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

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On the National Picket Line

By press time the results of the largest election ever conducted by the NLRB will have been tabulated. Wednesday, April 17, 136,064 General Motors employees went to the polls to decide between the CIO-United Auto Workers Union and the AFL-UAW. Victory for the CIO union can be safely predicted.

The settlement of the jurisdictional question brings to the front a very pertinent question, however. Once they have attained their victory, WHAT IS THE TOP LEADERSHIP OF THE CIO GOING TO DO ABOUT THE AUTO WORKERS' REAL PROBLEM - UNEMPLOYMENT? ARE THEY GOING TO CARRY OUT THE MANDATE OF THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION AND DEMAND OF THE AUTO BARONS THE THIRTY HOUR WORK WEEK FOR FORTY HOURS PAY?

Unemployment is a real and vital issue with the auto workers. Their jobs, seasonal at best, are becoming more insecure every day with the introduction of new labor saving machinery, the speed-up, new methods which make for ever greater profits for the bosses while fewer and fewer workers are needed each year to roll out more and more cars. Their real wages sink to absolute insignificance when they are divided into twelve month allotments to meet the year's living needs.

The CIO leadership has thus far been able to hush the workers with pleas for patience on the 30-40 plan. Can they continue this policy? The workers want this plan—they want to share their work but not their meager pay checks. The top leadership is just as afraid of including this demand upon the bosses in their negotiations, as the workers are eager to fight for it on the picket line, if necessary.

In our minds, then, it would behoove Mr. Lewis well if he stopped playing his fake political game with Mr. Roosevelt, and got down to the business at hand.

It would also stand Mr. Lewis well if he refrains from making speeches for the war mongers. He betrayed his real role on the war question when, on April 6, he addressed a huge mass meeting of 25,000 auto workers and said, "If they want the workers to fight, first give them a chance to earn a living." This statement changed the cheering thousands into a quiet, puzzled throng.

We offer Mr. Lewis this further advice—he speaks of a third party—a labor party. The workers want a labor party, independent political action. But they don't want the class-collaborationist kind of a "labor" party Mr. Lewis would organize.

The World's Fair Corporation and Actors Equity are at loggerheads over a wage demand served on the corporation by the union for the choral singers and ballet dancers engaged for the gigantic patriotic production "American Jubilee." The workers want \$45 a week. The Fair says it can only pay \$40. Sunday Mr. Harvey D. Gibson, managing director of the Fair, announced that the corporation had decided to abandon the production because it would be too costly. Saturday a meeting of the (Continued on page 4)

Dance May 2 For Released Strikers

The WPA strike prisoners scheduled to be released from the Sandstone federal prison on May 2nd will be greeted with a May Day Dance at the Drivers Hall on Saturday evening, May 4th.

Those to be released May 2nd are Eddie Alberts, Frank Stevens, Myron Phillips, Floyd Hurley and Richard Connell. Minnie Kohn, Charles Connors and Ralph Core have already been released, and will also be honored guests at the May Day Dance.

The entertainment committee, headed by Charles Sather, is arranging to have leading trade unionists deliver short addresses of welcome to the released prisoners, during the dance.

The dance is sponsored by Local 544's Federal Workers Section. A number of unions have purchased blocks of tickets for the affair, and all unionists are invited to greet the workers who fought for them so valiantly during the WPA strike of last summer.

Proceeds of the dance will help the FWS recover from the blows dealt it by the federal government.

The eight brothers who will still remain in prison are Ed Palmquist, Max Geldman, Les Wachter, George Totino, Charles Grider, Vic Nicholas, Milt McLain and William Riley.

359 Strike Pends at B. F. Nelson

Employees of the B. F. Nelson company who are members of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 met Monday night at the union hall to consider the report of the negotiations committee that the company has refused to meet the demands of its employees.

The management has made an offer of a 14c hourly wage increase.

The offer was firmly rejected by the workers, and a motion carried to notify the company to this effect. A strike vote was then taken, and carried by an overwhelming 4-1 majority.

Local 359 has notified both the company and the labor conciliator of its intention to strike.

S & M Tire Workers Join Local 359

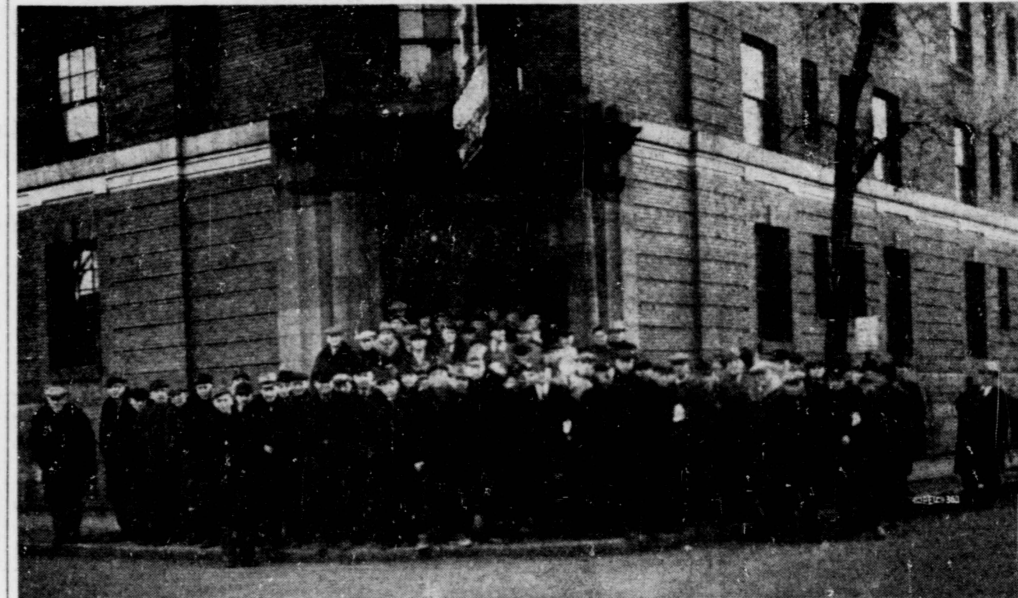
Tuesday night at the union hall, employees of the S. & M. Tire company, 1221 Hennepin avenue, turned out en masse to join the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 359, preparatory to drawing up demands to present to the management.

Wages are terribly low at this company, and conditions are far from good. The men have finally decided to do something about it in the only feasible way, by combining their strength and demanding decent wages and conditions. James Bartlett is working with the S. & M. Section in drawing up a proposed agreement.

N. W. Organizer Yearly Banquet On April 30th

The annual banquet of the Northwest Organizer columnists, staff and editorial board will be held Tuesday evening, April 30th, 6:30 p. m. at Harry's Cafe. Plans for a bigger and better paper will be discussed by those in attendance. The Northwest Organizer begins its sixth year of publication with today's issue.

Union—1,488; Company—242



Above are shown a group of Local 160 members just after they had cast their ballots at the Hastings hotel last Thursday, in an election which brought a stunning victory to the unions throughout this area. In every town where a vote was held, the union buried the company. In Minneapolis, the vote was 736 to 128; in St. Croix Falls, 27 to 3; in St. Cloud, 83 to 38; in Duluth, the 13 workers voted

for the union and the company got not a single vote; in LaCrosse the union won, 6 to 5. In St. Paul, Local 10 won, 561 to 61; Stillwater voted union, 50 to 7. Duluth members of Local 110 voted union, 12 to 0. The vote means that the union shop will be embodied in the contract with the Northern States Power company.

Finks Fail to Disclose One Fact To Discredit 544

Anderson's "Disclosures" in Court Leave Union Banner Stainless—He Criticizes Union for Very Things That Labor Honors Local 544—Finks' Attorney Engaged in Ludicrous Redbaiting—Bosses Would Like to Amend Local 544 By-Laws—Union Pamphlet on Book Suit Now on Sale—Central Labor Union Re-Affirms Confidence in 544, Its Members and Officers

The disclosures in court during the first two and one-half weeks of the present phase of the 544 book suit show plainly that Attorney Arthur Anderson for the finks, with all his lengthy examination of the books and records of the General Drivers Union, HAS NOT FOUND ONE SOLITARY POINT WHICH CASTS DISCREDIT UPON LOCAL 544, ITS MEMBERS OR ITS OFFICERS.

Thanks to Anderson's antics, what is now going on in Judge Carroll's courtroom is one of the most colossal farces in the whole sordid history of labor baiting in this country.

With the aid of the boss press, Anderson is using the courtroom as a sounding board to utter "charges" against Local 544 and its officials that are either outright lies, idiotic red-baiting, or that consist of such commonplaces as are known to literally hundreds of thousands of intelligent persons in Minneapolis, and to millions of American citizens.

With the aid of Mandrake the Magician, the finks' lawyer has managed to reveal the earth-shaking facts that Carl Skoglund was born in Sweden—that the Stalinists control the Communist Party—that Local 544 has donated liberally to scores of sister unions involved in battle with the employers—that officials of Local 544 take vacations every few years and go where they please—that V. R. Dunne, while in Mexico, paid a visit to Leon Trotsky—that Farrell Dobbs is a member of the Socialist Workers Party—that Local 544 does whatever it possibly can to come to the assistance of its members in case of illness or death—that Local 544 donates 10c per member monthly to the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council building fund—that when 544 members are forced out on strike, the union helps the strike financially—that when 544 officials travel on union business, the union pays their traveling expenses, etc.

Every fact that Anderson brings (Continued on page 4)

977 Lessees To Discuss Association

A special meeting of the Lessee Section of the AFL Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 will be held Wednesday evening, April 17th, at which the possibilities of some form of cooperation with the Retail Dealers Association will be surveyed. Three speakers from the association will present their story to Local 977's lessees.

Get Fresh Milk Every Day Delivered by Your Milkman

Nature's method of milk production causes the cow to give very fresh milk to her calf. The necessity of milking a cow twice a day is certainly an indication that the product that she produces should be fresh when it is used. The entire milk industry, over a period of many years, has taken pride in being able to furnish the public fresh pasteurized milk each day. This has been done, primarily in the interest of health—particularly the health of children. Recently an attempt has been made to destroy this healthful method of milk delivery, and in the interest of economy and dollar dividends to deliver milk every other day and force stale milk on Minneapolis children, and at the same time destroy the stability of employment throughout the milk industry and make greater profits for the dealer who is the middleman in the milk business.

When you have occasion to go to the grocery store and buy a

Central Labor Union Votes Unanimously To Back 544

Last Wednesday evening the Minneapolis Central Labor Union unanimously adopted a motion re-affirming its confidence in the General Drivers Union Local 544 and its officers, members and policies. The resolution was organized by labor's contemptuous answer to Attorney Anderson's efforts to condemn Local 544 for the very things for which labor respects and honors the Drivers Union.

NSP Workers Vote For Union Shop By Huge Majority

Local 544 Strikes Marine Fish Firm

Because the Marine Fish company, 919 North 5th, laid off the oldest worker out of seniority, Local 544 called a strike at this firm Wednesday morning. All workers came off the job and the place will remain tied up until the man is placed back on the job.

NSP Workers in Every City Vote for Union Shop, 1,488 to 242—Minneapolis Carried for Unionism, 736 to 128—Vote in St. Paul is 561 to 61—Negotiations Now Turn on 5% Wage Increase, and Right of Union to Negotiate on New Matters Company May Bring Up That Aren't Covered by Contract

The powerful tide of union sentiment among workers of the Northern States Power company was measured last Thursday in elections held in Minneapolis, St. Croix Falls, St. Cloud, Duluth, LaCrosse, St. Paul and Stillwater. The claim of the union that it represented the overwhelming majority of the men was substantiated to the hilt when election returns showed the union had won, 1,488 votes to 242 votes.

Getting the Ballots



Utility workers are crowding up to the table at the Hastings hotel to get their ballots in the election on the union shop held last Thursday. Heigel and Phillips of Local 160 are seated at the table. Standing behind them is Gleason, company man.

The union carried the election, called to determine whether Locals 160 and 110 were to obtain union shop agreements, by slightly over 80%. In every single district, a majority voted for the union shop.

Minneapolis members of Local 160 voted for the union shop, 736 to 128. The vote in other towns over which Local 160 has jurisdiction went as follows: St. Croix Falls, 27 to 3; St. Cloud, 83 to 38; Duluth, 13 to 0; LaCrosse, 6 to 5. In every case, the company came out on the short end.

St. Paul members of Local 110 favored the union shop, 561 to 61. Stillwater voted 50 to 7, and Duluth members of Local 110 voted 12 to 0.

The union victory assures that a union shop clause will be written into the agreement.

Negotiations Continue Unspurred by the union shop issue, the joint union negotiating committee Monday went back to direct negotiations with the company over the two major matters still in dispute—the 5% wage increase, and the right of the union to deal on matters not specifically mentioned in the contract.

Monday was given over to setting wage adjustments in the St. Cloud area. On Tuesday the two groups began negotiations on the major questions still to be settled. Vice-President Michael Boyle of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is aiding the union committee in the negotiations.

Should the company still stick at granting the union's moderate demands, the union has agreed to discuss the matter with Governor Stassen for a three-day period before resorting to its remaining weapon, the strike.

1859 Calls For New AFL International

A resolution calling upon the American Federation of Labor to immediately establish a new International for Furniture Workers was adopted unanimously at the last membership meeting of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 held April 4th.

The resolution points out that the workers in the furniture industry are now divided into a number of different International and Federal Unions, and some are still unorganized, causing a chaotic condition throughout the industry. Listed as sections of the furniture industry are those workers in hardwood mills, chair and table plants, upholstered furniture, retail store repair men, mattress, tent and awning, lamp shades, supply houses, spring making shops, frame makers, casket workers, aircraft upholsterers, venetian blinds, drapery workers, detail shops, furniture finishers, bedding work and other kindred products.

The resolution points out that "If they were all under one International they would be more unified and progressive, which would bring better wages and conditions to the workers, and

"WHEREAS, the CIO has, and is, organizing the industry and taking all of the above operations under one International, and

"WHEREAS, our unions have to compete with the CIO, we are at a huge disadvantage because we have not been able to organize in the same manner,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Federation of Labor take immediate action to set up one International or designate one International already established for the Furniture Workers."

Green Backs Move To Broaden Social Security Benefits

The Private Chauffeurs Union Local 977 has received a letter from President William Green of the AFL, endorsing 977's campaign to broaden the Social Security Act to cover all domestic employees and all other workers not now receiving such benefits. "We shall be glad to do anything in our power to further the efforts of your union to have coverage extended to your members," wrote Green.

He recalled that the 1939 convention of the 1939 endorsed a program to extend the Social Security benefits to all workers not yet covered.

Bakery Drivers Union Sends Strike Notice To Wholesale Firms

At its last membership meeting the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 voted to reject the proposal of the wholesale baking companies that the drivers accept last year's pact with a few minor changes. The drivers instructed their union executive board to notify the wholesale baking companies and the state labor conciliator of the union's intention to strike.

On Tuesday Local 289 sent out strike notices to all companies involved and to Lloyd Haney, state labor conciliator. About four hundred men are involved in the pending action.

The wholesale drivers are demanding that they receive wages comparable to those received by drivers in other industries, such as milk hauling and general hauling.

The old contract expired February 15th.

Unmoved by Excelsior Threats The threat of the Excelsior Baking company to discontinue its retail business unless Local 289 agrees to break the existing contract and to lengthen the daily hours from the present nine to an eleven-hour schedule received scant sympathy from the Excelsior drivers. The Excelsior company threatened to discontinue its retail business last Saturday, and later extended the time to this Saturday, April 20th. An accurate and truthful picture of the drivers' attitude to the company program is given in a letter from an Excelsior driver printed in the Workers Forum this issue.

Laundry Drivers Gain in New Pact

Below we print the second half of the recent agreement signed between the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 and the laundry owners. First section of the agreement was printed last week:

ARTICLE XVI.
 (a) Drivers shall not be required to work more than 48 hours in any one calendar week. All drivers shall be off the streets not later than 6 P. M. Monday through Friday and not later than 4 P. M. on Saturday. The plant shall have all articles for Saturday afternoon delivery ready for the drivers to load no later than 2 P. M. Exception to this provision shall be made by agreement between the Union and the Employer where warranted by circumstances. Such exceptions shall apply especially to wholesale routes. Where exception is made the driver must at all times carry a Union permit card. The 6:00 P. M. daily deadline and the 1:00 P. M. Saturday deadline shall not apply during weeks in which a holiday occurs. The week preceding a holiday day shall be considered a holiday week.

(b) Linen supply drivers, industrial towel supply drivers, special and relay drivers shall not be employed on a work hour schedule in excess of 48 hours per week.

(c) Upon presentation of reasonable evidence to the fact that an employer is taking undue advantage of the hour regulations as contained herein, then and in that event such employer shall be obligated to maintain a record of the daily starting and quitting time of employees.

(d) Any time worked by the employee as required by the employer in keeping records of production or any other work required of the employee shall be treated as part of the employee's regular hours of employment.

ARTICLE XVII.
 All employees herein classified who have worked continuously one year or longer shall be entitled to one week's vacation each year with pay, based on route earnings during the period of vacation. Preference in the matter of vacations shall be given according to length of employment. Vacation periods shall be assigned by mutual agreement between employer and his employees. When an extra man is used to carry vacation routes he shall be paid on the basis of flat salary of \$27.50 per week. If an employee entitled to a vacation quits or is discharged before receiving vacation, he shall receive the regular vacation pay in lieu thereof.

ARTICLE XVIII.
 The following minimum weekly wage scales shall prevail during the life of this agreement:
 Combination retail route or combination retail and wholesale up to \$150 volume of sales—\$27.50 guarantee, \$151 and up—11% commission.
 Exclusive Dry Cleaning Routes
 On exclusive dry cleaning routes, retail or wholesale, or combination retail and wholesale, up to \$150. Volume of sales—\$27.50, \$151 and up in net volume of sales—11% commission.
 Commercial Routes
 Up to \$400 volume of sales—\$27.50 guarantee; \$401 to \$500—2 1/2% commission at no additional commission for volume in excess of \$500. A commercial route or stop is defined as follows: Branches where commission is given, hotel flat work, or special rate flat work of 100 pounds or more per week. Every laundry is entitled to one commercial route and as many more as the nature of the work done by it entitles it to have. When 75% of dollar volume on driver's route is actually commercial work, such route shall be a commercial route.
 When 75% or more of dollar volume on a driver's route is linen supply, then such route shall be a linen supply route. The following minimum weekly salaries shall prevail:
 City Drivers — \$32.50 per week
 Rural Drivers — 35.00 per week
 Route Inspectors 37.50 per week
 Cabinet Men — 32.50 per week
 Special Delivery 30.00 per week
 Independent Drivers shall receive 33% commission on the established price of the firm that does their work irrespective of the previous status of such drivers, and shall receive the same minimum weekly guarantee of \$27.50 as regular routemen, where all work is handled by one plant.
 Special and Relay Drivers shall be paid a flat weekly salary of \$27.50.
 Route Superintendents
 Route superintendents or supervisors shall receive a minimum of \$33.00 per week flat salary. However, any route superintendent receiving more than this scale shall suffer no reduction.
 Industrial Towel Supply
 Salary—\$30 per week plus commission equal to 50% of first four weeks' business of new business secured on route remaining in force for said period. Commissions to be paid 1st and 15th of month following the expiration of said four weeks' period.
 Overall Routes
 Overall drivers (the term embraces that class of drivers handling overall rental supply and overall washing and dry cleaning of customers goods):

\$13.29 on first \$50 of net volume
 11% on rentals
 16 1/2% on C.O.D. Business above \$50
 11% on all charge account business.

ARTICLE XIX.
 The employer agrees with the Union that all salaries will be paid weekly not later than Saturday of the following week, in lawful currencies or negotiable checks. No employee shall deliver goods without collecting for same unless his employer assumes full responsibility for such collections. Should the employer require drivers to furnish bonds, the employer shall pay premium. Routemen shall not be discharged to pay for bundles returned to the plant for charges or for items posted but not delivered.

(a) Payroll records and all records of sales handled by drivers shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times to representatives of the Union accompanied by the employer or his representatives.

(b) It is further agreed that in the event that any bundle which requires repair or special work and cannot be completed in the week brought in, it shall be posted on the following week's sheet or record or at time of delivery.

(c) It is further agreed that a record shall be kept on file of all storage business brought in and in the event that a driver quits or is discharged he shall receive the full commission thereon.

(d) All storage and repairs shall be credited to the driver who has made the pickup, and he shall be paid the full commission thereon at time of delivery irrespective of who makes delivery.

ARTICLE XX.
 The employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of employment, overtime differentials including vacations not granted 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.

ARTICLE XXI.
 Strict boundary lines shall be established on each route, with the exception of Linen Supply and Industrial Towel Supply, and the parties hereto will cooperate to maintain such boundaries; all work picked up within such district or delivered within such district, shall be credited to the regular driver, except wholesale work picked up by the wholesale drivers. The net volume of such wholesale sales may be handled by the regular driver shall be credited to his regular volume of sales and compensated for on the same basis as retail work.

Wherever work is obtained through solicitation or bid by persons other than the routeman all work thus obtained shall be picked up and delivered by the routeman, with necessary help, and the routeman shall receive the full commission.

The split of a route can be made only when a primary route affected has had not less than (a) \$300 average business per week during the previous 8 months period, and the primary route routes have not less than (b) \$200 average business per week after the route lines have been readjusted. Routes adjacent to the primary route having an average business of not less than (c) \$225 per week during the previous 8 months period may have not more than (d) \$25 average business per week transferred into the formation of the new routes. No new route thus created, shall have less than (e) \$100 average business per week.

In the event that the formation of the new routes, no new route thus created, shall have less than (e) \$100 average business per week. The driver of the primary route shall have the right to choose between the modified primary route and the new route thus created. All drivers whose routes have been modified by the split shall be guaranteed, for a period of six months weekly pay equal to the scale of the contract, based on the previous 8 months volume prior to the division of the route.

In splitting exclusive dry cleaning routes, the above provision shall apply except that the amounts of average weekly business involved shall be as follows: (a) \$200 (b) \$125 (c) \$175 (d) \$20 (e) \$100.

In the event that the employer desires to split a route, the business agent of the Union shall be notified in advance and called into consultation.

ARTICLE XXII.
 Routemen and relay drivers serving rural areas who come into the Minneapolis plants shall come under the provisions of this contract.

ARTICLE XXIII.
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ARTICLE XXIV.
 The employer and the Union agree that no routeman who is now employed or has been employed by the employer or any member of the Union shall be converted into an independent driver. The employer further agrees that he will not do work for any independent driver who was not established prior to January 1, 1939. Independent drivers may be converted to regular routemen on terms agreed upon between the Union and the employer.

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ARTICLE XXVI.
 To the extent legally possible the parties agree that their heirs, assigns, and/or successors shall be equally bound by the provisions of this agreement.

This agreement shall be effective as of 1940 and shall remain in full force and effect until 1941 and shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter unless written notice is given by either party 60 days prior to 1941 or in any year thereafter.

This agreement shall be retroactive to November 1, 1939 in all respects except as to wage increases which shall be effective as of April 1, 1940.

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Gassing With 977

Because of the fact that he is no longer employed in the industry, Bro. L. V. Schima resigned his position as trustee on the Executive Board of the Local at the meeting of the Board last Thursday evening. The Board has appointed Andy Rost of the Coop Stations to fill the vacancy for a trial period of 30 days.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neumann, who have a new baby girl. Wait is steward for the local at the Midland Coop plant.

Commencing May 13th, the Union Sports Council announces that the Diamondball leagues will begin their season games. The leagues will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All members of the local who wish to take part in this sport should call the office before May 6th.

Have YOU taken advantage of the medical care offered by the local at a rate of \$1.20 per year? This is one of the many benefits to be obtained through the Union; only those members in good standing are eligible.

Members on withdrawal who return to work this spring, are reminded to turn in the withdrawal card; in accordance with the By-laws, any member found working on a withdrawal card is liable to a fine.

Youth, Jobs, War Is Forum Subject

"Shall the Youth Have Jobs—or War?" will be the subject of a talk by Carlos Hudson at the Sunday Forum, 919 Marquette avenue, 3 p. m., on April 21st. The general public and particularly the youth are invited to attend and participate in the discussion of the future of American youth.

ARTICLE XXIII.
 With the exception of salesmen maintained by the linen supply companies, and telephone solicitors, the employer agrees not to employ individual solicitors, or contract sales organizations, without the advance approval of the Union and the Institute. Any solicitor employed through such special approval shall be guaranteed a minimum weekly wage equivalent to the minimum guarantee for a combination routeman.

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Mortuaries That Are Fair

The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:

- Anderson, Barney & Son, 3644 Chicago Ave.
- 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 (Robbinsdale)
- 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.
- Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

Who is the guy in the Meter Department who claimed if the vote went "yes" the dues would be raised? Speak up now or forever hold your peace.

Yes, "Tall, Dark and Handsome," Local 160 is still in existence—in fact, "very much so."

It made the boys shiver last Thursday morning just watching Harry out there tying up traffic getting a picture or two.

Were the boys "willing, ready and anxious" to vote last Thursday morning? The line started forming an hour before the poll was open.

Mid believes in "first there—first served." He was not only first in line last Thursday morning but also had the pleasure of casting the first ballot.

Those who conducted the election on the 11th had quite a time getting through the crowd waiting outside in the cold and in the lobby.

As usual, the Union was first. First waiting in the cold for the polls to open, first in good nature, and first in the results.

St. Croix came through 90%. We knew they would. St. Cloud ran 68.6%—and we know the reason for that one, too.

Maybe you'll keep your big mouth shut from now on, Bud, and not go hurling challenges to those St. Paul birds.

Here are the results according to percentage. (If you are for Union Shop, read from top; if not, read from bottom). Duluth 100, St. Paul 90.3, St. Croix 90, Stillwater 87.5, Minneapolis 85.2, St. Cloud 68.6, La Crosse 54.5—AVERAGE, 86% for the SHOP.

For tennis you need a live ball. Most of the brothers who came in during the morning bounced. Some dead ones came in at noon. A lot of 'em didn't bounce.

There is one member who has

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1937 Olds 4-door trg. A-1 mechanic condition. Inside just like new. Practically new Master Royal tires. The car every bit so close to new you wouldn't be able to tell difference if it weren't for the model. At only \$150 down.

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

Our dear Brother Flem was down at the office the other day (not to complain this time) but to tell us about a resolution he had made which he hopes will keep him out of trouble of any kind. Until the fluid milk industry is on an even keel again, Flem is going to sell his own customers all possible dairy products (that should please his boss) but on the other hand, he will not in any manner, shape or form try to take customers away from his brother member. Such a policy is smart and will be a great factor in the proper adjustments needed. It is our hope that other members of our union will resolve likewise.

Lost at the 471 Marigold dance, a pin (initials W.L.J.) said article has an endearing value to one person only, Walter (Personality) Johnson. If you know of its whereabouts, call Ge. 4695, our Union office.

By delivering copies of "Moo" (dairy periodical for kids) our drivers dragged us into a jurisdictional battle with the Circular Distributors Union. It has been a long time since we were in such a "Jackpot;" they charged us with chiseling in on their assigned work. There is only one way out, confine ourselves to dairy products and forsake the newspaper field. Moreover, twelve million men are unemployed; they would like to deliver papers, milk or anything else in order to earn a livelihood.

For a long time we have been trying to ascertain Lloyd Lee's official capacity at LaVard; maybe he is a "majority Stockholder."

The Brewery workers have embarked on a program to protect their industry by insisting that the business be properly conducted. They are out for sobriety, cleanliness and the elimination of gambling. Because of the named evils, their business recently had to absorb an uncalculated slump in our own city. Such abuses if continued, might spell the death of the Brewery business again. Their speakers will be glad to appear before various membership meetings to explain their program and gain support for it.

There seems to be a distinct difference in Olson and Olson Brothers as well. Congratulations to Jimmie at Ewald Brothers and thanks for the cigars on the new baby, but let's give ally at Northland lots of static for being "mum" and the cigars on Nancy are 15 weeks past due.

Brother Muller is on the sick list. Sorry to hear it, Earl. Hurry up and get well. Best wishes from your "buddies."

Famous last words—"I put 'em in there and I can take 'em out, too."

7th Ward FLP Card Party Saturday

The Seventh Ward Farmer-Labor club will sponsor a card party Saturday, April 20th, at 8 p. m. at the fire station, Forty-second street and Cedar avenue.

LOANS

\$20 to \$300 loans are made to wage earners and salaried people to meet financial emergencies or to take advantage of business opportunities.

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Owned and Operated by Household Finance Corporation
 Licensed pursuant to chapter 12, Laws of 1930 of the State of Minnesota.
 Household Loan Company maintains offices in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Hibbing, Mankato and Moorhead.

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Cab Drivers Dance April 24

Cab Drivers will hold their annual dance on Wednesday, April 24—not on Saturday. This was an error in last week's notice. But 25 cents will still buy a ticket that will admit one couple to Local 955's shindie. There will be dancing, a floor show and door prizes for all who attend.
 Floyd Griggs, Tony Manthis and Harry Watson—committees in charge—want you to buy your tickets now. You can get them from any taxi driver. The dance will be held in the ballroom of the Drivers' Hall at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

Nash Finch Strike in 5th Month

Ottumwa, Iowa—The fight of the heroic Nash Finch drivers of the Ottumwa Drivers Union Local 388 entered its fifth month April 11th, with negotiations expected to be resumed within a few days. The company vice-president, Shikany, is in town surveying the drastic slump in sales brought about by the refusal of thousands to purchase Nash coffee, Pabst beer and other products handled by the anti-labor Nash Finch corporation.
 Local 388 has made it plain that it will accept only a settlement which brings a real victory to the union.
 The Ottumwa Organizer, published by Local 388, was voted a monthly subsidy by the Drivers Union last week, and will now be a permanent weapon of the union movement in the Ottumwa area.

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:
 Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.
 THE BENEDICT FAMILY.

Fidelity State Bank

Place your Federal Housing Loans and Auto Finance with us. The only bank controlled by Labor and business men.
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Howard Fouts Is Convicted On Fake Kidnaping Charge

Sioux City—First of the four members of the Drivers Union Local 383 to come to trial under the "kidnaping" frame-up charge was found guilty recently when a jury, after a 4-day trial, found Howard Fouts guilty. He will be sentenced shortly. The other three union men will be tried in the near future.

The frame-up of the four men bears such a grotesque character that even the boss newspapers were hard-put to know how to handle the story.

During the trial the testimony even of state's witnesses verified that the "kidnaped" men (union drivers) were never threatened, that they came to the union hall willingly and had the same freedom that union men always have in a union hall. Fouts, incidentally, was not even present in the party that suggested the drivers go to union headquarters. Yet he has been framed up by the Sioux City Business Men's association, the Sioux City Police and County Attorney Rawlings on the fantastic charge of kidnaping, and has been found guilty by a handpicked jury.

A number of Sioux City lawyers who have studied accounts of the trial have expressed amazement that Judge Newby did not throw the case out of court.

Justice "Takes a Walk"

Said the Des Moines Federationist of Fouts' conviction: "There seems to be no doubt that justice has 'gone for a walk' in Sioux City. The Constitution has been suspended. All American principles of the rights and liberties of the individual have been abandoned, and there seems to be a rather general determination to use every dishonest means that prostituted

law agencies can employ to break up the Sioux City union movement. . . The Business Men's Association, failing to corrupt the city council, has put pressure on the county attorney (perhaps even the courts), the police department and the sheriff's office, to the extent that law and order has simply been abolished."

Inventing New Crimes

Said the Sioux City Unionist of Fouts' conviction: "You have listened to the praises of the man who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. Our present county attorney can beat that — he can make two crimes grow where there weren't any before. He has taken a law that was enacted to discourage such crimes as the stealing and murder of the Lindbergh baby, and he has made out of it, that when one union man talks with another about getting the boss to sign up, that is KIDNAPING and CONSPIRACY."

Misuse of Law

Exactly as the Sherman Anti-Trust Law has been turned, not against the trusts but against organized labor, so today the bosses and their courts are directing the Lindbergh kidnaping law, not against kidnapers but against union organizers.

By its vicious persecution of the

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

William Warner of the Liberty Cab has been in the hospital putting up a game battle and we are glad to report that he is better at this writing.

Where there's excitement you'll find a taxi-driver: In the battle area of Norway, taxi-drivers spotted their cars in strategic positions on the landing field, making it impossible for the enemy to land their planes. Another Norsk huck-pusher drove some shipwrecked officers from the beach to Oslo under gun-fire. (P. S. Wonder if the war humps up the shift average?)

Just got back from the Vets' Hospital. Bill Postier is on the up and up. Had four visits from hackmen today, and tells hello to the gang.

On the eastern seaboard they have a T. R. A. (Taxi Riders of America) consisting of men who cannot drive a car; we got that kind in the hack game (clutch riders for instance).

Caught cruising; O. A. Olson is looking for a substitute for snuss. . . Owen Chappell has painted the wheels of the Olds a high yellow, teh, teh. . . The boys are well satisfied with the new tires. . . Vivian Johnson sure picked up a lulu of a sun-tan on his vacation at Dusenka, Florida, or some place.

Service: Driver calls for a tow-truck. Jake Scheller is there pronto but find he needs a tire so Frankie Miles lugs one out in the

men and women of organized labor, Sioux City has indeed become, in the words of Judge Joseph A. Padway, the "Jersey City of the Middle West."

"I am sure we all are sorry our secretary is not here tonight," said the chairman of the meeting. "I cannot say we shall miss his vacant chair, but I do say that we shall miss his vacant face."

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coupe and claims that's a good way to get your day-driver in early.

Looks like a chance for a job for some old broken down hack-driver to teach John Public how to throw the flags on them parking meters.

The Taxi Drivers annual dance will be held Wednesday night, April 24. The entertainment committee is working hard and wants your unstinted support to make this a financial success. To those who do not dance: Come up and see the floor show and get acquainted with the men in our profession. The ball was made a mid-week affair to accommodate the night drivers and the date was set for April to get away from the cold weather. Come and dance to the music of the Buccaneers, a well-known dance orchestra among union people.

Certain milk companies of Minneapolis are trying to cut down deliveries (and workmen) by inducing the public to buy two or more days' supply of dairy products. We all know (and even their advertising used to tell us) that most milk foods lose their vitamin strength when stale. Let us do our part to get fresh milk daily and keep the men on the job.

Something to discuss at our next meeting: There is an acute need for a large central labor temple to house all Union Locals, thus saving rents and transportation, mailing costs and giving a better liaison between the different locals. It is plain that we are facing a long and concerted effort by the bosses to put the spot-lite on every Union Local for some pretext or other, and with Union offices scattered all over town there is a loss of efficiency in spreading information in time for union meetings, etc.

The dispute over the failure of Mr. Dullnoode's intensive and expensive advertising campaign is still raging in advertising circles. Some authorities claim it was due to the fact that his principal competitor, Dumfoozle, Inc., and Gray Matter, Limited, had plastered the signboards with sales talk containing still greater sex appeal. Others maintained that the anatomy so alluringly portrayed on the signs, took people's minds off Jigglenots. Still others advanced the novel theory that the two-legged Jiggle-

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

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50th and France Ave. S.
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54th and Nicollet Ave.
45th and Nicollet Ave.
Lake St. at Lake Calhoun
50th and Xerxes Ave. S.
30th and Penn Ave. S.
44th and Morningstar Ave.
32nd and Lyndale Ave. S.
Garfield and Lake St.
44th 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.
44th and Bryant Ave. S.
Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd.
24th and 1st Ave. S.
54th and Lyndale Ave. S.
38th and Chicago Ave.
Holmes and Lake St.
32nd and Cedar Ave.
42nd and 28th Ave. S.
- Standard Stations—North
Girard and Plymouth Ave. N.
Penn and 6th Ave. N.
Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N.
37th and Fremont Ave. N.
Broadway and Rockford Road

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Chapter 3

The Case of the Stalled Jigglenots or The Fine Art of Selling to Busted Buyers

What has happened so far: Mr. Dullnoode in an effort to increase business has first cut wages to the bone and then scraped the bone. Then he installed an automatic jiggle-maker which did not require the intervention of human hands and wound itself up at night before turning in. Foiled by the fact that all of his competitors had done the same thing, Mr. Dullnoode has now turned forth an epoch-making, all-inclusive, foundation-shaking advertising campaign. Now go on with the story.

And then they started such repairing, rejuvenation, rehabilitation, and reining of used Jigglenots that the sale of new Jigglenots eventually joined the category of sweet memories. (To be continued) Read Chapter 4 in the Northwest Organizer next week.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Well, this week finds the press with nothing on his mind but rapidly thinning hair and a vast impatience towards opening fishing day. It gets me every year about this time.

Latest reports are that Brother Pearson at Rochester is improving steadily. We miss him at 38th and Bryant.

The boulevard champ crews are being subjected to their annual barrage of beefs from the hi-an-mighties out around Lake Harriet. This coupled with the 8 hours a day exhortations of a certain self-styled "son of God" makes the life of a B. P. C. man one to avoid if possible. Incidentally, this prophet will see us all trying, not flying in the hereafter. Chances are we will get at least one good whiff of burning feathers which will be a source of great satisfaction to all of us.

Brother Floyd Pike who got a leave of absence last September is no longer a member in our local. Brother Pike has gone railroading for good and left us in good standing, proving that many a good union man is one to be admired and his memory respected. All good luck to Brother Pike.

Brothers Lange and Saba have returned to work after a long illness and we are glad to see them back with us. Rumor has it that Brother Carl Erickson of Glenwood Park is on the sick list. Hustle back to your job, Carl, or Baldy and Honey-Chile are liable to split it up between them.

Brother Clarence Samuelson is steadily recovering at General Hospital. Baldy Ryan claims that

not makers displaced by the automatic chain jiggle-maker machines were not able to buy Jigglenots as was also the case with the people who had formerly supplied the human Jigglenot makers with goods and services or lived off them under some other pretense.

But wherever the truth may lie, the fact is that after people had feasted their eyes on the outdoor art galleries of Mr. Dullnoode, Dumfoozle, Inc. and Gray Matter, Limited, they went home and said: "Old boy! You are a mighty sorry-looking Jigglenot, but you'll have to do another year."

There was very little question about how the Wholesale Drivers feel in regard to the contract and several other things as evidenced by the well-attended meeting last Thursday.

So far, the cost to the plaintiffs in the fink suit has run into many thousands of dollars. And I would like you again to ask yourselves if it can be possible that these five finks whose combined labor in the past five years haven't earned the

it is due to the Irish blood that was donated by Brother Haley in a transfusion some time ago. Anyhow, we're happy to report that Clarence is on his way back.

Brother Chris Jensen blossomed out Monday in a new brown hat and was definitely more bossy than before. They say clothes make the man but don't specify what they make him.

Grievance Committee of B. P. C. met Monday night.

The "Snapper" says he won't steer any launch this summer for that kind of dough. Hope you can get more, Roy.

All the B. P. C. men will be back by April 18.

See you Friday.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the General Membership meeting, Thursday evening, April 25, at 7:30 p. m. — unless another special meeting is called.

Louis Johnson, Zinsmaster, has been on the sick list for almost three weeks. Serious, too, they tell me.

The topic of conversation these days can be safely divided into three classes: 1. When is our contract going to be signed? 2. What's going to happen in Europe? 3. Where are we going for the opening day of the fishing season? For a day or two last week the war took first place but since then it has swung back into the order above.

I heard the other day that now, with Hitler taking over Norway, he's going to erase the picture of King Oscar from the sardine can and put his own on.

Notice to vacationers: Why put up with the trouble of taking your pets with you or foisting them on to unwilling neighbors when you can get an expert like Andy (Brown) Mulcahy of Monahan's to take care of them? Andy will take your dog, cat, canary, goldfish, alligators and give them first class care that only an expert in the business can do and return them to you in first class condition. All this service free of charge to paid-up members of 289. Just call Cherry 7366 and ask for Mr. Brown.—(Adv.)

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With the Limousines

By Home James

Buffalo Bill rode 328 miles in 20 hours in the old pony express days in an emergency, but here is an item that tops that. Vern (Hoot) Huston, an unemployed lad who has been helping Carl now and then, drove Mrs. Neilson to her husband's bedside, leaving Minneapolis at 11 p. m. and 20 hours later he arrived at Rock Springs, Wyoming. He then had to stop there because of a snow-storm.

By the way, orchids to Brother Carl Gustafson for the very liberal, thoughtful way that he handled the problem for Mrs. Neilson last Monday night.

There has been some petty espionage of the school-boy type going on lately. Anyone having any information about who is doing it please phone the office at once.

What's this we hear about Ray and Bill visiting one of the big-wigs of this fink club? We wonder if he served doughnuts and coffee.

Bill says that if the wise guy that passes out red lanterns would put a white globe in it, stand in front of a large mirror and take a good look, he would probably see who spread the nails.

Here is something for the state administration on the old age pension question: In the case of a home owned by an oldster valued at \$4,000 with a mortgage of \$2,000 of long standing, who pays off the debt, and who gets the home—the state or the holder of the mortgage at the time of the death of the owner? (Will the state pay off?)—We say no.)

912 will try to introduce a resolution providing for a fund the purpose of which is to provide free burial for all union members when they die. President Tobin wrote about this some time ago.

A good credit union for the teaming crafts is an idea that is in the offing.

John Anderson, our past president, celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary last week. Congratulations to both you and your wife, John.

We believe that the sluggers of Esk Neilson will be tried for kidnaping under the Lindbergh law—we hope.

Ray Hedin's theme song has changed in the past week to "I Wonder What's Become of Sally."

cost of the suit can even buy cigarettes for their attorneys? What I would like to know is who is putting up this vast sum of money? It would be interesting to know the inside of this.

Tuesday, April 30, will be a red letter day for all the columnists of this paper as we are all invited to be at Harry's Cafe at 6:30 o'clock for some plain and fancy nosebagging. That's where I shine. I might be a complete failure at anything else, but in front of a well-loaded table I've always held my own.

Russell-Thompson Is 100% Union

One of the all-union tire companies in Minneapolis entitled to union patronage is the Russell-Thompson firm at 113 South 8th street. This company is now conducting a spring sale of first-line tires.

ORGANIZER WANT ADS

(If you are a subscriber, your ad will be published here free of charge. Mail or phone the Northwest Organizer, 253 Plymouth Avenue North, Bridgeport 8741.)

WANTED—52 or 48 inch baby bed and buggy. Must be clean, reasonable. Du. 9585.
FURNISHED ROOM for rent. 1044 Irving Ave. N.
OLD JOBS, spring cleaning done efficiently. Br. 3976.

Sale Miscellaneous

FURNITURE—Studio couch, excellent condition; dresser; kitchen table and chairs; brass bed; other miscellaneous pieces. Re. 5666.
FURNISHED ROOM. Automatic oil heat. 1038-40 Irving Ave. N. J. Chick.
FOR SALE—Evenrude outboard motor. Single. Old model. 704 8th St. S. E.
FOR SALE—Infant's new clothing. Du. 9585.
FOR SALE—Six room house. Double garage. 2 lots. Fruit trees. Garden space. Ch. 5217.
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheehey, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm labor.

WHY THE NATION'S COURTS ARE PROSECUTING UNIONS

III

The campaign of the United States Department of Justice against the workers has been in preparation for at least the past year, and is closely bound up with the intention to let the labor's hands in preparation for the entrance of this nation into the imperialist war.

The government's anti-labor campaign came out into the open with the use of the G-men against the Minneapolis WPA strikers and the subsequent arrests, trials, convictions and imprisonments with which the reader is familiar.

Since September, the start of the Second World War, this drive has been accelerated. In the past seven months some 500 American Federation of Labor officials, including some of the highest ranking leaders of the AFL, have been indicted, and in some cases convicted and fined for alleged violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

In the various statements made by Thurman Arnold of the U. S. Department of Justice, it is clear that the government means to hogtie and hamstring the union movement of this nation.

On November 19, 1939, Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold, in a letter to the Indianapolis Central Labor Union, maintained that the following five union practices are unquestionable violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law and that he would prosecute them as such:

1. Union efforts to prevent use of non-union and scab building materials.
2. Union efforts to resist having its members thrown out of their jobs due to technological improvements.
3. Union efforts designed to enforce "systems of graft and extortion."
4. Union efforts to uphold union working agreements to prevent the undermining of union wage and working standards by chiseling bosses who use non-union sweatshop labor.
5. Union efforts to protect the union against fake company unions.

Of course Arnold's letter outlining his program wasn't couched in the above terms, but we have described the exact meaning of the Department of Justice program. In subsequent talks, Arnold has pretended, like all good labor-haters, that he is really acting only in behalf of labor and that labor just doesn't know what "is good for itself." Accompanying this have been suggestions that the building trades union surrender their union wage scales and conditions, in return for an unguaranteed—and unguaranteed—promise of more work per year.

Under Arnold's interpretations, it is clear that the Department of Justice means to persecute unions when they carry on practices having to do directly with wages, hours and the right of collective bargaining.

When Arnold's letter was made public, it provoked a storm of resentment and disapproval from the American Federation of Labor. Even the Solicitor General of the State of New York, Henry Epstein, did not remain silent at the government's bold illegal anti-labor moves. Epstein, in a long letter to the New York Times and in subsequent talks, defended the AFL in its contention that the government's program constitutes a grave perversion of the law and runs counter to the clearly-expressed intent of Congress when it adopted the Clayton Act.

The law of the land may say one thing—but when that law runs counter to the interests of Big Business, Big Business laughs at the law, regards it as a farce. This is what the use of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law against organized labor teaches us.

What Is the Government's Aim?
Thurman Arnold still proclaims that the administration is not opposed to collective bargaining. But collective bargaining is valueless if it is not backed up by the unrestricted right of labor to employ its coercive economic power in restraint of trade.

The employers know they have nothing to fear from a union whose power to restrain trade has been effectively hobbled. After all, the right to strike is the right of labor to carry out an absolute restraint of trade, and every strike is successful precisely in the measure that it is effective in restraining the employer's trade.

Unless organized labor is rallied and united to make a real fight on the government anti-union campaign, either the Department of Justice, or Congress, or the boss courts are going to continue outlawing weapon after weapon developed by organized labor, until our enemies outlaw the strike itself as being in restraint of trade.

That this is exactly what is in the minds of Big Business is indicated by the original draft of the Smith Committee report of the National Labor Relations Act. The report contained a section which would have bluntly outlawed labor's right to strike. Only the fact that one committee member from a strong labor congressional district refused to endorse the report prevented it from being introduced in Congress. The fact that such a suggestion could be seriously debated at this time indicates clearly the real goal of Big Business. The Sixty Families mean to push their fight on labor under the guise of pre-

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The book suit drags on as "Consult the Newspapers" Anderson continues to attempt to prove that it is illegal to run a trade union in any manner except that prescribed by the attorney for the fink.

Columnists for the Northwest Organizer will hold their second get-together dinner on April 30. The last affair proved such a success that everyone is looking forward to a pleasant evening.

Dirt moving has started as the frost is out of most places. Many state contracts have been let and work on these will soon get under way.

Give the Federal Workers' dance a boost. It will be held on May 4. The occasion is the release of several of the Sandstone boarders. Let's show them that we realize their service to the trade union movement.

Over-the-road agreements are being signed rapidly as two staff members devote all their time to this problem.

The Union bowling league wound up a successful season with a banquet at Rex

Cafe Monday night. By the way, all bowlers in this league are teamsters.

Mark Wednesday, April 17, as an open date in your schedule. That's the night of the Cab Drivers ball. It's going to be on the third floor of the union headquarters and everyone is welcome.

Coal workers! Get a withdrawal card as you leave your employment. It will save a fine later.

Another over-the-road meeting in Mauston, Wisconsin, Sunday.

Things We Never Understood Why an employer will tell a union representative that the firm is losing money one day and build a \$50,000 addition to his plant the next.

Hats off to the C. L. U. Policy Committee that has settled more labor disputes in Minneapolis than the Stassen Law has all over the state.

The Central Labor Union passed a dandy anti-war resolution at the last meeting. It is published elsewhere in this issue.

Only labor fights labor's battles. Join the union ranks.

Finks Fail to Disclose One Fact To Discredit 544

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out with such a fatuous air for the benefit of the boss newspapermen, is available to any literate man, woman or child who cares to read the by-laws of the General Drivers Union, the laws of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Northwest Organizer, or the labor and socialist press of the country.

Some Startling "Disclosures"
Almost daily Anderson summons the reporters of the boss press to a confab where he informs them of the startling disclosures he will make that day in court.

Typical of these "disclosures" are the facts brought out in court Tuesday. Imagine, Anderson discovered that Local 544 on December 24th, 1938, had paid out \$250.18 for the Christmas party for kids given that year at 257 Plymouth avenue north! Now, isn't that a horrible thing for a union to do, to try to bring a little fun and joy into the lives of the sons and daughters of union families!

Equally "terrible" was the fact brought out that Local 544 purchased \$50 worth of tickets to the Central Labor Union picnic at Powderhorn park, and that the union had donated funds to the Omaha and Sioux City Drivers Unions when these sister organizations were on strike in 1938. Another expenditure that Anderson leaped on was that of \$100 donated to the Candy & Food Workers Union last summer during the Creamette strike.

Would Amend 544 By-Laws
Though Anderson is not a member of Local 544 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters—though he is not a worker but an enemy of the workingman—what he has actually been driving at these past weeks is that he would like to amend Local 544's by-laws so that the union would function more in accord with the ideas of the bosses who are applauding and supporting Anderson and the finks.

He Wants to Amend By-Laws
Whereas Local 544's by-laws read that "It shall be the practice of Local 544 to extend all possible cooperation and assistance in whatever manner practicable to all bonafide workers' organizations of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the American Federation of Labor," Anderson throws up his hands in mock horror at the disclosures that Local 544 has donated money to sister unions in Minneapolis, Albert Lea, Sioux City, Kansas City and elsewhere, and joined the rest of organized labor in donating liberally to the WPA Defense Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. Presumably, Anderson would like to write a by-law that Local 544 must turn its back on the rest of the labor movement and stand with folded hands while its

working-class allies are being attacked by the bosses.

Whereas Local 544's by-laws read that "The secretary-treasurer must be bonded by a surety company for the sum of not less than \$1,000" (and is actually bonded for twice that amount), Anderson has suggested he wants to alter the by-laws to read that the secretary-treasurer shall be bonded for \$100,000 — or \$1,000,000 — or whatever sum is pleasing to Mr. Anderson and the bosses.

He'll Tell Us Who We Can Elect
Whereas the by-laws read that any member who has been in good standing for one consecutive year is eligible to hold office in the union, Anderson wants to change the union laws to read that persons born in Sweden cannot hold office, particularly if they are the sort who have devoted their lives to the just cause of the workingman, and more particularly if their name happens to be Carl Skoglund.

Whereas the union by-laws read that "It shall be the objective of the Union to do whatever it possibly can to come to the assistance of its members in case of illness or death," the finks' lawyer wants to change the by-laws to read that "The Union must look the other way when its members are in deep trouble, and must not do what it can to aid these brother members and help lighten their burdens."

Whereas the union's by-laws read that "Any member found working in violation of the Union agreement, wilfully or otherwise fails to report same to the Union officials within 30 days, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Board," Anderson would amend the by-law to read: "When members betray their fellow workers by working below the union wage scale, and thus endanger the conditions which the union has won through so much struggle, the union mustn't raise a finger to enforce the union contract and the union by-laws which said members have sworn to uphold."

Anderson's proposed amendments would convert Local 544 into just the sort of organization Anderson and the Associated Industries love—outfits like Local Number One and the rest of the rotten company unions.

Nothing seems so to enrage Anderson as the fact that Local 544 and the other drivers' unions in Minneapolis pay per capita tax for the support of the Teamsters Hall and the Teamsters Joint Council and the Northwest Organizer. That such action only follows out the by-laws of the union and the laws of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters means nothing to Anderson.

Before this latest phase of the fink suit began, the Northwest Organizer prophesied that the Gen-

venting restraint of trade, to the point where all strike action is outlawed.
Next Week: What Arnold's Campaign Has Revealed—How NOT to Resist the Government Drive.

Central Labor Union Unanimously Reaffirms Militant Anti-War Stand

Cutting through all the lies and war-mongering surrounding the invasion of Norway, first by the Allies and then by Germany, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union last Wednesday night again reaffirmed its hatred of all imperialist war by adopting a resolution voicing "militant opposition to any attempt to involve the U. S. A. in war, and declaring in favor of "international militant working-class solidarity to stop the war."

Text of the resolution, adopted unanimously at the April 10th meeting, follows:

WHEREAS, the war now raging in Europe is of a definite imperialist character and against the interests of the overwhelming majority of the population of all nations, and engineered by the war-mongering exploiters of the people of the participating nations, and

WHEREAS, said imperialist war if not stopped may involve nearly all nations, and

WHEREAS, the entrance of the United States into this war would be a crime against more than eighty-five per cent of the population of this nation and in the possible interest only of the war-mongering greedy exploiters representing a small percentage of the population, and

WHEREAS, the invasion of Norway and Denmark is another consequence of said imperialist war and its participant governments, and

WHEREAS, this bloody and contagious war can most successfully be stopped by the international solidarity and militant opposition by the workers and farmers and liberal people of all nations.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Central Labor Union go on record condemning the invasion of Norway and Denmark caused by the imperialist participants in this war, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we go on record reaffirming our position of militant opposition to any attempt to involve the U. S. A. in war, and that we declare in favor of international militant working-class solidarity to stop the war, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Central Labor Union send a letter to all Central Labor Unions in the nation, and call upon all Minneapolis unions to take like action."

Copies of the anti-war resolution were also sent to Roosevelt, congressional representatives from Minnesota, William Green, the public press, and the ambassadors of England, France, Germany, Denmark and Norway.

Workers FORUM

To the Northwest Organizer
Dear Sir:

I have been reading the different write-ups in the daily papers about the closing of the Excelsior Baking company, of which I am an employee and have been for over 8 years, and I think in all fairness to the employees and the general public a true explanation should be printed.

The Star-Journal said in their paper of last Thursday that the salesmen were paid a salary of \$22.50 per week with a commission of 22% on all sales over \$160 per week for a 9-hour day. They also stressed the fact that men didn't report to the plant until 8 a. m. and must be off the streets by 5 p. m.

The truth to this is that our loading time is what can be called "staggered." The first drivers reporting at 7 a. m. and are to be loaded in 15 minutes, ready to leave by 7:15. Then the next crew comes at 7:15 and so on until the last crew reports at 8 a. m.

Truth About Commission
Next is this proposition of the commission on SALES. While this is supposed to be a CASH business, nevertheless considerable business is done on credit. In October of 1938, we had an agreement with the bakery for a commission on SALES. As a rebuttal, which did them more harm than good, they limited the credit on routes by APPROVING accounts which were GILT-EDGE as listed in the YELLOW BOOK. Past dealings of each customer with the Excelsior Baking Co. was not taken into consideration, regardless of listing in the Guide.

Those drivers who complied with the company's request and placed their customers on a CASH ONLY basis or extend credit if the account is PAID IN FULL on Saturday of each week, suffered a serious drop in sales, which automatically eliminated any chance to earn a commission. Those drivers who DID NOT comply with

eral Drivers Union was due to win over won by organized labor in this area, a victory that would leave all its enemies choking on their own foul lies.

Anderson has shown in the first two and one-half weeks of this trial how weak his case actually is. Though he may succeed in dragging the case along for weeks or even months, in his efforts to smear the union and weaken it financially, the final outcome of the suit is certain: abject defeat for the finks and the bosses, and a stunning victory for Local 544 and all unionism.

Pamphlet Now Ready
The pamphlet "Behind the 544 Suit" is now on the presses and available to those who wish to read the true history of the fink suit against the General Drivers Union. Copies of the pamphlet may be purchased at the Northwest Organizer office, either in person or by mail, at 5c each. Special bundle rates are available on request. The pamphlet is being mailed to all members of Local 544, to all Drivers Unions in the nation, and to the labor press.

this request but sold their customers on credit the same as before, suffered a condition that I did not care to assume — NO PAY CHECK, as the result of the credit extended during the week being as much, or more, than the salary due. Therefore, the company is not paying a commission on SALES but is paying it on collections. In paying on collections, they carry the credit with NO deductions from the pay checks. Quite a difference.

3c An Hour for Overtime
As to the 3c per week, no mention was made as to the new sales base (or collection, if you please). This was increased from \$160 to \$165. The difference in pay increase is \$1.50 per week. The difference in collection base is \$5, of which 22% is only \$1.10, leaving us a grand total difference of 40c. On those routes on commission, the company is asking that they increase their working hours about 11 to 13 additional per week, for which they are remunerated an additional 40c, or a little over 3c per hour for this overtime. To those routes NOT on commission, the extra hours are rewarded about 12c per hour for the overtime.

While I need a job, so to speak, I have worked for this firm for over eight years, and have been on the streets from early in the morning until late at night. Many is the time I have lit the lantern on the wagon before leaving the plant and was required to light it two or three hours before pulling in at night, except in the summertime. This meant that I pulled out of the bakery about 6:15 a. m. and didn't get back until 6:30 to 7:30 p. m., except on Saturday when it was 8:30 to 9 p. m. Of course this was in 1931 and 1932 when we were not organized. My wife had to eat dinner alone with the children and keep my dinner on the stove warming up until it was almost burnt to a crisp by the time I would get home. A most palatable meal after a hard day's work!

Mr. Tappan is a very nice man and I like him personally, but I notice that his hours of labor or the time he spends at the office are much shorter than those he expects his salesmen to work, and he isn't under the constant strain of physical exertion that we are, up and down stairs, in and out of the wagon, chasing the horse that kids seem to get a kick out of starting away, and numerous other things that go to make up a day's routine. Some days we get asked to the hide, or froze almost stiff in the winter, baked in the summer, and an acrobat when everything is a glare of ice.

The older men at Excelsior can verify these statements and I am sure none of them want to work under these conditions. A return to 11 hours a day, while it means retaining our present job as well as making the jobs secure for about 100 inside workers, would be asking us to do something that very few of the men would want to do.

I want to look at this condition squarely and in all fairness to both parties, but the salesmen are not responsible for the adverse business conditions that the city is now experiencing. I cannot feel we should be required to work these long hours just on a game of chance that we could get more business. If we return to longer hours with no increase in business enough to warrant the extra time utilized, the gain would be insignificant. Please regard this communication as confidential. This is my own personal viewpoint of the facts as I can decipher them.

Very truly yours,
Excelsior Bakery Driver.

A fool and his money is some party.

On the National Picket Line

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workers involved voted almost unanimously to stand pat on this

Rehearsals on other privately produced shows have not been stopped as yet, pending negotiations. Union officials announced that they intend to immediately begin negotiations with Billy Rose's Aquacade for revision of the wage scales upward.

The second trial growing out of Thurman Arnold's union busting campaign has resulted in the conviction of eleven officers of the Fur Workers Union of New York City for alleged violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The convicted men face a year each in jail and up to \$5,000 fines. No news of an appeal has been published but it is logical to expect such action.

There are two cases already pending before the Supreme Court on this issue. We wonder if the Supreme Court of the United States will find it possible to also ignore the Clayton Act.

The Canadian Seamen's Union (AFL) carried out its threat of a strike early this week. The opening date for shipping on the Great Lakes found the tie-up complete, with the docks loaded down with grain for England.

The sailors are demanding a \$15 monthly increase in wages, a closed shop, and three additional men on every ship. The Canadian Government says that "it cannot recognize the closed shop." The sailors are demonstrating also, and very graphically, that this is not their war, any more than it is the war of any of the workers of the world.

Trade Union Boarding Homes Sought

All union wives and mothers interested in taking unfortunate children into their homes to board, are asked to get in touch with the Federal Workers Section office at 257 Plymouth.

Cases have come to our attention where a mother dies or is ill, or a father is unable to provide for the little ones. Union men and women want their children to grow up in homes where people live according to union principles.

A worker from the State Child Welfare Department has said that the most satisfactory results with children are obtained in the homes of workers. Physical, moral and mental qualifications necessary to obtain a license for boarding children are many, but none of them are qualifications which are not easily found among union homes.

It is important that the Federal Workers Section have on file a list of union boarding homes. If interested, call at the office and the necessary requirements and steps to obtain a license will be fully outlined.

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ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE OF JAMES ESTATE
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Probate Court
In Re Estate of John E. Hubert, Decedent.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested show cause, if any they have, before this Court on Monday, May 13, 1940, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota, why the petition of Joseph P. Hubert, of St. Louis County, Minnesota, claiming said estate as exempt from debts and praying for the summary distribution thereof to the persons entitled thereto, should not be granted. This order shall be published in the Northwest Organizer and a copy mailed to each of the heirs of said Decedent at least 14 days prior to the date of said hearing.
WITNESS the HON. MANLEY L. FOSSEEN, Judge of Probate Court, this 17th day of April, 1940.
ERNEST P. LORENZ
Clerk of Probate Court.
(SEAL OF PROBATE COURT)
MCCOY AND HANSEN, Attorneys
315 Torrey Building, Minneapolis, Minn.
April 18-25, May 2, 1940.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

- LOCAL 471**
General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m.
Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)
Milk Haulers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.
- LOCAL 131**
Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.
- LOCAL 259**
Second Monday of each month.
- LOCAL 664**
General Membership—First and third Fridays.
Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.
- LOCAL 1086**
The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN**
Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.
- 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.
- FEDERAL WORKERS**
Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m.
Stewards—First and third Wednesdays
- LOCAL 289**
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.
- LOCAL 346**
Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
- LOCAL 103**
Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month.
Executive Committee Meeting on call.
- PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS**
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- LOCAL 275**
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
- LOCAL 359**
Stewards—Second Mondays.
Executive Board—First and third Mondays.
General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.
- LOCAL 160**
General Membership—First and third Thursdays.
Seniority Board—Every Monday.
Executive Board—Every Tuesday.
Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
- LOCAL 221**
Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month.
Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
- LOCAL 1859**
General Membership—April 3
Box Section—April 16
J. K. 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
- LOCAL 20481**
General Membership—April 3
Webster Lumber Co.—April 9
- LOCAL 958**
Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month.
Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.
- 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 at 7 P. M. in Hall 3
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Local 544 office, first floor
The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor
All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.