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Eide Leads Laborites to Primary Victory

On the National Picket Line

There IS a national picket line this week—a picket line five hundred thousand strong—half a million sternly silent men, determined that not one ton of soft coal will come forth from the bowels of the earth until a union contract is signed.

And unless a contract covering the anthracite miners is signed by next Saturday night, this massive picket line will be swelled by one hundred and fifty thousand more miners.

Bituminous coal mining is one of the country's basic industries. More than one million tons of soft coal is consumed by industry each week of the year. There are less than twenty-six million tons above the surface of the earth at the present time.

Already the giant subway systems of New York city have had their services curtailed 25 per cent by the city's Transportation Commission, in order to conserve the fast dwindling supply of soft coal. Many tug-boat and barge lines in New York Harbor have either completely suspended operations or have been greatly curtailed. All up and down the eastern seaboard small factories which were caught short on their coal supply have had to close their doors.

For more than seven weeks—since April 1, when the old contract expired, negotiations between the union and the employers committee have been going on. Up to Saturday night, May 6, the only point on which agreement had been reached was that the new contract—if and when—will run for two years.

The United Mine Workers' demands include all the conditions and wages which existed under the previous contract. They also demanded that the clause forbidding the calling of a strike or a lock-out during the life of the contract be eliminated. They want a closed shop.

The employers want an entirely new contract—one which reduces wages 20 per cent, lengthens the weekly hours from 35 to 40; the open shop, "liberalizing" of methods of handling grievances, AND the uncontested right to hire and fire OUT OF SENIORITY.

On Friday of last week the employers brought in another counter-proposal, which contained a clause setting up a check-off system whereby the operators would deduct dues from both UMW members and non-members. These monies collected from the non-members would "compensate the UMW for its services in administering the contract."

There was no logical explanation for this great good-heartedness on the part of the bosses toward the union—except maybe—legal lights on both sides of the conference table admitted that the inclusion of this clause would be in direct violation of the National Labor Relations Act, and would probably act to invalidate the entire contract.

John R. Steelman and John Dewey from the United States (Continued on page 4)

544 Calls Special Meeting for Monday

All members of the General Drivers Union Local 544 are instructed to attend the special membership meeting of the local to be held this Monday night, May 15th, 8 p. m., in the downtown Eagles Hall, 4th Avenue South and 8th Street.

The union has received counter-proposals from some sections of the industry which propose wage cuts for our members. The Associated Industries is working on the employers, seeking to get them hopped up to the point where they will try to put over wage cuts, with the aid of the Stassen Labor Bill.

Local 544, together with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the American Federation of Labor, has the policy that no wage cuts will be tolerated.

Come to Monday's meeting and participate in the important discussion on matters affecting you and your job.

NSP Company Stalls 160 On Construction Work

At the regular membership meeting of the Utility Workers Union Local B-160 held April 20th, the members, after hearing a report on the protracted and unsatisfactory negotiations with the Northern States Power company over the Construction Department, unanimously adopted a resolution insisting that the company enter into a proper contract with Local 160 which would protect former employees in the Construction Department who are members of Local 160. The resolution further instructed union officials to present the union's position to the Policy Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union.

In the hope that the company would reach an agreement for the Construction Department satisfactory to Local 160, this resolution has hitherto remained unpublished. However, it has since become obvious that the Northern States Power company does not intend to modify its unsatisfactory attitude towards this problem. Therefore, Local 160 sees no other alternative but to call to the attention of the rest of the labor movement the facts relating to the Construction Department negotiations.

The full text of the resolution is hereby printed:

WHEREAS, For many years the Northern States Power company has maintained a Construction Department covering all its properties, whose basic duties are to build, maintain and extend the properties of the company, and

WHEREAS, Prior to 1937 the Northern States Power company did not recognize the rights of organized labor, and

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1937, following a successful eight-day strike in the operating departments of the company, a working agreement was signed with the Minneapolis Utility Workers Union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers which laid the basis for the signing of an International agreement unionizing the entire properties of the company in five states, and

WHEREAS, This International agreement brought about the recognition of all other American Federation of Labor unions having jurisdiction over construction workers employed by the company, and

WHEREAS, During 1937 and 1938 this agreement worked out very satisfactorily and to the mutual benefit of those former employees of the Construction Department who are now members of Local 160 as well as the members of the various AFL building trades unions involved in construction work, during which time the great bulk of the work was within the Minneapolis and St. Paul divisions of the company, and

WHEREAS, For the year 1939 and possibly the next few succeeding years the company's construction program is such that the bulk of the Construction Department (Continued on page 4)

Dobbs Named to International Post

Kelly Postal Unanimously Chosen Financial-Secretary by Local 544 Membership; Curt Zander Named Trustee; Tobin Names Dobbs International Representative in Charge of Over-Road Work

Local 544 and the teamsters movement in this area had the signal honor on May 1st of seeing Farrell Dobbs appointed International Representative of the Brotherhood of Teamsters. Brother Dobbs, who has devoted much time in recent years to organizing the over-road workers, will have the special task of supervising the organization of over-road drivers, particularly in the Central States area. He will work directly under President Tobin in his new job.

Farrell tendered his resignation as financial secretary-treasurer of Local 544 to the 544 executive board last Wednesday, where it was accepted. The stewards' meeting on Friday and the membership meeting on Monday voted unanimously to accept Farrell's resignation, to leave him free to devote his time to the great tasks before him.

In his report to the membership meeting Monday, Brother Dobbs made it clear that his new post will permit him to serve the local teamsters' movement more than ever before.

His report was enthusiastically received. A motion later carried to set up a committee empowered to get a suitable gift to be presented to Dobbs at the next 544 meeting he attends. Members of the committee are Phil Gagnon, Sid Brennan, Chris Moe, Moe Hork, Lee Gardner and Sam Pedricks.

Postal Named to Post Monday's membership meeting unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the executive board and the stewards that Kelly Postal be named financial secretary-treasurer of Local 544, and that Curt Zander be named trustee of the union to fill the post vacated by Postal.

What is Local 544's loss will certainly be the International's gain. There is no one in the country who has the grasp of the over-road driving industry that Farrell Dobbs has displayed. In an editorial in the current issue of the International's official magazine (reprinted on page 4), President Daniel Tobin gives due recognition to the handling of the Omaha strike by the North Central District Drivers committee headed by Dobbs. With Farrell on the job as International Representative, we can all look forward to an even more energetic campaign to organize the nation's over-road drivers. Brother Dobbs carries with him to his new post the best wishes and the confidence of the Minneapolis movement.

Four Dayton Men Join Local 977

This week four workers employed in the garage of the Dayton store joined the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 to give the union a base in this important establishment.

There are a score of rampmen, or runners, employed by Dayton's who are woefully underpaid and Local 977 means to aid these workers to win higher wages and job security.

Sioux Falls Gives 7,868 Votes to Labor Candidate

Sioux Falls, S. D.—In the recent city election, John N. Browning, labor's candidate for mayor, came within 1,200 votes of capturing the office. Of the record vote of 16,934, Browning received 7,868 votes to 9,068 for his opponent, John McKee.

The relatively huge vote rolled up for Browning is an indication of the increasing strength of organized labor in the community, and lays the basis for labor victories in future political struggles. Browning's impressive total was almost as much a surprise to laborites as it was to conservatives.

Among the companies notified to attend are the following: Central Supply, D. M. Gilmore, Crane, Goodwin, Grinnell, A. Y. McDonald, Roberts-Hamilton, and W. F. Woodruff.

Fink Tactics Boomerang to Dy-Dee Wash

Frantic at the slump in business caused by his vicious anti-labor attitude, the owner of the fink Dy-Dee Wash company sent letters to all his customers last week seeking to justify his labor-hating tricks against the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 and the Laundry Workers Union.

The letter apologizes for the company's use of finks by stating that "we have to be very careful as to the type of employee we employ. Our constant thought is of you and your baby. Our employees must be physically clean and neat about their person and they must realize that sanitation is our first consideration."

Presumably, this is the reason the Dy-Dee employs such dirty finks. So far as is known, this is the first time on record when a boss has tried to use the ideal of babyhood to cover up a foul anti-labor attitude towards his employees.

The company admits its scab drivers are deputized and armed with guns, but tries to claim the drivers need guns "for their own protection."

A number of former Dy-Dee customers have relayed the boss's letter to the union, with ironical comments scribbled thereon, and have pledged Local 131 to use the services of the union company in this industry.

Yellow Cab Transfer Tied Up in Wichita

About 25 men are involved in the strike of the Wichita Drivers Union Local 795 called last week against the Yellow Cab Transfer & Storage company of Wichita, Kansas. Local 795 is demanding a union working agreement with wage scales and conditions conforming with other agreements signed between the Drivers Union and Wichita companies.

The president of the Yellow Cab Transfer company is also president of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. Despite the fact that other local trucking companies, including the truck division of the Santa Fe railroad, have already signed up with Local 795, the Yellow Cab Transfer outfit has persisted in its refusal to grant the moderate demands of the drivers.

The drivers' movement in the area is maintaining close touch with the Wichita strike through T. T. Neal of Kansas City, chairman of the Southwest Drivers Organizing Committee.

Gas Stations Sign Pact in St. Louis

The Gas Service Station Employees' Union Local 618 of St. Louis, Mo., reports it has signed new working agreements with 1,400 filling stations covering about 2,000 workers. The pact runs from May 1st, 1939, for one year, and stipulate higher wages and better working conditions.

Local 618 is affiliated with the St. Louis Teamsters Joint Council.

Unions Win Nomination for Mayor, Estimate Board, Two Park Commissioners, Three School Commissioners, Seven Aldermen—Vote Forecasts New Mass Political Shift Away from Boss Parties

Vote Seen as Answer to Four Months of Stassen Rule and the Stassen Labor Law—All Labor Candidates in Excellent Position to Win June 12th—Trade Union Committees Needed in All Wards and Precincts

Forecasting a new shift in mass political sentiment as deep and far-reaching as the counter-move to Stassen last fall, 115,000 Minneapolis voters went to the polls Monday to place practically the entire trade union slate on the ballot.

With T. A. Eide leading the way with 31,534 votes, the labor movement placed as candidates a man on the board of estimate, two park commissioners, three school directors, and seven aldermen.

Local 471 Membership Votes Strike

With negotiations between the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 and the Minneapolis dairies having dragged along unsatisfactorily since early in April, the membership of Local 471 voted Tuesday night overwhelmingly to empower its negotiating committee to continue negotiations and to strike if necessary to win the union's demands.

Tuesday's meeting was a special membership meeting called to acquaint the members with full details of the negotiations.

Councils Aid In Winning Denver Strike

A recent four-day strike against the Chicago-Denver Trucking company of Denver, Colorado, has resulted in winning a settlement of the union's major demands, with remaining details now being negotiated between the Denver Drivers Union Local 13 and the company.

The Chicago-Denver Trucking company operates between Denver and Chicago; between Denver and St. Louis, and between Denver and Los Angeles. Its trucking operations penetrate deeply into the territory of both the North Central District Drivers Council and the Western States Drivers Council of the Pacific Coast area.

The tie-up came only after lengthy negotiations demonstrated the company's unwillingness to comply with standards in the industry established by the two Drivers Councils. The strike was marked by the excellent cooperation between the Councils in the Western States and in the North Central District.

The two Drivers Councils will continue joint efforts to aid the Denver Drivers Union in the campaign to bring all highway operations out of Denver under the standard drivers pact.

545 Picnic Is Arranged For July 9

The annual summer picnic of the General Drivers Union Local 544 will be held Sunday, July 9th, at Webb's Place on Bass Lake. The picnic committee, headed by Walt Hagstrom, has already engaged a merry-go-round, kiddies' ride and ferris wheel for the picnic.

The picnic committee will meet this Friday, May 12th, 8:30 p. m. at the union hall. All 544 members and their families are requested to save July 9th for the union affair.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

FWS Mass Meeting Friday to Prepare For Demonstration

With the state and national administrations continuing their headlong drive against the unemployed, Minneapolis WPA workers and relief clients will meet this Friday evening, May 12th, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, to lay plans for a huge holiday demonstration. The meeting will feature speakers from Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey, Dakota and Washington counties, and will be held under the auspices of Local 544's Federal Workers Section. All unemployed-members and non-members-are urged to attend the meeting and get set for action.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

The 1859 diamondball team was challenged by the Youth Section of the Federal Workers, Local 544, on Monday. Rube Scholl got in touch with manager Joe Bednarski and it looks like the first game of the season is about to pop. The 1859 men are shaping up hunky-dory and are ready to put up a real battle to all comers. This game should get a good turnout from the diamondball fans. Lyle Flaherty is manager of the Youth Section team.

At the Puffer-Hubbard plant three men are out of the shop on the sick list. There is also a rumor abroad that couple of guys over here are about to become family men. All we know is that May 20 and June 4 are the due dates. Anyone having information as to who these men are, please get in touch with this column through Miss Willumson at our office.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

There's still room for more diamondball players. If you want to play, get in touch with Webb at Nevens, or call the union office. Regular play begins next week.

The following are still on the sick list and receiving sick benefits: Jack Schmidt, Art Saxum and Clarence Sandquist.

The primaries turned out very satisfactorily for us, but the hard pull is still ahead. We'll have to work hard from now to the regular elections.

If any of you are in the market for a car, your B. A. wants to sell one at a real bargain. He has a 35 Plymouth sedan and a 35 Olds coach. The Plymouth has been driven less than 19,000 miles.

Norman Carle is not well, but he is working. He plans to go to the Vets Hospital.

Your B. A. attended the installation banquet and dance of Local 183 last Saturday night at the West Hotel. It was a very pleasant event and was attended by about 300.

Latz and Baldwin are leaving May 12th for Denver to attend their International's convention. We received a call a few days ago from one of our major plants to furnish a driver for a vacation period. We appreciate this cooperation and hope we will receive calls from some of the others.

Theo. Berquist is working for the time being at Darling Curtain Cleaners.

The Dy-Dee Wash is still the bunk.

We are checking regularly for trucks on the street after 6 and 4. If you are out, you'll be caught in the net. Ten bucks is expensive.

Card of Thanks

Drivers Local 544: Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated. Sincerely, MRS. C. L. McCRAID and family

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To all members of 1859: In case you don't remember the name of our secretary, it is Jeanette Willumson. Drop into the office any time, members, and get acquainted.

At the general membership meeting May 3, the turnout was certainly fine. If anybody thinks 1859 isn't up and a-coming, they should have seen that meeting. The new attendance cards were used for the first time and worked out very satisfactorily. Paul A. Rasmussen of the Farmer Co-op Labor Council addressed the meeting, and we feel that he carried a very worthwhile message to the membership. It would be a pleasure to have Mr. Rasmussen with us again.

Our delegate-at-large gave a report on a meeting held April 30 at the C.L.U. at which time the new Stassen Slave Act was analyzed to the officers of 125 locals representing over 50,000 members. A very masterly bit of reporting.

Brother Cy Paulson gave the financial report in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

The stewards' report was better than ever, as many of them availed themselves of the loud speaker.

Brother Janosco reported on conditions and developments concerning the Furniture and Wood-ware Workers Council and presented very forcefully what our attitude towards the Labor Relations Bill should be in the future. The new secretary-treasurer was nominated and elected by unanimous vote and installed with dignity and acclaim. As this left the office of conductor open, nominations were opened and Richard Gilmore was voted in as conductor. L. Rhody very graciously consented to act as recording secretary pro-tem during the meeting.

Herb Stoltz went to the Swedish hospital Friday where he will undergo an examination and diagnosis. We certainly hope it is nothing serious, Herbie.

Andrew Hoffin is still in the Swedish hospital where he has been incarcerated for a month. Drop in and cheer him up.

With deep humiliation and regret we wish to apologize to Joe

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Undefeated 544 to Play Excelsior

If the Minneapolis Millers continue their hitting streak, they may approach the great batting power shown by Local 544's nine in its pre-season play to date. Last Sunday afternoon the union team took on the Stillwater Eagles at Stillwater and smothered them, 21-4. Norrie Hanson, 544's ace moundsman, struck out 15, allowed only 5 hits, rapped out 3 hits himself including a homerun. Other union batsmen to maintain their batting averages were Sid Alford with 3 out of 4. Johnny Sodd with the same, and Ed Crandall, who got 3 hits out of 3 and was then taken out of the game with an injured leg. Joe Rusin and Sodd also got homers. An extremely large union crowd traveled to Stillwater to

Unions in St. Paul Tackle Jobs Problem

A delegate conference on the problem of unemployment in Ramsey county will be held Friday, May 19th, 6 p. m. in the St. Francis hotel under the sponsorship of the unemployment committee of the St. Paul Trades & Labor Assembly. Following a dinner, a round-table conference will take place with speakers scheduled to discuss relief, housing, medical care for the jobless and relief standards.

Each union affiliated with the Assembly will be asked to send two delegates to the conference. Bernard Simmer, chairman of the unemployment committee and an official of the St. Paul Warehouse Union, stated last week that a family of five on relief in Ramsey County is forced to exist on a yearly income of about \$750, way below what the United States Department of Labor has estimated is necessary for a decent standard of living.

Coffee Cries Local 275

By Don Gustafson

With the summer weather here at last, it won't be long before we can start throwing out the hooks for a few pickerel. A fishing trip was planned at the last meeting with everyone much in favor of it, so we should have a good turnout. Keep your eyes peeled for a good lake.

Haerle and Brandanger got an early start. They had their lines out the other Saturday night.

Hank Sundberg copped the two-dollar door prize at the last meeting. That will pay for a couple more shingles on the new house, Hank.

Stub Olson got in a gambling mood the other night and got taken for a thirty cent round on what he thought was a cinch. Never bet on another man's game, sucker.

Bill Lawson proved his ability of finding his way around when he broke into the wrong door at the last sales meeting in the Radisson Hotel.

Vacations will be starting very soon, so you better get your weeks lined up at your plant. First choices will be according to seniority.

Just a reminder that the Jewel Tea and the Cook Coffee companies are still on the unfair list.

Novak for calling him "Ed" last week. Guess I must be slipping, Joe.

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root for the home team. Union members are finally giving 544's teams the support they merit. This Sunday fans will have the opportunity to see Jack Herman's boys go into action against Excelsior ball club at the Excelsior field. The game will start at 2:30 p. m.

To Play Superior Drivers Nothing less than the Nicollet Ball Park has been secured for the coming baseball game between the class Superior Drivers Union Local 288 nine and Local 544's stars. This game will be played Sunday afternoon, June 4th. Tickets sell for 40c, and can be obtained at Local 544's headquarters or from the stewards. All kids up to 15 years old will be admitted for 10c.

Last year the Superior brothers took 544 in a close game, 7-5. The Minneapolis drivers also have a score to settle with Local 288 over the licking 544 took from Superior on the basketball floor this winter.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Goody! Goody! three more days till fishing season opens. I have already spotted a couple of frog ponds and also some likely looking spots in which the slippery earthworms disport themselves. Being rather fond of music, I'll naturally hate to bust up the frogs' vocal quartets, but, being more fond of fishing than I am of music, I fear there will develop, shortly, a serious shortage of tenors and baritones.

Ere now, the people of Minneapolis have nominated their candidates for June election. As I write this, I hope the voters won't make the same mistake they made in the State election last fall. The genus homo is at best an unreliable critter, especially in crisis, so you can never know what he'll do. There is much truth in the old proverb "The slave learns to love his chains."

I note in the Minneapolis Journal that there has been some talk regarding a general slash in city employees' wages, the cut to be applied toward relief funds. Keep your ear to the ground for anything authentic. Forewarned is fore-armed.

Bro. Al Schneider is laid up with strep infection of the throat. Take good care of yourself, Al, as that is nothing to fool with.

The "Hatfield" DeLaittre-"Mc Coy" Jensen feud broke out afresh last week, providing considerable amusement for the onlookers.

It seems that the stretching contest staged by several of the Park employees at the St. Patrick's Eve party, still lingers in the minds of those who participated. Bro. Strom, the old rod man, didn't like the decision at the time but confided to me later that Bro. Phil Foslin was the better man. In entering any contest, Bro. Strom, you cannot hope to win unless you keep in training between matches.

Saw Bro. Mickey Lanigan, Sunday, at the home of his good parents. Mick said he couldn't sit down—that he had been riding a horse Saturday, trying to keep up with an expert horseman, presently he took his little nephew Jimmy, and headed for the double-header at Nicollet ball park. Anybody who will stand up that length of time is a sure "nuff baseball fan.

Bro. Lanigan, our vigorous vice-president, didn't have any appetite at all, Sunday. His better half confided that his itty bitty

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man I sure get a bang out of all these crowned heads coming to this country. I like royalty.

Business Men's Association In Sioux City Boycotts Firms Fair to Drivers 383

Sioux City, Iowa—The Sioux City Business Men's Association, chief local labor-hating body, is continuing its opposition to the Drivers Union Local 383 by using economic terrorism against those companies who have signed up with Local 383 or are using the services of these union transfer companies.

The Association, under the leadership of the strike-breaking Ben Kloster, has already terrorized a number of firms to the point where they have discontinued their former fair attitude to the union. Such firms as A. Y. McDonald, Crane Pipe company, H. J. Heinz, etc., have discontinued using union transfer companies and are now having their hauling done by the scabby Bekins and Stephens firms.

In another case, Local 383 had succeeded in reaching a verbal agreement with the National Carloading company that it would cease using the fink trucking companies. The Business Men's Association went to work, with the result that not a single truck operator in Sioux City will touch the National Carloading company for fear of an economic boycott by the Association. The Association is controlled by the big-shot bankers and industrialists in Sioux City, who control banking and credit facilities.

Local 383 Forges Ahead Despite the dirty campaign of intimidation by the Business Men's Association, the Sioux City Drivers Union continues to progress. On Monday, March 6th, the six-months drivers' lockout ended with a smashing union victory. Both city and over-road operators then signed with Local 383, with only a few holdouts such as Bekins and Stephens, and small local firms such as Collins and Ross.

The overwhelming number of both local and over-road drivers and helpers are now working under union contract.

Life is a bowl of cherries—and the workers get the pits.—GELDMAN. tummy was out of whack. How come, Harlow?

Keep your dues paid up as closely as possible, and don't forget the assessment. If you can't get to the meetings, contact Bro. Kanasky, the Park steward.

Bro. Mike was laboriously ascending and descending a ladder last Saturday, wrestling with screens and storm windows, and, at the time I dropped in, rapidly weakening. However, after a short visit in Mike's kitchen, we both came downstairs, ready for anything, eh, Mike?

Saw a handbill being circulated in Northeast Minneapolis Saturday, in which the public was urged to "vote for Mayor Leach or Rader or Roan;" for commissioner, "Armstrong or Dame or McCrea" all down the line. Not one labor candidate was named on this handbill. Politics sure breeds strange bedfellows.

See you Thursday.

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TAXI TOPICS By Curly and Lunde We are sorry to report that four of Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Blomgren's children are in the hospital with scarlet fever. The new arrival, however, is home and healthy. Our election is over and Local 958 is set to go places. We all should abide by the majority choice and give our full cooperation to the boys in office. From now on we hope our meetings will be well attended as this is the only way to get true representation on important votes. "D-y" Hall confessed another had "no-load" a while back, way out to the Mill Pond. If they fool you again, Sylvester, be sure you have a radio in your back to entertain you on the long and empty road back. One of our deans of drivers, who chauffeured at the turn of the century, tells of a two-lunger Jackson automobile that went up Kenwood hill 36 miles per hour. That's the guy we want to design the next hacks as these won't do 20 m.p.h. up the same hill 38 years later. All Yellow Taxi drivers can get summer uniforms through the office, except "Man Mountain" Hurley and "Two-Ton" Taylor, who must have their tailor-made by Omar the tentmaker. Get your orders in early to our own country gentlemen and they'll grow your vegetables to order. Our East Side fishermen, inspired by the tales of big fish up the river, have procured tackle and provisions, are picking a crew for the venture which lines up something like this: Frank "Moby Dick" Riley, chief skipper; Fred Settrum, channel pilot; E. "Pat" Seelye, first mate; William "The Jumper" Gagne, second mate; "Two Ton" Taylor, tiller man; E. Bolander, ship's carpenter; E. "Rat" Egan, chief stoker; Tom Jennings, watch in the crow's-nest; W. Kirchberg, ship's cook, galley; Vern Falk, cabin boy; "Half a Cup" Sorenson, bait tender; "Stinger" McDonald, harpooner; Cliff Berg, keeper of "grog"; "Big Noise" Tripp, fog-horn tender; Julius Keimetz, "Fireball" Edholm and Heinie Bravthen, stowaways. Found out the "congressman" car belongs to Art Singer. Bet if you look in the tool-box of that

On WPA Projects 403's for Mother's Day The one day in the year especially set aside for Mother's Day has become a day greatly dreaded by many mothers now employed on the WPA project. About that time, another set of 403's—those little pink slips that are one-way tickets to misery—will be distributed to another group of mothers. Instead of receiving, as is their due, the honor and appreciation suggested by Mother's Day, they will receive only disappointment and worry and heart-aches. These mothers ask only the opportunity to earn the money to give their children the necessities and few small pleasures which the WPA wage makes possible. But the WPA office is planning to deny them this. It's the WPA's gift on Mother's Day. The motors spin, the drive shafts hum, And everywhere a busy whirl. A working Mother's heart is numb, She sees her growing boy and girl Without the things she works to give, Without the things they need to live, And as she turns, her tears will fall Why the sorrow of her way? A 403 for Mother's Day. Packard—you'll find Art's V8 Ford in there. Heard that John Berglund gave away a St. Paul run, and believe it or not, George Schiertz got it; careful, John, or you'll lose that long earned reputation.

Drivers in Sioux City Mourn Death Of Roy Dillinger All members of the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383 feel a profound sorrow at the death of Roy Dillinger. Brother Dillinger was one of the drivers locked out by the Bekins Transfer company last September 9th. He had worked for Bekins for about 25 years. In the last eight months, our brother maintained his courage and his union principles despite the cruel hardships the lockout inflicted upon him. He was a real union man and an active picket despite his 55 years. Late in April he was taken sick, was ill for about a week, and died Sunday morning. He is survived by his wife. Brother Dillinger had been active in the union movement for over thirty years. He was an old-time member of the old Teamsters Union Local 315. Always a firm believer in unionism, he was devoted to union principles to the very end. The funeral was held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Perazzo Brothers mortuary. Local 383's executive board attended the funeral and several board members served as pallbearers. Many drivers attended the last rites. Local 383 will see that the wife of our dear brother is taken care of.

Card of Thanks Local 544: Please accept my thanks for the union's aid and the donation of its cars at the funeral of my husband May first. May the Local 544 prosper forever. Whenever I can, I sure will put in a good word for you. Thank you ever so much. As ever, Mrs. Charles Hegblom Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hegblom Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hegblom Mrs. Minnie Olson Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leverenz and grandchildren

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Local 664 Men are Eligible for New Sick Leave Plan

All members of City and Sanitary Drivers and Helpers Union Local 664 will be interested in the new Accumulative Sick Leave plan for city employees adopted in April by the city council. Under provisions of this plan, all city employees on the permanent payroll will be able to accumulate up to 60 days sick leave with pay. The paid sick leave started to accumulate January 1st, 1937. Each permanent employee is entitled to twelve days sick leave with pay. Under the new city council ordinance, employees can accumulate unused days of sick leave from year to year, and such an accumulation up to a total of sixty working days will be permitted.

In order to become eligible for leave blanks from their foreman or time keeper. The time accounted for in the report must have been taken off before the report is submitted for approval.

Below is published the full text of the Civil Service Rules and the ordinance, together with a sample copy of the Accumulated Sick Leave Report which must be filled out by the employee and his physician to obtain pay on the basis of accumulated sick leave. All members of Local 664 are requested to save this material and study it carefully.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION City of Minneapolis ACCUMULATIVE SICK LEAVE REPORT

Employees requesting leave of absence with pay on the basis of accumulative sick leave as provided for in the Civil Service Rules (Rule X, Section 2 (c)) must fill out this report with accompanying physician's statement.

I hereby make application for accumulative sick leave for the period from _____ (Date) to _____ (Date) inclusive (_____ days). (Employee's Signature)

I consulted the following named physicians:

(Name)	(Address)

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD (Departments under jurisdiction of the City Council): I hereby certify that the above employee has been off duty for the time specified above and _____ (Signature of Department Head)

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD (Departments not under jurisdiction of the City Council): I hereby certify that the above employee has been off duty for the time specified above. _____ (Signature of Department Head)

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT

1. Name of patient _____	Age _____
2. Present address _____	3. Date of most recent examination _____
4. Date of onset of illness _____	5. Previous condition _____
6. Diagnosis _____	7. Underlying cause _____
8. Existing complications _____	9. Possible complications _____
10. Prognosis and probable length of disability _____	11. What treatment was prescribed. _____
12. If hospitalized, give dates of hospitalization and 13. Remarks _____	name of hospital _____

Date: _____ Address of Physician: _____ Signature of Physician: _____

Leaves of Absence with Pay on Account of Sickness Subject to Approval of Civil Service Medical Director

Entitled to _____ days sick leave according to Civil Service payroll records.	REMARKS OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR (Not to be used by the Medical Examiner)	Approved _____ Declined _____ Deferred this _____ day of _____, 19____
1937 _____ 1938 _____ 1939 _____		

Civil Service Payroll Clerk _____ (Over) _____ Civil Service Medical Director _____

CIVIL SERVICE RULES - RULE X

Section 2. Leave of Absence with Pay.

(a) Sick Leave. If employee has been duly certified and has served in a department continuously for one year, the head of the department shall grant employee leave with full pay for actual illness, temporary physical disability, serious illness in immediate family or quarantine, not to exceed twelve (12) working days in one year in addition to regular vacation leave, provided employee files with the Commission the Incidental Sick Leave form prescribed by the Commission and subject to the approval of the Civil Service Medical Director.

(c) Accumulative Sick Leave. The accumulation of any unused sick leave since January 1, 1937, as provided in Section (b) shall be granted an employee as additional sick leave, provided that such accumulations permitted to be used shall not exceed sixty working days. In the event that any employee shall have received said maximum, he shall be granted no further or additional leave of absence with pay until and unless he shall have accumulated additional unused sick leave as hereinbefore referred to and then only to the extent of such accumulations of unused sick leave. Provided that this section shall not be construed as in any manner applying to employees of the city referred to in Paragraph (h) of Section 2, Rule X.

(d) Medical Reports. All applications for leave of absence with pay based on accumulative sick leave shall be made in writing signed by the employee. Each such application shall be upon a form prescribed by the Commission and shall contain such information as the Commission deems necessary in order to pass upon the facts, said application being subject to the approval of the Civil Service Medical Director.

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tions for leave of absence, with pay, on account of illness or injury.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. All applications to the City Council by any employee regularly employed under the jurisdiction of the City Council for leave of absence with pay, in excess of vacation, incidental sick leave, death in family and physical disability allowance, all as set forth in Section 2 of Rule X of the Civil Service Commission, may be considered by the City Council only unless accompanied by such applications shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(1) A written communication from the head of the department with which said employee is connected, recommending that said application be granted;

(2) Certificate of a licensed physician stating the nature and cause of the illness or injury;

(3) Report of the city physician, or some physician designated by the Civil Service Commission, giving the same information;

(4) Affidavit of the employee stating that he was physically unable to perform his duties and giving the names of witnesses who can testify as to his illness or injury.

Section 2. The sick leave, as herein defined, may be granted on the following basis:

The accumulation of any unused sick leave since January 1, 1937, as provided in Section (b) and (c) of Section 2, Rule X, of the Civil Service Commission, may in the discretion of the Council, if all of the provisions of the preceding section hereof be complied with, be granted said employee, provided that such accumulations permitted to be used shall not exceed a total of sixty working days. In the event that any employee shall have received said maximum, he shall be granted no further or additional leave of absence, with pay, by the City Council until and unless he shall have accumulated additional unused sick leave as permitted by the rule of the Civil Service Commission hereinbefore referred to, and then only to the extent of such accumulations of unused sick leave. Provided, that this section shall not be construed as in any manner applying to employees of the city referred to in Subdivision (f) of Section 2 of Rule X of the present rules of the Civil Service Commission.

Section 3. The term "sick leave," as herein used, shall mean any illness or injury incurred while said employee is actually in the service of the city.

Section 4. This ordinance shall not apply to seasonal workers or employees serving under temporary appointments.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1939.

Passed December 30, 1938. Eric G. Hoyer, President of the Council.

Approved January 3, 1939. George E. Leach, Mayor.

Attest: Chas. C. Swanson, City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating and prescribing the conditions relating to application for leave of absence, with pay, on account of illness or injury," passed December 30, 1938, and approved January 3, 1939.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The above entitled ordinance, passed December 30, 1938, as officially published, is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By striking out the words, "may be considered by the City Council," as they appear in the 10th and 11th lines of Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "shall be granted";

(b) By striking out the word "may," as it appears in the second line of the first paragraph of Section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "shall";

(c) By striking out the words, "may in the discretion of the Council," as they appear in the 5th and 6th lines of the second paragraph of Section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "shall";

(d) By striking out the words, "by the City Council," as they appear in the 17th and 18th lines of the second paragraph of Section 2 thereof.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1939.

Passed April 14, 1939. Eric G. Hoyer, President of the Council.

Approved April 12, 1939. George E. Leach, Mayor.

Attest: Chas. C. Swanson, City Clerk.

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Watt Notes

The diamondball team is going to have some new uniforms; this perhaps may be an inducement for some to try out for the team.

Don't forget to attend the next membership meeting May 18th. Many things of importance are to be discussed.

Starting in June we will have only one membership meeting per month and one stewards meeting per month. The stewards' meetings will take place the first Thursday in the month, and the membership meeting on the third Thursday of the month. This will be for the duration of the summer months.

The election results were rather pleasing, eh, Brothers?

Brother Inspector Clark of the Meter Department has returned to work after spending a short sojourn at home due to illness.

We note that Mrs. Eugene Burkhardt wrote a very worthwhile article about the aims and purposes of the Local's Ladies Auxiliary which appeared in the April issue of the Electrical Workers Journal.

Wonder if it's due to the close proximity of the fishing season that some people think we (the Union) are suckers?

'Tis said that in the springtime people get restless. Wonder if that's what ails the Construction Department brothers and the St. Cloud boys?

"Scotty" is full of the urge, what with reels, rods, lines and plenty of plugs all ready for May 15.

Romeo Kaeder is available for an evening's entertainment any old time. He knows his stuff! With swimmin' and wimmin'.

Sherman has also graduated to the De Soto class. What's ten years among friends?

Erwin Haack says: "The nude figure of a woman is pleasing to look at even in a magazine on the 'unfair' list."

Several members haven't turned in the money and unsold tickets to the Dance Committee. Please cooperate at once.

Rumors still persist that multiple-activity Harry is tangled up with a ball and chain affair of some kind.

This Friday evening the ladies of the Auxiliary and their husbands will spend a very enjoyable evening together.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication.

Passed March 31, 1939. Eric G. Hoyer, President of the Council.

Approved April 3, 1939. George E. Leach, Mayor.

Attest: Chas. C. Swanson, City Clerk.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next Meeting: General Membership Meeting, Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p. m. There will be no Cake and Pie Drivers' meeting on May 18 as this section moved to discontinue meetings for the summer months. The next meeting for this group will be the third Thursday in September.

Here is the final report on the dance from Loren Johnson, chairman.

Total income	\$149.65
Total outstanding tickets	12.00
Total expenses	140.54
Net profit (plus outstanding tickets)	\$ 21.11

This dance shows less profit than the last dance, but Loren reports that he spent \$33 more on this dance than on the last, including such items as the floor show, one hour more for the orchestra, costing \$7.50 additional, etc.

The Picnic Committee is meeting this week and they intend to put on a real picnic July 16, so reserve this date, Sunday, July 16, for the big 289 Picnic at Costello's Grove at 92nd and Cedar. Rain or shine. We will have room for everybody inside, in case of rain, so it's on, rain or shine.

Lea Haggen, Emerick's, is laid up as a result of an accident with his truck last week. He hurt his leg rather badly and it looks like he'll be off for two weeks or more.

Walter Johnson, Regan's, is back after a month's trip through Texas and the West Coast. There have been persistent but as yet unconfirmed rumors that Walter was married on this trip. How's about it, Walt?

Tomte of Regan's says that he is finally getting his golf clubs back from "Bing" Crosby at Zinsmaster's. Tom claims that he let "Bing" have the sticks two years ago come the Fourth of July, but "Bing" claims it won't be two years till August 1. Better charge he'll keep the clubs and you can buy new ones with the rent money.

Harry DeBoer is back on the job after going through the Mayo clinic at Rochester, and he reports that the doctors couldn't find much wrong with him. Harry returned Friday at 4:45 and at 6:30 was speeding on his way to Omaha to attend the bakery drivers area meeting. It looks as though we will have to be prepared to help out Kansas City and Omaha bakery drivers as they are having a little trouble getting their contract signed.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend to members of Local 544 our sincere appreciation for the floral offering and kind expression of sympathy in our recent bereavement.

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

Brother Ed Solem, our first secretary and treasurer, has presented a fine program which we can carry out to prove to the farmers our sincerity in organizing the Farmer-Cooperative Labor Council. Its essence is to get each and every milk customer in our city, to use one extra quart of milk per day. A bit of work and a little co-operation on our part will make a success of Ed Solem's plan. The farmer's milk surplus will be reduced and the butterfat price will work upward again. In the near future, Local 471 will act on this proposal.

Here is one we have never heard before: in some cities special drivers are known as a "Quickie." Maybe it is a fitting name. We can tell better the next time we run short of milk and have to wait for you. Maybe the dairy companies should have a few more quickies.

In 1938, in cities of ten thousand or more, 88 per cent of all milk sold was pasteurized milk. We can all remember a few years ago when raw milk was a problem.

Dairy salesmen in England seem to have one problem in common with us: that of building up sales and holding them. The following limerick was awarded first prize in a contest:

Milk is the food for us all,
So do ask the Milkman to call;
And order the food
That always does good,
Then you won't need the Doctor at all.

We are glad to hear George Swanson is going back to work. For the past two weeks he has been off, suffering from torn ligaments in his back.

At first the paper bottle seemed to be quite a problem to some of our brothers and to some of our employers. The "Twin City" has assured the dealers that if they want paper bottles, the Twin City will set up a machine within ten days and they can have all they like.

Old Home employees met with the Negotiating Committee on Friday evening. The Brothers like their new home at 2521 East Hennepin Ave. They are proud of it and invite you to come and see the new plant. After the agreement had been gone over, article by article, the chairman became very lax and permitted the meeting to become a social affair. Some members went as far as to talk about "Blondie."

Tommy Ammerman and Morris Nelson will be just a little busier now; they are both on the present grand jury.

With the Limousines

"Home James"

Our ace dance ticket seller, Joe F., is still selling the tickets and the latest report is that he has sold over 150 tickets to date.

Any unemployed member of Local 912 be sure and register at the Local's office as we are sure we can help you. We have had a number of calls for chauffeurs in the last week.

Word again has been received from California that the horses are still in the running and some of the members are doing right well for themselves; we'll all be ready for a swell reunion when the members return home. Best wishes to Eddie and the Mrs.

The late election returns indicate that most of you must have read the first part only of the Labor ballot as some very worthy members of Labor did not receive your vote, BUT, be sure you VOTE at the General Election.

We all wish to send our best regards to Bob D. We all hope

Twin City Lumber Signs With 1859

The Twin City Lumber company renewed its working agreement with the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859. The old pact expired on May 1st, and on May 4th a new pact was signed which will run for one year. Like the 1938 contract, the new agreement provides for plant seniority, names the union sole bargaining agent, stipulates an hourly minimum wage of 57 1/2c, etc.

The company has further indicated it will seek to equalize the work in such a manner as to avoid seasonal unemployment, in the interests of providing steady employment for the workers. About 25 men are involved.

Bob you will be in the best of health in the near future and we are all waiting to greet you at the next meeting.

A few w/outout excuses the madames hear—"Oh, this won't be a long meeting. I'll be home as soon as it is over. (WHAT). At home —"But Darling, the car broke down."

How about a prize of some kind for the one selling the most dance tickets? Some can say you don't mean me, I'll have to take grapes.

This time of the year is when we can drive with the windows down and see who is driving and be able to give our pleasant smile to one another as we pass; don't you feel better when you can drive and see one of the smiles as well as to be able to give one?

The garden is all in and starting to grow at 77th - Plowed Ground, our dear member (the owner) notifies us to the effect that in case a commissary has to be set up he is willing to donate in a big way.

J. J. (Jerry) Cremers, our very good friend and brother, wishes to thank all the members of organized labor for their fine co-operation shown him in the last election; while not winning, he well knows he has a large host of real friends, and Jerry says that means a lot more than anything else.

Take notice, Lawrence James D., you were the lucky winner at the last meeting, but due to your absence, we are sure you were working, be sure to attend meetings from now on and you won't be disappointed.

The Entertainment Committee is still asking your co-operation in selling more tickets, so don't sit back and let the other fellow do it, if you can't sell tickets, get some door prizes.

If driving by 24th and Park Ave. you may stop and ask a certain member to show you how large capsules can be made; they sure are big.

Have you all heard about the amateur night to be given soon? Is it true what they said about "Dixie"? I'll be a-seeing you.

Gassing With 977

Aaron Oxendale, attendant at the Nelson Bros. Garage, 500 11th St. S., won the door prize of \$2 in dues at the general membership meeting last Monday night.

L. P. Johns, Phillips attendant, 5158 Bloomington Ave., has returned to his home from the hospital and will soon be back on the job.

The Independent Lessee Section will hold its general membership meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 9 p. m.

Al Marx, employed at Asby Oil, underwent an operation at Asby hospital this week; his condition is reported as fair.

The result of the meeting with Labor Conciliator Lloyd Haney, and Ben Freeman of the Freeman Oil, was very satisfactory to the men and their representative, Larry Davidson. Freeman paid \$91.63 in back wages to the following: S. Hodroff, W. Reberry, F. Callahan, J. Fields, and S. Dahlstedt. Reberry, who had been laid off out of seniority, was returned to work.

Four of the greasers and washers from the Dayton Company ramp garage signed with Local 977 this week. They are W. Bottle, H. Hauge, F. Oberton, E. Peterson.

Lessees are urged not to give discounts to truckers, transfermen and their employees. These men are getting a union wage and should not expect a discount at union operated stations.

Again, we remind all members that there is a 50c per month fine on all dues which are not paid to date by May 31st.

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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.

President Tobin on the Over-Road Strike

The following tribute to the drivers who engaged in the long over-road strike in Omaha, Sioux City, Des Moines and other sections in the North Central District was written by President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. It appears as an editorial in the May, 1939, issue of the official magazine of the Teamsters Union.

The Middle Western States' strike which has been going on for months and which has been gradually coming to an end, is almost closed and another great victory has obtained for the officers and the unions that participated in this strike. During all the months of the strike, in which there were a couple of thousand men originally involved, there were less than a half dozen desertions from the ranks of the strikers. The local union members that were working assessed themselves and contributed as much as they possibly could to maintain the men that were on strike. The International Union paid the expenses of a general committee of about five members to enter into and conduct conferences and to a great extent manage the strike. The International Union also contributed as much as it possibly could to help the strikers.

Most of the men on strike had not been members of our union more than one year, but in all of my time and my years of service I have never known a better conducted strike or better union men than those that were engaged in this conflict.

If our members in the East and in the West who have been organized for years, could only understand the picture obtaining in cities like Omaha, Des Moines, and other such places, where for years our unions were kept out and crushed—I repeat, if our eastern and western members who have been trained as union men for years and who have been dealing with fair employers, could only understand the bitterness and the hatred against our unions by the employers of these Middle Western States, then they would have some realization of the quality of the men that engaged in the strike and of those who handled the strike and helped to bring same to a successful ending. Again I repeat, that only with the co-operation of our Chicago unions, our St. Louis unions, and our other strongly organized points could those men have won this great conflict, even with all their fighting qualities which helped them to endure their privations and to undergo the sufferings that their families experienced during this long drawn out strike. There were many weeks in which some of those men on strike received only enough to keep body and soul together for themselves and their families, but those men never complained. They never cried for mercy. They never grumbled. They regretted having to fight this bitter fight, but remained steadfast to their obligation to the end. This is what brought about success. This, and the help of our strongly organized unions in other districts. We congratulate all those engaged in this conflict and we express our appreciation to the unions that were not engaged who so generously helped the men on strike.

Labor Slate Wins Primary Victory

(Continued from page 1)

Mike Foley in the 12th was in a similar position.

All in all, the primaries constituted a field day for the labor-liberal slate. The Minneapolis unions, who participated so actively in the campaign, together with the volunteer trade union campaign committee, can congratulate themselves upon this triumph.

Can Win June 12th

A cool and unblinking appraisal of the primary vote will force even the most pessimistic to conclude that organized labor can win a smashing victory in the finals—IF the union movement doesn't now let up in the fight and take the final victory too much for granted.

"Our victory June 12th will be assured," stated Harold Seavey, head of the campaign committee, Tuesday morning, "if every member of organized labor will maintain and intensify the fight for the labor-liberal candidates. Let every unionist constitute himself a committee of one to work for the straight labor slate. The volunteer campaign committee is preparing to step up its work immediately and to carry on a wide-scale and penetrating campaign between now and June 12th."

Unions Have Responsibility

If organized labor is to give a fitting answer to Stassen's vile anti-labor administration and to the current campaign of the Associated Industries against labor, the unions will really have to intensify their efforts to insure an election victory in the city finals.

The chief responsibility for this campaign rests upon the shoulders of organized labor.

Ole Ogg, who took a vacation from his job in order to devote his full time to labor's campaign, has already made a proposal that, if followed out, will bring certain victory in this campaign. "It's clear," said Ogg, "that the main brunt of the work in the next few weeks rests with the unions. I believe that we must do for the entire city what was done for Olson in the tenth ward—set up straight trade union committees in the wards, the precincts, right down to the city blocks. That's the organizational formula for victory in the finals."

Eide in Excellent Position
Contrary to what the boss papers prophesied, Monday's vote was not a light one but rather a strong vote for a primary campaign. About 115,000 votes were cast, actually more than appeared in the 1937 primaries.

An analysis of the mayorality vote quickly indicates the excellent position occupied by T. A. Eide. Leach's vote of 37,944 was a sharp falling-off from the 50,000 supporters he won in the 1937 primaries.

On May 8th Leach received about 32 per cent of the votes cast, Eide about 28 per cent, and the remaining sixteen candidates about 40 per cent. The overwhelming bulk of the 48,000 votes going to the sixteen losers in the race for mayor were fully as much votes against Leach as they were votes for Rader or Harding or Roan. An important exception to this generalization is the block of nine thousand votes that went for Einar Anderson, the bosses' man,

On Guard Against the Vandals!



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

The Sunday CLU meeting saw six hundred officers of local AFL unions gathered for a discussion of the Minnesota Labor Act. A thorough disapproval of the law was expressed by all delegates.

Our fast-moving ball club clipped off another victory. And by the same lopsided score, too.

The Brainerd Local, new affiliate to the Teamsters Joint Council, has a closed shop agreement with the Board of County Commissioners in Crow Wing County. Curt Zander and the writer attended a fine union meeting there Friday.

The Union Guard staged a nice affair in the union hall Saturday evening.

Union representatives of the Gamble-Rob company in this section will meet soon to discuss the new agreement.

ALL OUT
Monday, May 15, will see a special membership meeting of General Drivers Union. The meeting is called for the special purpose of explaining

the new Labor Relations Law. Every member MUST understand the law and how it applies to everyday union work.

VICTORY
A smashing victory for our own Morrie Olson in the Tenth Ward proved to many doubters, in and out of the labor movement, that a REAL trade union campaign can bring in a winner.

COMMITTEE
The Trade Union Campaign Committee, mostly 544 members, that worked for Olson in the Tenth, did a wonderful job. Each precinct captain made it his business to sell Olson and his platform to his neighbors. Nothing was left to chance. The results speak for themselves.

STASSEN
The legislative record of the recent Republican session provided plenty of campaign material. Stassen's record to date is black with attacks on the aged, the blind, the unions and the relief clients.

ON A LIMB
Eide will be the next mayor.

NSP Stalling 160; Carried To CLU

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work will be done outside the Minneapolis and St. Paul divisions, in areas where union conditions in the Construction Department can only be maintained by a proper contract between Local 160 and the Northern States Power company, and

WHEREAS, The Northern States Power company is now refusing to enter into any agreement covering the Construction Department save in the Minneapolis and St. Paul divisions, and

WHEREAS, Local 160 is desirous of maintaining the same conditions and relationships relative to the Construction Department that have existed during the past two years, a position that has been completely indorsed by our International President, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the membership of Utility Workers Union Local B 160, at its meeting Thursday night, April 20th, goes on record to insist that the Northern States Power company maintain the same relationships with Local B-160 so far as work in the Construction Department is concerned as has been maintained during the past two years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the officials of Local B-160 be instructed to present this resolution to the Policy Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union for its information and indorsement.

Sears, Roebuck Workers to Meet Wednesday Night

All employees of Sears, Roebuck are hereby reminded to attend the meeting of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 to be held next Wednesday, May 17th, 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Avenue.

Johantgen Due For Hard Year

The Johantgen Jewelers, 1016 W. Broadway, has now persisted for three long months in its anti-labor attitude to the Watchmakers Union, Local 103.

On the National Picket Line

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Department of Labor have been in most of the conferences for the past two weeks. They have spent most of their time shuttling back and forth between the two conference rooms, bearing messages.

Recently Secretary of Labor Perkins sent the conferees a telegram in which she urged that they work toward a speedy settlement. Mrs. Perkins said that in her opinion, the union's demands were not exorbitant and were entirely within the law.

Last Sunday John Steelman got both sides together in one room and read them a telegram from President Roosevelt. The telegram, couched in conciliatory terms, said in effect, that he, the president, did not see that there were any insurmountable obstacles in the way of settlement and "Because of this I urge that the present negotiations with the Federal commissioner continue, and that all sit down with fair and honorable intentions to reach a fair, honorable and workable agreement, in a spirit of give and take."

AFL Membership Hits New High Of 3,752,666

Dues-paying membership in the American Federation of Labor has climbed to 3,752,666, according to a recent report by Secretary Frank Morrison. This figure has been exceeded only once in AFL history, in 1920 when the membership reached 4,078,400. The open shop drive of the employers, launched at the end of the war, soon smashed the union movement back to its old figure.

Akron Labor Aroused by Cop Attack

The whole Akron labor movement is up in arms over the brutal beating of four union pickets on May 2nd by 35 heavily-armed cops under the direction of Lieutenant Robert Miller. The pickets, members of the United Rubber Workers Union, were so seriously injured they were taken to the hospital.

The workers were picketing the Loewenthal Rubber company, against which the union was striking in order to win a restoration of a pay cut.

Not only did the police thugs beat and kick the pickets, they later arrested them "on charges of suspicion." The charge will be changed to trespassing and the men are to be arraigned May 29th before the municipal court.

Following the beating, Oziomek, president of the local, issued the following statement:

"The action of the police were more like those of Nazi storm-troopers than American guardians of law and order. The workers of Loewenthal will never forget this morning. Last year we believed the company's statement that it needed a wage reduction to stay in business and kept the workers employed. We granted them the cut—which wiped out all our gains of four years—and then, two weeks later, 30 men were laid off.

"We have tried almost daily in the last two months to get that cut restored. We even offered a compromise on restoration, but the company refused to listen to our proposals. Against our wishes, we were compelled to strike. We are going to stay on strike until our wages are restored. If for this treatment is what we get for cooperating with the company, it is going to take a long, long time before we do it again.

Demand Investigation
The Akron Industrial Union Council has signified it will demand a public investigation into the brutal police attack on the pickets.

"Give and Take." That's O. K., Mr. President, so long as the give comes from the employers in the form of a closed shop, decent working conditions, and living wages.

But Sunday night, despite the President's pleas, the large ratifying committees, kept in New York by both the union and the operators, were sent home. One hundred and thirty district leaders of the UMW from all over the nation, sadly shook hands with President Lewis and entrained to their homes to prepare for an even more widespread strike.

The miners won their present wages and working conditions only after years of bitter struggle. Probably no other section of the American workers have had to put up such a struggle as did these miners in order to work under union conditions. In Kentucky, in Nevada, in Colorado, in Alabama, everywhere militantly conducted, long drawn out strikes, during which hundreds of workers and their wives and children were brutally slain by company guards and by militia, won union recognition, union wages, and union working conditions. It took years to bring about the conditions which existed under the expired contract.

With their plans laid, their ammunition ready, the employers are now ready to loose millions of dollars and spend more hundreds of workers' lives in order that they may again have their dearly beloved American Plan (open shop) back in operation. They have picked the miners as the one group of workers who are in the poorest financial condition to fight the Mellons and the Morgans. For despite the fact that the miners do work under union wages, the companies have always been able to keep them bled white.

Most miners live in company-owned hovels—for which they pay

exorbitant rent. They are forced to buy from company controlled—if not owned—stores or commissaries—at prices which are two and three times as high as in ordinary stores. They force them to use their credit—or a useless form of scrip—so that when a miner does draw his wages at the end of two weeks he usually owes the company money.

Then also, it is a well known fact that the treasury of the United Mine Workers has been greatly depleted by heavy contributions to the CIO.

The AFL Progressive Miners, chartered by Green in anger after the UMW expelled him from their ranks, is not playing a nice role in the fight. Officials of the Progressives have telegraphed Lewis that the AFL union will contest any contract signed in court, if it in any way hinders the PMW.

The coal miners are striking for their lives, to retain that which was won with blood and suffering over many weary years. They are fighting the opening battle of a real war to force down the throats of the American workers the open shop—The "American Plan."

Despite the fact that they may not see eye to eye with Mr. Lewis in many things, we cannot but condemn the actions of the AFL Progressive Miners—and of Mr. Green if he condones them—in their factional attitude and their very apparent unwillingness to recognize this situation for what it is—THE OPENING GUN IN A BATTLE AGAINST THE ENTIRE ORGANIZED WORKING CLASS OF AMERICA.

COMING EVENTS

Labor School Banquet—Saturday, May 13th, 6 p. m. at Dyckman Hotel. Speakers include Dr. John Rockwell, George Lawson and Roy Weir.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 General Membership—May 3 Casket Section—May 9 Box Industry—May 16 J. R. Clark, Keller Mfg.—May 17 Puffer-Hubbard Mfg.—May 18 Kozekar, Air-Loc, American Excelsior, Cleland, Warren Shade—May 19 Western Mineral Products—May 19 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Grievance Board—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month, Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 1085 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 544 MAY Monday, May 1—Package Delivery; Department Store; Wednesday, May 3—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, May 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, May 5—Job Stewards Monday, May 8—General Membership Wednesday, May 10—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, May 12—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, May 15—Furniture Store; Coal Wednesday, May 17—Building Material Thursday, May 18—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, May 19—Job Stewards Sunday, May 21—Over-the-Road, 10 a. m. Monday, May 22—Spring Water Tuesday, May 23—Sand and Gravel Thursday, May 25—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, May 26—Cold Storage 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 Local 544 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.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	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 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 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting On call.
LOCAL 1085 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
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LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting On call.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.