

# STASSEN'S LABOR BILL

The labor bill passed last fall in Oregon horrified the nation's labor movement. But if Stassen and his cronies have their way, Oregon won't have a thing on Minnesota. In fact, the Republican Party's "Labor Relations Act," known as House File Number 352, would saddle the Minnesota union movement with a ferocious law that in some respects is even more barbarous than the outrageous legislation put across in Oregon.

The bosses and Stassen, in order to shield themselves from labor's wrath, are trying to make it appear that a "farm bloc" is demanding the passage of this fascist-like legislation. Only idiots and boss-minded political columnists will be fooled by this hoary pretense. H. F. Number 352 bears the unmistakable birthmarks of the Associated Industries and the rest of the labor-haters of Minnesota. It is the Republican Party's idea of "protecting labor's rights."

Stassen may keep up the pretense that it's the farmers, not he, that demand passage of this bill. He may even veto it the first time it comes before him. But the union movement won't be fooled. The union movement will hold Governor Harold Stassen and the Republican machine responsible if H. F. Number 352 is written on the law books of this state.

Reaction is so sure of itself in the capitol these days that it doesn't mince many words when it sets out to draft a law designed to make it impossible for organized labor to exist in Minnesota.

If this bill should pass, closed shop contracts would be outlawed in the state.

If this bill passes, strikes would be effectively outlawed. Look at the obstacles that would be placed in the way of a union exercising this fundamental right. First, a majority of the workers must approve of a strike by secret ballot conducted by a "labor relations board." But don't get the idea the union can judge who is entitled to vote. Instead a labor board hand-picked by Stassen—one of those frauds that the bosses are always trying to put over on the public, a board that is guaranteed in advance to bat three to nothing against the workers—will decide what is the "appropriate bargaining unit." But that isn't all. A strike for "any other reason than for modification of wages or other conditions of employment where the strike is to take place" would also be declared illegal.

Stassen's labor bill would effectively outlaw union solidarity. It stipulates that none but employees of a struck plant could picket.

Stassen's labor bill helps the bosses foster company unions. Employers "could extend to their employees the privilege of using existing facilities including places for meetings, bulletin board space, the use of typewriters and duplicating machines, occasional stenographic assistance and other facilities."

Stassen's labor bill says it will be an unfair labor practice to ask a worker to join a union or refrain from scabbing. The bill says it is unfair "to interfere in any way with the movement of articles of commerce by motor vehicles or teams upon the public roads, alleys and highways in the state."

Stassen's labor bill takes away from the union movement its right to define the jurisdiction of the various unions. Instead, the labor board would decide what sort of a bargaining unit would be "appropriate."

Union agreements wouldn't be worth the paper they're printed on, if Stassen's labor bill becomes the law—because company unions would be permitted to continue functioning in the plant.

## Fink Suits Unnecessary

If this bill becomes law, the finks can drop their phony law suit to force Local 544 to turn its records over to the bosses. Stassen's labor board would have the right to summons any person together with "books, records, correspondence, documents or other evidence in obedience to the subpoena of the board" . . . Any member of the boss labor board "shall have power to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence which relates to any matter involved in any such hearing."

What a field day the labor-haters would have with this section!

They wouldn't even be put to the expense of planting their stool pigeons in the unions to demand an accounting. Their stooges on the labor board could order any union official to turn over all the union's records!

The union label would be meaningless if the boss labor-haters who framed this bill have their way. A secondary boycott by a union would be illegal. An appeal by one union to a Central Labor Union, for instance, to place a labor-hater on the unfair list would be outlawed.

Only lack of space prevents a more complete listing of the outrageous contents of H. F. Number 352, but enough is revealed, we believe, to indicate that this bill did NOT originate with the farmers of this state but with the important employers of labor in the major industrial centers, with the same Citizens Alliance crowd that for decades has pushed its venomous attack on those who produce the goods of this world.

One rubs his eyes in disbelief as he reads some of the monstrous passages in this proposed piece of legislation. This is the sort of measure that an all-powerful conquering army of enemy invaders forces down the throats of a conquered people. This is NOT the sort of measure that organized labor in Minnesota can take lying down. It is NOT the sort of measure a free labor movement can take peacefully. We would all be slaves and less than slaves if we submitted to any such filthy proposal as indicated by the bosses and Stassen in their "Labor Relations Act."

Where and when did the people of Minnesota ever sanction the state legislature and Stassen to rub out the organized trade union movement? Make no mistake, that's what this bill is aimed to do!

If the bosses insist on going through with their plans to put over such a vicious piece of class legislation, the consequences will be squarely on their shoulders. Labor won't take it lying down! 1934 will be a picnic by comparison!

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## Sioux City Drivers Sign Pacts

### 544 Signs Pact With R. R. Howell

A new working agreement with the R. R. Howell company was signed last week by General Drivers Union Local 544. The pact calls for the 8-hour 40-hour week with time and one-half for overtime; one week's vacation with pay and will run for one year. Shipping clerks will receive 85c hourly; billing and receiving clerks 75c; stockmen, 72½c; drivers, 75c, and helpers, 65c.

### 170 Meets Saturday To Hear Committee

State Drivers' Committee in Washington Reports Some Headway in Fight on WPA Order for Competitive Bidding—Meets with Harrington, Elliot—Aided by Fred Tobin

Over five hundred independent truckers turned out last Thursday at the county-wide mass meeting sponsored by the ITO Section of Local 544 to hear union leaders explain the WPA order calling for the procurement of trucks on a competitive bidding system, a change which would threaten the jobs of many hundreds of truck owners.

### Elevator Strike Ends First Week

With negotiations continuing daily between the Building Service Employees' Union Local 26 and the building owners, the strike of 1,000 elevator operators, janitors and maintenance employees in 35 loop office buildings ended its first week Wednesday.

### Strike Ends!

Late Wednesday afternoon the membership of Local 26 voted unanimously to accept a settlement which calls for two weeks' vacation with pay, wage adjustments, and pay for four of the days spent on strike. Pay for the remaining days of the strike is to be arbitrated.

Weeks of negotiations had failed to win the slightest concessions from the building owners, Local 26's membership voted overwhelmingly by secret ballot to strike at 5 p. m. Wednesday, March 1st. The strike action was endorsed by the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union.

During negotiations late last week the employers took an extremely arrogant attitude, though the union leaned over backward in its attempt to reach a reasonable settlement. So that invalids requiring medical care might be assured of normal service, Local 26 had ordered one elevator operator to be placed at the disposal of each of the five medical buildings. The building owners rejected the offer.

On Tuesday the employers proposed that the strike be settled on the basis of two weeks' vacation with pay, and pay days every two weeks. They refused the wage and hour demands of the union. This proposal was unanimously rejected by the union membership at a meeting held Tuesday evening in the strike headquarters at the Central Labor Union.

### Wheeling Workers Draw Up New Contract

The employees of the Wheeling Corrugating company, where the Warehouse Union holds a preferential shop contract, met Thursday, March 2nd, to draw up demands for a new agreement.

The demands include pay for holidays, full pay for time lost from injuries received on the job, and a forty-hour, Monday-to-Friday work week. The agreement will be presented to the company this week.

### Grocery Section To Meet Friday

The Wholesale Grocery Section of Local 544 will meet this Friday, March 10th, at 8 p. m. in the union hall. All members of this section are urged to attend the March 10th meeting.

### Win Both Road, City Agreements

Sioux City, Iowa—After many weeks of negotiations, the Drivers Union Local 383 of Sioux City signed both city and over-the-road contracts with local operators on Monday. The agreements went into effect at midnight, March 6th.

The over-road agreement, similar to the contract won in Omaha, contains but few modifications of the standard drivers' area over-road pact. Like the Omaha contract, it will run until October 31st, 1940. Drivers on operations from Sioux City to South Dakota will receive 60c hourly; to Nebraska, from 55c to 60c; peddling time in Kansas City and Sioux City will be paid at the rate of 75c hourly. Deadheading mileage will be computed at the rate of 2½c hourly.

### FCL Council Aids Fight On Labor Bill

Support to labor's fight against Stassen's labor relations bill came from the Educational Committee of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council, which designated a sub-committee to meet with the executive council of the State Federation of Labor to offer its aid in combating the vicious legislation designed to wreck the union movement in Minnesota.

The Farmer-Cooperative-Labor sub-committee met with the heads of the State Federation last Saturday in St. Paul and laid plans to prevent the bill from passing.

### 289 Stops Chiseling At Excelsior

A bakery driver for the Excelsior Baking company was put back to work with back pay Tuesday by the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289. The union discovered the company was seeking to get around the 30-day clause in the contract by having the driver sign a new application at the end of 28 days, after which it continued to pay him a weekly wage of \$25 instead of the regular wage of \$32.50 which goes into effect after 30 days.

Local 289 means to see to it that all companies live up to the letter and spirit of the contract. Chiseling will not be tolerated.

### B. F. Nelson Workers Ask Better Wages

The members of the B. F. Nelson section of the Warehouse Union Local 20316 met Saturday, March 4th, to ratify the demands outlined at the previous meeting.

A large committee representative of the entire mill worked out the details of the demands at a meeting held March 2nd. The contract as finally approved calls for a 40-hour week, a week's vacation with pay, and wage increases.

### Nebraska Enters U. S.—Court OK's Picketing

It was a red-letter day for the Nebraska labor movement on Monday, March 6th, when the General Drivers Union Local 554 participated in the first case of legal picketing in the state of Nebraska since the anti-picketing law was passed in 1922.

A group of Local 554 pickets bannered the Bekins Van & Storage company in protest against the firm's refusal to sign an agreement with the Drivers Union.

Omaha cops were so unaccustomed to the sight of union pickets that they made several attempts to run the pickets off the street. Malcolm G. Love, union official in charge of the picket squad, insisted, however, the union was within

Weinberg, attorney for the Drivers Union.

David Swarr put in his inevitable appearance as the spokesman of the Allied Industries and the "trucking employers of Omaha," attempting to kill the bill which has as its purpose the elimination of one of the worst evils in the state.

Labor is optimistic about the bill, the passage of which will prevent unscrupulous bosses from using injunctions to get around the Supreme Court decision permitting peaceful picketing.

Though several meetings have been held recently between Farrell Dobbs, secretary of the Area Negotiating Committee, and the few trucking companies who still refuse to sign agreements with the union, little progress has been made. Among the holdouts are Bekins Van & Storage, Gordon Storage, Central Storage & Van, and a few small concerns.

### Group to Oppose City Manager Plan

A broad citizens committee composed of small home owners and representatives of organized labor met Tuesday night in the headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council to lay plans to combat the Charter Union which is attempting to put over the autocratic council-manager form of government in Minneapolis.

It was agreed that an educational campaign would be launched to inform the public of the dangers in the council-manager proposal. A motion carried that Chairman Harold H. Seavey, president of the City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664, appoint a steering committee of seven to organize the campaign and to arrange for future meetings of the group.

The next meeting of the citizens committee will be held Tuesday, March 21st, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. All citizens and organizations are invited to attend.

Mr. Elliot further writes that "it is the stated purpose of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts of 1935 and later years to 'provide relief, work relief and to increase employment by providing for useful projects.' It would seem self-evident that in the accomplishment of this purpose preference should be given to the unemployed."

### Ruberoid to Get New Pact From 20316

Employees of the Ruberoid company met last Friday to draw up provisions for the new contract to be presented by Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316. The new contract will be submitted for final ratification to the Ruberoid section and will be presented next week to the company.

### Robbinsdale Citizens Hear Union Speakers

Several scores of people turned out last Thursday in the high school auditorium at Robbinsdale to hear speakers from the Minneapolis union movement discuss labor's attitude toward the fink "Associated Independent Union" outfit. The meeting was sponsored by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union.

Speakers included Roy Weir of the Central Labor Union; Grant Dunne of the General Drivers Union Local 544, and Walter Frank of the Lathers Union who spoke at some length on the experiences of the Building Trades with the fink "union."

### Sioux City Voters Whip City Manager Plan, 2-1

Sioux City, Iowa—By a two-to-one majority the voters of Sioux City defeated the autocratic city manager plan March 1st in a special election. The AFL and CIO movements locally joined hands against the anti-labor city manager proposal, sponsoring open mass meetings which brought out thousands of workers and sympathizers of organized labor.

So determined were the people of Sioux City to prevent the city manager plan from invading the town that they turned out to poll the largest vote ever cast in a special election. Over 20,000 votes were cast, of which about 12,000 were "no" votes. Slightly over 7,000 favored the plan.

James Kelliber of the Railway Clerks, Bob Kidney of the Machinists, Glen Beman of the Teamsters, and Leo Barrett of the Bakers Union led the AFL Committee which did such a splendid job of organizing the opposition to the city manager form of government. The defeat of the move in Sioux City is encouraging labor and liberal forces everywhere in the Northwest, where reactionaries are making a drive to turn the city governments over to hand-picked city managers.

### Local 471 Chooses Five Negotiators

At the regular membership meeting of the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 held Tuesday night a negotiating committee of five was elected to work with the union's business agents on the new working agreement.

George Bergquist and Martin Rasmussen were chosen to represent the drivers in the negotiations. Axel Williams and Aage Goldberg will represent the inside workers and Clarence Schwab the relief men. These five, together with Gene Larson, Thomas Ammerman and William Sinnott, will conduct the negotiations with the dairy companies.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# Three-fourths of Auto Men Shun Martin's Convention

The Homer Martin faction of the United Automobile Workers Union formally seceded from the Congress of Industrial Organizations Tuesday and formed an independent union. Future affiliation of the Martin group will be decided, according to a convention resolution, by a referendum vote of the rank and file of the Martin group.

Thus the Martin group winds up its Detroit convention, in progress since last Saturday, with so little progress to record that the delegates might as well have stayed home and heard the news over the radio.

**Represent Small Minority**  
Martin's claim to represent the majority or even half of the auto workers has been found to be grossly exaggerated, with his forces controlling at most one-fourth, or about 63,000 of the 375,000 members of the auto union. Careful analysis of the composition of the delegations disclose that the locals represented have not a decisive role in the union. None of the Chrysler locals are represented; few of the independents. None of Hudson, Nash and Studebaker; only Plymouth and Packard. And the claims to Flint and Pontiac locals are found to be largely over-rated, for true figures would show that the majority of the locals represented at the convention are against Martin.

The convention was a field day for those opponents of the Communist Party-Lewis machine whose only program is to oppose everything and to propose nothing that would benefit the auto workers. So thick was the air with invective against the bureaucratic methods of the John L. Lewis machine that the delegates did not find the time to settle a single crucial issue which confronted them.

**Delegates Rebel**  
Martin had suggested during the course of the convention that the question of affiliation be left to the incoming executive board to decide, in view of the shortness of time remaining for the convention, but the delegates rebelled at this bureaucratic measure which is in direct violation to all that Martin had said previously—that the issue would be settled by the rank and file.

**The Bosses' Friend**  
"Progress" of the convention consisted in passing several reactionary resolutions which even the Communist Party people would be hard pressed to beat. The ex-preacher Martin was the ringmaster, cheerleader and bandmaster of this circus which was anything but funny, with its toying with one of the most magnificent labor unions that ever strode across the American scene.

**On WPA Projects**  
By Vic W. Nicholas  
The St. Patrick's hall to be given by the Federal Workers Section on Saturday, March 18, promises to be another of those hilarious affairs where everyone has the time of his life. Tickets are now on sale at the hall for 25c each, and every member should take at least four. Get your friends out for this one, it will be bigger and better than ever. Prize waltz, circle two-steps and plenty of fun and entertainment for everybody.

Eight women who had been 403'd as possibly eligible for A.D.C. cases were reinstated Tuesday, after the usual amount of work by White, Marvel and Viens.

The Veterans have been doing a fair job on getting men who had

been 403'd reinstated and this past week have placed six back on the job. If you are a Vet and are unemployed or on WPA get up to their Saturday meetings.

Federal Workers Section has a militant and growing section in the youth. The meeting Monday night was inspiring to the more than 60 who attended. These meetings to discuss the problems of unemployment should be attended by every unemployed youth in the city of Minneapolis. To take care of some of the surplus energy stored in healthy bodies the Youth Section plans a softball team for this summer. After the success of the basketball team, we'll string along.

Stewards are reporting increased membership on most projects and next week I hope I can say all stewards are making that same report. To those stewards who have not been attending meetings regularly, I will repeat over again that you are falling down on the job entrusted to you by the membership.

## Watt Notes

The Auxiliary card party was very well attended last Saturday night. The prize winners were pleased, the eats were good and there was plenty for everyone. It was a financial and social success in every sense of the word.

The ladies are to be congratulated, as many were heard to remark, "The best two-bits worth I ever had."

We wish Brother "Bill" Stevens the best of luck on his South 40-foot farm at 5537 Pleasant Avenue.

We understand that Brother "Art" Bowen at Riverside has that tired and sleepy feeling. Why don't you lay off your sister-in-law's sleeping powders, "Art"?

The last membership meeting stood in silent tribute to one minute to our departed brother, Joseph Jarosca.

The smear game in the Meter Department gets hotter and hotter day by day. Brother Houck thinks Brother Middleton is a h— of a partner on the losing days.

We are sorry to report that Brother Jack Krueger's wife passed away Monday, March 6.

Brother Sable of the Meter Department is laid up in bed at home with a very bad cold.

Brother Mather of the Meter Department celebrated his 58th birthday Tuesday, March 7. Congratulations, "Matt," and many more of them.

Brother Lawrence Mengshoel of the Land and Tax Department is in the Deaconess Hospital.

We understand "Daddy Warbucks" Day of the Underground Department is around sniping cigar butts for the coming event. Warbucks says cables are not the only things that can be spiced.

It is rumored that Joe Hurst is still collecting some poker bets which were "put on the cuff" way back when the pickets were counting the smokestacks at Riverside.

Brother Phillips, our Assistant B. A. and Press Correspondent, is confined to his bed at home—Sick leave as usual, George?

Don't forget Saturday night, April 22. Fun for all—all for fun.

## LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore  
New dog house members are John Freed and Charlie Carlson.

Seems like Tony Wing has got a stream-lined jalopy, seems like.

All the members interested in diamondball, golf or any other athletic activity are asked to get in touch with Cy Paulson directly or through their stewards. A dance will be given in the near future to finance equipment and incidentals so save up a little dough for tickets, folks.

There is a definite menace to our welfare in the situation that has developed in Oregon since the last elections. Laws recently enacted by the reactionaries of that state have all but taken the vote away from the workers. If this situation is allowed to exist unhampered it will have a tremendous influence on the state legislation in Minnesota. Yes, a very serious menace to our welfare is going to spread out of Oregon, it was pointed out by a speaker at the joint stewards' meeting.

Read the next paragraph across one line and back the next and get a load of the zig-zag system. You don't have to drag your eyes across the column empty but get a load going both ways. If you think it would be hard to get used to reading this way, just think of how hard it was for some of us to get used to not working Saturday mornings.

The domestic relations department aid to upon called was ment "Snaz" Novak with suitable address is help. This week last vice to all who wish to avail themselves Joe it about asked When it of said, "It certainly cleared up the dept. Special "me for situation for lady workers.

Anybody smoke cigars? See Earl Juoppe.

Big events in the lives of little men or the saga of Melvin Viken. "Looks," said Melvin, as he opened the morning mail on February 14, "like I got something here." That evening we laughed when he sat down in the booth. We didn't know his little heart was breaking.

A salty tear  
Dropped in his beer.  
And he did droop and pine  
For truth to tell  
Our good friend Mel  
Had got a valentine.  
And how!

Too hot to handle, starring Arvo and Wally Fern. "Twas zero 20 below last Wednesday morning when Arvo toiled his jewel case into the parking space beside the factory. He had no more than stopped when, puf! and great clouds of smoke rolled up from under the hood. "Looks like dirty foot work," says Arvo to Wally, and out they pops. Arvo yanked up the hood and flames shot out. "She's too hot to handle," he hollers. "Move your cars, guys, she's going to burn." Then when it looks like all is lost a man from the filling station across the way came with a fire extinguisher and put out the fire. Little man, you've had a busy day.

Brother Joe Gurek went to the Northwestern Hospital Monday, February 20. He will be operated on Tuesday. We extend our warmest felicitations to Joe and wish him a speedy recovery. A little call over the weekend would sort of show Joe we miss him.

Frank Schwartzkopf got back to work Monday. Frank looks good and has put on a little beef.

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Mr. Louis Nash, highly respected member of 1859, in good standing, took the bonds of matrimony.

John Janosco is in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, furthering the work of the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers. This work is very important in protecting the gains the union has made. It will help the workers there and further the interests of the woodware workers throughout the territory.

**Spring Has Come**  
Brother John Rudisill of the Kozy Kar embraced the state of matrimony on Saturday, March the Fourth, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty Nine. We all join in wishing John and his wife a happy and contented married life.

Any 1859 members now on WPA receiving lay-off slips should report immediately to our office on the second floor at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

## ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze  
The regular meeting of February 23rd, had a good attendance but discussion was limited chiefly to the new pension plan now pending before the legislature and the proposed change in the city government, the city-manager gag. Some argument developed over changing the meeting night back to Friday but on a standing vote it remains Thursday. Incidentally, meetings will hereafter take up at 8 sharp and adjourn at 10:30.

This week's column will be somewhat brief, due to the absolute silence emanating from the Engineering and Sanitary Depts. Wish to report all quiet on the Park Board front with the exception of one incident which will doubtless be cleared up when brought on the floor for action.

The employed personnel of the Park Board is throwing a party in the near future for those who were laid off this spring. The exact date has not as yet been set.

One of the brothers recently poured out, in detail, one of the most heart breaking tales of perfidy ever to assail my ears. It seems the brother's home has become a haven for stray cats; the last one, in truly feline fashion, showed his gratitude by engaging the brother and his pooch in a free-for-all in the basement of the brother's home. It seems the cat assaulted the pooch by biting him on the schnozzle, whereupon the brother clamped a double wristlock on the cat and the battle was on. To wax poetical, "He howled and bit and growled and spit," but it was anybody's fight until the cat brought up reinforcements from the rear, in fact, a mustard-gas attack. Needless to say, the whole affair was in very bad odor from that point on and finally ended in a draw—the cat drawing himself out of sight, (but sight only) under the work bench and the brother drawing a bath and a couple corks; one, out of the iodine bottle. The brother has sworn vengeance, so I'm going to dig up my old army gas mask and use it at the ring side when these two are rematched.

Something should be done about the intricate mazes of the Camden Park lavatory. I understand that just lately a Park Board Irishman was lost in them and had to be rescued by police, after his comrades had cold-bloodedly deserted him there. It takes such an experience to show a man who his

friends are, eh Snowball?  
Next meeting March 9th. See you there.

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### Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



Workers ought to be thankful that they don't have to pay big income taxes like our employers.

## All-Union Bowling Tourney Draws Hundreds of Entries

Over four hundred entries are indicated for this year's Third Annual All-Union Bowling Tournament, to be held this March 11-12, on the third floor alleys at the Minneapolis Recreation, it was announced by Matt Klassges, secretary of the tourney, this week.

In the few years of its existence the annual all-union bowlers contest has gained steadily in popularity. Two years ago, 264 entries appeared; last year, the affair drew 360 entries.

The entry fee is \$2.75, including the bowling. There will be a singles event, three games, and 185 scratch, with a 25 pin limit.

**Many Fine Prizes**  
First prize will be \$50 plus a gold medal. In addition there will be a cash prize for every four entries, thirty-four merchandise prizes, including a bowling ball donated by the Schaaf Mfg. company and many other valuable articles. The prizes are now on display on the third-floor at the Minneapolis Recreation.

Shifts are filling rapidly, but this year there is plenty of room to accommodate all. The committee in charge asks the cooperation of each local union in the Northwest to support this tournament. You'll have a barrel of fun, and besides we can all effectively forward our demand for the union label in all bowling establishments and on all association and tournament printing.

**Enter Now**  
Already, a number of out-of-town unions are making reservations, indicating the keen interest in this year's tournament. The St. Paul Typos Local 30 has reserved three complete shifts. The Minneapolis Milk Drivers have reserved five shifts. Make your entry now for your shift by calling Main 9096. Tommy Campbell is treasurer of the all-union bowling tournament.

**20316 to Sponsor Dance April 12th At Marigold Hall**

Fred Tepilo, chairman of the social activities committee of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, announced to the membership at its regular meeting last Tuesday that the union will sponsor a dance at the Marigold Hall on April 12th. Other details have not as yet been completed but will appear in future issues of the Northwest Organizer. The union requests that all union men and women keep the date open in order to enjoy themselves at this coming gala affair.

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## Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig  
The most important thing this week we believe is to continue a history of events that have occurred so far in the current WPA crisis. Continuing from the review of last week it can be said that our county-wide rally of all independent truck owners at our regular meeting was a huge success. Actual count revealed over five hundred men were in attendance Thursday night to give respectful considerations to Local 544's plans. Approximately four hundred and fifty of these truckers showed their appreciation for the efforts we have made so far by registering their names with our secretary.

Our news from Washington was most encouraging. A meeting was scheduled for Monday with Col. Harrington, and meanwhile we were advised to submit our bids according to instructions. Up to that time the committee of our delegates had found everything in their favor.

Meanwhile close to five hundred bids were submitted and accepted. Over three hundred of these showed their knowledge of the job conditions and the cost of operations of truck equipment and offered their services at the union scale of \$1.60 which can produce only at best a bare living. Our contractors and fleet-owner employers in private industry even though the conditions for bidding were in their favor recognized the impossibility for them to compete at such prices and refused to offer even one single bid. Three St. Paul operators bid in work for their fleets in Ramsey county at \$2.50 per hour.

Even so, there were still over one hundred others who found it possible to figure it would be profitable to work at rates beginning at \$1.50 per hour and down to the unbelievable rate of \$1.14. In the tie bids Max Becker drew the first ticket and was issued the low bid to the position of superintendent.

Irving Hanson has recovered sufficiently from the gun wounds he received in January when he was held up and robbed at the Conoco station, 3600 Nicollet Ave., to return to work this week.

Due to a misunderstanding, a representative failed to call at the Husky station at 10th and Glenwood. This station is no longer on the unfair list.

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# MARCHING AS TO WAR

By Dwight Macdonald

The greatest issue that threatens the workers of America—or any other country—today can be reduced to three letters: WAR. In this column I intend to follow week by week the progress of the war drive in this country, with special attention to the New Deal's increasingly open change from reforming to war-mongering. I invite the readers of the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER to send me any criticisms (which I will try to answer) or additional information as to the war drive in their own communities.

The White House has been marching the nation onward as to war at such a lively pace as to leave the mere soldiers and sailors far behind. Last fall, for instance, General Malin Craig, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, actually asked for fewer airplanes in the coming year than President Roosevelt insisted on giving him. He and his fellow officers in the War Department also objected strenuously—and vainly—to the President's authorizing the recent sale of war planes to France. And now Senator Nye, of munitions investigation fame, has introduced into Congress a bill—which will almost certainly NOT be passed—proposing that control over future exports of military material be taken out of the hands of the President and given to the Army and Navy Department. Senator Nye, who is a leader of the anti-war group in Congress, thus hopes to aid the cause of peace. A mad world when New Dealers are more bloodthirsty than West Pointers!

The next world slaughter will be a less snobbish affair than the last. Civilians will be just as eligible for annihilation as the warring troops. An Englishman named Sir John Anderson said recently: "People write as if we ought to aim at making war safe for civilians. My opinion is that we cannot make war safe for civilians." Sir John's blunt words struck a chill into every British householder, for he happens to be the Minister for Civilian Defense in the Chamberlain government.

Already the learned men of our universities are hopping onto the bandwagon—or rather the juggernaut car—of War. At a banquet of 3,000 members of Phi Beta Kappa, Dean Gauss of Princeton declared "intellectual war" on Germany and Italy in the name of American democracy and freedom. (As in Omaha, Nebraska, dean?) You don't need a crystal ball to foresee the moment when Phi Beta Kappa's "intellectual war" will be turned into the real thing. Just twenty years ago, soon after the end of the last world slaughter to make the world safe for democracy (and what a success THAT was!) in 1919 Dr. Keppel of the Carnegie Foundation told another gathering of Phi Beta Kappa members: "We cannot today limit scholarship to the polite branches which were all that it embodied when this society was founded, or even when this chapter was established. The scholar of the old-fashioned type must now accept as his fellow the man who has helped flatten the trajectory of the sixteen-inch shell." It looks as though Phi Beta Kappa was once more preparing to abandon "polite" scholarship for more practical matters. What's the mortality rate with that new mustard gas, professor?

When the House of Representatives passed the May Bill, calling for a total outlay of \$376,000,000 on certain "defense" measures, only fifteen out of 382 Congressmen present had the courage to vote against the Bill. Thirteen of these fifteen came from the Middle and Northwest, including two from Minnesota: Andersen and Knutson. Representative Knutson, by the way, is the only member of the present House who voted against the resolution declaring war on Germany in 1917.

Those suspicious persons who think that such low considerations as imperialistic aims or business interests had anything to do with the recent sale of war planes to France were taken down a peg the other day by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. "The thought the President had, together with these other cabinet officers," he said, "was that there was this money—\$65,000,000 good solid cash—to go into the pockets of American workmen. . . . That is what motivated us, and instead of being ashamed, I think it is something to be proud of—\$65,000,000 for American workmen's profits is good stuff, and I do not see why there is anything particularly secret about it or anything particularly to apologize for." Neither do I, Mr. Secretary, which makes me wonder why you and the President actually DID keep it so secret that if that bomber had not crashed, revealing the presence of a French military observer, the country even now would still know nothing about the whole deal. As for the \$65,000,000 "for American workmen's profits," since you don't mention any other kind of profits, I assume the boards of directors of Douglas Aircraft, Curtiss-Wright, and the other great plane companies have unanimously agreed to turn over all profits on these planes to their workers. But why have they, too, been so silent about their generous gesture?

A few days ago, General Hugh Johnson, who certainly can't be accused of pacifism, had some revealing things to say about the war drive. He went to a convention of U. S. Rubber Co. officials held in Akron, Ohio, and reported his conversations with these hard-boiled business men, gathered there from all over the world, as follows: "They say that the possibility of war is recognized and the nations are getting ready for it, yet there is almost no sentiment for war among the people—neither in France nor in Italy, and least of all in Germany. On the contrary, they report an awful fear of it and a great resistance to any talk of it. They say that there is much less of an atmosphere of threat abroad than at home. . . . That gave me a thought. Ninety per cent of our own people are absolutely opposed to any bloodshed anywhere. And yet to hear our government talk, we are asking for it. If these commercial ambassadors are right in reporting exactly the same condition in other countries, isn't the peace of the world threatened—not by the nations—but by a bunch of egomaniacs jumping up and down bellowing at each other?" Except that it is the commercial ambassadors and not the political "egomaniacs" who will make the final decision on Peace or War, the General's question is a shrewd one. It is not hard to answer it.

## With the Limousines

By Home James

Were you one of the members who did not attend the last meeting? If so you missed a very good talk given by one of the T.J.C. members.

Some very important financial reports were read at the meeting and we are all very well pleased that we are increasing in membership every month.

We noticed that our good friend and member Jack K. was at the meeting and nearly fully recovered from his recent illness. Glad to see you up and about again, Jack.

The entertainment committee wishes all the members who have not turned in all the tickets they had to be sure and get in touch with Mel J., and turn in tickets and cash as he would like to check up and have a report at the next meeting.

We all wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy for the bereavement of our good brother and member Edward J. Ross, who passed away at Port Townsend, Washington. Jerry Cremers, in behalf of the membership of Local 912 saw that he had a very fine service and burial.

John Pribula was the door prize winner Tuesday night. The next door prize has gone up considerably. I won't tell how much now, attend the next meeting and find out and maybe you will be the lucky one to win.

Due to the death of one of our members each member will be assessed \$1 so please pay assessment when you pay your dues. Thank each and every one of you for your cooperation.

What's the matter with all the members on the west coast, I don't seem to eat any oranges or grape fruit or something from that country; send in some of the above mentioned real soon.

Well, Ed P., on the coast, I read the letter and I hope you lay a little on one of the horses for me and be sure and pick one that isn't hungry so he won't have to stop and eat during the race. Get it, Ed?

We all heard a very good talk on insurance at the meeting and some of the boys want to get together and form a group so as to be able to get this policy that really has some very good benefits.

President Eskild N., on the coast, is still enjoying all the sunshine while us poor "fellows" here are just about froze to death.

Be sure and don't make any dates for March 21, 1939, as that is the date of our next meeting.

Well, now, we hope to see all you lads at the next get-together; so long, we'll be a seeing you.

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## Johantgen Co. Unfair to Watchmakers

The Watchmakers Union Local 103 calls the attention of all friends of labor to the union-hating policy of the Johantgen Jewelry store at 1016 West Broadway. Johantgen kept his watchmaker from joining the union. When Local 103 finally caught up with him, he fired the man. He treats his workers like they were the scum of the earth who exist only to be exploited.

Johantgen has announced he will discontinue his watch repair department and will send out such repair work in the future.

Local 103 asks all persons of good will to see to it that he doesn't get any work to send out, and to refrain from buying jewelry at this labor-hating firm. Incidentally, this is not the first time Local 103 has had to call attention to Johantgen, who chattered on a former union contract.

## Coffee Cries Local 275

By Bill and Don

A very good attendance was had at the last meeting. Let's keep up this interest and make it a point to all show up at the meetings. After all, your opinions and suggestions are wanted as well as the other fellows.

Mel Swenson copped the two dollar door prize at the last meeting. Better see that he turns it in, Grace.

When Sam Kragness started passing out cigars last week, the fellows wanted to know if it was a boy or a girl. "No," he replied, "this is just an account of I paid up my union dues."

We're glad to see Waage back on the job again after being laid up for a few weeks.

Howe, Haerle and Brubaker are being initiated into the "Honorable Order of Sales Pups" Saturday afternoon and evening at the Lowry Hotel. This organization is derived from a campaign and sponsored by the Japan Tea. Let's hope they have a good time and come out of it in good shape.

J. Wicklund of Crescent and Hugo Lauck of Grand Union were taken in as new members last month.

Whenever Flynn goes riding with Stub Olson, he always looks to see how much gas there is in the tank. The reason is he doesn't like to walk to town and back with that little red car.

In case anyone wants to know the definition of a gentleman, please consult Bill Lawson.

## Plumbing Supply Section of 20316 To Meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Plumbing Supply Section of the Warehouse Union will be held this Monday, March 13th, at 8 p. m. in the union hall. A special order of business will be the discussion on the coming new agreement, and all members are instructed to attend.

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## TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

See "moaning" Miller yesterday; a bottle of coca cola yesterday; probably going to christen that new airport bus. Incidentally, we wonder if the other one has a cigar lighter for W. Powers' convenience, as he always gets a fresh cigar on the days he makes the "hump."

Hank Lauraus is a radio "fixer-upper" par excellence; with a little bit of tin foil he fixes 'em up so they won't bother anyone; in fact they won't even play.

Swede Sward claims he's in the dog house. As soon as he can make arrangements to get out of there Marty Stirrup wants in, cause he has a purp with expensive tastes but no canine domicile; and this ain't all. Curly of this column has a pooch that's held in durance vile and wants to send it to the country. Maybe we can induce Bill to take all these flea cushions out in the sticks as there's others like "Swede" who rather like dog houses.

The Shrine circus in town brings to mind a couple of years ago, when one cold Sunday morning "Curly" got a passenger out the "Pioneer" who was trying to cure a hangover with another bottle. As Curly turned up Third avenue, the "souse" let out a wail like a "banasher" and pointed down a side street shrieking, "I got 'em (delirious tremens) but our Curly soothed his fright by assuring him he really saw elephants and camels with red boots plowing through the winter snow, bound for the show at the auditorium."

Joe De Beau has a brand new Chevvie he's gonna live in this summer.

Walter Powers received the sad news of his brother's death at Waukesha, Wis., shortly after a visit there last week.

Brother Harvey Johnston's three-year-old daughter was painfully burned Saturday.

Glad to see "snapper" McDonald is back to work after a long illness. "Mich" Abood is also back here after an extended visit out west to recuperate.

Saw "The Frog" Cloutier pouring water in his car battery; after all these years he finally found some use for the stuff.

"Nicky" Nichols missed his calling by a wide margin, we think he should run a pawn shop; he took an automobile as security on a cab run. Didn't the guy have a gold tooth or something, Nicky?

Wonder if "Dr." Daly remembers the young fellow he hired several years ago who, after being assigned to a cab, asked if it would be alright to drive home and tell his mother he had a job. He got permission, of course, but was gone all that day, night and half of the next day. You see he had neglected to tell Daly that his mother lived at Wabasha.

That trip to Chicago was too much for Mr. Drake of the maintenance department, maybe he isn't accustomed to being so far from home.

Spring must be near. Mark "Red" O'Neil drove his Link Zephyr to work twice last week. We also think he's a "stand in" for a slap-stick comedy act as he was seen totin' a cream pie out uptown way.

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## Attention 977 Members!

To gain admittance to all future meetings of Filing Station Attendants Union Local 977, it will be necessary for each member to present his dues book. Any member delinquent in dues for a three months' period will be barred from meetings until his dues are paid.

## The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting: Cake, Pie and Yeast Drivers meet Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p. m.

They tell me that a certain cake driver who works for a company whose name begins with "G" was informed by his doctor that his wife was going to give birth to a baby boy. So this fellow goes out and bets with various grocers and clerks to the sum of \$35.00. Well, to make a short story long, it was a girl and he has to pay and pay. If he's smart, he'll deduct it from the doctor bill.

John McGrath, Zinsmaster, is one of those big, strong, silent men. He pops into the plant the other day and informed all and sundry that his wife had given birth to a baby boy. Nobody even so much as suspected it. But he says he's over the bragging days, this being the third addition to the McGrath household.

Another one of those "something's got to be done" propositions is the perpetual question of the south side grade crossings which have delayed more people than all the government red tape we've ever had. Seems to me that, work being so scarce, it would be a very good thing for our "able" legislators and politicians to figure out, and that very soon. We can use the work now if we ever could.

Joe has been down in bed sick with the "flu" for the past week but by the time you read this he no doubt will be right in there pitching again.

Harry DeBoer, meanwhile, has taken up the cudgel and has met several times in negotiations with them employers, together with Bill Gydeson and Ed Esboldt of St. Paul.

Milt Strom, Purity South Plant, has had his wife in the Northwestern hospital with a broken back but she is now at home and getting along very nicely.

It would be appreciated by me if all you members would knuckle down and send me some material every week for this column. I'm not paying very much but can use anything I get.

## Soft Drink Team In Second Place In Pin League

R. Hedin's 515 led the Ice Drivers Monday night as they blanked the Liberty Cab bowlers. Local 544 continued its winning streak by taking two games from Minkins. Bill Sinnott was in the groove with 498.

The Meat Drivers blanked the Gold Bubbles to tie for third place. Both Gillespie and Curran had 548's. The Soft Drinks beat Local 289 twice to go into second place. Hanson had 541, Taylor had 558, and Stanley paced the field with a 498.

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## With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

Here we find ourselves on a new delivery system, generally known as the sliding scale or skip stop system. During the years, we have been through countless changes, price wars, coupon book discounts, quantity discounts, etc. Time will decide the worth of the present plan. We have confidence in Local 471, that its members will weather the storm and make the matter into arbitration. Our executive board set up its committee. This committee waived arbitration for the present. It behooves all of us now to follow up the good points of this plan, to develop these to our advantage and if we can sell more products the plan may be a success.

The recent meetings with the milk dealers had a touch of "color." There was always a lady present, Miss Isabel Burns, owner of the Lincoln Milk Company. Men respond readily, I am convinced, because swearing disappeared, no fists were in the air and even smoking was at a minimum. The elimination of smoking was appreciated very much by Mr. Newline from the Cloverleaf.

At this time there is a concerted drive being put on by the charter committee to get signatures so the public will be forced to adopt or reject a new city government plan which will create a lone dictator to run the city. Associated Industry plans on naming this "Hitler," who will handle strikers the way they like. Most of our members already are wise to this "play." But now we ask you to put the other fellow on guard; talk it up in factories, shops and to your friends. Boy Scouts maintain their standard by doing a good deed each day; 471 can do likewise by cautioning gone friend each day.

It's an even break at the L.O.L. this week. We just felt fine to see Claude Miller return to work and then Brother Marchand our strike cook went on the sick list.

We have heard some members complain because occasionally we get a bill from John Goldie, attorney for Local 471. At the meeting last Saturday, along with the dealers, were attorneys Mr. Deinard, Mr. Purdue, Mr. Malmberg, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Elwell. I would like to see their "monthly statement."

One attractive feature about the two Nash cars Local 471 has to sell is that the trustees can arrange an unusually easy way for you to pay for them.

During the time of the Quantity Discount (nine months) there was given back to the public, in discounts, two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). Which would employ one hundred members of our Union at top wages for a whole year. Did Miss Public even say "thank you" for all of that money?

We can all think about this one: There are two new faces at Northland this week, and all because of "gambling."

The only way to save our empires from the encroachment of the people is to engage in war, and thus substitute national passions for social aspirations.—CATHERINE II, OF RUSSIA.

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## Milk Haulers Lose Charter Member

The Milk Haulers Association grieved last week at the death of Fred Bjorkman of New Brighton, a charter member of the Association, who died last Tuesday. The burial was held Thursday. The Association extends its deepest sympathy to the children.

## Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Your business agent has spent practically all of his time for the past three weeks getting the fair trade practice legislation into shape. This accounts for the fact that the office has been unattended a considerable part of the time.

Several changes in personnel have been made in the industry in the last few weeks and a few new men have been added. Well, spring is at hand and possibly the expected rush of business will warrant the expanding of the sales forces. We hope no one will be disappointed.

Since the last issue of this column H. W. Grein of the Custom has been added to the sick list.

For the past few weeks your columnist has not received any information in regard to the activities of the basketball team.

There are rumors that the "off the street" clause in our contract is being violated by quite a few of our members lately. Better watch your clock or keep ten bucks handy for the fine when you get caught. A check-up is being made of this situation and the alibis are going to have to be good.

The entertainment committee is unlimbering again. Maybe there is a dance in the offing.

Clayton Steensland, who is on withdrawal at present, reports a new addition to the family. Congrats. Send us the news and we'll see that it gets in the column.

From reports, the dance given by Local 30 Wednesday, March 7, was a success financially and socially. A number of our drivers attended.

We see each class in society desire, from interest, the misfortune of the other classes, placing in every way individual interest in opposition to public good. The lawyer wishes litigation and suits, the physician sickness, the soldiers war, the undertakers burials, monopolists and forestallers famine, and architects, carpenters, masons want conflagrations.—FOURIER.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within four months from the date hereof all creditors of said Decedent file their claims in this Court. Proofs will be heard and claims examined and adjusted before this Court on Monday, August 14, 1939, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
These orders shall be published in the Northwest Organizer and a copy mailed to each of the heirs, legatees and devisees of said Decedent at least 14 days before the date of said hearing on the petition to prove will.  
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick  
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,  
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik  
I'm Labor.

## Reward for Labor

In Minnesota this week 1,673 workers were dropped from the rolls of the WPA because they were unable to sign a paper. This paper would certify them as citizens of the United States.

All over the country the same thing is going on. Discriminated against, fined for nothing, with the word "alien" hurled in their teeth, these workers are singled out ahead of the others for a dose of good old 100 per cent hospitality.

Perhaps we should recall a few of the facts of life in this rapidly changing country of ours.

This mighty nation was created, built and maintained by aliens, and by nobody else. The first group of aliens appeared here in a little boat and landed at Plymouth Rock. Other aliens followed.

The state of Georgia was founded by jailbirds, thrown out of England to serve their terms in a penal colony here. Successive waves of immigration from every large country on earth brought into this land the millions who live here now.

These immigrants came at the begging, hysterical invitation of the big industrialists of the country, by the Senators and Representatives, by the business men who needed workers.

They tilled the soil, they made excavations in the ground. They riveted together the girders that make our buildings stand.

So great is our debt to "aliens" that the statue of Liberty itself has been placed in bronze upon its base the following invitation to Europe: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free . . . send these, the homeless, the tempest-tossed, to me . . . Now the land is idle, the buildings are up, and under the increasing terror of this problem-ridden system, the work is done.

There is no work. Now is the time for aliens to receive the gratitude due them.

Here is their reward: Get off the WPA. There is no work? Get off anyhow. Live any way you can.

Your sons and daughters are citizens born here? Get off! You are not the same as the rest of us here. You are aliens!

You want to become a citizen? You have even taken out papers to become one?

Get off anyhow. Take nothing, eat it and like it. This is a free country.

You helped build America? Consider, then, how free you are.

You are even free to starve!

The words on the statue of Liberty are forgotten now. Instead of those great words, you hear instead out of the big mouth of Senator Reynolds of North Carolina—the near-fascist boss tool in Congress: "After December, 1939, all aliens of the United States should be deported."

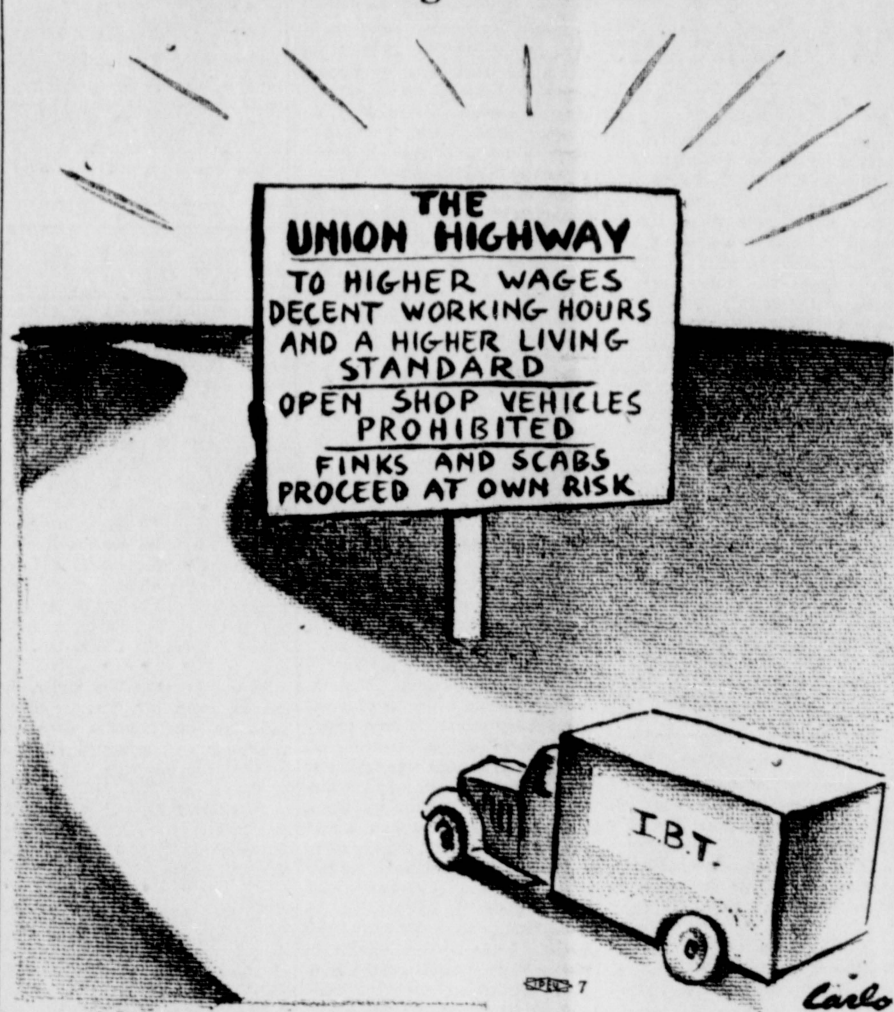
There is actually a bill to that effect in Congress today.

"Land of the free, home of the brave . . ." what a hollow sound for the "alien" who stares at his 403 slip. This reward of a free country to those who helped build it, will not be easily forgotten.

As in the brutal fascist states, we are beginning to deserve another quotation, also famous, for a new statue in New York harbor:

"Abandon hope, all ye who enter here . . ."

## Now Entering the Southwest



## Youth Quint Takes 7th Straight Win

On Wednesday night Local 544's Youth Section basketball team took their seventh straight game by drubbing the Citizen Club's Super-X team, 37 to 16. Captain Stan Brouard was high scorer with 14 points, with A. Flutman and Bill Murphy also connecting regularly.

Local 544 paid for its victory with the loss of Ken Hoelt, regular guard, who received a badly sprained ankle in the game which will put him out of play for at least three weeks.

Two days later the union released Ken Flake, high-point man and crack guard, to Marshall High school, which asked to use him in the city, state and regional tournaments. Manager Jack Herman stated: "Ken's loss represents a blow to our team. But it gives him the break that all young basketball players dream of—a chance to play in the interscholastic tournaments. The players and the union wish Ken the best of luck with his new teammates and hope Marshall wins the state tournament."

## Local No. 383

At the last meeting, the bakery drivers voted to change the time of their meeting to five-thirty p. m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

The bakery drivers' section appointed a committee to work out the details for a dance to be held Saturday, March 18. Let's have a big turn out.

Jimmy Murphy was elected permanent delegate to the State Area meetings of the bakery drivers.

Paper haulers agreement committee reported progress on their new agreement.

The City Manager plan met with defeat by approximately 3,500 votes. Nice going.

The popular card game now being played is pinochle.

Monday morning Howard Fouts went out and caught a wildcatter. Ralph Johnson, to even the score, went out Monday afternoon and caught another wildcatter. The score now being one to one.

One of the boys took a load of grease to Omaha. He opened the trailer doors and part of the load fell out. Nice mess.

Who is doing all the strutting around? Nobody but Elmer Funck. Reason being he is the proud papa of a baby girl. Incidentally it's the first one.

We would like to know if Bob Sweely has had his platinum rinse

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yet, in preparation for the big dance.

Brother Erickson and his Paul Bunyan jacket were present at our last regular meeting. Some stuff.

Now that Brother Nettles is steward at the Iowa Bakery, we know there will be a little action up there.

A new mailing list is now being compiled so if you are not receiving your Northwest Organizer every week or, if you have changed your address, please report it to the office during this week.

## Turn or Go With Omaha 554

The boys took to the picket line Monday and astounded the populace. For the first time in our rather unpleasant labor history passed the anti-picketing law was since our boys showed the world that we could picket. The boys did a damn good job of it.

The Roberts Dairy boys are coming into the union. Do you realize that this means we have won our victory in the fullest sense. We have converted the men and management of what was once a real labor-hating concern. Pretty soon Roberts will be an all-union dairy.

The Bakery Drivers Section is going to town on the Bakery Drivers Council. They are looking forward to the new contract. There is no question about one thing; the next contract will contain a good seniority clause.

How long is it going to be before Omaha Bakery retail men are in the Bakery Section of Local 554? Not many moons, not many moons. The drive is pretty soon to come.

The furniture bosses are going to weaken mighty soon. The heat is going to be applied shortly. Farrell's agile mind is operating double time conceiving plans to eliminate the last of the friction.

The new offices are honeys. Tom is working like a mad man to get things straightened up in time to start the organization drive. Plush rugs for the bakery men are in line. Fancy linoleum for the secretary-treasurer. Plain furniture; but very serviceable. I'm afraid Tom will never get "dignified." He always will be one of the boys.

It will take a week or more of hard labor to get the hall all cleaned up and ship shape. But when that is done we will have a mighty fine place to live and to work and to meet. We have mighty good reason to be proud of our union hall. We propose to be proud of our union hall. When we have neon out front . . . we will be happy.

## On the National Picket Line

Last week the Nine Old Men of the United States Supreme Court joined hands with the rest of the Roosevelt Administration in its new "business appeasement" policy. Four decisions, all of them adverse to labor, came out of that learned body. One decision outlawed the sit-down strike and upheld the bosses' right to discharge workers who have been involved in such strikes. Another took the remaining teeth out of the Wagner Act by upholding another boss's act of firing workers for union activity.

The most far-reaching and dangerous decision involved the Fansteel Metallurgical Company in its appeal from a ruling by the NLRB that it must rehire all of the workers discharged as the result of a sit-down strike in 1937.

Early in the winter of 1937 the workers in the four Chicago plants of the corporation seized the plants in an effort to force the employers to sign a contract for higher wages, better working conditions, and shorter hours. The strike was called only after all other efforts to settle the controversy had failed. The strikers were finally driven from the plants by a barrage of tear gas and riot guns, in the hands of the brutal Chicago police. Many of them were arrested, tracked down in their homes.

The strike was broken. All workers involved in the strike were fired. The union appealed to the NLRB. After an exhaustive investigation, that body decided that the company had been guilty of all forms of unfair labor practices and order them to reinstate all of the discharged workers.

The company hired all of the high-powered lawyers it needed and decided to take its chances on a Supreme Court decision. The Supreme Court kept the faith with the company. The decision outlawed the sit-down strike and upheld the company's right to discharge the workers.

Said Chief Justice Hughes, in his majority decision, "Nor is it questioned that the seizure and retention of the respondent's property were unlawful. It was a high-handed proceeding without a shadow of legal right."

There was no dissension among the Nine Old Men as to whether or not the sit-down strike was illegal. The only dissension came from two "Justices" who questioned as to whether or not the company should be forced to rehire the discharged workers as per the NLRB ruling. The Court decided that the Fan Steel Corporation was within its rights to fire these men.

In other words, this decision, interpreted literally, will mean that any employer can frame charges against his workers if they dare to strike for better conditions. All he needs to do is charge that they are guilty of "illegal acts" and he will be absolved of any blame for violating the now-invalidated, impotent Wagner Act.

The Supreme Court "Justices" were not satisfied that with the Fansteel decision they had done enough to placate their real bosses—Wall Street. They must needs go even farther.

The Sands Manufacturing Company of Cleveland had fired some of its workers for union activity. NLRB hearings had brought out that the company had been guilty of this violation of the Wagner Act. The Supreme Court, in its decision on the case, over-stepped its own legal boundaries, and decided that the testimony presented to the lower courts by the NLRB was false and unreliable.

The Court also decided that the workers who were discharged had been guilty of breaking an existing contract and that the employer was "at liberty to treat them as having severed their relations with the company because of this breach."

Another decision which will be interpreted literally by the bosses. They always squeeze all of the juice out of anything which is in their own favor. This decision means that from now on whenever an employer de-

cides to break a union all he has to do is sign a contract—with his own phoney company union and then discharge all of those workers who dare to go on strike for a legitimate contract.

Even more significant—the Supreme Court is the last law of the land. It was originally made a part of the government to decide upon the legality and constitutionality of laws passed by congress and the various state legislatures. Now it has taken unto itself the right to decide upon the reliability of evidence—WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED UPON BY THE LOWER COURTS—lower courts which were created for just such functions.

The Wagner Act and the NLRB have lost any and all "guts" which they might have possessed previously. They are now worthless scraps of paper. Thus the fate of all so-called "labor" legislation.

The workers have only one force with which to fight and win their battles. Government boards and agencies, set up under the NLRB, have demonstrated time and again their impotency. Their very existence was a danger to the movement. If the workers place their faith in the government, expect that whenever they get in difficulties with the bosses, some mythically-high-powered government board is going to step in and make the boss behave, then the workers are fooling themselves and are opening the way for just such events as took place last week when the Nine Old Men sat down and decided that the Wagner Act and the NLRB had stood long enough and it was time they were removed.

The Supreme Court has allowed the Wagner Act to stand for the past three years for only one reason. During this period labor has been marching ever upward, and forward. It was not safe to try anything very drastic during a period when the workers

would fight at the drop of the hat.

Political repression has set in. In order to meet and give the lie to all of the Republican charges against the New Deal, it is necessary that Roosevelt turn from his seeming pro-labor policies and give the smile and the pat on the back to the employing class.

The fight between the AFL and the CIO has helped to lay the groundwork for this repression. The bosses have gained ammunition to use against the workers during the past three turbulent years. The employing class is by no means dumb. It is always dangerous to take the attitude that our enemies are asleep. The bosses have not been asleep all during this fight between Lewis and Green. They have been laying the groundwork for what they hope will be a crushing, overpowering defeat of labor.

The force which is labor has not been sufficiently awake to what has been going on, but once aroused, the Giant Labor will prove again that its united strength can and will crush the boss offensive.

We must have a united, militant movement; a fighting movement; a labor movement which will depend upon its own wonderful strength to win its battles against its enemy, the employing class.

Common sense is not so common.—VOLTAIRE.

## COMING EVENTS

St. Patrick's Ball—Federal Workers Section dance on Saturday, March 18th, at 257 Plymouth. Admission 25c.  
Workers Sunday Forum—Carlos Hudson speaks on "Spain: The Climax of the Popular Front," at 919 Marquette avenue, Sunday, March 12th, 3 p. m.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 664</b> 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.	<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 977</b> General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.	<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards—First and third Tuesdays. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.	<b>LOCAL 275</b> Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> Casket Industry—Feb. 14. 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.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Dairy Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> 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 and 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. 3 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
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## ITO Section Meets This Saturday

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ence should be given in the hiring of employees and rental of necessary equipment to those in need of relief and work relief, because it was to aid this group that the appropriations were made. It is conceivable, also, that rigid adherence to usual procurement rules in the case of rental of equipment from needy persons might tend to defeat the purpose of the appropriation.

According to a verbal interpretation of the Acting Comptroller General, the word "relief" would mean those truck drivers who, if Colonel Harrington's order for the competitive bid system were to go into effect, would become relief clients.

### Seek Clear-cut Ruling

The committee will not return from Washington until the latter part of the week, and hopes first to clear up definitely the question of method of hiring trucks, to the satisfaction of the drivers in Minnesota. Numerous conferences have been held by the committee with Senator Lundeen, Colonel Harrington, the Comptroller General, etc., and efforts are being made to secure a meeting with President Roosevelt.

Members of the committee are Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters

## Local 160 Has Change In Dues Rate

Beginning April 1st, Local B-160 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will change its dues schedule as stipulated below. These changes represent a small advance over present dues and will enable the union to cover all its expenses.

Members receiving \$150 monthly or more (or the equivalent in hourly rate computed on the basis of 173 hours per month) will pay \$4 monthly for full benefit dues. If paid quarterly in advance, the dues will be \$11.50 quarterly. Full benefit dues less the insurance premium will be \$3.10 monthly, or \$8.80 quarterly paid in advance.

Members receiving less than \$150 monthly will pay full benefit dues of \$3.50 monthly, or \$10 quarterly paid in advance. Less the insurance premium, the monthly dues will be \$2.60, or \$7.80 quarterly paid in advance.

There will be no change in the dues schedule for Class B members.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS