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

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

On the National Picket Line

Senator Shipstead has been characterized by Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth in her autobiography as an "interesting dinner guest" whose dry humor adds much to the social life of Washington.

Senator Shipstead's dry humor has just put more than one million WPA workers back on the bread line. Senator Shipstead's dry humor has just placed more than one million souls in dire jeopardy with the awful prospect of being jobless in the dead of winter.

Senator Shipstead's vote would have swung the WPA Deficiency Appropriation to \$875,000,000 instead of the \$750,000,000 which now seems to be the official figure. The final vote was 46 to 47. Minnesota's great "liberal" voted with the opposition.

Dry Humor.

Interesting facts brought out again during the debate on the bill in the senate about the differential in wages between the North and the South show the influence of a strong trade union movement in a startling degree. There was an amendment introduced to fix the rate of fluctuation of wages rates at not more than twenty-five per cent. It was defeated.

For unskilled labor the variation between the South and the North is from 18c in Tennessee to \$1.02 in Illinois; for semi-skilled labor, from 23c in Tennessee to \$1.53 in New York; for skilled labor from 31c in several of the Southern states to \$2.25 in New Jersey; for professional and technical workers from 34c in several of the Southern states to \$3.03 in Pennsylvania.

The Deep South has always been a no-man's-land for the labor union. Those organizations which have tried to gain a foothold in that area have been beaten back with horrible viciousness. Labor organizers have been killed, dragged, tarred and feathered, and generally terrorized. Union members have been blacklisted, driven from the country because they dared join a union. There has been some headway in a very minor way during the past four years but the tradition is still strong that the southern employers will not tolerate any "outside agitators" mixing in their business.

The amendment to regulate the fluctuation of wage rates was beaten down on the issue that the resultant rise in hourly rates for the Southern states would bring WPA wage rates up over the prevailing scale in those areas. This, according to Senator Adams, who was in charge of the bill, would "encourage people to get on relief and not get off."

The passage of this \$725,000,000 Deficiency Appropriation for WPA means that more than one million workers will be terminated from WPA during the next few months. One senator, in a half-hearted attempt to explain his vote said that there was a clause in the bill which makes it possible for the president to again ask Congress for another appropriation if "it is seen that this amount will not carry WPA until June 30."

In view of the great humanitarian character of the legislature we wonder what fate such a bill would meet. Also, will Roosevelt (Continued on page 4)

Farmers Turn Out For F-C-L Meetings

In its first two public meetings held outside the metropolitan areas of this state, the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council has called forth a sympathetic response from the farming population that testifies unmistakably to the need for such an organization and to the correctness of the Council's program.

Last Wednesday evening in Mora, Minn., the Council sponsored a meeting which, despite a terrific snow storm blocking all side roads, attracted about fifty farmers.

Speakers from the union, the cooperative, and the farmer movements included Gene Larson, George Bergquist and Gust Anderson of Minneapolis; William Gydeson of St. Paul; Ed Marion, John Kotela, and Ray Johnson of Duluth; John Bosch; Cecil Kruse; John Hovatt; Leslie Erickson, and J. J. Leipzig.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Land o' Lakes creamery, with C. Drewianka, a real dirt farmer, as chairman.

Following a showing of the film, "A Trip to Cooperative Europe," William Gydeson took the floor to describe the set-up of the Council. Gydeson pointed out that labor long ago discovered it had to organize in order to get a decent living, and urged the farmers to organize in their economic organizations for their own protection.

Gydeson, who was the representative of George Lawson (who was appearing before a hearing of the senate labor committee and thus could not attend), read Lawson's greeting on behalf of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council.

Lawson Voices Support "The Minnesota State Federation of Labor, which is a part of the American Federation of Labor, is glad to cooperate with any movement destined to bring about a better understanding with the agricultural section of our state."

Any movement that tends to bring about more knowledge and a better understanding of the problems facing the farmer and the worker lends itself, if not to the solution of all of them, at least to recognition that the problems exist. There is no doubt but what much misunderstanding exists on both sides. This fact should be frankly met and discussed calmly and without vilification on either side.

Our understanding of the aims and objects of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council is that it is a purely educational movement without any other implications. To this plan and objective we lend our support, with the hope that we may be of service to our own membership and to the farmers of our state. We must each work out our own destiny in our own way, it is true, but it is equally true that when the problems of the industrial worker and the farmer coincide, that there should be a community of interest and a common understanding.

Cecil Kruse for the cooperative movement, and John Bosch for the organized farmers, spoke, pointing out the need for such an organization as the Council.

Gene Larson in his talk stressed the desire of the part of organized labor to work closely with the (Continued on page 4)

Attention! 664 Members

By action of the membership, City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 voted January 26th to suspend the first meeting in February. The next regular meeting of Local 664 will be held February 23rd, at which a special order of business will be discussed on the proposal to change the meeting dates. All members are interested in this proposal and are urged to attend in order that the most satisfactory solution for the coming year may be reached.

There will be special meetings of the Park Board and Sanitary sections of Local 664 during the first part of February.

Tri-City Drivers Draft Plan

Monday night representatives of the Teamsters Joint Councils of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the Twin Ports of Duluth and Superior met at the Nicolett Hotel to further plans for the consolidation and extension of unionism in the state driving industry.

The tri-city council reached agreement on a geographical plan which will divide the state into three areas, with one of the Teamsters Joint Councils responsible for organization in each area.

A continuation committee was chosen to present the plan for ratification to the three Joint Councils. Ed Marine of Duluth, Arthur Hudson of St. Paul, and Miles Dunne of Minneapolis are members of the continuation committee.

This committee will also issue a call for a statewide meeting of the executive boards of all drivers' unions in Minnesota, to be held some time before March 1st.

1 Firm May Sign With Taxi Drivers

Negotiations between the Taxi Drivers Union Local 958 and Minneapolis cab companies continued this week.

There is a possibility that one of the companies will sign the agreement with Local 958 before the February 15th deadline.

Bakery Drivers Unions in Area Meet Feb. 11th

A meeting of representatives from the various Bakery Drivers unions of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in the Twin Cities, in Iowa, St. Louis, Kansas City, and other Middle West cities will be held Saturday, February 11th, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The meeting will discuss extending union organization of bakery drivers throughout the rest of the North Central District.

CLU Delegates Return All Officers to Posts

All officers of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union were returned to their posts last Wednesday evening in the annual elections.

John B. Boscoe, president, William Sinnott, vice-president, and Roy Wier, organizer and financial secretary, were unopposed for office, and their re-election was unanimous.

Jewel Flaherty was re-elected recording secretary by a vote of 182 to 80 over Aaberg, a delegate from the Teachers Union and a stooge for the Mauseh-Smith gang of union-splitters.

Myrtle Harris was again chosen registry clerk. Danielson of the Street Car Union, who opposed her, received three votes. Tom Jordan of the Bricklayers was re-elected sergeant-at-arms by a good majority.

Detroit Beer Drivers Stick With I.B.T.

Detroit, Mich.—Members of the Drivers Union Local 271 of Detroit took to the streets again Monday to prevent scab drivers from Local 38 of the Brewery Workers Union from delivering beer.

A truce in the Detroit fight had been called last week while Frank Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, mulled over the case.

In the hearing before Martel, at which spokesmen from the two groups presented their cases, J. M. "Red" O'Laughlin, militant president of the Detroit Teamsters Joint Executive Council, made it clear that if Martel's verdict differed from the verdict of the recent American Federation of Labor convention order giving jurisdiction of all beer drivers to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the teamsters would disregard the ruling.

Saturday morning Martel decided the beer drivers should go back to the Brewery Workers.

The beer drivers felt quite differently. The Brewery Workers' Union Local 38 had signed a closed shop contract with out-of-town beer distributors and then tried to force the Detroit beer drivers into a new union, Local 51, with wages under this contract running \$29 a week less than under Local 38's contract.

The beer drivers revolted against this raw deal last spring, joined the IBT, and they mean to stay there — court order or no court order, police or no police, no matter what Martel's "verdict" is. And the best of the Detroit labor movement, AFL and CIO, is backing them up 100 per cent.

The strike, which has threatened to become statewide as broad sections of the Michigan drivers movement become increasingly alert to the dangers inherent in the situation, has been marked by the splendid militancy of the striking drivers.

Buzza Union Repudiates 'Association'

The Buzza employees' section of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 met Tuesday night and, after a thorough discussion of the "Employees Association" being pushed at that plant, voted unanimously to repudiate the "Association" and to call upon all union members to refrain from joining or participating in any activities of the "Association."

The Buzza workers agreed that the formation of the "Association" was a dangerous move which might very well develop into an anti-union force in a critical period.

Meetings are now being held between officials of Local 20316 and the Buzza management, in an effort to determine the extent to which the company is responsible for initiating the "Employees Association."

Two Bands Play For 292 Dance

Dean Nelson's Entertainers for the swingaroos and Tommy Thompson and His Boys for old time dancing—that's the lineup for the coming Electrical Workers' Ball to be held next Saturday evening, February 11th, at the East Side Eagles Hall.

There will be two dance floors, door prizes, favors, fun for all, and the admission is only 40c. All friends of labor are cordially invited to turn out for a joyous evening.

Chauffeurs Dance Set for Feb. 21

One of the most distinguished affairs of the winter social season—the annual Chauffeurs' Dance—will be held Tuesday evening, February 21st, at the Southside Auditorium.

Tickets are available at the office of Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, from executive board members, or from Brother Johnson at Du. 2366.

Commissars Prepare Blind Alley for Minneapolis Gas Station Lessees

The strike-breaking CIO "International Oil Workers Union," the same outfit that earned itself a black name late last summer by first acting to break a strike of the AFL Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 and later seeking an injunction to restrain the local teamsters' movement from unionizing the industry, made a new move last week calculated to reopen the war against the Teamsters Joint Council.

Last Thursday night in CIO headquarters, the commissars at the head of the C.O. outfit called a meeting of gas station lessees and proposed that the Retail Gasoline Dealers Association affiliate with the CIO.

The Retail Gasoline Dealers Association is an organization of lessees completely dominated by the

big oil companies of Minneapolis. Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 branded the move as one calculated to put the lessees right in the middle, in the fight between Local 977 and the Mauseh-Smith - Jacobsen strike - breaking crew.

Blind Alley for Lessees The commissars at the head of the "Oil Workers Union" have already demonstrated that they are only able to make deals with the bosses against both the interests of their own members and of Local 977. It is a foregone conclusion that a CIO-Retail Gasoline Dealers Association combination won't win the lessees any more than has the present Association without the CIO. To move the lessees into the CIO would still leave the lessees dominated by the

big companies. Lessees Meet Feb. 9th

In order to clarify the situation to the lessees, Local 977 will hold an open meeting for all lessees next Thursday, February 9th, 9 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, at which the problem of the lessee in the oil industry will be thoroughly discussed.

It is worth pointing out that in all parts of the country save in Minneapolis the International Brotherhood of Teamsters unions and the CIO's International Oil Workers Union work in complete harmony. In Tulsa, where the Oil Workers Union is conducting a militant struggle against the Mid-Continent Petroleum company, the teamsters in the area are giving full support to the oil workers. The Drivers Union Local 523 of Tulsa

Dealing Separately With Omaha Bosses

Scheme to Abolish Fire Patrol Spiked

The City Council Fire committee, bowing to the demand of organized labor of Minneapolis, Tuesday voted unanimously to inform the Board of Fire Underwriters that their scheme to abolish the Insurance Patrol and turn its duties and costs over to the city would not be accepted. A motion by Alderman Kauth to this effect, was unanimously adopted.

The hearing was held in Room 321 of the City Hall, with spokesmen for organized labor much in evidence and alert against the attempt of the insurance companies to place the men on the fire insurance patrol on the relief lines, and relieve themselves of the cost of a service which is estimated to cost the companies \$40,000 a year.

One lone spokesman for the insurance companies, who claimed he came "in an unofficial capacity" urged that the scheme of his bosses be accepted. "City firemen have become well enough educated now to be able to take care of the tasks of fire salvage," he declared.

The insurance companies had claimed in a brief presented to the Council Fire Committee that the costs of the fire patrol could be "taken over by the city without any additional expense to the city." Labor spokesmen and even members of the Council proved the fallacy of the contention. One committee member declared that the plan of the insurance companies is part of a national campaign to ease the rich insurance companies of their just share of the costs of government, and referred to the many tax appeasement bills now pending in the State legislature.

Figures were shown that insurance company profits in Minnesota average from 45 to 55 per cent of premiums paid in, with most of the money going out of the state. Robley Cramer, editor of the Minneapolis Labor Review, backed the speaker's figures and urged that the Committee refuse to bow to the dictates of the insurance companies.

John Boscoe, president of the Central Labor Union, in the name of that body, protested the proposed lay offs and seconded Cramer's charges. "Don't place these men on the relief lines," he demanded.

A spokesman for the Firefighters Union also urged that the Committee vote the proposal down, declaring that the whole city would

Boss Committee Breaks Off Negotiations Friday Over Closed Shop Issue—Area Committee Meeting Privately With Individual Operators — Brady Signs Standard Road Agreement — Denver Teamies Win Closed Shop, Strengthens Local 554's Position—Omaha Federal Workers Section Organized

Omaha, Neb.—Negotiations between the union Area Negotiating Committee and the operators' committee came to an abrupt end Friday afternoon when the boss group broke off relations over the question of the closed shop.

If the Omaha Business Men's Association thought that this move would dishearten the strikers, it got the surprise of its life.

Model Pact Signed With Smith Corp.

What is believed to be a model union agreement conforming with the Wages and Hour Bill was signed this week between General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Smith Welding Equipment Corporation, 2633 Southeast Fourth.

The pact calls for 44 hours pay for 40 hours work, with time and one-half for overtime, and covers about 25 employees. The complete text of the agreement will be run in the next issue of the Organizer. Local 544 has completed negotiations with the Gamble-Skogmo company for the 1939 contract, and has also reached agreement with the wholesale drug industry for a new pact, to start the ball rolling in fine shape for the new season.

Guild Strike Makes Dent In Hearst

More than 300 advertisers have pledged to remain out of the struck Hearst American and Herald-Examiner newspapers in Chicago, the Hearst Strike Committee of the Chicago Newspaper Guild announced this week. Among these advertisers are such diverse firms as Rye-Crisp, Ken-L Ration, Ipana, White Horse Scotch, National Biscuit, and Schenley Distillers.

Still holding top rank on the Unfair List are National Distillers and Chesterfield cigarettes. Strikers and sympathizers have made a big dent in Hearst's Chicago circulation, to the tune of about 185,000.

On January 29th members of the Chicago Typographical Union No. 16 repudiated the attempt of some of their reactionary officials to take a hostile position towards the strike.

be the loser, with the only gainer being the insurance companies. Harold Seavey, president of the Teamsters Joint Council, showed that to abolish the fire patrol would be penalizing these men for their efficiency, which has been the reason advanced by the insurance companies for the proposed abolition of the service.

Detroit AFL Proposes Inter-City Baseball

A proposal from the Detroit Federation of Labor for a Labor Day baseball game to be played in Detroit, Michigan, between the city's AFL championship nine and the AFL championship baseball team in Minneapolis, was received this week by the Northwest Organizer.

The writer, Morris Berger, athletic director for the Drivers Union Local 299 of Detroit, further suggested that a plan might be worked out for a home-and-home affair—one game in Minneapolis, and one in Detroit.

Detroit suggests that such contests would help create a better understanding and better fellowship among unionists. The proposal for an inter-city championship game has been turned over to Jack Herman, manager of Local 544's baseball team, and there is every reason to hope that this splendid project will be realized.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Text of New Pact For Gas Stationmen

Following is the text of the new working agreement approved by Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977, to be enforced from February 1st, 1939, to April 30, 1940:

1. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation. The Employer shall operate under an "all Union" agreement with the Union, and shall have in his employ only members of the Union in good standing. In the event of additions to the force, it shall be the privilege of the employer to hire whomsoever he wishes, provided that such new employee shall affiliate with the Union within thirty (30) days.

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

3. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business, provided, however, that any key man whose absence from the efficient or uninterrupted running of the business, must obtain the written consent of the Employer.

4. The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

5. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials, vacations and general working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standard in effect at the time of the signing of this agreement, and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvement have been made elsewhere in this agreement.

6. In the event that the Employer deliberately violates the provisions of the foregoing articles or deliberately violates any provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials, vacations and general working conditions, any back pay owed to the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the standard straight time and overtime rates. When there is evidence of collusion between Employer and employee to violate the contract, any back pay collected shall be deposited with the Union.

7. Any controversy arising over the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by arbitration between the Employer and the Employer; except that with the consent of both the Union and the Employer, and a fifth neutral member selected by a majority vote of the first four. The majority decision of this arbitration shall be binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.

8. The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.

9. The Employer shall not request or instruct any employee to go through a picket line of a striking Union; however, the Union agrees that in the event of a controversy with any other Union, the Union will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.

10. The Employer agrees that if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform, same will be furnished by the employer, the cost of which is not to exceed \$3. Employer will pay for cleaning or allow a minimum of \$3.00 per month for this purpose.

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

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

13. The Employer agrees to assume the responsibility for prompt payment of injury compensation claims by his compensation insurance carrier.

14. All employees on the seniority list who have been in the service of the Employer for a period of one year or longer shall receive a minimum of one week's vacation with full pay in advance at the wage rates set forth herein for their classification of work. Part time employees shall receive one day vacation with pay for each two months of service up to one year.

15. Seniority rights shall be observed in arranging the vacation schedule.

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

17. Any controversy over the seniority standing of any employee on this list shall be referred to the Union for settlement.

18. The senior employees shall have first preference on the job, provided, however, that the present assignment of employees in the various classifications of work shall not be disturbed in any manner other than that set forth below:

(a) When a job becomes open for any reason in any classification of work covered by this agreement, it shall be

bulletined by the Employer. All employees in the order of their seniority standing are eligible to accept or reject this job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing. Any controversy over the qualifications of an employee to handle a job, shall be settled as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.

(b) In reducing the personnel because of lack of work, or other legitimate reason the last employee hired shall be the first laid off, and in returning employees to work, the last employee laid off shall be the first rehired, provided he reports for work within ten (10) days after notification at his last known address. The necessary reassignment of employees to the various classifications of work shall be made accordingly.

(c) Where there is an obvious discrimination against a senior employee under the present assignments to the various classifications of work, the Employer shall make the necessary adjustments.

19. Any employee desiring a Leave of Absence from the job shall secure written permission from both the Union and the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights.

20. The Employer shall not discharge any employee without just cause, and shall give at least one warning notice of the complaint against such employee, except that no warning notice need be given to an employee before he is discharged if the cause of such discharge is dishonesty or drunkenness while on the job. Any employee may request an investigation as to his discharge and should such investigation prove that an injustice has been done an employee, he shall be reinstated and compensated at his usual rate of pay while he has been out of work. Appeal from discharge must be taken within five (5) days by written notice, and a decision reached within ten (10) days from the date of discharge.

21. New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after having worked a total of thirty (30) work days. Seniority to start from the first date of employment. Seniority shall not be changed when a new Employer takes over a station, or changes stations. If the minimum wage, hour and working conditions in the company absorbed differ from those minimums set forth in this agreement, the higher of the two shall remain in effect.

22. The regular work day shall be eight (8) hours and the regular work week shall be forty-eight (48) hours. Overtime at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid for all time worked in excess of the above regular work week. It is understood that every employee shall have one full day off in each seven-day period.

23. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts. When called to work, employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay. Employees required to be available daily for service shall be guaranteed a minimum of forty (40) hours pay per week.

24. The senior employees shall be the first to work the full weekly regular hours. There shall be no favoritism shown to junior employees. The Union shall have the right to examine the payroll records.

25. Except in cases of emergency, or where it is clearly unavoidable, no employee shall work over-

time until all employees on the seniority list have worked the full quota of regular hours.

26. In the event that the maximum work week is reduced by legislative act to a point below the regular work week provided herein, the rates of pay in the various classifications shall be increased according to the proportion necessary to guarantee that there will be no reduction in the total weekly pay for any employee.

27. All employees shall be paid at least twice a month.

28. No salaried employee shall be required to have his personal money invested in company merchandise or equipment.

29. Company meetings shall not be a condition of employment, except when meetings are held on company time, and then only during the employee's regular and customary hours of employment. It shall be optional with an employee whether or not he attends any meetings that is not held on company time, and there shall be no discrimination against any employee who fails to attend any meeting not held on company time.

30. In event regular full time employees are being paid on an hourly basis, they shall be paid for a full week's work for any week in which one of the following holidays appear: Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day. No filling station employee shall be required to work between the hours of 6 a. m. and 8 p. m. on the day celebrated as Christmas, or New Year's Day. In the event any employee works on Christmas Day, or New Year's Day, he shall be paid at the rate of two times his regular rate of pay for his classification.

31. For the purpose of computing hourly rates, it shall be understood that a forty-eight (48) hour week totals two hundred-eight (208) hours per month.

32. The following shall be the minimum rates of pay in the various classifications of work:

MANAGING OPERATORS: There shall be at least one managing operator in each station, the minimum rate of pay to be \$124.80 per calendar month (60¢ per hour).

SENIOR OPERATORS: Shall include all helpers who have worked in this classification for the company for one (1) year or more, the minimum rate of pay to be \$108.16 per calendar month (52¢ per hour).

JUNIOR OPERATORS: Shall include all helpers who are not otherwise classified and who have been employed for less than one (1) year. Such employees shall receive a minimum salary of \$93.60 per calendar month (45¢ per hour) for the first six months' period, and \$99.84 per calendar month (48¢ per hour) during the next six months' period.

LUBRICATORS: Shall include all employees who spend 60% or more of their time on Lubrication work. Such employees shall receive a minimum salary of \$114.40 per calendar month (56¢ per hour).

WASHERS: Shall include all employees who spend 60% or more of their time on washing cars. Such employees shall receive a minimum salary of \$109.00 per calendar month (48.08¢ per hour).

PART TIME OPERATORS: Shall be paid according to their classifications.

33. This agreement shall be in full force and effect from February 1, 1939, to and including April 30, 1940.

Shareholders share the produce of a business in which they do not work; wage earners work in a business the fruits of which they do not receive. Such a position is not conducive to true morality and its equilibrium is distinctly unstable.—CHARLES GIDE, famous French economist.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

NEXT MEETING: Wholesale Drivers meet Thursday evening, February 9, 7:30 p. m. sharp.

The general meeting last Thursday was very well attended and it certainly is pleasing and gratifying to see so many members turn out. From now on you'll come out, I betcha. A motion was passed at that meeting to give away a month's dues to two lucky members who attend the general meeting each month. A. J. Miller and Laurence Anderson of the Purity North Plant were the lucky winners at the last meeting. The only way you can win is to attend the general meeting.

H. Thibodeau, Hubert Taylor, Jim Sloss, Herman Peterson, C. A. Mathews, Dan O'Connell, Jerry Stanchfield, Ted Greswolk, R. W. Shoop, Russ Tomlinson, C. Korvick, Joe Boniaryk were winners of two tickets each to the President's Ball at the auditorium. In addition to the two months' dues we will serve lunch and refreshments after the next General meeting, February 23. Better be there.

Betty Erickson, daughter of Gunnar Erickson, receiving clerk at Zinsmaster, was salutatorian at the graduation exercises at the Washburn High School last Thursday evening. Gunnar is mighty proud of Betty and he has reason to be. Betty went through the whole four year commercial course getting all "A's" with one exception and that was a "B." On top of that she is the first commercial student at that school to be so honored. She also won several scholarships in business courses, one of which she will avail herself of. Good luck, Betty. We know you will go a long way.

Here's a good one. Joe reports that several of our members came up here one night and attended a meeting and sat in there for about an hour before they discovered it was the Laundry Drivers' meeting. How do you like that?


Maybe you've heard this one. They are calling Joe Louis "Vitalis" now. He gives them all that sixty-second workout. Doesn't that smell?

At the Central Labor meeting last Wednesday I suddenly discovered my hat was missing and after about five minutes search I tapped the shoulder of a stylish stout lady sitting in front of me, asking her if she had seen anything of a green hat, to which she coolly replied in the affirmative and proceeded to get up and there it was, looking like a green mushroom or something.

Loren Johnson is cooking up some good acts for the dance Saturday, so come and be entertained all for fifty cents. Frankly, I think it's the biggest bargain in town Saturday night. Look: Dancing from 9 to 1 plus a lunch, plus entertainment, all for fifty cents a ticket. You can purchase them at the door. The address is 257 Plymouth Ave. N. and Saturday night, February 4, is the date.

Seems like all the Gedney

Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



Labor unions are un-American since they interfere with my employer's right to life, liberty and happiness.

WPA Moves to Cut All Persons Eligible for A.D.C.

Last Wednesday an order came through from the state WPA offices to immediately cut off the rolls all persons eligible for any of the categorical agencies—Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Unemployment Insurance.

Most of those persons eligible for Old Age Assistance were terminated early in December when the first mass WPA cuts came through. Most aliens were cut at the same time. There were some cuts for eligibility to ADC at that time, but peculiarly, most of those cut for this reason early in December were actually eligible. The new order, and its ruthless application, is effecting untold hardships among the women of Minneapolis.

"Sorry, Our Mistake"

All women even suspected of being eligible for Aid to Dependent Children are being cut off the WPA rolls now. Ninety percent of these workers who have been 408'd within the last week are NOT eligible for ADC. Despite the fact that their termination is WPA's fault, the officials here in both the state and district offices claim that they are unable to reinstate these women now and put them back to work at once.

In order to be eligible for ADC a woman must either be a widow or she must be deserted by her husband and her children must have been abandoned by their father. If the father of the family is either insane, or feeble minded and in an institution, or in a penal institution or a fugitive from justice therefrom, the mother is also in line for this service. However, if there has been a divorce or if the mother and father have separated by mutual consent, then the only way a woman can make herself eligible for ADC is by turning cop and getting a warrant issued for her husband's arrest, on charges of child abandonment. If her youngest child is over sixteen years old then she can not get such a warrant. Or if she left the husband, and if he is physically able to work and is unemployed she cannot get a warrant. Also if she is receiving any alimony or support for her children whatsoever, be it as low as ten dollars a month, she is ineligible for ADC.

One of the worst features of this mass cut of women from WPA is that most of the women terminated have only one child—and most of the children are over sixteen years old.

Can't Wait 3 Years

The Department of Aid to Dependent Children is having troubles and sickness either with themselves or their families. Hope everybody will be all right by the week-end so we can see them at the 289 Jamboree. Hey! Hey!

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is referred to DRR by ADC, DPR refigures it, deducts the cash grant, and in many cases finds, instead of deficiency, an "excess" of income.

In other words, despite the fact that the ADC grants are supposed to allow for an "Adequate" diet for children, what actually happens is that the family lives on less than a subsistence budget.

FWS on Warpath

The Federal Workers Section is fighting this wholesale slash in the WPA rolls with all of its forces. It is also asking the support of the rest of the trade union movement to stop the cuts. Meetings are being held daily with the different WPA and DPR officials concerned. Some success has already been met. A few of the women terminated in error have already gone back to work. Many more will go back within the coming week.

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

See where the boys in the foreign settlement down river signed on the dotted line for another year. Not so much gain as expected but they say it's a good job for the winter.

Two weeks ago some cur held up the Columbia restaurant while Bro. Winslow was having an early morning snack. The daily press photographed him in a robe. Will Roy please tell these noisy drivers if that was a "before or after" picture.

Better be careful how you handle these taxis, fellows, 'cause our genial claim adjuster can hear 'em talk. We know a couple of the "boilers" that moan and groan too.

"Judge" Harlan took on a load of baggage the other a. m., and while waiting for the owner and his dog to show up, he wryly observed it was a good thing the park board never planted trees down there.

Cliff (you know the guy) was seen chasing the seven-fifty Hiawatha dining car. Once more and he'll know how to flip them pretty panny-cakes.

Will some nite-driver tell 'Chef' Harry Wallace he just can't get kettles that big in the dime store?

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Auto Workers Must Rally Independently to Prevent Split!

Repudiate Martin Dual Union Move!

As every hour brought new developments in the white-hot crisis atmosphere surrounding the United Automobile Workers of America, certain fundamental truths are finally becoming clear to the thousands of honest militant workers who are fighting to preserve their union and prevent the entire labor movement from suffering a major disaster.

It is now crystal-clear that the honest rank-and-filers can't save their union by following out the programs of either the union-breaking Communist Party—"Unity Group" crowd, or the rotten and irresponsible Martin leadership.

What these people are doing to the United Auto Workers, a really great organization that has fought the biggest monopolies in the country to a standstill, is a damnable outrage that should call forth the passionate condemnation of every union man in the United States.

All the rotten red-baiting by both Martin and the C. P.—all the yelps exchanged between Martin and John L. Lewis's stooges—all the buck-passing and the counter-charges—can't hide the truth from the rank-and-file.

The Martin forces and the "Unity" gang have within the past three weeks inflicted a deeper wound on the U. A. W. than the motor barons with all their billions were able to do in two years. And the auto workers won't forget these criminals and the terribly light-minded way they played with the very life of the union, in order to advance their own selfish petty interests.

If the future of the union movement in auto doesn't lie with either the "Unity Group" or the Martin clique, this does not mean that those who must work to save the union, can fail to make a choice between Martin's Detroit convention set for March 4, and the Cleveland convention set for the latter part of March.

Heart of the Question
Dual unionism has never yet proven to be the answer to labor's problems. If Martin can carry out his plans, there will certainly be a

pendent force that favors one convention and one union. It must stand four-square on a program of fighting for the interests of the workers, employed and unemployed.

To the abominable pretences of both Martin and the "Unity Group," it must counter-pose its own program.

Demand the 30-hour week throughout the auto industry, with no reduction in pay.

Institute a real drive for the complete unionization of the auto industry.

In organization and negotiations with the bosses, no reliance upon any methods but those tried and tested weapons of union defense—militant mass action, picketing and sitdowns.

Rank and file control—full and genuine democracy in the union.

An end to the Hillman-Murray receivership—autonomy for the union in running its affairs.

Elimination of the Stalinist influence in the union.

The genuine unification and consolidation of the auto union, on the only possible lasting basis—militant struggle against the bosses and democratic control of the organization by the rank and file.

The time is short and hours are precious. Immediate bold aggressive action, based on this independent fighting program, is the only hope in the fight to save the United Auto Workers.

HE aims to carry the war from the two "executive boards" into the locals and then into the plants. Then the corporations would certainly mop up on both sides.

It is deadly clear by now that Martin is all set to pull a "Dubinsky" and run away from the fight against the Communist Party wreckers in the CIO.

And what a crowd Martin is running with—the Catholic Action Society, Harry Bennett and his wife Ford Servicemen's organizations, and the hard-shell reactionaries in the union!

Every auto worker must thunder NO to this program. Every auto worker must repudiate the Detroit convention and prepare now to wage the struggle of their lives at the Cleveland convention.

It is still not too late to undertake the forced march which can yet save the union and set its feet on the right path.

Do you mean to say we must support the Stalinist wrecking-crowd? asks the honest auto worker.

A million times, NO. The "Unity Group" has forfeited forever its claim to leadership, and so has its little dog, Walter Reuther.

Must Build Independent Force
The rank and file who want to act to save their union must organize at once to act as an inde-

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore
Prosperity has rounded the corner at the J. R. Clark company once again. There has been about 100 employees put back to work since the first of the year, according to their seniority standing of course. The wheels of industry are spinning merrily and a worker can well be proud of being on the seniority list here.

Irvin Nelson, better known to his friends and associates as "Stout Fella," is a man who appreciates the better things of life and what better place to do it than on upper Nicollet, say, on Saturday night?

The executive board was well pleased with the Athletic Director's report at last Friday's meeting.

Half of the delegation to the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers came back with bad colds.

There is every reason to believe that Ray Perleberg will break down and contribute a poem to this column in the near future. Brother Perleberg's rhyming is only exceeded by his good looks.

It must have been cold for the brother who lost his hat last Friday night. Anahoe, it has been found. Call at Nipa and Sipa. Tak. Tak.

Howard Moore of the Minneapolis Casket company is the father of a fine new baby boy. Weight: 6½ pounds. Mrs. Moore and the new son are doing fine. Congratulations to the Moore family.

Ah, sweet mystery of life, or why does Ray Robinson, better known to the knights of the inner circle as "Sonny Boy," go down to Kokato every Sunday? The boys down at the pool hall miss you, Ray.

Big bunch of new betting on the pulleys in the machine shop this week.

Kenneth Johnson dashed for home Wednesday night and was downed for a loss when a car struck him right in front of the factory. Kenneth was out like a light and was carried into the office. A bump came up on his forehead as big as an egg. A little first aid brought him around and Thursday morning Kenneth was able to come to work with a bunch of tape on his head. Kenny got out of that one lucky, but it should be a lesson to the rest of us workers to take things pretty easy when crossing icy streets. Easy does it.

The first month of 1939 is over and the New Year's resolutions made by Harry Carlson, Gordon Bishop and Andrew Hoffman are still unbroken. Under the terms of the agreement they quit drinking. The first one to take a drink agrees to pay each of the others \$5 in cash or negotiable securities. But the catch, gentlemen, is here. The drink must take place in the presence of a party to the agreement and be witnessed by him. The boys don't pal around like they used to.

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Milk Division of Sioux Falls Union Installs Officers

Sioux Falls, S. D.—The milk drivers section of the General Drivers Union Local 749 of Sioux Falls installed their new officers for 1939 at the January 24th meeting.

Dewey Killeaney is chairman, Paul Kolb, recording secretary, and Maurice Gabrielson, financial secretary, of the milk drivers section.

The milk drivers also voted to purchase 25 new chairs for the labor hall and to place them at the disposal of the rest of the union.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Don't forget the beer and sandwiches after meeting next Thursday. Bring your own drinking glass.

Your business agent and three members of the board spent about four hours last Sunday straightening out a little "ruckus" at one of the large plants. We're battling for you, rain or shine, day and night, Sundays or any other day.

Our sick claims paid during January amounted to \$188. Since the last issue Lea Zaum from the Troy has been added to the sick list.

The price situation in dry cleaning is getting no better fast. We're afraid that along about June the employers are going to wonder why there wasn't any spring cleaning. They might even want to change some men because they didn't produce during the good season. Of course, this is all based on the supposition that the employers are still in business by that time. Ho hum. Guess we can stand it as long as the boss. Of course, we get a little worried too, about whether or not the boss is going to be able to meet the payroll.

The basketball team put another notch in their belt this week. They beat the plasterers 30 to 24. Three baskets for us in the last minute of play. Next week at 9 o'clock at Central high we're going to beat the bakers.

There is a little misunderstanding again about the interpretation of a certain article in our contract.

Quite a few members forgot to pay their dues this month. Bring along an extra buck for the fine when you come to the next meeting in case you don't make the next meeting bring a couple extra bucks the next time.

Correction for last week: Chester Floyd did not have an operation and is back at work again.

Brother C. C. Michelson, route foreman at G and K., resigned last Saturday. On Thursday all the drivers gave him a nice farewell party at which time they presented him with a very nice ring as a token of their friendship. They all expressed their regret at his leaving. We're sorry to see you leave, Mike, and wish you luck for the future.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig
Along about this time attendance at our meetings should reach a peak. With the unemployed seeking work and all the rest of seeking our work lineup and checking up on our seniority numbers none of us cares to pass up the opportunity for getting as much inside information as possible.

Yours truly gets a little extra time on a break because some others of you pensioners turned down a tough job. By the time you read this, however, he expects to have relieved himself of a ten-spot at the city clerk's office for a certain you-know-what.

Writing this while out to lunch (owl-time) is making it difficult for me to live within my winter's income, at least.

A feud is starting out at the rock quarry. But who cares, so long as it brings in the news. Anyhow, Mack Jr., claims the rest of the boys are getting jealous. The hills for the Reo are fine.

Those tenth ward rock hauling brothers have reasons to be sore . . . car ends and all that. With new rings now one of the Wills might be able to do a little better.

Curt mysteriously silent this week—No news from that source. . . Some fancy seniority talk has the Belt Line boys worried. . . As a steward, I have been having a talk with many of our delinquent members but have not had opportunity to close a deal before being transferred. I hope some of our other men find a chance to follow up these men. . . Somebody must read this column. Poor Roberts, the Skelly salesman, really got jumped on after our little blurb on that north side Skelly station rainy day party. And by the way, where do you buy your gas now? We have room for more ITO and would like a little more company.

If you think we are short of news all the time and are tired of the same old stuff, why not give a little lift and pass out some of your inside dope?

P. S. Something tells me the Ways and Means laid down the law to me to publish some notice or other but they will have to climb my frame proper for not remembering just what it is now.

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Three Teams Tied For Bowling Lead

The Bakery Drivers, Ice Drivers and the Gold Bubble are all tied for first place in the bowling league, as a result of Local 289's three-game victory over Local 221 Monday. Stanley had 545, Taylor 531, Hedin 543, and Vincent 530.

The Gold Bubbles blanked Minkins, the Meat Drivers blanked the Soft Drinks, and Liberty Cab took the odd game from 544.

Team	Won	Lost
Local 221	28	23
Local 289	28	23
Gold Bubble	28	23
Soft Drinks	27	24
Minkins	25	26
Meat Drivers	24	27
Local 544	22	29
Liberty Cabs	22	29

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist
Melby, the checker at Ohleens, was passing out cigars the other day. One of our good brothers asked if it was a boy. Surprised, he said, "No, I just got married."

The "66" racket crept into the milk business this past week and took a few of our brothers—the good hearted ones. A well dressed man came up and said, "Say, driver, I'm a Northland customer out at such an address. Charlie is my milkman, I need \$6.66 to make change on a collection over here. You let me have it and I'll send the money along with him tomorrow." Some drivers are still waiting for their money to come in. Carl Olson didn't fall for such a "line." Connie Ordeaman would have but luckily a ten dollar bill was the smallest he had. We heard today that the police picked up this "allicker."

Elecsnar's good butter business blew up the other morning. Three pounds to the first customer, two pounds to the second and so on. It was good up on the third floor also. Al became inquisitive and got one of the butter customers out of bed. No, she didn't put out that note for butter. Maddier than a wet hen, our dear brother had to back track and pick up all the "good" orders. We haven't caught up with this sleuth yet and ask your cooperation.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheehey, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm Labor.

The FLP Convention— A Study in Futility

The 1939 state convention of the Farmer-Labor Association has come and gone, and a person would only be telling the truth if he said that little was accomplished in St. Paul. Where is the militant program to answer the needs of the workers and farmers, the youth and the aged of Minnesota? Where is the emphasis on bold, independent workers' political action? Where are the principles to differentiate the Farmer-Labor movement from the New Deal?

They just ain't!

Three-fourths of the convention's time was taken up in a bewildered and futile endeavor to find a way to shake off the Communist Party's reactionary grip on the FLP, and if we give some space to this, it is only because the convention gave so much time to it.

All thought of hammering out a program for the dispossessed masses of Minnesota was forgotten in the unprincipled struggle for power in the party.

The fight of the rural delegates against the Smith-Seestrom-Soltis machine was sincere but futile. The rural representatives did not know how to fight. They placed faith in people whose program for the FLP is the same as that of the Communist Party; and their attitude towards trade unions was hostile because they simply don't know that the trade union movement of this state is quite different than the Workers Alliance organizations that brought them so much grief at home.

The fight of the top politicians against the Hilliard Smiths was largely an opportunist struggle for power. The programs of the two groups differed in no important essential. Both were pro-war, both were anti-labor.

"The program of the FLP is OK. Stassen won on it. But we want to control the FLP, and not you." This is the level at which the fight was conducted for control of the party.

Needs of Masses Ignored

Meanwhile the actual needs of Minnesota's masses in a very cold and hard world outside the St. Paul auditorium were practically ignored.

There was only one way in which the sincere FLP'ers could have separated the wheat in the party from the chaff. That was through the adoption of a progressive anti-war, anti-New Deal, pro-labor political program which the reactionaries, both of the Communist Party brand and the Lommen brand, couldn't support. A program like that would shake out every union-wrecking, power-grasping commissar, every reactionary skate.

Instead of this, the convention passed a motion to oust members of the Communist Party. Fifty-seven delegates were selected from among the commissars, and questioned. Fourteen of these were refused a seat. All denied membership in the Communist Party. The fourteen were largely unimportant stooges. Even these fourteen, two minutes after their expulsion, were back in the convention, seated and voting as usual! Communists in important posts in the FLP remain untouched.

The irony of the situation was heightened by the announcement Monday of the standing committee set up by the state central committee to enforce the expulsion amendment: the members are Harold Peterson, and Orville Olson and Selma Seestrom. Does one expect policemen to police themselves?

The joke was completed Tuesday night when the Hennepin County Central Committee returned a full slate of Stalinists and their stooges to office.

Attempts at unprincipled expulsions are invariably reactionary and end by being nothing more than futile political gestures.

The only result of the convention time spent on the Communist Party question was an unsuccessful attempt to "get out from under" an adverse public opinion, without changing the watered-down political program which is the basic cause of this adverse opinion.

The politicians were mainly concerned with the thought "How can we dress our windows so we look nicer?" rather than in terms of "How can we get set to DO something for the workers and farmers—how can we adopt a really progressive program that will keep out the Republicans, the Democrats and their Communist Party boosters, how can we make the turn toward a national labor party?"

An index of the blindness of the politicians is found in the fact that those who brought the FLP to its present "dead end" are still speaking and writing proudly about the fact that Governor Stassen and Burnquist campaigned and won on a platform "as liberal as ours."

Retreat Still Further

The tendency to retreat still further prevailed in St. Paul to such an extent that even the traditional formulation "independent political action" was taken out of the constitution!

A resolution condemning the renegade Shipstead was even carefully lost in the shuffle. Instead, that "Farmer-Labor" senator who last week sold a million unemployed down the river by voting for the WPA cut was given a cautious slap on the wrist.

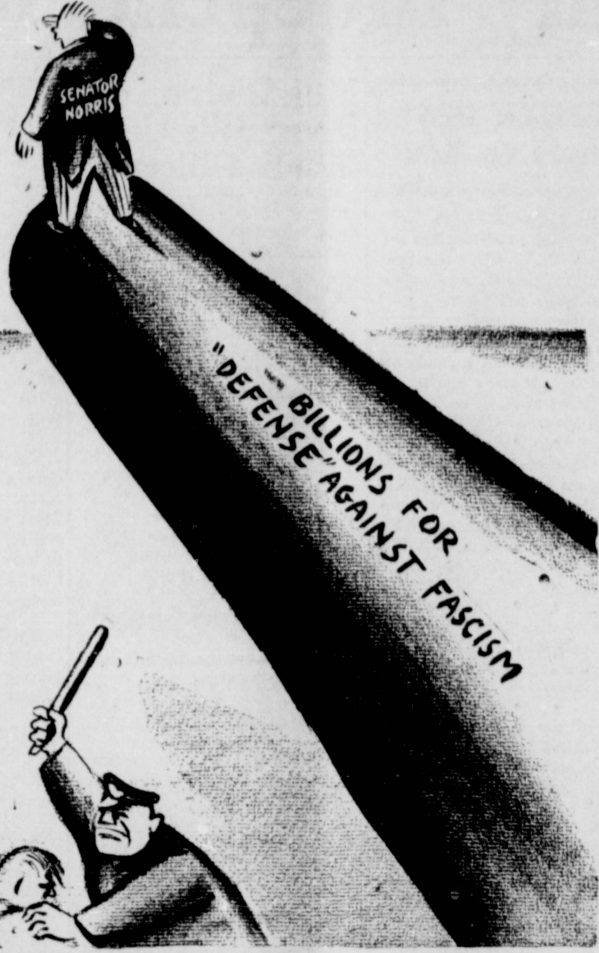
The traditional Farmer-Labor opposition to war was set aside in favor of a meaningless resolution which adds up to a position more conservative than some Democratic and Republican platforms in other parts of the country. Thus did the political grasping hargle for the remnants of their vanishing power—while Rome burns, while the workers, farmers, the youth and aged, the unemployed grope in vain for a program that can inspire them.

Ray of Hope

Yet in the whole black picture of the convention, there is one small ray of hope. The convention DID go on record in favor of proportional representation. It adopted by a vote of 336 to 108 an amendment which eliminates "paper" organizations—Workers Alliance fakes, literary societies, etc.

This amendment opens the door for more direct

Who'll Defend OUR Democracy?



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Last week's CLU election proved that the delegates want program and action—not hot air.

Notice Mr. Mallon!

Omaha truck strikers cut and prepared enough wood in the vicinity to furnish almost all strikers with fuel.

Do not miss the Bakery Drivers Dance this Saturday night. It's going to be in our own hall.

The three-council state set-up of the drivers is ready to do business. A state-wide conference will be called in the middle of February.

It Happened One Night
Last week Bakery Drivers and Laundry Drivers unions met the same night in different halls.

The Laundry Drivers have a non-attendance fine and members present at meetings must sign the attendance roster.

When the attendance records

were examined next morning, it was found that three Bakery Drivers had gone to the meeting, signed the register and sat through the session. Names furnished on request.

Wholesale Drug agreements are ready for signing.

Watch that Federal Youth Section basketball team go to town.

Printed editions of the new 544 by-laws will soon be in the hands of members.

Filling Station Attendants and Helpers continue to forge steadily ahead.

A closed shop agreement for all Denver truckers has strengthened the Omaha situation.

We hear that we are going to be liquidated. If that means a vacation, we'll take it.

arguments of the Omaha Business Men's Association against granting the closed shop.

The bosses are trying to pull that line about "being unwilling to sell out our employes to the union."

In view of the fact that over 90 per cent of the drivers in Omaha are already very much in General Drivers Union Local 554, this pious hypocrisy of the bosses has really stirred the ranks of labor locally, and it is expected that aid for the drivers will be redoubled.

Unemployed Organize
To climax a week of steady achievement, the WPA and relief workers met January 26th in Local 554's hall and voted to form a Federal Workers Section of General Drivers Union Local 554, patterned after the famous Minneapolis FWS.

At a meeting this coming Sunday the new organization will elect permanent officers and get down to the necessary task of improving the abominable relief conditions in Nebraska, "White Spot of the Nation."

We do not commonly find the men of superior sense amongst those of the highest fortune.—JUVENAL.

action by trade unions, the only force that can rescue the Farmer-Labor movement from the grave so industriously prepared for it last week.

Only the trade unions can reform the Farmer-Labor movement into the political movement of the future—a movement for real independent-labor political action, with its policies and leadership shaped by the unions.

Again we say: "The labor party movement in Minnesota, when it comes back, will come back as part of a national labor party, a party with a democratic regime, a party based on the trade unions, a party that has broken cleanly with both old parties, a party that will have the sort of bold answers to the needs of the masses that will win and hold the support of the workers, the farmers, the youth, the middle classes."

If the present trend of the Farmer-Labor Party has completely failed to meet the pressing needs of the workers and farmers, there is some consolation that at least on the strictly economic plane, through the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council, there are hopeful signs that the producers of city and countryside can get together and advance the common aims of both workers and farmers against the common enemy.

544 Members: Eyes Open!

All members of General Drivers Union Local 544 working on platforms are instructed to check all drivers. If a driver doesn't wear a 544 button, ask him why. If any driver should be wearing a fink "Number One" button, call the hall immediately.

Monday at Booth's fishery, a "Number One" driver was caught unloading tubs.

When he was asked for his union identification, he replied, "Why I belong to the Associated Independent Union Local 1!" The fellow seemed to honestly believe he was part of the organized labor movement.

Today he is a member of Local 544.

Let every member of Local 544 become an organizer. See that every eligible driver wears a Local 544 button.

Local 289 Dance a Real Bargain

This Saturday evening, February 4th, the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 is putting on a dance which will probably break all attendance records this winter. For only fifty cents, a couple can dance from nine to one, and enjoy a luncheon and some unusual entertainment that has been arranged by the dance committee.

The 289 Jamboree will be held on the home grounds, in the auditorium at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, and you are all cordially invited.

On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas

The 403's are still coming in and being handled in the best possible way to get results. The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 does not sanction nor tolerate publicity stunts. Each of the executive board members has his job and is expected to carry it out in a business-like manner. The report on 403's given at last week's steward meeting was encouraging and showed the sound sense of our methods. Seven members who had been 403'ed were re-assigned and many more were to receive reconsideration. While other so-called unemployed organizations are planning ways to make their organizations ridiculous, we carry on as usual.

The veterans have at last started an unemployed organization of their own with the support of the FWS and as they grow will find that conditions now existing in the vets relief set-up will change as they show their strength. All veterans are asked to give their support to this worthy cause.

Senator Henrik Shipstead just voted about 11,000 Minnesota men and women out of enough to eat. The Senator will still eat of course, but the workers are going to use their votes to see that he buys his own meals after 1940 when his present term expires.

Shipstead was elected on a Farmer-Labor ticket. Now if he can find time from his many dinner engagements he might look those words up in the dictionary. He will be surprised to learn that they have little connection with Wall Street or Associated Industries.

Gassing With 977

By Jon Conder

Save your copy of the Organizer this week, it contains a copy of the new Working Agreement under which you will be working during the coming year.

Hobby Item—John Gustafson, attendant at the Standard Station, 26th and Chicago Ave., plays hockey with the Village Cafe team.

Cleo Hinrich, who lives at 3028 Cedar Ave., has been ill at his home for several weeks, and is still unable to be on duty at the 27th and Central Ave. Texaco station.

NYA! In other words, the original NYA purpose of providing jobs for unemployed youth is being sacrificed to the military idea of training war pilots and mechanics with NYA funds.

Definite action will be taken at the meeting to prevent the cut from going through. Admission is free and all NYA workers and unemployed youth are urged to attend.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)

feel that there is need, no matter what the suffering, after he gets his multi-billion dollar appropriation for armaments?

After all, the powers that be know that when the war is declared the unemployed will make good cannon fodder. They can go gaily off to their deaths, singing patriotic songs, to make the world "safe for democracy" again. Their blood can be spilled on sterile fields to fertilize it and make it produce more wheat to be plowed under, or corn to feed to more pigs to be killed off and buried.

The Armament Program is supposed to reabsorb a large part of the army of the unemployed into industry. However, most of the men now unemployed have either lost the most part of their skill through long years of no practice, or they are Youth who have never had a chance to learn a trade.

These will be the men mobilized into the army. The skilled workers, the mechanics, the drill press operators, the electricians will be mobilized into the industrial army for the manufacture and transportation of war supplies.

Last Sunday's Tribune reported that two Minneapolis employers went to Washington last week to see to it that this city was not slighted in the granting of war contracts. The report to the Chamber of Commerce stressed the fact that these employers who are anxious to get contracts here are just as much "concerned" for

the employe as for the employ-er."

There are sixty-four Minneapolis industries which have been certified by the War Department to receive contracts for munitions. Incidentally, some time ago the War Department issued nineteen million dollars worth of sample contracts to ten thousand factories throughout the country. They did this, according to the New York Times, in order to allow the factory owners to buy the necessary machinery and to train their personnel for the manufacture of armaments.

Chamberlain has already organized the mobilization of an "Army in Overalls" in England.

In Germany and Italy industry has been mobilized on a wartime scale for several years.

When the explosion comes the United States will be in it. Our Sixty Families have too much at stake for us to stay out.

We say again—ALL ARMA-MENT FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED! NOT ONE CENT FOR THE MILITARIZATION OF THE AMERICAN YOUTH!

544 Youth Lead League Basketball

The 544 Youth basketball team ran its victory string to three last Wednesday night, by whipping the Packard Flyers, 43 to 22. The heavier Flyers quint played a rough game in the hopes of wearing down the 544 boys, but to no avail.

The league leaders, 544 and the 19th Avenue Merchants, will fight it out this Wednesday night, February 1st, in the North High gym. Each team has won three games and lost none.

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 160 General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards — Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 1859 Casket Industry—Feb. 14. J. R. Clark Section—Feb. 15 Puffer-Hubbard Section—Feb. 16 American Excelsior—Feb. 21 Twin City Stewards—Feb. 13 and 27 Grievance Board—Feb. 13 and 27 Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday night, 8 p. m. General Membership—March 1 Executive Board, Local 20481—Feb. 6 General Membership—March 1
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee — Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 544 Wednesday, February 1—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, February 2—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, February 3—Job Stewards Monday, February 6—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, February 8—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, February 10—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, February 13—General Membership Wednesday, February 15—Building Material. Thursday, February 16—Tent & Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, February 17—Job Stewards Sunday, February 19—Over-the-road, 10 A. M. Monday, February 20—Furniture Stores; Coal Thursday, February 23—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug. Tuesday, February 28—Sand and Gravel. Friday, February 24—Col Storage Monday, February 27—Spring Water Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in main office. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards —Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting —On call.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Tuesday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.