

Labor Answers Stassen— A Speech by John Boscoe

The following address was delivered last Friday evening over stations WCCO and KSTP by John Boscoe, president of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union:

John Boscoe, president of Minneapolis Central Labor Union, Friday night criticized as "completely erroneous" the judgment of Gov. Harold E. Stassen in the recent Minneapolis WPA strike.

Mr. Boscoe spoke over WCCO and KSTP in an address given by Governor Stassen a week ago at the conclusion of the strike.

Mr. Boscoe's address follows:
"In Governor Stassen's radio address of last week, I made an attack upon the organized labor movement of Minneapolis and its democratically elected leadership. The governor charged the leadership with being thoughtless, unkind and vicious.

"He said that a small handful of men led the WPA walk-out, that the strike was called without a vote of the membership, that the leaders of the local labor movement caused great loss and injury by placing 10,000 men and women in dire need, and finally that the joint committee, which directed the protest strike, inflicted great harm on Minneapolis labor.

"In the name of the Minneapolis labor movement, I intend to answer the Governor's faulty and superficial estimate of the WPA strike and to present a factual picture of that strike which has remained hidden from the people to this very day.

"First of all, was it a small handful of men who caused the trouble and created the situation? This is what the Governor charged. The truth is as follows:

"When the WPA workers of the city, state and nation returned to their jobs Wednesday morning after the Fourth of July holiday, they found posted on the bulletin boards a notice that their union wage scale was cut as much as 50 per cent and their hours of labor greatly increased.

"Spontaneously, WPA workers throughout the nation dropped their tools and refused to work. In the Twin Cities, the daily press agrees, the WPA walkout began at the projects at the State Fair grounds and rapidly spread throughout Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

"Members of trade unions, of unemployed organizations, and workers who had never belonged to either, walked off their jobs in union in protest against the wage-cutting, job-slashing and hour lengthening provisions of the Slave Relief Act.

"Almost simultaneously the same reaction was occurring in all parts of the state in Duluth, on the iron range, in southern Minnesota.

Strike Was Nationwide

"At the same time WPA workers all over the country—in New York city, in Ohio, in Pennsylvania, in Chicago and southern Illinois, in New Jersey and California and elsewhere were walking off projects in protest against the wage cutting outrage committed by the sponsors and supporters of the Woodrum amendments.

"A compilation of strike figures indicated that approximately half a million men and women were participating in the spontaneous walkout in protest against this attack on their living standards.

"Half a million strikers! Never before, not even in the great railway strike of 1877 nor in the nationwide struggle for the eight hour day in 1886, had so many workers engaged in a joint struggle.

"It is certain that the WPA strike was the most popular movement of protest which has ever occurred in this country.

The Real "Agitator"

"Governor Stassen gives full credit for it to 'a small handful of local leaders.' The fact is that such widespread protests do not occur without impelling reasons. Here are some of them:

"After the cumulative effects of ten years of unemployment, a more concerted drive against the unemployed began after last November's elections when 300,000 workers were dropped from WPA rolls.

"Next, early in 1939, non-citizens, widows with children and old age pensioners were dropped from the rolls.

"In recent weeks, the attack on WPA workers reached a peak. Under the leadership of reactionaries, Congress passed a cut of 800 million dollars from last year's figures. An inadequate security wage was substituted for the prevailing or union wage.

"Then came the Woodrum amendments including the 30-day lay-off for all WPA employees of 18 months standing; and the WPA administration made it clear that those dropped have a slim chance of re-employment.

"Finally the new act called for a slash in monthly wages of over one million workers in the North and West.

"As the national protest demonstration grew, came three more blows in succession, the announcement that all those away from their jobs for five days would be dropped from the rolls; that striking WPA workers would be denied relief; and then the press campaign that: YOU CAN'T STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

"No wonder that the WPA workers felt desperate and that the entire labor movement joined hands in protesting this attack against the American standard of living!

"The Minneapolis labor movement took quick and effective action to organize the protest locally.

All Labor Backed Strike

"On Thursday, July 6th, the day after the spontaneous walk-out began, the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council officially indorsed the protest strike.

"The various building trades unions voted unanimously to remain on strike and to refuse to work for anyone at less than union wages. The Minneapolis Building Trades Council, like many sisters councils throughout America, has not receded from this position and is determined to defend the union wages and conditions won during their fifty years of struggle.

"On Friday morning, July 7th, the policy committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union indorsed the action of the Building Trades Council. In the next day or two, the Hennepin County Workers Alliance, the federal workers section of Local No. 544, the CIO and the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, all voted officially to indorse and support the protest strike called by the Minneapolis Building Trades Council and their demand that the Woodrum amendments be repealed and that union wages be restored.

"In the light of these facts, what happens to the claim of the governor that a small handful of men in Minneapolis started the walk-out, and that the strikers had no chance to vote on the strike. The truth is that the overwhelming majority of the Minneapolis labor organizations having members on WPA, voted to join the strike. The truth is that the anti-union and pauperizing provisions of the Woodrum relief act had identical social repercussions throughout the country.

WHOSE CONSPIRACY?

If there was a conspiracy, it was a conspiracy of the paid political representatives of big business to put over an

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Local Labor Defends WPA Strike; Gives Crushing Answer to Stassen

Grand Jury Probe Still Drags On

Confronted with a united front of the entire Minneapolis labor movement in defense of the WPA strike and its leadership, the federal grand jury reconvened Monday in St. Paul to continue its investigation into the strike. The jury had adjourned last Wednesday afternoon after hearing a parade of about 40 witnesses during the first three days. Despite promises of early indictments from District Attorney Victor E. Anderson, none was handed out last week and none has been forthcoming this week.

It appears that Murphy and Anderson, with the encouragement of the employers, are doing their damndest to "get" something on the leaders of Local 544, but that they are stymied by lack of evidence and the militant defense of the strike by organized labor in Minneapolis.

Last week the St. Paul Pioneer Press headlined the news that "Activity of 'higher-ups' in Minneapolis General Drivers Union 544 during the recent WPA strike in that city is being investigated by the Federal grand jury." The same day the Minneapolis Tribune relates that "witnesses who told about union operations in connection with the strike spent more time in the jury room than did those who told of interference with workers."

Broaden Inquiry
This Monday when the jury came together to resume its hearing, it was announced the field of inquiry would be extended to take in most of Minnesota, and that the investigation would probably continue "for two or three more weeks."

About 60 new subpoenas were issued Monday for additional witnesses. Monday night it was reported the grand jury would investigate the mass meetings held at the Minneapolis Parade Grounds, where several times more than 5,000 "conspirators" met to discuss the strike's progress.

B-160 Operators—Attention!

The Seniority Board of Local Union B-160 will meet with the operators on Monday, August 7, 1939, at 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. It is very important that members who work in this classification of the Generation Department attend this meeting.

Joint Strike Action Planned by Locals 26, 359 vs. Donaldson's

Convinced by the attitude of the department store negotiators that they mean to give nothing to the union that it isn't strong enough to take, the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 on Monday sent the required 10-day notice to Stassen's Haney that the union means to strike the Donaldson department store. The strike will be a joint affair, as Local 359 has worked out an arrangement with the Building Service Employees Union Local 26 for parallel action in the department store situation. Local 26 has had the same unsatisfactory experience in its negotiations with the department stores that Local 359 has had. Two months of negotiations have failed to bring forth the slightest concessions from the stores.

BACKED BY CLU

The pending strike has the backing of all sections of the Minneapolis labor movement. It has been endorsed by the Teamsters Joint Council, its executive committee, and by the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union.

A special meeting of the Teamsters Joint Council executive committee will be called to complete plans for the strike.

After settling accounts with the Donaldson store, Local 359 will move to win its just demands for wage increases and shorter hours from Dayton's and the other loop stores.

The department stores are the only companies who are resisting dealing fairly and squarely with the Warehouse Union. Local 359 has either already signed, or is preparing to sign within the next few days, new working agreements with all major firms containing satisfactory concessions to the workers.

In order to acquaint the public with the important issues at stake in the department store dispute, Local 359 is planning to issue one hundred thousand copies of a public statement for distribution.

Over-Road Meeting OK's Pact Proposal

Drivers union delegates from eleven North Central states, fraternal delegates from all parts of the United States and International officials of the Brotherhood of Teamsters gathered at the Metropole hotel in Cincinnati last Monday and Tuesday for the over-the-road drivers' conference. In addition to the three delegates from each of the states in the 11-state area, there were representatives present from Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas and several Southwestern states.

Dave Beck of Seattle and Woxberg of Denver were present, as were representatives from New York and Pennsylvania. President Daniel J. Tobin came to the conference directly from the boat, having just returned from Geneva and London. Acting president John M. Gillespie was also in attendance.

Approve Draft for Pact

The two days were spent in considering the report of the area committee on its draft for a new area over-road agreement to replace the present agreement which expires October 31st, 1939. The contract draft had been drawn up by the area committee just previous to the Cincinnati conference, drawing upon the suggestions that have come out of the recent state conferences. After two days of

discussion and debate, the proposed agreement was unanimously approved with slight amendments.

Preparations will now go forward to open the over-road contracts of all drivers' unions in the area. The required 60-day notices will be sent to all employers involved before August 31st. The proposed agreement is now being whipped into shape by the area committee for presentation to the employers.

The conference was harmonious throughout and enthusiastic about its tasks, testifying to the unanimity with which the drivers' unions view the over-road problem.

May Extend Area

The possibility was discussed of extending the present 11-state area to cover the main trunk lines

544 Gains In 2 More Agreements

New gains for Local 544 members were made in two agreements just signed with the city's glass industry and the B. F. Nelson company.

Late last week the General Drivers Union signed a new two-year contract with the three glass companies — Brin, Pittsburgh and Northwestern — bringing a 1 1/2% hourly wage increase to all drivers and a 5c-10c hourly increase for inside workers. The drivers' scale is thus raised from 75c to 76 1/2c. A clause in the pact provides for the same weekly pay should weekly hours be cut to 42 in October, 1939, and to 40 in 1940.

Tuesday noon a new two-year pact was signed with the B. F. Nelson company, providing for back pay of two hours weekly from last October. Last October the weekly hours were cut from 46 to 44. The back pay will amount to \$1.40 weekly since October for the drivers, with a proportionate back pay due other workers covered by the pact. After June 1st, 1940, one week's vacation with pay will be granted company employees. The pact is retroactive to June 1st, 1939, and will run until 1941.

Local 544 has made gains in practically every contract it has signed this year. Many of the pacts have been for two-year periods.

Bakery Drivers in Sioux City Start Negotiations

This Friday the Bakery Drivers Section of the Sioux City General Drivers Union Local 383 will start negotiations with the local bakers. A counter-proposal has been received from the companies which is utterly unsatisfactory. Aside from a 50c-a-week increase on some routes and the closed shop, the counter-proposal contains no concessions that go beyond last year's pact.

In the Southeast and Southwest, and this possibility will be further considered by the area committee and International officials.

The Cincinnati Teamsters Joint Council deserves high praise for its excellent arrangements of the conference, according to returning delegates. The Cincinnati Council gave an exceptionally fine banquet the last night of the conference for the assembled delegates. Speakers included President Tobin, Brother Gillespie, Beck of Seattle, Farrell, president of the Cincinnati Teamsters Joint Council, and Farrell Dobbs.

President John Boscoe of Central Labor Union Makes Brilliant Analysis of WPA strike—Annihilates Governor's Provocative Attack on Minneapolis Labor and Its Leadership—Reveals Unknown Incidents of Strike and Bloody Friday Night—Lays Forth Real Reasons Behind Strike—Castigates Governor for Failing to Keep Campaign Pledges to Unemployed—Warns that Minneapolis Labor Movement Won't Stand for Frame-ups—Fight Will Continue, Says Boscoe

In what was both a militant defense of the WPA strike and strikers and a scathing indictment of Governor Stassen's ignorant and superficial appraisal of the strike, John Boscoe, president of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, presented organized labor's viewpoint of the recent mass action of the unemployed against the new Slave Relief Act. Boscoe's brilliant

Dismissed WPA'ers Are Denied Food

Despite the fact that both the Welfare Board and the city attorney have approved the granting of emergency food orders to those laid off WPA, there are many dismissed WPA workers who are starving. Ed Palmquist, leader of Local 544's Federal Workers Section, reported Wednesday morning. "Many unemployed persons report they haven't eaten for several days," said Palmquist.

Representatives of the labor movement will appear before the Welfare Board this Friday to demand food for the starving.

Late last week the Welfare Board approved a small increase in the 1940 public relief budget. Whereas in 1939 it is estimated \$6,208,991 will be expended, the Board is asking \$6,800,381 for 1940.

CLU Hits Leach

Mayor Leach's contemptible lies about Palmquist and the Federal Workers Section, published in the daily press, were nailed in a curt letter from Roy Weir, organizer of the Central Labor Union, to the mayor.

Leach had charged that the Federal Workers Section organized a mob to attend each meeting of the Welfare Board, and intimated that Palmquist stole dues money from the unemployed to gamble.

This phoney outburst from the mayor was just an attempt to justify his illegal move to transfer the Welfare Board meetings from the reception room to a small office where the public could not be admitted. Fortunately the Welfare Board voted him down.

Last Wednesday night the Minneapolis Central Labor Union voted unanimously to instruct its organizer to answer Mayor Leach's despicable lies about the Federal Workers Section and Palmquist.

Wheeler Firm Faces Action From 359

Negotiations between the Warehouse Union Local 359 and the Wheeler Barnes company is still at a deadlock and the union membership have unanimously voted to strike in the event the company does not make satisfactory concessions.

Although the company has offered a reduction in hours, the union negotiating committee still feels that this is not enough for the settlement of a working agreement. The union is laying particular stress on the union shop, because twice in the past two years the management has made efforts to set up a company union. In both instances the union handily blocked the move. Such efforts on the part of the company have resulted in a very skeptical attitude among the employees who feel that their only guarantee is a union shop clause in the agreement.

speech was delivered last Friday night over stations WCCO and KSTP. He gave such an annihilating and sweeping answer to the reactionaries that there hasn't been a peep out of them for five days. Stassen has acted as though his mouth were full of water. Attorney General Murphy has abruptly ceased his provocative statements against the Minneapolis labor movement. The FBI has announced that "another two or three weeks may elapse" before the federal grand jury concludes its smear investigation into the strike.

Riddles Stassen Charges

Sticking directly to the facts, President Boscoe took up the governor's charges against organized labor one by one and riddled them. The head of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union also revealed some startling and hitherto little known facts about the strike—that the WPA administration in the recent disputes reversed its whole previous policy of automatically closing down all projects where a labor dispute occurred; and that it was the joint action committee of organized labor that insisted that Governor Stassen make a stenographic transcript of its meetings with the governor and send them to Roosevelt, Harrington and Murphy. Boscoe challenged Stassen to make public the entire contents of the stenographic report, saying "it contains impressive testimony on the police brutality against a peaceful picket line."

To the governor's policeminded charge that the WPA strike was the work of a small handful of Minneapolis labor leaders, Boscoe pointed out that the WPA strike involved half a million men throughout the country. He termed it "the most popular movement of protest which has ever occurred in this country." Boscoe further explained that the Minneapolis strike had the backing of all sections of the Minneapolis labor movement.

What Caused the Strike?

Whereas both the city, state and national administrations have consistently pretended that there was nothing behind the WPA strike except the machinations of a small handful of "trouble-makers," President Boscoe told the people of Minnesota the impelling reasons that brought forth the mass protest:

"After the cumulative effects of 10 years of unemployment, a more concerted drive against the unemployed began after last November's elections when 300,000 workers were dropped from WPA rolls. Next, early in 1939 non-citizens, widows with children and

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Unionists—When Buying Gas

Always insist that the Lessee-Operator of the gas station, as well as the station attendant, be a member of the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977. Local 977 has a large Lessee Section and is seeking to extend the organization to include all lessees as well as attendants. Help the union by insisting upon the union button.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

On the National Picket Line

On Monday morning, July 31, the Cleveland auto workers demonstrated very clearly just how they feel about the strike against the General Motors Corporation. When several carloads of "non-strikers" (commonly known as seabs or flinks) attempted to rush the picket line with a police convoy they were met with the organized resistance of several thousand strikers and sympathizers. Four hundred fifty police and firemen used the force of tear gas, side arms, riot guns and powerful streams of fire hoses to dispel the strikers.

The fight lasted for a couple of hours and when it was over 34 persons were injured. Not all the injured were strikers.

The picket line continued to swell throughout the day so that by evening there were almost ten thousand strikers and sympathizers milling about the plant. Two hundred thirty flinks who had gotten in during the early morning hours were housed inside, sleeping on the equipment installed by the company during the trouble in 1937.

Safety Director Ness issued an order prohibiting more than five pickets at any gate, and banning mass assembly within five hundred yards of the plant. Union officials protested this order and are preparing to contest the orders in court. Ness, with Mayor Harold H. Burton and Brigadier General Ludwig S. Conolly of the Ohio National Guard visited the scene during the afternoon.

Ness declared "confidence that he can handle the situation without aid." He said the General's presence was merely as an observer. One hundred fifty police now "protect" the plant. It is a safe guess that the General might have been merely "observing" but we'll place our bet that his observation had a purpose.

Thus is General Motors favorite newspaper publicity refuted. For on that picket line there were not only Fisher Body employees. The White Motor company has a plant about a mile away from the scene of the fight. When work-bound White employees heard that an attempt was to be made to rush the picket line with police convoyed cars, they reported to the picket line instead of to their time keeper!

If the rank and file auto workers are so opposed to the strike, if they do not believe that the time has come for militant action against a corporation which has time and again broken its contract with the union, how do you account for the fact that so many of the White company employees went to the picket line instead of to work that that company had to shut down for the day?

From a reliable source, on the scene, it was learned that on Monday, July 31, all General Motors plants in Detroit, Saginaw, Flint and Pontiac were closed down.

Sunday's New York Times carried a story on the strike, also. According to that source, the AFL Building Trades Council met and decided that all building craftsmen normally employed within the General Motors plants would return to work THROUGH THE PICKET LINE on Monday.

R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO-UAW stated, after the AFE decision, "If it is war they want, we'll give it to them."

Thus again the AFL is adding fuel to General Motors' fire against the strike.

Of the 1,200 building tradesmen employed on construction work in GMC plants, only 200 have direct relationship with the company and work under union contract for it. The rest of the 1,200 are employed by contractors to repair, rebuild and add to GMC buildings.

CIO-UAW spokesmen also stated that none of the work normally taken care of by AFL Building Trades members would be touched by CIO members, that it would all be there for them to come back to after the strike is settled, but that under no conditions would these men be allowed to force their way through the picket lines.

544 in Return Game August 10th With Superior

Next Thursday, August 10th, Local 544's baseball team will drive up to Superior, Wisconsin, to take on Local 288 in the second engagement of the season with the Superior drivers. The game will be played at night under the lights in the Superior ballfield.

Manager Jack Herman foresaw an easy victory for the Minneapolis Drivers team which hung up a 20-0 victory over Local 288 at a game played June 4th at Nicolet Park. The proposed game between Local 544 and the Detroit Drivers Union Local 299 has been called off by the Detroit team, Herman learned this week. "It looks like Red O'Laughlin and Local 299 have taken a run-out powder," Herman said. "They probably heard about 544's record this summer."

544 Wins 2nd Place in Sunday Play

As the Town Pumps clinches their hold on first place in the National park league, Local 544 whipped the United Shippers Sunday afternoon at the Parade, 12 to 9, and clinches second place. Saturday afternoon the same two teams, playing in the Commercial league, reversed their roles with the Shippers coming out on top, 11 to 8. The two teams are thus tied for first place in the Saturday league, but with only one week of play remaining the Teamies were in excellent position to capture the Commercial title.

Alford, Johnson and Norrie Hanson all took a turn on the mound Saturday, but it was an off day for 544 and the union nine went down to defeat despite Becker's powerful work at the plate.

Sunday afternoon the Teamies were out for vengeance and got it. Despite an 8-run crop by the Shippers in the second inning, Jack Herman's boys staged a rally in the sixth and seventh inning that brought home the bacon. Syran, Johnnie Sodd, Rusin and Becker all shone at the plate. Alford, Hanson and Crandall all took a turn on the mound for 544.

Local 544's chances suffered a setback Sunday when Johnnie Sodd, stellar Teamie catcher, fractured his throwing hand and faced the possibility of being out of commission for two weeks.

This Saturday 544 will play the Northern Motors at Parade 6 at 3 p. m., while the Shippers tangle with the Oheleins. In case both 544 and the United Shippers teams win their games, a play-off between the two nines will be scheduled.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig
After a three weeks' vacation from writing out the score for you ITO's in this column it feels a little strange to get back in the groove.

All city seniority truckers should attend the August meeting this week. Procedure for new registration will be outlined.

It is fairly certain that a special meeting for WPA men will be called before September.

Your civil service examination for city drivers will be held late this year but the date is still indefinite.

Guess who surprised the members of the Ways and Means Committee by showing up for that Saturday meeting?

Out of Local 120 into Local 544! Connolly's drivers are swinging it across the river this summer with the signing of the new contract with the excavators. The drivers on Hennepin county payroll will ditto.


The state highway department is playing us raw by calling for bids on truck rental without operators.

Will we or won't we lose our Belt Line crew? August 15 is the reported deadline but no bids in sight yet.

Wait Maslowski stuck by his button during the last WPA fracas although he was the only union trucker on the job. No pickets appeared, but Walt pulled off the

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



I'm dead set against this idea of a war referendum. The President will let us know when's the right time for us to go to war. After all, there's such a thing as too much democracy.

Minneapolis CLU Opposes Proposed NYA Wage Slash

Proposed wage cuts and increase in hours on the National Youth Administration were condemned in a resolution passed by the Central Labor Union at its last meeting. The resolution called for the prevailing union hourly wage to be paid on all NYA projects and objected to the new NYA ruling preventing any youth from non-relief families from being hired.

The new wage schedule, calling for a reduction in monthly pay from \$20.24 to \$18 and increases in hours from 44 to at least 48 is scheduled to go into effect some time on or after August 1st, according to a statement given the representatives of the Youth Section, FWS, Local 544, by C. B. Lund, State director for the NYA.

Mass Meeting Friday
The Youth Section has called a mass meeting for Friday, August 4, 8 p. m., at the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., for all NYA workers and unemployed youth to discuss the proposed set-up and take action to prevent its being foisted on the youth. Among the speakers will be Max Geldman, of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, James Bartlett of the Warehouse Workers Union, Local 359, and Oscar Kohler of the Youth Section.

Many NYA workers have questioned the new wage schedule and pointed out that this came just at the time that the NYA—unlike the situation on WPA—has received an increase in their appropriation. The increase in Minnesota amounts to more than a quarter of a million dollars. Scores of NYA workers have already expressed their opposition to the new proposal and undoubtedly, the NYA officials will not have an easy time putting it into effect. Numerous NYA workers have stated they would refuse to work for \$18 a month.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Some of the laundries think their men should work day and night. Our contract says 48 hours. Some are OK, others, beware.

Pat Fource thinks he knows where the big ones are biting. From what we have seen it must be hooley.

Schultz of Minneapolis laundry is helping out with someone's hon-symoon, we heard.

McClay of Model came back rested, we hope.

Ralph Anderson of Garber's is vacationing in Denver and points west.

Gleason of Lawrence's is like a Swede in winter—he says during vacation there are all sports than fishing.

The owners, the Institute and the others could not see their way clear to make the picnic a success from a financial standpoint. However, they wished us luck, for which we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Ray Rainbolt, of early American extraction himself, passed out ten crisp pictures of Gavage Washington as door prizes at our July 28th get-together.

First with the news: saw Charley Miller in his airport blimp at Chicago and Lake reading a Chicago newspaper that had left the presses about four hours before.

An ancient "Chink" by the name of Confucius said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with but one step." That's the step us flag flippers gotta watch as some of our "woozy" passengers would fall on their face in the hack if we didn't.

Don "Sailor" Moore has cheap transportation; "automobile row" offers him seven and a half pieces

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county mucker job operating with scab bidders on WPA and did not return to work till he had checked with our office and the county to make sure no WPA labor was striking on his project. We need more members like Brother Maslowski.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next meeting will be General Membership meeting to be held three weeks from yesterday — Thursday evening, August 24. Let's get out to this and make it a real get-together. Announcement was made at the last General Meeting that work is to start on the new Retail Drivers contract which expired October 15. So, it behooves all the Retail Drivers to attend all meetings from now on so that you will know what is going on.

Here's good news for our diamondball team. Regans, who play the 289 team next Sunday, August 6, were closely nosed out by a 12 to 1 tally, last Sunday at Mound by the Philbrook team. Shame on you boys! Why didn't you beat them by a 12 to 1 score instead? However, I'll bet it will be a good game next Sunday. Members wishing to go to the game can find where it will be held by calling the office Friday or Saturday.

Our "friend" Stassen, in his radio address regarding the recent WPA strike, accuses the Twin City labor leaders as a whole as being radical, unsound, unstable and a whole lot more—all vicious and untrue. I wonder if it doesn't occur to puppet-governor Stassen that in making such a statement he is, in fact, charging the whole of labor as being unsound and unstable. As I see it, the rank and file are the ones who elected the present leaders. Stassen is one who, like the rest of his ilk, always claims to be a friend of labor. He is for labor but "not with the present leaders." And that is exactly what they all say.

The entertainment committee, headed by Loren Johnson, stands for the year at about an \$85 loss—which is mighty good, considering that this includes two dances and the picnic and I call it mighty economical entertainment. I doubt that many locals can compare books on this.

By action of the membership last Thursday, July 27, due to the importance of the State Federation Convention in September, it was unanimously voted that the board would choose five delegates who are familiar with the labor problems and union problems to attend the convention.

Say! Who was it at Regan's that completely forgot that he was supposed to go on a vacation this week and came to work last Monday? Tsk!

Card of Thanks
To Local 544:
Words cannot express our appreciation and gratitude for your sincere expression of sympathy.
Carmelitta and Gilbert Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sable
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anderson

I can look reality in the face and describe it, and that makes everybody think I must be miserable.—OSCAR COOVER.

DEMAND UNION CLERKS

of silver for his "whispering Willys" so he's gonna drive it ten more years just to show 'em, he will.

Mitch Abood, who needs no introduction, recently enjoyed an outing with his wife and some friends at Long Lake; a nap aboard the small boat seemed a good idea at the time and while he was dreaming of better things some joker set the boat adrift. Mitch awoke after dark and acted out a real life nightmare. With his shoes full of water and a strong desire to curse, he rowed to shore and took the laughs.

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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 R. F. Gilmore
At the J. R. Clark plant the boys have just enjoyed a week's vacation with pay. A lot of us never had a week's vacation with pay before in our lives. Three cheers for Local 1859!

Next general membership meeting postponed to August 16.

Ek Kirby augers with the stars and reports Wilfred Cary is that a-way. Can she cook? eYa, bo.

With the casketeers: Mrs. Winters is going to Cincinnati the first week in August. Helen Rzesutek is going to Wisconsin where she will roam among the bosky dells of the Badger state. Gladys Nitt is going to spend two weeks in Flint, Michigan, and Mrs. Car from the Minneapolis Casket is also going to Flint. How the girls do get around!

Nominations open for officers of Local 1859 at the next general membership meeting August 16.

Frank Huggins is going to spend his vacation dinging up his Cord. Think you can save it, Frank!

Looks like Johnny Eckman is losing his grip. His hammer flew out the window twice Monday morning. Pull yourself together, pal.

Little man, you've had a busy day! Dick Brandt was caressing the steel he loves to touch last Monday and the sun shone down upon him.

Happy days are here again! Frank Morrison is coming to work in a brand new Chevrolet. Frank says he got \$150 allowance for his old Model "A."

Here's how some of the Clark men spent their vacations: Irving Nelson went to Kokato. Fred Peterson moved his garage. Donald Anderson was catching minnows. Thinks they are sardines, maybe. Alan Thomas took his mother up to the North Shore of Lake Superior. Harry Morrison all the time fishing. Carl Ericson stayed in the city. Doc Bruhjeff won't tell. Gus Zinnarsup in the north woods for a rest. Ernest Cleveland in the northern part of Wisconsin visiting his folks. Bruno Kranz at Lone Lake near Aiken. Ray Robosky fishing and stuff. Klas Kalgren, Harry Carlson and Wally Berglin took an extensive trip through the north woods. Joe Gurek playing diamondball. Wally Fern driving around in his Pontiac. This sure beats a motorcycle for comfort, says Wally.

Joe Bednarski forgot his sunglasses Wednesday night and cracked his car up. Joe was lucky

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Workers in Quebec Stop Fascist Rat

Adrien Arcand, Canadian fascist leader, recently brought his blue-shirted thugs to Quebec in a caravan of limousines to attempt to hold a meeting in the working-class section of Quebec City. He rented a hall, arranged his hooligans in uniform on the outside stair case, strong loudspeakers around the market-place to carry his words to the overflow crowd and waited for his thousands of followers. The workers came—but not to follow.

When one of the anti-union guards soaked a 14-year-old kid the workers surged in, knocked out three of the guards and forced them to retire within the safety of the closed doors. The anti-fascist French-Canadian workers then tore down Arcand's loud speaker, and held an anti-fascist meeting outside the hall.

The city cops were on hand to protest the fascists and disperse the workers, but had to call in the provincial police. A pitched street battle between the police and the workers took place until one o'clock in the morning, during which all the windows in the fascist hall were smashed. Arcand and his blue-shirted hooligans finally left under police escort, glad to get out of town alive.

Arcand and his National Unity Party work closely with the fascists in this country, and especially with Father Coughlin and Pelley's Silver Shirts.

News Drivers In Sioux City Gain in New Pact

The Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383 announced this week it has renewed contracts with the Sioux City Journal and the Tribune covering all truck routes out of that town. A 1/2-a-mile increase was granted to all drivers, hauling an average load of over 1,500 pounds, bringing the mile rate up to 6 1/4c. The new pact also calls for the closed shop and seniority; the companies further agree not to convert the present routes into feeder routes for the purpose of defeating the agreement.

The mileage rate for loads under 1,500 pounds is 5 1/4c.

New York Union Demands Public WPA Strike Probe

"Because Colonel Sumerswell (New York WPA Administrator) has shown himself a consistent peddler of unmitigated untruths," the New York Building Trades Council last Saturday demanded that the Board of Estimate, the New York City Council and the Board of Education conduct a thorough investigation of the WPA strike, to determine for themselves the effectiveness of the tie-up by the unions.

In the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Sumerswell continues to pretend that the WPA strike in New York is ineffective and that operations are proceeding normally.

The Building Trades Council has twice invited him to make a tour of inspection of the struck projects. Each time he has evaded the invitation.

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Governor's Attack Answered by Labor

(Continued from page 1)
old age pensioners were dropped from the rolls.

"In recent weeks, the attack on WPA workers reached a peak. Under the leadership of reactionaries, congress passed a cut of \$800,000,000 from last year's figures. An inadequate security wage was substituted for the prevailing or union wage. Then came the Woodrum amendments including the 30-day lay-off for all WPA employees of 18 months' standing; and the WPA administration made it clear that those dropped have a slim chance of re-employment. Finally the new act called for a slash in monthly wages of over 1,000,000 workers in the North and West.

"As the national protest demonstration grew, came three more blows in succession: the announcement that all those away from their jobs for five days would be dropped from the rolls; that striking WPA workers would be denied relief; and then the press campaign that 'You can't strike against the government.'

"NO WONDER THAT THE WPA WORKERS FELT DESPERATE AND THAT THE ENTIRE LABOR MOVEMENT JOINED HANDS IN PROTESTING THIS ATTACK AGAINST THE AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING," said Boscoe.

To the governor's characterization of the Minneapolis labor leadership as "thoughtless, un-sound and vicious," Boscoe countered with the simple statement that Minneapolis is among the best organized cities in the country and that all the benefits of unionism have come to the Minneapolis workers and unemployed because they have organized under this leadership.

Ridding the charge that it was organized labor which harmed the unemployed, Mr. Boscoe lashed out at the real enemies of the workers—"the connivers in Congress" and the governor himself.

Stassen's Worthless Pledges
"Come to think of it, it is passing strange that there are any unemployed persons in this state, for did not Governor Stassen promise to create jobs in private industry that would absorb the unemployed?" asked Boscoe. He exposed the governor further by pointing out that his administration had slashed almost two million dollars from state relief.

Contrary to the lies told about

the murderous police attack on peaceful pickets the night of Bloody Friday, Boscoe stated (1) that there were no pickets either on the sidewalk nor on the street in front of the sewing project at the time the police opened fire upon the people across the street, and (2) that squads of police deliberately crossed the street into private property and there shot down the people who had permission to remain there with their cars."

The Northwest Organizer has already printed testimony from eye-witnesses that substantiate this true picture of what occurred on Bloody Friday night.

No Fear from HON'ST Investigation
"Governor Stassen, the Minneapolis labor movement has nothing to fear from any honest investigation no matter what its source," challenged the head of the Minneapolis union movement.

"BUT WE ARE DETERMINED TO PROTECT THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERS AND DEFEND THEM AGAINST ANY ATTEMPTED FRAME-UPS."

Fight Will Continue
"The fight for jobs at union wages and conditions, and for decent relief standards for those who have no jobs, did not begin nor end with the WPA strike in Minneapolis," ended Boscoe. "The struggle, by the logic of events, now takes other channels. There must be no adjournment of Congress until the vicious Woodrum provisions are repealed.

The entire text of Mr. Boscoe's answer to Governor Stassen is printed in this issue. We urge all our readers to study it and save it for future reference.

U. S. Rubber Ready to Sign Pact

It took a strike vote of the employees, following several weeks of unsatisfactory negotiations, to bring the U. S. Rubber company down to the point where it would offer the sort of concessions to the Warehouse Union that laid the basis for the negotiating of a new two-year working agreement.

Local 359 reported early this week that substantial wage increases have been offered union members and that an agreement for a 2-year period is in the offing. All in all, the picture looks bright for real gains at this firm.

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3,000 at Locals 131-359 Joint Picnic



Three thousand persons attended last Sunday's Joint Union Picnic at Bass Lake sponsored by the Warehouse Union and the Laundry Drivers Union. Don Penwell is at the "mike" announcing the lucky winners of cash prizes. Frank Konkol won \$15, Louis Silverstein, \$10, and L. Johnson, \$5.

Local 359 won the diamondball game from the 42nd Street Merchants, and the Laundry Drivers won the tug-o-war against the Warehousemen, so everyone was satisfied.

471 Members—Attention!

There will be only one membership meeting during August, that on Tuesday the 15th. In September, the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 will return to its regular meeting schedule with two monthly meetings, on the first and third Tuesdays.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

Another year may bring some distinct changes in the butterfat prices. At the present time there is legislation before Congress to extend the program of curtailed production to cover milk cows. The plan has worked very well on reducing the acreage of wheat, corn, etc. Farmers were paid by the government for their dead or idle land. According to the new law dairy farmers will receive a specified sum every year for every missing cow. An "up" in B. F. market of only a few cents means millions of dollars more for the farmers.

Mr. Len Hellar owes an explanation to some salesman that he has been training throughout the years. At the 471 picnic, he was caught "red handed" in the tug of war, pulling with the insiders.

A few members of our union should get over one penny ante habit they have at this season. Each summer when they travel to cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, etc., where milk bottles are free, a very few of our good brothers haul home a sack or two of half pints. It pays for the gas home, they say. You have seen

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Herman Signed As Pro Manager

Jack Herman, athletic director of Local 544, received a proposal July 1st that he go to Tennessee to manage a professional team at the end of the 544 baseball season. He has signed a contract and will manage a southern professional team next year.

Herman has made an enviable reputation in city athletic circles. He managed the Yellow Cab baseball team which won the championship in 1937. Local 544 engaged him to manage the General Drivers nine last year; the team came within half a game of winning the division championship. His 544 Youth Section basketball team of last winter won the division championship and got as far as the semi-finals in the city race. The Drivers' baseball team this year is well to the front in both leagues in which it is entered.

Herman joined Local 574 in 1934, from which union he transferred to the Cab Drivers Union Local 958 in 1938.

With the Limousines

"Home James"
Well, well, news that is news—it doesn't seem possible but it is true the Stassenites are going to bat for the laboring class of people, those on WPA. So we would say there is something fishy with them, or they must be sick. If it is sickness, it is possible it may be enlargement of the heart. Ya, ya. But it is only natural they want us working, so then we can pay the freight and not them. So join the union and raise your standard of living.

It doesn't seem true, but it is, to see our dear brothers driving down Nicollet avenue sitting up there in the front as straight as a board, with not a bend in their backs. And see them the same night bend around a barrel of beer.

We hear our dear old brother John Anderson is bathing, so we'll keep an eye on him.
The next Teamsters Joint Council meeting is in St. Cloud, which means 612 executive board will go up. We know it'll be an enjoyable meeting.

Our president is going east on a trip. Sorry to see you go, but wish you lots of luck.

It's like old times to see Henry Johnson and Jack Wynn around again. I still don't know why Ray Hedin wears those dark glasses.

What's the matter with you fellows on 21st and Lyndale? Don't you know where the union hall is? Some day I am going to write to Ely Culbertson and ask him how to play bridge and yet win with a full house.

We still can't figure out why Jess Baxter is driving around nights in a station wagon. Don't laugh, Jack Kartez, you were also seen in it.

The regularity with which some of our brothers living at the lake drive in for union meetings should make some of you other members here in town sit up and take notice.

Our president has asked you members for bits of choice news, and we don't receive many yet. So be careful, I might pull a Walter Winchell on you.

This column will take up the subject of unfair undertakers in the very near future. We think there are important things you all ought to know about them.

Sad news—last week a good union man buried his employer and consequently his job. But it

was gratifying to see that this was one funeral where all the drivers were 100 per cent union.

Some day we'll let you know who is the oldest chauffeur in the union, and the youngest. Hope to see you all at the next union meeting.

Last Minute Flash!
Our union brother Clarence Schmidt stepped out and got married Saturday. I thought a chauffeur had enough grief to take care of his job! Here's wishing you and the Mrs. lots of good luck for years and years to come.

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Turn or Go With Omaha 554

Men! Let's take our hats off to the boys at Hastings, Neb. They are real union men who have carried on a valiant fight against tremendous odds. They're still going strong.

Mr. Kenny, head master for Union Transfer in Minneapolis, is now giving professional advice on when to go to sleep.

However, we won't be sure he's taking proper care of Tony Vetteras and Pinneo until he furnishes nipples with their bottles.

Jimmy Machal of Peter Pan had twins since the new contract was signed. (Reward for not being late once under last year's contract. Let this be a lesson.)

Has Anyone Seen Rover?
If anybody saw Lou Miller (Pollock) lurking in a dark alley last Monday night, he wasn't checking a bakery. When last seen, Lou had a mournful look in his eye for dear little Pekinese Weewong and he was singing "Oh, Where, Has My Little Dog Gone?"

Prolonged negotiations with Sidney Adler and Attorney Klutznick, representing the Adler's Bakery, and Lou Miller and Al Russell representing the union, resulted in Adler's shelling out with \$200.37 back pay for Lester Gilbert.

Watt Notes

"Blacky" Thomas is back on the job again fully recovered. Glad to see you around again, "Blacky."

Now that there are only two daily papers in our city, how about putting on a big push for a daily labor paper?

Operators please take note. The Seniority Board will meet with the operators next Monday, August 7, at Union headquarters, 8 p. m.

By all means, eat, think and live the thirty-hour week.

Don't forget to send your news items in for this column. Remember no news items means no column, and this week news is scarcer than hens' teeth.

It has been reported that some of our members had a very pleasant but rather rough trip on the "Donna Mae" last Saturday night.

With the ace columnist being on vacation, we regret having such a short column this week. Send in the dirt, boys.

Porkey says that Putz, Koester and Zalusky are all wet. He'll put his dogs up against theirs on both counts (size and aroma) and in addition show the longest and straightest toe nails in the bunch.

We have a Snow, Ice and Winter in our membership; we are in hopes of getting a Spring, Summer and Fall.

Brother Langer is going to conduct a course in fishing with reduced rates to troublemen.

Brother Beggs of St. Cloud has almost enough cabbage leaves for a new car. Wonder where he found them?

Brothers White and Anderson of St. Cloud say a certain lineman is a soft touch.

Brother (Bees) Leonard pinched hit for a sky pilot last Sunday. It is rumored he made quite a hit with the girls.

Miss Berg, our office girl, is back from an enjoyable vacation with a beautiful tan.

The Construction Department boys still don't believe it's true. Come on up sometime.

Back pay, in amount \$40, was collected from the Freeman Oil Company on July 25th, for Francis Collahan, who is employed at their North Seventh street station. This makes the third time the Local has collected back pay from this company since February 1st.

The real reason that the war we have just finished took place was that Germany was afraid her commercial rivals were going to get the better of her, and the reason against Germany was that they thought Germany would get the commercial advantage of them. The seed of the jealousy, the seed of the deep-seated hatred, was commercial rivalry. This war, in its inception, was a commercial and industrial war. It was not a political war.—Woodrow Wilson, in St. Louis speech, 1919.

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History of Civilization

Liberty, Equality and Fraternity
Not wishing to take up too much time describing the new arrangement, all I will say is that capitalism was inaugurated in the name of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

By Liberty is meant the right of the Runts to sell themselves, work whenever they can find masters, quit when they are told, earn enough in prosperous times to feed, clothe and shelter themselves and raise a new crop of runts.

Equality is equality before the law, meaning that if Henry Ford goes on the picket line and heaves bricks at a scab, bums for handouts or is caught riding the "bumbers" the law will punish him like any other bum.

Fraternity means that Runts have a sacred and inalienable right to join fraternal orders, adopt pass-words, grips and high signs in the pursuit of paying each other's doctor bills and funeral expenses, thereby relieving their betters of said burdens.

Along with these natural rights went political rights enabling the Runts to elect the public servants who tax, evict, foreclose, convict, jail, club and hang them for the good and welfare of those who live on them. They also enjoy the right of free press and speech, and to air their grievances in public, provided, of course, that they can find somebody willing to print their stuff, that they say nothing that really endangers the meal ticket of their superiors and that the cops don't break up their meetings. They may even call the president a few names without jeopardizing their liberty. Calling their foreman the same is, however, punished as "lese majesty" (But who in hell is a straw boss, anyhow?)

Scientists have estimated that the food value (calories) of the modern Runt on the job is equivalent to 300 Runts in the pot. The reason why so many Runts are neither on the job, in the pot, or eating regularly is because they raised more grub than the Bullies can eat, waste or throw away.

(THE END)
Next week: The Voyage of the Good Ship Progress.

Gassing With 977

Negotiations for the new working agreement to cover the employees of the tire companies in Minneapolis, are now in progress; the present contract expires August 31st. The new agreement for the four major companies is now ready and will be submitted to the managers for approval this week.

The working agreement covering the employees of the Hotel Parking lot was signed this week, by Attorney Dolf, who represents Mr. Sanders, the owner.

Tickets went on sale this week for the first anniversary Jamboree, to be held by the Filling Station Attendants and the Operators of Local 977, on September 18th, at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar avenue. The tickets sell for 25c, and are good in trade that evening for five coupons for refreshments. Each ticket has a stub number which should be retained for door prizes. The Jamboree will open at 7 p. m., and dancing will start at 9 p. m. All members will want to be on hand to help celebrate the first anniversary of the Local.

Jesse Ware, attendant at the Mobile station at 1319 Third avenue south, will be married Saturday, August 5th. He and Mrs. Ware will leave for a week's honeymoon in Duluth and the north shore. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs.!

There had been some misunderstanding at the Apex Oil Company in regard to the pay for the four holidays of last year. Through the fine cooperation of Mr. Hornbrook, manager of the Apex Company, this was adjusted, and the company willingly gave the back pay covering these holidays to the employees. The Union wishes to express the appreciation of its members for this fine spirit of cooperation.

Mat Kopstad returned from his vacation fishing trip in Wisconsin, just in time to pay his dues and not be fined, on Monday of this week. Mat is employed at the Nelson Bros. Service, 500 Eleventh street south, and reports having had a fine trip, during which he covered 3,000 miles.

Jerry Rivet, out at Robert's Pure Oil Service, 3601 Lyndale avenue south, is wreathed (more than ever) in smiles these days. Jerry is to be married August 19th.

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Two-Fifty-Nine

This is the first column of the Minneapolis Pulp and Sulphite Union Local 259. Here goes—

Brother Frank Gable of the Flour City is back on the job again. He has been strutting his stuff in Uncle Sam's uniform for the last two weeks at Camp Ripley.

It is good to see Brother Gardner back in circulation again.

The wedding bells will ring in a few days for H. Teglund of Flour City. The entire local wishes the couple many long happy years of married life.

Just got this note from Brother Ostegren: "I've just been informed my wife had a rendezvous with the stork this morning." The requests for cigars are pouring in.

Wear your union button so we can distinguish you from the flinks.

Hey! How about those news items from the other plants? Fishers, Heywoods and Pioneer? Let's hear from you.

Attend your union meetings regularly. Matters of very vital importance to all of us are being discussed. Especially is this true of the special meetings.

Brother Gable had his first airplane ride while at camp last week. He hasn't been the same since.

The negotiations on our new contract are dragging out monotonously.

Speaking of meetings—let's get down to the hall plenty early, get our dues paid, make the meeting short and snappy and get out again as early as possible during this hot weather. Remember, the meeting is called to order at 8 p. m.

Our secretary had a painful accident last week. She had a large silver under her fingernail.

Say, by the way, Roy, how about the union label? Did that future alderman of yours have one on him? If he didn't, better send him back.

On WPA Projects

By Blanche Albert
The August quota for Hennepin County is to be cut by at least 1,400. Another reduction in WPA rolls is planned for September, and even though the "30-day lay-off" clause has been temporarily suspended, the layoffs are coming. This time they are picking on the "not so worth while" projects. It is a toss-up which is the better plan. Either way the worker is on the losing end.

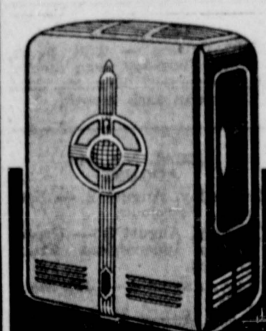
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm Labor.

You Said It, Brother

Few workers will disagree with the following statement of Bernard Tasser, American Federation of Labor publicity chief, on the WPA strike, published in the July issue of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council: "I have a very definite opinion relative to those persons, no matter how high their positions, who have tried to smear the building workers by calling their refusal to work 'a strike against the government.' "I believe this opinion is identical with that of every union man in the country, and I am convinced that no worse blunder could ever be made by any public official than to try to outlaw the present highly effective peaceful protest stoppage of the building trades."

The Journal Folds Up

During the past year, the tendency whereby the nation's press is being concentrated in fewer and fewer hands has been greatly accelerated. No less than 35 daily papers have been either discontinued or absorbed by the huge press chains. Monday of this week the Minneapolis Journal published its last issue, to be absorbed by the Cowles chain and merged with the Minneapolis Star. The Journal was neither more nor less of a labor-hating paper than the other boss sheets. It was only more "respectable" and pious in its contempt for the common people. It is ironic to recall that the Journal led the pack in yelling for a cut in WPA and relief, and crying that private industry could absorb the unemployed. Now the Journal itself has thrown about five hundred more workers out of their jobs. According to discharged workers in a position to know, only about eighty will be absorbed in the Star-Journal. It was only proper that the Journal should make its final bow in a blaze of lies and slander against the workers of this city. On Sunday and Monday it gave wide publicity to its letter sent all over the United States trying to whitewash the Minneapolis police who, with the aid of Murphy's G-men provocateurs, engineered a riot resulting in the death of Emil Bergstrom and the wounding of innocent pickets. That was just like the Journal—always the first to scream for what it called "law and order," and always the first to try to evade responsibility for the victims of the murderous police. Few people outside the American Newspaper Guild will catch the humor in Carl Jones' statement that "The Journal is working out generous severance pay for its regular employees." It is true that the editorial employees of the Journal will receive generous severance pay, but no thanks to the Journal management—the Twin City Newspaper Guild had to fight for one month in the negotiations on the contract last winter to force the Journal to agree to pay a reasonable severance pay. Whatever consideration any Journal employee ever received from the management, he got because of his union. The Journal is gone but Minneapolis can confidently anticipate that the remaining boss papers can take up the slack and continue the daily volume of lies and abuse against the hopes and aspirations of the class that holds in its hands and heart the hopes of mankind. The day is drawing nearer when the labor movement of Minneapolis will publish its own daily paper.

Omar Bakery Hostile to Omaha Labor

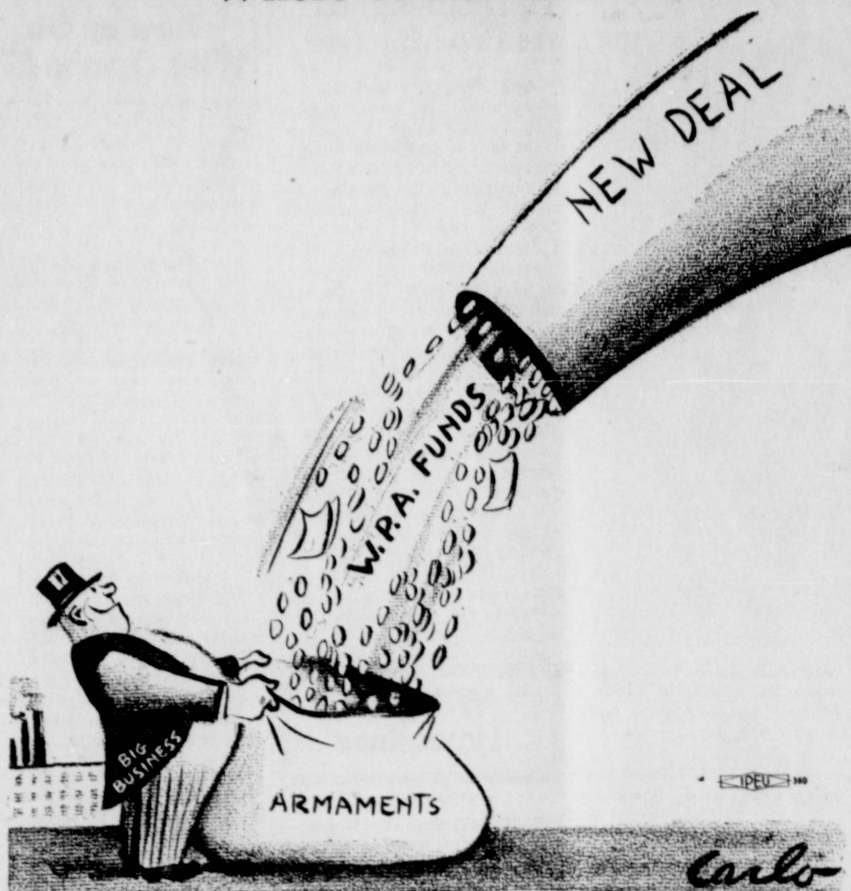
Now that the Omaha Central Labor Union has placed the Omar Bakery on the unfair list, the sweeping character of this company's anti-labor policy is becoming known. The Bakery Drivers Section of the Omaha Drivers Union Local 554 took the lead in branding the Omar Bakery as unfair. At the last meeting of the Central Labor Union, however, a number of other unions told of being mistreated by the Omar Bakery. Delegates from the Operating Engineers, the Elevator Constructors, the Bakery Workers and the Typographical Union, took the floor to tell of the unfair treatment received from this scab bakery. To make the complaint unanimous, delegates from the building trades unions pointed out that all the buildings erected by the Omar Bakery have been put up by non-union contractors. **Fink from Stem to Stern** Local 554 stated that while all other baking company delivery companies in the city were off the streets by 6 p. m., there apparently was no time in the day or night when one could not find an Omar wagon out. The Bakery Workers complain that the inside workers at this concern are compelled to work long hours without any recognized scale or working conditions. According to the Omaha

Typographical Union, the Omar Bakery is one of the leading supporters of the notorious anti-union Donnelly concern of Chicago. No wonder Omaha workers and their friends are refusing to patronize the Omar Bakery.

359 Spars With Liquor Companies

With a negotiations meeting scheduled for Thursday morning, Local 359 is all girded for action against the city's liquor companies in the event that no satisfactory concessions are offered the union as a basis for a new contract. So far the company has offered a reduction from 44 to 42 hours weekly with no reduction in weekly pay. The union points out that there will be an automatic reduction in October in accordance with the Wage and Hour Act, and that the union should get a concession of a reduction to 40 hours per week. This matter will be taken up at the negotiations Thursday. Concessions of a similar nature have been made to the employees in several other Minneapolis plants, according to Local 359. The union fails to see why an exception should be granted to the liquor companies. Local 359 is acting jointly with the General Drivers Union Local 544 in the negotiations. **DEMAND UNION CLERKS**

Where It All Goes To!



John Boscoe's Answer to Stassen

(Continued from page 1) attack upon the wages and living standards of the American people.

"Governor Stassen's second charge is that the Minneapolis labor movement has elected a leadership that is thoughtless, unsound and vicious. Thereby he implies that Minneapolis workers would be wise to desert this leadership.

"Minneapolis is among the best unionized cities in the entire country and, Governor Stassen, it will remain so. "All the benefits of organization come to the workers and unemployed of Minneapolis because they have organized under this leadership whom the Governor accuses of being thoughtless and unsound.

"In his third charge, the Governor, in a pious tone, accuses the Minneapolis labor leadership of causing great loss and injury to the WPA workers and with placing 10,000 men and women in dire need.

"Who Injures Unemployed? "Who is it that is injuring the workers of Minneapolis and Minnesota and placing them in dire need?

"Is it the Minneapolis labor movement that works untiringly to protect labor and win for it a greater share of the good things of life?

"Or is it the connivers in Congress who pushed through the last minute relief bill that violated the pledges these Congressmen had made to the people, that slashed the wages of WPA workers, lengthened their hours, and promises to throw 1 1/2 million of them out of employment of WPA.

WHERE ARE THOSE JOBS? "Come to think of it, it is passing strange that there are ANY unemployed persons in this state, for did not Governor Stassen promise to create jobs in private industry that would absorb the unemployed?

"Did he not promise the assembled workers on the capitol steps on June 2nd that no one would go hungry in Minnesota?

"Where are these jobs you were going to create for the youth and unemployed Governor Stassen?

"And is it not true that, Governor, while you are making charges against a group of Minneapolis labor leaders, during the past week you have had a delegation of labor leaders from the Minnesota Federation of Labor along with Mr. Zander from the government employees national union calling upon you for a hearing on wholesale discriminatory dismissals of their members during recent years, as well as the charges leveled at your highway department for wage cutting and wholesale layoffs by the St. Paul Trade and Labor Assembly and the state machinists unions?

"What happened to your pledge to care for the unemployed? Your legislature slashed almost two million dollars from state relief.

"Sanctimonious Politicians" "Who injured and who now injures the unemployed of this

state? Is it the union and unemployed organizations that fight for decent wages and job security for the workers and decent relief for the unemployed—or the sanctimonious politicians who slyly pretend to be a friend of the worker, only to knife them in the back with slashes in relief, with one sided and oppressive labor laws and with employer inspired attacks on organized labor?

"The labor movement is opposed to any form of strike wherever it is possible to prevent it and only as a last resort do we strike.

"This situation was forced upon us by a policy of provocation here in set forth.

"Why do you seek to mislead the public to believe that the transcripts of your conference with the joint labor committee contained incriminating material?

"Governor Stassen, why don't you inform the public of the truth, that it was the labor committee which demanded that a stenographic report of the conference be made and forwarded to President Roosevelt, Colonel Harrington and Attorney General Murphy?

MAKE TRANSCRIPT PUBLIC! "We challenge you to make public through the press the entire contents of this stenographic report. It contains the impressive testimony on the police brutality against a peaceful picket line.

"Why didn't you inform the public that the labor committee demanded that the city council undertake an unbiased investigation into the brutal police attacks that resulted in the death of Emil Bergstrom and the wounding of a score of innocent people?

"It is not true, Governor Stassen, that on bloody Friday night there were no pickets either on the sidewalk or on the street in front of the sewing project at the time the police opened fire upon the people clear across the street?

"Is it not true that squads of police crossed the street into private property and there shot down the people who had the permission to remain on that property with their cars?

"Why do you attempt to falsely characterize this WPA strike as a revolt against the government and a threat to democracy when the fact is there would have been no more trouble than during previous WPA demonstrations had not the entire previous WPA administrative policy been sharply reversed in this instance.

WPA Reversed Policy "The WPA nationally, up until this present situation, had pursued a policy of closing down temporarily any WPA job where a labor dispute occurred.

"Because of this policy there never was any violence or disturbance during previous protests and strikes on WPA.

"That policy always created the opportunity for calm deliberation which makes easier the settlement of disputes. How can you speak

of the co-operative spirit of Mr. GLOTZBACH, "COOPERATOR"

"With whom did he co-operate when he reversed this national policy without prior announcement? Or when he called for police protection to help him reverse it or when he failed to shut down the affected jobs and call for a meeting with the responsible labor officials as was the WPA custom?

"Is this the spirit of co-operation you praise? Had Glotzbach done his duty there would have been no bloodshed in this strike.

"You are 100 per cent wrong on another of your charges when you say that none of the strike leaders had been on WPA themselves. All of the leaders of local 544 federal workers section are, or have been, on WPA; and the same thing is true of the Workers Alliance.

"Governor Stassen charges that the joint committee surrendered in the strike, that they failed, that they met the stone wall of their own vicious folly.

"We, in the labor movement, are accustomed to hearing the claims of employers and their representatives that strikes are failures. But the labor movement has a different way of looking at these things.

MAKE UP YOUR MINDS "At any rate the governor and Mayor Leach should get together in their estimate of the protest strike, since both belong to the same political party and supported each other in the state and city elections.

"The governor charges the strike was an abject failure, but Mayor Leach estimates that the federal government has made a disgraceful surrender to the WPA strikers. Which shall you call it, gentlemen, a failure or success?

"Governor Stassen, you ended your attack on the Minneapolis labor movement by stating that: as for yourself, you disapproved of certain provisions of the 1940 relief act.

THE GOVERNOR'S RECORD "During the past year you have continued to speak of your sympathy for organized labor and the unemployed. Even while your administration cut the state relief budget, you said you protected the unemployed.

"Even while your labor law bound the hands of organized labor and encouraged the employers to break down the living standards of the masses, you professed your friendship for labor.

"We submit that your judgment is completely erroneous, specifically and generally, because you have directed insinuations and false charges against the very people in this situation who are the staunchest and most reliable defenders of the real public interests—the working people and their unions—and that you have condoned and helped to cover up the real culprits who are responsible for the loss of wages of the

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Last Thursday's meeting was well attended and several matters of varying importance were discussed. Brothers Lanigan, H. Nelson and Ray Helwig were elected delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention to be held in Duluth this September. Yours truly was made Park Board steward and given instructions by the old-timers. Remember, my lads, you no gottum book, no catchum stamp.

Brother Ed Vogel, our sergeant-at-arms, would very much appreciate the discontinuance of using the back door to the hall. Ed says he can't be two places at once and that, having no key, he has been laboring under a severe handicap for some time. So, how about a little cooperation from the membership?

Brother Chris Jensen says that mountain climbing holds no terrors for him because he spent many years as a sailor before the mast and would climb anything at least once in those days. He didn't bar an enemy's frame, nor the water wagon.

You brothers who are behind in your dues should realize that the insurance on every member must be paid every month and that it is not very sporting to allow those in good standing to pay your insurance indefinitely. We are all brothers in a common cause, so let's not resort to chiseling on each other in any manner. Those of you who are ill, injured, laid off or taking a long vacation should ask for a withdrawal card and thereby prevent later complications regarding dues, assessments, etc.

Well, the evangelists are with us again throughout our fair city. Over on 38th street south, I noticed the advance billing of one who labeled himself "The Pastor Prince." Modest little fellow, eh? The blatant berators of everything human in the average citizen's make-up have builded one of the most lucrative rackets in existence at present. The fact that these fakirs thrive throughout our country causes me to doubt, at times, that the working people will ever get together and go places on a national scale. The audiences who enrich these scoundrels by attending their shows and listening to their blah are the type who don't care to vote, won't join a labor union and are totally disinterested in their earthly welfare, choosing rather to direct their mental labors, if any, toward the hereafter, if any.

As for the "pastor prince," I wonder which man he copied from in his advance advertising—Jesus entering Jerusalem, or Houdini entering any town.

One of the brothers bawled me out plenty Thursday night and my poison ivy has been getting worse ever since, doggone his hide. I got so much vinegar rubbed into mine, I heard a passerby remark on passing my front porch last night—"The Gedney pickle works must be around here close by somewhere."

The White Man's burden consists of what he can carry away from the tropics in his pockets.—C. L. R. JAMES.

WPA workers, the violence, bloodshed and deaths caused by them in this situation—that is, those who launched the attack and would still drive it farther.

WILL FIGHT FRAMEUPS "As for your unfounded insinuations to the federal grand jury, Governor Stassen, the Minneapolis labor movement has nothing to fear from any honest investigation no matter what its source.

"But we are determined to protect the legal rights of our members and defend them against any attempted frame-ups.

"In this as in all previous WPA demonstrations here, the Minneapolis labor movement has recognized and declared that the main function of such demonstrations is to direct public attention to the unjustifiable problems of unemployment. That was our prime purpose.

"The fight for jobs at union wages and conditions, and for decent relief standards for those who have no jobs, did not begin or end with the WPA strike in Minneapolis.

"The struggle, by the logic of events, now takes other channels. There must be no adjournment of congress until the vicious Woodrum provisions are repealed."

On the National Picket Line

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Thomas further stated that the CIO-UAW has no quarrel with the rank and file AFL membership and that "the leadership is attempting to use the rank and file of the AFL to destroy the union for which the auto workers have fought and bled for."

On July 30, the AFL-UAW Executive Board met to plan an "extensive campaign" among the auto workers. George L. Googe, AFL representative sent in by William Green shortly after he chartered the Martin group, stated firmly that there is no truth to the rumor that Martin is to be displaced as president of the union and he made an organizer. He said Martin will remain in his present capacity and "there will be no change in the administration of the union." The AFL has sent thirty of its own organizers into the auto territory.

Ever since the days of the glorious sit-down strikes in '36-'37 when the auto workers, newly organized, seized the plants and forced the auto barons to sign union agreements, General Motors has been the worst offender—the corporation that most flagrantly broke its contracts with the union. Martin's policy of hand-holding with General Manager Knudsen so destroyed any good effect which a contract might have had that the workers themselves finally repudiated him.

Before the split this same group—for the most part—which now makes up the "leadership" of the AFL-UAW signed a "letter of discipline" for GMC, giving the corporation the right to discipline the

workers for UNION ACTIVITY.

And now Green is using this same Martin to try to further split the Auto workers. He is using this factional fight within the UAW as an entering wedge into the very industry which he had been unable to organize with craft unions throughout its entire history.

And all this even while the workers themselves are engaged in a life and death battle with one of the largest, richest auto corporations in the world!

Recently the AFL, the CIO and the Big Four Railroad Brotherhoods put the notorious Oregon Initiative Measure (Anti-picketing, anti-boycott, anti-strike, anti-everything) to a test before the Oregon Court of Appeals. That body decided that the measure was constitutional.

The Sunday N. Y. Times headlines the appeal thus "Unionists in Oregon Trust the High Court." The accompanying story tells that trade unionists in Oregon believe that the "Liberal, New Deal majority" on the United States Supreme Court will render a decision reversing the state courts' and will call the Initiative Measure unconstitutional!

And that in the face of the recent Fansteel Decisions, the Apex Case! The "liberal" composition of the High Court was very ably revealed in those two cases, and in countless others. Yet the Times quotes the leadership of the state of Oregon as "putting their trust in this body."

Maybe things like that could happen, today, if we lived in Reversia. But we don't live in Reversia.

Bosses' reasons for living off the labor of the workers when good are not true; and when true are not good.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

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 131
Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.

LOCAL 259
Second Monday of each month.

LOCAL 664
The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee — Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.

LOCAL 1086
The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

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. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS
Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.

LOCAL 346
Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting On call.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

LOCAL 221
Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.

LOCAL 359
Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.

LOCAL 160
General Membership — Third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—First Thursday.

LOCAL 275
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.

LOCAL 1859
August 8—Casket Section August 16—General Membership August 14 and 28, 8 p. m.—Grievance Board August 14 and 28, 8 p. m.—Twin City Stewards Other Section meetings subject to call

LOCAL 20481
August 7—Executive Board August 16—General Membership

LOCAL 958
Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.

LOCAL NO. 544
AUGUST

Wednesday, August 2 — Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, August 3 — Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners

Friday, August 4 — Job Stewards

Monday, August 7 — Package Delivery; Department Store Tuesday, August 8—Lumber

Wednesday, August 9—Market; Wholesale Liquor, Wholesale Paper

Friday, August 11—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, August 14—General Membership

Thursday, August 17 — Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, August 18—Job Stewards

Sunday, August 20—Over-the-road, 10 A. M. Monday, August 21 — Furniture; Coal

Tuesday, August 22—Sand and Gravel

Thursday, August 24—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, August 25—Cold Storage

Monday, August 28 — Spring Water Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall 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