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As from this hour You use your power, The World must follow you

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On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

We most of us know that life, for the worker, in the various fascist countries, is pretty much Hell on earth.

The New York Post has carried recently a series of articles on what war has meant to our neighbors in Canada.

Suppose, for instance, you were a bank clerk or bookkeeper living in Toronto and working regularly for a fixed salary.

First of all, you would be paying more money for almost everything you buy.

The cost of food went up 9.1% in November. The only food items still unaffected by the war are milk and vinegar, according to the Labor Ministry.

Fuel and clothing are up around 4%. You would pay 52c a pound for coffee which sells for 23 to 25c in New York City.

You are considerably worried about high prices and the problem of making ends meet, and you consider asking your boss for a raise.

Now suppose that you are one of the 541,000 Canadians who were on relief last September.

When war came, you expected to get a job. The chances are that you didn't.

The fact is that the recruits are unemployed men not on relief or younger members of relief families.

In short, you learn (in Canada) that many of the rights, privileges and protections of democracy have been abolished because the government believes that is the best way to handle things at home.

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Farm-Coop-Labor Council Approved By Northfielders

"Farmer" Schilling Attends, Is Vanquished in Debate—Is Most Successful F-C-L Council Meeting Ever Held—Local 471 Chart Showing Relation between Labor Costs and Farm Income Creates Sensation—Many Co-op, Farm and Labor Leaders Attend

At the invitation of local townspeople and farmers, the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council met in Northfield, Minnesota, last Thursday night.

Not the least of the accomplishments of the supper was that it attracted William Schilling, erstwhile organizer of the Associated Farmers, who came to condemn the work of the Council, was vanquished in debate, and left a dejected and demoralized figure.

Speakers included George Lawson, Paul Rasmussen, Ralph Goodhue, vice-president of the Twin City Milk Producers Association; Andrew Jensen of Co-op Services; W. F. Schilling, and Gene Larson. Dr. Arthur Burnstam of Carleton college presided as chairman.

Rasmussen, executive secretary of the Council, started the meeting by emphasizing the need for cooperation between the three groups. "If the American farmer was properly capitalized to utilize labor-saving devices," he said, "the annual working year of the farmer wouldn't be any longer than that of the laborer."

When the farmer has decided on a definite program, labor will be ready and willing to help him, George Lawson, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, said. He told of the worker's situation in the old unionless days, and the early industrial conditions that gave impetus to union organization.

Ralph Goodhue spoke of the abuses in early fluid-milk-shipping days, the incorporation of the Twin City Milk Producers' Association, and the fight of the farmers against the powers-that-be.

Andrew Jensen presented and defended the viewpoint of the consumers' cooperative movement.

Schilling, presenting himself as "an individual farmer expressing his own views," made his usual attack on organized labor, and wound up by urging the Council of being a political organization.

Gene Larson of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 stated that Schilling's claims that the Council existed for political purposes was false. "The Council was created by people that could see the need of labor and the farmers getting together to talk over economic problems."

When the meeting was thrown open for discussion, a chart was

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Old East High School Building Seen as Possible Labor Temple

Hopes for a Minneapolis Labor Temple were revived this week when it was learned that Roy Weir, organizer for the Central Labor Union and member of the Minneapolis school board, has proposed that the Minneapolis Labor Trade Association reach an agreement with the school board whereby the trade union movement would gain title to old East high school, at 4th street and Central avenue southeast.

The school board is looking for a piece of downtown property upon which to erect an administration building. The Labor Temple Association owns an extremely desirable location at 4th avenue south and 7th street, and it is possible that an agreement may be made to exchange the two properties.

Twin City Utility Unions Serve Strike Notice on NSP Co.

Backed with the unanimous approval of the membership, the Electrical Workers Union Local B-160 last Friday sent notice to Lloyd Haney, state labor conciliator, of its intention to strike the Northern States Power company.

On the same day an identical strike notice was sent the state labor office by the St. Paul Electrical Workers Union Local B-110. In St. Paul the strike vote carried, 652 to 4.

Mr. Haney has notified Local 160 and the company to send representatives to a conference on Thursday, February 15th, 10 a. m., at which efforts will be made to reach an agreement.

Local 160 covers the NSP workers in Minneapolis and St. Cloud. Local 110 embraces those in St. Paul, Stillwater, White Bear Lake and Somerset, Wisconsin. About 1,850 workers are involved.

The old agreements with the Northern States Power company expired December 31, 1939, and attempts on the part of the unions to negotiate new agreements have come to naught.

Don't Forget 131 Dance Wednesday

With heavy advance ticket sales, it is evident that the annual Winter Dance of the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, to be given next Wednesday evening at the Royal Arcanum hall, 3011 First Ave. S., will be one of the most popular social affairs in union circles this winter.

Tickets are only 25c each and guests will dance to the sweet music of Bobby Phillips' orchestra from nine to midnight. Refreshments will be available, and all friends of the Laundry Drivers Union are cordially invited to attend and participate in the fun.

Milk Drivers Lose Brother Frank Snyder

Frank Snyder, 2429 6th street south, passed away Monday at the hospital after an illness. Brother Snyder is an old-time member of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471, having been initiated in February, 1923. The whole membership mourns his death. The union executive board was represented at the funeral, held Wednesday morning at Our Lady of Perpetual Hope church. Brother Snyder is survived by a wife, seven children and eight grandchildren.

13 Women Strikers Get Probation, One Receives 45 Days

Examination Of 544 Books Continues

Attorneys and accountant for the finks continued their examination of Local 544's books and records this week, working under the eyes of union officials in Judge Carroll's courtroom where the books were taken by union leaders.

Friday Attorney Arthur Anderson, counsel for the plaintiffs, pleaded he had writer's cramps and asked the judge to recess the investigation until Tuesday. Kelly Postal, 544 financial secretary, pointed out that the absence of the union's records from Local 544's offices handicaps the union, and demanded that the examination proceed. By agreement it was decided to continue the examination Monday.

The second of a series of articles presenting the history of the fink suit appears on page four of this issue.

Graves Fuel Co. Is Dejected

Again this week thousands of friends and members of organized labor passed up the Graves Fuel company to purchase good union fuel from companies who deal fairly with organized labor.

The Graves Fuel company, 2539 Minnehaha, is unfair to organized labor. Having lost labor's patronage, a graveyard pall hangs over the place.

Oil Drivers to Meet Feb. 21st

A special meeting of all oil drivers, helpers and warehousemen will be held next Wednesday, February 21, 8 p. m. at the Drivers Hall, Local 544 announced this week. Oil drivers who are members of the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 are asked to attend.

Minnie Kohn, Termed "Ringleader," Draws Workhouse Sentence—Others on Probation Up to 18 Months—Suspended Sentences No Surprise—Judge Pays Unconscious Tributes to Defendants—Fourteen Men WPA Strikers Start Serving Time in Sandstone—Five Nolo Contendere Cases Not Sentenced

The fourteen women WPA strikers convicted in the third strike trial were sentenced last Saturday morning in Judge Joyce's courtroom. Thirteen of the women received suspended sentences and were placed on probation for terms of one year to eighteen months. The fourteenth, Minnie Kohn—called by the judge a "ringleader"—drew 45 days in the city workhouse.

The suspended sentences came as no surprise, it being felt that the government would hardly court the mass resentment that would have been provoked had the women received jail sentences.

Those who were handed probationary periods of one year are Bertha Gates, Pearl Richards, Marie Morgan, Harriet Munson, Ida Dunlap, Lois Viens, Sigrid Asunna, Myrtle Squarcello and Margaret Schoenfeld. Dorothy Green, Ann Wisdom and Stella Rose got fifteen months' probation and Nellie Waldron, eighteen.

When the court opened, Tom Davis, defense attorney, rose to point out to the judge that most of the defendants were mothers and grandmothers, that they had all suffered greatly, and suggested that probationary sentences be given.

The judge then made a statement, claiming that many of the strikers could give probation officers no good reason for their conduct during the strike. He said some defendants related they had never earned higher wages or held better jobs than on WPA, a horrible commentary on the oppressed lives that the women of the poor live.

Receive Unconscious Tribute Then he summoned each defendant before him. His observations were an unconscious tribute to the militancy, the heroism of these women. This one, he said, still believed the arguments of the strike leaders were sound and convincing. That one believed herself to be persecuted. He couldn't see how a third could be so ladylike and yet so militant on the picket line.

In practically every case the judge indicated he believed the jury had made the right decision in convicting the defendant.

When he sentenced Sigrid Asunna, the Finnish woman, he described her as "stolid, headstrong and stubborn." Bringing in the Russian-Finnish war, Judge Joyce suggested that Mrs. Asunna must be glad she is living in the United States, not exposed to guns and bombs in her homeland.

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Sen. Lundeen Carries Fight Vs. Glotzbach

On Tuesday Farmer-Labor Senator Ernest Lundeen wired the Northwest Organizer as follows:

"WPA HEARING BEFORE MAIN APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TOMORROW AT 10:30. THE COMMITTEE WILL THEN REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH DECIDED AGAINST WPA WORKERS. WE REQUESTED A HEARING BEFORE THE MAIN COMMITTEE AND THE HEARING WAS GRANTED FOR TOMORROW. AFTER THE DECISION OF THE FULL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RENDERED I WILL HAVE A FURTHER STATEMENT TO MAKE AND I AM PREPARING MY FILES FOR A COMPLETE STATEMENT TO THE SENATE IF NECESSARY. Ernest Lundeen."

On Tuesday the senate committee decided against the labor movement, and Senator Lundeen will take the fight to the senate.

West Coast Bosses Plan Private Army

How the labor-hating Associated Farmers organization in rich Stanislaus County, California, established a private army of 600 to deal with unionists and strikers was told to the LaFollette Civil Liberties committee last week by Fred L. Hough, AF official.

The Associated Farmers in that county held a mass meeting attended by 2,000 persons and made plans to establish a combat group of 600, who were to be made special deputies and who were to be organized in military fashion and trained in drill formations. The organization planned to raise money to dress the strike-breaking army in olive drab trousers and shirts, belts and pistol holders and hard fabric helmets. The army was to be armed with clubs, and was to be under the command of the county sheriff and the district attorney. "We were to operate only on a strictly legal basis," said Mr. Hough.

The anticipated strike did not materialize and the AF's army never got to the point of serious drilling. Mr. Hough credited the Associated Farmers' preparedness for the fact the strike did not occur.

Labor Lyceum Forum To Hear Lecture on Technocracy Sunday

Guy Thornton, regional director of the technocracy organization, will lecture on technocracy at the regular Sunday morning forum conducted by the Labor Lyceum at 1800 6th Ave. N. Thornton will speak at 11 a. m. Sunday, February 18.

160 Auxiliary Praises Unions For Aid to Dance

The benefit dance sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of Local 160 was very well attended and proved to be a social and financial success. Much credit is due Mrs. Gerald Bal-dus as chairman of the dance committee for her splendid work and untiring efforts in making the event so outstanding. We heartily thank the boys of Local 160 for their cooperation; also the officers of the Teamsters Joint Council and General Drivers Union, Local 544, for the donation of the hall. We thank the Northwest Organizer and the Minneapolis Labor Review for publicity. The proceeds from the dance will be presented to the American Federation of Labor WPA Defense Committee as soon as returns from the tickets are all in.

Women's Auxiliary, Electrical Workers, Local 160

AFL Executive Council Looses Blast At Government for Union Persecution

Lashing out at the government for its persecution of unions under the guise of enforcing the anti-trust laws, the AFL executive council declared last week in Miami that "The American Federation of Labor will resist with all the power at its command the present reactionary efforts of the Department of Justice to control organized labor. We will carry the issue to the highest court of the land to prove that the Clayton Act means what it says. If the Supreme Court rules against us, the American Federation of Labor will institute a relentless campaign to have Congress reinvest the law with its original purpose and intention in language that even the wildest lawyer could not innocently or willfully misinterpret."

The blast against the government's anti-labor drive was endorsed unanimously by the executive council, even those known to be New Dealers joining in.

"Individual members of the council were bitter about what they considered to be Mr. Roosevelt's part in the situation," stated the New York Times.

The AFL statement was released after a delegation from the building trades department, which has borne the brunt of the government's persecution, demanded that the council take a strong hand on the issue. The militant tone of the statement surprised high governmental circles, it is understood.

"Suddenly we are confronted by this wave of indictments," continued the AFL release. "We are curly informed by the assistant attorney general, Thurman Arnold, that the Department of Justice can and will prosecute labor organizations and officials under the anti-trust laws. Out of a clear sky we are notified by Mr. Arnold that he personally has defined what are and what are not the legitimate objects of labor unions and that he intends to use the Federal criminal courts to make labor unions conform to his personal specifications."

The executive council emphasized it does not condone or shield any wrongdoing by unions, but points out there are thousands of laws on the statute books to cover any possible offenses. "We insist that it is highly improper through a tortured and distorted construction of the Clayton act to use the anti-trust laws as a club over organized labor."

Is Fundamental Issue "This is an issue of primary importance to every American worker and every American citizen," stated the AFL leadership. "Once the independence of our trade unions is invaded, once they are subjected to rigid government control and domination, the democracy of our country is threatened and government dictatorship will be a reality."

The council pointed to the fate of the union movement under the European dictatorships and stated "We are determined not to let that happen here."

Sioux Falls Milk Drivers Win Dairyland Creamery Strike

Sioux Falls, S. D.—After attempting unsuccessfully for thirty days to negotiate an agreement with the Dairyland Creamery company, the company's employees, members of the Milk Drivers Division of the Sioux Falls Drivers Union Local 749, were forced to strike. Employees demanded wage increases and a closed shop.

After one day, the company agreed to pay the union scale of wages but rejected the closed shop demand and the strike continued for five days until the company was finally brought to terms. The company made no attempt to operate during the strike.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

Win Wage Increases

All 25 employees were paid in full for all time lost during the strike. Plant employees received a 5% increase in wages; road drivers and commissioned employees received a 10% increase.

A check-off system was agreed to, as follows: "The employees recognize the right of the union to designate a job steward, or job committee to handle union business in hiring new help. In hiring new help, the employer shall consult the job steward or job committee or union representative in selecting capable union employees."

Win Check Off

"The employer agrees to collect all union dues, fines and assessments free of charge upon being presented with a card duly signed by the employee. These cards are to be made out in triplicate form; one copy to be kept by the employer; one copy to be kept by the employee; and one copy to be kept by the job steward or union representative."

"A new employee shall sign a card on his first day of employment. This card is to be filed with the job steward or union representative, and that at the completion of his thirty day trial period the job steward of union representative shall turn this card into the management."

"On the first day of each month, the company shall issue a check payable to the General Drivers Union Local 749, covering the amount in full in accordance with the cards on file with the management and job stewards or union representative. This check is to be handled through the job steward or union representative."

Thanks Friends

Local 749 wishes to thank all the labor organizations for the stand they took on this situation, and feel that this sympathetic attitude and cooperation was greatly responsible for the satisfactory settlement reached.

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Died: Joseph Labo, Saturday, February 10. Burial at Crystal Lake cemetery. He was the father of Leo Labo of the Y. C. section of 958.

On La Salle avenue an enterprising citizen has set up a stand selling skid-proof sand at 10 cents a bag (help yourself). This looks like a good bet for Bill Quinell, who claims to have four kinds of sand that fail to produce a cash crop.

The "Railway Extension Service" is buying large fleets of private cars to rent to travelers in every large city. It may gouge into the cab-man and rent-a-car business, but then again we have seen a lot of such ideas "flop" in a short time.

Howard Tripp joined up with Ernie Hoffman dunking pumpkins to get used to water for fly-fishing season.

Ernie Cloutier, Harvey Johnston and their ilk report ice fishers are so numerous that they are clipping each other's toes off cutting holes in the ice to catch those four ounce crappies that Harvey dotes on.

Kenny Grapp (the harpoon expert) got the limit of big ones up Brainerd way. Did you day-drivers miss him?

Pete Sandbeck "scaled" a nice mess of fish from a passenger overburdened with the Friday food.

There's talk of another Taxi-Drivers' dance in the future. Think it over and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

The first sign of spring? "Top Booker" Cotten watching a kids' marble game. We'd like to warn those kids that Cecil plays only for "keeps." (See what happens when the city ousts the pin-ball machines.)

Evolution: In the old days the "hackie" sat in the open—the new checker cabs have the driver closed in while the passengers can sit in the open with the top down.

A Minnesota flying instructor recently taught a young man to fly who had no previous flying time. Instruction began after daylight and the student "soloed" before dark. We think there's men in our organization capable enough to repeat that feat judging from their past accomplishments.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Glazer Box News

It is the slack season at the Glazer Box and only 15 men are on the payroll at present. These 15 are there strictly in accordance with seniority. At a special meeting held Monday noon, January 29, John Janosco gave all the men laid off their withdrawal cards and instructed them to apply immediately for unemployment compensation. The application should be made at the office of the last registration, John pointed out.

The Glazer Box company has guaranteed that the 15 men kept on the job during the slack season shall be assured of enough work to earn as much as their unemployment insurance would amount to, which, in most cases, would be \$15 per week. That, of course, will be the minimum, but if business permits, they will earn their regular wages.

In connection with the above news regarding withdrawal cards all union workers in 1859 should know that before a withdrawal card can be issued, their dues must be paid for the month in which the withdrawal card is issued.

We are convinced the "back to the soil movement" is on; already we have 35 members of our union residing in St. Louis Park and 58 living in Robbinsdale.

It is about time we go a little further than just being proud of our members and their accomplishments; they have sons and daughters who do us credit as well. Mildred Hollenbeck graduated from North High with honors, she was salutatorian of her class and had a position lined up three weeks before school was out. We join with Brother Hollenbeck in being proud of her.

Just a word of caution to urge all drivers to count as accurately as possible "customers served." Recently some of our brothers have been "on the carpet" because of lax counting. It seems that the dealers are more concerned in getting a correct count than they are in getting the correct price for their milk.

Brother Eric Eklund was elected to the auditing committee of Franklin Co-operative. He is well qualified for the job and we are all glad to have him there.

Does any member of Local 471 know where we can borrow, lend, engage or just use temporarily a wheel chair? It will be a boon to a brother of ours and if you can give us a suggestion, call the Union Office, Ge. 4695.

Gene Larson, Conrad Ordeman and Gus Anderson constitute the Dance Committee for our 1940 dance. They are on the "spot" and will be until they come through with a rousing good time for us. The dance will come shortly after Lent; as soon as a booking is made we'll have more to tell. We hope the committee will invite the St. Paul Dairy Workers to be guests.

In the window of the Northwest Organizer there is a Beauty you can look over and your wife won't get sore either. She's a pip, a 37 pound lake trout in Lake Superior by Jerry Cramer, a member of our local and business agent for the Milk Haulers Section of our Union.

Last Thursday the Northfield meeting of the Farmer Co-operative Labor Council was an outstanding success. A Special Chart of Milk Cost, B. F. prices and wages turned the trick and broke down some of the propaganda built up against us throughout the years. We hereby make a motion that Gene Larson produce and explain said chart at the next membership meeting.

Here is one we can roll over in our mind because we may be called on to vote yes or no. Would you like to have our headquarters, membership meetings, and future home in the old East High School building?

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12th Ward FL to Hold Card Party Saturday

The Twelfth Ward Farmer-Labor club will give a card party Saturday, February 17, 8:30 p. m., at 2815 1/2 E. Lake street, to which the public is invited.

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:
Your kindness and sympathy at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.
Andy and Nita Sanko
Dorothy Greene
Eleanor Gumbos

chasing a fox around our forts and machine gun nests?

This was a sad turn of affairs for the visiting English nobility who failed to see why a nobleman should not have the right to do as he pleased, war or no war.

What, said they, do we care what the soldiers think? The soldiers' business is to fight when we tell him to and not to criticize his betters.

However, after plenty of diplomatic negotiation and some strong talk the Englishmen were persuaded for reasons of war propaganda to load the hunting hounds back on the boat and the whole trip was a very dull affair, what with their lordships having to suffer the beastly bore of walking around among the trenches and trying to look friendly and cheerful while wading through the mud up to their spats. However, let it never be said that these English peers were not willing to get a little mud on their shoes for the glory of good old England and the Allies.

It was finally decided by the consulting generals that the best thing to arouse the right kind of emotion would be a good long casualty list and the best way to get a casualty list of the right proportions was given some thought with the result that last week somewhere in the neighborhood of 20,000 colonial troops from New Zealand and Australia began a 10,000 mile trip to fight for the glory of home and country. It is to be noted that these 20,000 men from New Zealand and Australia all volunteered.

From this you are supposed to infer that they gave up their farms and firesides, their jobs and families, just like that! Well, we have noticed that people are pretty much alike the world over and men don't rush off to get a dose of hot lead just that easy, especially when it is somebody else's fight. Could be, however, that being as relief was denied and jobs were scarce, it was a case of no fight—no food. Could be.

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By Wally Raze

If this snowstorm continues (Sunday eve) many, if not all, of the boys laid off will get in some time shoveling the stuff tomorrow. It sure improves the looks of my neighborhood, too. You wouldn't know there was a dog within a mile of my place.

Found out last week that Brother Holter is also a cribbage hound. We'll have to get together on that, Bill.

Brother Joe Traeger, B. P. C., has returned to work and feeling better. Brother Al Schneider is back at Bottineau.

Never knew before that Brother Bill Allen is addicted to derby hats. Makes a rather impressive appearance, at that.

The Torch is operating again. You B. P. C. lads can get your checks cashed there as usual. Bring your dues books along and we'll mix business and pleasure.

Those of us who have operated Sweeper No. 34 the past month can easily qualify as water-boy with Ringling-Barnum-Bailey elephant herd.

Headlines in Saturday's Star-Journal: "Stassen to help sell Minnesota to tourists and sportsmen."

I thought that deal had been consummated long ago with the loan sharks, steel trust and utilities companies getting the best of the bargain. Now he's trying to sell mortgaged property to non-residents.

Judge Joyce, in sentencing some 14 women strike defendants, took advantage of the opportunity to give each luckless widow and grandmother a verbal brow-beating before passing sentence. The judge is quoted as being "unable to find a single reason or mitigating circumstance in their participation in the strike." Doubtless the judge could find hundreds of "reasons" were he to pay a visit to the homes of these women and see for himself the poverty and privation which pervades the lives of these unfortunates and their dependents who are trying to live on WPA wages. His heartless remarks conjure up in my mind the picture of a man who never in his life earned a dollar by the sweat of his brow, one who, in all his life, never experienced poverty nor missed a meal. Any man who has

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- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Eaga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North
- Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North

All others considered unfair until such time as their name appears on the above list.

Bowling Race Grows Warmer

F. Stanley had 613 but still the Bakery Drivers dropped the odd game to Oasis Bar. E. Klein had 541. Local 359 blanked the Meat Drivers. L. Mascoek had 553. Local 544 took a pair from Kenzie. B. Ambrose had 529, D. Curran, 514. Soft Drinks took a double from Local 221. J. Haugh had 551.

Team	Won	Lost
Local 289	38	22
Kenzie's	36	24
Soft Drinks	34	26
Oasis Bar	30	30
Local 359	29	31
Meat Drivers	28	32
Local 221	23	37
Local 544	22	38

If you are a pedestrian and wish to depart this life real suddenlike, just try crossing Cedar avenue after dark on a Saturday night during the hours the college lads and other punks are using the old man's car to keep a date. Just to make sure, they run over you two by two, even with their vision blurred by the alluring image of their lil' lamb between their nose and the windshield. Half of our undertakers would starve if this type of drivers were suddenly deprived of both car and license (if any).

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Third District F-L Women Reject Fusion with Dems

A forthright rejection of all plans for fusion with the Democratic Party was voted by the Farmer-Labor Women's Federation's third district meeting which convened last Saturday at the Nicollet hotel.

Resolutions against confirmation of Grotzbach, for a pardon for the convicted WPA strikers, for a large scale housing program, and against affiliation to the state Farmer-Labor Association until the charter of the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor club has been revoked, were also adopted.

Chief spokesmen for fusion of the FLP with the Democratic Party were Mrs. Blanch McIntosh and Miss Marie Pierce, who argued that under President Roosevelt the Democratic Party was really a liberal organization.

When fusion advocates moved "that the Farmer-Labor Party fuse with the Democratic Party in the coming election," not a single delegate voted for the motion. Even the earlier proponents of fusion rejected the motion and following the discussion Miss Pierce agreed that the Farmer-Labor Party should not lose its identity.

If the meeting resulted in a unanimous stand against fusion, there was some division of opinion on the question of affiliation with the Farmer-Labor Association. The F-L Women's Federation in the third congressional district had disaffiliated from the Association when the latter came under the influence of the Communist Party.

Postpone Affiliation
Hilda Humpfer, Mrs. I. G. Scott and Mrs. Arthur Hillerman opposed affiliation at this time. Miss Humpfer argued for deferring the matter of affiliation until it was seen whether the coming

state convention at Rochester was controlled by the same group as controlled the Duluth convention. Mrs. Scott pointed out that the unions in Duluth, many unions in Minneapolis, the Tenth Ward F-L local, etc., were likewise withholding affiliation with the state association, awaiting further developments. A motion carried that affiliation be postponed until such time as the Hennepin County F-L Association was revoked.

Mrs. Tomai outlined plans for the state conference to be held March 7th in Rochester.
Ask Pardon for Strikers
Pointing out that "we believe this conviction (of the WPA strikers) a precedent for conviction of all workers under conspiracy acts," the conference adopted a resolution "that we petition President Roosevelt by letter to pardon these convicted men and women from penalty under the above-named (Emergency Relief) Act and thereby restore to them the status of citizens."

Sunday Forum Will Honor Trotsky's Son At Memorial Supper
The Sunday Forum will commemorate the second anniversary of Leon Sedoff's death by holding a special meeting to honor his memory. Two years ago Sedoff died mysteriously in Paris, under such circumstances that it is more than probable that Stalin's secret police were involved. Sedoff was Trotsky's son and his closest collaborator in many of his writings. It was Sedoff who directed the activities of the Fourth International in Europe and who also edited the Russian Bulletin issued by his organization.

V. R. Dunne and Oscar Schoenfeld will review Sedoff's life, in talks beginning at 3 p. m. at the forum, 919 Marquette Ave. A supper will follow. The public is invited.

Card of Thanks
To Local 544:
Our deepest thanks for the flowers sent in our bereavement.
Mrs. B. J. Martin
Harold Martin
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Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

Brother Ernie Kline and his good wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Saturday. Over one hundred friends called at their home to offer congratulations and wish them another 25 or more happy years together. Friends started dropping in early in the afternoon and kept coming well after midnight.

Ernie is one of our most active stewards and his wife is quite active in the Auxiliary. This column extends congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness.

The sleigh ride party sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary last Saturday night was a grand success. Everybody attending reported having "the best time ever."

Daddy Warbucks was still laughing about it Monday morning. They say many more of these events, and "Warbucks" will start growing hair.

Across the street from the IBEW office in Duluth are the anti-labor offices (for the district) of the U. S. Steel Corporation. From the windows of the Union office you can see an old man whose sole occupation for twenty years has been clipping articles (concerning the Steel Corporation) from labor papers. They take every labor publication in the country. If you clip this item, buddy, let us know; we'll pay the freight.

Ever hear of the N. A. M.? It is the most powerful business men's association that has ever existed, with over 5,000 members. Among its affiliates are over 30 state associations, several hundred local manufacturing associations, as well as a number of national trade associations. N.A.M. stands for National Association of Manufacturers.

If you want your overalls starched, see George Brown at Riverside.

The union shop in the new 1940 agreement should satisfy the dubious at Riverside.

Heard from behind a pump at the big steam plant. "Hey! What-a ya think of a guy like that? He wants to work overtime and refuses to take dough for it. Said he wouldn't even take time off."

"Think of him? Why, the guy's nuts. Even a babe would know better. He hasn't got brains enough to know it HURTS workin' conditions for the rest of the guys." Boys, don't baby him till it hurts.

Have you noticed that big grin on Brother Daire Jr., recently? January 30th he became the proud father of a seven and one-half pound baby boy. Congratulations and best wishes to mother and child. We understand Grandpa Daire is quite happy over the new arrival.

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48th and Chicago Ave.
38th and 2nd Ave. S.
32nd and Lyndale Ave. S.
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54th and Lyndale Ave. S.
35th and Chicago Ave.
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4th and 3rd Ave. N.
Grand and Plymouth Ave. N.
Penn and 6th Ave. N.
Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N.
37th and Hennepin Ave. N.
Broadway and Rockford Road

Card of Thanks
To Local 544:
Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.
Mrs. Alfred Cole

O'Brien of the Municipal Lighting was injured in a car accident while returning from a fishing trip. Unknown to Ed, he had visitors at Little Falls last Saturday. However, Ed had already left for home. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Ed.

We understand some of our linemen from Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Cloud, St. Croix Falls and Wisconsin properties are enjoying the layoff. They are getting a dollar and forty cents an hour down in Michigan and Illinois.

Brother Maynard Larson of the Meter Department has been off two weeks due to injuries received in a car accident. Let's drop out and pay our brother a visit.

If you want a good car at a reasonable price, call the union office.

If you get an opportunity, take a look at the St. Paul Dispatch of February 12th. You'll find it interesting.

We understand the WPA benefit dance sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary was a financial and social success. Those present had an enjoyable evening.

It's not the size of the dog in the fight that counts, but the size of the fight in the dog.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Last week's conference with the governor and highwayman Hoffman turned out to be a dud as far as I can see. The boys from the other side of the river seemed to be in the saddle and wanted a committee the size of a convention. No negotiating can be accomplished in a group of that size. The most that could be done was to review the wage proposals submitted by all the unions and a good word can be said for Stassen insofar as he stayed up with the delegates until after midnight going over the new contracts. No real agreement can be reached until a small negotiating committee can settle down and iron out every detail in dispute.

Your highway program this year will encompass a \$9,000,000 construction program plus one more million dollars allotted for WPA projects as the state's sponsoring fund. Some work yet has to be completed this year on last year's lettings.

Treasury Reports: 1939 incomes; wages up 5%, dividends and interest payments up 15% fund. Some work yet has to be done. And yet the American Bankers Magazine reports business still skeptical.

The hand loading on the 5-year bids didn't last long. A hopper has been set up and the boys drive under. Kerplunk—goes a load in one shot.

Just one more word on the park board situation. Evidently, from the attitude of official headquarters, project operators are going to beggar by with the last dollar of their sponsor's fund and will leave us sit tight if they can get by with using WPA trucks entirely. Only in the event that they have more projects operating than the WPA will supply with trucks can we expect to come into the picture. Our only alternative is to want work bad enough to demand from the park commissioners that we be given consideration and, at least, given enough of a fair break to replace those country truckers who are working on city jobs.

A peek at the 1939 county pay roll records reveal that the county is the best friend of independent truckers. Three top men grossed \$2,800 . . . The county at present is working three ITO.

Zander and Hodson reeled off better than five hundred miles into South Dakota over the weekend. Over-the-road business . . . All ITO seniority claims will be referred to the seniority board from now on. The committee can't seem to get away from charges of favoritism and is getting tired of hearing the same old squawks over and over again. Anyhow, the seniority board will be twice as strict. . . 544's books are expected to be in court at least two months.

Unless a miracle happens, Palatia, Camp, Herby Paulson, Pennington and Dahl doing business as the City Contract team in our bowling league will grab off first prize money.

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FCL Council Applauded in Northfield

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displayed by Local 471 showing graphically that it was false that wages of the milk drivers caused low farm income.

Chart Creates Sensation
The chart created a sensation among the farmers attending the meeting, and many came forward to copy the figures which prove conclusively that labor costs in the city have an infinitesimal result on the price of milk and butter fat. The chart shows that delivery costs per unit are actually lower today than in 1929. This chart also portrays the wholesale and retail price of milk and the weekly wage scale for milk drivers in Minneapolis. The figures presented are indisputable, and prove so overwhelmingly the contentions of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council that Mr. Schilling had not a word to say, and left the meeting.

Frank Starkey of the State Federation of Labor said that lowering drivers' wages is no solution to the problem of raising the farmers' income. "Farmers would only benefit 13c a hundredweight if drivers' wages were cut \$1.60 a day. Drivers would have to give up \$504 a year for the farmer to gain \$72," he said, adding further that low wages meant less consumption of milk.

Others to speak were Charles D. Egly of the Farmers Union Livestock cooperative, and Gyden Edberg, representing the Franklin cooperative.

Many union representatives from the Twin Cities attended the Northfield meeting, which was one of the most successful F-C-L Council meetings yet held.

Gas and Suds
Charles Karch, from Master Cleaners, has been off a few days with a cold, and Will Hoffman, steward at Troy, has been laid up with the flu.

One of the Troy country drivers came in the other day with a slight knock in the motor. But when the boss found one of the rods sticking through the block, he didn't describe it that way.

We understand one of the bosses offered to resign if the boys would present him with a petition. This was of course after he asked them all to resign and they had refused.

There's a correspondence course being conducted in one of our major plants. The boys are supposed to guess the amount of business they will obtain and write the boss a letter about it.

Don't forget the dance next Wednesday evening, February 21. You'll kick yourself all the rest of the year if you miss it.

That new washing machine for Dy-dee Wash hasn't been delivered yet.

A cultured man is one who has a lot of information that isn't worth anything to him.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be general membership meeting Thursday evening, February 22, at 7:30 p. m. A good program of business in store for you should get everybody out to this all-important meeting. There will be installation of officers and also at least one good speaker, together with other interesting problems that are bound to come out.

It's happened! Harry DeBoer is finally taking a vacation. Harry and his wife, Evelyn, together with Jimmie Bartlett of Local 359 and Mrs. Bartlett, are going South. They plan to leave Friday morning.

I wonder what Harry will think when he gets down South and finds people working for very little wages and no hours and conditions. Start organizing, I suppose.

"Larry" Larson, Zinsmaster, was quietly married last Thursday night, but that didn't make much difference to Larry as he was bowing as usual the very next night.

Also at Zinsmaster, Harold "Jerry" Larson has put in his time and will peddle his last loaf of bread this Saturday, having decided to forego the trials and tribulations of a bread hiker for the comparatively easy job of a milkman. Harold worked for Zinsmaster for about six years and we're certainly going to miss him. Good luck, Harold.

I don't know of anything that could have improved relations with South America any more than giving the decision to Senator Arturo Godoy the other night in his fight with Joe Louis. Boy, then those babies couldn't buy enough goods from this country, I'll betcha, just from sheer joy of having the world's heavyweight championship crown resting on the dome of the "darling of Chile."

Ivan Lopness, Zinsmaster, suffered the loss of his younger brother who died last week in Norway.

To the laidez: Do me the extreme favor of seeing that your husband, boy friend, etc., comes to the general membership meeting Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 p. m. Will ya, huh?

With the Limousines
By Home James

"To put in the hands of all the people the means of a freer, broader and more healthful life — I don't know of a better life than that for anyone."—Henry Ford.

Well, Hank, a d— good union well organized will get us just that.

Another fink had a bad crack-up on the way to the West Coast; drive careful, be union.

Some of our night owl members report that Howard Sherboin of the Emergency Ambulance got married Feb. 9—best of luck. Shall we call for the cigars or will you bring them up?

A recent discovery: Eskild Nielsen's head of hair, Bill Hines' eyebrows and Pop Kline's chin, and you have John L. Lewis. Oh, beg your pardon—and Ted Gardner's fog horn.

By the way, Brother Nielsen is on his way West for a couple of months.

We understand that some of the long-faced boys who carry the crepe are due for a bust-up.

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I am a regular ladies' man, and how; I have pretty red hair—what there is left of it; I drove an old repainted Lincoln for a long time; my boss is the head of a large light and power company; Hitler was probably named after me, because we both cry the blues long and loud; I'm the most overworked driver in town, but I love abuse—most finks are that way; I tell these 912 guys that I belong to the union at the plant, but the

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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.

Behind the 544 Suit

(Last week, in chapter one of the series on the background of the book suit against Local 544, we revealed the gains made by organized labor in Minneapolis since 1934, and the economic stake the organized employers have in destroying trade unionism in this city. This week we take our readers through the stages of the book suit, from the day it was filed in February, 1938, recording how the local and national trade union movement has defended Local 544 at every stage of the suit, and why this suit is important to organized labor and to all workers.)

The plaintiffs filed suit against Local 544 on February 16, 1938.

At exactly the same time, the organized employers of Minneapolis, who had finally deserted their discredited name of Citizens Alliance and had taken the new name of Associated Industries, launched a drive to raise a war fund of \$315,000 to finance an ambitious anti-union program. This campaign was launched in the name of the newly-created Minneapolis Civic Council under the leadership of O. J. Arnold, financier and open shopper.

On February 23rd the Minneapolis Central Labor Union voted unanimously to retain counsel to be associated with Local 544 attorneys in defending the General Drivers Union. Addressing the Central Labor Union on the suit, C. Warde Clarke, accountant for many unions, declared: "The books of Local 544 are among the best I have seen."

On February 25th the Minneapolis Labor Review wrote that "The unfounded charges against Local 544 are an attack not only on every union in the city but on every member of organized labor."

Early in March the General Drivers Union filed a detailed answer to the finks' suit.

Early in April the plaintiffs' attorney, Arthur Anderson, filed a motion in District Court, asking Judge Reed to give him and plaintiffs immediate access to all the union's records. "We cannot prepare our case without examining the union's records," said Anderson, an admission that he and the plaintiffs had no real facts upon which to base their suit.

A few days later the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, through its attorney, interposed a complaint in intervention on the grounds that as the appellate tribunal of Local 544, it should have been approached by the plaintiffs before they applied to the courts. The complaint was allowed to stand, over the objections of the finks.

At a citywide labor rally held April 8th in the Minneapolis auditorium, Roy Weir, organizer for the Central Labor Union, revealed that a Mr. Gallaway of the National Manufacturers Association had just been in Minneapolis to aid in the formation of a group of company or independent unions. This revelation only further convinced the Minneapolis union movement that the employers were responsible for the formation of the Associated Independent Unions, and were financing the suit against the General Drivers Union.

A hearing was finally held before Judge Reed from April 26 to April 30. The hearing was inconclusive, the court ordering the union to submit a written brief by May 20. The plaintiffs were to have until June 10 to file an answer.

Late Wednesday night, July 27, 1938, Judge Reed issued his decision: He ordered Local 544 to turn everything—correspondence, membership lists, executive board minutes, grievance committee minutes, etc.—over to the attorney and accountants for the five finks.

If the bosses thought the labor movement would take such a decision lying down, they received a rude jolt.

After consulting with unionists and attorneys, the Executive Board of Local 544 issued a five-thousand-word statement attacking Reed's court order. The executive board of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council met and pledged its backing in the fight against the court decision. The Minneapolis Board of Business Agents rallied to defend the General Drivers Union.

The Central Labor Union unanimously adopted a statement pledging full support to Local 544 in its fight against the fink suit. The CLU's statement read:

"Speaking for the entire trade union movement of Minneapolis, and with the assurance that we voice the attitude of the entire trade union movement of Minneapolis, we declare that Judge Reed's order to Local 544 to open all its records to a group of spies and agents of employers is perhaps the most vicious decision made by a judge against labor in many years. For Minnesota, Judge Reed's decision is absolutely without precedent.

"If Judge Reed's order prevails, it sets a precedent whereby the worst enemies of organized labor will have access to the records of the labor movement. Not a union in Minnesota, not a union in the country, will be safe from invasion by its enemies. Not merely an occasional, disgruntled member, but open and avowed agents of reaction, will be enabled to peruse the confidential files of the trade unions and make their searches available to labor's irreconcilable enemies.

"Organized labor stands in complete and wholehearted solidarity with Local 544 in its fight against this outrageous precedent."

544 Answers Reed

Local 544's statement in answer to Reed clarifies

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When the United States government declares war, some 10,000,000 young men between the ages of 21 and 31 will be registered for the first draft in accordance with the Selective Service Act which Congress would pass immediately.

Between three and four million of these men will be placed in Class I, liable for immediate induction into military service. The following form (S. S. Form 150) is already prepared in the state capitol of each of the 48 states, ready to bring us the news:

S.S. Form 150-Order of Induction into Military Service of the United States. (Stamp of Local Board) (United States Seal) (Date of mailing)

ORDER OF INDUCTION INTO MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES

(Present in Duplicate)
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, (Last name) (Order Number) (Serial No.)

GREETING: Having submitted yourself to a Local Board composed of your neighbors for the purpose of determining the capacity in which you can best serve the United States in the present emergency, you are hereby notified that you have now been selected for immediate military service.

You will, therefore, report to the Local Board named above at (Place of reporting) at (Hour of reporting) m., on the day of 19, for military service.

From and after the day and hour just named you will be in the military service of the United States.

(Member of Local Board)

(The term "military" shall comprehend both Army and Navy, including Marine Corps, except where such construction would be unreasonable.) (See instructions on reverse side)

S.S. Form 150 (See Secs. 123 and 126, S.S.R.)

S.S. Form 150-Order of Induction into Military Service of the United States.

(Reverse Side)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO ALL MEN SELECTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE AND ORDERED TO REPORT TO A LOCAL BOARD FOR MILITARY SERVICE

The day and hour specified on the Classification Record of this Local Board, and on the order and notice of induction into military service contained in this notice for you to report to this Local Board for military service is the time that marks the change in your status from civil to military.

Failure to report promptly at the hour and on the day named is a grave military offense for which you may be court-martialed. Willful failure to report with an intent to evade military service constitutes desertion, which, in time of war, is a capital offense.

Upon reporting to your Local Board, you will not need, and you should not bring with you, anything except hand baggage. You will not be permitted to take trunks or boxes with you on the train. You should take only the following articles: A pair of strong comfortable shoes; not to exceed four extra suits of underclothing; not to exceed six extra pairs of black or tan socks; four face and two bath towels; a comb, a brush, a toothbrush, soap, tooth powder, razor, and shaving soap. It will add to your comfort to bring one woolen blanket, preferably of dark or neutral color. This blanket should be tightly rolled, the ends of the roll should be securely bound together and the loop of the blanket roll thus formed slung from your left shoulder to your right hip.

You should wear rough strong clothing and a flannel shirt, preferably an olive-drab shirt of the kind issued to soldiers.

so many important angles of the book suit and what it means to organized labor, that we publish several excerpts from it. The full statement was published in the August 4, 1938, issue of the Northwest Organizer, and in the labor and employers' press of the state.

"We have no hesitation whatsoever in throwing open our records to the tribunals of organized labor," Local 544 began. "So far as our financial records are concerned, these have been regularly audited, both by accountants for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and by a reputable firm of public accountants. What we object to is to permitting enemies of labor to have access to our records. That is the issue involved in Judge Reed's order. Our stand is backed by the Teamsters Joint Council, and by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. In the ensuing fight we have the aid and counsel of our superior body, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. We merely continue the glorious tradition of the trade union movement, that labor and labor alone shall have access to the records of the labor movement.

Tie-up Between Finks and Fascists

"What Judge Reed has done is to order us to surrender our innermost secrets to men who do not deny their membership in the 'Associated Council of Independent Unions,' an open enemy of all unionism, an employer-financed organization whose open tie with fascist gangster bands was clearly revealed on Friday night, July 29, at the Silver Shirts' meeting in Ark Hall. At this meeting, closed to the public, the 'independent union' organization, by arrangement with the Silver Shirt leaders, approached each participant and provided him with literature inviting him to join the 'independent union,' while the Silver Shirt speakers called upon their listeners to organize armed bands to raid the headquarters of Local 544..."

What Is at Stake

"If Judge Reed's order is permitted to stand unchallenged, it means that any group of reactionary looses has only to plant a few stool pigeons in a union; when they are exposed, have them institute suit against the union for an accounting of funds; and then the court will give the stool pigeons' attorneys access, not only to the financial accounts, but to every written record of the union.

"Every union man everywhere will immediately understand what a deadly blow to unionism would be dealt by this process. Others, friendly to labor but unfamiliar with union problems, may easily be given an understanding of the situation. By the very nature of their function, unions are engaged in conflict, now quiescent, now sharp, with the employers from whom they are seeking better wages and working conditions. In this struggle, both sides have to solve various problems of strategy and tactics, and no union could be long successful whose strategical and tactical decisions were known to the opposing employers. The minutes of the Executive Board of a strong union are worth tens of thousands of dollars to the hostile employers. Even such an apparently duplicable item as the membership mailing list, possession of which can have such manifold uses, would ordinarily be an enormous task even for the most powerful employers' agency; whereas by the court's order these stool pigeons can photograph this as well as every other kind of record kept by the union. These facts are too obvious to require extended statement.

"In a word: A union has the same objection to permitting the enemy to scrutinize its documents, plans, books, etc., as does the United States Government have to a potential enemy scrutinizing its industrial and military resources and plans."

Labor Has Always Guarded Its Secrets

"In its long fight for the freedom to organize, not the least of labor's tribulations has been the struggle against courts which join with finks to deny

On the National Picket Line

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In France all the labor legislation won by the trade unions in the last decade has been wiped off the books. The 40-hour week won by the general strike of 1936 is a thing of the past. By a decree issued November 15, 1939, working hours are increased to 72 hours, with a maximum of 14 hours a day. For women and children, the limit is set at 60 hours per week and 10 hours per day.

But the lengthening of the work day doesn't mean a larger pay envelope. Through a complicated series of "overtime" taxes, the French worker now gets the same pay for 60 hours of work that he received for 40 hours before the outbreak of war.

Strikes are outlawed.

Workers can gain a revision of wages only by government decree. The shop steward system, backbone of effective unionism, has been abolished. In many large factories, the union stewards were simply arrested and shipped up to the front.

American pacifists will be interested in learning what is happen-

ing to their kind in France. They are being arrested and imprisoned. Thirty-one writers of international reputation have been placed under arrest even for mild pacifism. Arrests of militant workers mount into the thousands. No less than 30,000 German and Austrian refugees from Hitlerism are interned in French concentration camps.

Active French trade unionists are being arrested right at their places of work in Paris. In the Lorraine factory, for instance, the cops have been picking active unionists off one by one, taking them away in their work clothes. Hardly any labor papers are today permitted to appear in France. Those that do appear are the house-broken organs, and even these are heavily censored.

Indeed, the French worker might well think Hitler had already conquered France—for the French government in this war has taken over most of the abominable methods of Hitler. It is hard to see how the French workers could be any worse off under Hitler than they are under Daladier.

HUMBLE AS A BOSS

"I suppose I must admit I have my faults," said the husband in a tone far from humble. "Yes," replied the wife, "and in your opinion your faults are better than other folks' virtues." When a great many people are unable to find work, unemployment results.—Calvin Coolidge, when a columnist at \$4 a word.

unions the right to rid themselves of stool pigeons and to guard the secrets of the organization. The right of unions to constitute tribunals of the organization which shall hear complaints is a time-honored right which unions have fiercely fought for and won. So much so, that it has become the settled law of the land that no union members or alleged members can resort to the courts until he has first exhausted the tribunals of the organization. These tribunals are one of labor's proudest possessions, for in them justice is meted out with regard to facts and the essence of the matters, and with little regard to the technicalities and tricks of lawyers and courts.

"As was pointed out to Judge Reed, union constitutions and by-laws are written by laymen for laymen, and do not deal with every detail, but lay out broad principles and procedures. In addition to what is actually said in any union's laws, the right to resort to trial, first within the local union, then an appeal to the joint council of the such unions in the locality, or to appeal directly from the local union membership's decision to the international union, is a right as fundamental as the union itself. Agents of reactionary employers, naturally seeking to curtail the power of unions and to subordinate them to the courts, have consistently sought to avoid recourse to the tribunals of the organization, and have been aided in this maneuver by judges who, while conceding the settled law of the land, find 'exceptions to the rule.'"

"The plaintiffs in this case made no attempt to appeal to the Local 544 membership meeting, or to the Teamsters Joint Council, or to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Judge Reed has justified them in this plain violation of union tradition and the rule of law and, astoundingly enough, has justified them mainly by ignoring the actual text of the Constitution of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters..."

"Judge Reed is, by implication, conscious of the weapons he is potentially making available to the enemies of labor, for he says in his decision: 'The purpose of said inspection (of the union's documents) is to give plaintiffs an opportunity to prepare for the trial of the issues and any information gained during the course of said inspection shall be used for no other purpose.' Recall, however, that the judge allows the plaintiffs to 'make notes thereof and to copy the same or any parts thereof or to take photographs thereof.' How does the judge propose to guarantee to the union membership that this material, copied or photographed, will not find its way to the files of the Associated Industries? The attorney who is to handle the inspection and the accountant he is to employ—what assurance does the judge have that they will not provide this material to labor's enemies? Nor is there any way of tracing to them the information they might turn over to the Associated Industries so that even were the judge by punishing them, to seek to guarantee to us the inviolability of our plans of action and our union secrets, he could not do so..."

"Gigantic concentrations of capital are seeking destruction of our union. Tens of thousands are monthly spent to encompass this end. For destruction or defeat of the Minneapolis labor movement would be worth millions upon millions of dollars in wage cuts. Judge Reed's decision has provided these sinister forces with a weapon perfectly adequate for their purpose. The issues are clear: Every laboring man, every friend of labor will understand that, in fighting back against the attack on the life of the union, Local 544 is fighting the battle of the labor movement everywhere."

With the support of organized labor in this area, Local 544, after losing this blast against Reed's decision, appealed the case to the State Supreme Court.

On October 6, 1938, the state court reviewed Judge Reed's decision. The court heard arguments from both the union's and the finks' attorneys, and announced it would reserve its decision to a later date.

On November 25, 1938, the state supreme court referred Reed's order back to the district court, pointing out that the order was of a "blanket nature" and that Local 544 had the right to ask that the order be modified.

For one reason or another numerous delays followed, and it was not until January 2, 1940, that the case finally came up before Judge Carroll in district court, with results now known to all our readers. In the face of the mountain of evidence, old and new, that the plaintiffs were hostile to Local 544 and members of a dual and hostile organization, Judge Carroll followed in the footsteps of Reed and decided against unionism and in favor of the finks.

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... the last word

By B. and C.

Even though it's Leap Year, we want to pass on a little information we stumbled over the other day. It's about where the average man is likely to propose to the average girl. According to the figures—released by the Institute of Family Relations in Los Angeles—the automobile is modern industry's gift to romance, for it is in the privacy of coupes and coaches that 25 per cent of proposals are made. The next 23 per cent are made in the girl's home. In order of frequency, the other 52 per cent are made in streets, parks, campuses, restaurants, or other public places; on vacations or while traveling; at parties, dinners and dances; by letter or wire.

Our advice to the potential bride is to spend most of your time alone (together) on nice, long drives or else playing pinocle at home when the family's away. If this doesn't work, you'd better take things into your own hands before 1940 is a memory.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

The five-year-old daughter of one of the convicted WPA defendants was talking to her playmate the other day. "Do you like your daddy?" asked the little playmate. "Sure I like my daddy. But he's in jail," answered our young friend. "In jail? Why is he in jail?" asked the playmate. "Oh, the judge," said our little friend, "he's a naughty boy!"

Cheers and Jeers Department

A cheer for the Women's Auxiliary of Local 160 for one of the liveliest dances we have ever attended—a jeer for those of you who weren't there... a cheer for the wives and families of the WPA strikers who went to Sandstone last week (not one to Sandstone has been anything but brave)—a jeer for Judge Carroll (you know why)... a great big rousing cheer for the wives of the Puffer-Hubbard strikers who haven't complained yet, after 23 long weeks—

a jeer for the Northwest National Bank, the main cause of it all.

A member of 544 told us that the first three numbers of a squad car license plate are the same as the address of the Drivers' Hall. They are 2-5-7.

We have about decided to see "Gone With the Wind" so we'll have something to discuss with our neighbors during the next two years.

We're going to keep our promise and tell you some of the provisions contained in the new Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of January 1. These are about labels. When you buy anything in the way of foods, drugs or cosmetics, remember:

If foods conform to government standards, the label must say so... if no standards are set for a certain product, label must state all ingredients... special foods (for children and invalids) will soon be required to carry such labels... artificial flavoring, coloring and preservatives must be clearly stated (except for butter, cheese and ice cream)... labels for certain drugs (alcohol and bromides) must state quantity... if drugs are dangerous or apt to deteriorate, label must specify. If a label doesn't satisfy you, don't buy the product.

ON SUCCESS

The eminent banker was discussing on the way to wealth. "The true secret of success," he said, "is to find out what the people want and need." "And then give it to them?" suggested a listener.

The financier shook his head contemptuously. "No, of course not. Corner it."

COPPERS

"See here, you," roared the cop to the fair young motorist who had gone past him while he was directing traffic, "didn't you see my hand?" "Oh, was that your hand?" the girl replied sweetly. "I thought it was a bunch of bananas!"

The state of matrimony cannot exist half slave and half free.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471
General Membership—First and third Tuesday 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
General Membership—First and third Fridays.
Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of 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 Thursday, 7 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—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m.
Stewards—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.
Defendants—First and third Mondays, 8 p. m.

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.

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

LOCAL 359
Stewards—Second Mondays.
Executive Board—First and third Mondays.

LOCAL 160

General Membership—First and third Thursdays.
Seniority Board—Every Monday.
Executive Board—Every Tuesday.

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

LOCAL 1859
General Membership—January 3
Box Industry—January 9
Casket Industry—January 15
J. R. Clark Section—January 17
Puffer-Hubbard—January 18
Grievance Board—January 4 and 18
Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards—January 8 and 22
General Membership—February 7th

LOCAL 20481
General Membership—January 3rd

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

LOCAL 544
Thursday, February 1—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners.
Friday, February 2—Job Stewards.

Monday, February 5—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, February 7—Sausage; Petroleum.
Friday, February 9—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers.
Monday, February 12—General Membership.
Tuesday, February 13—Lumber.

Wednesday, February 14—Market; Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor.
Thursday, February 15—Tent & Awning; Newspaper (10 a. m.) Ways & Means ITO.
Friday, February 16—Job Stewards.

Monday, February 19—Furniture; Caskets.
Thursday, February 22—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug.
Friday, February 23—Cold Storage, Produce.
Monday, February 26—Spring Water.

Wednesday, February 28—Excavating, Sand & Gravel. 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, first floor.

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 designated.