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State Drivers Movement Fights WPA Order

On the National Picket Line

Last week President Roosevelt made a plea to the leaders of the AFL and the CIO that they cease their war and come to terms, that there may be peace in the House of Labor.

Roosevelt addressed duplicate letters to the two national leaders of the two warring factions. The only difference in the two letters was in the last paragraphs. In the Lewis letter he pleaded with "my dear John" and in the Green letter he addressed "dear Bill."

Roosevelt stated in a press conference that his decision to appeal to the AFL-CIO leaderships came only after Secretary of Labor Perkins had made an exhaustive study of the situation and had reported to the chief executive that, in her opinion, there was no basic cause for continued hostilities. Secretary Perkins held secret meetings with representatives of both the AFL and the CIO. Father Haas, mediator for the Department of Labor, sat in on the meetings as an observer.

William Green immediately announced that he had appointed his committee, to consist of Harry Bates, president of the Bricklayers Union, Matthew Woll, vice president of the Photo-Engravers, and Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Lewis held up the announcement of his committee until late on Tuesday, February 28. He then announced that his committee would consist of Philip Murray of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and a member of the CIO Executive Council, Sydney Hillman who has headed the Textile Workers Organizing Committee and who is also a member of the CIO Executive, and HIMSLEY.

In his statement to the press William Green stated very firmly that he did not intend that the coming negotiations should in any way change the basic structure of the AFL. The committee which he has appointed will not be couched with authority to either accept or reject any concrete proposals which might come out of the negotiations.

Green also blamed John L. Lewis for the breakdown of the previous "peace" meetings which were conducted early in the winter of 1937. At that time the negotiators had formulated a plan which might have resulted in the union of the two groups. John L. Lewis came into the meeting and vetoed any plan which did not include the immediate chartering, by the AFL, of all of the CIO affiliates, including those organizations which were still in the form of committees—the TWOC, SWOC, PWOC, etc., with all jurisdictional disputes to be ironed out later. The meetings broke off with nothing accomplished.

Lewis' presence on his own committee can mean several things. As the head of the CIO, with his two chief henchmen as his fellow committee members, he can propose and accept any plan which might develop. Green's committee, on the other hand, is not vested with full authority. It is possible that Lewis has de-

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Cab Strikers Win; Independents Sign

The nine-day taxi strike ended last Friday at 4 p. m. when the independent companies—Liberty and Minnesota—signed the same agreement with Cab Drivers Union Local 958 that had been signed previously by Yellow and Terminal. Five minutes after the signing of the agreement, the independent cabs were back on the streets.

The strike against the three independent companies had been called February 15th, after weeks

of negotiations failed to result in a union agreement. The Yellow Cab company signed the 1939 contract on February 10th, and its cabs of course remained on the streets. After three days of the strike, Terminal Cab had signed up, leaving about 100 drivers from the Liberty and the Minnesota companies out on strike.

The cab strike might really be called a "nine-day wonder," in that it was so managed that the

men at work, with their \$1-a-day donations to the strike fund, supported the section of the union on strike. At the end of the struggle there was about \$100 in the kitty.

In 1938, the city's 450 cab drivers were on strike for six weeks before they won, going back to work March 30th.

The 1939 agreement reduces hours from ten to nine daily, and guarantees a weekly salary of \$18 plus 40 per cent of the proceeds over \$45.

Big Oil Firms Losing Control Over Lessees

Attempts of the big oil companies in Minneapolis to retain control over filling station lessees by manipulating their puppets at the head of the Petroleum Retailers Association left the bosses breathing hard this week.

The Committee of Five, appointed by the bosses, and representing lessees of the five major oil companies, announced that over one hundred lessees have already signed up in the Lessees Section of Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977, AFL. As soon as the organization tops the 200 mark, demands of the lessees will be served on all oil companies by Local 977.

Last week executives of the big oil companies went to Chicago to

Attention! All Lessees

The committee of five, chosen recently by the lessees to represent the lessees' section of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council Number 32, has called a special meeting for this Thursday, March 2nd, at 9 p. m., 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

All lessees in the city are urged to attend this meeting, and hear the committee's program to bring substantial improvement to the position of the lessees.

discuss the move of the lessees to join forces with Local 977 and the organized labor movement. It is more than possible that the companies may increase the profit margin to lessees by 1/2c a gallon or so, in an effort to swerve them away from the union.

Should the bosses make this move, the Petroleum Retailers Association will doubtless claim it was due to its pressure, and not to the determination of the lessees themselves to better their conditions by joining Local 977. Anyone familiar with the history of the Association will get a good laugh at the claim the Association could ever win anything from the bosses for the lessees.

Last Tuesday evening the Petroleum Retailers Association called a meeting of all lessees and dealers. Appropriately enough, the meeting was held in the Civic and Commerce building. Cards announcing the meeting attacked Local 977's plan to better the conditions of the lessees, as "unreasonable," and implied that the union was incapable of keeping its promises, which is certainly a downright lie, as hundreds of filling station attendants and tire station men can testify to.

Leaders of the Association spent all their time attacking Local 977, which is really interested in bettering the conditions of the lessees. Association spokesmen didn't say a word about the greedy policies of the companies which keep the lessees on a star-

vation diet. Many lessees today are working 80 and even 90 hours a week, and making so little they cannot hire an attendant to help them. Association leaders are telling the lessees that Local 977 will set the weekly working hours for the lessees.

This is as untrue as everything else claimed by the Association. The lessees themselves, organized into the Lessees Section of Local 977, will decide the conditions under which they will work. Their demands upon the companies will be backed by Local 977, by the powerful teamsters movement and by all of organized labor in Minneapolis.

City, County Unions Meet Next Tuesday

All City and County union executive boards will meet next Tuesday, March 7th, 9 p. m., at the Teamsters headquarters, 257 Plymouth Avenue North, to discuss details of a campaign against the council-manager form of city government that is now being pushed by the Charter Union and other reactionary forces.

Harold Seavey, president of City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 and chairman of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, is in charge of the meeting.

Association Lies

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St. Cloud Takes 3 More from 544

Local 544's bowling team, known in every alley in the Northwest as "the hitless wonders," journeyed to St. Cloud last Saturday for a return engagement with the bowlers from Drivers Union Local 329.

The St. Cloud boys took three games in a row, by 51 pins, two pins and three pins. Earl Fahrenholz led Local 329 with a 562 total. H. Obinger and Robert Wright each rolled 506 for Local 544.

The games were played at the Hotel Spaniol alleys and after the bowling, a very enjoyable banquet was held. Several weeks ago the St. Cloud bowlers came to Minneapolis where they took two out of three games from Local 544.

Boscoe Names Committees For 1939 CLU

Members of the teaming craft unions in Minneapolis were well represented on the regular committees recently named by John Boscoe, president of the Central Labor Union.

Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Joint Council, will serve as chairman of the resolutions committee, other members being John Gearty, Michael Foley, Christ Spears, Eleanor Kitti and Willard Nelson.

Roy Weir will head the grievance committee. Carl Skoglund, president of Local 544, and William Sinnott of the Milk Drivers will serve on this body, as will Walter Hackett, Tom Pierce and Louis Boerbach.

Axel Peterson of the Carpenters is chairman of the credentials committee; John Burmeister of the Fire Fighters heads the constitution committee; and Paul Hendrickson of the Teachers Union was named chairman of the education committee.

Stassen Shows Himself Interested In Jobless Youth -- In a Pig's Eye

Governor Stassen showed his contempt for organized labor and the 150,000 unemployed youth of Minnesota when he gave a delegation representing the Youth Section of the Federal Workers, Local 544, a total of two minutes in which to present the facts on youth unemployment and to discuss the proposals made by the Youth Section to put the jobless youth to work.

In answer to the Youth Section demand that Stassen sponsor an

immediate \$5,000,000 appropriation by the State Legislature to start state wide youth projects at union wages, the Governor's only comment was: "Well, put your proposals in writing and I'll see what I can do about them."

It was evident to all the members of the delegation, which consisted of National Youth Administration workers and unemployed youth, that Stassen's numerous speeches addressed to the youth were just so much hog wash and

Bakery Drivers Unions In Area Meet March 11th

Representatives of Bakery Drivers unions in this area will hold a conference next Saturday, March 11th, at Des Moines, it was announced this week. At a meeting held in Des Moines February 11th, representatives from Bakery Drivers unions in Omaha, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Sioux City, Kansas City, Des Moines and Fort Dodge met and discussed plans for an area bakery drivers' organization embracing unions in Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota and Illinois.

At the earlier conference, Harry DeBoer of Minneapolis was named temporary chairman and Ray Mills of Des Moines, temporary secretary.

The bakery drivers unions aim to establish unions in unorganized territory and to arrive at standard working agreements.

South Dakota Drivers Set up State Council

Watertown, S. D.—Drivers unions from throughout South Dakota met in Watertown on Sunday, February 26th, to lay the basis for a new State Drivers Joint Council. Delegates were present from locals in Aberdeen, Huron, Sioux Falls and Watertown. Rapid City went unrepresented only because of the distance and the uncertain weather.

Aaron E. Kruger, state labor leader, opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates to Watertown. He gave a brief outline of the drivers' movement in South Dakota, and praised the growth of unionism in the industry brought about by the North Central District Drivers Council. Brother Kruger then turned the meeting over to K. E. McCreery, business agent of the Sioux Falls Drivers Union.

Al Russell, recording secretary of the Omaha Drivers Union which has just won a smashing victory over the bosses, gave a vivid report of the 152-day strike. Russell expressed appreciation for the splendid support given Local 554 by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the drivers' locals throughout the area, and the members of the Area Negotiating Committee.

Jack Maloney of Drivers Union Local 383, Sioux City, a member of the Area Committee, reported on the progress of the campaign for an area pact, and told of the aims of the drivers' movement and its present campaign in the Southwest.

McCreery, Phillips Chosen

K. E. McCreery was unanimously chosen chairman of the new State Drivers Council, and Roy Phillips, secretary-treasurer of the Watertown Drivers Union Local 277, was the unanimous choice for secretary.

After it was agreed that each Local should designate a committeeman who would be able to organize quick action when required, a short recess was declared to give delegations a chance to caucus. The following committeemen were chosen: Gerhart Schauer for Aberdeen Local 309; Harvey Schwarm

for Huron Local 239; Roy Phillips for Watertown Local 277; K. E. McCreery for Sioux Falls Local 749.

Will Meet Monthly

A motion carried that each local designate four delegates to attend future meetings of the State Council. The Council will meet the first Sunday of each month, and the meetings will be rotated from Aberdeen, to Huron, Watertown and Sioux Falls.

A plan to fight the proposed reactionary anti-picketing bill was endorsed.

With the Council's business finished, Vice-president Nels O. Norren of the State Federation of Labor spoke, expressing the hope that the carpenters and the drivers could co-operate in meeting places and dates for future meetings. James E. Reed, another vice-president of the State Federation, expressed his satisfaction at the establishment of the Council, and promised his cooperation. All the delegates were glad to see Brother Reed back on the job.

The next meeting will be held Sunday, April 2nd, in Aberdeen.

Vote to Act Against New Truck Hiring Plan

114 Delegates from 29 Drivers' Unions Met in Minneapolis Last Sunday—Sent Committee of Protest to Washington—Ratified AGC Contract and Divided State into Three Drivers' Divisions

One hundred and fourteen delegates from 29 drivers unions in Minnesota met Sunday morning in the headquarters of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council to discuss problems of the state teamsters' movement, including the situation created by the threat of WPA officials to institute on March 15th the competitive bidding system for all truck equipment.

Delegates voted their unanimous disapproval of the WPA threat to reverse the present plan for rental of trucks and teams and approved plans to combat the scheme. Monday afternoon a committee consisting of one representative from each drivers' union in the state met with WPA State Administrator L. C. Grotzbach in St. Paul to protest the new order.

Early this week a committee of three representing the state drivers' movement, accompanied by Curt Zander, leader of the Independent Truck Owners section of Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544, left for Washington where they will voice to national WPA administrators their unalterable opposition to the competitive bid system.

Approve State AGC Pact

After ratifying the plan of action against the WPA order, delegates turned to the Associated General Contractors union agreement and the plan to divide the state into three districts for purposes of consolidating the drivers' movement, extending organization and enforcing agreements.

The Associated General Contractors agreement was formally approved by the delegates.

The project for setting up three drivers' divisions in Minnesota, centering in the Teamsters Joint Councils in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the Twin Ports (Duluth and Superior) was also ratified and the geographical lines of demarcation approved.

3 Districts Defined

Under the plan, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will have responsibility for the northwestern section of the state running up to the Canadian border (including St. Cloud, Brainerd and Willmar); the St. Paul Teamsters Council will lead the area in southern Minnesota; and the Twin Ports Council will guard the northeastern portion.

In order to meet the expenses of carrying out this plan, drivers' unions outside the three metropolitan areas will pay a monthly per capita of 5c to their respective Teamsters Joint Council.

Sunday's meeting in Minneapolis was conducted in a most business-like manner, accomplishing a vast amount of work during the six hours the union representatives were in session. Miles Dunne acted as chairman, and Arnold Schoenecker of St. Paul Drivers Union Local 120 was secretary. The meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

Following the report by the financial secretary, and Don Penwell's report on the Central Labor Union, James Bartlett gave the business agent's report. The meeting was most enthusiastic, and the officers plan to have each regular membership meeting as well-attended in the future.

John Boscoe, president of the Central Labor Union, was unable to appear at Tuesday's meeting because of a previous engagement. Bob Cramer, editor of the Labor Review, will talk at the next regular meeting of Local 20316 to be held March 28th.

B. F. Nelson Pact Ready to Present

Members of the B. F. Nelson Section of the Warehouse Union met last Saturday, February 25th, to complete the draft for a new working agreement. Another meeting has been scheduled for next Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m. to fill in minor details.

The present agreement expires March 31st, and the union expects to open negotiations immediately.

Keller Says No, Union Says Yes, Keller Says Yes

Some weeks ago the Keller Manufacturing company, 501 Huron Street S. E., threatened to move out of town rather than sign another working agreement with Furniture Workers Union Local 1859. Last Thursday the company signed the 1939 agreement, calling for the preferential shop, strict seniority, and a five cent straight hourly wage increase for the dozen or so workers involved.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

N. W. Drug Pact Brings Same Pay For Fewer Hours

Below is the text of the new Northwestern Drug company pact signed February 6th by General Drivers Union Local 544. The contract increases the paid vacation period from one week to two, shortens hours with no decrease in pay, and covers about 100 workers. The agreement expires December 21st, 1939.

THE NORTHWESTERN DRUG COMPANY and GENERAL DRIVERS AND HELPERS UNION LOCAL NO. 544 AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I
The above-named Union is recognized as the collective bargaining agency for its members employed in the warehouse and delivery service of the Northwestern Drug Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.
The company agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with its employees individually or collectively which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE III.
The regular work week shall be eight (8) hours and the work week shall be a maximum of forty-five (45) hours, except that the work week for truck drivers shall be a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours. Over-time shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all hours in excess of the regular work day and the regular work week, except that double time shall be paid for all work done on Sundays, New Year's Day, Decoration Day, Armistice Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Time to be computed from the time clock. There shall be no split shifts. Truck drivers are to start work not later than nine-thirty (9:30) A. M. Other employees shall start work not later than eight-thirty (8:30) A. M.

ARTICLE IV.
The minimum rate of pay shall be as follows:
Foreman — .75 per hour
Shipping and receiving clerks — .75 per hour
Checkers and stock men — .70 per hour
Assistant Shipping and Receiving Clerks — .65 per hour
Order pickers, floor men, truckers and packers — .60 per hour
Unskilled floor men — .55 per hour
Buy out boys — .40 per hour
Truck drivers — .70 per hour
Employees receiving more than the above minimum in any classification shall not have their pay reduced.

ARTICLE V.
Employees who have been in the service of the company for a period of one year or longer shall receive two weeks' vacation with pay according to the rate set forth above for their classification or work.

ARTICLE VI.
Seniority rights shall prevail. In the application of seniority, however, ability to do the work shall determine. The senior men shall have first preference on the job. The oldest man on the job from point of service shall be given the regular jobs and shall be provided full time work, if work is available. Extra men, if they can be reached, shall be given in time accordance with their seniority right and their seniority rights. In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate cause, the last man hired shall be the first man laid off, and in returning men to work, the last man laid off shall be the first man rehired. New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after thirty (30) days of continuous employment by any one firm, provided, however, that extra men shall have preference over any new employees who may be hired. Proof of drunkenness, the use of drugs, dishonesty or repeated negligence in the performance of duty shall be considered grounds for discharge. A man must prove his ability to handle his work in an efficient manner in order to hold his job.

ARTICLE VII.
There shall be no strike or lock-out during the period of this agreement resulting from differ-

ences of opinion over the interpretation of or adherence to its terms and provisions. If such a controversy should arise which cannot be settled directly by the Union and the employer involved, it shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration consisting of two (2) representatives of the Union and two (2) representatives of the employer, and if these four (4) cannot agree they shall designate a neutral fifth person to act as chairman. The decision of this Board of five shall be final and binding upon all parties concerned. In the event that the employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other union, it is agreed that the representatives of Local No. 544 will consult with the employers' committee and use every means to reach an amicable settlement before calling a sympathetic strike.

ARTICLE VIII.
It is understood that new employees may serve a probationary period of sixty (60) days during which time they may be discharged without cause, provided, however, that such workers shall receive the minimum rate of pay as provided for in Article IV. of this agreement. At the end of the sixty (60) days such probationary workers shall receive the rate of pay provided for in the classification to which they belong.

ARTICLE IX.
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.

ARTICLE X.
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.

ARTICLE XI.
This agreement shall be in full force and effect from December 21, 1938 to and including December 21, 1939.

Sioux City 383

By Don Casper

Special meeting was held Sunday, February 19. Sid Jarrett was elected recording secretary, and Lawrence Whipple was elected chairman of the Transfer section.

On Monday night at five-thirty Bob Lester broke his good record by washing dishes for the first time.

Breczy Sherman, 225-pound kitchen police, says no eating between meals, but we notice he's always eating.

Saturday afternoon the boys from Casper Transfer met and settled their seniority rights.

The boys that stand on street corners and voice their opinions on union affairs, should come to the meetings and do their squawking there. If the shoe fits wear it.

Tuesday is bank day at all the theaters but up to the Union hall all that is heard is "Brother can you spare 16c?"

The boys have been out every day peddling bills for the committee opposing the City Manager Plan.

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3 Bowling Teams Bunched in 2nd Place—544 Wins

Well, well—the bowlers from General Drivers Local 544 turned on the league-leading Ice Drivers this Monday, to take two games. The defeat didn't topple Local 221 from its throne, however. R. Hedin and Bill Sinnott, with 561 and 508, respectively, led Local 544 to victory.

The Soft Drinks took the odd game from the Gold Bubble. Murphy had 546 and Curran, 563. Richardson's 630 led the night's scoring, but Liberty Cab still lost a pair to the Bakery Drivers. Minkins scored a double win over the Meat Drivers.

Happy days are here again with Toby and Bill Swensen all bound round with apron strings, leading the luteska at Norway Hall last Saturday night. Yumpin Yimminy, you shoulda been there. John Johnson squeezed out some red hot sizzlers on his accordian that made the old arteries tingle and raised such a fever that some of us missed our dream-boat.

Henry Cy Paulson, whose genial personality we have so much missed these last few days, has been confined to his home with a severe cold. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Brother Paulson. You can't keep a good man down.

Art Veit, the old dirt farmer from Hamel, Minnesota, was a visitor at the J. R. Clark plant Friday. Art worked at the plant until about a year ago and it was a pleasure to see him again.

Has everyone seen Harold Bruh-jell's new stream-lined air conditioned lunch kit? He claims it's the thing for limburger cheese. Just the other day Harold bought himself a crescent wrench and a tool box so if anybody is willing to donate some tools they are not using he would appreciate it very much. He figures he should have something to carry around in the new tool box.

George Fletcher of the machine shop met up with a little sick spell which kept him at home a few days last week.

A last minute report from the Northwestern hospital says Joe Gurek is getting along very well. The hospital is at 2647 Chicago Ave. We all miss you, Joe.

Anybody wishing information on how to ski should get in touch with Frank Gavere.

The old saying that every cloud has a silver lining may be bunk to some people but not to Ray Taylor.

Roll them bones but roll 'em after 4:30 or else.

Tramp, tramp, tramp the boy is marching. Rupert Engler of the Cleland company went to Zimmerman, Minnesota, last week and got snowed in. Had to leave his car with relatives and mush three miles through the drifts to catch a bus. Woe in the snow.

Call for Charlie McCarthy. Joe "Snaz" Novak, alias the Umbrella Man, got a silver up his nose last week. "That shows I use my head in my work," says he.

Oh! The vicissitudes of life which beset the path of Bill Maple, or how come a man can't dump water in the paste bucket no more? Who says he can't eh, Bill?

When the cotton crop failed, the ignorant slaves used to sing, "Glory, Hallelujah, there ain't gwine to be any work." Poor benighted heathens, they didn't appreciate the blessings of "plenty of work." Work or no work, their owners would give them food, clothing and shelter. We don't starve a valuable horse just because we haven't got anything for it to do. Do we?

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WPA Workers in New Jersey Set Up New Organization

What is left of the Workers Alliance staggered on to oblivion last week after eight locals, representing three-fourths of the membership of the Workers Alliance in Essex County, New Jersey, withdrew and set up a new organization, the Workers Relief and WPA Union.

The phony company-union policies and leadership of the Alliance were bitterly attacked in a Declaration of Independence adopted by the unemployed. "For too long," said the jobless of the Workers Alliance leaders, "they have answered the demands of the rank-and-file for a program of action that will help fight unemployment with orders for us to send postcards, telegrams and letters..." The inadequacy of this program has resulted only in more relief cuts, more WPA layoffs, more hunger and misery. It is now time for us to act.

Crack at Lasser
The infamous remark of David Lasser's that the Congressional appropriation of \$725,000,000 was "a 90% victory for the unemployed" was scathingly criticized. According to Lasser himself, the appropriation means a layoff of two million WPA workers by June 30 unless more money is appropriated.

What is really needed, says the new Workers Relief and WPA Union, is action against Washington, the kind of militant job marches that the unemployed organizations used to conduct.

For Labor Party
"For too long," said a resolution for a labor party, "they (the Communist Party leaders of the Workers Alliance) have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of deals with all kinds of discredited politicians. This reached its climax in the last elections when the Workers Alliance of New Jersey endorsed a company union lawyer for Congress and when all the congressmen whom they had supported voted in the House of Representatives against the inadequate \$875,000,000 appropriation in favor of the still worse \$725,000,000. We have always stood for an independent labor party. No longer shall be tools for lying politicians.

War Funds to Unemployed
On the question of war, the New Jersey unemployed state: "It is not the business of an unemployed organization to call for larger and larger appropriations for war, planes, cannon, guns, as was done at the February 4th Workers Alliance convention; it is rather our duty to call for the diversion of all war funds to the unemployed to be used for relief, for WPA, for an adequate housing program. We want money to save human lives, not to kill them. We want to see houses built, not blown up, to see roads, hospitals and schools constructed, not destroyed. We do not intend to accept the war-mongering policies of the Communist Party."

In American justice it is more dangerous to be known as a radical thinker than to be known as a crook.—NORMAN THOMAS.

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We ought to rename Carl Olson the Franklin Bowler as Reverend Olson because he prays as he bowls.

Here is a word we might as well be "wised up" on now, Homogenized milk or soft curd milk. A city ordinance has just been passed to permit its sale in this city. Already in the east this type of milk is extensively sold. The milk is driven by centrifugal force through a machine which dissolves all solids, fat globules, etc. Hence, this milk is more easily digested, is a better food for babies and will show no cream line in the bottle, even after standing. Its introduction here will beat down the sale of condensed milk.

We are glad to see Ed Haugen back at work again.

On Tuesday, March 7, Local 471 will elect by ballot a negotiating committee to handle the contracts which expire on May 12. We urge every member to attend this meeting and elect a committee which can go out and "go to town" for you.

This column would like to know why members of long standing, lots of negotiating experience, and a complete understanding of present conditions, "decline" the honor of being on our negotiating committee?

Here is an addition to the by-laws covering our retirement fund. A member who was on withdrawal card on or before the day of its establishment, must work twelve consecutive months at the craft and fulfill all of the regular requirements of the retirement fund, in order to obtain the same.

George Askin appreciated his baby girl, we know, but so far there have been no cigars to back up this appreciation.

Buzza Workers Meet March 9

A meeting of Buzza workers will be held next Thursday, March 9th, at 8 p. m. in the union hall, to hear the report of the committee chosen to draft provisions for a new agreement. All Buzza employees are instructed to attend this meeting.

I would steal before I would starve.— DANIEL WILLARD, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

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WPA Hands Raw Deal to Non-Citizens

The meeting of the Sewing Project Section of Local 544's Federal Workers Section held Tuesday, February 28th, was well-attended, with discussion revolving around the recent lay-offs for eligibility to Aid to Dependent Children, and the citizenship affidavits which are now being circulated to all WPA workers.

Today if a WPA worker is unable to state definitely he is a citizen, he is immediately fired. Many workers do not know whether they are citizens. Many who have always assumed themselves full-fledged citizens are now finding that they have lost their rights, through some technicality.

Last July the WPA asked that all workers file for citizenship. Most of the workers took out their first papers at this time. They cannot procure their second papers for at least two years.

Now WPA says that no one is a citizen who does not possess his second papers.

Good Record on 403s
It was reported at the Tuesday meeting that the Federal Workers Section has succeeded in reinstating almost all of its members who were 403'd because of supposed eligibility to Aid to Dependent Children.

All members of the Federal Workers Section who have problems involving citizenship, ADC, Old Age Assistance, or Direct Relief, are urged to come to the FWS office at 257 Plymouth Avenue North for aid. Members of all unions may also avail themselves of the services of the FWS.

When Christians pray: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth," they are, consciously or unconsciously, praying for radical changes in capitalism. No sane person could possibly mistake the present system of competitive individualism for the Family of God on earth.—KIRBY PAGE.
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Furniture Workers Council Starts to Organize Unemployed

The Council Sets up a Federal Workers Unemployed Section in Stevens Point, Wisconsin

The new North Central District Council Federal Workers Unemployed Section, projected last December 17th at the Oshkosh convention of the District Council of Furniture and Wooden Ware Workers Unions, set up its first section last week at Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Forty WPA and unemployed workers in Stevens Point have already signed up in the Federal Workers Unemployed Section, and, according to John Janasco, Council organizer, it is more than likely that the Section will embrace about 400 workers shortly.

Heads of the local Central Labor Union are backing the Unemployed Section enthusiastically, and are lending their services as speakers to the organizational campaign. The Section has its offices in the Central Labor Union hall, 503 Main Street.

The unemployed face miserable conditions in Stevens Point. WPA workers receive a maximum of \$44 for an 88-hour month. Direct relief conditions are bad. There is no standard budget and many families are discriminated against.

Joerns Firm Organized

In addition to aiding in the formation of the Stevens Point Federal Workers Unemployed Section, Janasco has been active in organizing the workers at the Joerns Brothers Furniture company into Furniture Workers Union Local 1805. The campaign started February 1st, and already about 90 per cent of the 135 eligible workers are enrolled in the union. A union agreement has been drawn up, ratified by the men, and presented to the boss.

One meeting was held with the company last Tuesday. Hoping to avert signing with Local 1805, Joerns called a Safety Meeting for all his employees Tuesday night, though Local 1805 had scheduled a meeting for that night. Union officials advised all the workers to attend the meeting and to refrain from balloting if a vote were taken for and against the union.

Beer, Lies Served Free

Joerns, plant owner, and the superintendent, were present at the Safety Meeting, where free beer was served. A lot of lies about the union were spread and a vote taken. Thirty-four voted against the union, 31 for, and 19 abstained from voting. Thirty-five workers who are all union members had been laid off a few days earlier and were not permitted to vote. After the Safety Meeting broke up at the plant, the workers came to the union hall, endorsed the union's program to complete the organization of the plant, and expressed their determination to win a union agreement.

The following night, the company laid off 125 workers, leaving only eight employees on the job. The company announced the engine had broken, and the plant would be closed ten days for repairs. Local 1805 is demanding abolition of the gouging "minute speed-up system" of payment, strict seniority and wage increases.

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With the Limousines

By Home James

Before I forget the important news; our good friend, Joe F., is back from the trip down south and you should see how swell Joe looks. Joe met one of the organizers for the Brewery Workers Union and he sure has some very good news to tell all the members at the next meeting.

Of course, I hate to remind you all, but the March DUES are now being received by the Stewards and Jerry Cremers, so please govern yourselves accordingly, and PAY YOUR DUES.

One of our members has received a nice letter from the west coast and our president, Eskild N., is feeling fine and taking in a lot of good union news. From our grapevine we hear that he may return the latter part of March. Hurry back, Eskild, we would all like to hear the latest from Tom M.

Don't tell us you didn't attend the dance we gave at the south side auditorium last Tuesday. Well, boy, you sure missed something as everyone we talked to said they had the best time of any dance they have ever attended.

We all wish to thank Mel J. for his handling of the dance and all the tickets and refreshments. Don't any of you gents get the idea it is an easy task as we know some of the work that had to be done to put the dance over.

We also want to thank all the members who helped sell so many tickets and all the members who went to their friends and got all the donations.

We had a chance to attend the dance for a minute or two and did I see some swell dancers? Names will be omitted here, but boy, some of them "children" sure can throw a "mean boot."

Well boys and girls, here is news: I ran across the "man" and the big dog out on Park Ave. the

Dubuque Teamios Invite Mooney to Speak



Above is shown a portion of the 400 members of the Dubuque, Iowa, Drivers Union Local 421, which has just voted to ask Tom Mooney, labor martyr and former rebel, to speak in Dubuque. Local 421 has also gone on record opposing any change in the NLRB.

Ruberoid Pact Being Readied For Presentation

With the present working agreement between the Warehouse Union and the Ruberoid company expiring on March 31st, the union has called a special meeting of Ruberoid workers for Friday, March 3rd, at 8 p. m. in the union hall, to discuss provisions of the new pact to be presented to the company.

All Ruberoid workers are instructed to attend this meeting without fail.

other day, and the dog was riding not pulling the snow plow. I bet you can't guess who it is.

Do you notice the name on the back of the dance tickets, our good friend, Al Friedlund, Plymouth and Washington North, donated all the tickets.

We all wish to thank the following firms for the donations they gave to us to make our dance one of the outstanding events of the season:

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Our president, Eskild N., sent Jerry Cremers and the membership a telegram the day of the dance, which was read and appreciated by all.

Again thanking each and every member and firm for the cooperation they gave us in putting our dance over, we remain as ever, lonesome, tired, and hungry, we're now going to have cats.

P. S. Attend next meeting sure, March 7, 1939.

Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig

Certainly the toughest word in the world for ITO last Tuesday night was "contract." Since the start of the WPA in 1935 we have had enough trouble with the administration's downtown engineers in negotiations for wages and hours and job grievances. Just at the point where we had flattered ourselves that we were finally reaching some sort of stability for our jobs at least as long as the projects were in operation we find this sour apple of "competitive bidding" tossed in our midst. Here is a review of the important events:

One week ago last Saturday P. R. Johnson, our voucher specialist, honored us with his presence at an interview in St. Paul to explain the cause and conditions for competitive bidding. We were told very firmly and graciously just how necessary this procedure for hiring trucks had become and how easy it would be for us to go along. Our objections were made, but fell on deaf ears. They refused to listen to our fears that we would have the same kind of bedlam as in 1935 with dealers' salesmen and out-of-towners and fleet owners all climbing on the band wagon. Afterwards all the members of the committee expressed the opinion that this setup is just a merry-go-round made to order for the contractors with their fleets to help break down the wage scales (and with that the ITO) and our rural truckers along with even our own weak sisters will be right behind them.

Faced with this responsibility your Ways and Means committee started the ball rolling through Local 544. A meeting Monday with the WPA executive further convinced us that we were up against some strong influences behind the state administration. Wednesday, we met with the executive board of the union and received their promise of action. That night, letters were drafted to be sent to the city council, the park board, school board, and county commissioners. Our state legislators and national representatives in Congress also were sent communications informing them of this threat to our jobs.

Naturally, very little about how to handle these bids can be said in this column. By the time you receive this edition of the Organizer all of you will have participated in a discussion of our position at our regular meeting. What action to take will be suggested then.

As a final word we expect to hold the largest meeting of the ITO in our history. We are looking for everyone to attend whether in or out of the union, delinquent or otherwise. Furthermore, we feel sure that everyone, before leaving Thursday night, will bring his standing in the union to a satisfactory condition. With a solid organization to fight for our jobs, we cannot be beaten.

TAXI TOPICS

By Carly and Lunde

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Esther Woodruff. She was the mother of Arthur Woodruff, dispatcher for the Y. C. Co.

We have a lot of men and members of their families in sick-bay this week but are glad to report that Messrs. William Johnson and Keinetz are back on the treadmill after a tussle with old man pneumonia.

Lent and warm weather caused this week's bookings to sag a little.

Ray Rainbolt lit the "peace pipe" by the council fire and everything is quiet in the wigwams.

"Ace-pitcher" Wenell, while making a necessary (to him) purchase at an east-side bar, lost a coin in one of those ah . . . e-e receptacles so useful to the tobacco chewing fraternity; now "Russ" insists it isn't any worse than to drop it in a slot machine.

Victor Severson gets around all right; while driving nights he was sent out to the sticks and got a passenger, a bag and a hunk of turkey to eat. We think it deserves honorable mention that true to our tradition he ate first and then got his fare to the train on time. Perhaps he came on the day shift to reduce, how about it, "Turkey"?

In regards to the fuel consumption and motor idling bulletin; there's a certain finesse in finding the "soft spot" in these motors where the shock-periodicity of loose rods and timing chain is taken up, leaving a relatively quiet engine, and believe us mile mongers it's quite a few tachometer revs. above slow idling.

Run of the week: Bill Saunders took a fare to Mankato, booking thirty-five bucks for the shift. Bet he didn't get home for supper that night.

"Snazzy" Powers and Charley Miller point with pride at the Northwest Airlines' new Douglas D.C.3 twenty-one passenger ships. They rightfully claim when they started taking out passengers to the field they were using the smaller Lockheedes. The boys hope the next one will be a Zepppelin.

"Big-Noise" Tripp must be saving up for some tackle to go with his good fishing reel. He worked awfully hard last week and saves three cents by reading the paper in his favorite coffee kitchen, but he's gonna get that big one that got away.

ORDER STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN District Court, Fourth Judicial District.

In the Matter of the Trust Created by the Last Will and Testament of Mary Amelia Jackson. To Viola C. Hanna, Theodore Richard Hanna, Evelyn Farver, and the Trustee of the Trust created as above: VS. HEREBY ORDERED That at a Special Term of the above named Court, to be held at the Court House, in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, on the 28th day of March, 1939, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, the matter of the instructions pertaining to the investment of Forty-five Hundred (\$4500) Dollars in Baby Government Bonds and the application to the Court for instructions in the administration of the Trust, in the payment to Viola C. Hanna the sum of Fifty (50) Dollars per month from the 24th day of September, 1934, and for instructions as to whether said Viola C. Hanna has forfeited her rights to payment under said Will by reason of a contest begun therein, and the matter as to whether Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for Judgment in said instructions shall be confirmed, and the matter of the Annual Account of the Trustee ending September 29, 1937, and the matter of the Allowance of the Annual Account of the Trustee ending January 1, 1939 will be taken up at said Hearing, and for the settlement of an allowance therefor.

It is further ordered that if there are any objections to said matters, that you appear and make the same at the Hearing thereof, or be forever barred. That notice of this Hearing shall be made by publishing it one time in the Northwest Organizer at least twenty days before the date of such Hearing, and by mailing a copy of this Order to each party and interest at their last known address at least ten days before the date of such Hearing. Dated at Minneapolis, Minnesota this 14th day of February, 1939.

BY THE COURT: VINCE A. DAY, Judge EARL J. LYONS, Attorney for Petitioner 202 Civic & Commerce Building Minneapolis, Minnesota. Published in Northwest Organizer March 2, 1939.

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By A. M. Ogren

Next Meeting: Wholesale Drivers meet Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p. m. sharp.

I would like to make a correction on my last week's report of the dance receipts which should have been \$140.60 instead of \$260.40 as reported. I only wish they were \$260.

Streamlined beauty shop advertisement: "We get in your hair but make you like it."

Another advertising oddity: The Minneapolis Honeywell is located between 27th and 28th on Fourth Avenue and have no buildings south of 28th street and their address in the directory is 2753 4th Ave. Yet, and here's the topper, for TEN years that I know of, the ads they have carried in the Saturday Evening Post have been 2803 Fourth Ave. S. Check up if you don't believe it.

George Brown is the Skee Ball champ around here, having run high score last week at Friedlund's and winning a quart of the best giggle soup on the bar, which nobody has seen since she got it.

Here's what happens under a Fascist set-up: Goering, Economics Director of Germany, has increased hours from eight to ten a day, and believe you me, the worker hasn't a chance of protesting. If he does, blooey, into the concentration camp he goes.

Joe and Harry had another round with the bakery operators last Tuesday but as yet have nothing to report.

It looks very much like the inevitable will happen. Several members have been talking about another dance and the first Saturday after Easter has been tentatively set as the date. Let's have your opinion on this. The next dance will have three excellent vaudeville acts plus the dance and lunch. Bigger and better, that's us.

Talk about your turnout for a general meeting! Last Thursday was one of the best I've ever seen. I wonder if the lunch and refreshments didn't have something to do with it? Seriously, though, it cost the local about \$80 but was worth every penny of it. We had coffee, beer, pop, popcorn, four kinds of sandwiches, pickles and herring (there's a noble fish for you). Did you see the boys go through that barrel of herring? You might think you were at Norway Hall. After the meeting some of the members played bridge or something while others gathered around and sang to the sweet accompaniment of Luke Almich at the piano. Again we offer our thanks to Mrs. Joe O'Hare and Leonard and Mrs. Hagen for their swell cooperation in putting up the refreshments.

Step right up, folks. Right this way. Only one dime. Ten cents. The tenth part of a dollar. That's what you'll hear Al Mason, Zinsmaster member of Zurrah Temple's drum corps, shouting, down at the Shrine Circus this week.

Draw New Pact For McMillan Fur

A pact has been presented by the Warehouse Union to the McMillan Fur and Wool company, covering wage and hour provisions for the coming year. The pact will take the place of the contract which expires March 8th. Negotiations are scheduled to start early next week. All workers employed by this company are members of the union.

Watt Notes

Don't forget the Ladies' Auxiliary card party this Saturday night, 8 p. m., at 23rd and Washington Ave. North.

Tickets are twenty-five cents. If you have not got your tickets yet, you may obtain them at the door. Lunch will be served. Come with your friends and have a good time—you may win a prize.

Several of the boys have used part of their back pay to pay up their union dues in advance. It's better to feed the goose than to kill it to see where the golden eggs come from.

Who is the older? W. Carrol or his son?

Brother Caldwell is laid up at home. Hurry up and get well, Judd. We miss your congenial smile.

Brother Edwards of the Trouble Department is in the "Vets" hospital.

The boys at Riverside want to know when "Hosey" became "Haey."

Don't forget to keep the evening of April 22nd open.

Brother Harry Axtell is confined to his home with a lame back (after being married Saturday, February 25th) caused while dancing, says Harry.

We understand Ed (call me Chief) Peters of the trouble board is threatening to reduce. Going on a pork chop diet, eh Chief?

"The Citadel" is a movie you should not miss. The story of a young doctor and the evils of the modern medical profession, particularly as regards fee-splitting and intolerance. Particularly interesting at this time, now appearing at the neighborhood theaters.

Mr. G Man with the black box was at Chestnut this week. Watch your tin lunch cans, boys. He is apt to drill 'em.

Be seeing you all Saturday night at the Auxiliary card party.

He's selling peanuts all week and can be seen any night down there tossing bags right and left for those little round shiny dimes.

Speaking of Masonic orders, a fellow said the other night that it was so cold up in New Hampshire the other day that 32nd degree Masons went down 10 degrees! Pretty cold, pretty cold.



What Club, Dan? Schmidt's City Club, always. Rob. It's Good Beer's middle name. My wife always has a case in the house.

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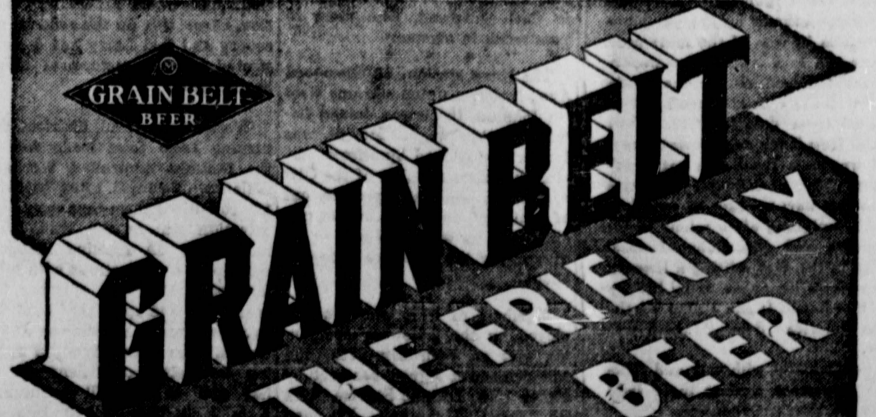
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevick
I'm Labor.

Who Builds Minneapolis?

For some time now the local daily newspapers have been publicizing a vicious campaign being conducted by a couple of clergymen and the grand juries, a campaign that has everyone living outside the city limits believing that Minneapolis is infested with gangsters, racketeers and lords of the underworld, and that gambling and vice are openly flourishing and threatening the morals of every man, woman and child who sets foot in this sinful community. The Associated Industries does its bit to smear the city by sending its lying spokesmen out into the rural communities to spread whopping stories about the terrorism of organized labor.

There is more to this campaign than just the desire of a few sky pilots and public officials for publicity, or the desire of the newspapers to boost their circulation with constant "scare" headlines about crime waves that don't exist.

This whole "Smear Minneapolis" campaign being conducted by the local "patriots" is an effort to lay the basis for a movement to foist the reactionary city-manager form of government upon Minneapolis. There is hardly a city in the North Central area today that isn't facing agitation for the autocratic council-manager plan. Duluth, Sioux City and other Iowa towns, and now Minneapolis—everywhere the reactionary forces are attempting to saddle the cities with this form of government and everywhere organized labor is fighting such attempts.

The newspapers, the mayor, the organized bosses and a few of the preachers would have the people in this area think that Minneapolis is the pest spot of the nation. They spread this lie to prepare the ground for their council-manager plan. Organized labor wants to spike this shameful lie. Organized labor says Minneapolis is a Union Town, and hence a good place for an honest worker to live in and raise his family.

Free Speech for Whom?

Last Wednesday the Minneapolis Tribune in its editorial "The Bund and Free Speech" laid down a dangerous piece of fakery that cannot go unchallenged by organized labor. The long editorial dealt with the Fascist meeting in Madison Square Garden the previous Monday, which the Tribune correctly estimated was a matter of great national importance.

Who do you think appeared as the hero of the Bund meeting, to the Tribune editorialist? Of all people, Mayor LaGuardia—because he permitted the Fascists to meet and furnished them with police protection. LaGuardia was a hero, don't you see, because "he stood for tolerance against a background of intolerance." He showed a thrilling solicitude that "the rights of free speech and free assembly" should be observed.

At the outset, let us say that no one has a better right to speak solicitously of free speech than has a boss newspaper. The Minneapolis Tribune is a member of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association that campaigns against the unionization of newspaper employees under the slogan of defense of free speech.

With LaGuardia the hero of the Bund meeting, it is a simple matter to pick the villain. The villain is the 50,000 workers who demonstrated outside Madison Square Garden against the Fascists.

"Outside, milling in the street, there was another sort of intolerance which would have gagged the Bund and sent it packing home," is the way the Tribune puts it. The Tribune thinks it is "boorish and ill-bred" of the New York workers to demonstrate their hatred of the Fascists.

After all, the Fascists only want to smash and prohibit every trade union, every workers' organization. The Fascists only want to deprive us of our right to free speech, free assembly, free press, the right to organize, to strike, to picket. The Fascists only want to send the Jew back to the Ghetto, to deprive the Catholics and Protestants of the right to worship as they see fit.

So the "boorish" New York workers showed their intolerance of Fascism by demonstrating against the Fascist rats.

Three cheers for such intolerance, we say. But let's see just what a dirty swindle the Tribune is trying to put over as it poses as the champion of "pure" free speech and democracy.

LaGuardia—or rather 1,700 of his cops—protected the Fascists in their "right to free speech." The Tribune thinks this is fine and says so.

But while the cops were protecting the Fascists' right to speak, they were denying the right of free speech and assembly to the anti-Fascists.

The Tribune doesn't speak of this. But honest people do—honest people have called attention to LaGuardia's policy that brought police protection for Fascists and police clubs for anti-Fascists.

The day after the Madison Square meeting, James T. Farrell, well-known novelist, sent a letter to the mayor protesting the police brutality.

Farrell asked LaGuardia: "Why was an anti-Fascist demonstration broken up in front of the Rivoli Theatre at 49th and Broadway between ten-thirty and eleven o'clock last night while the Fascist meeting of the German-American Bund at Madison Square Garden was protected by cordons of policemen, not to mention an army of uniformed storm troopers who did police duty inside of the meeting?"

"In front of the Rivoli Theatre, I saw policemen slugging two helpless demonstrators who were at their mercy. . . . One of these men was lying helpless on the sidewalk, crying out that his leg was injured, an expression of pain on his face. The other one, trapped by several policemen, and obviously only trying to defend himself, was brutally punched by a detective. On 49th Street, around the corner and just east of Broadway, there were other demonstrators, most of them youths, with bruised

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heads and faces, and young girls screaming hysterically. "Why was this? What principle of democracy was upheld when one group was permitted to meet at 49th Street and Eighth Avenue, and another suppressed by force at 49th and Broadway?"

"Citizens of New York were treated to the following policy by the authorities: police protection for Fascists, police clubs for anti-Fascists. Why?"

"These events were reminiscent of pre-Fascist Italy and pre-Fascist Germany. In these countries, the democratic authorities also conferred the benefits of police protection on Fascists, and the benefits of police power on anti-Fascists. . . ."

The conduct of LaGuardia and his police remind Farrell of the period in Europe before the Fascists took power. And the editorial in the Tribune reminds us of the tripe put out by the German boss newspapers—liberal and conservative—before Hitler came to power. In Germany too, the boss papers quoted Voltaire and praised the German republic for permitting freedom of speech to the fascists. But that didn't keep Hitler and his barbarous hordes from coming to power and smashing the unions and making that country a hell on earth for the toilers.

After all, the boss newspapers haven't much at stake in the fight against Fascism. Why shouldn't they praise the cops for protecting the Fascist rats and condemn the anti-Fascist workers who demonstrate against the Fascists, as "intolerant boors"? with no regard for "free speech"?

The German boss papers who spoke out before 1933 for the right of free speech to the Fascists are still in business under Hitler. Today these same papers and their editors defend his right to torture and murder all who disagree with his bloody plans.

The fight against the Fascist thugs and scabs can't depend on liberal mayors like LaGuardia who place 1,700 cops at the disposal of the Fascists; and, when the cops deny the right of the anti-Fascists to free speech and the freedom of picketing, issue statements exonerating the cops for their brutal treatment of the anti-Fascists.

And the workers can't depend on boss papers like the Minneapolis Tribune to fight Fascism. Such papers defend the right of the Fascists to free speech, and forget all about the equal right of the anti-Fascists to free speech.

The workers did a fair job against the Fascists in New York and Los Angeles last week. Next time they must do a better job. This will require better organization, this will require Union Defense Guards.

Don't wait for the concentration camps. Don't be sorry afterward, like the workers of Europe are. Don't listen to the swindling "fighters for free speech" with their one-way argument defending the Fascists and abusing the anti-Fascists. Act now. Let every union form its own Defense Guard against the Fascist threat.

ANNOUNCING A Treat for Our Readers— A New Weekly Feature By Dwight Macdonald

Beginning next week the Northwest Organizer will present weekly to its readers a special feature column by Dwight Macdonald, which we believe will prove to be one of the most popular and informative features ever run in a trade union paper. Mr. Macdonald has for years followed closely the trade union movement in this area. He comes specially equipped to write for our paper. He graduated from Yale in 1928. Went to work for R. H. Macy & Co., the New York department store, where he lasted six months and was then fired. He got a job with Time, Inc., which was just thinking of launching Fortune magazine. Macdonald was put on this new venture as associate editor where he worked until 1936, resigning after a long series of rows about editorial suppressions and distortions of data. He is now doing free-lance writing in the east, editing a literary magazine called Partisan Review and working on a social history of the American steel industry. Macdonald is the author of the new pamphlet, "Fascism and the American Scene," which was reviewed last week in our paper.

His weekly column will deal principally with war and fascism, and the fight of the union movement against these twin scourges. Watch for next week's Northwest Organizer.

On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1)

liberately planned his committee in this way in order to put the onus of possible defeat directly onto Green's shoulders. . . .

There is one man on the Green committee upon whom the workers must depend for any concrete action which might develop. Daniel J. Tobin has been an advocate for peace ever since the Houston convention. He exploded a bombshell in the convention with his demand that negotiations for peace be resumed immediately. . . .

Tobin heads the largest international union within the AFL. He is known nationally as the most progressive international president in the AFL. He has the rank and file of his more than 400,000 truck drivers behind him, for peace. . . .

With such a man on the committee there is some hope that something might come of the meetings. . . .

And now we must ask ourselves—why is the President so anxious for peace, now, when for four years he has taken a "hands off" attitude? Why has he, apparently so . . .

There is plenty of justice in this land of equality for anybody foolish enough to steal chickens instead of an oil reserve.—ARTHUR BRISBANE.

St. Paul Pulp Workers to Be Host to International

The Pulp and Sulphite Union Local 264, which has made such a splendid record of achievement during the past few years, will be host to the biennial convention of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Mill Workers, to be held in St. Paul beginning March 14th at the Hotel St. Paul.

According to Elmer Meinz, president of Local 264, the union has set up a convention entertainment committee and will make every effort to make the convention an outstanding success. Several hundred delegates are expected to attend. The convention will be climaxed Saturday night, March 18th, by a ball in Junior Pioneer Hall, 192 West 9th Street, St. Paul.

Gassing With 977

Members will kindly take notice: There will be no meeting of the grievance and seniority board on Monday night, March 6th. The board will give its entire time to making arrangements for the party which follows the general membership meeting on March 13th. Keep the date in mind.

Local 977 extends its sympathy to John Field and his bereaved family. John's father, Clarence N. Field, passed away on Monday, February 27th; funeral services were held Wednesday, March 1st, at the Thompson-Nelson Mortuary. John is attendant at the Freeman Gasoline station, 800 7th St. N.

All attendants should encourage their lessees to join the Independent Section of Local 977. In the near future, this section will make demands on all oil companies for a larger margin, so that the lessee will be in a position to pay the wage scale that is demanded of him by the contract being enforced by Local 977.

Jack Milne and Ed Greig of Northern Tire have been on the sick list for the past week.

Again we urge all members to come to the office and take out an honorary withdrawal card as soon as you become unemployed.

Spring is just around the corner: For proof, ask John Eidsvold or Carl Skoglund, who seem to have much in common.

The Kunz station, 53 Glenwood Ave., is now a union station; Merrill Johnson, the lessee, joined Local 977 this week. Merrill was formerly employed by Direct Service and was a member of the CIO oil section. He was laid off, out of seniority, and CIO did not put him back to work. Where is all that power the CIO are bragging about?

Members of 977, who are employed by the following companies, met on February 27th, and will demand a signed contract by March 15th: LaSalle Service, Bulk Oil, Russell-Thompson, Freeman Oil, Webb Oil, Nelson Garage, Ed

Adams Company, and Pure Oil station at 36th and Lyndale Ave. S.

On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has set up an unemployed Veterans section as an auxiliary organization. The Vets' section holds meetings every Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and has set up a committee of eight to aid in organizing this militant wing to the FWS. The committee, formed last Saturday, has started functioning and has drawn up a set of ten demands to be presented to the WPA administration. The demands include: the extension of WPA rolls; immediate stopping of the purges now taking place; and that all funds appropriated for arms be used to feed and clothe the 15 millions of unemployed.

Mrs. Ben Olson, wife of a FWS member, needed a blood transfusion last Saturday. A call by her husband to the union hall for volunteer donors sent me dashing into the hallway with that request. Although it was early in the forenoon I gathered four healthy workers and sent them hurrying to the hospital. A short time later three of them came back, reporting that Larry Murphy, a virile young Irishman of the Youth Section, having had the proper blood grouping, was giving the transfusion. The latest report was that Mrs. Olson was on the road to recovery and that Larry had demonstrated another method of union brotherhood. . . .

Workers in rural districts are turning from false leadership of the Stalinist controlled Workers' Alliance. Betrayal after betrayal has convinced them that their only salvation lies in the trade-labor movement. In forming independent local organizations with local leadership they are showing the same fight and spirit that built the two great union federations of the nation. The unemployed, in fighting for better conditions on relief and WPA, will eventually form a strong second line of troops for the organized employed.

suddenly, decided that we must have peace? . . .

1940—national elections in the offing. We would be the last to accuse the President of being anything but an astute politician. . . .

The Armament program—now being debated on the floor of congress—this "defense" plan of our president depends entirely upon a peaceful labor market for its success. How can the munitions makers make their profits if they are constantly tied up by strikes or forced by the unions to pay decent wages? . . .

There is a war coming. The wheels of industry must function smoothly. . . .

The workers of America want peace within the movement. We must have peace. . . .

But the workers want peace with honor. Not a peace bought at any price. Under the present circumstances both the AFL price for peace and the CIO price are too high. Green and Lewis have kept this fight going long after it has lost its fundamental cause. They each want to be the leader of the united labor movement. And from their past records it looks as though they will make the workers pay any price so that they might each gain their personal ends. . . .

The workers want a united labor movement, pledged to fight AGAINST WAR, AGAINST THE ARMAMENT PROGRAM, AGAINST FASCISM. A united labor movement which will work for the benefit of the rank and file worker. Peace we want. And peace we will have. . . .

The German American Bund had another of their infamous meetings in Los Angeles on Washington's birthday. Three hundred Fascist scabs attended the meeting. They were met with the fierce resistance of five thousand workers, who answered the call for the anti-Fascist demonstration, issued by Socialist Workers Party.

Thirty police attempted to keep order. Six of the uniformed Fascist Storm Troopers who had stationed themselves at the door in order to protect the meeting were driven inside by a barrage of ripe — slightly overripe — oranges, not-too-fresh eggs, and squashy tomatoes. . . .

The milling crowd outside prevented the Fascists from leaving the hall. Finally after the Fascists had "whiled away several hours in drinking and eating," awaiting a chance to run for the cover of their homes, a squadron of police cars came to their rescue." They were evacuated under police protection, bearing no bodily injuries but many marks where the over-ripe vegetables had found their target. . . .

The workers of America don't like the Fascists. They do not like the Hitler and the Mussolinis. They do not like the brand of "free speech" which is accorded the Jew-hating Fascists, and which is denied the workers. The militancy of the New York and Los Angeles workers in their demonstrations against the "George Washington" Bund meetings is a good indication of just how little the American workers like the Fascists. With more of that militancy, IT WON'T HAPPEN HERE.

COMING EVENTS

Basketball Special—Local 544's Youth Quint plays the Superior, Wis., Drivers Union team at Pillsbury House this Saturday, March 4th, 8 p. m. Admission, 25c.

Card Party, Local 160's Ladies Auxiliary—This Saturday night, March 4th, at 23rd and Washington, A venue North. Lunch, prizes. Admission, 25c.

Workers Sunday Forum—W. W. Norris speaks on "Democracy—What is It?" at 919 Marquette, Sunday, March 5th, 3 p. m.

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 Thursdays. 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
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee — Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 1859— 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 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards — Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	LOCAL 544 Wednesday, March 1 — Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, March 2 — Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, March 3—Job Stewards Monday, March 6 — Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, March 8—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, March 10—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, March 13 — General Membership Wednesday, March 15—Building Material Thursday, March 16—Tent and Awning; Printing, Newspaper 10 A. M. Friday, March 17—Job Stewards Sunday, March 19—Over-the-Road 10 A. M. Monday, March 20—Furniture Store; Coal Thursday, March 23—Transfer Drug Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, March 24—Cold Storage Monday, March 27 — Spring Water Tuesday, March 28—Sand and Gravel Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 2 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in main office The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	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.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards — First and third Tuesdays. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.