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

Stand all as one Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Wis. Madison, Wis.

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

Labor in a white skin can never be free and secure while labor in a black skin is enslaved, terrorized, pauperized. More bluntly, organized labor in the northern part of the United States will continue to suffer from the low wages and non-union conditions that infest the South, until we aid our Southern brothers, Negro and white, to overcome these conditions and the oppressors which thrive on these conditions.

Which brings us to the question of the federal anti-lynching bill, now up for its yearly consideration by Congress. The bill has already been passed by the House of Representatives, as usual, and is up for consideration in the Senate, where the great Democrats of the South will seek to filibuster it to death.

Since the first anti-lynching bill was introduced into Congress, in 1922, there has been a drop in recorded lynchings in the Southern states, though responsible Southern authorities confess that lynching has only "gone underground," that just as many Negroes as ever are tortured and killed by white mobs.

It is not the anti-lynching bill itself that is so important to the white aristocracy of the South—after all, the bill's provisions are not so serious as to really prevent all lynchings—it is the fact that the Southern rulers are determined not to give up one particle of their "rights" to do anything and everything to the Negro people. They are determined to retain these "rights" at all costs, including that of lynching the Negroes whenever they see fit.

The Southern bosses fear that the passage of the anti-lynching bill would encourage the Negroes to demand that they actually be given the right to vote in these democratic United States of America, and that the provisions of the NLRB be applied to the South, that child labor be abolished. Why the Negroes might even demand the right to receive an elementary education! Democracy is all right to talk about but—

Northern politicians, both Republican and Democrat, usually come out in favor of the anti-lynching bill—not because they really oppose discrimination and terror against the Negro, but because it is good politics and doesn't cost them anything. They know that the good Southern Democrats will prevent such a bill passing, as they have for twenty years. If the Northern politicians were really anxious to give the Negro his rights, they could find enough to do right here in the North.

It is the duty of all workers to rally behind the anti-lynching bill and fight for its passage. The passage of the bill won't stop lynchings and won't itself better the conditions of the Negroes, but it will hearten the Negro masses of the South and spur them to quicken the fight for justice and security. Every person who really believes in democracy, and doesn't just talk about it, must support this anti-lynching bill. From pure self-interest organized labor is smart to fight for Negro rights; the more freedom the workers of the South have to organize, the better they organize, the higher wages will be; the higher wages in the South, the higher they can be in the North.

The lack of even the pretense of democracy in the (Continued on page 4)

Warden Outlines Rules at Sandstone

Tuesday afternoon the Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee held its weekly meeting, to discuss various aspects of its work concerning those WPA strikers already confined to prison. The Committee is providing \$2 weekly each to Ralph Core and Minnie Kohn for incidentals for the two, now in the city workhouse.

Sentencing of the five nolo contendere cases has apparently been postponed indefinitely. The Committee will decide what aid it shall render the twelve men strikers now confined in the federal prison farm at Sandstone, Minnesota, after Attorney Carl Yaeger returns from a trip to the prison to confer with strikers.

The assistant warden at Sandstone has written the Defense Committee, notifying it of the regulations governing prisoners.

Now in Quarantine "Inmates of this institution," the Committee was informed, "are in quarantine during their first thirty days. During these first thirty days they are not allowed to receive any visitors, and are permitted to write to one approved correspondent a total of two letters per week and are permitted to receive from this one approved correspondent a total of seven letters per week.

Upon completion of the quarantine period, inmates are allowed to write to seven approved correspondents a total of two letters per week and are allowed to receive from these seven approved correspondents a total of seven letters per week. Of the seven approved correspondents, not more than four can be friends.

One Hour Visit Each Month "Inmates are allowed not more than one hour visiting period in each month or two thirty-minute visiting periods not on successive visiting days. No regular visits will be allowed to persons not on the approved visiting list. This list will ordinarily be restricted to members of the immediate family with the proviso that no relative or other person who has served a sentence in a penal or correctional institution for adults may be on an inmate's regular visiting list. Visiting days and hours are Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m., and 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. No special visits will be allowed unless arranged for in advance and then only on presentation of a letter from the Warden or officer designated by the Warden granting such permission. These visits will be under the same regulations as prescribed for regular visits. Not more than four persons will be permitted to visit any inmate at one time. Children under the age of sixteen years will not be permitted to visit.

Anti-Lynching Bill To Be Discussed At Friday Supper This Friday evening in St. Paul Workers Defense League is sponsoring a supper meeting at which a representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will discuss the anti-lynching bill now pending in the Senate. The meeting will be held at the St. Paul YWCA. Those who wish can be served supper at 5:30. The lecture will start at 6:30 and the public is invited.

Cite Low Accident Rate for City's Equipment Drivers

The amazingly good driving record of the 138 drivers employed by the equipment division of the city of Minneapolis is set forth in a report made last week to the city council's efficiency and economy committee of which Erik Hoyer is chairman.

Though in 1939 the division drivers worked a total of more than 200,000 hours, the division's 102 trucks were involved in only 106 accidents. The minor character of the accidents is shown by the fact that the total amount of damages other than personal was only \$475.60, or less than \$5 an accident.

When it is considered that the equipment drivers work under the most hazardous conditions, going on the streets in all sorts of bad weather, and at all hours, such a safety record is phenomenal. A driver of a private car who had only one minor accident for every 1,869 hours of driving would consider himself a very fortunate driver indeed.

"When one realizes that our equipment ordinarily works on city streets and must start, stop, turn and park at the convenience of the crews of the different departments hiring this equipment, it is easily seen what a hazardous position they are in most of the time," it was pointed out in the report.

Bulk Plants Sign Up in Des Moines

Fourteen major oil companies signed new contracts last week with the Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90. The pact covers all truck drivers, maintenance men, warehouse men, bulk depot and warehouse clerks and watchmen for the Skelly, Mid-Continent, Sinclair, Cities Service, Texas, Conoco, Pure Oil, Deep Rock, Cushman-Wilson, Carlson, Carbon Coal and Phillips & Dyer companies.

The new agreement provides for pay raises, a basic 40-hour week, a week's vacation with pay for all employees with one year or more of services, etc.

Last week Local 90 collected \$200 back pay due Jos Craven, employee of the Lovejoy Construction company.

Examination Of 544 Books In 3rd Week

While Local 544 continues to be hampered by the absence of its books and records from the union office, attorneys and accountants for the plaintiffs continued their examination of the General Drivers Union records now sequestered in Judge Carroll's courtroom. This is the third week of the examination, and there is no end in sight.

The examination is taking place under the watchful eyes of Kelly Postal, financial secretary-treasurer of Local 544, and other union leaders. The plaintiffs' agents apparently aim to keep the union's books as long as possible.

The third article in the series on the history of the book suit appears on page four of this issue.

Anti-Labor Moves Of NSP Company Cited by Local 160

In addition to the information on the anti-union practices of the Northern States Power company contained in the two lengthy resolutions of Local 160 and printed in 'The Organizer,' the St. Paul Electrical Workers Union Local 110 on February 5th adopted a resolution setting forth a weighty indictment of the company's evasive and union-smashing policies.

Local 110's resolution, adopted overwhelmingly by the membership, states the union has signed evidence that Frank J. Miller, the company's personnel director, "attended executive board meetings of our union, and through the use of threats attempted to intimidate officers of our union, and dictate the policies of our organization. He has also attempted to dictate who the officers of our organization shall and shall not be. According to affidavits he has threatened to break all organizations now dealing with the company if and when he cannot name the business agents of these unions . . ."

Stall Union Off Local 110 accuses the company of hindering and delaying settlement of an arbitration case for ten months "with no settlement in sight at this date. They have attempted to intimidate members of our arbitration board, and through their actions are attempting to discourage our members from further arbitration."

The Northern States Power company has also discriminated against union employees by taking "from these members privileges which all employees had previously enjoyed and retaining them to non-union members only." When the union negotiated wage raises for some employees, the company would tell such workers that "their raises would have been greater if they were not in the union."

Violate Union Pact Local 110 charges the company with innumerable violations of the old agreement, including its refusal "to make layoffs and demotions and promotions according to the terms of our agreement. They have since November 1, 1939, caused layoffs far in excess of normal and these layoffs came in greatest numbers and for the least cause directly after notification from the company by letter that serious consequences to the employees would result if their present union officers were allowed to represent them. Upon one occasion when the company was forced by our union to grant seniority rights to an employee in the matter of a promotion, company officials threatened to get the employee because he had demanded his rights. They finally secured the demotion of the employee by changing operating practices which the department had in effect for 15 years, even though that change meant a lessening of the service to the public. The company has constantly protected relatives of officials in their positions, regardless of their seniority rights . . ."

Co-op Services Open New Station

Newest business of the Cooperative Services, owned by 2,000 local consumers, is another gasoline service station which opens this week at 3501 Lyndale Ave. S. The grand opening will be staged Saturday, March 2nd. A radio will be awarded to some lucky person who visits the station before Saturday night, March 2nd at 8:45 when the drawing will be held. All co-op gas stations are manned by members of Local 977 and are thus eligible to receive the business of union men and women.

NSP Workers Get Ready for Action To Gain Demands

Puffer Co. Hit by Central Body

Last Wednesday evening the Minneapolis Central Labor Union adopted a stiff resolution placing all products of the labor-hating Puffer-Hubbard company on the "We Do Not Patronize List" and directing the secretary to send copies of the resolution to all central labor bodies throughout the United States.

Everything manufactured by the strike-bound Puffer-Hubbard company—refrigerated display counters, beer cooling equipment, wheelbarrows and wire-seed folding delivery boxes, etc.—is unfair to organized labor and no serious worker should handle them.

The resolution warns that the Puffer-Hubbard firm is jobbing its grocery boxes to a fixture plant in Downing, Wisconsin, and is jobbing its show cases and meat counters to plants in Grand Haven, Michigan, and Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The strike of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 against the Puffer-Hubbard company started as a lockout on September 8, 1939. The Northwestern National Bank, which has an important interest in the company, is believed to be the major factor holding up a settlement of the dispute.

Unionists Urge Pardon For WPA's

Among the prominent national trade union leaders who have written to Roosevelt urging him to pardon the imprisoned WPA strikers of Minneapolis are George S. Counts, president of the American Federation of Teachers; A. Philip Randolph, president of the Pullman Porters; Joseph Schlossberg, secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; J. R. Butler, president of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union and others.

Butler's letter to President Roosevelt follows: "Dear Mr. President: "Some months ago mass prosecution of WPA clients was begun in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "At the request of Assistant Attorney General John Rogge, all charges were dropped against 125 of the people but 32 had already been convicted.

"Having worked constantly for six years among the underprivileged and oppressed tenants, sharecroppers, farm laborers and displaced farm people of the South, I have come to know the desperation of men, women and children faced with loss of jobs and starvation.

"Not viciousness but terror prompted these 32 convicted people to join with their fellows in demonstration for which they faced sentence. Surely your deep sympathy for the victims of a vicious condition inclines you toward a favorable consideration of this, my request, added to the thousands you have no doubt already received, that you issue a full executive pardon to these people."

Stassen Throws Dispute to Three-Man Commission for Thirty Days—Nothing Accomplished in Meetings with Labor Conciliator, Who Only Repeats Company Stand—Locals 110 and 160 Inform Haney His Office's Suggestions Are Inadequate and Unacceptable

Negotiations between the Minneapolis and St. Paul Electrical Workers Union Locals 160 and 110 and the Northern States Power company entered a new stage Monday when the union was notified by the state labor conciliator that its dispute was tossed into the lap of a three-man commission under terms of the Stassen Labor Law. Serving on the fact-finding body are Earl Lyons of Minneapolis, attorney, representing "the public"; Frank J. Allen of Winona, manager of a woolen mill, representing the employers; A. J. Kammann of St. Paul, member of the Typographical Union, representing labor. For a thirty-day period this commission will function.

Glotzbach Approved by U. S. Senate

Over the protests of organized labor, of Farmer-Labor Senator Ernest Lundeen, and of at least one Minnesota farmer, the United States Senate on Monday confirmed Roosevelt's appointment of Linus C. Glotzbach as regional WPA administrator and of S. L. Stolte as Minnesota administrator. Lone man to speak up against the promotion of the strike-breaker was Senator Lundeen. Though Lundeen was unsuccessful in blocking the senate action, the Minneapolis labor movement deeply appreciates his generous cooperation in this matter.

Glotzbach and Stolte had the united support of Stassen, Shipstead, Roosevelt and the employers of this area. At least one Minnesota farmer added his protest to that of organized labor against the appointments. On February 5th John Enstedt of Sacred Heart wrote the president and Congress that "the proposed appointment of Glotzbach and Stolte comes as a shock to us out here in the farming section of this state.

Promotion Is "Disgusting" "At no time in the history of WPA has a labor problem been handled in a more incompetent manner than was the WPA strike in Minneapolis in July of last year. It is positively disgusting to have the president of the United States recommend for promotion a man who has shown himself both unable and unwilling to negotiate with organized labor in accordance with the long-established rules laid down by WPA itself. I am referring to the policy of the WPA to close projects where there is a labor dispute.

"Just to innumerate a few instances: Like Mr. Glotzbach's threat that those who don't 'report for work in three days' will be terminated from WPA; or his refusal to negotiate with representatives of labor's own choosing; or his calling for police protection to run a few people through the picket lines, show his unfitness for the job. In fact, in following the strike, as I did through the newspapers, I was unable to see any merit in one single act performed by Mr. Glotzbach. On the contrary, it looks to me as if he did everything in his power to provoke the workers, who it is now generally agreed, voluntarily walked off the projects as a protest against the cut in wages and increases in hours . . . My demand is that the Congress of the United States refuse to confirm his appointment, and my further demand is that his right-hand man, Mr. Stolte, should not be confirmed as WPA administrator for Minnesota . . ."

160 Auxiliary Dance Nets \$123.85 for WPA Defense Group

Monday the Minneapolis WPA Defense Committee received a check for \$123.85 from the Women's Auxiliary of Local 160 which staged a benefit dance to raise funds. The expenses of the WPA Defense Committee will continue so long as any defendant remains in jail. Those unions who have made pledges but who have not yet redeemed them are asked to do so as quickly as possible.

7th Ward FLP Card Party Saturday

The Seventh Ward Farmer-Labor club will sponsor a card party Saturday, February 24, at 8 p. m. in the fire station at 42nd street and Cedar avenue, to which the public is invited.

Week's Paid Vacation Won by Taxi Drivers In New Two-Year Pact

Below is printed the new two-year working agreement covering the four hundred Minneapolis cab drivers. Major improvement over the former pact is that for a week's vacation with pay for all employees of two years' seniority standing. The agreement went into effect February 15th and will run until February 15, 1942.

The Minneapolis, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the Minneapolis Taxi Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 958, A.F. of L., hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions governing hours and working conditions.

SECTION I. The Union shall be the sole representative of all employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.

B. The Employer agrees that all taxi drivers and cab service men shall be in good standing in the Union (and any member of L.). Cab service men shall include all men who read meters, check oil and gas, wash cars, and generally service cabs, except those men in direct supervision thereof. The Employer further agrees that any man selected by the Employer for any position of authority or liability on the Employer for any said duties, or the collection of said dues.

C. The Employer shall have the right to select its drivers when hiring new men; however, the Union may reject any man selected by the Employer, or the Employer may reject any man selected by the Union. It shall be further understood that any Employer in hiring new men shall give priority rights to members in good standing in the Union, the Teamsters Craft Union, if available, provided these men are in good standing with the Employer, and provided further that they have had taxi cab experience.

D. The Employer shall have the right to hire new men as they are required and to give priority right to put on new men who are hired on a thirty (30) day probation period and reserves the right to discharge these men at any time during this thirty (30) day period for any reason it deems necessary; however, the Employer shall have the right to protest any discharge through the probationary period.

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

SECTION III. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without pay and without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a labor convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business.

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

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

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

SECTION VII. Any controversy arising over the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiations between the Union and the Employer, provided, however, that in any case where no agreement can be reached as above provided, that in such case the disagreement may be submitted to arbitration to a Board composed of two (2) members of the Union, and two (2) representatives of the Employer, and a fifth (5th) neutral member selected by a majority vote of the first four (4). The majority decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.

SECTION VIII. The Employer agrees that there shall be no strike or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which may arise.

SECTION IX. The Employer shall not knowingly request or instruct any employee to go through a picket line of a striking Union. However, the Employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other union the Employer will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.

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

SECTION XI. The Employer agrees that there shall be no charge for gasoline, oil, parts or mileage, or any damage done through an accident either to the Employer's taxicabs, or to any other individual's automobile, nor shall there be any charge for labor for adjusting said accidents.

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

SECTION XIII. Seniority rights shall prevail in all matters relating to employment. A list of the employees arranged in the order of their seniority shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the job.

SECTION XIV. Any controversy over the seniority standing of an employee on this list shall be submitted to the Union and the Employer for settlement.

SECTION XV. A. The Senior employees shall have first preference on the job. B. In the event of a lay-off, the present assignment of employees in the various classifications of work shall not be disturbed in any manner other than set forth below.

SECTION XVI. When a job becomes open for any reason in any classification of work covered by this agreement, it shall be bulletined and posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours by the Employer. All employees in the order of their seniority standing, provided they possess the qualifications, are eligible to accept such job without jeopardizing their present seniority standing. Thirty (30) days shall be allowed for the employee to qualify on the new job, or return to his former job. Any controversy over the qualifications of an employee to handle the job shall be settled as provided under Paragraph VII. of this agreement.

SECTION XVII. C. The Union agrees that the Employer may select any employee regardless of seniority to fill vacancies on any telephone switchboard, provided, however, that said employee is a member in good standing in the Union and qualified to handle that job. This shall cover the telephone switchboard only.

SECTION XVIII. In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons, the last employee hired shall be the first laid off, and in returning employees to work, the last employee laid off shall be the first rehired. The necessary reassignment of employees to the various classifications of work shall be made accordingly.

SECTION XIX. E. Where there is an obvious discrimination against a senior employee under the present assignments of work, the Employer shall make the necessary adjustments.

SECTION XX. The regular work day and regular work week shall be as specified under the various classifications of work. Employees whose regular shift assignment requires them to work Sunday shall receive straight time pay for their Sunday hours. The assignment of days off for employees in other classifications of work shall be in accordance with the schedule that meets the approval of the Employer and the Union Committee.

SECTION XXI. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts in any classification of work, provided, however, that this does not affect employees working in classifications where split shifts now exist. When called to work, employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours' pay at the regular hourly rate, covering the classification of work involved, plus ten cents (10c) per hour.

SECTION XXII. Except in cases of emergency, or where it is clearly unavoidable, no employee shall work overtime until all employees on the seniority list have worked the full quota of regular hours.

SECTION XXIII. All employees shall be paid in full each week. Under no conditions shall the Employer advance or loan money to any driver, nor shall any driver cash in short in excess of thirty-five per cent (35%) of his booking receipts for any day. Any driver who does cash in short more than thirty-five per cent (35%) of his booking receipts in any one day shall not be permitted to work until such time as the shortage has been made up. There shall be no loss of commission or surcharge on shortages.

SECTION XXIV. The Employer agrees that there shall be no advertising matter used on the outside or the inside of the taxicabs that does not bear the union label.

SECTION XXV. It is agreed that the driver shall not be held responsible for the passenger's refusal to pay cab fares, provided, however, that such passenger is turned over to a police officer or an official of the Company.

SECTION XXVI. The term "Individual Taxicab Owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a taxicab, who owns and operates one or more taxicabs shall be considered an Employer.

SECTION XXVII. A. The individual taxicab owners shall have seniority standing on the basis of the vehicle which shall have no seniority standing. In the event an owner desires to change shifts, he shall post his intention of such change for a period of seventy-two (72) hours. He shall not be permitted to change shifts until the thirty (30) days time has elapsed.

SECTION XXVIII. B. The Union will not permit two or more members to own and operate the same taxicab and where there is a joint ownership of cabs, Union membership will be denied.

SECTION XXIX. All individual taxicab owners must hire at least one (1) employee union driver a full shift each day the taxicab operates, except when the individual taxicab owner's driver is on his vacation, and except during the summer reduction period. The company shall have the right to allow reduction of the employee Union drivers to the minimum number of— In the event of a reduction or increase of the taxicabs now operated by the company the minimum number of employees Union drivers will be increased or decreased accordingly during said summer reduction period.

SECTION XXX. O. The Employer and/or operator shall establish a central station at which any and all taxicab drivers, including individual taxicab owners who drive, will be required to pass through and stamp their trip sheet as to the time they are going on shift and stamp their trip sheet as to the time they are going off shift, so that the Union will have an accurate check on hours that all drivers and owners in the industry are working.

SECTION XXXI. The Union herein agrees to appoint a supervising steward who shall have authority to check the floor sheet and trip sheet on each operator and company in any garage, both day and night, to determine if taxicabs have been sent out in accordance with the terms of this contract and he shall also have the authority to check the pay-roll records of the company and/or operators to see that each company and/or operator of the taxicabs covered by this agreement has paid and is paying the prescribed guaranteed wages in accordance with the terms of this agreement. A daily floor sheet shall be accessible to the supervising steward. Any violation of any of these provisions shall be reported by the supervising steward to the Teamsters Joint Council and any operator or company having grounds to suspect a violation of any of these provisions shall have the right to report the same to the supervising steward and request that it be submitted to the Teamsters Joint Council for determination. In the event that a violation of any of these provisions is found to have occurred, then the same shall be remedied forthwith in a manner determined by the Teamsters Joint Council.

SECTION XXXII. A. The Union and the Employer agree that a rotating system of scheduled days off shall be in effect, and that all employees covered by this agreement shall have one day off in each pay roll week. B. It is agreed that all companies, associations, holding companies or groups operating under one color scheme or trade name shall reduce from the total number of licenses issued to them one-seventh (1/7th) of their cabs each and every day from May 15th to August 15th. It is further agreed that any of the above mentioned operating less than seven (7) cabs under one color scheme or trade name shall not operate any of their cabs to exceed six (6) days in any week during the period this reduction is in force.

SECTION XXXIII. The Employer and the Union agree that any employee, if he so desires, may take time off without pay in case of sickness, accident, or death in the immediate family, or where said employee is excused by the Employer, or where said employee gives the Employer forty-eight (48) hours' notice that he wishes to lay off.

SECTION XXXIV. It is agreed that the existing conditions with reference to Independent Operators owning more than one cab is and will be recognized and will not in any way affect Union rights or membership of the present Union members; any future change in the increase in multiple ownership of cabs shall be subject to the approval of the Employer.

SECTION XXXV. In the event that the Union enters into an agreement with any other individual owner, association, company or taxicab operator, operating within the city of Minneapolis, providing for: 1. A lower wage, or 2. Lower rates of pay, or 3. Longer hours of employment, then and in that event, the employer herein may, at his option, declare this agreement null and void.

SECTION XXXVI. It is agreed between the Union and the Employer that the Union agrees that hereafter it will include in its contract with any company, independent company and/or operator or its contract with the Midway Club in St. Paul on Saturday, February 17, in the first annual meeting of the Group Health Mutual and Group Health Association. Group Health, organized to enter the field of cooperative medicine, now offers hospital care insurance on a cooperative, non-profit basis.

In addition to the Drivers' Hall health group the following union bodies at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. are forming groups at the present time: Construction Drivers Section, Local 544; Filling Station Attendants, Local 977; Electrical Workers, Local 160; Independent Truck Owners Section, Local 544.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Local Man in Need
Wanted by Johnny Borecki, a very good and large size mirror.

Klas Kalgren paid a visit to Oscar Norgren's home last Monday.

By the way, they took along nine gallons of coffee so as to have something to drink.

line broke and the fish got away. However, a fine time was had by one and all and Frank Morrison was able to broaden his culture when he contacted a sanitary driver on the lake who explained very carefully to Brother Morrison who, when and what Confucius was. Anybody who wants to know about Confucius may see Frank about it.

Maybe John Lohses' basement retreat room isn't bomb-proof but it will be nice and cozy and warm from now on. John installed a heating stove December 20, during the cold snap.

Thirty men were called back to work at the J. R. Clark plant last Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard "Dick" Brandt—a son, Frederick Albert. Little Fred weighed in to this world at 2 3/4 pounds.

Johnny Loger was the victim of cruel and inhuman treatment last week when somebody entered his room and swiped his suit.

Saturday, February 3, while coming home, Mrs. Gertrude Shirmers suffered a bad fall on the icy walk near her house.

The Air-Loc seating section held a meeting last Friday, February 16, for the purpose of writing up their contract for the coming year.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting: Retail Drivers meet Thursday evening, 8 p. m., March 7. Say, it just struck me that the Retail division could just as well meet at 7:30 p. m. like all the rest of the sections, now that they get through work earlier.

Farmers buy union-made grain cleaners from the Cleland Manufacturing company at 28th and Washington Ave. N. The Cleland company pays its men union wages and every farmer knows that well-paid workers mean cash customers for the farmers' products.

Berg Miller of Cleland company bought himself a new black Oldsmobile coach last Saturday. Oil not, neither will ye spin, Brother Miller.

Louise Holzinger started back to work at the Northwestern Casket company about January 16.

Born to Mrs. Ernest Margaret Johns on January 29, a baby girl, Carol Ann, and weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Johns from 1859.

Unfair Standard Oil Stations Listed by 977

Keep this list of unfair Standard stations in your car and refuse to patronize them:

- Standard Stations—Downtown 18th and Harmon Place 104 Glenwood Ave. 7th and 3rd Ave. South 4th St. and 2nd Ave. N. Standard Stations—South Minneapolis and Lake St. 50th and France Ave. S. 22nd and Hennepin Ave. 44th and Nicollet Ave. 15th and Nicollet Ave. Lake St. at Lake Calhoun 50th and Xerxes Ave. S. 50th and Penn Ave. S. 44th and Moringside Ave. 38th and Minnehaha Ave. 32nd and Lyndale Ave. S. Garfield and Lake St. 24th and Bloomington Ave. 51st and Hiawatha River Road and E. Lake St. 27th and Hennepin Ave. 48th and Chicago Ave. 38th and 2nd Ave. S. 32nd and Hennepin Ave. 40th and Nicollet Ave. 46th and Bryant Ave. S. Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd. 26th and 1st Ave. S. 34th and Lyndale Ave. S. 38th and Chicago Ave. 22nd and Cedar Ave. 42nd and 28th Ave. S. Standard Stations—North 7th and Lyndale Ave. N. 4th and 3rd Ave. N. Girard and Plymouth Ave. N. Penn and 6th Ave. N. Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N. 37th and Fremont Ave. N. Broadway and Rockford Road

Jobs, Not Ships" Is Forum Subject

By Amps and Volts

The Sunday Forum for Sunday, February 25th, will center around the unemployed and the war question. W. W. Norris will lead the discussion, speaking on "Jobs, Not Battleships!"

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lande

Died: Louis Dann, February 18, burial at Lakewood cemetery. He was the father of Miles Dann, of the Y. C. unit.

When laid off. See to it personally that your dues are paid up and get a withdrawal card. We want to see you back on the job.

Don't complain about these balmy winter days, boys, they're much better than the "bomby" days in Europe.

Don't get angry when a "conscientious objector" calls you "robber," etc. Just explain the city-surveyed meter-lane and the boys from the weights and measures that check and seal every meter. It works.

Another "rooming" house fire in Minneapolis. The WPA report was right, we have more fire-traps ready to go up in smoke when another winter comes.

A lot of good union men have taken the exams for ambulance drivers for the city; among them were some mile-mongers from Local 958 who, during the daily grind make a lot of hospital runs, emergency and otherwise, that acquaint them with every problem the "meat wagon" driver faces.

"Fresh eggs" Duncan is all set for fire or foul weather; he carries a couple of sacks of coal in that Ford to keep the wheels down in the drifts and if he gets lost in a blizzard he can keep warm burning coal.

When getting your dues-book stamped, give your address to the shop steward as the N. W. Organizer is bringing its mailing list up to date.

"Carmichael" McNeal, the Johnsville troubador, claims he can give Floyd "Landlord" Anger clarinet lessons easier if he paints the instrument white so it can be seen against the background.

Walter Pearson who has been "shanghaied" into riding to work with Syd McNeal in that Whippet coupe claims the years he lived in a trailer taught him how to squeeze his big frame into small places.

seemed especially lively, what with red flannel undershirts and horsehair sofas.

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To the Ladies: It's no wonder the girls of the Gay Nineties

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Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

The Auxiliary Dance Committee urges everyone who has not settled for his dance tickets to please do so. Please turn in any monies and unsold dance tickets as soon as possible so that the Committee can make a complete financial statement.

As this column is being written Brother C. A. Shaw of the Meter Department is on the sick list. Hope it is nothing serious, Charles, and that you will soon be on the job again.

Wonder why a great many of the members present at the last membership meeting laughed out loud when they heard that L. D. Smith was one of the company's representatives when the company and the union met with the State Labor Conciliator?

The garage outside of one "lone" member is one hundred per cent union. He evidently says, "You boys pay the freight and do your utmost to get better working conditions; I'll be a louse and take the benefits."

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Many times we have heard the argument that an employer should pay better wages if he can afford to. That's swell.

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With the Limousines

By Home James

FLASH! Buck Gustafson rides again. Last Saturday night brother Carl appeared at his gas station in time to see yegg departing with the company bank roll.

After listening to WTCN from 9 to 9:30 p. m. last Tuesday and hearing how business is on the uptrend in Minneapolis, we asked ourselves a question: "Do wage earners earning union wages and thereby having a greater purchasing power have anything to do with the increase in sales of commodities?"

Who makes up a corporation anyway? Is it composed of stockholders, management, and employees, or is it just the management? Incidentally, are the individual stockholders ever consulted about whether a corporation should carry on a union-busting campaign?

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Behind the 544 Suit

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The five plaintiffs and their attorney, Arthur Anderson, have maintained publicly from the start of their suit against Local 544 that the case was being waged, not against the General Drivers Union, but in behalf of the union and its membership. That is, the plaintiffs have maintained that they are loyal members of Local 544, and it is this claim that Judges Reed and Carroll have accepted as the basis for turning over the union's books and records to the finks.

Let us examine the claim of the plaintiffs to loyalty to the membership of Local 544, to the union. During January, 1940, a score of Local 544 members together with members and officials of other unions presented testimony in Judge Carroll's courtroom.

1. Frank Bronce, 544 member. Testified Svenddal came to the Hartzell Coal company in March, 1938, and solicited the 544 members there to join the "Associated Independent Union Number One." When the drivers told Svenddal they were quite satisfied with Local 544, Svenddal became angry.

2. Charles Christie, Jr., truck driver. Testified that John Asplund, a plaintiff, told him early in 1938 that "Some Minneapolis business men are furnishing the money to sue Local 544."

3. Lee Hoffmocker, 544 member. Testified that Asplund had asked him to join the Local No. 1.

4. Joe Praise, ITO member. Testified that Adolph Svenddal, early in 1938, solicited Praise and other drivers "to join a good union, the Minnesota Mutual No. 1." This was just about the time the suit started.

5. Earl Peters, ITO member. Testified that Svenddal identified himself as an organizer for Local No. 1 in February, 1938.

6. C. B. Carlson, ITO member. Testified he has attended every Local 544 general membership meeting and every meeting of the ITO section since 1935, and has never heard any of the plaintiffs, nor anyone else, demand an accounting of funds. Carlson testified to the Local 544 practice—known to all members—of submitting regular financial reports to the membership.

7. Eugene Lundholm, secretary of the ITO section. Testified that Robert Fisher, plaintiff, had never (as Fisher claims) demanded an accounting of union funds at any meeting.

8. John Boscoe, president of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and head of the Allied Printing Trades. Testified his unions had had trouble with the fink unions and that the Independent Unions were trying to palm off a label that was practically a forgery of the AFL Printing Trades Label.

9. L. Boerbach, business agent of the Painters Union, testified the building trades unions had also had trouble with the Associated Independent Unions who chiseled on the union wage scale.

10. Douglas Raze, cab driver, formerly a member of Local 544. Testified that in a pamphlet he signed several years ago, he never meant to imply that Local 544 had anything to do with "Chicago gangsters." Testified he had never been intimidated by any of the union officials, and that he was always granted his democratic rights at Local 544 meetings, despite his hostility at that time to the leadership of the General Drivers Union.

Inasmuch as Raze's pamphlet was used by enemies of Local 544 as a source for many of the lying charges of "gangsterism" directed against Local 544, friends of the union movement will welcome Raze's honest testimony.

11. Curt Zander, 544 trustee. Testified that Asplund chiseled on the union wage scale.

12. George Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor. Testified that he knew of the existence of the fink Independent Union No. 1, and that representatives of this organization testified before the last session of the state legislature in behalf of the Stassen Slave Labor Act.

13. Miles Dunne, 544 trustee and secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. Refuted Fisher's testimony that he had ever heard Fisher ask for an accounting of union funds, or that he had ever threatened Fisher.

14. Al Stein, 544 member. Testified that in March, 1938, Ryan told him "a bunch of 544 men were breaking away and starting a new union. Dues will be low because we have outside backing."

15. Tom McCue, ITO member. Testified that all union members, including those opposed to Local 544's leadership, are accorded full democratic rights.

16. Perry Stevenson, 544 member. Testified that as early as November, 1937, in a meeting at the Couiseum hall, Svenddal advocated the formation of an organization dual to and hostile to Local 544.

17. Paul A. Forsburg, ITO member. Testified that Svenddal told him he should join the Local No. 1, and that he could get in for four-bits.

18. About twenty more members of Local 544 testified before Judge Carroll that all members were given their democratic rights at all union meetings, that financial reports were delivered monthly, that, though questions are often asked as to items in the financial report, no demand for an accounting of funds has ever been made.

So much for the false claims of the plaintiffs, so much for their pretense to be loyal members of Local 544.

Continued Next Week

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The burial service for Brother Elmer Orr was delayed by a fire which broke out in the roof of St. Stephen's church just before the requiem mass. The services were continued in the chapel of the parish school.

The Belt Line, one of the bones of contention in the I. T. O. section for several years, has proved its worth by continuing to employ a number of Independent Truck Owners throughout the winter.

The Monday membership meeting was poorly attended. Probably the result of the special session called between the regular meetings.

YOUR TWENTY YEARS ARE UP, WAKE UP, RIP! An UNSIGNED letter in today's mail suggests that it would be a good idea to post seniority lists in all places of employment.

A lawyer wants to know if our books are kept honestly!

Curt Zander, T. Williams and President Skoglund at-

tended an over-the-road meeting in Sioux Falls last Sunday.

Some of the county truckers are still at work on rural jobs.

Kelly Postal will soon qualify for the courthouse Hanger-on Club. The book suit keeps him there every day.

Farrell Dobbs is back in town after a three weeks' vacation. He rested up by driving seven thousand miles.

The Shimer and Strauberg company employees will soon be forced to transfer to Local 120. The firm is moving across the St. Paul line.

Five members of the local union have passed on since the first of this year.

Larry Davidson was taken to St. Barnabas hospital Sunday morning with blood poisoning in his foot. He is recovering nicely.

News from Fargo that the Gamble-Rob workers there are now organized into the Drivers' Union.

Boss Letters Show Pressure Placed on Over-Road Drivers

An insight into the terrific pressure under which drivers of some over-road companies operate is given by studying some of the letters which the Elscholtz company sends out specially to its drivers.

On February 6th Walt Tibbett, Elscholtz driver, received the following letter from A. C. Elscholtz:

"I am advised that last night the Bismarck Hotshot was fifteen minutes late out of Minneapolis, and that you arrived in Fargo 40 minutes late. This means you lost 25 minutes coming in from Minneapolis to Fargo. Now Walt, there is no excuse for losing 25 minutes on that run. If you were 15 minutes late out of Minneapolis, that time can easily be made up between Minneapolis and Fargo. You should have pulled into Fargo on time. Your register here at Fargo does not show that there was anything wrong with the truck and therefore I assume there was nothing wrong. If there was, however, I would be glad to hear from you, but keep in mind—this truck must be kept on schedule."

A few days earlier, Driver Kragerud, Bismarck Hotshot driver, received the following epistle: "You certainly are giving me a beautiful headache driving the Bismarck Hotshot. On the week ending January 27th you handled that truck out there on three different trips, and all three trips you took a whole lot of time. On the trip that arrived in Bismarck on January 22 you did not show the time you arrived in Bismarck. In that trip you arrived there January 26th, you did not show the time you arrived in Bismarck. "But on the trip that arrived there on January 24th you did show the time, which was 12:20 noon, and it took you seven hours and thirty minutes to arrive there from Fargo. Now Kragerud, I understand that there is something wrong with your stomach and you cannot make that trip in six hours as per the scheduled trip from Fargo to Bismarck, then you certainly have enough loyalty to the company to ask to get off that run and get on some other run. We cannot run in competition with the _____ and come in continually behind your schedule. It's just a question of this company's staying in business, not a question of whether you drive that truck or not. We must get into Bismarck just as early as _____, and if you cannot drive that truck and get it in there on time, then you certainly owe this company enough to ask to get off it, and let somebody else get on it that can. I would like to see you about this at the first opportunity. Last night you did not even take the trouble to sign out on the Fargo outbound register."

have given some prospective members the "once over" and will report accordingly to the membership. Chairman Henry Johnson has a new Secretary for 1940; Brother John Essler is doing a nice job.

Whether it is fish or money the prize always goes to the Milk Haulers Section of Local 471. Magnus Peterson had number 15 on the Lewis-Godoy fight and he went home with the "jackpot." Possibly they live "right." They are out in the country more, away from the bad influences of a big city.

Friday night our dear stewards had a fine lengthy session; they

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

It looks, at present, as though organized labor in Minneapolis will soon realize its long-cherished dream of a Labor Temple. A deal with the Minneapolis school board for the acquisition of the Old East High building, is being undertaken. The building is located at University and Central Ave. N. E. and is ample in size for the needs of all local unions. A Labor Temple would do more to make Minneapolis union-labor-conscious than any other one thing. It would lend dignity and favorable publicity to the labor movement in general and would impress favorably those of our citizens who do not belong to a union and who consequently have given little or no thought at all to the benefits of unionism. God speed the day when a Minneapolis Labor Temple becomes a reality.

The skating rinks closed February 18 officially. The sloppy weather, however, stopped skating for several days before the eighteenth. The B. P. C. claims the rinks served more patrons this winter than ever before.

The annual spring lay-off among the B. P. C. employees is now under way. A concerted effort on the part of all B. P. C. employees could shorten these lay-offs considerably, if not do away with them altogether. I'll bet more extra men will be put to work this coming summer to earn the money that the B. P. C. saved by laying you off this spring. Think it over.

Sorry to hear of the death of the mother of Brother Ed Coash recently. The membership extends its sympathy to Brother Coash in the loss of his mother.

Brother Eric Pearson, B. P. C. driver, is in serious condition at Greenwood hospital. He may be in Rochester at present reading. We're hoping for his quick recovery.

Brothers Runden, Lange and Freeman are still on the sick list as is also Brother Henry Forsman. Brother "Gravy" Davy Shea has been having a hectic season at Columbia toboggan slide. It's got so that Davy can't get through a manhole anymore without peeling off his jacket. It also seems that Davy took an impromptu ride down the slide one night and durn near dropped dead getting back up the hill. Don't abuse the old ticker that way, Davy, as it will have to do you from here on.

Brother Husebo had a tough time last meeting night, keeping his cap on the empty chair at his right. At 30 second intervals the cap moved over to the chair on his left. No doubt, some of those durned truck drivers can explain the phenomenon. Incidentally, Brother Husebo confided that if the goings-on at the slide in the wee, small hours could be recorded in this column, Winchell would gnaw his lip raw from pure envy. However, not being the type who delights in unduly publicizing the peccadillos of the public, let it lay, sez I.

The proponents of the one-man-manager, 9-man council form of government have put on another burst of speed and intend to put the idea to a vote this summer or next summer, perhaps both times. Have been appointed, along with Brother Seavey, to study this scheme and give it the proper type of publicity from time to time, from here on. Suffice it to say, at present, it is a scheme to cut city employees' wages and, as a natural consequence all employers in the city will cut pay checks too. The Tax-Payers Association is behind the scheme 100 per cent in an effort to shift relief taxes from real estate to the pay checks of the working people. More on this later.

Gas and Suds

Mrs. Alvin Wanzer passed away Tuesday after a long illness. The membership of Local 131 extends its deepest sympathies to Alvin in his bereavement. Alvin has been a member of our local almost from its beginning.

You guess which dry-cleaning plant has put on three new routes since the first of the year. The drivers themselves tell us they are hitting around \$200 a week. Not bad for slack season.

Chet Kurch, Master Cleaners, has been sick since the first of last week. McClay of Model was sick all last week, but is back to work now. John Cogger handled

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

What to do about the WPA question proved to be a problem that took a long stormy session of the Ways and Means committee to arrive at just the beginning of an answer. Several approaches to accomplish a return to decent standards of wages will be considered at the March meeting.

Although the city alone hired more than 85 truckers last September no one seems to know where everybody is keeping themselves now that all the jobs are down.

To Whom It May Concern: It sounds like a good deal, but Philadelphia is too far away. The local boys will grab that off. Let me warn you, however, if you did not pay for that stamp, I'll tell Kelly.

All the ITO's will be looking for an early spring this year and no need to say why. The only good news that has been offered lately is that the county has stepped up the quota to five, one from each district. And, oh, yes, that publicity about the City Contracts last week went to their heads. Last Friday the Minnesota took them for two games.

The City team draws a bye this week and Tony Palala has arranged for a match game between his team and Bill Ambrose's men who make up the 544 team in the Union Drivers league. They will start about 7 p. m. so come a little early if you want to watch them go.

It just seems like the Belt Line crew are going to have to get around to nicknaming one of the men "Pussyfoot."

Reports trickling in finally indicate that some of the ITO are at least getting aroused over the aspects of the park construction program. Remember, men, that taking care of this work was your regular job before the work relief projects were started. It is a terrible and discouraging thing that those officials in charge of administering relief monies should do so in such manner that you are detached from your jobs like this and literally forced to beg for consideration to enable you to make your wages.

An interested outsider who follows our column offered the criticism the other day that I was becoming too editorial in my writing. To our members who likewise find the change too much of a burden my answer is, what else can there be in such an outrageously slack off-season? Since none of you have seen fit to make this a society column by letting us in on the frivolities of the social whirl, what can I offer besides news reports on meetings and then run on and on? Particularly so, if sometime I were to be told that the Committee adjourned for further discussion to the Red Room, where the more pleasant stimulation of lights and gaiety furnished a better background for consideration of the more serious problems to be faced. Why, the home offices would dissolve the committee!

In a week of poor scores Ralph Mengelkoch came through with an even 500. Hansen, Hamel, Tommy Williams and Rainbolt tried out our alleys the other day. Let's hope they keep it up and maybe we can challenge them into a match for a little stake on the side. Gene reports a raise in insurance rates by one of the farm mutuals.

544 ITO BOWLING LEAGUE

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| City | 54 | 12 |
| Diesel | 41 | 25 |
| Dragline | 40 | 26 |
| Committee | 37 | 29 |
| Gravelers | 35 | 31 |
| Minnesota | 30 | 36 |
| Muckers | 20 | 46 |

his route while he was off and is still helping him.

One of our drivers had his picture in the Star-Journal last week. It was in connection with vocal ability.

What boss felt relieved (?) when he found out the reason that what driver's truck stood for two hours without moving was because he got in a pinocle game on the route?

Emmett Carlson is going to work for Majestic next week. Jack Fingerhut, formerly of Modern Cleaners, has gone into business for himself under the name of Jack, Cleaner.

Lawrence Brink, formerly with Adams Cleaners, went to work for Service Cleaners a couple of weeks ago.

On the National Picket Line

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southern part of the United States is unbelievable to a Northerner who has never observed it. An example of the attitude of the white ruling class can be gleaned from a remark Senator Ellender of Louisiana made the other day in Washington: "Negroes are taking advantage of the situation (caused by the debate on the anti-lynching bill) to demand they be allowed to vote. Of course the Negroes won't get anywhere, but it just goes to show you what this thing may lead to."

Last Friday night we happened to attend a public meeting on Negro rights sponsored by the Minneapolis Urban League and held at the YWCA. A prominent Minneapolis judge was chairman of the meeting. He utilized the occasion to describe the blessings of American democracy and to beat the war drums for "poor little Finland" (what about "poor little WPA," now suffering aggression without any Mannerheim line to fall back on?) A well-meaning preacher followed the judge, describing the gains of democracy in the most idealistic—and unrealistic—fashion. Then came the main speaker of the evening, a Negro, head of the Chicago Urban League.

Quoting from unimpeachable government statistics, this speaker brought out that the average annual wage for a Negro worker in Alabama is about \$350, for a white worker, about \$550; even in Illinois, the Negro receives an annual wage of only about \$600, the white, about \$1,100. The speaker wound up by stating: "Nothing that Hitler

or Japan or the Soviet Union has ever done to its minorities is any worse than what the Negro has received at the hands of white America." The judge and the preacher smiled pretty sickly smiles as this Negro quietly but effectively built up the indictment by his race against the rulers of America, riddling all the pious pretensions of "American democracy."

More and more, the defense of all democratic rights is falling on the shoulders of the labor movement, the only group in society whose interests are best served by the utmost real democracy, the sort of democracy that hasn't anything at all to do with the hypocritical war-mongers who are seeking to drum up a martial spirit for another "war to save democracy." Imperialist war is the unrelenting enemy of democracy and all civil liberties and workers' rights.

While organized labor conducts the fight to defend and extend democracy and civil liberties, it must make it clear that it stands for democracy for all people, no matter what the color of their skin. As the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council stated in a recent leaflet:

"Our Council stands for the full social, economic and political equality of the Negro people and welcomes Negro workers into its unions. There is room in the brotherhood of labor for all races and creeds and colors, for all the oppressed. This is the meaning of democracy, and this is what the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council stands for."

NOT SO DUMB

Two workers were wheeling dirt in barrows. The boss went up to one of them and said: "See here, you! Your partner is wheeling two loads to your one!" "Don't blame me, boss," replied the worker. "I've told the clump about it at least a dozen times already."

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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| LOCAL 471 General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.) | LOCAL 190 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays. |
| LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor. | LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month. |
| LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month. | LOCAL 1859 General Membership—January 8 Box Industry—January 9 Casket Industry—January 15 J. R. Clark Section—January 17 Puffer-Hubbard—January 18 Grievance Board—January 4 and 15 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—January 8 and 22 General Membership—February 7th |
| LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month. | LOCAL 20481 General Membership—January 3rd |
| LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. | LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month. |
| PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday 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—Fur-ture; Coal. 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 2. 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 designated. |
| 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 Tuesday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m. | LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call. |
| LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m. | 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. |