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

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On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

Shipping on the Great Lakes has begun with the settlement of the six day strike called on April 15 by the Canadian Sailors Union (AFL). The matters in dispute will be submitted to a board of conciliators, consisting of one representative from the union, one from the bosses, and one "impartial" chairman. Neither side will be bound by the recommendations of the conciliators.

The strike, over an increase of \$10 per month per sailor, three additional men in the crew of each ship, and the union shop, was marked by wonderful militancy on the part of the striking sailors. One company president who thought to escort strikebreakers through the picket line came out of the fray with a cut lip and badly bruised hands.

The strikers were more than ready to carry the strike on to a successful finish on the picket line. But it must be remembered that Canada is at war and under a military dictatorship. One columnist comments on the fact that, stringent as Canada's war program is, it compares very weakly to the one WE WILL BE UNDER HERE WHEN M-DAY COMES TO THE UNITED STATES.

Again we heartily recommend that every worker acquaint himself with the terms of the M-Day plan. War may seem, to many of us, as a horrible possibility which we can sluff off by not giving too much thought to. But the Administration isn't treating the matter in that light at all. The M-Day plan is ready and waiting in the files of the War Dept. to be rushed through Congress when it is needed. Read it and then start to think!

And speaking of war—a New York writer has this to say in the Monday morning edition of the Minneapolis Times-Tribune: "The war diet, openly frowned upon by some industrialists, shows promise of expanding the waistlines of many companies which had a tough struggle for existence during the past decade's lean pickings."

Frederick Gardner goes on to show that the expansion in heavy industry, dealing in capital goods necessary for the carrying on of the war in Europe has doubled and trebled the incomes of manufacturers of iron and steel products, machinery, aircraft and parts, and copper. During the past quarter Bethlehem Steel has cleared \$10,891,139—the largest net profit in the company's history.

Iron and steel products exported in 1939 were about 43 million dollars—this year for the same period they exceed 108 million. Machinery exported for the first three months of 1939 was about 115 million dollars, this year—149 million. The export of aircraft and parts has trebled from the 1939 figure of 20 million, to 66 million. Copper has more than doubled from 16 million to 38 million.

Who says there is no profit in war? And think also of the way those profits will soar for the American imperialists when they are also selling the United States their full quota of death-dealing machinery?

Homer Martin, erstwhile head of the United Auto Workers AFL (Continued on page 4)

Bakery Drivers Dispute Tossed to 3-Man Commission

Governor Ties Hands of Local 289 for Thirty More Days—He Decides Dispute Is One Involving "Public Interest" Despite Fact 200 Bakeries Not Involved and Well Able to Provide Public with Bread in Case of Strike

The union movement of Minneapolis witnessed another example of the Stassen Slave Labor Act at work last Thursday when Governor Stassen decided that the dispute between the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 and twenty-nine wholesale bakeries in this city was a dispute involving "public interest." Stassen appointed a three-man commission to hold a hearing, which will tie the hands of the union for thirty more days. The ten-day "cooling-off" period expired late last week.

The governor's designation of the dispute as one involving public interest was made in the face of the fact that there are over two hundred bakeries in Minneapolis NOT involved in the dispute—including the large Excelsior plant—which bakeries could easily supply the public with the bakery goods required in case a strike developed. Seeing a chance to tie up the union for another month, the governor disregarded the existence of the other bakeries and threw the negotiations into his three-man commission.

Commission members are J. L. MacBean of St. Paul, representing

the "public interest;" Emil R. Keehn of Minneapolis, representing labor; and John F. Reynolds of Minneapolis, representing the employers.

Earlier last week four of the wholesale bakeries involved had notified the union they were ready to sign the new agreement on the union's terms; but upon learning of the governor's action in appointing a three-man commission, the bakeries declined to sign with the union.

The Stassen Labor Law is a wonderful thing—for the employers of this state.

Milkman Is Special Salesman For Farmer, Says Rasmussen

By Paul Rasmussen, Executive Secretary, Farmer-Cooperative Labor Council

The milkman in the cities who calls at your home every morning and makes fresh milk available for you and members of your family—particularly the children—is the special salesman for the dairy farmer. The milkman, in the interest of health, is interested in making available each morning a fresh supply of milk for the family's needs for that day.

200,000 More Pink Slips This May

More than 200,000 WPA workers are slated for dismissal during the month of May, to match the 200,000 fired in April.

In the Twin Cities 2,094 WPA workers were dropped from the role Tuesday to reduce the district quota to 12,662. Over the state, over 6,000 more will be fired this month from WPA.

There are about 15,000 workers in Minnesota eligible for WPA and awaiting assignments, but far from hiring these needy workers, the government is increasing their numbers by its pink-slip policy of relief slashing.

Carpenters, Painters Organize Credit Units

The Minneapolis Painters Union Local 386 and the Minneapolis Carpenters Union Local 7 have organized credit unions. There are now fifteen credit unions organized within trade unions in Minnesota, with over \$175,000 in assets and over 1,500 members.

Baseball Players Attention!

All men interested in playing park baseball this season, get in touch immediately with Louis Hanson, Hyland 7923.

The AFL Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 will sponsor a baseball team this year. Louis Hanson, coach of last year's city champion Local 544 team, will manage Local 977's team. Practice sessions have already begun, and are held each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6 p. m. Members of all local unions are eligible to try out for the team.

Labor Affirms Faith in Integrity of 544 Leaders, Hits Finks and Boss Press

Central Labor Union and Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents Express Complete Confidence in Local 544

A resolution expressing "our complete confidence in Local 544, its members and its leaders" was adopted by the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents to its regular meeting Tuesday, April 23rd, and referred to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union where it was adopted the following night and referred to the executive board.

The resolution, passed by the responsible bodies of organized labor in Minneapolis, in the teeth of the finks' lying charges against Local 544, is unionism's answer to the five former members of the General Drivers Union who lent their names to the suit against Local 544, and an answer to the employers who are backing the suit.

The text of the resolution follows: WHEREAS, five former members of the Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544 have lent their names to a suit against Local 544, in which they charge that the leaders of Local 544 have been guilty of dishonest practices and of acting against the interests of the organization; and

WHEREAS, this suit has been in progress for over two years, during which the courts have seen fit to permit the plaintiffs and their representatives access to all the books and records of Local 544; and

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs, instead of using the democratic channels available within the union and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to seek redress of their alleged grievances, have chosen instead to try their case in the courts, an act of unpardonable disloyalty to unionism; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the plaintiffs have condemned Local 544 for many actions which are entirely legal and of the type practiced by all trade unions in the interests of their members and of labor generally; and

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs have sought to try their case in the newspapers and have been aided in this respect by the daily papers of Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of Local 544 are known to organized labor as men of unquestioned honesty and integrity; now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents go on record as condemning the plaintiffs for violating the principles of unionism by suing Local 544 in the courts, an act which can only aid all labor's enemies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we condemn the daily papers for aiding the plaintiffs in their efforts to try their suit in the newspapers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join with the Central Labor Union in expressing our complete confidence in Local 544, its members and leaders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express the hope that the judge will treat the plaintiffs' charges with the contempt they deserve, and dismiss the suit; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent the labor and daily press of this city.

Adopted by the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 1940.

THOMAS AMMERMAN, Chairman

Union and NSP Negotiators Again Meet With Stassen

All members of the Minneapolis Utility Workers Union Local B-160 are instructed to attend the regular membership meeting of the union Thursday evening, May 2nd, when the joint union negotiating committee will submit a full report of what is occurring in the negotiations.

The joint union committee continued meeting with company negotiators during the past week on the two points still at issue: the five per cent wage increase and the right of the union to deal on matters not specifically listed in the agreement.

Wednesday morning negotiations had reached the point where representatives of Locals 160 and 110, and of the company, returned to the state capitol to meet with Governor Stassen at 10:30 a. m. No report of developments in this meeting were available at press time.

Union Official Given 6 Months For 'Kidnaping'

Howard Fouts, business agent of the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383, was sentenced by the court last Friday, April 26, to six months in jail, or payment of a \$600 fine, for the alleged kidnaping of several out-of-town union drivers some weeks ago.

The union immediately announced it would appeal the case to the state supreme court. Fouts is out on bail bond.

Cunningham, Johnson and Webster, three other members of Local 383, are awaiting trial on the same "kidnaping" charge; all four are also charged with "conspiracy" and will be tried separately under this charge.

Union attorneys moved for mistrial in Fouts' trial, on the grounds that one of the jurors, not a voter, had substituted for his father. The court denied the motion.

The courts of Sioux City and the cops are working hand in glove with the Sioux City Business Men's Association to destroy the Drivers Union Local 393. Judge Joseph Padway has called Sioux City the "Jersey City of the Middle West," and the sentencing of Fouts proves again that this is so.

Finks Rest Case; 544 Will Start 'Innings' Monday

Iowa Alliance Asks FDR to Pardon Strikers

Northwest Organizer Dear Editor:

I have been wanting to write this letter for some time and congratulate the workers of your fair city for the effort they are making to Make Minneapolis a 100% Union Town.

Also the brave and courageous way they are continuously fighting to free the convicted WPA strikers of Minneapolis. It proves unselfishness and that is what it takes to win.

I also wish to inform you and the people of your city that Local G-144 of the Workers Alliance of Iowa, City of Burlington, has sent in a plea to President FDR asking for executive clemency for all WPA strikers of Minneapolis. We feel their fight is our fight. Your paper is a real Labor Paper.

Sincerely, Geo. H. Luetkehans, Chairman Legislative Committee W.A. Local G-144 Burlington, Iowa

Business Agents Lunch Thursday Will Greet Five WPA Strikers

All business agents are invited to attend the special meeting of the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents this Thursday noon at Fransen's cafe, 16 North 6th street, to greet the WPA strikers who are to be released from Sandstone federal prison that morning.

A small delegation from the Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee will be at the prison early Thursday to greet the released brothers and transport them by auto to Minneapolis and the special luncheon meeting in their honor.

544 Picnic Committee Meets May 7

The first meeting of Local 544's Picnic Committee was held last Friday evening, where sub-committees were appointed and plans discussed for the General Drivers Union annual picnic, to be held this year on Sunday, July 14th, at Webb's Place. The Committee pledged to make the 1940 picnic bigger and better than ever.

Present were Harold Beal, John Rogers, Phil Gagnon, Steve Glaser, Sid Brennan, Moe Hork, Fred Casey, Rudy Novak, Bill Sarempa, Clarence Hamel and Walt Hagstrom. The next meeting of the Committee will be held Tuesday, May 7th, 8:30 p. m.

Alberts to Speak To FWS Women Friday Evening

The regularly scheduled May meeting of the Women's Division of the FWS has been moved forward to Friday evening, May 3, at 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

Eddie Alberts, WPA prisoner, just released from Sandstone federal prison, will address the meeting with an account of life in prison. All women, members and non-members, are invited to attend to learn first-hand what it is like to be a guest of Uncle Sam for exercising the so-called "democratic" right to strike against intolerable conditions.

Two Witnesses Called by Finks Back-Fire and Defend Right of Union to Uphold Union Principles—Defense Motion to Dismiss Case Is Denied—Anderson's Bombast Fails to Shake Labor's Confidence in General Drivers Union and its Leadership—Several Local 544 Officials Expected to Take Stand and Expose Lies of Plaintiffs

The fink plaintiffs in the book suit against the Minneapolis General Drivers Union rested their case Monday, but not before two of their own witnesses "back-fired" on them by presenting testimony which crushingly refuted Attorney Arthur Anderson's claims that Local 544 was not acting in the interests of the union membership.

After motion by union defense attorneys to dismiss the case was denied by Judge Carroll, it was agreed that the defense will begin next Monday morning to present its case. A number of Local 544 officials are expected to take the stand to refute, item by item, the charges presented by Attorneys Anderson and Thompson for the plaintiffs.

John Goldie, Local 544 attorney, moved that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the plaintiffs had failed to exhaust all available remedies through channels within the union itself, as provided for in the by-laws of the General Drivers Union and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Goldie also advanced the further grounds that the plaintiffs had appeared in court with unclean hands and improper motives, and were active in the fink "Associated Independent Union Number One," and that the plaintiffs had failed to produce evidence sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

Judge Carroll denied the motion for dismissal and indicated he wished to hear the case through to the end.

Witnesses Backfire Last Wednesday morning Anderson placed two former coal drivers for the Reeves Coal company on the stand, whom he confidently expected would be his star witnesses against Local 544.

At one time these two drivers had been working for less than the union wage scale, though both were Local 544 members. The union had collected back pay for them and had disciplined them for violating the union by-laws.

To Anderson, all this constituted a horrible crime against humanity.

What was Anderson's surprise and chagrin to hear the two witnesses admit they had done wrong in working for less than the union wage scale, admit the union had collected back pay for them from the employer, admit that in their opinion the union had acted correctly in disciplining them. In short, the two drivers, Thorsen and Bruns, indicated on the stand they still believed firmly in union principles. But that was all it took to explode the whole point the finks have so carefully sought to build up.

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Local 20481 is near the end of its negotiations for a new contract with the Webster Lumber company.

John Goldie asked him if (Continued on page 4)

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Attempt to Minimize Unemployment Starts New Attack on Jobless

Dorothy Thompson and Arthur Krock Claim There Are Only 3,000,000 Unemployed—Base Themselves on Screwed Figures of du Pont Economist—Is Seen as Start of Campaign to Boost Armament Expenditures Still Higher at Expense of Unemployed—Bosses Clamoring to Take Vote Away from Unemployed—Fake Unemployed Figures Don't Fool Labor Nor Public Officials

Using two of the nation's widely-read columnists as propagandists, a section of Big Business in the United States has recently launched an attack against organized labor and the unemployed which may have far-reaching effects on the lives of the masses.

The two columnists—Dorothy Thompson and Arthur Krock of the New York Times—have both recently announced in their columns that everybody is wrong about the total number of unemployed in this country. There are not ten or eleven million jobless, Thompson and Krock claim. There are only two or three million.

The source of the unemployment statistics publicized by the anti-labor columnists is Mr. Edmund E. Lincoln of Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Lincoln happens to be the economist for the du Pont dynasty, munitions manufacturers. The du Ponts have done quite well for themselves recently, what with the national administration's huge armament expenditures and its relief slashes. But, like all bosses, the du Ponts are eager for higher and higher profits. One way to get them is for the federal government to spend still more on armaments—and still less on the unemployed. In short, the du Ponts have a vested interest in minimizing the proportions of the unemployed problem.

Arthur Krock came out with the breathtaking news in his column March 12th in the N. Y. Times, one day after Dorothy Thompson had announced that unemployment had all but vanished.

After doing some fancy juggling and sleight-of-hand, Krock announced that "the total of bona fide unemployed in December, 1939, including those on work relief, could not exceed a maximum of 4,000,000 and was probably around 3,000,000. Take away a third for the perennial normal reasons of illness, strikes and inefficiency and it remains that only from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 private jobs need be supplied to find work for every one employable."

Admits Estimate Is "Startling"
Krock has the good grace to admit that "this estimate is startling in its contrast to the steady assertions from government, organized labor and Republican sources that from 9,000,000 to 11,000,000 employables are out of private work and have been steadily since the depth of the depression.

In succeeding columns Krock continued to insist that his figures were correct and that he was not guilty of "wishful thinking."

Miss Thompson has likewise stuck by her figures, and has called her critics "labor propagandists."

No sooner had Miss Thompson let go this blast than the National Industrial Conference Board, an organization backed by some of the country's largest capitalists, issued its January figures for unemployment. The figure is 9,296,000, a rise of 10.6 per cent over the December total. With business still nose-diving, the February and March figures will probably be higher by a couple of million.

According to the National Industrial Conference Board's figures, the number of employed workers declined in January from 46,304,000 to 45,473,000, with manufacturing and trade, distribution and finance showing the heaviest losses. This is a drop of about 800,000 workers from jobs in private industry. Other estimates set this figure higher.

How Unemployment Is Estimated
Most agencies which make unemployment estimates ascertain from monthly indices of employment issued by the federal government the number of workers employed in industry.

The next step is to determine the total labor supply available. Most agencies start with the 1930 census unemployment count of 3,187,647 as a foundation figure. They then seek to determine the number of workers reaching working age and entering the labor market, less the number leaving the labor market because of death or retirement. By subtracting the number of employed workers from the estimated number available for employment, the volume of unemployment for a given date is determined.

Generally, the agencies in the

field vary a few million in their estimates. Among the best-known estimates are those of the National Industrial Conference Board, the American Federation of Labor, Robert Nathan of the U. S. Department of Commerce, the CIO, etc.

The AFL figure, though conservative, is probably the most respected estimate. In reaching its estimates, the AFL omits two classifications—persons out of a job and unable to work, and persons having jobs and drawing pay, though not at work (on vacation, etc.)

The National Industrial Conference Board does not count as unemployed those persons on PWA, but does count those on CCC, WPA and NYA.

Robert Nathan of the Department of Commerce includes in his unemployment totals those persons having jobs but idle on account of sickness or disability, and persons having jobs but voluntarily idle without pay. Nathan does not count workers on PWA as unemployed.

Curing With Figures
Mr. Lincoln of du Pont, and after him Miss Thompson and Mr. Krock, reach their wonderful figures by: disregarding the 2,000,000 unemployed in 1929; estimating the number of young people who have come on the labor market since 1930 at 4,000,000 instead of 6,000,000, the accepted figure. Miss Thompson counts all those on WPA, CCC, etc., as employed; disregards the 1,300,000 workers thrown out of private industry between December, 1939, and January, 1940; pays no heed to the additional number of persons seeking jobs as a result of the depression and the prolonged unemployment of the principal breadwinner.

There is good reason to believe that the "good news" figures publicized by Krock and Thompson represent the start of a crude campaign launched by a section of the ruling class to attack relief standards, and through them attack organized labor.

The more the reactionaries can slash relief, the more suffering will increase, the more desperate will people become, the lower the wages they will accept, the harder it becomes for the unions to maintain themselves, the more government funds there are left over to squander on armaments.

Signs of the Times
There have been several signs recently that a widespread attack on the jobless is in the making. Setting aside for a moment the fate of the Minneapolis WPA strikers, and the slash in relief proposed January 3rd by President Roosevelt in his budget message, consider these developments:

1. Last month in New Jersey the legislative emergency relief committee seriously proposed that all able-bodied males who have been on relief for three years be branded as paupers and be disfranchised.

2. An article in a recent issue of The Nation's Business, big business magazine, suggested that relief clients be "progressively disfranchised."

3. In New York City over a dozen relief clients have been arrested recently and jailed for picketing relief stations. The New York relief administrator has issued a set of new rules greatly circumscribing the freedom of the unemployed to protest against starvation.

4. In Chicago police squads are

again being called by relief administrators to eject relief clients, as the United Press reported on March 12th.

Aren't Fooling Themselves
If the Sixty Families think they can fool people into wishing away the unemployment problem, they are mistaken. Mass suffering is too intense and too obvious in the United States. And government officials who have to deal with unemployment, no matter how inadequately, know better than to believe there are only two or three million unemployed.

On March 21st the United States Conference of Mayors met in Washington. Mayors of cities, after all, can't kid themselves about the number of unemployed. The Conference estimated the number of unemployed at not less than 9,000,000 and said the figure would soon reach 11,000,000 unless the employment curve takes a sharp bend upward. Their figures refer only to those workers classified as employables. The mayors have asked Roosevelt to base the WPA appropriation on the actual needs existing in the cities of the country, stating that "the present WPA program is not now giving work to all the destitute able-bodied unemployed," an understatement if ever there was one.

The mayors are getting plenty worried, what with their cities on the verge of bankruptcy, and about 700,000 workers being slashed off WPA between now and June 30th.

If next year's appropriation is passed as Roosevelt recommended—only \$1,000,000,000—another 600,000 workers would have to be cut from WPA between July 1 and November, according to Ernest Lindley, Washington columnist.

Gassing With 977

All columnists look for the proverbial "scop"—here it is: Mr. and Mrs. John Eidsvold are the proud parents of a nine pound baby daughter, born April 29th at Northwestern Hospital. This being their first, the cigars are on John—get yours!

The best wishes of the Local go with T. J. Hanson, former attendant at the Skelly station, 2202 Lyndale S., who recently secured a position in the milk industry and transferred to Local 471.

Your attention is called to another column in this issue announcing the formation of a ball team to be sponsored by your Local. While we are on the subject of baseball, we have been informed that we have a professional player among our members. Brother Norris Hanson, attendant at the Phillips service, 52nd and Lyndale Ave. N., is playing in the Northern League at Crookston.

Don Kampa and Ken Bach, employed by the Firestone Tire Co., have been transferred to the St. Paul office of the company, and have also transferred their Union membership to Local 975 of that city.

We understand that Pat Grand Pre, attendant at the Phillips station at 1600 W. Broadway, contemplates a combined fishing trip and honeymoon on or about May 15th. Congratulations, Pat.

Melvin Satter, formerly attendant at the Barnsdall station, 3543 Nicollet Ave., transferred to the Milk Drivers Local 471 this week. Again, we ask you to patronize your fellow union brother, the milk driver, who passes your door each morning, rather than purchase your milk at the corner grocery.

The fashionable physician walked into his office and nodded cheerfully to a waiting patient. "Well, Mrs. Smythe, what do you think is the trouble now?" he asked.

"Doctor, I hardly know, the woman replied. "What's new?"

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

George C. Fletcher quit working for keeps Wednesday, April 24. George is a youngster of 89 summers, in case you wonder why he quit. After a long and productive life as a producer of wealth, the last 16 years of which he spent working in the machine shop at the J. R. Clark plant, and having passed the four score mark by almost a half, George just ups and punches out for the last time, pays up his union dues, takes out his final withdrawal card and goes home to stay.

When Brother Fletcher left the plant Wednesday, a good many of the men in the plant who have known George these many years came in to shake hands and say goodbye. His fellow workers in the machine shop took up a collection and bought him a pair of slippers. And in case you read this, Brother Fletcher, the boys want you to know that they hope the slippers fit. All those who know George Fletcher have a good word to say for him. His foreman said, "George was always a good, steady worker. Always attended to his own business. He was a good union man 150 per cent." Jack Savada, who worked beside George for the last 15 years, said, "I kinda miss the old fella." George told the boys that in a way he was glad he was quitting but I would sooner work if I could. George liked his fellow workers and was always willing to do 'em a little favor, say, like lending a couple bucks to ease over a rough spot.

Brother Fletcher and his wife live at 4011 Fremont Ave. N. and nothing would please the old gentleman more than to have a call and a little visit from one of his fellow workers.

George started work at the J. R. Clark plant March 17, 1924. He was number 32 on the seniority list. He is eligible for O.A.B. of \$26 a month and \$13 more for the Mrs.

A new immigrant into this vale of tears arrived at the Bradley Morrison family April 26, 1940, Thursday, at exactly 2:28 a. m. He is a bouncing baby boy weighing 7½ pounds. Brad says that Mrs. Morrison and the little fella are doing fine and are at the St. Barnabas hospital. Brother Morrison will open a fresh box of snuff during the coming week and invites you in to have a pinch.

Bill Muncy is in the Northwestern hospital with pneumonia. Bill has had \$60 worth of anti-pneumonia serum shot into him so far. The boys all miss you, Bill, and we hope you get well soon.

Dirty work at the crossroads of the case of Theodore "Ted" Anderson and the double-crossing neighbors. Omens of impending doom hovered over the happy warrior as he toolled his ancient jalopy

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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Died: Mrs. Sarah Cecere. She is survived by her husband, Antonio, two daughters and two sons. Antonio is a well known owner-driver of the Liberty cab unit, as is his son Julius.

We extend our sympathy to R. Benedict of the Y. C. at the death of his mother.

John Berg and Newton Jones paid an afternoon visit to David Franzen at Glen Lake. Dave enjoys these visits even if you have but a moment to spend. Sam Rich of the Terminal would like to see some of the boys too; he is at the same institution.

Short run-run-of-the-week: Curly Goodnough gets a starter-load at the Milwaukee depot which takes him almost out of second gear to the navy recruiting station in the old postoffice.

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has a fifty-cent fine for jay-walkers and it is proving its worth in lives and time saved for everyone. Any politician has got our vote if he'll add this plank to his platform.

Our Y. C. snoopispor coupe will no doubt be fitted with a draw-bar if G. O. T. Treasury, Passolt hears of this. K. Grapp took Ralph Ryan for a tour of the cab-stands one dead day last week and ended at the bus depot fourth up. If we could be sure of business by following the "Coupe" there would be a parade of us behind it these dull Spring days.

"D" Hall (Sylvester) has voiced an uncontrollable yen to wash his feet in the new fountain in the Rainbow restaurant. (We dare you).

Emil Kariger is trying to figure out who took who, and for how much but he is quite sure of one thing: he deserves a kick in the pants. Fortified with a goodly number of trade-tickets for a drawing at the D. H. Phillips store on the East Side. One of his numbers was called and he received a dress for the wife, which made him happy. He understood that the announcer forbade two prizes to the same person so he gave away the remainder of the ducats.

When it came to the grand prize (a hundred dollars or refrigerator) the one prize to a person rule was put aside. You guessed right. Emil's erstwhile tickets had the one that won the Grand Prize. So Emil played Santa Claus on somebody else's dough, but the number was his before he gave it away, and we learned about giving from that . . .

James Huntington Sr. now lives out Central avenue way where the wind blows. They are not quite sure whether the tornado of last year blew itself out but Jimmy makes the best of it. While applying building paper to his house the wind was so strong he used each sheet as a sail and "luff'd" it into position. The ancient mariner had nothing on this boy.

It was Monday afternoon and Brother Nels Larson bent his mighty back to his work, straining every they and tendon. Such assiduous performance of duty haised Nels' blood to a heat and he took off his coat and wesket and laid them carefully on the end of the carloading platform. Came time to cease labor for the day and Nels began to cool off and feel the bite of the cool evening breeze, so he set about to assemble his raiment. But alas, it was gone, stolen, swiped, purloined—perhaps by some wastrel of the wastelands, but gone, anyway.

In a statement to the Press, Nels Larson sez, "Don't leave nothin' lay around loose out near them railroad tracks." Take heed to the voice of experience.

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The social event of the season was enjoyed at the Local 958 dance. There was a gay crowd, good music by the Buccaneers, a good floor show and the door prizes were of the best (ask the winners). We could write reams on what the individuals did or didn't do but we all went home happy and vote a bundle of thanks to those who made it a social success.

Who is the driver trying to crash the "horsey" set? Anyway, his hack contains a specie of vegetable which the bangtails dote on. There's vitamins in them carrots.

With the Limousines

By Home James

Well, the Katzenjamer Kids are still at it. Tacks and red lanterns. Nothing would surprise us now. False faces and Jack O'Lanterns will probably be next. (A funny lot, these finks!)

We hear one of the leading finks is going over and save Sweden from Hitler. Of course, Sweden will be tickled pink, but we want to remind him that all good drivers over there are union men and that Hitler is one guy that doesn't believe in those things, (just so the boy doesn't get things mixed up and get in the wrong army.)

Well, here is a few of the suggestions we got on the parking meters: Don't pay; use pennies; buy slugs; a good push with a screw driver; iron pipe works, too; just go until you see a green flag; charge the boss a buck a day on the expense account, etc.

Emil out on Park Ave., says his bus takes three stalls and he would have to pay 15c. T'ain't fair!

Al Jones is in town again. (Ma, there's that man again!)

Fred Engel got home a few days ago. 3,900 miles in 35 days. Hm, not bad.

We hear Ralph Eastman and Bill Hines sure get around.

Remember, good union men bring their grievances to the hall, not to the finks on the street.

Some of the republicans don't want Dewey. For heavens' sake, are they agreeing with us!

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(Continued from page 1)
termilk, and any and all dairy products is the most important factor resulting in the maximum consumption of dairy products. The every-other-day stale milk delivery plan would have a demoralizing effect on the milk industry—would result in curtailing the use of milk, and would harm both the farmer who produces the milk, and the milkman who delivers the product.

Hits Milk Brokers
The Twin City Milk Producers Association, which is a producer cooperative marketing association controlled by the dairy farmers within thirty-five miles of the Twin Cities provides Minneapolis and St. Paul with approximately 85% of the fluid milk consumed in this area. About 45% of the milk produced by the Twin City Milk Producers Association is sold in fluid milk. The balance is made into butter, cheese, powdered milk and other dairy products. The price paid to the farmer is based on the amount of milk which is sold as fluid milk and the amount sold in other dairy products. The Twin City Milk Producers Association has been a very important factor in giving the benefit of the fluid milk market to the farmers in this area. It seems to me that if dollar and dividend-minded individuals who are brokers in the milk industry want to force a stale milk policy on the citizens, and particularly the children of the Twin Cities, that they should first call a convention of all of the cows that supply the milk for the Twin City Milk Producers Association and recommend to them that they produce their supply of milk every other day. This idea is, of course, very absurd, but so is the policy of every-other-day delivery, and forcing stale milk on the public.

Daily Delivery Is Best For All
The farmers who produce the milk and their cooperative producers associations, together with the organized milk drivers, should make every effort to continue the present policy of making a fresh supply of milk available daily for the families and children of this area.

Card of Thanks
To Local 664:
This is to acknowledge my grateful appreciation for the purse given me during my recent illness. Also to those who so willingly donated transfusions for me.
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George Bergquist
Ed Robinson of Northland has applied for the Retirement Fund. Brother Robinson is 62 years of age now and has complied with the necessary requirements. Already Ed has purchased a small farm where he plans on being his own boss; there will be no "speed-up" machines about the place. It does us all good to realize that every one of us take part in making life better for Brother Robinson.

Do you remember Brother Gunn (a very conscientious member of our union) who worked for Oh-leens several years? He studied law on off hours, was admitted to the bar, served as assistant attorney general for a couple of years, up to the Republican regime. Now our former brother has an office in Minneapolis, he would appreciate having 471 members call on him and we know Brother Gunn can give you the very best of legal service.

For a month past all of the boats on Lake Mille Lacs have been reserved for opening day; we were afraid the good picnic spots might get tied up too, so the Executive Board has set up a Picnic Committee, Gene Larson, Conrad Ordeeman, Gus Anderson and Jiggs Donaghue. At the next membership meeting they will tell us what they want to do, where and when. Maybe they want permission to spend some "bucks" to throw a good picnic; in the "old days" the stewards had to sell picnic buttons to swing the deal.

Besides being the most healthful and most economical food, milk also is the oldest of them all. Science has definite proof that the Chaldeans used milk in 4000 B.C. No traces have been found of gallon jugs, skip stop delivery or the S. Scale; however, the 6000 year old heavy stone etchings prove the "old boy" milked the same way as does the farmer of today.

We hope the speed demons around town will lay off our milk trucks. Dwight Umberhocker (Clover Leaf) came through his tail-spin just fine but Lauri Fossbloom (Norris) did not fare so well and we are sending the best wishes of Local 471 to Lauri, hoping for his speedy recovery.

There are several coming Drivers Unions in Faribault, Austin, Willmar, Brainerd, Winona, St. Cloud, etc. On our vacation and fishing trips this summer let's take time out and give them a boost of some kind.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next meeting will be the Wholesale Drivers who get together Thursday evening, May 9th, 4 p. m.

The Picnic Committee in the first meeting held last General Meeting night made the recommendation that we would sell tickets this year for 50c which in turn will be redeemable for 50c in trade at the picnic grounds. The recommendation passed on the membership floor.

This is the smart thing to do, I think, as every member of the local can well afford to buy a ticket at this price as long as he gets value received.

Again the picnic date: July 14th at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar. The committee guarantees sunshine and blue skies, so mark the date on your "must" list.

Stranger things have happened I guess (according to Bob McVeety, who is safely out of town on his vacation), but not for a long time. On the way home from the meeting the other night Frency Bistodeau set the boys up to—ice cream!

In a recent safety meeting at Zinsmasters they asked the boys for suggestions on safety precautions and Harold Larson came up with a dinger. Says Harold, the company should provide each truck with a 5c sack of salt in case ice starts to freeze on the windshield.

Art Sundberg, Regans, suffered the loss recently of his father who passed away two weeks ago at the age of 90 years.

Willard Gustafson, Purity North plant, not to be outdone by Red Johnson, was married last Monday, April 29th, and so it goes, one after the other.

To the Ladeez: Better take up golfing or fishing because there's soon gonna be a pile of golfing and fishing widows around town, from what I hear.

Bakery Drivers Picnic July 14 At Costello's

The annual picnic of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 will be held Sunday, July 14th, at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar, the union picnic committee has announced.

The committee is busy with its plans to make the 1940 outing the most memorable affair in the history of Local 289. Loren Johnson is again head of the picnic committee.

The traveller asked the native of the Ozarks if he had any trouble getting the necessities of life in that inaccessible region. "Yes, sircce," answered the hill-billy. "And half of the time the stuff's not fitten to drink!"

Milk is the only food which contains sufficient calcium to assure the development and maintenance of man's maximum mental and physical capacities, according to Dr. Charles F. Nelson of Beverly Hills, California. Did you say you never drink milk?

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Organizer Columnists Wine, Dine

The men and women who do so much to make the Northwest Organizer the outstanding union paper that it is—the people who write the weekly union columns that you and you read—met with the editorial board, and the staff Tuesday evening at Harry's cafe for the second annual banquet of those responsible for issuing the Northwest Organizer.

Following the dinner, everyone present got up and spoke his or her mind about the paper, with suggestions to still further improve it. If you see the Organizer getting more and more readable, you'll know that the ideas that came out of the banquet are being applied.

All those in attendance had a pleasant evening, and the interchange of ideas was most fruitful. If you want proof, just follow the columns of your paper.

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts
Brother Leonard heard the Labor-Coop. Men's Chorus sing at the Andrews Hotel Saturday evening, April 20, and reports: "They are tops."

Brother MacLennan is sporting a new Plymouth. Must be the family has put the "bee" on "Mac" for more and better trips over the week-ends this coming summer.

Floyd Thon has got the right idea; at the close of the hatchery season he buys about a hundred chicks, keeps 'em a couple months, then puts 'em down in cans for the next winter. The only drawback is that Floyd can't look one of those penny scales in the face.

Some of the boys in one of the Departments are figuring on pulling a job so they can be put away in that place at Stillwater. They say you can at least look up from your work once in a while down there, and probably talk a little occasionally.

The staff of the Northwest Organizer had a dinner and conference at Harry's Cafe Tuesday evening, April 30. Amps & Volts reported a good time, and also considerable accomplished. You can look for improvements in the paper, they say.

Fuller likes married life. Any way he sez he's well taken care of, well-fed and everything.

From now on, it would probably be a good idea to stay off the ragged edge.

Ever since Levandowski ate Porky's lunch, the boys in the Riverside pump room are hiding their ears. Steve sez they don't need to worry, he doesn't like liver sausage anyway.

Kjellberg has been coming to work for three months now with paint on his hands. He's about ready to take the family and move in.

Kolinski is having his plans drawn for his house in that new Cooperative Housing Development in northeast. Saving himself about a thousand specks, too.

Steve Levandowski is becoming one of the country's foremost plant breeders. He has some gladiolas that turn into irises if you leave them in the ground over winter.

Unfair Standard Oil Stations Listed by 977

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Many Unions Back FWS Dance May 4

The Federal Workers dance Saturday night for the released WPA prisoners who come out of Sandstone on May 2 promises to be one of the most important social functions of the entire trade union movement for this year.

Although the dance is sponsored directly by the FWS, it has the support of the entire trade union movement. Most of the unions in town have taken large blocks of tickets and promise to have as many of their members present as possible. Support of this kind will indicate that the union movement is still vitally interested not only in these individual WPA'ers who have suffered under the persecution of the government, but also that the unions as a whole realize the necessity of a strong bond between the employed and the unemployed.

Tiny Thompson and his band will furnish the music. There will be short speeches by leading figures of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and the Defense Committee.

Everyone is assured a good time. Be there early and come prepared to really enjoy the good music, congenial company, and interesting reports from the released strikers.

A woman with eight young children boarded the street car, which was already crowded. Because it took the group so long to get on the conductor got impatient, and as the woman finally clambered on board he asked in an annoyed tone: "Madam, are those children all yours, or is it a picnic?"

"They're all mine, all right," replied the woman, "but believe me, it's no picnic."

Bill Beriou is wondering about the raise.

To Brother Gilmore of "Knots to You": Same goes the credit for the following phrase: "It's the wool before your eyes that keeps the wool off your back."

Why add to the twelve million already unemployed? Insist on daily deliveries of fresh milk at your door.

The Organizer would like to know how many women read the women's column, "... the last word." Drop a card to the Northwest Organizer office and include any suggestions you may have, or call them at Br. 8741.

Don't forget the May Day Dance for the return of the Relief WPA strikers on the 4th at the Union Hall.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Another Sunday night has arrived, and not the foggiest idea of how to start this week's outburst. Cold sober, too. The good wife is at present fixing up a snack in the kitchen, so I'll probably warm up to my work after a bit, even though all I'll get will be tea and toast.

Several new drivers and helpers have shown up at 38th and Bryant the past week. Looks like a busy season ahead for us for the remainder of 1940.

Brother Eric Pearson is, according to latest reports, improving rapidly and here's hoping it continues.

Brother Clarence Samuelson is back home and we'll doubtless have him on the job in another month or so.

Having just returned from the kitchen I wish to report an error in the first paragraph. No tea. Coffee and toast.

Brothers, I am about to compose a lullaby which has been crooned in union by our schools, colleges, politicians, bankers, preachers and insurance salesmen for many centuries without interruption. It shall be called:

The Workers' Lullaby
Hush, little workers, now don't you cry,
You will all be angels by and by,
And fly to work instead of walking
So shut your traps and stop that squawking.

You've nothing but overalls to wear?
Why, that Chihuahua hasn't even got hair!
The good Lord has planned your life all out
So what have you got to holler about?

You are working ninety-eight hours per week
And you worry all day 'cause your wife is sick?
Well, keep your chin up and don't fret about her
Suffering will strengthen her character.

Your kids' bare feet are on the ground
And you live in the dirtiest part of town?
Well, stick it out 'til the day you die
And inherit your mansion in the sky.

You can't make enough to pay the doc
And your grandpa's Elgin is still in hock?
Just hope and pray, keep up the fight,
Such things can't be if you're living right.

You say the reason that you feel so sour
You've been cut to twenty-one cents an hour?
Well, the Lord He giveth and taketh away,
And twenty-one cents — well, that ain't hay.

So you think this world is most unkind?
Put this life's woes out of your mind
And the day shall come when your soul shall rise
To joys eternal in Paradise.

But to qualify, you must think and do
All of the things we tell you to.
Don't join unions—don't vote—the meek
And always turn the other cheek.

You must stuff your children's ears with lies
And encourage them to visualize
The bounteous land beyond the skies
Where, grinning with joy and harking the cries
Of rich men, stuck in needles' eyes,
They'll gorge themselves on luscious pies—forever.
So hush, little workers, don't you cry
You'll get your innings, by and by.

Brother Butch Inhot (?) was deep in the dumps last week. Almost up to his hip pockets.

Foreman: How come the little fellow always carries two planks to your one?
John Work-ox: Because he's too darned lazy to go back for the other one—that's why.

The Chicago Guild Strike Is Settled

The 508-day strike of the Chicago Newspaper Guild against the Hearst Herald-American was settled Sunday, April 26th, on the basis of a union contract which brings better pay. The pact provides for reinstatement of the eight Guild members whose dismissal, climaxing a series of contract violations, precipitated the strike December 5, 1938. The management agrees to halt its court attacks on the Guild, and to reinstate 115 out of the 167 active strikers, and to pay \$24,000 in severance indemnity to the 52 strikers who are not returned to work.

An NLRB election will be held late in the summer to determine the collective bargaining agent for all white-collar workers employed on the Herald-American.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Written on the Job: Wednesday morning, May 1, and freezing to death. Six park board trucks (including mine) are working on that new park being built out Southeast by the Hennepin viaduct. Five WPA bid operators are keeping us company at a premium of 85 to 95 cents. There were more last week, but insurance premiums caught up with five of them and not all of them managed to square up with their agents' bills. It's an easy world, working for such high wages, isn't it?

Mike Myrane: Do you know what our highest bidder is getting now? It's 93 cents an hour. And he is raising his new bid 2 cents. Sounds like a penny-ante game. Mike wants to know what has become of Park Transfer.

Those of you who are hearing and passing on rumors on country seniority can take it from Joe Faustgen, county steward, that so far everything is working out O.K. Joe even has been notified and calls the boys himself. It looks as if the commissioners have found out that a smart way to get out from under heat for trucking jobs is to make the union the goat by hiding under our seniority rules. This is to the benefit of our members, so the union can take it on the chin if there are any squawks.

The families Nelson, St. Martin (A. K.) Morrie Olson and Moller should get together for a first birthday baby party. The infants, born a month or two apart, would certainly furnish their proud papas and mammas with a long afternoon or evening's entertainment, boasting about little Junior and comparing notes. Ho, hum.

Let's be smart and start early this year to build a program for next winter that will turn out better than last.

WPA bidders certified for work are getting more and more money. \$1.25 per hour is reported working now. It must be either the start of spring construction or a dying out of low bidders that is doing this. Probably a little of both. Anyhow, with new bids out we shall see what we shall see.

Questions: Are we getting any work out of all these big wrecking jobs? ... Where is all the scrap-iron hauling? ... Was it the whiskey or the trade-in deals that sold those five Fords for Schwartz of Osseo last week? ... Can you men on the projects change your habits to suit a 120 hour—13 month year as the new schedule will work out? ... Will L. O. Swanson get back to complying with union seniority now that he was tied up for once?

There is a rumbling and a grumbling and I seem to hear talk of lilacs and Lanes and projects versus contracts, Memorial Highway, Sixth Avenue and stuff. Birdies whisper they see someone already dipping sod off the right-of-way. Someone is sure to touch off the fuse and when the blast comes, just please don't blame me if you find a lot of trucks and seniority all mixed up and blown to bits. You might take this tip from the inside. When the war starts, a wise man picks no winner, when he can place his bets on both sides of the fence.

Famous last words: "The Old Man won't go for it."

"Have you heard about the new device that can tell whether a man is lying or not?"
"New device! That's not new. I married one!"

It Could Only Happen In New York

"The management of this store, 100 per cent unionized, is fully in sympathy with this strike and urges you not to pass the picket line and to refrain from patronizing our store during this strike."

What would you think if you saw a large sign like the above on a store entrance, before which were parading union pickets? That's right, you would think you had a beer too many.

And yet such a sign decorates the entrance of the Glenmore Hosiery company at 3 Clinton St., New York City, today, where a strike of Local 3 of the Electrical Workers Union is being conducted against the Electric Alarm Trade Association.

Philip E. Schmidt, manager of the hosiery store, is supporting the demands of Local 3 and urging support to the labor boycott of his own store.

In return, Local 3 is urging all its 16,500 members and their families to patronize the Glenmore store after the strike is over.

Union Will Return Favor
"It is refreshing to learn that we have in our city at least one employer who places the rights of workers above the desire for profits." Harry Van Arsdale, union business agent, wrote to Mr. Schmidt. "Because of your progressive action in the matter of our strike against the Electric Alarm Trade Association, you are doubtless suffering a severe financial loss. Knowing this, I feel that Local 3 would be ungrateful indeed if it permitted your generous act to go unrecognized and unrewarded. I am calling upon all our members and their families to patronize your store as soon as the strike is settled."

And then there's the man who was asked if he would rather meet a pretty woman or just dream about it, who replied: "I'd rather dream about it. You meet a better class of women that way."

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WHY THE NATION'S COURTS ARE PROSECUTING UNIONS

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Why does the United States government choose this particular period to seek to break the weapons of organized labor?

This is a question that not a single one of the victims of Thurman Arnold's "anti-trust" drive has even asked, let alone answered, and yet in this question and its answer lies the clue to the anti-labor campaign.

Has organized labor suddenly evolved new union weapons which it is using against its enemies, and is THIS the reason Big Business has given the order to the national administration to crack down?

No, the union practices that the Department of Justice has announced it will prosecute unions for are practices that the unions have carried out for years, even decades. Neither Wilson, nor Harding, nor Coolidge, nor Hoover, nor Roosevelt in his first term, ever found such union practices at odds with the anti-trust laws.

Then is it because the government has suddenly discovered that the building trades workers receive such high wages they are standing in the way of a huge building boom, that is responsible for drawing the wrath of the Department of Justice? This is indeed the reason that Thurman Arnold and the national administration give to motivate their campaign against the unions.

The building trades unions of the American Federation of Labor have already ably proved that their members are more than moderately paid for the work they perform.

Why Building Costs Are High
AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT KNOWS THAT THIS IS THE CASE. Just recently the Temporary National Economic Committee held a hearing covering costs in the building industry. The Committee discovered that a 20% cut in the cost of building materials would knock 9.33% off the monthly fixed charges on a building.

A 20% cut in interest and amortization payments would subtract 16.9% off the monthly fixed charges! But a 20% cut in labor costs would only knock 4.67% off the monthly fixed charges on a building.

In short, if the government were sincere in its desire to lower building costs, it would attack the huge profits going to the great banking octopus and to the building materials trusts, not to speak of the real estate sharks who artificially maintain high prices on building sites.

Instead, Thurman Arnold concentrates his main fire on the unions, against the workers. If he appears also to be hitting at the employers in the building industry, this is a trick to fool the public. The bosses understand very well who is really on the receiving end of Arnold's blows, and that is why the employers and their press, without exception, cheer the Department of Justice on in its "trust-busting." The employers are let off with consent decrees, or they promise Arnold to be good. The Standard Oil trust promised the United States government the same thing years ago. Everyone knows how that promise was kept. Fines and imprisonment for union leaders, the outlawry of legal union weapons—and a slap on the wrist for the employers. That is the Department of Justice in its campaign to enforce the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

The Bosses Are Preparing for War
To understand the REAL reason why President Roosevelt has given his Department of Justice the go-ahead signal against the union movement, one must understand the dilemma facing the employers today.

Big Business in the United States today faces the problem of maintaining its profits and its dominating role in a social order that is declining not only in this country but on a world scale.

Big Business understands that this can be done in the following ways only:

1. By expanding its markets, which can only mean by extending its markets on the world arena—since the possibility of selling more goods inside the boundaries of the United States is exhausted, and is becoming more and more so with the relief cuts and the new industrial slump;

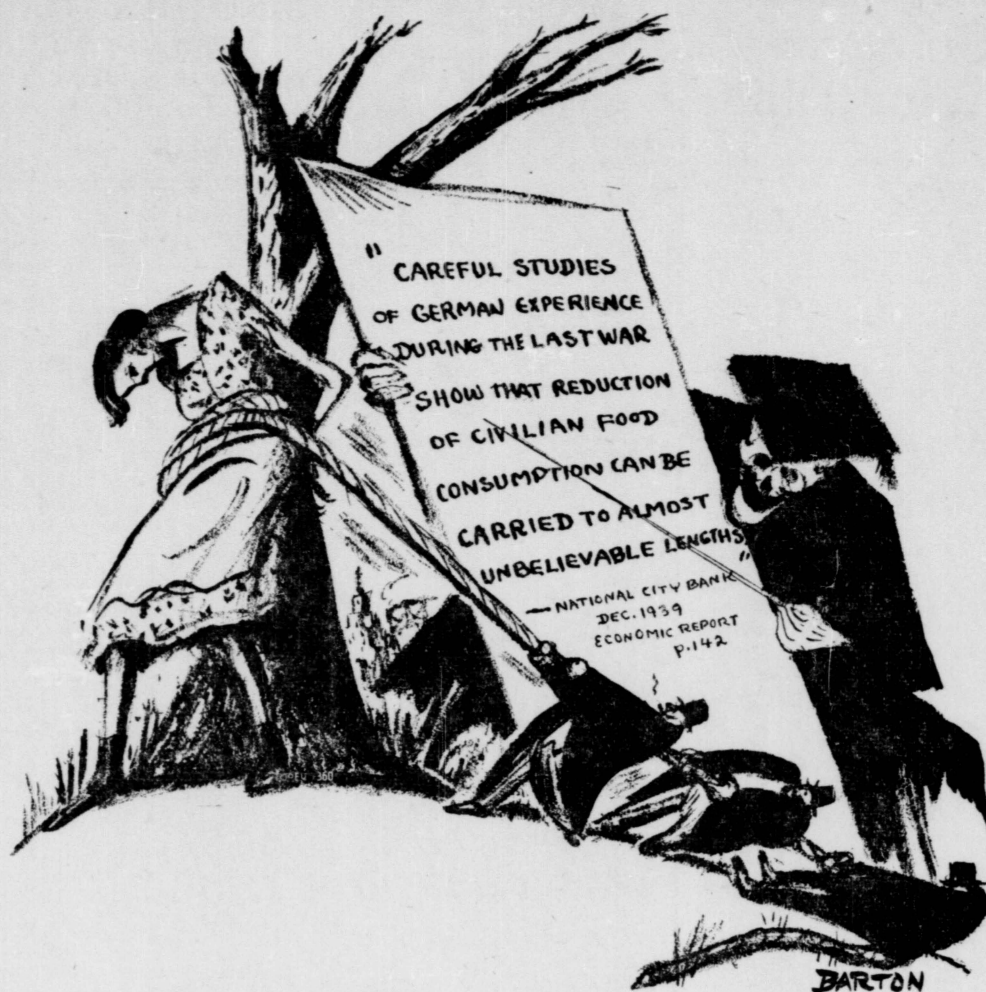
2. By increasing the rate of exploitation of the American workers, which means a general speed-up and a general lowering of the level of real wages for the employed workers, and a cruel attack on the relief standards of the unemployed.

3. By regulating business in the interests of Big Business.

The first of these steps—expanding the foreign markets—means aggressive imperialist war, and it is for this that Roosevelt, with the support of both old parties, pours billions into the Army and Navy. It is for this that Washington forms Pan-American conferences, fortifies the islands of the Pacific, builds long-range bombing planes. It is for this that Congress has adopted a neutrality law which tends surely to put this nation in the European war on the side of Britain and France economically and militarily, just as we are already on their side diplomatically.

The second and third steps in the program of the employers—lowering the wage scale and regulating business in the interests of big capital—mean direct attacks by industry upon the trade union movement, and indirect attacks by industry through the United States government upon organized labor and the unemployed. It means using J. Edgar Hoover's FBI

What Every Worker Should Know



... the last word

By B. G.

Last week there was printed on the front page of this paper a statement from the Milk Drivers Union, Local 471. I hope all you housewives read it, because it stated the union's reasons—all good ones—for buying milk daily from your milkman. Milk companies in Minneapolis have been trying to encourage customers to buy milk every two or three days but to buy more of it at a time, instead of buying a day's supply each day. This is bad, says Local 471, because if this becomes common practice, not only will a large number of milk drivers become unemployed, but the children of Minneapolis will no longer be able to have milk that is fresh every day. For many reasons—most of them you know—fresh milk is vital to the health of every growing child.

If you missed this article, go back and read it. Next time you see your milkman, tell him you want your milk delivered every day, when it's fresh, not when it's a day or two old. You and your milkman can work together to protect his job and your family's health.

To be sure of obtaining color-fast fabrics, look for labels with the guarantee "Fast to washing and to sunlight." If a fabric isn't color-fast when you buy it, there is nothing you can do to make it so.

In war-time England, the average British conscript—he's about 22 with a nice young wife and a baby on the way—is worrying about how his family is going to live on the \$4.80 a week they will get while he's off to war. On a monthly income of \$100 their budget looked something like this:
Payments on house mortgage \$25
Taxes, assessments 2
Food 28
Payments on new radio 2
Transportation, lunches 14
Clothing and incidentals 14
Savings 4
Miscellaneous (includes doctor bills, income tax, entertainment, reserve for vacation, preparations for baby) 11
\$100

An Associated Press article from London gave these figures. The writer says the government is going to help the young soldier, although he "still worries." When I remember what my mother told me about how the government "helped" her during the World War, I don't blame him for worrying. My father enlisted, leaving behind my mother and four small babies. The government promised to pay \$100 every month to support his family. Later, they said it would be only \$33. But all the time my father was away, my mother never received one penny. If it hadn't been for the goodness of friends and relatives who shared their own meager war-time supplies with us, I might not even be here to tell you this today. If I were that British conscript or his wife, I'd be worrying plenty right now.

Short Short Story
"The Battle of Copenhagen"
"Snuff said."

1859 Negotiating With Air-Loc Seat

Negotiations for a new agreement to replace the old one which expired April 18 are now being conducted between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the Air-Loc Seat Industries company.

The old pact, with the exception of the wage clause, is acceptable to the company. On wages, the company is proposing to introduce a piece-work system of pay in place of the hourly pay for upholsterers. Such an "incentive" plan would serve to speed up work throughout the plant, and is unacceptable to the union.

WHY INDEED?

For one solid hour the captain had been expounding to his men on "The Duty of a Soldier," and now he thought it time to recapitulate. Casting his eyes about a room he stopped when he came to an intelligent-looking Irishman.

"Murphy," the captain asked, "why should a soldier be willing to die for his country?"

Murphy scratched his head for a considerable period, and looked blankly at the officer. Then a look of complete understanding appeared on his face.

"Sure, captain," said Murphy with a broad grin. "You're absolutely right. Why should he?"

On the National Picket Line

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faction, has resigned to go into private business. First reports of his resignation gave the reason as "a much needed vacation." Mr. Martin issued a statement denying his resignation in which he said, "I leave the labor movement, temporarily at least, with the knowledge that I have always served the interests of labor honestly and to the best of my ability."

Possibly Mr. Martin does feel that he has "served to the best of his ability." Dual unionism never has been our idea of good unionism, however, and we question Mr. Martin's intentions to the workers when he deliberately split the UAW and withdrew his own small faction into the AFL. There have been a few other instances in the career of Mr. Martin which we could mention which might make others, also, doubt the "honesty" of his service. A splitter of every kind, when his split serves only to confuse the workers and break down existing conditions already bought with workers' blood, can never again raise his head and his head before the workers with a mere plea that his work was to the "best of his ability."

The AFL Teamsters unions, serving the World's Fair in New York, are on strike. The Fair Corporation has contracted for garbage service through the city's civil service department and its drivers are not members of the union which has jurisdiction. According to the union spokesman, an existing contract between the Building Trades and Construction workers council and the Fair Cor-

poration prohibits the use of civil service operated trucks on the Fair.

While a general strike affecting all building trades workers on the Fair is held up pending the outcome of conferences between union representatives and Mayor La Guardia, all trucks are idle and there is only about enough material on hand to keep going for about twenty-four hours.

The trouble between the Fair Corporation and Actors' Equity has been settled with the choral singers and ballet dancers accepting a \$40 weekly wage for a restricted number of performances, with an additional bonus of \$1 per performance for all extra shows.

The Fair's own production, "American Jubilee," will go into immediate rehearsals. The fair opens very shortly (if the corporation decides to quit chiseling on union wages and working conditions, and live up to the existing contracts.)

It is said that when Lincoln was stricken with small-pox, he told his doctor: "Send up the office seekers. Tell them at last I have something to give to all of them."

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ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF EXEMPT ESTATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
Probate Court
In Re Estate of John E. Hubert, Deceased.
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 Estate 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
815 Taylor Bldg., Duluth, Minn.
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Local 544 Starts Testimony Monday

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the union had lost one cent in the transaction. "It's still illegal," stated Anderson, implying that in his opinion any union that puts up bail for members or officers involved in strike cases is acting unlawfully, and should instead let the men stay in jail.

Graves on Stand Again

Apparently having failed to line up the many anti-union witnesses he promised in his previous statements to the boss press, Anderson again placed Joe Graves, fink coal dealer, on the stand Friday, and in the course of his examination charged that a "conspiracy" existed between Local 544 and the Minneapolis coal dealers.

The court disagreed with him. Later attempts by Anderson to prove a "conspiracy" also flopped, though on Monday he placed three coal dealers on the stand.

With his case fizzling out, Anderson announced the plaintiffs rested. Local 544 asked for a week to prepare its case, which the court granted, and next Monday morning the union will start to take apart the elaborate fantasy which the plaintiffs' attorneys have sought to erect in the 26 months since the suit was filed.

Fails to Shake Labor's Solidarity

That all of Anderson's bombast, in and out of court, has failed to shake the confidence of organized labor in the honesty and integrity of Local 544 and its leaders, was shown last week when both the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents and the Central Labor Union again adopted resolutions expressing their confidence in the General Drivers Union and its leadership. The resolution is published on page one of this issue.

Said the toastmaster, in calling upon a frequent diner-out for a speech, "Here is an unusual specimen. You have only to put a dinner in his mouth and out comes a speech."

The victim arose and said: "Before I begin, may I call your attention to our toastmaster. He, too, is an unusual specimen. You have only to put a speech in his mouth and out comes your dinner."

against the unions and the unemployed, as in Sioux City and Minneapolis and New York City; it means placing more and more anti-union laws on the books of the various states; it means a government drive against organized labor and labor's rights and civil liberties; it means a campaign against the unemployed, by cutting relief, by terrorizing the unemployed through trials of WPA strikers as in Minneapolis, by outlawing the right of the unemployed to make organized protests in defense of their right to life and jobs. It means, finally, the M-Day plans for a military dictatorship in the United States the day this nation goes to war, or even before that fateful hour strikes.

This is the real, the serious program of the Sixty Families that dominate the United States. This is the program that corresponds to the real needs of big capital.

The Department of Justice campaign to weaken the unions through a weird abuse and misinterpretation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law is part of Big Business' program to hogtie the union movement in preparation for the entrance of this nation into the Second World War.

Next Week—How Labor Can Defend Its Rights—A Program of Action.

B. F. Nelson Workers Meet On Contract

The B. F. Nelson company made additional concessions to the Warehouse Union Local 359 in the negotiations now being conducted, it was reported by 359 officials this week.

A special meeting of the B. F. Nelson Section was held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 to consider acceptance of the proposed agreement.

Austin Olson of Local 471 Dies

The membership of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 learned with sorrow of the death of Brother Austin W. Olson, 2803 Emerson avenue North, who passed away Sunday morning. Brother Olson had gone to work in the morning and returned to his home for breakfast, where he suddenly slumped over from a heart attack.

Co-op Guild Meets May 8th

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Cooperative Guild will be held Wednesday, May 8th, at 2 p. m. in the Franklin Creamery auditorium, 2108 Washington avenue north.

All members interested in bowling next fall please attend this meeting.

The Mothers and Daughters Banquet of the Guild will be held Monday, May 13th, at the Andrews hotel. Reservations may be made by phoning Mrs. Brost at Br. 5051.

359 Signs Pact With Wheeling

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 359 has signed a new working agreement with the Wheeling Corrugating company, 155 26th avenue S. E. The new pact clarifies the vacation clause, and, as last year, provides for the 40-hour five-day week.

Local 359 is continuing negotiations with the S. & M. Tire company, 1221 Hennepin avenue, and expects to wind up this week with its first agreement from this concern.

Old Linemen Had Colorful Job Lingo

Fifty years ago and more it was the "boomer lineman" who strung the telegraph wires across the face of the United States. These old-timers developed an expressive job vocabulary which is recalled by a worker for the Iowa Electric Light & Power company, writing in the January, 1940, issue of the Journal of Electrical Workers, monthly organ of the I.B.E.W.

Following are some of the words developed by the linemen:

- Baloney—Cable
- Baloney Bender—A wireman who works with heavy cable.
- Bible—The electric code.
- Boomer—Lineman who worked installing new transmission lines.
- Drifter—Lineman who wants to see the world.
- Floater—Lineman who would quit in middle of the job.
- Bull Pen—Where the construction crew gathered after work.
- Slave Market—Office of employment agency.
- Gopher—A "go for this and go for that" helper.
- Jew Conductor—A ground return.
- Narrow-back—Inside wireman.
- Persuader—A hammer.
- Equalizer—A pair of connectors when used in a fight.
- Rough Neck—A trouble chaser.
- Hooks—Early form of climbers, also called Westerns because standard with Western Union.
- Lady Slippers—Present-day climbers.
- Bottles—Glass insulators.
- Ground Hog—A lineman's helper.
- Skinner—Man who drove the wagon.
- Rabbit Scrap Copper—Collected and traded for tobacco, liquor.

The colored man was charged with chicken stealing. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced. The case interested the judge who wanted to know how he was able to steal those chickens right under the window of their owner's house and with a savage dog in the yard. But the chicken thief wouldn't explain:

"It ain't no use, Jeudge, to try to explain dis thing to you-all. Ef you were to try it, more'n likely you'd get caught and get your hide full of buck shot. Ef you want to engage in any rascality, jeudge, you'd better stick to the bench, where you are familiar."

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.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
LOCAL 544 May Meeting Schedule Wednesday, May 1—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, May 2—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, May 3—Job Stewards Monday, May 6—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, May 8—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, May 10—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, May 13—General Membership Tuesday, May 14—Lumber, Raymond Bros. 9 p. m. Thursday, May 16—Tent and Arwing, Newspaper 10 a. m., Ways and Means Committee, (Independent Truck Owners) Friday, May 17—Job Stewards Monday, May 20—Furniture Store, Coal Wednesday, May 22—Sand and Gravel and Excavating Thursday, May 23—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Friday, May 24—Cold Storage and Produce Monday, May 27—Spring Water Tuesday, May 28—Building Material Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office, first floor All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated	LOCAL 1859 General Membership—May 1 Northland Mfg. Co.—May 14 J. R. Clark Meeting—May 15 Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—May 21 Grievance Board—May 16 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 13 and 27 General Membership—June 5 Notice The Grievance Board will meet once a month (on the 3rd Thursday of each month) from May 1, 1940 until further notice.	LOCAL 20481 General Membership—May 1 C. A. Lund—(Hastings, Union Hall), May 3.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday 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 Thursday. 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.					