Morgan grip has upon the reading public is through Time, Life and Fortune magazines. Henry Davison, Morgan partner is, one of the leading stockholders. All of the other stockholders are high up in the wealthy few. One of the most cleverly written and managed publications in the world, Time, Incorporated, remains ready to the sinister hand of Morgan and his bloc of the Sixty Families, to manipulate as he will.

We hear much of Frank Knox and the Chicago Daily News. We don't hear, though, that a Morgan man is a director of this big Chicago Newspaper. This director's name is Sewell Avery, also president of the labor-hating Montgomery Ward and Co. and a director of U. S. Steel.

How close to home can we come? Here is a quotation from the book which Minneapolis workers will be interested in:

Case of Minneapolis Star
"The Lamont Family (Morgan) is closely related to the Gardner Cowles family which owns the Des Moines Register and the Tribune-Capital, the Minneapolis Star and various radio stations."

"A string of newspaper properties that is . . . directly oriented in its editorial policy toward Wall Street, is Rider Brothers, Inc. In this chain are the New York Journal of Commerce, the New York Staats-Zeitung, the St. Paul Dispatch, the St. Paul Pioneer Press, the St. Paul Daily News, the Aberdeen American, the Aberdeen Evening News, etc."

The monopolistic union-hating St. Paul Newspapers are now easier to understand!

The other local papers echo the sentiments of their reactionary publishers.

The Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal, and Country Gentleman, are the national mouthpieces for the reactionary, Republican Curtis family of Philadelphia.

"No Paper Is Worse"
The Chicago Tribune is a newspaper which has often singled out Minneapolis for attacks upon its union movement. Let us see what the author says about this scandal-mongering rag:

"The Chicago Tribune is the most violently reactionary newspaper in the country and enjoys a virtual monopoly in its local morning field. It shamelessly distorts

Sioux City Bakery Men Win Strike

Sioux City, Iowa.—The month-old strike of bakery drivers and inside workers against five local bakeries was settled over the week-end with the two unions involved winning all their demands.

In the course of the strike, the employers attempted several times to disrupt the strike. In an attempt to turn public sentiment away from the strikers, unknown persons at the instigation of the employers burned a truck. Attempts were made to clamp down on the bread supply, but the union countered by bringing in union-made bread from outside and selling it to retailers.

Various attempts were made by the bosses to engineer back-to-work movement, but all were nipped in the bud. A solid group of fighting unionists was able to hold the ranks firm against all such attacks.

news, twists facts, and suppresses information in the interests of Robert R. McCormick and his class . . . For anti-social bias no newspaper could conceivably be worse than the Chicago Tribune."

Even a sketchy outline of reactionary journalism would not, of course, be complete without the mention of William Randolph Hearst. His pro-fascist cheerleader for black reaction has been adulterating the minds of the American people in a way unparalleled by anyone for sheer viciousness except perhaps Bernard Macdonald, publisher of Liberty and True Story. Hearst owns a huge string of magazines, newspapers, radio stations, movies, news services and syndicates. He has trained every resource he has upon and against even the most elementary struggle of American labor for a right to live.

These brief words answer with facts the question, WHO OWNS THE PRESS? The next question is, WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THE PRESS?

It is used for or against the American masses of the people? Are important facts and news held away from unsuspecting readers? Next week will appear the story about what the rich do with their press.

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Be It Further Resolved, that such route foremen or supervisors will be entitled to all other benefits of the union, such as seniority rights, job protection, death benefits, recourse to the executive board, etc.

Be It Further Resolved, that whenever a man is promoted up and beyond the position of route foreman or supervisor, he must notify the executive board of his promotion and is then entitled to thirty days trial on his new position. If he decides to stay in the new position he must put in his request for a withdrawal card and after he receives same, loses his seniority rights insofar as bumping a man should he lose his position, but must take his position at the tail end of the seniority list as a new man.

Be It Further Resolved that in case of a company transferring a route to the country and making the man move to the country to live, such a route will be declared a vacancy and the route salesman on such a route will be able to bump a man younger than he and retain his position in the city, a driver receiving such a bump must take the route of the last man hired.

The above resolutions submitted to the members present at the special meeting Thursday, August 11, were unanimously concurred in.

FW Sponsors White Collar WPA Meet

The Federal Workers Section will sponsor a meeting of all white-collar WPA workers to be held Tuesday, August 30, at 3:30 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Avenue. Governor Benson has been asked to speak. Anna Dickey Oleson has agreed to speak.

Parrell Dobbs has been asked to speak on why the interests of the white collar workers are those of organized labor, and on the organization of white collar labor unions.

WPA supervisors on State Highway projects are being asked to arrange the working schedule so that the men will be free to attend the August 30th meeting.

All WPA white collar workers—on clerical, technical, professional, teaching, engineering projects, etc.—are asked to send delegations to the meeting and to communicate in advance with the FWS. Much concern is being felt by white collar workers at the WPA policy of cutting monthly wages of these workers.

The 289 Blab

General Membership Meeting next Thursday, August 25, 7:30 sharp. Very important.

What prominent member of the 289 Executive Board intends to get married this month? Three guesses.

Purity Bakeries threw their annual company picnic at Lake Sarah on Sunday, August 13. Everybody had a good time.

Reese Shoop, Continental, is back on the job after about a six weeks' vacation due to injuries received in an accident. "Dear" Loydy assisted Reese on his first day back on the job.

Joe O'Hare is back on the job full of pep and vinegar, ready for another year with the trials and tribulations of a Business Agent.

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Ski Strikers Stand Firm On Demands

New Richmond, Wis.—At the instigation of the city and county attorneys, Mr. Filter of the Wisconsin Labor Board was brought to New Richmond to attempt settlement of the week-old dispute between Wood Workers Union Local 1703 and the Strand Ski company.

On Monday morning a meeting was held between the union negotiating committee, Strand, his attorneys and Mr. Filter. The union stood by its demands for a 50c hourly minimum and the 40-hour week, with time and one-half for overtime. The company refused to retreat from its position and the meeting broke up. Strand tried to trick the committee by introducing figures covering the period from January to August, 1937, to show he could not pay decent wages. When the union immediately pointed out that Strand was leaving out the last four months of the year, the busiest season and the most profitable, in an attempt to justify his position, Strand retreated into silence. The union proposed that a union committee check the books for a year to determine whether Strand could pay a living wage, but this proposal also was refused.

In an editorial this week, the St. Croix LEADER made a covert attack upon the union and suggested the workers compromise on their demands. The paper didn't have the gall to come out openly and defend the miserable wage scale that Strand is seeking to perpetuate. In fact, no person can be found to deny that the union's demand for a \$20 weekly minimum wage is anything but moderate and just. If anything, the union is too moderate, for \$20 is hardly a living wage. The LEADER tried to make it appear that only 17 workers were involved in the dispute, when everybody knows that the entire union, both those who were working on August 4th and those who have worked before, are standing as one man for the union's demands.

Local 1703 will hold firm until its demands for a \$20 minimum weekly wage are met.

Cedar Falls Drivers Win 3-Week Strike

Cedar Falls, Iowa.—The strike of 16 drivers and warehousemen against the Diamond Brothers concern, which began Thursday, July 21, was settled last Friday, August 12, with a union victory. The struggle was conducted by the Waterloo General Drivers Union Local 650.

The Diamond Brothers firm paid notoriously low wages prior to the strike. Warehousemen received as little as \$10 weekly for 65 hours of work; drivers were paid \$17.50 for a work week ranging up to 85 hours.

In an attempt to discourage picketing, the police, acting at the behest of the employer, arrested Harold Medlicott, NCDDC representative of St. Paul, and Frank W. Cronin, business agent of Local 650, on charges of assault and battery. The two union men were arrested at 5 p. m. Saturday, August 6. The plan was to hold them for 72 hours, by which time it was thought the pickets would be discouraged and go back to work.

The labor-haters reckoned without the rest of the union movement, however. Through the pressure of the Waterloo Central Labor Union, both Cronin and Medlicott were released almost immediately.

Early the following week, Cronin and Medlicott filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board, charging the Diamond Brothers grocery firm with unfair labor practices, failure to bargain in good faith, intimidation of employees, etc.

Win Wage Increases

On Friday, after the pickets had held firm for three weeks, a settlement went through which increased wages to a minimum of \$21.50 for warehousemen and \$25 for drivers, with a 48-hour week, with overtime for drivers beginning after 54 hours. Through the strike, the workers won weekly wage increases from \$7.50 to \$11.50.

The settlement provided for the dropping of all charges against Medlicott and Cronin, and for the withdrawal of charges placed by the union against the company before the NLRB.

Vigilante Plot Fails

At one time during the strike, bosses in Cedar Falls tried to organize a "Citizens Committee" to form vigilantes and break out the strike, along lines carried out by the bosses in the Maytag strike in Newton. The sympathy of the community, however, was overwhelmingly in favor of the union and the vigilante plot flopped.

544-Camden Game Still Under Debate

As we go to press, the Park Board is considering when the play-off game between Local 544's nine and the Camden team will be played. The game will have a decisive bearing on the championship of the American league.

Baseball fans are urged to watch the daily press for time and place of the game. Turn out and give the union team all your support.

Local 581 Seeks Bridgeman Pact

Grand Forks, N. D.—Negotiations covering 150 workers of the Bridgeman-Russell company covering Crookston, Grand Forks, and Minot, were to get under way this week between the company and a committee from the Grand Forks Drivers Union Local 581.

Floyd Coverson of Local 581, in Minneapolis recently, reported that the drivers' organizations in Bismarck and Dickinson are progressing rapidly. Melvin Kortness, secretary of Local 581, has asked for a leave of absence to go out west. John Will has been chosen as temporary secretary.

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This Week With The 60 Families

\$400,000 Tomb for Alfred du Pont

From the New York Times: "The body of Alfred du Pont, former head of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., who died at his Florida home in 1935, will be moved, probably next month, to a new mausoleum erected at a cost of \$400,000 on the Nemours estate near Wilmington, Delaware."

"The tomb is 210 feet high, built in the form of a granite tower, guarded at the top by four stone eagles. . . . The main part of the outside structure is of highly polished brown granite brought from Vermont. Imported marbles, mostly Italian, form the interior. A carillon of thirty bells will be placed in the tower. On the outside there will be beacon lights flashing every half-hour from sunrise to sundown. The vaults, adorned with bronzes, are designed to accommodate twelve sarcophagi. . . . An electric elevator capable of carrying six persons will take visitors to the top of the tower or to the vaults."

\$50,000 Party for Newport Debutante
From a United Press Dispatch: "The Henry B. Ripleys will spend at least \$50,000 tonight on their daughter, Leslie's coming out party. A \$15,000 ballroom has been built onto their mansion for tonight only. Tomorrow the workmen will start tearing it down. Ten thousand robin blue light bulbs, fed by electricity over specially erected poles, also for one night's use only, will illuminate the scene in Riviera splendor. . . . An artificial moon is ready should it be needed. The champagne came especially from Italy. There will be 800 guests. Mrs. Ripley informed the press that "it will be merely an informal party for a few friends of the family." She said the cost was not worth estimating."

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FWS Pledges To Fight Court Order
The Federal Workers Section, at its regular membership meeting last Friday adopted a resolution pledging support to Local 544 in resisting Judge Reed's court order. The full text of the resolution read: "Resolved, that we pledge our full support to Local 544 in any resistance it may oppose to the court order, and that this decision be given full publicity in the labor press."

Domenico Mortellito, secretary of the Mural Artists Guild:
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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.

The Dies Committee

We don't think it accidental that the Special House Committee "investigating un-American activities," headed by Congressman Dies, opened its public sessions on Friday morning, only a few hours after the Senate Civil Liberties Committee had adjourned its hearings on the "Little Steel" strike of May-July, 1937.

For nearly a month the civil liberties committee had heard unfolded a tale of company-financed terrorism and espionage, of the use of National Guard regiments against strikers, the mobilization of vigilantes against steel workers. Even the ringleader of the "little steel" companies, the notorious Tom Girdler, had been compelled to concede that the companies had perpetrated "some reprehensible acts," and to admit that he had lied in a previous investigation when he denied the companies had bought thousands of rifles for use against the strikers.

That the Dies Committee is not an impartial investigating body but, on the contrary, is dominated by anti-labor elements out on a witch hunt, is clear enough from the "testimony" presented to it by its own investigator, one Edward Sullivan. He painted a picture of the West Coast labor movement as dominated by the Stalinist, Harry Bridges, "declared that terrorism, ranging from crop sabotage to murder" pervaded the West Coast, and that "Bridges was responsible for 60 per cent of the labor strife on the West Coast."

What are the facts? The facts are that the AFL unions are the dominant labor movement on the West Coast. Add to these the Sailors and Firemen's unions on the waterfront, and the four big CIO unions that recently denounced Bridges, and it is obvious that Bridges does not dominate the West Coast labor movement.

Why, then, does the Dies Committee investigator lay at Bridges' door credit for 60 per cent of the strikes? Because Bridges is a hated and vulnerable figure, and to link him with those strikes is designed to discredit those strikes. In other words, the real aim of the Dies Committee—and the West Coast example is merely typical of its whole game—is to discredit militant labor action and thereby provide justification for the strikebreaking activities of the Tom Girdlers.

We don't know how accurate were the newspaper reports of the testimony of John P. Frey, a vice-president of the AFL. But he apparently provided the press with the justification to publish such headlines as that in the New York Times: "Communists Rule the CIO, Frey of AFL Testifies."

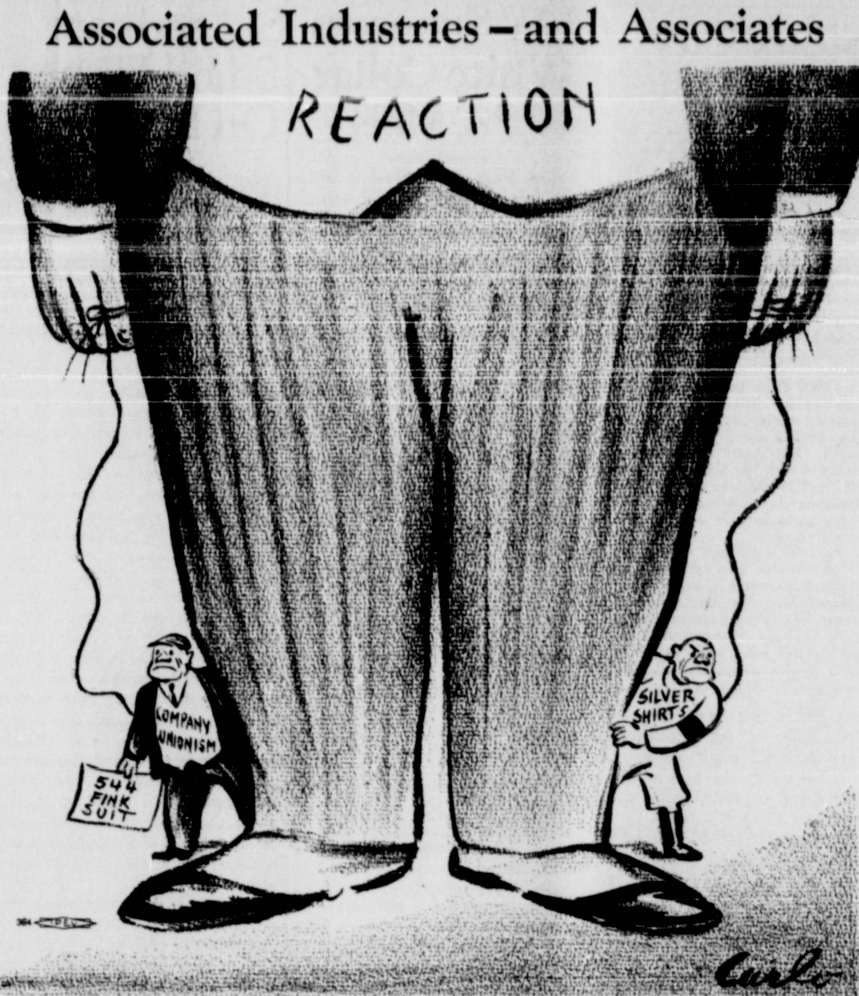
The Dies Committee—Agent of the Employers
Trade unionists on the West Coast and in Minnesota are justifiably enraged at the finky, strikebreaking role of the Communists who, in these two places, masquerade as the CIO, mostly under the name of unions with little membership.

Serious consequences may develop from the Dies Committee's "investigation;" it may be the springboard for a general offensive against the trade unions everywhere. Organized labor, to be alert and ready to repulse that offensive, must begin by understanding that the Dies Committee is an agent of the employers, a mortal enemy of every section of the trade union movement.

The Petersen Split

It is significant that even the group on top in the Petersen camp split wide open when an attempt was made to turn over the "Petersen vote" to the Republican candidate of the reactionaries, Harold Stassen. As for the real rank and file of honest Farmer-Laborites who voted for Petersen in the primaries, we are certain that almost none of them will follow the McLeod faction into the Republican camp.

Whatever our differences with Governor Benson, and



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Skoglund, 544 proxy, led the field in the CLU elections for state convention delegates.

The Teamsters Joint Council will set up a Farmer-Labor Campaign Committee.

On one of the extra torrid days last week Froisig was seen walking down Plymouth Avenue with an overcoat over his arm. He had not blown his top, as was thought at the time, but was only taking the garment to the tailor shop.

A by-laws committee will be selected at the next membership meeting to begin drafting rules for 544.

CIO handbills notwithstanding, Direct Service Oil is still FINK.

Help Local 977 by asking for union buttons and books. If the attendant can't show credentials, go to someone who can.

Keep the Sixth Avenue job day-labor.

Teamsters Joint Council has appointed a committee to serve with the Labor Temple Board.

Oil and Water Dept. An ITO member owns a riding stable.

The Teamsters delegation will present several resolutions to the State Federation convention.

The suit started against Local

Independent Truck Chatter

You can bet any time that when copy for your independents' weekly medicine talk is not written by Monday night, it has to be done on the job Wednesday, the last minute. If the story today has a funeral atmosphere and assumes a too darkly serious tone, blame it on the sight of a cemetery on my left and monument and greenhouse company on the right.

Anyhow, all fooling aside, there is a serious problem to consider. The park board, Uncle Sam's generals and our political friends of

they have been sharp and are in no ways forgotten, he cannot even be mentioned in the same breath as Stassen. Anyone who doesn't understand that is no friend of the workers and farmers. Those who, in the name of grievances, real or fancied, against Benson, go over to the camp of Republican reaction, thereby brand themselves as renegades to the Farmer-Labor movement.

Hjalmar Petersen "cleverly" did not declare his support for Stassen. But by his attack on Benson and his presence at the West Hotel meeting, he lent the renegades his authority. Unless Petersen dissociates himself from the McLeod faction, he must be branded as the worst renegade of them all. This type of diplomatic maneuvering will get him nowhere with the workers and farmers of Minnesota. Either he backs the candidate of the Farmer-Labor movement or he is providing support for Stassen. There is no third alternative in the present campaign.

544 by the "five finks" has become a national issue. The union has received many communications pledging solidarity.

For the first time in history all county trucking jobs are 100 per cent 544. Heaps of credit go to Commissioner I. G. Scott.

Hear the story of the 544 suit at the CLU picnic.

An anagram of Taylor's name is r-o-t.

Belden's Favorite Dream V. R. Dunne being run over on the way home from Skoglund's funeral.

You, Not It A colored worker in one of the Frisco shipyards was called to the front office for an "interview."

Said the boss: "Look here, Sam, they tell me you are joining the union."

Sam said: "That's right, boss."

The boss said: "Sam, you shouldn't do that."

Sam said: "It's too late, Mister Boss, I've done made up my mind."

The boss said: "Look here, Sam, you can't get anything out of that union."

Sam said: "I guess you don't understand, Boss. I ain't joining that union for what I can get out of YOU." — From the "Shipyard Worker."

When you buy insurance you pay your premiums in advance. Your union is your job insurance. Attendance at meetings is the premium. After the job is gone well, you know how to lock the stable after the horse is stolen. Anyone can do that.

Curt's luck is to be marvelled. It seems hardly possible that he has a skin game with his own rules. Since the complaints over the combination rate on graveling on that long haul job every bit of gravel worked since, outside of one day, has been a bitter pill on the Sc scale due to short haul and slow loading.

Anyway you look at it the Belt Line boys call it a sweet kettle of fish. By the special courtesy of a visit from the grievance board the benefit of an official decision on the basis that a job's a job for the pay involved, and not for the road you drive on or the water you sprinkle around it. From now on it's between the job committee and the superintendent.

Dishonesty was definitely not the best policy in making an unemployment application, as two of our erring friends found out to their sorrow.

Do you suppose someone in the state highway personnel division was trying to deliberately sabotage our employment setup when he called the Toms, Dicks and Harrys to that graveling job Monday?

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On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

The employers, ever on the alert for weapons with which to fight organized labor are making full use of the present jurisdictional dispute between the AFL and the CIO on the West Coast. Using the long drawn-out fight between the two labor factions over the lumber workers as a pretext, the union-hating elements in both Oregon and Washington state are attempting to pass, by popular referendum, "initiative measures" in the coming November elections.

These "initiative measures" are designed to force the incorporation of labor unions, limit union organization activity, outlaw sympathy strikes, curtail picketing and in general impose new "responsibilities" on labor organizations.

In order that these measures may be put before the voters in the coming elections, it is necessary that a certain number of signatures be attached to petitions asking for such bills. In Oregon the required number of signers have already been procured. In Washington the number is mounting so fast that real alarm is felt by organized labor.

This attempt to stifle labor is the work of not only the Oregon and Washington employers' organizations but also has the backing of the reactionary Associated Farmers. The State Grange of Oregon, however, is fighting the move. The Grange is a much more representative organization, composed of true dirt farmers. A recent article in the Northwest Organizer told a true story of the composition and intentions of the Associated Farmers.

Dave Beck, leader of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters on the west coast, has hinted at a possible fusion of AFL and CIO forces, politically, to fight the measures. Recently in Seattle organized labor received a defeat in the mayorality campaign when the AFL and CIO backed different candidates. It is believed by many political observers that unity between the two factions at the polls in November will be absolutely essential if the measures in both states are to be defeated.

Added to the threat of subversive legislation to hog-tie and ham-string organized la-

With the Limousines

Our regular column writer is enjoying his vacation, but between the four of us we may get out a little something.

Joe Fredericks got back from a five day trip in time for the meeting.

Ted Gardner has been away for two weeks and says he sure regrets missing the picnic. A lot of you guys who weren't there would feel the same way if you knew what you missed.

Our lawyer chauffeur, Ed Litfin, is recuperating from a broken leg. We haven't shot him yet.

Our organizer, Ray Sawyer, is on his vacation. He needs a rest after working for the chauffeurs. More power to him when he gets back.

Bill Hines is basking in the cool breezes of the north shore for a couple of weeks. Johnnie Foch is carrying on for him while he is gone.

We hate like the devil to disappoint the guy who said the chauffeurs' union was breaking up this month. The treasury shows more money than we've had since last January. Getting stronger right along under the good guidance of Ray Sawyer.

During the hot weather things have been kind of quiet but expect some action soon. You guys who haven't been paying dues lately are just kidding yourselves if you think you're getting away with something or other.

Johnnie Fitz had an X-ray taken to find out where all those hot tamales are going to.

We haven't seen Fuzzy or Cal since the picnic. It must have gotten the best of them.

It's three weeks before our next meeting. Let's have another big turnout. Be seen' you then.

bor, are the "law-and-order" campaigns being conducted by officials in both states. In Seattle recently three union truck drivers were arrested and charged with assault. In Oregon the leader of the Oregon drivers, Al Rosser, was convicted of arson.

The fight between the AFL and the CIO has been a bitter one all over the country, but especially has it raged with intensity in Washington and Oregon. Attempts on the part of the AFL, under Dave Beck, to tender the olive branch have been rudely turned aside by the Communist-controlled CIO, under Harry Bridges. The bosses are taking advantage of the split more and more to further their own campaign for the notorious "American Plan"—the open shop. This is only the beginning.

More and more the forces of reaction are showing their hand. The aggressive determination on the part of the employing class to eliminate labor unions, force down wages, and tear away from the American workers, the gains that have been won in the past years is no longer a thing that can be ignored. Everywhere workers are being met with armed resistance in strike situations. Tear-gas, armed vigilantes, deputized thugs, city and state police, and the military fight every picket line. The courts with their ever-handy injunctions are also tools in the hands of the bosses. Legislation which would effectively stifle and make impotent labor unions is being drawn up and put to the test in Oregon and Washington.

Labor has its own organized strength with which to fight these attempts to kill the American labor movement. But labor must gird its loins for a long fight. And labor must organize its own Union Defense Squads for the hand-to-hand combat which is in the offing—yes, which is actually taking place all over the country. There is no middle path.

The New York Times' Business Index this Sunday was

headlined: "Highest for the Year." But upon examination, that isn't very high. Starting last August, the index dropped like a plummet through December. This year's "high", therefore, merely approximates December production — and employment is over 25 per cent lower than it was a year ago, by any computation. This grim fact is not modified by additional WPA jobs, for few have been provided and meanwhile, another generation has come of age and is seeking jobs.

Did you notice that, while the Senate Civil Liberties Committee held hearings up to last Thursday, at which the most sensational revelations were made about the steel companies' strikebreaking methods, it seldom hit the front page?

A spokesman for Inland Steel Company says: "Wage reductions may be the only alternative to higher prices in the steel industry."

And the fight against wage reductions on the part of the workers is the only alternative to seeing their union smashed.

Galax, Va., news item: "Rather than submit to a demand by strikers that a 15 per cent wage cut be taken down, directors of the Vaughan Furniture company voted today to liquidate."

And that's just swell. If a boss won't pay decent wages, labor says: "Get the hell out of business and stay out."

Today Makes 8,156 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 131**
During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third Wednesdays of each month.
- LOCAL 664**
The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
- LOCAL 1086**
The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- PETROLEUM DRIVERS**
Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.
- LOCAL 977**
Joint Meeting—with Local 544 Petroleum Section, First Wednesday each month, 8 p. m.
Grievance and Seniority Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.
General Membership—Second Wednesday each month, 9 p. m.
- 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.
Coke and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
- Local 346**
General Membership Meeting—Monday, June 27, 1:30 p. m.
- MEETING SCHEDULE**
LOCAL 1859
General Membership—August 3, Sept. 7.
Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards—August 8, 22.
Grievance Board—August 8, 22, from 7:30-9 p. m.
LOCAL 20431
General Membership—August 3, September 7.
Grievance Board—August 8, 22, from 7:30-9 p. m.
- LOCAL 221**
Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m.
Grievance Board—Every Thursday, 7 p. m.
- LOCAL 20318**
Stewards—First and third Tuesday
Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday
Executive Board—Regularly every Monday
- LOCAL 292**
Inside Section—First Tuesday
Radio Section—Second Tuesday
Shoppers' Section—Second Tuesday
- 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 103**
Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays.
Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
- PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS**
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- LOCAL 958**
First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m.
Third Thursday of each month, 4 a. m.
- MEETING SCHEDULE**
NO. 544
August, 1938
Wednesday, August 3 — Sausage; Petroleum
Thursday, August 4 — Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners
Friday, August 5 — Job Stewards
Monday, August 8 — General Membership
Wednesday, August 10 — Market; Wholesale Liquor
Sunday, August 14 — Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M.
Monday, August 15 — Building Material; Furniture
Thursday, August 18 — Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M.
Friday, August 19 — Job Stewards
Sunday, August 21 — Over-the-Road, 11 A. M.
Monday, August 22 — Spring Water; 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.
The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor.
All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated.