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On the National Picket Line

The biggest single news from the labor front concerns the strike against the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company of Kearney, N. J., called over the protests of the leadership, by the membership of the Marine and Shipbuilding Workers Union (CIO). Six thousand eight hundred men were involved in a militant struggle for increased wages, union shop, and a week's vacation for all those employed more than one year.

The strike ended, ingloriously, after three days of real fight, with the striking workers battered on one side by their own International leadership, and on the other by threats of persecution from the federal government.

Representative Hoffman, Republican from Michigan, threatens now to introduce a bill in congress outlawing strikes in any plant where government orders are being filled. (The Federal was at work on four destroyers and two battle cruisers, part of Roosevelt's "defense" program.) Another of the swivel-chair-soldiers in congress raised the cry of "You can't strike against the government" and accused the strikers of "fifth column" activity and treason.

The workers accuse the company of getting much more for government work now than they did formerly. In addition to the raised prices this company is charging the government for their "patriotism" they are forcing a killing speed-up on the workers. The Federal Dry Dock Company has contracted to get destroyers out in eighteen months, where they formerly took two years, in both plants.

This is only the beginning. Confused and dazed by the charges hurled at them, by the fear of persecution, these workers went back to work. Instead of a 10c an hour raise, they got only a promise of from 2 1/2 to 4c per hour. They did not get the union shop. Neither did they get their vacations. The government shows more clearly every day that it intends to follow Roosevelt's lead in "not allowing labor to profit by the war." We will take our "profit" in lead and broken lives.

The United Auto Workers negotiations committee has arrived at a stalemate with the General Motors Corporation. As recently as last week, the New York Post carried an article in which it predicted that a "new era" in relations between labor and capital had arrived. The article praised very highly the "sane and reasonable attitude" of the union's leadership — saying that even though the committee would probably recommend to the membership that they reject the company's proposed contract, THERE WOULD BE NO STRIKE.

Today the same paper carries a story of the union leadership carrying its troubles to Washington, asking the president to intervene in the situation. The contract offered by GM carries no substantial increases in wages and is unsuitable in other basic clauses. The committee has asked each local to give it authority to "take whatever steps are necessary" but that doesn't mean Mr. Thomas or Mr. Lewis intend to let the auto workers go on strike. Oh, no. They insist that they (the committee) are "just as anxious as the company to arrive at a peaceable solution" and that they "realize the necessity

Teamsters Joint Council Honors Memory of Pat Corcoran



The delegation from the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council that visited the graves of several of labor's martyrs last Wednesday is shown placing a large wreath on the grave where Pat Corcoran lies buried in St. Mary's cemetery. Brother Corcoran, secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Council, was assassinated by unknown assailants on the night of November 17, 1937; most persons are convinced Corcoran was murdered by gunmen imported by a group of Minneapolis employers. Seen in the picture are Nick Wagner, Tom Williams, Bruce Vincent, Moe Hork, Joe O'Hare, Jerry Creemers, William Sinnott, Carlos Hudson, Harold Seavey, Walter Hagstrom and Clair Johnson. Other graves decorated Wednesday by the delegation were those of Henry Ness, John Belor and Bill Brown.

Strike-Breaking at Kearney is Alarm Signal to Labor

Full Weight of Government, from White House Down, Mobilizes to Drive Shipworkers Back into Yards at Kearney, New Jersey—Furnishes Preview of What Is in Store for Organized Labor in Coming Period—FBI Moved in—Strike Called "Treason," Steps Taken to Outlaw All Strikes

The eyes of union men all over the nation grew troubled this week as they studied the enormous weight of government pressure thrown against the recent strike of shipyard workers against the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company at Kearney, New Jersey—actually a test case of the repression that organized labor is in for now that the federal government is driving ahead at breakneck speed to intervention in the war.

Here is the story, briefly told, of the Kearney strike. On May 30th over 5,000 of the 6,000 shipyard workers, members of Maritime and Shipbuilding Workers Union, CIO, voted to strike after three weeks of negotiations had failed to win the unions' demands for a 10c hourly wage increase and one week's vacation with pay. The men were receiving 62 1/2c to \$1 hourly under the recently expired contract.

U. S. Steel Subsidiary Th Federal Shipbuilding company is one of the subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation, whose president, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., has been appointed by President Roosevelt to head the so-called Council of National Defense. The company was rushing work at its Kearney yards, working a 3-shift 24-hour day in order to make way for a new naval contract totaling \$125,000,000.

Union officials had urged the workers to accept a company counter-offer of wage increases of 2 1/2c-4c hourly, but the men rejected the proposal and marched onto the picket lines. No sooner had the shipyard workers gone on strike than BANG—all the weight of the federal government was brought to bear to drive them back in the yards with their demands unmet.

Ted Neal To Testify In 544 Suit

Ted Neal of the Kansas City Drivers Union Local 41 and head of the Area Committee of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will come to Minneapolis next week as the last defense witness in the fink suit against Local 544. Neal is expected to present testimony concerning loans made by Local 544 and other drivers' unions in the area to sister unions.

Miles Dunne, 544 trustee and secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, was the last witness on the stand. Testifying last Wednesday, Dunne once again showed that the loans made by the Minneapolis General Drivers Unions to other unions in the area were made with the sanction of the union and the Teamsters Joint Council, and according to the by-laws of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Defense attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson are preparing the brief requested by Judge Paul S. Carroll, summarizing the union's case.

977 Nine Shuts Out Merchants

Local 977's ball team went on a rampage last Sunday afternoon at Longfellow park to win its second shut-out of the season, 9 to 0, against the Lake Street Merchants. Coach Louis Hanson pitched Jay Nichols who delivered up only 5 hits, proving as effective as his teammate, Perry Malvin, who shut out the Moe's Place team the previous Sunday.

Hammer, Gagnath, Merrick and Shelde each lined out two hits for the Filling Station Attendants Union. Nichols gave only one base on balls. Gagnath and Merrick, first basemen and right fielder for 977, stole five bases between them. While Local 977 was winning its second game, the Cab Drivers Union Local 958 was again taking it on the chin, this time from the Hove's, 12 to 7.

This Sunday Local 977 will play its game at Fairview park, 26th and Lyndale avenue North, 2:30 p. m., against the Miller Cubs. All members of the Filling Station Attendants Union are urged to turn out for this game and cheer their team on to victory.

W. S. Nott Men To Consider Counter-Offer

Negotiations between the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 and the W. S. Nott belting company, 201 North 3rd, are progressing. The company has agreed to the standard working agreement and to several wage adjustments. Nott employees will meet this week to consider the counter-offer of the company.

FDR Refuses to Commute Sentences Of WPA Strikers

Last week the WPA Defense Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union was notified from Washington that President Roosevelt has rejected labor's petition to commute the sentences of the Minneapolis WPA strikers, six of whom are still serving time at Sandstone federal prison. It appears the president is too busy preparing to send the young men of this nation into a war abroad "to save democracy" — and not enough concerned about preserving what little democracy remains at home.

Labor is Urged to Back Dairy Month, Aid Dairy Farmers

Organized labor, which plays a major role in handling and consuming dairy products, was urged this week by the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union Local 471 to lend support to National Dairy Month. The month of June has been set aside as Dairy Month in an effort to be of material help to the nation's dairy farmers. Here in Minnesota, organized labor by supporting this campaign can be of real assistance to the farmers of the state who depend on the sale of dairy product for a large portion of their cash income.

Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union Urges Organized Labor To Support National Dairy Month By Purchasing More Dairy Produce—Labor Is Largest Market for Farm Goods—Minnesota Farmers Count on Sale of Dairy Goods for One-Third of Their Income

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Omaha Drivers Union Latest to be Cited By U. S. Commission

Widening its battle-front against the bakery driver unions of the Middle West, the Federal Trade Commission followed up its citation of the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 by further citing the Omaha Drivers Union Local 554 and nine baking companies, for acting to restrain trade.

The federal commission charges in its citation that Local 554 of Omaha has used "force and violence" against independent non-union bread men who sought to enter business in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area.

U. S. Hearing Starts in Des Moines Des Moines, Iowa—The Federal Trade Commission hearing on its charges against the Bakery Drivers Union Local 356 and the major Des Moines bakeries was held in the federal building here early last week. The commission has charged that the union and the bakeries had "conspired" to obstruct interstate commerce, a charge similar to that recently made against the bakery drivers unions in Minneapolis and Omaha.

Union attorneys John Connelly, George O'Malley and Irving Schlesinger maintained that the agreement between Local 356 and the bakeries was designed solely to protect the working conditions of the drivers and that any effect the contract might have on interstate commerce is only incidental. The contract achieves entirely legal objectives, union attorneys contend.

The clause to which the commission objects limits the number of so-called "independent route salesmen" that may be employed by bakeries. It was inserted in order to prevent unscrupulous bosses from undermining union conditions by "selling" their merchandise to large numbers of wildcaters who, by taking only a small profit, could lower the wage scale and commission paid union drivers and could soon abolish all union conditions.

Ray Mills, president of Local 356 and president of the Des Moines Teamsters Joint Council, was the only witness called before the commission's trial examiner. The examiner, John L. Horner, will sift the evidence and make his recommendations to the U. S. Federal Trade Commission in Washington.

12th Ward F-L Club Card Party June 8 The Twelfth Ward Farmer-Labor club will give its next card party Saturday evening, June 8th, 8 p. m. at 2815 East Lake street.

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Did Boss File Complaint "3. The person or corporation who filed the complaint with the federal trade commission prefers to keep their identity a secret. Can the reason for this be that it is a baking company? "4. The complaint which charges and alleges and doesn't prove anything comes precisely during negotiations for a new contract with the Omaha and Council Bluffs bakers. Is this simply a coincidence? "5. Certainly the bakers did not initiate the clause in the contract, because that clause prevents the cutting of wages and lengthening of hours of route-salesmen."

A citation by the federal trade commission means that the commission will set a date for a hearing at which time the persons and organizations named will have a chance to appear and show cause why a cease-and-desist order should not be entered, that is, show why the clause under question in the union agreement should not be annulled. In the case involving the Minneapolis and Omaha drivers' unions, if the unions' answers do not satisfy the federal trade commission, the commission will order these sections of the union agreement under fire to be annulled.

A citation is not the same thing as an indictment. An indictment is a bill issued by a federal grand jury against a person or organization in the belief that the person or organization has been guilty of a federal crime.

359, 131 To Picnic July 28th The Fourth Annual Picnic of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359, to be held jointly with the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, will be held at Webb's Place on Bass Lake Sunday, July 28th, the two unions announced this week.

All members and friends of the two unions are urged to make plans now to attend all day. Many sports events will take place in the afternoon, to be followed by dancing. A meeting of the Joint Picnic Committee will be held shortly to make plans for the outing. William Shotwell Of Local 471 Is Recovering William Shotwell, member of the Milk Drivers Union, is recovering at the Minnetonka hospital in Wayzata from a double-hernia operation. Brother Shotwell is expected to leave the hospital soon. All members of Local 471 wish him a speedy recovery.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

### Second Chicago Milk Strike Again Ends in Armed Truce

The second strike of the Chicago Milk Drivers Union Local 753 during the month ended May 26th with the dairy trust having to back down on its wage cut of \$18 weekly. Negotiations are again under way and if no settlement is reached, arbitration will start June 10th.

The strike began as a lockout when the employers posted a new wage scale cut in violation of the agreement ending the first strike. The union immediately turned the lockout into a strike and after three days of effective picketing had the bosses howling for negotiations. The union negotiating committee recommended that the strike be settled pending arbitration, and after several ballots the recommendation was accepted.

As a result of the new truce, 4,300 drivers and 1,900 inside workers affiliated with the Dairy Workers Union Local 754 returned to work. Approximately 850 drivers and 450 inside workers had been working during the week delivering milk for the independent dairies who had signed union agreements.

#### Provisions of Truce

The truce agreement provides that the men return to work immediately at the pre-strike basic wage of \$48 weekly; that negotiations continue until June 10th; that Leslie G. Goudie, head of the Chicago Teamsters Joint Council, sit in on negotiations; that if no agreement is reached, the disputed points are to be discussed at a meeting with Mayor Kelly and State's Attorney Courtney; that the 54-hour week prevail; that seniority rights will be limited, with actual provisions subject to negotiations; that if all negotiations fail, an arbitration board of two from each side plus an archbishop will arbitrate the issues.

The strike of the milk drivers had received the backing of the Chicago Teamsters Joint Council, of the Women's Trade Union League of Chicago and of many other sections of organized labor.

### ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

The deep silence emanating from the sewer, paving and maintenance department the past year continues unbroken so this column will, of necessity, be shorter than usual. Not much doing at the park department except much furious grass cutting, with the long green stuff more than holding its own in spite of the B. P. C. blitzkrieg.

The B. P. C. navy—all both of them—were scuttled last week. Brother Horner discovered holes bored in the hulls of both the Calhoun and Harriet boats. The skippers, "Snapper" Hill and Ed Carlson, true to the tradition of the sea, were the last men ashore.

Brother Howard "Big Andy" Anderson to date holds the unique honor of being the first man in history to use a hay-mower without spurs or saddle but had to pull leather a mite. He also hung up something of a speed record by passing the tractor, ten feet to its one. Nice going, Andy.

Brother Busby confided to me recently that curiosity may, in many cases, be a great help in acquiring knowledge of one form or another. The brother went on to describe in detail his sudden year to crawl out of the hay and look up and down the street in an effort to locate a fire in the near vicinity. There wasn't any fire so he went back to bed with plenty of it in his eyes, on account of a severe chill in the rest of his anatomy. "To heck with them midnight fire-engines," sez Brother Buzz.

There will be a very special meeting tonight which requires the presence of all members, so be there and kind of catch up on things you should know about.

Brother Wangle, B. P. C. skin specialist, got started on his career not long ago when he was called on to clear up an eruption on the handsome Indian couple well known in Minneapolis. Dr. Wangle's treatment was a complete success and his future as an epidermist (?) is assured.

### Hyman Liquor Opens Broadway Store

The Hyman Liquor company has opened its store at 254 West Broadway and the same employees are there to greet old customers. The store maintains a parking lot in the rear for the convenience of its patrons.

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### With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

During the past month several of our brothers have been in serious trouble because of "shortage" which is a constant evil in the fluid milk industry. Therefore we take this opportunity to urge every member to cash in "even" everyday. We have no moral or legal right to "hold out" company money. To cover up, one must "pad the book" and that hangs another charge against us. Besides, Local 471 gets in a bad spot. The Business Agents try to get a brother's job back for him but the contract has not been broken, the employer has a clear case of dishonesty and it is surprising that anything can be done for shortage violators. So let us check in even every day and we will have no problem. Running a tape daily has a distinct advantage in this respect. Here is hoping that June (Dairy Month) will pass with no member out of a job because of "shortage."

For the twelfth consecutive month fluid milk sales continued to show gains over a year ago, the milk industry foundation reports. Daily average sales of fluid milk increased 2.48% over the same period a year ago, according to reports from leading distributors in 136 markets. Pay rolls showed an increase of 1.87% and unemployment a decrease of .80%.

Congratulations to the Twin City Brothers on their third anniversary; the Board and Business Agents send a hearty thanks for the fine Union Made cigars. Appreciation is the best inspiration of us can get to make working conditions better and more pleasant.

Dairy Month is upon us and the problem presents itself for our membership to increase the sale and consumption of every known dairy product. An extra item sold here and there is all it takes on our part to make the program a great success. Our Union has promised to hold up our end in conjunction with the producers and distributors for a daily fifteen minute radio broadcast. On it "your friendly milkman" will be mentioned.

We want Harold Brink of Ohlsen's to remember that his buttion or ledger number really is 394. We checked the books to make sure and we hope that at the next Ohlsen get-together Brother Brink will be able to favor the gathering by remembering his number.

Mrs. Harry Jensen was the first to come through with the correct punctuation of last week's teaser. She must have been a good student in school. Besides she is a good sport and wants the prize relayed to the kids for a contest at the Local 471 picnic on July 17.

We have a promise from Les Rhodes that if the Incinerator Gang ever propositions him about fishing again he will be leaving town at the other end. We can't imagine why. Possibly they angled for walleyed pike in the woods along Mille Lac.

If you study faces and people at one of our membership meetings, you can pick out the factors that develop stability in a labor organization. There are on the average, about a dozen fathers who attend with their sons, both as active members working at the craft every day. It gives you a pleasant feeling to realize that there are so many father and son members in Local 471.

Card of Thanks  
I wish to thank Local 544 for the flowers sent to me during my stay in the hospital.

Ed Hedlund

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### TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

The most important event of next week will take place Tuesday, June eleventh, when a gay assemblage of Union members and friends will trek to Bay-View Mille Lacs to spend the day fishing pike and dining at the captain's table. Emil Kariger has been induced to manage the parties as he did last year, and the same sensible rules prevail (no fire water). A picture of the good ship Bay View (two Chrysler engines) is on the Y. C. bulletin board. The members of our executive board and wives will be on this trip and a good number of last year's guest list is also evident, so if you want a good time, make reservations now. If you need transportation it can be arranged at the Y. C. garage where we leave at 5:30 o'clock a. m. P. S. Bring yourself lots of eats.

We all anticipate a new repertoire by Chuck "Smitty" Smith who with his understudy Sylvester "D" Hall did high-dives and swimming exhibitions on the Bay View cruises. Smitty has learned to fly airplanes since last year but don't expect him to dive off one of them as he thinks Mille Lacs is too shallow for a graceful high-dive.

Fish yarn: Carl Palmquist bagged a pike with an extra "dare-devil" in its mouth that his fishing partner lost just a few minutes before.

With the United States Industrial System going into high gear it behooves labor to keep a sharp eye on events pertaining to working conditions and wages. We see a definite need for each local union to send as many delegates as possible to Washington, D. C., national convention to get first-hand knowledge of labor's needs and ways to attain them.

Union library books are now available at 253 Plymouth avenue next to the teamsters hall. A dime only is charged for the lending card which entitles you to free reading if you are a member of any local housed in that hall. Remember: Knowledge is power.

Get your vegetable orders in early. Bill Quinell has a brand-new tractor, and like Daly's wheelbarrow, he has to walk behind it while the plows till the soil till Bill's arms wobble. It is big enough to move a barn so we expect great things from this country gentleman.

Polishing and cleaning the new cabs reminds us of years back when Bro. George Sheirtz, who is still with us, was giving an object lesson in cleanliness to his nite driver, by only polishing one-half of the back. The lesson didn't "take" and it was quite a sight to see this "before and after" example doing business on the avenue. George cleaned the right side of the cab and the nite driver thought the other side wasn't important or got dirtier faster, and so the weeks wore on.

Willard Silbaugh, Backman and Franklin took a tour of the two hundred acre Buick plant when after their new cabs and tell a lot of interesting things about the manufacture of these skunk-wagons.

A lot of new streets and subdivisions have opened up with the building boom so a "refresher" on a late map is well-spent time for you mile-mongers.

On the "must" list. See your Local No. 958 baseball games, for enjoyment. It just can't be beat. The cab boys are putting in a lot of time for the good of the sport.

Bill Russell who believes in giving service with a good cab ride, tells us the best umbrella (bumbershoot) technique is to hang onto the device yourself as if you let

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- 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

### The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the wholesale drivers who meet Thursday afternoon, June 13, at 4:00 p. m.

I believe this will be a highly important meeting inasmuch as the contract has been recently signed and the workings of the new contract will be explained.

Eddie Furness, new salesman on Route 10 for northeast for Zinsmaster, thinks that this bachelor business ain't so hot, so Eddie's getting married Saturday night, June 8. That leaves only about one man at Zinsmaster who isn't married.

Warren Larson has left Continental to go to work for the Coca Cola company. Well, it looks like Warren knows how to pick the real hot sellers for the hot weather. He's getting in, just in time for the rush.

Meanwhile plans are going ahead for the best picnic we ever had. Your steward will have the tickets this week and from now on, until the picnic. The picnic grounds at Costello's have been improved and enlarged to handle capacity crowds. Don't forget Sunday, July 14, just five weeks from next Sunday, at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar. Rain or shine.

Ralph Anderson, Zinsmaster, came back on the job a week after being laid off about four months due to his accident last January. Ralph says this working for a living breaks up his day something awful.

Reason for war: Because the dearest thing in the world is a munitions manufacturing plant during peace times. Don't you think?

Call for players: Frank Smith, captain of the diamondball team, says he'll be able to use more good men than he can get. If you have yours they will drain it on the seat cushions, break it or "hog" the protection of the canopy enroute from cab to houses.

OBITUARY  
The many relatives and friends of David Franzen were saddened at his death Monday, May 27. Mr. Franzen was well liked by his fellow workers with whom he spent a score of years most of the time in an official capacity in the baggage and taxi-cab companies of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. David Franzen died at the age of 63 years. Funeral services were held at the Henry Anderson Chapel and burial at Hillside cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Edna, two sons, Howard and Merrill, two brothers and one sister.

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### Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

Nominations took place Thursday, June 6. Elections take place this month also. Take an active interest in your union. Nominate those you think will serve in the best interests of your union and by all means get out and vote for those you think are best qualified to serve you for the next two years.

The Executive Board had a busy night last Tuesday. Many prospective members were up to find out what it takes and when.

It is reported Brother MacLenon has been in the dog house so much that he crowded the dog out. Anyway his springer left home last week.

Herbert King, formerly operator in the Generation Department, has taken a year's leave of absence. He will be associated with D. W. Onan & Sons in the sales and promotion of their new portable radio transmitter, which has been designed for military use. He is also interested in a new type of carrier transmission which may be exploited by Bendix Products. Here's wishing you every success, Herb.

The operators finally had that schedule business settled. They will continue to work the same old shift.

The officers of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, outfielders and a pitcher or two. Come on, you guys who want to play. Call the office for information as to practice times and place.

To the Ladeez: I can't help harping on the picnic because I know it's you gals that really put a thing like this over. Just think, it will give you such a beautiful chance to wear those sports outfits, slacks and what-nots. Remember, you don't have to dress up at all because the most informal things in the world is a picnic on a warm summer day.



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### SWP Picnic June 9 at Columbia

A real, old-fashioned, bang-up picnic will be first on the program of summer events planned by the Socialist Workers Party for this season. The picnic will be held Sunday, June 9, at Columbia Park, Grounds 1 and 2, and everyone is invited. Games of all kinds for both young and old will be part of the entertainment and there will be prizes for all winners. Games for small children under special supervision will be provided for little ones, so you can come and bring your whole family. There will be refreshments, of course.

### SLP Names Castle For Governor

The Socialist Labor Party of Minnesota met in state convention in Minneapolis May 19th and nominated John W. Castle of Winona for governor. The convention drew up a state platform and also passed resolutions concerning local and national affairs. The party's presidential candidate, John W. Aitkin of Massachusetts, will speak in the Twin Cities later in the summer.

### Card of Thanks

Your kind expressions of sympathy are gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

Mr. F. Dankowski and family

### BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

Library of Local B-160 were legally and duly installed at the Executive Board meeting of Local B-160 on June 4.

Your local and all unions in the following two years will meet some of the most difficult problems they have ever had to face. Our local, particularly, will have many questions that will require sound leadership. The coming election is one that requires much thought. Vote for those candidates who you think are best fitted by experience and ability to guide the destinies of our union for the next two years. Be Sure to Vote.

We are glad to welcome into the local the new members initiated Thursday.

S'funny, but most of the boys who came up to see the Board weren't notified by the Company until the deadline was reached.

The grapevine says, "There will be a pole truck driver less in the Overhead Department if Martin Day's strawberry plants turn out to be roses."

Some of the Auxiliary members are taking up golf, and the reports are "seventeen strokes for one hole plus the ball landing in the creek three times." Don't get discouraged. They may make the headlines yet.

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### Gassing With 977

The regular membership meeting will be held as usual next Monday night, June 10th, at 9 o'clock. This will be the last regular membership meeting until September, so all members should make an effort to attend. Plans are being formed to show several reels of movies pertaining to the oil industry.

The attention of the membership is called to the fact that we now have a Labor Library. It is located in the office of the Northwest Organizer, and members of all Locals may take out all the books they wish by securing a library card at 10c.

The Lessee Section meeting will be held as usual on Wednesday evening, June 19th, and will be the last regular meeting of this group for the summer months.

The Local 977 baseball team won its second game of the season, last Sunday. The story of the game is found elsewhere in the paper. Follow the schedule of the games each week in the Organizer; try to get out to the games and give your team a boost, they have made a fine start towards winning the championship.

Congratulations to Bro. Chas. Pierce, former attendant at the Conoco station, 3600 Nicollet Ave., who has gone to work at the Honeywell plant, and to Bro. Al Mannie, formerly at Bulk Oil, who is now at the Coco Cola warehouse.

Of interest to the members is the fact that the membership meeting next Monday falls on the Anniversary day of the Local. The Charter of Local 977 was issued June 10, 1938. Since that date 1,439 members have been organized into the Local, or an average of 59 new members per month for that period.

Ask your collector or job steward for a copy of the pamphlet "Behind the Local 544 Suit" and read the facts.

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### Pamphlet on 544 Trial Sells Like Hotcakes

The pamphlet "Behind the 544 Suit" published by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council is finding such a wide sale among the general labor movement that two more editions have had to be published.

Among the unions to send in orders for the pamphlet are the Feed and Seed Employees Union Local 20659 (250 copies); the Machinists Union Local 382 (100 copies); Machinists Union Local 1313 (100 copies); Minneapolis Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union No. 20 (100 copies); Bartenders Union Local 152 (200 copies); Typo Union No. 42 (100 copies); Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local 417 (50 copies); Operating Engineers Local 34 (100 copies); Public School Employees Local 63 (300 copies); Jewelry Workers Union Local 14 (50 copies); Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383 (100 copies); Electrical Workers Union Local 292 (200 copies); Bricklayers Union No. 2 (416 copies), etc.

Union sympathizers from all over the United States have written in for smaller numbers of pamphlets. Additional copies of the pamphlet are being printed and all unions are urged to purchase copies for their members at a special rate of \$3 per hundred. Help spread the truth about the fink suit against Local 544 and the broad attacks now being made on organized labor.

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### In Memory of Henry Ness and July 20, 1934

Pictured is the beautiful wreath placed at the grave of Henry B. Ness last Wednesday by a delegation from the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.



Henry Ness was the first martyr of the Minneapolis General Drivers Union. His funeral on July 24th, 1934, was an event that Minneapolis will never forget.

For the benefit of newcomers to the union movement, we print the story of Henry Ness and of the other labor martyrs who fell beneath the guns of the Minneapolis police during the 1934 drivers' strike, from the Organizer strike bulletin of Saturday, July 21, 1934:

"The Blood of workers ran freely in the streets of Minneapolis yesterday.

"They were shot down and wounded by the uniformed thugs commanded by Police Chief Michael Johannes, by Johannes the Murderer, in the name of the city administration and at the behest of its master, the Citizens Alliance.

"Forty-eight sons of the working class were mowed down by shotguns in the hands of the police. They were shot down though they were defenseless and unarmed, like animals in a trap.

"They were shot in the back by base cowards who dared not look them in the face.

"It was no battle that took place on Third Street North yesterday. It was a massacre. A cunningly conceived, diabolically planned and cold-bloodedly executed massacre.

"On Thursday, the Citizens Alliance met at the Radisson Hotel. The thorough manner in which the striking members of Local 574 had closed down the market had driven the employers desperate. It was decided to lay a trap and provoke a blood-bath. It was from that source that Johannes received his orders.

"On the same day, at 2 p. m., Johannes ordered a turnout of his

police. That day's Tribune reported him as saying:

"We're going to start moving goods. Don't take a beating. You have shotguns and you know how to use them. When we are finished with this convoy there will be other goods to move."

"Twenty-four hours later the wholesale district echoed the clatter of shotguns, rifles and automatic pistols fired by dozens of workers in a trap . . ."

And from the Organizer strike bulletin two days later:

The Testament of Henry Ness "Henry Ness is dead, and tomorrow thousands of fellow unionists will lower him into his grave.

"Henry Ness is the first martyr of Local 574. Henry Ness is the first man to die at the hands of Michael J. Johannes, the Murderer, shot down in cold blood by the Minneapolis police at the order of the Citizens Alliance.

"Henry Ness was a simple worker who toiled for a scanty living for his family. And because the first consideration of his bosses was the piling up of the greatest possible profits, regardless of the suffering and misery it entailed, his was the common lot of every worker. He was never able to accumulate any wealth.

"Yet, Henry Ness left behind him a rich testament. "There was no picket line, no fight, in which Henry Ness was not to be found in the vanguard.

"He was not a man you could intimidate or deceive. He knew what the Union meant to the workers and he was resolved to preserve its solidarity and fighting spirit at all costs. He was not fooled by the efforts of the employers to bring division and disruption into the ranks of the organization. He stood firmly with the Union and its chosen leaders. He was not deceived or frightened by the malicious "red scare" by means of which the Citizens Alliance sought to break down the militancy of the workers.

"He leaped into the fight with a vigor and determination that belied his forty years of age and toil. And he was cut down, cut down in the prime of his life. He was killed, not facing the enemy, but shot in the back by cowards.

"Tormented with pain and realizing, as he lay on the hospital cot, that life was ebbing fast, Henry Ness did not break down or repent. His last words were those of a fighter. His last words were a command to his brothers in the struggle.

"Tell the boys not to fail me now!"

"And we who are alive and on the battlefield, solemnly receive the testament of Henry Ness and pledge ourselves by all we hold sacred that we shall not fail the martyr who was ready to give his life so that we might live like men.

"By the side of his grave, we lower our battle-banners and bow our heads in grief-stricken tribute to the modest hero who goes to join those thousands of martyrs who gave their lives for the working class and its cause. We take an oath:

"To avenge Henry Ness — by holding the ranks of the Union as firm as iron against every attack of its enemies;

"To avenge Henry Ness—by an unrelenting struggle for the cause of labor in which he fell;

"To avenge Henry Ness — by fighting to the bitter end to gain those ends for which he was so ready to give his whole life.

"Farewell, Henry Ness, our brother-in-arms! Farewell, immortal warrior, brave comrade, man among men!

"We swear: We shall not fail you!"

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### LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Herbert George came back to work last week. Herb suffered an injury in an auto accident and has been off for almost a month. Brother George sez, "Take it easy on the crossroads, boys."

Edward Lindholm was hurt in a motorcycle accident and is spending a little time in the hospital. Hope you are shipshape again soon, Eddie.

Lawrence Pearson is back at work again after being off three weeks on account of blood poisoning. Can't keep a good man down. Brothers George, Lindholm and Pearson work at the Mahr-Bufton company.

Local 20481 news: Clarence Gunderson of Grain King company was off three days on account of a new kind of accident. Clarence drove his car into the lake. Tsk, tsk. Anybody got some pontoons to sell Brother Gunderson?

Frank Callahan has been home from the hospital for about two weeks and is feeling well enough to get around some and hold down an easy chair on the front porch. Brother Callahan will be back in the harness before long.

Local boy makes good. Elmer Eekberg was drawn for jury service last week. Anybody want to know the law? Where's Elmer?

Going out of business. Charlie Baye, the local money lender at the J. R. Clark plant, retired last Wednesday. He is going to tour the United States and Canada and then come back and settle down. Charlie worked at the Clark plant for 18 years. He is No. 24 on the seniority list. Brother Baye's outstanding accounts were at an all time low in May with the boys owing him a total of seventy-five

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### Gas and Suds

By L. Clair Johnson

Our joint picnic with the Warehouse Workers, Local 359, will be held at Webb's Place at Bass Lake on July 28. This year it should be bigger and better than the last one. Don't forget the date.

Be sure to attend our meeting next Thursday and vote on the matter of raising our dues. There will be a special order of business at 9 o'clock to take action on the matter.

Jack Humphreys at Chicago laundry is back at work again. Burnham and Peck are going to spend their vacation together at Horseshoe lake at Pine River again this year. Your B. A. has been there a couple of times and it sure is a swell spot for a vacation.

### Attention Employers

We have several very competent members who are not working at present and would be far more capable of filling in during the vacation season than some one from the outside that has had no experience in our industry. Call the Business Agent of Local 131 and ask for one of these men.

Has all this war hysteria that the propagandist are feeding you got you steamed up to the point where you want to go "over there" or send your son "over there" to make the world safe for something? Or do you agree with Senator Gerald P. Nye in the following statements:

"The most certain way for Americans to dissolve America and destroy institutions is to move into the European conflict. Move America into that war and we'll come out with little of our democracy left. The worst foe democracy has is this disease called war. Each war on behalf of the democracies has been followed by fewer democracies. Our present ills and troubles are based on the last war. Any American who thinks we can go in and come out stronger has another guess coming.

"Although we went into the last war with lofty purposes you can't name one good cause we said we were fighting for that was won. How many Americans think we can win what we failed to win last time is beyond my comprehension. Congress is more frightened than are the American people. I never dreamed I would see congress lend itself to an hysteria that had been built and planned. I wish the people could see congress today. It is more stampeded than the people.

"What if Hitler wins? Well, if it does come to pass that he wins, we may have to readjust our foreign trade that constituted only 4 percent of all our trade last year or the year before, and we may find our 95 percent of domestic trade is better than chasing rainbows.

"I don't know if it will be so different if Europe is dominated by one country or another. I can't get any blood to drip here (pointing to his breast) for France or England while for ten years England and France have been watching Germany rearm and have been and insult the poor.

This docility will make a half a million or more stand hitched in "government work camps" and armies, slaving for cheap keep and a dollar a day and forced to surrender back to the government 80 cents of that same dollar, makes them stand hitched while fakirs—editorial fakirs, spiritual fakirs and industrial master fakirs snifle and blab about over-production causing the economic sorrows of the multitude. Docility is indeed a form of imbecility.

REMEMBER THE FWS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 14.

Many of the large dairies the other day learned that the reason for milk sales dropping off was because relief clients could not get taking profits out of that rearmament. I have never heard it denied that Eugene Schneider, head of a French munitions works, gave a large campaign donation to Hitler.

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- 54th and Lyndale Ave. S.
- 35th and Chicago Ave.
- Holmes and Lake St.
- Standard Stations—North Plymouth and Oliver Ave. N.
- 8th and Fremont Ave. N.
- Broadway and Rockford Road

### 359 Signs Plumbing Supply Firms

The Warehouse Union Local 359 and the employers' committee of the plumbing supply industry have reached an agreement on all matters up for negotiation. The companies have agreed to a preferential union shop and are granting sick leave to employees.

Negotiations have been in process during the past month. It was not until the union served notice of its intention to strike that the negotiations took an upward turn and an agreement was reached. The new pact is expected to be signed this week.

### FWS NEWS

By Joe Kelly

Roosevelt asked Congress for another billion dollars for the War Machine this week. So far as I have been able to learn, however, he hasn't asked for any money for the unemployed or the aged during the last few weeks. Apparently he and Wall Street think we are going to be able to survive until they can get us in the army.

According to the daily press the secret service and the FBI are keeping a sharp look out for Fifth Columnists in this country. From their reports it would seem that only those of the lowest social stand would stoop to the fifth column. But I notice that King Leopold got away with it and is still in good graces with President Roosevelt. Before long all of the Blue Bloods of Europe and America will be joining with Hitler to build bigger and better concentration camps for the unemployed.

Charley Sather is still in the hospital and his condition is reported about the same as last week.

Tuesday, June 11, the Hopkins and Edina Branch of the FWS will meet at the home of John Specken, in Hopkins. This is to be an open meeting. Items of general interest on the agenda are: report on WPA layoffs, by Carlos Hudson, editor of the Northwest Organizer; report on the progress of obtaining the stamp plan for the villages by Joe V. Vessly. Discussion of re-establishing the women's sewing project at Hopkins.

Bill Greenwald, Hopkins Steward, made a fine report at the office last week and is getting new members on his project. Johnny Specken reported at the last meeting that all grievances are being taken care of satisfactorily.

As Mayor Leach once truthfully said (then falsely retracted): "The food stamps are saving Minneapolis a million dollars a year." Now the reason it is saving the city that much is because the budgets were cut to make that saving before the stamp plan became effective. Thus a million dollars worth of food is being kept out of the mouths of the unemployed and their children, and the same amount kept from the incomes of the farmers. For this enormous saving we can blame Stassen and his legislature. But the Democratic national administration also closed its eyes to these facts.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick  
I'm a decent Sheney, Wop or Mick,  
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik  
I'm labor.

## A Fore-Warning of Totalitarianism

(At the invitation of the Northwest Organizer, Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., business manager of the famous New York Local Union 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and vice-president of the New York Building and Construction Trades Council, has written the following article dealing with the blitzkrieg of the federal government and the monopolistic employers against the American trade union movement. Local 3 is one of the hundreds of unions now being prosecuted by the government under the anti-trust laws. Last week 1100 representatives of sixty-five local unions of the I.B.E.W. met in a 3-day conference in New York and laid plans for a march of 10,000 members on Washington to protest against the indictment of union men under the anti-trust laws.)

The powerful enemies of labor know that more than 99% of the members and officers of labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are decent, honorable, law-abiding and industrious people who respect and obey our laws and whose loyalty and patriotism in time of peace or in time of war cannot be questioned. They realize that attempts to restrict the rights and deny the exercise of freedom to these millions of workers would meet with immediate and decisive defeat if done openly.

Realizing that it would be folly to attack labor unions for the principles for which they stand and the progress which they have accomplished, these reactionaries resort to subterfuge through the use of labor spies, provocateurs, legal hirelings, twisting of laws, and with the help of the controlled press, attempt to blacken the entire labor movement because of the mistakes and wrong-doing of a handful of individuals.

When unions, through intelligent action and thorough organization develop sufficient strength to secure a degree of justice for the workers they represent, raise wages, establish the six-hour day, thirty-hour week and advocate the general adoption of this necessary social reform for all workers, labor's adversaries then institute \$1,000,000 law suits for alleged damages, suits for injunctions which would nullify the effectiveness of trade unions. Labor is harassed in the press which invariably creates in the public mind a misconception of the aims, objects and accomplishments of the particular union or unions who are under fire.

The false propaganda is reshaped in national magazines and every conceivable method is used to discredit the unions. After sufficient adverse publicity, pressure is brought to bear against the public prosecutors on the theory that "where there is smoke there must be fire" and an effort is made to persuade the prosecutors to indict the unions and their officers and let them prove they are innocent.

The powerful monopolies who have consistently and vigorously opposed the progress of labor are justly proud and boastful of the fact that they have succeeded in having Thurman Arnold, an appointee of the Roosevelt Administration (which has introduced and passed considerable liberal labor legislation), conduct an anti-union drive throughout the nation which has singled out powerful and successful unions for criminal prosecution, under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

The LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee had exposed and discredited the methods previously used by these monopolies to prevent organization of workers and to weaken and destroy labor organizations that did exist.

When the employers' use of labor spies, gunmen, imported strike-breakers, tear gas and machine guns was curtailed, it was decided that a new and effective weapon would have to be found.

The criminal prosecution of labor unions, their officers and members for alleged violation of the anti-trust law has in a period of a few months proven its possibilities as an efficient weapon for the destruction of effective trade unionism. What makes it particularly desirable is the fact that it will not be necessary for the monopolies to pay the cost of this campaign.

The United States government is paying the bill with the people's money, including that of the millions of workers who are now being persecuted.

Thurman Arnold's indictment of Local Union No. 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for alleged violation of the anti-trust law definitely brands his pretense of friendship toward organized labor as false. There is no charge of graft, corruption or extortion against the eleven representatives and officers named in the indictment.

The indictments were brought after an eight-page questionnaire had been sent by Thurman Arnold to non-union manufacturers of fixtures and electrical equipment throughout the United States, asking among other things, if Local No. 3 had boycotted or interfered with the installation of non-union products during the past twelve years.

The National Electric Manufacturers Association, the General Electric Co., the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Co., and others filed suit for an injunction in the Federal Courts on December 9, 1935. There are 25,026 pages of testimony in this suit. The hearings in the case had been concluded and the indictments were brought eight court days before the filing of the main briefs.

The allegations in the indictments are practically the same as the claims made in the complaint of the National Electric Manufacturers Association. The outcome of this case will have a direct bearing on a verdict in another suit for \$1,350,000 brought by the electrical manufacturers on December 18, 1936.

What motives did Mr. Arnold have for rushing

## Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Members are again picking up withdrawal cards, which would indicate there is some upswing in truck employment.

Park Commissioner Knight deserves a nod from the labor movement for unearthing facts about the Park Board which have not seen the light of day for a good long time.

Thousands of the "Behind the 544 Suit" pamphlets have been purchased by the local labor movement. Orders have also been received from almost every state in the union.

All unions are urged to cooperate with representatives of the Central Labor Union who are assembling information on the State Labor Relations Law.

Over fifteen contracts are being negotiated whose expiration dates fall in the month of June.

An effort is being made to revive the state over-the-road committee.

Dairy Month which calls for increased consumption of dairy products is a worthwhile undertaking. Milk is nature's finest food. But besides that, the more milk consumption, the higher the income of the farmer and of labor.

Don't You Believe It That truck drivers are going to erect a statue to the man that invented the Mechanical "Stool Pigeon."

Trouble over vacations in the transfer industry will be settled before the week is over.

The three Joint Councils in the state are going to attempt to change the drivers' license law. A committee is now at work.

Those tanks that are rolling across the fields of France are just big trucks with thick skins.

Do You Know That there are more people working in the truck transportation than are employed by all the railroads in America.

Read your booklet "Behind the 544 Suit" to know how your union functions, how its funds are handled and how it fights in the interests of the membership.

The local CIO, true to its splitting traditions, has opened an attack on the Minneapolis building trades unions.

On to the picnic.

## Government Strike-Breaking Against Shipyard Workers Is Alarm Signal to Unions

(Continued from page 1) Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison immediately issued a statement that "we cannot afford to have trouble of this sort in these times."

### Would Outlaw Strikes

Representative Hoffman of Michigan immediately introduced a bill in Congress to outlaw all strikes on "defense projects" (almost any job is a "defense project" in war-times or in the present period). Hoffman said he would propose to throw any worker who dared go on strike, into prison for six months and fine him \$1,000. He roundly denounced the Kearney strikers.

Representative Barden of North Carolina "viewed the strike with alarm" and stated "this is no time for any union to grab off 10c an hour wage increases."

Representative Cox of Georgia said that in his opinion a strike against the government at a time such as this was tantamount to treason.

### G-Men Pour in

P. W. Chappell of the Labor Department's conciliation service came to Kearney to try to force the strikers back to work. FBI men were immediately dispatched to Kearney to spy on the strikers.

President Roosevelt issued a statement that he expected cooperation between labor and capital to avoid strikes.

Worst of all, an Associated Press dispatch from Washington credited high CIO officials with describing the strike as a "wildcat walkout"—despite the fact it was voted by an overwhelming majority of the men involved.

Under this enormous pressure a

portion of the strikers wilted and on Sunday, June 2nd, union leaders called a meeting, spoke in favor of accepting the company's terms and on a vote by show of hands announced that 80% of the 4,500 workers attending the meeting had voted to end the strike. "Considerable opposition was expressed to acceptance of the officers' recommendations to end the strike," CIO officials admitted.

### Bosses' Profits Mount

So the men have been driven back to work with their demands unmet and U. S. Steel is growing still fatter as the juicy government contracts pile up. One of the first shipyards to report on recent profits, the Todd Shipyards corporation, states that its profits for the fiscal year ending March 31st had risen almost 300% over last year—from \$1.22 a share to \$4.05 a share.

Many of those union leaders who have been heartened by the social and labor legislation passed in recent years are shaking their heads at the strike-breaking on the part of the government at Kearney.

Ray Tucker, columnist for the Minneapolis Tribune, put the new situation in a nutshell when he described as "bunk" Roosevelt's claim that neither the National Labor Relations Board nor the Wage-Hour Law will be injured by the stress of war. "The heads of these agencies concede quite frankly that they are now on a 'war-time basis' at the specific instructions of the White House," revealed Tucker. "You cannot—and nobody realizes it better than President Roosevelt—be a liberal and warlike at the same time."

into court with this criminal indictment? Why did he throw the full support and weight of the United States government on the side of the electrical manufacturers in this civil suit which has cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and resulted in so many thousands of pages of testimony. Could he not have awaited the outcome of this case and saved the union and the taxpayers the additional expenses?

### The Employers' New Weapon

The tactics used in securing the conviction of the Fur Workers union and its officers, the imprisonment of the union officials and the prosecution and conviction of the 26 rank and file members of the New York Teamsters Union who will be sentenced on June 7, 1940, should awaken organized labor to the realization that Thurman Arnold's drive against unions is the new front of organized capital.

If organized labor is going to survive this onslaught, and those that will follow, it is necessary that the breach in labor's ranks be healed. It should be obvious to even those who have been blinded by hatred and the desire for power that the prestige which labor has enjoyed is rapidly diminishing and if the split continues, it will be followed by the complete disintegration of both the C.I.O. and the A.F.L.

It is time to renew faith in the fundamentals which have made possible the organized labor movement. Prove by our acts that we still believe "An injury to one is an injury to all." Unite our ranks, fight shoulder to shoulder against the injustices which have been visited upon us. Meet this challenge with our two greatest weapons, complete organization and intelligent action in both the economic and the political fields.

Failing this, let us realize that Thurman Arnold's activity is a fore-warning of totalitarianism in this country, and when "anti-trust" can be interpreted by the U. S. Supreme Court to mean "anti-union"—then "anything can happen here."

## A DICTIONARY OF LABOR TERMS

agent provocateur, one sent by a government into an organization with orders to provoke that organization or some of its members into rash actions which the government will then utilize as an excuse to persecute the organization. A government agent who himself commits acts of violence which are then attributed to radicals.

American Labor Party, a party formed in 1936 in New York City which organized the workers independently of the two old parties but which supported candidates of the two old parties. In 1936 and 1938 the American Labor Party backed Roosevelt, LaGuardia and the New Deal candidates generally.

aristocrat of labor, a skilled worker who receives better pay than the average worker and who looks with disdain on the poorer paid, the less skilled, and the unemployed. A worker who believes his interests tied up not with other workers but with the employers.

Black Legion, a fascist secret society financed by the auto corporations in the Detroit area to smash the Auto Workers Union and other unions.

Building Trades Council, a local delegate council composed of those unions active in the building and construction industry, which functions to further the ends of all workers represented, to settle jurisdictional disputes, to encourage construction and housing, etc.

capital, the name given to the means and implements of production or money when these are used by their owners for the acquisition of profits by means of the use of wage labor. A term applied to the policy of labor leaders who give patriotic support to capitalist governments during times of imperialist war.

Clayton Act, an act of the United States Congress adopted in 1914 which states that "nothing contained in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of labor, agricultural or horticultural organizations, instituted for the purposes of mutual help, and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such organizations from lawfully carrying out the legitimate objects thereof, nor shall such organizations, or the members thereof, be held or construed to be illegal combinations or conspiracies in restraint of trade, under the anti-trust laws."

Commune, the dictatorship set up by the workers of Paris following the uprising of March 18, 1871, during the Franco-Prussian war. The Commune was crushed 72 days later by the combined military force of the Prussian and French armies.

compulsory arbitration, a policy of the government which forces a union to accept arbitration and which prohibits strikes, thus greatly weakening organized labor. Such laws are often claimed to be impartial inasmuch as they usually state that the employer is likewise restrained from instituting a lock-out. However, the employer can always shut down his factory if he so desires. Compulsory arbitration is usually favored by employers when the unions are strong, aggressive and successful. Employers have never clamored for such laws when the union movement was weak or non-existent.

conciliation, an effort to bring about peaceful agreements between unions and employers. The conciliator is assumed to be a neutral party. Neither party is bound to accept decisions of a conciliator, thus distinguishing conciliation from arbitration.

Congress for Industrial Organization, the CIO, originally the Committee for Industrial Organization formed under the leadership of John L. Lewis within the American Federation of Labor late in 1935, to work as an organized group within the AFL to promote the cause of industrial unionism. Suspended by the AFL Executive Council in the spring of 1936 and reorganized as an independent federation, it today claims a membership equal to that of the AFL.

conservatism, the political trait of seeking to "conserve" things as they are, rather than to make changes in the situation. Those who occupy a privileged position in society are always those who wish to conserve that society.

conspiracy, a deliberate secret undertaking of a minority.

cooperative, an organization of producers or consumers based on the principle of mutual cooperation and seeking to operate outside the established channels of industry or trade. A producers' cooperative is an organization of producers formed to market the products produced by members and to compete with private industry in the field. A consumers' cooperative is an organization of consumers formed to purchase commodities for members. The latter form of cooperative is usually more liberal than the former. The cooperative way is often referred

to as the "Middle Way," as offering a middle ground between capitalism and socialism to a better society.

coup d'etat, a sudden seizure of power by a small group which has no connection with the masses and which results in no important social changes.

craft union, a union which embraces workers on the basis of their trade or craft, or skill, regardless of the industry in which they are employed.

criminal syndicalism laws, anti-labor laws passed in many states immediately after the First World War. They were supposedly designed for use against the Industrial Workers of the World, a syndicalist group, but have been used against all types of labor organizations.

So long as Mr. Roosevelt is in the White House they—the rich men—are spared the painful effort of trying to think; spared, it may be, the still more painful confession that even if they tried to think, no thoughts would come.—ELMER DAVIDS.

## ... the last word

By B. G.

Driving down Lilac Lane—that beautiful new highway that runs north and south the whole length of Minneapolis—gives you just a taste of the improvements that could be made under an extensive public works program. For sheer convenience, it is a great step forward in traffic engineering in our fair city. It is a through highway that connects with every main east-west street in Minneapolis and insures against collisions by the new traffic-controlled "cloverleaf" intersections. For beauty, it is handsomely laid out with a green boulevard, dividing the two one-way lanes. At regular intervals benches, tables, fireplaces of rustic stone provide beauty spots for the nature-loving to picnic on Sunday afternoons. (You should see how many do!) Rows of lilac bushes for which the highway is named line both sides from north Minneapolis to south. All this, by the way, is a tribute to WPA labor.

When I heard that "Women and War" was to be the subject for discussion at a meeting of the women's section of the Federal Workers last Tuesday, I made sure I was there. Dr. Grace Carlson who is well known in local circles as a doctor of psychology and a student and lecturer of social problems was the guest speaker. In discussing the war in Europe, Dr. Carlson spoke of England's indignation at Hitler's aggression in Finland, Sweden, Belgium, etc. But what of England's aggression in India, Africa and Ireland, asked the doctor. For 300 years the English have been aggressing against the Africans, the Indians and the Irish. And I feel strongly about this aggression in Ireland, she added, because I'm Irish!

And here's something to think about when speaking of aggression:

How did the United States get Texas from Mexico? And Florida from Spain? And the "Louisiana Purchase"—practically the whole Middle West—from France? When you look back into the history books, you find that all of this territory was acquired through some of the bloodiest warfare and the most brazen robbery in the record of American "expansion." Very interesting.

Maybe it's because we're so used to believing only half the gossip we hear, but Dr. Carlson said that women are less susceptible to propaganda than men. The reasons she gave for this are that women are not in constant contact with the street car cards, the bill boards, the scissor bills and other methods of spreading lies that the bosses use. I hope this is true, because if it is, all of you women who are housekeepers and mothers can decide in the quiet of your own homes—where there is no one to din into your ears all day long that we ought to go over and fight Hitler—that we can and will stay out of war.

If every woman would make it her chief task right now to keep her husband, her son, her brother, her sweetheart from going to war, we can have no war. Unless there are soldiers to fight, there can be no fighting. And if what Dr. Carlson says is true—that women are better anti-war material than men then there is still hope for peace and a better world.

## On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1) of harmony between labor and capital in these turbulent times."

Demands of the union—watered down to where they don't even mention the real basic demand of THIRTY HOURS WORK FOR FORTY HOURS PAY TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT—include increase in wages, recognition and system-wide use of shop stewards, time and one-half for overtime, double time for Sunday and holiday work, and vacations with pay.

The formal statement by the union council said that among other objectionable features of the company's proposed contract, it failed utterly to set up proper machinery for the adjustment of grievances. The statement says further "other automobile corporations under contract have granted general wage increases in recent months, but General Motors, the largest and most profitable of all, declines to make such an adjustment."

One hundred and thirty-five thousand General Motors workers have proven several times they mean what they say when they ask for something. Why then, doesn't the union committee make use of this tremendous man power that is waiting to do something about the situation?

FBI-Hoover now has another large group of unfortunates to whom he can minister his kind of "justice." In ten days hence the Department of Immigration will, under the new law, pass out of the hands of the Department of Labor and come into the jurisdiction of

the Department of Justice. If certain other legislation now before congress is passed with the same speed that this act met with, G-Man Hoover will have the power to force the registration and the fingerprinting of all aliens in the country. Four million aliens, who for some reason or another have not yet availed themselves of citizenship, will be under this law and their fate will not be pleasant.

War is hell, and it begins to look as though we are all slated to have a taste of it—if the Democrats and Republicans get their way!

## Teamsters Unions In Los Angeles Have Radio Program

Latest of the union groups to sponsor regular radio programs is the Teamsters Joint Council of Los Angeles which is now using a 15-minute broadcast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights each week over station KECA. The Teamsters Program, called "The Nation's Builders," brings the message of unionism thrice weekly to all radio listeners in Southern California.

The program runs from 6:45 to 7 p. m., and has already succeeded in winning many new friends for organized labor.

If the institution of private property carried with it, as a consequence, that the products of labor should be apportioned as we now see it, almost in inverse ratio to those who have not worked at all, the next largest to those whose work is almost nominal, and so on, in descending scale, the remuneration dwindling as the work grows harder and most disagreeable, until the most fatiguing and exhausting bodily labor cannot count with certainty on being able to earn even the necessities of life—if this, or communism were the alternative, all the difficulties, great or small, of communism, would be as dust in the balance.—JOHN STUART MILL.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> 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.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> 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
<b>LOCAL 664</b> General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	<b>LOCAL 20481</b> Grain King Co.—June 18, 4:15 p. m. Twin City Lumber—June 18, 4:45 p. m. Twin City District Council Hall Hastings Section, June 18, 8 p. m. Hastings, Minn.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> May Meeting Schedule Wednesday, June 5—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, June 6—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, June 7—Job Stewards Monday, June 8—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, June 12—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, June 14—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, June 18—General Membership Monday, June 17—Furniture Store, Coal Thursday, June 20—Tent and Awnings, Newspaper 10 a. m., Ways and Means Committee, (Independent Truck Owners) Friday, June 21—Job Stewards Monday, June 24—Spring Water Tuesday, June 25—Building Material Wednesday, June 26—Sand and Gravel and Excavating Thursday, June 27—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Friday, June 28—Cold Storage and Produce Seniority 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
<b>LOCAL 977</b> General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—First and third Wednesdays	<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.
<b>LOCAL 289</b> 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.	<b>LOCAL 275</b> Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
<b>LOCAL 359</b> Stewards—Second Mondays, Executive Board—First and third Mondays, General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.	