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On the National Picket Line

Business indices are up. So say the newspapers. Unemployment is dropping—the same source of information. They give this cheerful bit of news as a sugar coated pill to the public who has not as yet been able to figure out just why Roosevelt asked for such a puny relief-work appropriation or why Congress endorsed that figure.

The House set up these changes in just how the money, when it is finally passed by the Senate, is to be apportioned to the various states. The New York Times calls it a "scientific" plan. Personally, I'm no mathematician.

"Forty-five percent on the basis of the total number employed in the ratio which the population of each state bears to all states; forty-five percent on the basis of the total number employed which the total number of unemployed in each state bears to the total number of unemployed in all states; and ten percent of the total number employed at the discretion of the Works Progress Administration."

Another plan now being carefully considered by Colonel Harrington's department is for a "more careful check on WPA rolls to cull out the chiselers." The "New York Plan" calls for close cooperation between local, state and federal relief agencies with a monthly check on all WPA workers and their financial conditions.

The Times article also states that, in the opinion of experts, the provision in the House bill to terminate all those who have been on WPA for eighteen months or longer and keep them off the rolls for two months would force off the WPA rolls about 17% of relief recipients and tend to reduce the relief load. Persons cut off relief, the committee holds, will make every endeavor to find private employment.

At any rate this plan, if adopted—and it seems likely that it will be—will provide a great many more supervisory jobs for the political friends of state WPA administrators. It doesn't matter to the powers-that-be in Washington that originally WPA was inaugurated as a work relief program. It is now a straight employment plan with need a very small consideration.

It doesn't put any food in the stomachs of hungry children to read "business indices show a rise of 2 1/2%." It doesn't make the parents of boys newly graduated from high school feel any better when they know that any upturn in the business cycle has only been caused by the armament program, which in turn can only mean that soon those fledglings will find employment on the battlefield of some foreign country where they will be sent to defend American "democracy!"

Incidentally—an item from the Omaha World Herald dated June 25: "The war department is setting up more than four hundred recruiting stations for the most intensive drive for men in the army's peacetime history . . . eighteen recruiting stations on wheels will supplement 289 officers scattered over all states . . . 12,500 men must be signed up in the twelve months starting Saturday . . ."

From Detroit Mich., comes news that on Sunday, June 25, two thousand tool and die makers, maintenance men, and engineering employees of General Motors voted

Local 160, NSP Co., Sign Agreement for Construction Men

The new working agreement covering employees of the Construction Department of the Northern States Power company was ratified by the men Saturday morning at a special meeting of the Construction Section of Local 160. The outstanding gain registered in the pact is a 5c hourly increase for the mechanics, involving about eighty men.

Negotiations for a Construction Department agreement were long drawn out. The question of Utility Workers Union Local 160's jurisdiction over divisions outside the Twin Cities area contributed to the delay in reaching a final agreement, but this problem was finally settled to the union's complete satisfaction. Local 160 is looking forward to improved relationships and better understanding with the unions representing employees in the other divisions of the company in questions of jurisdiction, etc., as a result of the new agreement.

Negotiations Start In Omaha Bakeries

Des Moines Bakery Drivers Expose Continental and Shulze Companies—In Des Moines Negotiations These Firms Complain of Unfair Competition from Non-Union Cities—Now Turn Around and Refuse to Grant Union Wages and Conditions in Omaha

Backed by an overwhelming strike vote from the membership, the Bakery Drivers Section of the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554 opened negotiations Tuesday morning with the bakery bosses in that city. At the request of the Omaha bakery drivers, Harry DeBoer of Minneapolis and Ray Mills of Des Moines, officials of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council, sat in on the negotiations.

When Buying Gas, Look for Lessee's Union Certificate

The Independent Lessee Section of Local 977 is now furnishing neatly framed Certificates of Membership to its members, to hang in all union filling stations. The certificate is printed in blue ink, about 5x7 inches, and reads that "This is to certify that . . . is a member in good standing of the Independent Lessee Section of the Filling Station Attendants and Helpers Union, Local 977, affiliated with International Brotherhood of Teamsters . . . is entitled to all rights and privileges under our jurisdiction."

Illinois Drivers Form State Council

Drivers unions in Illinois outside of Chicago formed a state council at a meeting last month. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters has no less than 147 chartered unions in Illinois, more than in any other state.

Old Home Cheese Is Union

Housewives will be interested to know that the Old Home Cottage cheese company has signed an excellent union contract with the Milk Drivers Union Local 471. Old Home cheese is now of a more superior quality than ever before. As there are some companies selling non-union cottage cheese, housewives are asked to remember that the Old Home brand is fair, and to be sure to see that the cottage cheese they purchase is a union-made cheese.

Drivers Preparing for New Area Over-Road Pact

In preparation for a renewal and revision of the area over-road agreement, a series of regional meetings of drivers' unions' representatives are being held, to culminate in a delegated conference of representatives throughout the 11-state area in Cincinnati on July 25th. Last week the first regional conference was held in Detroit, attended by drivers' officials from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

30-Day Period for Transfer Dispute Expires July 5th

Local 544 Loses Court Case on Restraining Order Against Haney and Stassen's Commission—Tricky "Public Welfare" Clause Broad Enough to Embrace Practically Every Labor Dispute—May Ask State Supreme Court for Interpretation—Labor Law Plus Burmquist Interpretations Constitutes Invitation to Bosses to Chisel on Union Agreements

As it becomes clearer each day that the Stassen Anti-Labor law is stacked against the union movement, and that the attorney general's office is determined to squeeze every last drop of advantage out of the law for the bosses, the governor's three-man commission resumed its hearings Tuesday morning into the dispute between the General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Minneapolis Transfermen's Association.

In the court hearings last Thursday and Friday on Local 544's suit challenging application of the "public welfare" clause of Stassen's Anti-Labor law to the transfer dispute, District Judge Luther Youngdahl found that the dispute involves the public welfare as defined in Section 7 of the law.

The court hearing revealed that Section 7 of the labor law is so broad that almost any dispute, no matter how small or insignificant, can be judicially construed to fall within Section 7. If the dispute occurs within an industry judged to effect "public industry," Haney has the legal right to throw it into a hand-picked three-man commission for 30 days.

For instance, the building trades unions might have a dispute with a contractor involving the building of one bungalow. But if the building industry as a whole were adjudged to be one of "public interest," this small dispute would fall under Section 7, and the union would be thrown to the three-man commission.

Such a move would have no bearing on the pending fight in the transfer industry. It would, however, furnish an opportunity to receive a judicial interpretation from the Supreme Court on the

Central Labor Union Letter Explodes Stassen's 'Rave' for His Slave Act

No sooner had Stassen put on his rave act concerning the wonderful merits of his slave act than a protest from the Central Labor Union was delivered to the conference of governors, telling them what the workers of Minneapolis really think about this monstrous bill.

"Because Governor Stassen will commend the act," read the letter of protest drawn up by the executive committee of the CLU, "the Central Labor Union representing more than 50,000 workers, writes you in regard to this vicious act that Minneapolis organized labor calls the Minnesota slave act."

The letter quoted the CLU's resolution of April 26th denouncing the act as designed at "the crippling and ultimate destruction of the entire state labor movement," and recording itself as "opposed to any and all members of trade unions acting in the capacity of Administrator of the Minnesota Labor Relations Act or in any manner lending aid to this Republic attempt to smash the Minnesota trade union movement."

Large number of labor disputes, the CLU letter pointed out that "ninety-nine per cent of the disputes which Governor Stassen may tell you he settled would never have occurred but for the enactment of his slave act."

"Do not let Governor Stassen blame passage of this law on the farmers of our state," concluded the union message. "The governor refused to use his veto power to kill the bill. It was his friends in employer organizations hostile to organized labor and the governor himself who pushed it through the legislature."

544 Renews Pacts, Make Many Gains Despite Labor Law

Successful Contract Renewal Drive in Full Swing—General Drivers Union Bags New Agreements with Two Hundred Employers—In Most Cases Make Gains, Either in Wages or Conditions

Despite the election of Stassen and the re-election of Leach, and working in the teeth of the vicious State Labor Law, the General Drivers Union Local 544 is succeeding in its drive to renew working agreements that bring significant gains to thousands of its members. With the season for contract renewals now in full swing, Local 544 has already bagged new agreements from about two hundred employers, covering several thousand workers. In almost every case gains either in wages, hours or working conditions were recorded.

544 Renews Pact With Building Material Firms

On Tuesday afternoon Local 544 renewed its agreement in the building material industry with the nine or ten companies involved. The new pact, almost identical with last year's, is retroactive to June 1st and will run for one year to May 31st, 1940.

544 Completes Negotiations For Oil Pact

Negotiations for a new working agreement were completed this week between the General Drivers Union Local 544 and the petroleum industry. The agreement has been mailed to the national offices of the various companies for signature.

ITO's Thanked for Aid June 2nd

The organizers of the Demonstration held on Friday, June 2nd, wish to express a special word of thanks to those who helped to make the Demonstration a success, and in particular to the following who furnished trucks:

- Axel Soderberg, Albert Postina, C. B. Carlson, Peter Hanson, George Duke, R. A. St. Martin, Eugene Sullivan, Isadore Lander, Ralph Mengelkoch, Harry Frazer, Chas. Chandler, Joseph Donn, A. J. St. Martin, E. E. Brant, Geo. Parrish, Ray Wolley, H. J. Kelley, Chas. Quick, Louis Junjak, Andy Holmes, James Koska, Perry Dye, Morris Sabath, Edw. Lusak, Geo. Morse, J. K. Krohn, Harry Buckwood, Chas. Hockberg, A. G. Sullivan, Lee Hoffmaekel, Douglas Ratz, Ed Abrahamson, R. A. Larson, E. Lundholm, B. Carlsson, Larry Hazen, John Hough, W. E. Hough, Al Hammler, Joe Emerson, Bob Hamann, Dan Holton, Lyle Hougher, Eugene Rivard, Cliff Ray, Seth Anderson, Herbert Paulson, Frank Johnson, E. A. Falkowski, Ed. N. Rostad, A. Rasmussen, M. Kraft, Kenneth Corbet, Richard Horrig, N. E. Bruzzer, Tony Castro, Lester Baumgart, C. F. Anderson, John Foley, Al Belanger, John Foley, C. F. Anderson, A. L. Winge, Harry Buckwood, Chas. Hockberg, A. G. Sullivan, Lee Hoffmaekel, Douglas Ratz, Ed Abrahamson, R. A. Larson, E. Lundholm, B. Carlsson, Larry Hazen, John Hough, L. Haley.

Union Sentiment Running High at Sears, Roebuck

The Sears Section of the Warehouse Union Local 359 will meet in the third floor at 257 Plymouth avenue north on Tuesday, July 11th, to discuss its union policies and plan of action with respect to the Sears, Roebuck company.

359 Diamondball Team Wins Again

The fighting diamondball team of the Warehouse Workers Union trounced the Arabian Nites outfit in a fast but one-sided game last Friday. With the outfield strengthened and a determination to wind up the season with a string of victories, the team gave excellent support to its new battery.

Tent & Awning Men Gain in New Pact

A couple of weeks ago Local 544 signed the following new agreement with the Minneapolis tent and awning industry. Covering about a dozen companies, the agreement provides for hourly wage increases up to 10c, for one week's vacation with pay, the closed shop, one week's notice before layoffs, etc. The agreement runs for one year to May 31st, 1940.

Following is the complete text:

The Company, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the General Drivers and Helpers Union Local No. 544, A. F. of L., hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions.

1. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation. All employees covered by this agreement shall be members in good standing in the Union. The Employer shall call the Union for new employees both temporary and permanent and shall not secure employees from any source unless the Union does not have men available. Any new employee hired shall secure a permit card from the Union before going to work and shall become a member in good standing in the Union within 15 days after the first date of employment.

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

3. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or to serve in any capacity on other official Union business.

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

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

6. In the event that the Employer deliberately violates the provisions of the foregoing articles or deliberately violates any provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to wages, hours of work, seniority rights, overtime differentials and vacations, any back pay owed to the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the rate of two times the standard straight time and overtime rates.

7. Any controversy arising over the interpretations of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiation between the Union and the Employer; except that with the consent of both the Union and the Employer, any controversy may be referred to a Board of Arbitration composed of two representatives of the Union, two representatives of the Employer, and a fifth neutral member selected by a majority vote of the first four. The majority decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.

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

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

10. The term "Individual Truck Owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a truck, motor-cycle, passenger vehicle, two or four wheel trailer, taxicab, horse-drawn vehicle, or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes.

11. Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of work, overtime differentials, and general working conditions for individual Truck Owners shall conform to the schedules which shall from time to time be announced by the Union.

12. The Individual Truck Owner shall have seniority standing only as a driver. The vehicle shall have no seniority standing. Only Individual Truck Owners certified by the Union may be hired. All conditions of employment specified within the articles of this agreement for the purpose of improving working conditions for employees shall also apply to individually owned and operated trucks.

13. The Employer agrees that if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform, same shall be furnished and maintained by the Employer free of charge and shall bear the Union label.

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

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

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

17. All employees on the seniority list who have been in the service of the Employer for a period of one year or longer shall receive a minimum of one (1) week's vacation with full pay in advance at the wage rates set forth herein for their classification of work. Part time employees shall receive one day vacation with pay for each two months of service up to one year.

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

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

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

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

(a) When a job becomes open for any reason in any classification of work covered by this agreement it shall be filled by the Employer. All employees in the order of their seniority standing are eligible to accept or reject the job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing. Any controversy over the qualifications of an employee to handle a job shall be settled as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.

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

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

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

23. Any Employer shall not discharge any employee without just cause and shall give at least one week's notice of the discharge to the employee, except that no warning notice need be given to an employee before he is discharged if the cause of such discharge is dishonesty or drunkenness, while on the job. Any employee may request an investigation as to his discharge and should such investigation prove that an injustice has been done an employee he shall be reinstated and compensated at his usual rate of pay while he has been out of work.

24. The Employer may prefer charges against an employee for alleged violation of properly posted working rules which do not conflict with any of the terms and provisions of this agreement. The Union shall make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 7.

25. New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after having worked a total of 30 work days. Seniority to start from the first date of employment.

26. The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the following procedure on seniority in the event the Employer absorbs the business of another company:

(a) In the event that a company other than a contract hauler which has previously operated its own trucks discontinues this method of operation and turns its hauling over to a contract trucking company, the employees of the trucks shall have first preference for similar employment in jobs to be created with the company taking the contract and will be placed at the bottom of the seniority list of that company with first preference on work done for his former employer.

(b) In the event that a contract for hauling is transferred from one hauling contractor to another, the men employed at the company which is losing

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Dear Editor:

Last week a little bug bit me and the exceedingly great irritation did bring on a severe attack of brain fever. Although this little affliction may strike you as being quite natural to me, it did cause me such great discomfort that a distressingly nasty thought did enter my mind so securely it now forces me to speak out.

My fellow-columnists, I appeal to you! Most of you, you and I, have for two years and better, passed copy week with through that door to the editor's office and what have we received in return? Not a thing that I know of! Now we are doing this work voluntarily, and gladly I am sure, but I protest, I do not know even one other of you who write up the weekly rag.

Now, sir, while still in this white heat of rebellion, I wish to propose to you and the editorial board to stage a nice little dinner meeting, say on a regular quarterly basis, where all the staff members, the union columnists, and the various members of the editorial board could get acquainted. A regular program of friendly criticism for our past work and planning for a better and greater Organizer in the future should be initiated.

Yours truly,
ITO, R. F. Hornig

The Belt Line steward informs me that he is getting tired of so many substitutions. Just a case of too much prosperity coupled with vacation time knocking holes in the job . . . American City has finally come home to roost. Who's next? . . . Haven't noticed that our friend Wiest from Anoka has been named in the paper as being in the path of the Sunday tornado. Maybe someone should check up. . . . It might be a good thing if the Eaton axle boys would get together and set up a register of those who carry that equipment. Now that the five-tons are running short it might be well to look into securing a reclassification of rates in certain cases. . . . What happened to that invitation for those guest columnists?

According to reports coming in, our low bidders have finally got what they deserve. And some of our so-called members who are more drag than help have been taken in too. It seems that the state highway has been unusually cruel to independent truck owners by offering blank bids for them to work under. All that was asked for was a quote on rates by the hour with no mention of the type of work to be done, and no contractor would offer a bid under such definite requirements. On bidding from \$1.05 to \$1.45, the state took about 15 trucks and put them on graveling. Round trip haul of 25 miles, a two-yard load is taking 15 to 20 gallons of gas in eight hours. One quit the first day. And we will certainly enjoy hearing the rest of the finks and scabs squawk.

We have a case of the old brotherly love deal between Minneapolis and St. Paul. It seems to be a matter of common knowledge that no one can hit the city of St. Paul for work, contractor or independent, if not a resident. Yet here in Minneapolis our boys have let Connolly replace our city-owned and city-contract trucks on several WPA jobs. Many of our boys are out of work and don't like such a deal and we say "how about it?"


One of the old-timers in the dirt-moving business and an ITO of long standing, Joe Quinlan, "5-year Joe" to most of us, has quit the game and sold his truck to Century Sand and Gravel. We will all remember Joe as one of the first of those Ford owners who went in for loading 'em high and wheeling out. Good luck, Joe, and whether you are leaving for good or only temporarily, we feel sure that you are thinking that the good old days are gone forever. And we can't help but agree that you are right!

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LaFollette Committee Asked To Probe Secret Direction Of Police in Sioux City

Completely fed up with the irresponsible anti-labor tactics of the Sioux City police force, the Drivers Union Local 383 last Friday sent a telegram to the LaFollette Civil Liberties committee of the U. S. Senate, asking that a representative be sent to Sioux City immediately to investigate the secretly-directed use of the city police against labor organizations.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

Thursday was regular meeting night and to those who attended it was unmistakably pay day for the park employees. Bro. Lanigan presided with gusto and a heavy gavel. Bro. DeLaittre, Bro. Al Olson, aided and abetted by Polack Tom made the welkin ring out to adjournment at 9:30. Bro. Seavey, being on vacation, missed out on a hectic evening.

Bro. Levi Fastein of Columbia Golf Course passed away at Vets' Hospital Thursday, June 16th, after a long siege of streptococcus infection. He was buried at Alexandria with full military honors the following Sunday. The boys will miss Bro. Levi who was always a regular guy and a friend to all of us. God rest his soul.

Bro. DeLaittre's jalopy battled it out Thursday night with the 8th Ave. Washington viaduct and came out second best. Our old vice-president is sporting a swell shiner and Bro. H. Peterson is home nursing his wounds. Rumor has it there was a short period of social unrest involving said jalopy's passengers, in the neighborhood of the Dakota, shortly before the viaduct episode. Never a 'chill moment, boys, on pay day night, is still the slogan of the P. B.

Bro. Tom Jaworski confesses to twenty-seven years of labor for the City. If Tom's hands were tied behind his back, he wouldn't be able to say a word. Better start looking for that hay fork, Tom.

Bro. Tom Moslett has been laid up the past week with lumbago or sciatica. Hope to see you back soon, Thomas.

Fred Johnson, a retired Park employee, was in town a week or so ago and paid us a visit. Fred has a dandy resort, cabins and everything, at Spooner, Wis. If you are planning a vacation trip to Wisconsin, spend some of your dough with Fred. He's a good guy and runs a good place.

P. S. Some of you Brothers are back a long way with your dues. Your insurance is being paid each month with dues paid by others, and naturally our cash reserve

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

We are getting some ice cream weather these days so every member of Local 471 has a job to do; give a lift to your brother member who makes his livelihood in the ice cream department. There is considerable "cheap labor" ice cream coming into the city from small towns just north of Minneapolis. They are picking off a stop here and there, mostly beer parlors and small stores. We can all cooperate and talk to these business men. When they fully understand the set-up, this cheap ice cream can be sold in the towns that go for cheap help. Your part is to know what ice cream is sold in each and every store you serve or do business with. Tom Ammerman will be glad to give you whole-hearted cooperation at any time.

When the Negotiating Committee was busy over at Twin City they had to sit and face a chart, designed definitely for our benefit. One line is the Farmers Income, down 50% since 1920; the other line is Mpls. Milk Drivers; up 200% in wages during the same time. It cost some nice money to have these charts made and we promise to show them to you the first chance we get. Don't get any gray hair over these charts because we know how to make them also.

Gene Larson had some pleasant news for us last week; the sick list has been reduced to fifteen and most of them are short timers. Last winter and this spring the load was so heavy that a benefit reduction seemed necessary. If we can entirely eliminate chiseling on this benefit we will be okay. Only as a last resort should any benefit be cut.

St. Louis, Missouri, dairy workers are asking for a \$2 per week increase for everyone. Their driver rate is the same as ours, but inside men get only \$28. After negotiations were started, milk dropped from 13 to 19 cents per quart. Gallon jugs got the blame. Just another headache.

Last meeting looked like old times. There were twelve new members initiated into our union.

Brother Gus Anderson is back on the job. We didn't see the fish but the dope is that he caught lots of them, and some big babies, too, at Laurence Johnsons, Crow Wing No. 8 at Akely.

Our next regular meeting date is the fourth of July so there will be no meeting until Tuesday, July 18. We hope to see you then.

The L.O.L. girls can sing "Those Wedding Bells are Breaking up That Old Gang of Mine." They are suffering the loss of Rosalie gets smaller all the time. It's poor sportsmanship to let this continue. How about it?

Lowell Hawkins, Goodyear Tire and John Anderson, Western Oil and Fuel, are newly initiated members this month.

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DuBois, and rumor has it that other girls will soon follow the example. The Girl Division also loses a trustee and ardent supporter of unionism in the marriage of Rosalie. Everyone joins in wishing her much happiness.

Our sympathy goes out at this time to another member, Amanda Olsen, in her recent bereavement.

One of the L.O.L. girls forgot to remove her button when changing her uniform some time ago, and discovered the loss after starting work. Because she's proud of her button and did not want to lose it, she asked the floor lady to find it for her. This meant the floor lady had to go through all the dirty uniforms in the laundry cart, which she did and the girl got her button. That's the spirit, girls. Be proud of your buttons and wear them.

The lucky names drawn at the June meeting were Irene Paulos and Charlotte Olson, who have their dues paid by the union for June.

The local extends wishes for a speedy recovery to Leon Nelson, General Tire employee, who is in Swedish Hospital, recuperating from a major operation.

Congratulations are extended M. Johnson, attendant at the Runz station, 10th and Glenwood Ave., who was married June 3rd.

The Lessee Committee of Local 977 meets today with the City License Committee in the City Hall in regard to the transferring of a single license to various licenses.

The Burns' Shell station at 1301 4th St. S., is now a 100% union station and worthy of the patronage of the laboring movement.

We understand that Kenneth Noel of Northern Tire, has but two weeks more of single class; Ken is to be married July 15th. Congratulations.

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organized and working under similar agreements.

This seemed to be a valid point to the bakery drivers in Des Moines, Minneapolis and other points. So with the cooperation of the drivers' unions in Omaha, Mason City, Marshalltown and many other places, the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council proceeded to organize the bakery drivers in the area and help them win decent agreements. The bakery drivers have certainly done their best to eliminate competitive advantages which Continental and Schulze pretended to fear.

But lo and behold, when the Omaha bakery drivers proceeded to build their union as a step towards a decent union agreement, they met a stone-wall refusal from the Omaha bakery bosses to sign a contract embodying the same wage and working conditions that exist in Des Moines and other cities.

Both the Continental and Schulze companies are now singing a very different tune than the one they wheezed out during the Des Moines negotiations.

Asks the Des Moines Bakery Drivers Unions from Continental and Schulze: "If you felt signing a fair contract in Des Moines was handicapping your competitive position compared to other cities, why are you cooperating in an attempt to block an equitable agreement in Omaha now?"

A Fair Question
This is a fair question, a question that goes right to the heart of the Omaha dispute, and the Des Moines bakery drivers are not the only ones who are waiting to hear a fair answer to this question.

If the big Continental chain meant what it said in Des Moines, why has it put forward as its spokesmen in the negotiations an anti-labor skate like Francis Matthews, the vice-president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, hated Tory organization? Why do the other big bakery chains refuse to grant wages and conditions in Omaha that they consider fair in other cities throughout the area?

Is the Omaha Business Men's Association trying again to play its sinister game with the union movement in Omaha and the surrounding area? Having failed to check the General Drivers Union Local 554 in the transfer lock-out, is the Business Men's Association working with the bakery bosses to make a last-ditch stand against unionism in Omaha?

Organized labor in this area wants the answers to these questions. And organized labor is prepared to back the Omaha bakery drivers all the way in their fight for their justifiable demands.

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Welder Quist, Hennepin at Dupont, Chicago
at 19th, West Broadway at Fremont
Albinson Mortuary, Chicago Avenue at 17th

To All Friends of Organized Labor—In case you have the misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore

At the Cleland manufacturing company everything is under control. All the boys paid up dues, making it 100 per cent. At the last meeting, 80 per cent of the workers attended. A fine record and one worthy of wide emulation.

Pennies from heaven. Harold Halvorson was the recipient of a collection donated by the boys on the first floor last week. What does a guy have to do to rate like that?

Due to a spurt of business, some of the boys at the Airlac seating took delayed vacations. Ed Dahlstrom and Adolf Anderson started their vacations last Friday. Al Jenks finally got the car he has been talking about when he "swang" the deal that made him the second owner of an Oldsmobile.

Rain, rain everywhere but who wants to drink rain? The boys over at the Cleland manufacturing company could go for some good drinking water during this hot weather.
P. S. Show this to the boss, Jake.

Pity the small business man! And, in case you don't know how to tell a small business man, just listen to Stuart Chase who says: "A small business man is one with sales under \$2,000,000 a year. My, my. Just workin' for peanuts."

Hidden talent: Joe Bednarski, manager of the 1859 Diamondball team, is also somewhat of a composer of songs. Mebbe Joe will entertain us next meeting. Brother Bednarski's next singing engagement is at Phil Brook's grocery store, in Mound, Minnesota. Free. No collection.

We take great pleasure in announcing the opening of the Ladies' Auxiliary department in this column. Too long have we been struggling along without news of our fair co-workers and fellow 1859-ers.

Vacation time at the Northwest Casket and away from the humdrum daily grind we go.

Ann Schuttenberg is spending her vacation up at Deerwood fishing and stuff like that.

Margaret Johns plans to hang around home on her vacation. Either Murphy will angle for the wily brook trout. No carp. Myrtle Moe is on her vacation. Dolores Crocker is back to work again, we note with pleasure.

Cy Paulson is on his vacation this week. He says he will throw the reins on the neck of caprice and roam the bosky dellis hither and yon. Such goin's on.

Neat 1859 general membership meeting postponed to July 19, on account of vacations.

In Indianapolis at the national furniture conference the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers held a meeting at which time John Janosco was elected secretary-treasurer to fill the post left vacant by the death of William Engelbretson. The next meeting of the N.C.D.C. will be held in Minneapolis late in October.

be dark when he goes to work.

Charles Miller was seen coming out of his favorite bank the other day so we guess flying is here to stay. When it's ceiling zero you can hear the airport "blimp drivers" moan, but they make "the hay" when the sun shines.

"Porky" said that when he got back from his vacation there wasn't a — bit of food in the house, and all he had was thirty-five cents. Just another filthy capitalist.

The operators say, "We're lookin' for you back real soon, Hans. And don't forget that hat."

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TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

At a meeting at Chicago Field Sunday afternoon the Local 958 ball club elected Ray Ramsdell as manager, and Tony Manthis, captain. A lot of our members have not seen our team in action; we recommend a look-in some Sunday as this is real sport.

While on an exploring trip way south of town, Kirchburg and "Big Joe" Nelson ran across Don "Sailor" Moore; they suspect he was sampling some more fresh air that they supply us with every Friday.

Art "Top Speed" Sundby herded his big Auburn to Chicago last week; with a keen desire to reduce square-plate drag and parasite resistance he put the top down. What he saved in gasoline he invested in ointments as the resultant sunburn made him look like an early American.

Orphan of the storm: Tony "Rochester" Manthis was a near casualty from a falling tree during our last big storm; now, the universal antidote for such things amongst the gear-crashers is a hot cup o' mocha but the supervisors didn't let him have his coffee, so we recommend Ero. Tony join the L.H.B. and carry a thermos jug.

Frankie Miles and the stork had a very close race to the General Hospital.

Paul Gesino said, "I DO" last Saturday so he's with us happy (?) married men from now on in. Best wishes to both.

Trading on the curb: "Two Ton" Taylor for a consideration relinquished all rights to his whistle so that's why Francis Eborer toots so pretty-like lately.

The fly-rood was won by Bill-Billy Blomgren, somebody oughta tell him what it is.

According to Kirchberg the business got so dead the boys at the Curtis were running their meter-flags at half-mast. P. S. the rain changed all that.

Better not tell Cy Passolt about this; last Friday a m. a motorcycle with side-car pulled up to the G. N., discharged a passenger who paid the driver, got his luggage, and went for his train. It's cheap transportation all right, but how would Jack Penrich, "Man-Mountain" Hurley, or "Carmichael" McNeal look bouncing over the cobblestones with a big ohmer meter and a cycle to control.

At long last our "Midget" Wiggins has found a car to match his size. He's casting coy glances at the Crosley but is still driving his General Motors barouche.

Ray "Whiskers" Landis wants to rent a good blow torch for the summer to shave with, or at least 'til the days get shorter so it'll

N. Y. Fascists Attack Union Gathering

The first attack by American fascists on a trade union meeting took place Friday night, June 16th, in the Bronx section of New York, where the Coughlin fascists attempted to break up an orderly meeting of the Transport Workers Union.

At 8 p. m. about one thousand union members were listening to Michael Quill, president of the Transport Workers. The so-called Christian Front, the strong-arm section of Coughlin's movement, started up two small meetings of its own near the union meeting. Unable to attract listeners, the fascists marched on the union meeting and started heckling Quill.

Quill stopped his speech to denounce the Coughlinites as scabs, whereupon the fascists started to throw bottles, one of which hit the wife of a union member, felling her. Aroused union members dispersed them. The meeting then continued peacefully until 11 o'clock. Several fascist strong-arm gangs tried to pick off workers on their way home from the union rally, but the fascists were ably handled by members of the Transport Workers Union.

Demand Union Defense Guards

The New York union movement is deeply concerned at the growing boldness of the fascists there, who have already invaded working-class districts, have stabbed a Jewish anti-fascist, and have raided a socialist Labor School.

Last week Local 66 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union wrote to David Dubinsky and the union's General Executive Board, proposing that Anti-Fascist Union Guards be organized in every local of the ILGWU throughout the country.

been unable to locate a house in Omaha which a landlord would rent to the Negro family. It seems that those available are all about four rooms. Imagine, if you can, keeping nine children in four rooms.

Another interesting item on the housing situation here—the Federal Housing project, known by the grandiose title of the Logan Fontanelle Homes—announced last week that rents had been reduced for the project units.

As a result of this seemingly magnificent gesture on the part of the Federal government, twenty-six families now have incomes "too high" to allow them to stay in the project. They must move back into the same substandard houses from whence they came!

Suddenly the cops were there. They arrested the father for "trespassing." Took him to jail. Later he was released on his own word. Since then the family has remained in the house. The relief department admitted defeat Saturday and publicly stated that it had

Unable to find another house which would hold his large family, the father had to stand by and see the sheriff's gang put the household goods out in the street. For hours he and his wife looked for a home for the large brood. When night came and still no abode had been located, the father moved the mattresses back into the old house and the family bedded down, hungry and tired.

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History of Civilization

Chapters I and II covered the rise and fall of cannibalism

Chapter III—The Great Discovery: Slavery

The first great step forward in the art of living off the other fellow came when Bullyus discovered that he could get more meals out of Runtus by making him work than by putting him in the pot. Thus slavery came into existence.

And since the tribe of Bullyus was by no means confined to one portion of the globe, slavery extended to the four corners of the earth. Slaves chained to their seats rowed the galleys of the Romans; they built the great China wall and the Pyramids of Egypt. They hewed the wood and they drew the water, and although cannibalism no longer existed, some of the slaves in Turkey and Persia underwent certain alterations which rendered them more desirable as household attendants in the large domestic establishments maintained by the sheiks, sultans, shahs and lesser dignitaries of the East.

Don't miss the next thrilling installment

Watt Notes

Brother Henry Thomas was operated on June 20th, for appendicitis and is doing nicely at St. Mary's hospital. "Blacky" expects to leave the hospital the end of this week and would appreciate a call from his "buddies" while recuperating at home.

Brother Merry of the Meter Department is now a married man, which event rated cigars for the boys in the Department. Congratulations! "Fellow Sufferer."

A hint to the Brothers going on vacations. If you are about to become delinquent, better make a trip to the Office before leaving instead of returning to find a reinstatement fee staring you in the face.

What, no cigars on "Papa Dionne" Fournier this spring? Honest John has lost his usual calm and at times seems quite nervous. The stork is expected at John's home any time now. Don't forget the cigars, John.

"Porky" thought the vacation never would end. Oh yeah? C. C. Andy has two weeks now in which to put worms on hooks for the "Juniors."

All together, Brothers, it is just as important to attend your summer meetings as any other time of the year.

Next stewards meeting is Thursday, July 6th. Next membership meeting is Thursday, July 29th.

Here's one for the mathematicians: With rated load, No. 1 and 2 units at Riverside burn 33 tons of coal per hour. The water pumped through the condensers for this load is 27,500 tons, or 830 tons of water per ton of coal burned.

The air necessary to burn this 33 ton of coal is 10,500,000 cubic feet, or fifteen tons of air for each ton of coal. With maximum load on the station, (5 units), the coal burned is 160 tons (or two carloads) per hour. Running No. 1 and No. 2 units at rated load for one month, the total coal burned would be 24,500 tons, which would heat an average house for more than 4,000 years.

How's the stoker, Fuller?

Ginseng Plenty is now raising mink, and doing right well at it too, by cracky.

The assistant operators at Consolidated Hydro are getting "harness bull feet." They have to walk about three-quarters of a mile in order to inspect all the hydro units. They make this trip each hour. They're thinkin' about askin' for a handcar or a bicycle.

If you're curious about the weather and want a go fishin', call up Schmidt at Hydro. He has made a hobby of long-range forecasting, and rumor has it that he's better than Hovde.

All members are here notified that our next meeting will be July 5, and until further notice every second meeting of the month will be "open" which means, of course, any prospective member is welcome.

We notice on our list of picnic sponsors, we must have quite a number of solid friends among the mortuaries. We dare say the cooperation will be mutual.

Cedric Adams of Tuesday night, says there was a squirrel loose on Nicollet Ave. Bill H., says he knows what he was after.

Good old "Mute" is back in town, and so is Eddie F., so the next meeting ought to be an interesting one, with reports from all points east and west alike. Well, I'll be a seein' you.

Goodnight.

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958 Team Dumped, 14 to 7

The Cab Drivers nine, after getting away to a six-run lead, dropped a tough one to the Nicollet Hotel team Sunday in the American Division, 14-7. Cogswell, caddy third baseman, starred for the losers with a pair of doubles. Ramsdell, 958 pitcher, continued his sensational streakout record by whiffing 11 opponents. Smith, Cooney, Antoine, Exel and Wydeen starred for the winners, the latter getting two homers.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

The last General Membership meeting was a rip norter. A very informative meeting. In Joe's report, mention was made that some people are kicking about our activities out of the city and out of the state. These activities are highly important to our local because if we don't have uniform conditions throughout this area it won't be very long before the effects of these lower conditions will make themselves felt right here at home. Our local, in making these trips, is not, decidedly, pointing at any particular bakery but merely working towards a uniform contract throughout this whole 11-state area. However, all bakery drivers' locals are doing the same. So, by such cooperation it won't be long 'til the goal is made.

Sam Ash and G. F. Kopp were the winners of one month's free dues at the last drawing. These are held each General Membership meeting.

Welcome to the following new members initiated at the General Membership meeting: Pat Green, Kenneth Alberg, Edward Helin, Charles Helfon, John C. Nelson, James E. Morrissey, Ray Gamble, Erlend West, Frank Ebner, Loren Keiln, Grant Chadwick, James Knapp, Gene St. Mane, Fred D. Anderson, Allen D. Brown, Charles Van Zandt, Jr., Howard B. McGlennon, and Harleigh Underwood.

Oh, yes, the picnic! Time's a wastin'! If you haven't turned your money in for the tickets do so by Saturday, July 1, IF YOU CAN. It would be highly appreciated by the picnic committee. All the different sub-committees are busy on the picnic supplies and stuff.

The refreshments, the games, the parking, the sports activities, the pop and all the millions of other things are being handled nicely by the sub-committees in charge. All you have to do is come out Sunday, July 16, to Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar. Rain or shine—it doesn't make a particle of difference—the picnic will be held.

And if you haven't been to Costello's Grove before, you've missed one of Minnesota's very finest picnic grounds, beautifully set in century-old trees, not far from the Minnesota River. Costello's rivals any picnic ground you've ever seen. A new and much larger pavilion has been completed this year, fully equipped for your convenience. So, make your plans now to get up the old bunch and plan to spend the whole day, Sunday, July 16, at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar.

At long last, action is being taken, and it won't be long before we have a Labor Temple. There are rumors to the effect that it might be a drivers' Labor Temple all by itself. Pretty nice, and it can't come too soon.

For years and years Harold Simons yearned and wished for an outboard motor. Last year he saved enough money to buy one. Then what did he do? A week ago last Sunday he was proudly fishing with the motor kicking along on all two cylinders, when he heard a splash. Looking around, he saw he was right back with the common herd again and had to row as the motor was resting in about 35 feet of water. Tough luck, Harold. But don't forget I'm still renting them. Just call Dupont 4702. When you need a motor to go fishing one day or two weeks, I've got them. (Pretty neat, getting that commercial in, eh?)

I would like to correct an item I had in here some time ago. L. D. Plaisance was made Agency Supervisor for Iowa and not Agency Sales Manager, as reported.

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

Midwest Bakery Drivers Council Forges Ahead

Following in the footsteps of the organization of union over-road drivers in this area, the bakery drivers' unions in the North Central states launched the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council some months ago. Already this Council has accomplished marvels in unionizing the industry and bringing the low-wage areas up to the levels maintained in the larger cities. In the past two weeks alone, the Council has been a major factor in winning the strike of bakery drivers in Mason City and in settling the short strike in Marshalltown, Iowa, which brought the Marshalltown drivers the same wage scale paid in Des Moines. Now the Omaha bakery drivers have asked representatives of the Midwest Council to come there and aid in winning a decent agreement in Omaha.

Minneapolis bakery drivers have a particularly important stake in the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council. Wages are relatively high here, because unionism is solidly entrenched in this city. The only way to protect wages and advance to new gains is to help bakery drivers in other areas march forward. The Midwest Bakery Drivers Council is doing this job nicely. No Minneapolis bakery driver who accepts the idea that he is entitled to decent wages and conditions can logically find fault with the Midwest Council, for the Council is the best guarantee of protecting jobs and wages and conditions in Minneapolis.

The Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 rates a salute for the progressive role it has played in building the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council and the personnel it has contributed to the Council's work.

The Relief Cuts—And Dishonest Politics

Now that the new relief bill has passed the House of Representatives—providing for the firing of 500,000 more WPA workers, the dropping of another 500,000 or more because they have been on WPA rolls for 18 months, and disregarding the millions of unemployed who desperately need WPA jobs—it is a fair question to ask, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLASHING OF WPA ROLLS?

Before the unemployed and the labor movement can fight back, we have to know who our enemy is.

Here is where the Communist Party and the dishonest liberals are deliberately and shamefully misleading the unemployed. According to these people (read the Daily Worker, the Midwest Worker, the Midwest Labor, the Nation, or listen to any Workers Alliance orator), the people responsible for wrecking the WPA are "the Republicans, the Garner Democrats, the infamous Woodrum Tories in Congress, Wall Street," etc., etc. Everyone but the guilty man himself.

THE TRUTH IS THAT THE SLASHING OF WPA ROLLS WAS INITIATED AND ENGINEERED BY NONE OTHER THAN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

He was the one who proposed in his budget message to Congress on April 27th, 1939, that only \$1,477,000,000 be expended for WPA during the next fiscal year. And this is the exact amount provided for in the Woodrum Starvation Bill.

There are plenty of things wrong with the Woodrum Bill, including its attack on union wage scales and its provision for throwing people off WPA after 18 months. But the most important thing wrong with the bill is the amount it provides for jobs. And nobody but Franklin D. Roosevelt is responsible—he it was who named the figure.

The other enemies of the unemployed—the Garners the Republicans—could never have gotten away with such a monstrous relief slash, if they didn't have Roosevelt to lead the pack.

This is the TRUTH, and in preparing for a fight against the WPA cuts, let's take this as our point of departure. To denounce the Republicans and the Garner Democrats and to gloss over the president's guilt is not only dishonest politics but is to criminally mislead the unemployed.

The fact is that the pro-Roosevelt man or woman who fumes against the terrible relief bill is in the illogical position of denouncing the handiwork of the politician whom he supports.

The unemployed must answer this attack by picket lines and demonstrations aimed against Roosevelt's WPA cuts. It is he who stands at the head of the relief slashers.

A Few Jobs... 1,100 Applicants

It didn't take the Minneapolis high school graduates long to come down from the bright clouds conjured up by the commencement orators into the cold brutal world of industrial reality.

The daily press told how last Friday a host of the June class high school graduates, with diplomas in hand, bright-eyed, pink-cheeked, flocked to the city hall to apply to take the August 2nd examination for junior clerk.

Altogether, 1,100 have applied for the post of junior clerk. Not that there is any job. No, a possible dozen out of the eleven hundred will be placed on an eligible list. The lucky winners will start in at \$70. It is your guess what the other 1,093 will do. And what the other thousands of Minneapolis high school and college graduates will do.

There aren't any jobs for them in private industry, and if there were a job, twenty thousand jobless youth would be there too. There aren't any places for them in government-sponsored projects. The NYA is just about as exclusive as the Minneapolis Club. Stassen talked a good deal during his campaign last fall about creating

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BUILD WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS AGAINST FASCISM

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

POETIC JUSTICE
The former manager of the old Citizens Alliance Free Employment Agency is now a "water boy" on a south Minneapolis WPA project.

Labor law hearings on the transfer agreement will come to an end July Fifth.

All vacations of the 544 staff have been postponed until the latter part of July.

A northwest conference of all over-the-road driving unions has been called for Sunday, July Ninth. Farrell Dobbs, International Organizer, will be in charge.

Most major contract renewal negotiations have progressed to the point where accords have been reached or are near.

WHAT PRICE
The attitude of some highly placed labor officials towards the Stassen Slave Law is reminiscent of the stand taken by many German labor leaders in the early days of Hitler fascism. They urged German trade unionists to comply with the first anti-labor fascist decrees.

Two years later these same "leaders" received their reward. Those of them whose heads had not rolled under the axe of Hitler's headman were enjoying the tortures of a fascist concentration camp!

The employers who contend that workers whose hours have been reduced from forty-eight to forty-four will receive, in overtime pay, enough to make up the difference are stating an untruth. The local has facts and figures to prove that where hourly pay rates are not adjusted upward the workers suffer a wage cut with the hour reductions.

Rainbolt, Hanson and Hamel have become lake dwellers.

DeBoer is in Omaha.

F. Dobbs was a welcome visitor in his old haunts for several days this week.

New ruling on the state labor law says that violations of a signed agreement by the employer is not an unfair labor practice. What must the unions do, Mr. Burnquist, take it on the chin?

A RIFT IN THE CLOUDS
A local tycoon, just returned from England, says everything looks good in Europe!

Skoglund and Zander say that it is a poor day when there is not at least five meetings with employers.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
In spite of everything, 544 is bigger, and better than ever.

544 Wins Saturday, Loses Sunday

Local 544's up-and-down baseball team took third place in the Saturday Commercial League by whipping the North Side Motors, 8-4, only to be shut out Sunday in the National Division by the league-leading Turn Pumps, 4-0.

Saturday's game was never in doubt as the union boys smothered their opponents under a barrage of hits—homers by Rusin, Masolletski and Alford, a triple by Paulski, and doubles by Rusin and Alford. C. Johnson pitched for the winners.

Sunday it was a different story. Henry Nash, twirling for the Pumps, only gave seven hits, as did Norrie Hanson for the Teamsters—but Nash bore down in the pinches to hold Local 544 scoreless. The Pumps now have a lead of 2 1/2 games, with only 4 games to go.

Come to think of it, isn't it queer that the hand that feeds the nation is the hand held out in supplication.—ELAINE ROSE-LAND.

opportunities for youth—but all that was just bunk to gull the innocent.

The truth is that the world of today doesn't need the talents and undoubted creative abilities of the jobless youth. All the world of today has to offer the youth is the heart-breaking and demoralizing experience of unemployment—that, and death on some foreign battlefield fighting to preserve and extend the profits of America's Sixty Families.

All the more reason for the youth to resolutely turn their backs on the unworthy world of today and join with the labor movement in the fight to make this a better world tomorrow.

The Youth Section of Local 544 has a place and a program for every youth in Minneapolis today. The Youth Section is fighting for the needs of the unemployed boys and girls. It is fighting to convert the present NYA program into Youth WPA Projects; for a twenty-million dollar federal public works and housing program to give jobs to the unemployed; for a \$500 million student aid program. It proposes to finance the Youth program by transferring the present two billion dollar war appropriation to Youth WPA Projects and by taxing the millionaire bankers, industrialists and coupon clippers.

That is the program of the Youth Section. What is wrong with it? Join the Youth Section and fight with other boys and girls for the right to life and happiness.

544 Loses Court Case On Labor Law

(Continued from page 1) disputed "public welfare" section.

Levy an Interested Spectator

On both days last week Youngdahl's courtroom was fairly crowded as interested spectators listened attentively to attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson defend the union's right to continue its restraining order tying up Haney and the governor's three-man commission.

Both President Carl Skoglund and Recording Secretary Grant Dunne of Local 544 were present in court.

An interested participant was Sam "Citizens Alliance" Levy who spent his time passing up notes to Sjosellus and Wilson, assistant attorney generals from Burnquist's office, who defended the Stassen anti-labor monstrosity.

All for the Bosses

Incidentally, an example of how the Stassen machine is planning to give the bosses in this state every last benefit of the vindictive anti-labor legislation is indicated by an opinion handed down from Attorney General Burnquist's office Tuesday.

The attorney general has ruled "that violation of a collective bargaining agreement by an employer in Minnesota is not an unfair labor practice under terms of the state labor relations act, unless that employer institutes a lockout. Even if the employer involved is known to have violated the agreement, a union must give ten days' notice of a strike," the opinion said.

Invitation to Chisel

In plain language, this means that a boss can chisel on wages, violate seniority, fire at will, lengthen hours, institute speedup, and tear his legal union working agreement to shreds—and Stassen's labor law and Stassen's attorney general will still say the boss is not guilty of unfair labor practice.

Such a law, and such interpretations, are a positive encouragement to every boss to start throwing the spurs into the workers, are an ever-present incitement to industrial warfare.

It should surprise no one, and Stassen and the bosses least of all, if the year 1939 is productive of more labor strife in this city and state than has been seen in all the years since 1933.

On WPA Projects

By Blanche Albert

What makes a union? Is it a few persons who are good talkers, untiring workers who are able to go to bat for you? Persons who can save your job, or get a higher standard of relief for you when you are out of work? Or someone you can hire with your monthly dues to do these things for you?

All this may be the case, but in a truer sense, a Union is a solid wall of workers, cemented together by a common need for work, decent wages and better living conditions. The Union is not the executive board, but each and every member standing together for the good of every member.

By paying union dues a member does not do his complete duty, for he owes the Union his cooperation and support as well.

In the face of the coming layoffs and other WPA emergencies, it is evident that the need for a union is greater than ever. Join the Federal Workers Section of 544, attend your union meetings; pay up your dues; and give your support and cooperation to the program planned for your benefit.

While one WPA worker or relief client is helpless against the relief administration, and would bat out his brains against the solid wall of their indifference to his welfare, a union of WPA workers and relief clients can and does get results for its members.

Warehouse Union Presents Pacts to Lavis, W. S. Nott

The Warehouse Union Local 359 (formerly Local 20816) has presented new working agreements to the Lavis company and the W. S. Nott firm. The union anticipates that negotiations will get underway in the next few days. Agreements have also been presented to the Dayton and the Donaldson department stores, and negotiations are scheduled to get underway immediately.

On the National Picket Line

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unanimously to take a strike vote next week, unless the management will agree to negotiate a new contract with the CIO-United Auto Workers. So far the company, despite the letter it sent to both factions of the UAW, has declined to negotiate a contract.

It was this letter which Homer Martin used as an excuse to claim a "victory" last week in the Flint situation. We said then that he had won nothing, and this news item proves it.

The Homer Martin-AFL-United Auto Workers are reported in dire financial stress. According to the Detroit Free Press, the AFL Executive Council has agreed to step in and assist the union financially, but only on the condition that the union place itself completely under the jurisdiction of the AFL central body or someone whom they shall appoint.

R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO-UAW gave a press story Saturday to the Detroit Free Press in which he said that George Googe, an AFL organizer who has been active in the southern textile industry and the Texas oil fields was to be given virtual charge of the AFL-UAW, with Martin only the nominal head. Martin and other members of his board hotly denied this.

It is no secret however, that the AFL-UAW is in financial doldrums. Last week sixty-five organizers, department heads, and office were laid off.

Traditionally, the AFL steps into local or international union affairs only when

formally invited. It is considered likely that this invitation has either already been offered to the Executive Council or it will be so placed at the UAW Board meeting next Saturday.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

We received a letter a few days ago from Brother Carle at Glen Lake, which will be read at the next meeting. Brother Carle and his family are very appreciative of what has been done for them. The membership hopes for his speedy recovery.

Start planning now for our big joint picnic with the Warehouse Workers Union to be held Sunday, July 29th at Bass Lake. There will be cab service from the end of the Robbinsdale car line all day. There'll be a diamondball game between the two unions, and dancing afternoons and evening. We have books of tickets to be sold at 10c each which you may obtain from your steward or from this office.

Your B. A. made a trip to the office of the Labor Conciliator this week, appearing as a witness for Local 30 in a difficulty they have with the Star Valet.

There are quite a number of our members on vacation this week but we have been advised of the names of only a few. Let's have a few fish stories from some of you fellows.

For the past two weeks your B. A. has had to be out of the office a considerable part of the time.

No change at Dy-dee Wash.

Wichita Drivers Sign 28 Contracts

The Wichita Teamsters Union Local 795 has signed agreements with 28 local and long distance transfer companies during the past sixty days, according to H. C. Conner, business agent.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE	
LOCAL 471 General Membership—First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)	LOCAL 160 General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—First Thursday
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 Casket Section—June 13th Puffer - Hubbard, Northland Mfg.—June 15th American Wicker, American Excelsior, Warren Shade, Cleland Mfg. Kozekar, Traveler, Air-Loc—June 16th Box Industry—June 20th J. R. Clark, Keller Mfg.—June 21st
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 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of 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. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 20481 General Membership—July 5th Executive Board—July 10th Grievance Board—July 12th and 26th
LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. American Thursday each month. Day Drivers—5:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	LOCAL 544 JULY Monday, July 3—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, July 5—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, July 6—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, July 7—Job Stewards Monday, July 10—General Membership Tuesday, July 11—Lumber Wednesday, July 12—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, July 14—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Sunday, July 16—Over-the-Road Drivers, 10 a. m. Monday, July 17—Furniture Stores, Coal Tuesday, July 18—Building Material Thursday, July 20—Tent and Awning, Printing, Newspaper—10 a. m. Friday, July 21—Job Stewards Monday, July 24—Spring Water Tuesday, July 25—Sand and Gravel Thursday, July 27—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Friday, July 28—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.
LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	LOCAL 20816 Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.