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FIVE CENTS

Power Strike Pends; Local 160 Meets Thursday

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

The threatened strike of more than 21,000 transport workers, employed on the gigantic subway and elevated systems, the IRT and the BMT, recently purchased by the city of New York from the houses of Rockefeller and Morgan, is again very near.

When the city bought the IRT and the BMT, La Guardia announced that the contracts now in force between the TWU and the systems would be abrogated. He said that he wouldn't honor a closed shop contract. Further he announced that three of the elevated lines would be destroyed. Thus 4,800 men would be laid off, their livelihood torn down.

After several conferences with the mayor, the CIO committee headed by John L. Lewis forced his capitulation. He agreed to recommend to the Transportation Board that they honor the contracts. The Transportation Board that they honor the contracts. The Transportation Board is a state body, and is autonomous with full power to decide on its own policy.

Thus the mayor (Labor's friend) slipped the burden of union-busting off his own shoulders onto those of the Board. Last Friday a meeting between the Board and the CIO committee came to an abrupt end when the Board announced flatly that it would not recognize the closed shop clause of the contracts. The CIO committee announced that they would hold off strike action until the mayor had had time to confer with the board and give another interpretation of his recommendations. Tuesday morning radio news said that John L. Lewis will again confer with Mayor La Guardia, Tuesday afternoon. The union officials announced that strike action will be withheld pending the outcome of this conference.

President Roosevelt has done his share of "back-passing" also this week. Earlier last week, it was confidentially expected, even announced, that the Man in the White House was going to recommend to congress that from \$300 to \$500 million dollars be added to the one billion dollar WPA appropriation bill. However, after conferring with Colonel Harrington and others, he announced through his secretary, Stephen Early, that he will not ask for more money, but that if the additional funds are not granted, the full responsibility will be on the heads of congress, should "excessive suffering ensue."

This is election year. And Roosevelt is a smart politician.

Colonel Harrington is expected to go before the House Appropriations Committee some time this week with his recommendations. It is expected that a move to repeal the clause in the Woodrum Bill which distributes the WPA money over a twelve-month period will be made. Enemies of this move will threaten to reopen the ques-

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Will Issue Report on NSP Dispute



Above is the three-man commission that conducted hearings in the dispute between the Northern States Power company and the Minneapolis and St. Paul Utility Workers Unions Local 160 and 110. The commission, composed of A. J. Kampmann, Earl Lyons (chairman) and Frank Allen, shown above, left to right, will hand its report to Governor Stassen on Wednesday. Thursday evening, April 4th, the Minneapolis Utility Workers Union Local 160 will meet to determine a course of action and to analyze the commission's report.

Unions in Nation Support Drive for WPA Strike Pardons

International Broom Makers, Amalgamated Meat Cutters, City Central Labor Bodies in Akron, Huron, Collinsville, and Elsewhere Deluge Washington with Letters and Resolutions Urging Roosevelt to Pardon the Imprisoned Minneapolis WPA Strikers—If Labor's Will Is Followed, President Will Pardon Government Victims

Unsolicited communications to the WPA Defense Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union reveal that many International unions, central labor bodies and union councils have taken affirmative action on the Defense Committee's request to support the campaign for executive clemency for the Minneapolis WPA strike prisoners, now serving time at the Sandstone federal prison.

The WPA Defense Committee on March 25th sent out letters to all international unions and city central bodies throughout the United States, asking support for the drive.

Among the labor bodies who have notified the Defense Committee of their support for the pardon drive are the International Broom & Whisk Makers Union, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen, the Summit County Trades Labor Assembly of Akron, Ohio; the Central Labor Union of Huron, South Dakota; the Perry County Central Trades & Labor Council of Crooksville, Ohio; the Collinsville Trades Council of Collinsville, Ill.; the St. Paul Teamsters Joint Council, etc.

Ed Pringle, secretary-treasurer of the International Broom & Whisk Makers Union, has written L. Clair Johnson, secretary of the WPA Defense Committee: "We beg to advise you that we have complied with your request. . . . We sincerely trust the President will grant the request and use his power to the end that the fourteen unfortunates will be granted pardons."

In Accord With Pardon Campaign
Patrick Gorman, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union writes to say "We are perfectly in accord to send a letter to the Pardon Attorney, Department of Justice, in behalf of the fourteen prisoners who were convicted in the recent Minneapolis WPA strike."

The Collinsville Trades Council asks for a sample resolution to be adopted.

"Was Gross Injustice"
The Perry County Central Trades Council encloses a copy of

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B. F. Nelson Men Draft New Pact

The B. F. Nelson Section of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 met last week to make plans for their agreement for the coming year. The new pact has been drafted and is awaiting approval by the committee of employees. Negotiations will probably start next week. The old pact expires April 30th.

Building Trades Council Calls for \$3 Billion PWA

Urges Uniform 30-Hour Work Week, Union Wages and Conditions on WPA, State Housing Authority, New City Hospital—Opposes Imperialist War—Central Labor Union Will Oppose Any Wage Cutting Program

Charging that the daily press has distorted the position of the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council regarding WPA, PWA and unemployment relief, a committee from the Council on Friday made public a resolution which it has sent to Washington.

The Building Trades Council calls for a three billion dollar PWA appropriation to give jobs at AFL union wages; for a law providing for a maximum 30-hour week with no reduction in weekly pay; for expansion of the Federal Housing Authority; for the enactment in Minnesota of a state enabling act which would permit Minneapolis to construct a new city hospital, more schools, etc.; against war; against wage cuts, etc.

"In order that the public may be correctly informed, the undersigned committee is authorized by the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council to present its program," stated the Council. Signing the program are Walter Frank, L. Boerbach, G. I. Miller, H. B. Jensen and James Flowers.

"The Council does NOT take the

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FWS Women's Group Discuss Organization

Monday night a group meeting of the Women's division of the Federal Workers Section met in the club rooms to discuss organization, relief, WPA and the general relief situation in the country.

The meeting was well attended. Minnie Cohn, recently released from the Women's Detention Home where she served 45 days for her part in the WPA strike last summer, described life at the prison.

The next meeting of this group will be May 7 and the speaker will be Eddie Alberts, now at Sandstone. Alberts will be released with four other prisoners on May 2. The meeting will be open and all members and former members are urged to attend.

Union Will Cooperate to Maintain Hospital, Water and Sanitation Services in Event of a Strike, Local 160 Notifies City Council

In view of the alleged statement made by Frank J. Miller, personnel director of the Northern States Power company, that in the event of a strike "my advice to the company would be the same as that advice I have already given certain department heads: that is, close down company properties tight as a drum, not even furnishing service to hospitals, pumping water for sanitary purposes, and the like," the Minneapolis Utility Workers Union Local 160 has written the city council assuring union cooperation to the end that service to hospitals, city water and sanitation equipment be maintained in the event of a strike. The offer of cooperation to maintain such services was made by the executive board of the union in a letter to the city council on March 29th:

"You no doubt are aware of our dispute with the Minneapolis General Electric company and the Northern States Power company," wrote Local 160. "At this time there appears to be little possibility of an amicable settlement. We wish to assure you of our willingness in our forthcoming strike to extend our cooperation to the end that service to hospitals, city water and sanitation equipment be maintained."

Laundry Drivers Still Negotiating; Agreement Is Reached in St. Paul

The dispute between the Minneapolis Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 and the laundry owners was still touch-and-go, with negotiations still continuing. A special membership meeting of Local 131 will be held Wednesday evening, April 3rd, 8 p. m. in the first-floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

The lengthy negotiations between the Joint Laundry Drivers Negotiating Committee and the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Plant Owners association of St. Paul ended Friday night with the signing of a new working agreement which will run until February 1, 1942.

Wage Scales Adjusted

Sal Juettin, business agent for the St. Paul Laundry & Dry Cleaning Drivers Union Local 319, stated that under the new pact the linen supply scale has been satisfactorily adjusted. Combination drivers have won their demand for the scale paid in St. Paul in 1938, the same scale that now prevails in Minneapolis. Five other union demands involving improvements in working conditions were won. Dry cleaning drivers have renewed their 1939 scale.

Contrary to reports in the daily press Local 319 had not demanded the closed shop.

The new agreement in St. Paul was reached after several conferences Friday. Richard Fehlhaber, attorney, represented the plant owners, and the joint union committee representing Local 319 and the Minneapolis Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, represented the employees.

Boscoe To Preside At Labor Meeting

John Boscoe, president of the Central Labor Union, will preside at a labor mass meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. at Boys' Vocational high school, Central and University avenues, southeast.

The meeting is sponsored by the CLU and will feature an address by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Subject of his talk will be "Dangers and Opportunities Facing Americans."

Robley Cramer, editor of the Minneapolis Labor Review, will also speak, discussing "Human Relations in a Democracy." There will be other speakers and two movie shorts will be shown.

Unionists Honor Brown Of I.B.E.W.

Milwaukee, Wis.—About twelve hundred leading unionists from the Midwest attended a banquet held Saturday night in the Milwaukee Elks club in honor of Ed J. Brown, former international representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who has recently been appointed to the International Executive Council to take the place of the late Mr. Casey.

Among the speakers were Judge Joseph Padway, legal representative of the AFL; Robert LaFollette; D. W. Tracy, president of the IBEW; M. J. Boyle, vice-president; Charles Paulsen, chairman of the International Executive Council, etc.

Unionists attending from the Twin Cities were Gerald Baldus, William Heigel and George Phillips of Minneapolis Local 160; Claude Skeldon, Guy Alexander and Montgomery from Minneapolis Local 292; Swenson, Talbot, McGrath and Hall from St. Paul Local 110.

F.L Veterans To Meet Friday Night

Mr. Carl Hibbard, manager of the veterans' hospital, Fort Snelling, will speak on veterans' affairs at an open meeting of the Hennepin County Farmer - Labor Veterans Club on Friday, April 5th, 8 p. m., at 118 Hennepin avenue.

Discussion of a veterans' job bureau and other plans to gain employment for veterans will be discussed. All veterans or members of veterans' families are invited.

Bare NSP Plot to Darken Hospitals

Utility Workers Union Assures City Council It Will Cooperate to See That Service to Hospitals, Pumping Stations Is Maintained—Commission to Report Findings to Stassen Wednesday—Union Testimony on Oine, Miller, Is Unshaken—Unionist Testifies That Company Personnel Manager Proposes to Cut Off Service to Hospitals When Strike Develops—Boss Press Prints What Company Wants It to Print

There appearing to be scant possibility of an amicable settlement to the dispute between the Minneapolis and St. Paul Utility Workers Unions and the Northern States Power company, a membership meeting of Local 160 will be held this Thursday evening, April 4th, at which time the union will consider its course of action.

The Thursday membership meeting will start at 8 p. m. sharp in the third-floor hall at 257 Plymouth avenue north, and all members of Local 160 not working that night are instructed to attend.

544 Trial Gets Under Way Tuesday

After being postponed Monday due to the illness of President Carl Skoglund, the fink suit against the General Drivers Union Local 544 got under way Tuesday morning before Judge Paul S. Carroll.

Arthur Anderson, lawyer for the finks, opened the case with the anticipated fanfare of extravagant charges against Local 544 and its leaders.

Among Anderson's charges were the following: that 544 officials spent "enormous amounts" on airplane rides and boarding at "swanky hotels;" that the union had paid sick and death benefits; that the union expended thousands of dollars for strike benefits; that the Federal Workers Section was organized "illegally;" that the union had encouraged threats, force and violence to attain its ends; that the union had made donations to other unions; that the union had organized a union defense guard to defend the union hall against fascists and vigilantes; and other charges of an even more finky nature.

Anderson in his behaviour has deviated but slightly from the anticipated pattern as foreseen in the series of articles, "Behind the 544 Suit," which will shortly be published in pamphlet form, with an introduction by Miles Dunne and distributed widely throughout the labor movement.

Union officials are expected to take the stand during the week. A full running account of the trial will start in next week's Northwest Organizer.

Twelve Oil Bosses Ready To Sign

With twelve of the nineteen oil companies having already agreed to sign a preferential shop agreement with the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977, negotiations continued this week. Some of the bosses are still trying to horse around and word the preferential shop clause so that it would be meaningless. Unless a settlement is reached very shortly, the union will have no other course save to strike those companies who refuse to sign.

The first negotiations meeting with the major oil companies, covering drivers and warehousemen, was held Monday, with some progress recorded. The second meeting will be held early next week.

Union officials will present a full and detailed analysis of the report of the three-man commission which is to be presented Wednesday to the governor. Union leaders will also report on a meeting scheduled to be held Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the governor's office.

The hearing in the dispute, conducted by the commission in the state capitol, came to a close last Thursday following final arguments by attorney John Goldie for the unions and attorney Neil Cronin for the company.

Union Testimony Unshaken
A fair estimate of the hearing would have to concede that the unions scored very heavily against the company, though the employer-controlled daily press in the Twin Cities failed to reveal this.

Frantic efforts of the Northern States Power company to shake the affidavit of Edward Oine that he was hired by Miller in 1937 to beat up William Heigel, business manager of Local 160, failed.

Through the Burns Detective agency, the company had managed to secure a new statement from Oine that he was drunk when he signed the original affidavit.

However, a number of union witnesses took the stand last week to testify that Oine was sober the morning he signed the statement. Among those who testified to this effect were Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council; Claude Skeldon, official of the Minneapolis Electrical Workers Union Local 292; Henry Schultz, international representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; William Heigel, business agent of Local 160; Pearl Kopp, employed in Local 160's office, etc.

In the closing days of the hearing came sensational testimony from Harry Leonard, NSP employee and Local 160 board member, concerning a statement Frank Miller of the company made at a secret meeting of employees held

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Wisconsin NSP Workers Vote To Strike!

In accordance with Wisconsin state law, secret ballot was taken on strike at St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin on Monday, April 1, 1940.

Of the thirty-two members of Local Union B-160 at St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, twenty-five members present at meeting on April 1, 1940, voted unanimously to strike against the Northern States Power Company if the Union's demands are not met satisfactorily.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Camden Trailer Residents Furnish Additional Facts; Camp Is Clean Orderly

As last week's article on the Camden trailer camp has been criticized by several of the families residing there as not giving a full picture of the little community of fifty families living in the camp, the Northwest Organizer is glad to add the details furnished by some of our readers residing in the camp.

Many of the families in the Camden camp reside in their own trailers. Some of them have purchased lots in Minneapolis and intend to build their own homes when economic conditions permit. A portion of the families are on WPA; many of the families have members employed in private industry.

As is true of most trailer communities, the families have preferred to live in that fashion rather than to pay high rent for decrepit and unsanitary dwellings. A majority of the families in the Camden park would live in the municipality owned and operated trailer parks in the city if the fees were more reasonable. They point out that the weekly fee for a trailer at the Minnehaha trailer camp is \$4, which certainly is high.

Camp Is Clean and Orderly
The Nelson Shepherds, who live in a roomy tent at the Camden camp, believe their home is much more comfortable and sanitary than most places in the city they might rent. "It is an unwritten law in this camp that families must preserve the cleanliness of the place," said Mr. Shepherd. A visit to the camp indeed reveals the care that is taken to maintain an orderly and healthy community.

Chief opposition to the Camden camp appears to originate in a group or three or four merchants in the Camden area, who are seeking to get city officials to force the trailer occupants to move.

On the other hand, there are many Camden merchants who are more than glad to have the trailer camp occupied because of the patronage deriving from the residents therein.

Some of the families have lived in the camp for five years. They desire to remain there and they certainly have every right to do so.

Most of the families are extremely indignant at the treatment received from Dr. Harrington who, on the rumor that one dog in the camp had rabies, sent a group of police to the camp and took every dog away to the pound. It was only after some difficulty that the families recovered their pets, many of them valuable canines.

Have Right to Remain There
It was not the intention of the Organizer in its article last week to wound the feelings of any of the families resident in the trailer camp, but only to defend their right to continue to reside there, and to point again to the need for a large-scale federal housing program.

Webster, the famous cartoonist, draws weekly commentaries on the occupants of trailers, under the head of "Trailer Tintypes." Webster's central theme is the devotion which trailer occupants feel for their dwellings. From the way in which some of the trailerites at the Camden camp eagerly defend their mode of living, the Organizer concludes that Webster indeed has a penetrating insight into such people. And when one considers the rent saved, the gas and light and heat bills saved, by residing in one of the snug little trailers rather than in a shack in a congested neighborhood, one must agree that the trailerites have powerful arguments.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Bowling is over with and your prize money will be distributed by Jib at the party Wednesday evening. Your special prizes for the winners will be given to you at the meeting this Thursday. Next week the final results for the year will be posted here.

Scrap iron haulers are 'aboilin'.' It's a grievance. Mississippi Iron Valley Coal has moved in temporarily anyway, with a double haul coal and iron deal.

Meeting with the employers on the iron haul to St. Paul is being held this Tuesday at press time. Whatever comes of it will have been reported at the membership meeting Thursday. . . . Also a committee will contact the park board finance group division in the attempt to gain some work. . . . City contract work is still far out of sight. . . . I will still stick by my earlier prediction that the Olson Highway jobs are no nearer than May 15. . . . The Belt Line boys are sighting the end of the heavy grading according to estimates.

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Bill Postler will be in the Veterans Hospital for a couple of months. Visiting days are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, hours are, two-thirty to four, and seven 'til nine p. m.

Guy McLaughlin of the L. Cab is back on the job after a long siege in the hospitals.

W. "Cocky" Roach, Liberty Cab manager, is back on the treadmill after nursing hurts sustained in a bad fall on the ice. P. S. The black eye you see under his dark glasses wasn't caused through "bottle-itis" either.

A meeting of the Liberty-Blue and White General Owners was held Monday afternoon to discuss purchase of new equipment.

Midget mile-monger Clifford Rollins started off the "rubberneck" season early last Sunday by selling a three-cab hour-base.

The Yellow Cab "Supers" office has an assortment of spring and summer uniforms for your approval. We really ought to go for these as the "Independent Cab boys" are way ahead of us on uniform clothes. If you insist we think "Two-ton" Taylor and "Mid-get" Wiggins will "Model" them as an early exclusive style feature in the "snake-room" to show them off to best advantage. Planned deferred payments are available, which means they'll nick you a buck each pay-day if you got that much coming.

Caught Cruising. . . Larry Anderson putting Oomph in his whistle-blowing in front of the Medical Arts. . . Harvey Swenson showing up the news-boys by riding their bikes backwards, etc. . . Roy Jellings still on his perpetual search for a better car. . . Joe Williams getting a slant on Russ Wenne's reaction to a loaded cigarette.

What is your opinion on getting a new and lighter design for a cap emblem? The ones in use are heavy and the fasteners usually scratch and bruise your head when bumped. WE believe a light stamped piece of metal with room for the union button could be designed.

Do not fail to punch your time-cards and trip-sheets. This has been a growing laxity in this and it is a serious breach of the working rules. This includes every cab unit in the city.

Hillie Holmberg gets this week's pat on the back for saving a "fare" from a bad fall on steep steps. This is a good example of being ready and able to help the prospective passengers. All the lady passengers expect help and need it with the silly shoes they're wearing, besides it is good for "scale."

Carl Palmquist had a full sheet the other day and hauled nothing but lady passengers. Could the fact that he is tall and blond have anything to do with it?

The Yellow Cabs are being advertised for sale at \$185 and our passengers wait that they have bought lots of them and never got a bill-of-sale from the driver. It should be explained that unlike the "Mahout and elephant" combination the driver doesn't go with the hack at that price.

Women's Guild To Discuss Coop Housing Project

Cooperative housing will be the subject for discussion at the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Cooperative Guild on Wednesday, April 10. Stanley Erickson will speak on the cooperative housing project just begun in Minneapolis. The meeting will be held in the Franklin Creamery auditorium at 2108 Washington Ave. N. at 2 p. m. Miss Norma Jeanette is in charge of publicity.

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and promptly followed up. It is a problem for two thousand of us to work out and there should be a solution in some member's mind. Possibly you can make the necessary contact. If you would like to go through the building, contact our senior trustee, Gus Anderson.

A couple of big wrecking jobs have been started but no hint of any truck work, although the West Hotel job must be completed in a hurry, July 1.
This is grumble season for all ITO. . . . Won't be many salesmen getting a break early this spring on truck sales.

Mortuaries That Are Fair

The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:

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- Anderson Bros., 1117 East Lake Street
- Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
- Anderson, W. A. (Ehrenstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
- Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinssdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundeth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

Mrs. Mid and Fancy-Pants came back from the hospital Monday evening. Mid and Pat are filled with glee, and we expect Mid himself is well on the way to recovery.

Well, boys! The hearing is over, and we're right back where we started from back in February. You now know the recommendation of the commission, which is more than we knew at the time this went to press. But let us predict that the commission wouldn't even question our right to deal for St. Cloud, and also that they will go for the UNION SHOP in a big way.

But at least one thing is true, we can now take off the gloves and get down to business. We always did believe in action.

Have you been following the little black drummer in the Mickey Mouse column? If you think he's a drummer, you should have heard Cronin when he made his final plea to the commission. Someone's gonna find a soft spot in that desk when the legislature convenes again.

We can't see why some of the company witnesses were ever called on the stand. We can't see where they helped the company's case, or where the material they testified to was material.

Another thing we'd like to know is how can a man order a meter-reader out of the house when he's never been home when the meter was read?

Gosh! Can you imagine a man that threatened to get a man's job in the union because that man said, "So what?"
Goodness gracious me, suppose instead of so what it had been blankety blank blank.

One thing we'd like to know is what business does the company have in snooping to the International Office to find out what our correspondence with them has been? The International's sanction to a strike is confidential business between the Local and the I. O.

Rest assured, Frank, the I. O. will be backing up If and When.

Cronin maintains that in giving our notice of intention to strike to the commission as required by law, that we broke our contract, and that notice of intention is the same as the deed. Since when, we'd like to know, is such notice the same as stoppage of work.

Such arguments may be learned arguments, but they sound damn silly to us.
The company, at the hearing, maintained that intimidation and coercion has ceased since March,

the Minneapolis Central Labor Union voted to oppose any wage cuts in local building industry. The city body reaffirmed "its support to the building trades unions in their position against wage cuts and endorsing their objectives for the six-hour day and thirty-hour work week, and condemning wage cutting policies of any group."

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Building Trades Council Calls for \$3 Billion PWA

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position that it is opposed to all WPA work under any and all conditions. We are, however, opposed to the WPA entering the field of the building and construction industry and at wages below AFL prevailing trade union wages and conditions.

"We are opposed to the sponsoring of such WPA work which displaces regular civil service employees and workers who could otherwise be employed; and any regulations which provide pauperization as a condition for employment on WPA work; and in favor of part-time or total unemployment and adequate mechanical qualifications (consistent with good workmanship) as conditions for employment on all WPA work.

"For repeal of the Woodrum amendment and establishment of prevailing AFL trade union wages and conditions, and 30-hour work week on all WPA work, so as to make possible the employment of union members on WPA work. On this basis, we support additional appropriations for WPA.

Urge \$3 Billion for PWA
"For an additional appropriation in this congressional session of at least three billion dollars for the PWA to be expended for needy and worthy public works construction and slum clearance at prevailing AFL trade union wages and conditions.

"For the continuation and expansion of the Federal Housing Authority on the basis of good standard homes as against substandard homes.

"Against any wage cuts and for establishment of more uniform wage rates to all workers by increasing the lower wage rates towards the higher wage rates, thereby enabling the workers to procure good homes and to purchase and consume more of the wealth produced, thus stimulating the market and increasing employment and business.

"We sincerely believe that there is no constructive relief from unemployment by reducing wages. A cut in the higher wage brackets results in a drive to cut all wages.

"Against discrimination of the youth through low wages and for establishment of prevailing trade union wages and apprenticeship, on all work in connection with the National Youth Administration.
For 30-Hour Week, Same Pay
"For the enactment by the U. S. Congress of a law providing for a maximum thirty-hour work-week, with no reduction in pay, in all industries, thereby creating jobs for many millions of adults and youth.

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"For a state enabling act authorizing the city of Minneapolis to issue special bonds for purposes of such public works construction as a new city hospital, maternity and convalescent home, schools, etc., to satisfy the health, educational and recreational needs of our city.

"For retaining and improvement of the civil service and labor system of the city of Minneapolis.

"For equal job opportunities to all workers at trade union wages and conditions.
"Against involving our country in any imperialist war or entanglements. Let us keep our youth at home, producing wealth at trade union wages and with a future and security for themselves, instead of dying on foreign battle fields to further the interests of profit-greedy war mongers and ruthless exploiters. . . .

"We are convinced that our country has all the required scientific knowledge, resources and productive facilities and capacities to provide all able-bodied men, women and youth with employment at wages which will enable them to enjoy the wealth produced, and to sustain efficient and fair management, and with a reduced work week which will absorb the unemployed, and legislation which will guarantee comfortable protection to the sick, aged and incapacitated and adequate educational facilities for the youth in all branches of art and knowledge.

"The Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council is interested in establishing standards and economic security not only for all building trades men but for all workers. We earnestly solicit the support of all people to achieve this immediate and long-range program."

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1938. Well, we can tell you why, Mr. Cronin. At that time the Union took a very firm stand to uphold the leadership.

And they ask, "Why don't you arbitrate?" The Skwarek case should be a good answer to that. The record shows that the Local's inquiries on this matter remained unanswered, and that a letter from Mr. Watson to the Personnel Department on that matter died on Miller's desk.

I wonder how much I can get on my guns. All in good shape, too. Do you suppose I could arrange to borrow 'em back next fall?

In the opinion of the fair sex, "It was better than a movie. And we got a lot of fancy-work done, too."

The boys at the State Utility Council meeting at Red Wing Sunday were very much interested in the situation at the present time as it affects B-110 and B-160. Two-Vest Gephardt and Mr. Weberg were there from B-110 and Gus Gerdin and H. Leonard from B-160.

The boys from Wisconsin seem to be having troubles with Sick Leave.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Union Delegation went up to shake hands with and thank the Commission for their fairness and forbearance. And believe you me, they were sincere.

All members wanting to try out for the Local 8-160 Diamondball team call Jim Nevins at Gr. 6680 at once.

We just received notice that the commission's report will be given to the union and the company in the governor's office at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, April 3, 1940.

Lawrence Hanson Seriously Hurt

Lawrence Hanson, member of the City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664, was seriously injured last week when the truck upon which he was riding went into a skid and crushed him against a wall at 7th street and 26th avenue south. Hanson was riding on the side of the truck.

Brother Hanson is now in General Hospital with a fractured pelvis and possible internal injuries. His condition was reported just fair.

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With the Limousines

By Home James

Well, the sloppy season is over —we hope. Some of these old boilers pretty near had the paint washed off of them. But then—the high-class guys are not having it easy either—floods and tornadoes in the West and South aren't what you'd call healthy.

The mortuary boys are beginning to wake up. Two more have signed up. That old fair list will be too big the first thing we know.

Now, if the party who was getting \$15 a week and acting as maid, had joined our local she could have made more money, but would have had no police protection or social security—a sad case, indeed—one for the Social Security Board.

The boys are starting to drift back already. Brother Lieb announced last week. Joe Fredericks should blow in most any time now with Esk Neilson right behind him.

Some members of the Executive Board and their wives went to see "Murder in the Old Red Barn" Saturday night. They hissed the villain and cheered the hero, and they all felt sorry for "poor Rodney"—they don't think he ever got it.

Door prizes and tickets for our dance are ordered now, so get busy for a big time May 4th.

Contract Committee for the Private Chauffeurs is still in hiding or lost.

If you have never tried Scotch and "coke" you have no idea what a Mickey Finn is like.

A woman got on a train with nine children and when the conductor came for the tickets she said: "Now these three are 13 years old and pay full fare; but those three are only six and pay half fare; while these three are only four and don't pay at all." The conductor looked at her in astonishment.

"Do you mean to tell me you have three every time?" he asked.
"Oh, no," she replied, "sometimes we don't get any at all!"

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Support For WPA Pardon Is Growing

(Continued from page 1)

the letter sent to Roosevelt, reading that "This Council feels that a gross mis-application of justice occurred when fourteen WPA strikers of Minneapolis were convicted and sentenced to prison because they used the only process that workers usually have on such occasions. . . We desire the manifestation of your friendliness to the 'forgotten man' with an order of EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY."

The Huron Central Labor Union encloses a copy of its letter to the president, stating that "A mis-application of justice occurred when these victimized strikers were convicted and sentenced and we respectfully urge and request that executive clemency be accorded them as soon as possible."

"Labor's Rights Involved" The Summit County Trades & Labor Assembly has written Daniel M. Lyons, pardon attorney of the Department of Justice that "It is our firm belief that a gross mis-application of justice occurred in the conviction of these persons

and that the convictions are a great blow and a menace to the labor movement nationally. The ends not only of simple justice but also the right of labor to organize, to strike, and to bargain collectively will be served by their release. We trust that you will exercise all your influence toward their release. Labor is very much interested in the case."

The American Federation of Musicians, through its secretary, Fred W. Birnbach, has written the Defense Committee that the request to join the drive for executive clemency will be laid before the next meeting of the International Executive Board.

Daily word is coming from other labor bodies that they have written to Washington in support of the demand for executive clemency for the Minneapolis WPA strikers. If the will of organized labor carries any weight in the White House, the strikers will yet receive the pardon to which they are entitled.

Modernity is a poor thing to feel priggish about; it only makes you a more obvious mark for the prigs of a new modernity to sneer back at. No man can keep up with the times for more than seventy years, and after that his frantic efforts to do so look foolish forever.—MAX EASTMAN.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Local 1859 received a \$25 donation from the co-op Gas and Service company to be used in financing the Puffer-Hubbard strike.

Warren Shade news: The shock of an increase in pay must be terrible. Poor little Gladys took sick from the excitement. We gave up hope on the beer question but it seems that everything is coming out all right. She is back on the job again so prospects seem better.

What boss told who that he doesn't have to pay fines for being absent from meetings? Some of us would like to know!

Something has to be done about these assessments. If you don't believe it, call up the Business Agent.

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Broadway and Rockford Road

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Wholesale Drivers meeting Thursday afternoon, April 11, at 4 p. m.

Last Thursday we had, I believe, the largest meeting in attendance ever held. Well over 500 here and it was certainly gratifying to know our local is that big. Some of the members had never attended a meeting, I'm sure of that, as I saw faces that I had never seen before.

Guest speaker of the evening was John Geary, fourth vice-president of the International, who lives in St. Paul. John Geary, the Grand Old Man of the Drivers movement, 82 years of age and still going strong. John joined the union in the year 1900 and, according to him in his talk the other night, he has seen some mighty great things happen.

He was accorded tremendous applause at the conclusion of his speech which was very interesting in its description of some of the early trials and tribulations of the union drivers forty years ago. He only concluded, when as he put it, he "felt my gizzard growing weak."

The entire membership was initiated in a body, the delayed installation of officers was also held in which John Geary officiated. The thanks of the entire local and of this column is hereby tendered John Geary and we hope to have the pleasure of his appearance again.

Joe Schlichtings (Continental) wife was seriously injured in a fall on the slippery ice recently and is laid up at home with a bad hip.

Added slippery accidents: Jimmie Doskos, Raferts, was smashed up while going to work in his car and suffered two broken ribs, as also was Joe Lindsay of Raferts, who slipped on the ice last week and hurt his ankle, laying up for several days.

Any who desire complete information regarding traffic rules and regulations of the State of Wisconsin would do well to contact Harry De Boer, who has recently completed a course and has had his tuition paid in full. Harry was in Omaha Monday and Tuesday assisting the Bakery Drivers there in negotiations.

The first call for spring training of the diamondball team will be sent out shortly.

The contract proposal of the wholesale bakers was completely and irrevocably turned down at the meeting last Thursday.

Just reported: Harold Anderson, Gedneys, is the proud papa of twin girls. And I believe to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson go the distinction of being the father and mother of the first set of twins born to any Local 289'ers since the union started three years ago.

I guess all Johnny Paychek was interested in the other night was collecting his pay check as fast as he could.

To the Ladies: Better be good to the old man because look what that old fellow over Northeast got away with a couple weeks ago.

Urban League to Hold Yearly Dinner Tuesday

The annual dinner meeting of the Minneapolis Urban League will be held next Tuesday, April 9th, 6:45 p. m. at the Minnesota Union, on the university campus. Tickets for the dinner are 55c and reservations can be made by calling the Urban League, Atlantic 6917.

The Urban League is an organization of Negroes and whites devoted to improving the economic and social position of the Negro people.

The governor of the state of Minnesota will be the chief speaker at the banquet next Tuesday.

Gassing With 977

The regular meeting of the General Membership will be held as scheduled, Monday evening, April 8th, in the club room at union headquarters. The special meeting held on Tuesday evening, March 26th, filled the hall to overflowing, which goes to show that the membership will turn out if there is trouble brewing. All members should be present next Monday, as a report on the results of the negotiations on the new Working Agreement will be given; this news is important to all, as all stations are involved.

The Lessee Section will have a meeting on Wednesday evening, April 17th which promises to be important to that group. Through the efforts of the local, together with the union lawyer, Tom Kachelmacher, Lessee Hugo Behner, of the Texas service, 3600 Cedar avenue, whose license had expired, received settlement in amount \$400 to cover stock and equipment on hand, credit cards, stock returned and take care of his account with the Texas company. Lessee Behner is very much pleased with the results obtained for him by the local. This is the third case of this kind where settlement was obtained for lessees by the Union. We fail to see where the Retail Dealers Ass'n. comes into the picture.

For your information, the CIO Petroleum Workers Union is no longer in existence; they were forced to go into the mechanic's union for lack of members. And while we are on the subject—the Retail Dealers Ass'n. and the Garagemen's Ass'n. will never stop the members of Local 977 from receiving the wage scale and good working conditions; it must be a bitter pill for them to take, but they are learning—the hard way it seems!

The filling station attendants of Brainerd and Little Falls are organizing, and Sec. Davidson will make a hurried trip to Brainerd this week to speak before the group, and give them some valuable pointers on establishing their organization.

James DeVaney was returned to work at the Erickson Bros. East Hennepin station last week, after being discriminated against by the Ericksons for the past three months. Unionism pays!

It is well for the members to keep in mind that dues must be paid to date in order to take advantage of the medical service through the union doctor. Six members reported to the doctor during the past month, they were: Bros. Graham, Salz, Wood, La-Tourelle, Hodroff and Hammagren.

The good wishes of the local go with Bro. Clinton McCarny, and employee of the Bulk Oil Co., who has been transferred to Delano, Minnesota, where he will take charge of a bulk plant for his company.

If you have not received a copy of the By-laws of the local, request a copy from the collector, or call the office and a copy will be mailed to you.

A woman in Washington for Roosevelt's first inauguration asked the policeman for the location of the nearest comfort station. "There is one just around the corner," was the reply. "Here, don't give me any of that old Hoover stuff," she said; "I'm in a hurry!"

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Park Board employees will be interested to learn that an examination will shortly be held for the position of janitor-engineer. The examination will be promotional and confined to the department. Any employee now working intermittently on the parkkeeper or labor list is urged to take the examination.

The job will be a year-around position, paying a scale of \$115-\$130.

The Park Board is not committed to a system of automatic increases, although it is an accepted fact that janitor-engineers shall be advanced \$5 yearly until the scale reaches the maximum of \$130.

A special notice listing the time of the examination will appear in the Organizer as soon as the date has been fixed.

A school teacher was discussing in class about the romantic lives led by American Indians. "I wonder," she said, "if there is any boy or girl in this class who has Indian blood in his veins."

One little boy raised his hand. "Oh, is that so?" exclaimed the teacher. "What tribe?"

"Oh, it wasn't a tribe," explained the little boy. "It was just a wandering Indian."

Another Load From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Well, it looks like Sprig has cub.

The stork visited our business agent, Seavey, on March 19, leaving behind a baby girl. All parties concerned are doing fine. Congratulations, Harold.

Brother Monohan, B.P.C., was held up last week and robbed of 35 simoleons. Permit me to say once more that Washington avenue, after midnight, is a poor place for pedestrians with jack in their jeans.

Brother Lawrence Hanson of Sanitation was badly injured, March 26, when he was rolled between a truck and a wall. He's in serious condition at General hospital. We are hoping for his complete recovery.

Brother John Pearson of Armour golf has been ill for several weeks. Hope to see you back soon, John.

Brother Samuelson, B.P.C., is still in General hospital and holding his own. Stay with it, Clarence.

B.P.C. acquired a big International semi-Diesel tractor last Friday and Bros. Barck and Reick both are wearing broad grins.

Say Brother Martin, why don't you get that Irgens guy to drive through that alley of yours. Even money says he can't take it through there right now.

The Charter Union is copying the Townsendsites by holding neighborhood meetings throughout the city in an attempt to rouse public interest in their scheme to saddle Minneapolis with a dictatorship. Their speakers seem to make hard going of explaining various points of their plan to the few citizens who do attend. That's O.K. with us. A copy of the charter is supposed to be off the press between now and the fifteenth. Until then, enough said.

The sponsors of "Gangbusters" evidently class as crime only the robbing of banks—a pastime indulged in mainly by the poor.

See you tonight.

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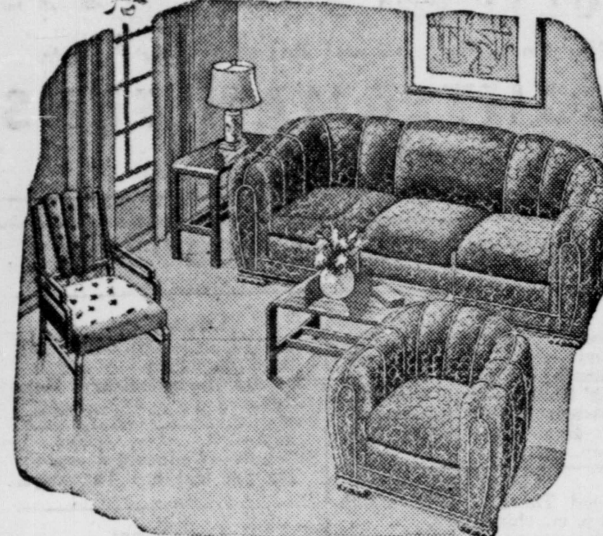
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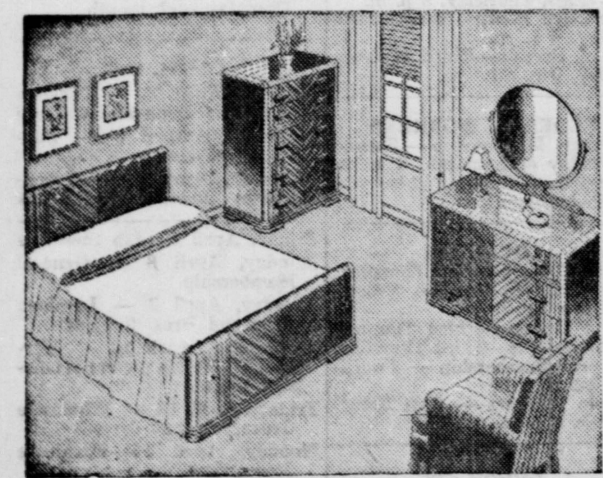


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By L. Clair Johnson

We keep getting reports that some of the boys have been promised new trucks. Business must be good. Maybe it's on account of the "five and five" and the 2 for 1.

Some of our cribbage experts are shooting for high stakes.

The party which was contemplated for our meeting this month is out, because of the heat that's on at present. A city ordinance prevents serving beer where no license exists and the ordinance is being enforced to the extent that we can't even get beer delivered here.

We're not far apart in our negotiations, the principal stumbling block is a satisfactory seniority clause. We signed in St. Paul last Friday, the contract to run to February 1, 1942. We're going into a meeting now for a final showdown.

The membership roll will be called at all of our future regular meetings.

There will probably have been a special meeting called by the time you read this.

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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 Bolshevick
I'm labor.

WHY THE NATION'S COURTS ARE PROSECUTING UNIONS

In the past six months federal grand juries in a dozen major industrial centers of the United States, acting at the behest of the U. S. Department of Justice, have returned about 75 indictments against trade unions and trade union officials. The universal condemnation of this anti-union drive by the American Federation of Labor has not halted the campaign. The replacement of Frank Murphy by Robert Jackson in the Department of Justice has not slowed up, but has even accelerated the campaign against organized labor.

In the past ten days alone, a Detroit grand jury has indicted Local 58 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and its officials; a Los Angeles grand jury has indicted four unions in the building trades; a New York jury has indicted the famous Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and a Cleveland grand jury has indicted a string of unions in the nation's plumbing industry, including the Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 34 of St. Paul, Minnesota.

As in previous indictments, the unions and their officials are charged with criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade. In the event of convictions, unionists are subject to fines of \$5,000 on each count, a year's imprisonment, or both.

It so happens that the majority of our readers are affiliated with the very international unions that have been hardest hit by the anti-union drive: the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, also a building trades organization.

Everywhere, workers are displaying an increasing interest and concern with this drive, and are advancing theories as to its meaning for the future of trade unionism and union wages and conditions.

The Northwest Organizer, starting with this issue, will present a series of articles on this page dealing with the drive of the nation's courts against the unions—what the drive means, what is its legal base, why does it come at this time, what is the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations doing about it, how labor can defend itself, etc.

During the course of this series, we shall invite prominent labor leaders and labor attorneys to participate in the discussion; such figures as Judge Joseph A. Padway, legal counsel for the American Federation of Labor and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Harry Van Arsdale, business manager of the New York Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Edward Keating, editor of the weekly newspaper, "Labor," and others.

What is this charge of conspiracy under which Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general in charge of prosecuting the unions, is indicting unions and union officials? What is the Sherman Anti-Trust Law that it can be used so harshly against the labor movement, whilst the nation's huge trusts go unscathed?

The charge of "conspiracy" against the workmen in an old, old story. Such a charge was first used in the United States in Philadelphia in 1806, when a group of striking shoemakers was found guilty of "a combination to raise their wages," that is, of "conspiracy." These strikers of an earlier century were fined \$8 each and costs. The "conspiracy" prosecutions against labor continued in this country until the 1850's, when our forefathers finally established the union as a legal institution. For a period of decades the "conspiracy" formula fell into disuse.

In 1890 Congress enacted the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. As its name implies, and as any standard history will inform one, the Sherman Law was passed, as a result of popular pressure, to curb the huge trusts and monopolies which, even fifty years ago, were beginning to dominate and direct the economic and political life of the United States. The Sherman Act declared any agreement in restraint of foreign or domestic commerce an unlawful act.

The law was couched in purposefully vague terms. Alas, laws are never really so important. It is the men who interpret laws that are important. The Sherman Anti-Trust Law was interpreted almost from the beginning by the employer-minded judges as a weapon, not against the trusts, but against the union movement. Labor had to again resume its fight against the charge of "conspiracy."

The Sherman Law was invoked for the first time, not against a business monopoly, but against a union, the American Railway Union, in the year 1895, when Eugene V. Debs, early American union leader, was leading his union against the Pullman corporation on a sympathetic strike in support of the locked-out Pullman workers.

During the next twenty years, whenever certain corporations found themselves placed in a tight corner by organized labor, they would inveigle the courts to invoke the Sherman Anti-Trust Law against the workers.

Next Week—The Clayton Act, "Labor's Magna Charta"

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Spring is officially here. Steve Glaser has a new cap.

A new method of handling the hiring hall has resulted in more work being distributed among the union members who are in good standing.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
I wonder how the ministers, who endorsed the present city administration, feel about it now.

The Brainerd local has embarked on an organization campaign to take in filling station attendants and garage mechanics.

St. Paul laundry drivers have just signed a splendid new agreement with the laundry and dry cleaning bosses.

Skoglund is having throat trouble again. What, no more speeches!

LONG DISTANCE
A fine meeting was held Sunday in Maunston, Wisconsin, for over-the-road drivers who break their on their Minneapolis-Chicago run. About fifty drivers attended. Represented were Locals 120, 544 and 710 members. De Boer and Zander conducted the gathering.

Dirt haulers are keeping an

eye on the Olson Memorial Highway.

Don't forget to see that your filling station attendant, as well as the man who greases and washes your car, is a member of Local 977.

(I expect to Prove) Anderson is at the book suit again after a six-week lay-off.

The ITO's have concluded a highly successful bowling season.

The East Side labor temple is still in the air. By the way, what's the matter with the East Side Eagles' building? It's for sale.

Lots of non-union men in the transfer snake rooms again.

The picnic committee will soon be active again.

Several members turned down the census job after learning that it was a piece work job with no hour limits. You could make twenty dollars in a week if you were quick like a fox.

MR. SOLOMON
A union is as good as those who make up its membership.

CLU Okehs Census But Hits Wages

At its last meeting March 27th the Minneapolis Central Labor Union endorsed the federal census but moved to protest against the low wages and bad working conditions under which the census-takers will operate.

During discussion on this question it was brought out that about 450 persons will be employed on the census in Minneapolis, working from April 2nd to April 14th. Over 6,000 persons have applied for these jobs, and must go to school for about 2 1/2 days and spend another 2 1/2 days in preparation for their schooling. They receive no pay at all for this time.

During the actual census work the census enumerators are expected to work from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. for an estimated wage of \$20 weekly. Enumerators have to pay their own carfare, and must make call-backs at their own expense. They have to take an oath they won't quit the job until it is finished, yet they can be fired if their work is deemed unsatisfactory.

One delegate who has studied the census set-up described it as a "walking sweat shop" and charged that the U. S. government is violating its own Wage and Hour Law by paying the census employees so little and working them such long hours.

Gene Larson Gives Thanks To Friends

Gene Larson, secretary of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471, who has been laid up for several weeks following an operation, will soon be back on the job, it was learned Monday.

Brother Larson, through the columns of the Northwest Organizer, wishes to thank the hundreds of members of organized labor and particularly of Local 471 who sent cards and made phone inquiries and personal calls to him during his illness.

He also wishes to thank the following for flowers sent him: Jerry Cremers, Milk Haulers Assn.; John T. Peterson; Northland Drivers of modern plant; Minneapolis Central Labor Union; Irish at the Minnehaha greenhouse; boys at the Twin City Milk Producers Plant; stewards of Local 471; John A. Goldie; Local 544; executive board of Local 471; Minnehaha greenhouse; Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council No. 32; Local 977; girls' division, Local 471; John E. Larson; Paul Rasmussen; Ives ice cream company; Minneapolis Milk Dealers.

AND A THICK HIDE
The famous football coach had been called upon to give a speech at a business men's banquet. He attempted to apply his coaching rules to life in general, and in conclusion said:
"After all is said and done, it pays to use football tactics in this world. Look how nicely a football sails along; and all it is a bag of wind with a stiff front!"

Negro Labor Council Is Active

Ninety-eight per cent of the Negroes in the United States are either industrial or agricultural workers. The problem of the Negro is overwhelmingly a problem of the working man, and the place of the Negro is in the union movement. Carlos Hudson told a meeting of the newly-formed Minneapolis Negro Joint Labor Council at the Phyllis Wheatley house last Sunday afternoon.

"No man should be satisfied to live and die as a beast of burden," said Hudson, "no man should be satisfied to toil unceasingly to enrich masters who hold you in contempt; to be dependent upon these masters for jobs, and to crawl like beggars at their feet. You are human beings, men, with a manhood to sustain. You have your freedom to achieve, and you have an intellect to develop; and these purposes will direct you to join hands with organized labor, which alone can solve our joint problems."

The Negro Labor Council, among other aims, will seek to spread the aims of unionism in the Negro community; to win a just proportion of jobs for Negroes in private industry; to enlighten and educate the union movement on the problems of the Negro workers; to encourage all eligible Negroes to join their unions and become active members.

"You will find a host of persons inside the union movement who are just as anxious as you to oppose and smash down color prejudice," Hudson stated.

An announcement of the meeting on human rights to be sponsored by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union at the East Side boys' vocational high school this Thursday evening was made at the meeting.

Nash Finch Negotiations May Resume

Ottumwa, Iowa—Last week the Ottumwa Drivers Union, which has been on strike for many months against the Nash Finch branch locally, received a letter from the management saying the company is willing to meet with the union again "to see if a basis can be found for settling the present difficulty." Local 388 promptly replied, suggesting a time and place for a meeting to be set.

The company stated that all previous proposals were withdrawn and any settlement would have to be on the basis of future negotiations.

In the opinion of Local 388 nothing is lost by this inasmuch as nothing acceptable has yet been offered by the company. Nash Finch has been hard hit by the prolonged Ottumwa strike inasmuch as organized labor throughout the area is refusing to purchase Nash Finch products such as Pabst beer, Nash coffee, and Our Family and Golden Valley brands.

The fascination of shooting as a sport depends wholly on whether you are on the right or wrong end of the gun.—P. G. WODEHOUSE.

NSP Workers Will Meet Thursday Eve

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at the home of King, a station operator.

Company Would Hit Hospitals
Leonard attributed the following statement to Miller: "I made up my mind in 1937 that we would have to have a strike. I stalled until the state legislature had adjourned, and then I nursed the union along until that moment I thought would be the most favorable to the company for a strike; then I broke off negotiations and let them go out. In case the union ever goes out again on strike, my advice to the company would be the same as that advice I have already given certain department heads; that is, close down company properties tight as a drum, not even furnishing service to hospitals, pumping water for sanitary purposes, and the like. Then the state or the federal government will step in and operate the company's properties and the union will be out on a limb."

Company Doesn't Answer
Leonard's revelation of this diabolical company plot to deprive the hospitals of service and even keep water from the community created a deep impression on those attending the hearing. It is interesting to note that neither Miller nor the company refuted Leonard's statement. The most that Neil Cronin, company lawyer, could do was to remark weakly in his closing speech that Leonard seemed to have a good memory.

Local 160, in order to quiet the fears of the community, last Friday wrote to the Minneapolis city council, as recorded elsewhere in this issue, assuring the council of the union's willingness to cooperate during the pending strike to see that all hospitals and city pumping stations receive no interruption of electrical service.

Several other unionists substantiated Leonard's testimony as to Miller's remarks at the meeting at King's house.

Boss Press Behaves
The extent of influence which the Northern States Power company seems to enjoy over the Minneapolis daily papers was clearly made evident during the course of the hearings in the capitol. About the only stories that got published were stories that might have been written by the company publicity department, containing glaring distortions and many omissions of fact concerning union and company testimony. Even the St. Paul boss press did a fairer job on handling the hearing than did the Minneapolis papers.

Uniform Salary Ordinance Passed By City Council

The Uniform Salary Ordinance which has been before the city council for the past year was passed last Friday. As originally drafted, the ordinance provided for wage reductions and a system of automatic wage increases which would have started new city employees working far below the scale.

Due to the combined pressure of the union movement, working through the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union, all differences were adjusted satisfactorily.

All employees now represented by Local 664 will maintain the present scale intact and will be protected by the ordinance from any adverse move that may come in the near future.

Sunday Forum Will Discuss 1940 Census

On Sunday, April 7, at 3 p. m., at 919 Marquette, Michael Freed will discuss the 1940 census.

The taking of the census has developed a great deal of opposition from a number of reactionary congressmen who have protested the "personal tone" of some of the questions but have said nothing about the wages, hours and working conditions of the census enumerators.

Workers have no quarrel with the personal tone of the questions. They do not hesitate to divulge the extent of their incomes and the shabby conditions of their dwellings.

But Union men do ask the question—What about the hours, wages and working conditions of the census takers?
I'm quite sure that I have no race prejudice nor caste prejudice nor creed prejudice. Indeed, I know it. I can stand any society. All that I care to know—is that man a human being?—that is enough for me; he can't be any worse.—MARK TWAIN.

On the National Picket Line

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tion of an investigation into WPA—the funds for such an investigation and the authority were granted by the previous session of congress.

Repeal of the month-by-month

... the last word

By B. and C.

The idea of buying a "packaged house"—one that comes all ready to put together in a few hours—seems kind of silly, doesn't it? As a matter of fact, the pre-fabricated house is a very practical one for the low income. There are only two or three structures of this kind in Minneapolis so far, although builders have been experimenting in this field since 1935.

Based on the use of standard units—usually sections or panels—this type of construction can be manufactured in large quantities and assembled quickly. Its ultimate success depends on good workmanship, accurate dimensions of units and efficient painting practice. Although the development of the pre-fabricated house has taken place both in wood and steel, we have confined our investigation to the wooden structure, as it is cheaper.

The house we mentioned recently, the one at 56th and Camden, is made entirely of wood, except, of course, for the foundation. Each panel of the house consists of two plywood faces glued to either side of an inner framework, making the walls three inches thick over all. The space between is filled with a regular rock wool insulation. In addition, a layer of asphalt-impregnated paper is added to provide a moisture barrier. Floors and roof are constructed in the same manner.

Grooves between panels are filled with caulking. The exterior is painted with a weather-proof and fire-proof paint. Obviously, the durability of the structure depends almost entirely on the glue. It was only the development of a new type of regular exterior-resisting glue that made possible the use of plywood for outside construction and hence, the pre-fabricated house.

Wood is used exclusively for the interior construction of the house, too, except for standard fixtures, such as sink, stove, etc. Instead of tile or wallpaper, the plywood is tinted to blend with the color scheme of each room and is really quite attractive. This house has a semi-basement which allows for a coal furnace and a subterranean garage, but many of the less expensive houses are basementless.

Although this house seemed very small, we discovered from its builder that it is laid out to provide for the adding on of several more rooms. This is another argument in its favor. The prospective builder of a pre-fabricated house has his choice of several floor plans and can build his home for a family of two or six. This one cost \$1,500.

We discovered, too, that this identical house plan was used in a housing project in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where the government built 50 of them and rented them for only \$2.50 a week. When we stop and remember that there are 1,841 homes in Minneapolis in dangerous condition, that 40 per cent of them are over 25 years old, that 75 per cent of them are over 35 years old, that 2,000 of them are in such miserable condition that they cannot be repaired and that between eight and ten thousand workers live in these 2,000 wrecks, we are indignant that the government should appropriate billions of dollars for armaments when decent homes for everyone can be provided at a cost as low as this.

When we think that 6,000 families in Minneapolis live in dwellings without private toilets, that one-half the homes in this city do not have gas, that one-fourth of them have no central heating plants, and that 16,000 have no bathing facilities, we are ashamed of the congress that spends millions upon millions for cannon and battleships and turns its back on the pitiful needs of its own people.

And when we are reminded that 4,500 families right here around us still cook on wood or coal stoves, that 2,000 have no electricity, that 1,500 have no running water, we demand that our so-called representatives appropriate at least ten billion dollars—they have spent ten billions in the last seven years and have just appropriated another 2 1/2 billions for arms—for a public housing program, and that they begin right here in Minneapolis,

clause in the Woodrum Bill would mean that WPA could spend the money to keep as many as possible of those now on the rolls, working, and that an additional appropriation for emergency could be granted.

The "spending" and the "economy" advocates have another battle on their hands. In his budget recommendation on January 1, President Roosevelt asked for a slash of 15 million dollars in the NYA grant, and for the elimination of 231 of the 1,500 CCC camps. Moves are now afoot to add 50 million dollars to the CCC fund, in order that all camps may be kept open.

The additional money needed to keep NYA on its present basis is \$17,450,000 and this amount is being advocated by certain congressmen.

Colonel Harrington has announced that 700,000 workers will

be cut off WPA by July 1, and that the "cut will be gradual in order to cushion the blow to local relief agencies." He also said that they still have \$329 million as well as a 24 million dollar carry-over from the 1938-39 appropriation.

If the present WPA Bill is passed, with its one billion dollar appropriation, WPA rolls will carry no more than 1,500,000 workers, after July 1st.

One million five hundred thousand workers—out of more than 10 million unemployed! One billion dollars to stifle the hunger pangs of millions.

Billions for armaments—profits, profits, profits for the munitions makers! But no bread for the hungry. Only the dreadful prospect of becoming cannon fodder so that Big Business may go on gleaming its profits! What a system!

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<p>LOCAL 471 General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.) Milk Haulers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.</p>	<p>LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays.</p>
<p>LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.</p>	<p>LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.</p>
<p>LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 1859 General Membership—April 3 Box Section—April 16 J. R. Clark Meeting—April 17 Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—April 18 Grievance Board—April 4 & 18 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—April 8 & 22 General Membership—May 1</p>
<p>PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 20481 General Membership—April 3 Webster Lumber Co.—April 9</p>
<p>LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.</p>
<p>LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 544 Monday, April 1—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, April 3—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, April 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, April 5—Job Stewards Monday, April 8—General Membership Tuesday, April 9—Lumber; Raymond Bros. 9 p. m. Wednesday, April 10—Market; Wholesale paper; Wholesale Liquor Friday, April 12—Wholesale Grocery; Meat drivers Monday, April 15—Furniture Store; Coal Thursday, April 18—Tent & Awning; Newspaper 10 A. M.; Ways & Means Committee ITO Friday, April 19—Job Stewards Monday, April 22—Spring Water Tuesday, April 23—Building Material Wednesday, April 24—Sand Gravel and Excavating Thursday, April 25—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, April 26—Cold Storage and Produce Seniority 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 indicated.</p>
<p>LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.</p>	<p>LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.</p>
<p>FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—First and third Wednesdays</p>	<p>LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.</p>
<p>LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.</p>	<p>LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.</p>