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On the National Picket Line

When the United Auto Workers convention convenes in St. Louis on July 29, the top leadership will make a detailed report of the "progress and activities" of the union for the past year.

If an honest report is made, the top leadership would be forced to admit that the organization drive on Ford Motor, the aircraft industry and the competitive parts plants, were all total miscarriages. That no real effort was put forth by the international heads of the UAW to do anything about any of these industries.

They would also have to admit that they have sabotaged and side-tracked the fight for the 30 hour work week at 40 hours pay. This issue was the most progressive and vital thing which came out of the Cleveland convention. Unemployment still festers the auto industry. Yet the real solution for this problem—the 30 hour work week for forty hours pay—has not only been talked down by the leadership, it has actually been discarded.

The 55 day Chrysler strike, and the GM Tool and Die Strikes of last winter netted the workers literally nothing, yet they were militantly fought on the picket line.

An honest report would quote an auto worker—"recording that the top leadership have jumped on the band wagon of the Morgan-Dupont Defense Council and are conducting themselves as recruiting sergeants for the Wall Street War machine."

The leadership of the UAW has actually achieved its program in one respect—but with reverse English. They can boast that they have "stabilized" the union. And of what does this stabilization consist?

The dues paying membership has become more consistent and more percipita tax is now rolling in to the coffers of the International. The officers are sure, now, of their salaries and of their jobs.

But this is not the phase of "stabilization" which mainly concerns the leaders. They are happiest about the fact that they have succeeded in practically killing all the wonderful spirit and militancy of the union. Union membership meetings are smaller today than at any time in the three-year-life of the union! The membership itself does less kicking about the lack of progress. They were actually able to sell the workers the foul GM contract just concluded without any perceptible sign of revolt.

The UAW was born during a fight, it received its baptism of fire while it was still a squalling infant. During the labor pains of its birth, the union had instilled in it a glorious fighting spirit which it has taken two major inner-clique faction fights, and many disciplinary actions against dissenters to quell.

Actually, of course, the apathy of the membership at the present moment can and will disappear. The old time members, men who have experienced all of the strike struggles of the past three years, are not despairing. They know that hunger, and insecurity, which are both constant companions of the (Continued on page 4)

Carstater Ouster Is Blow to Labor; Stassen's Neck Out

Under pressure of Big Business in this state, Stassenites in the state board of education voted Saturday to oust Eugene V. Carstater as state director of vocational education, effective August 6th. The four members of the board present at the meeting were unanimous in their move to fire Carstater. Mrs. A. R. Colvin, fifth board member and a liberal, was unable to be present because of illness, but it is understood she will challenge the board's action at the next board meeting August 6th.

Local 977 Wins Ninth, Takes Title

The fast Oiler nine, representing the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977, won its ninth straight game Sunday to clinch the title in the Park Federal League and put the union team in the running for the city finals.

Local 977 won Sunday's game in a walk-away from the Hove's nine, 11 to 2. The Oilers used every player on the squad in clinching the victory. Nichols, pitching star, pitched five innings for the winners, after which Keating, new Oiler moundsman, finished the game. Roth and Johnson cracked out homers for the winners and Gagnath hit a triple and stole three bases.

Stassen's Neck Way Out

That Stassen is badly frightened at the crude and scandalous way in which his faction moved in the Carstater case was revealed Monday by sources in the state capitol. Carstater, who for five years had been the assistant to Dr. Rockwell, state commissioner of education, was advanced one year ago to the post of state director of vocational training. His appointment was tentative, with the understanding he would be reappointed after one year.

With the new defense training program, Carstater's post becomes of even greater importance. The defense training program is devised to re-train skilled workers for places in private industries producing for defense work. These workers are to be trained in schools and shops throughout the nation. A vocational director who understood and sympathized with organized labor could aid in protecting union interests in the training program. Conversely, a director under the thumb of the (Continued on page 4)

Strike in Duluth in 2nd Month

The strike of the Duluth Drivers Union Local 346 against the Kelley-How-Thompson and Marshall-Wells heavy hardware companies entered its second month Wednesday with the 200 drivers and warehousemen still holding their lines firm, with the solid support of the entire Duluth labor movement.

Despite numerous conferences between union negotiators and labor-hating company officials, no settlement was forthcoming last week. The company is not only refusing the union's demand for a union shop, but is insisting the workers accept a 10% wage cut and agree that the companies discharge veteran employees who have toiled their lives away to create profits for the two firms involved.

Last week the companies tried to engineer a second "back-to-work" movement which was somewhat of a flop inasmuch as no workers fell for the company propaganda.

The Duluth Labor World printed 32,000 extra copies of its July 11th strike issue which is being widely distributed in the Duluth area. Copies are available at the switchboard in the Minneapolis Drivers Hall. Local 346's hand was strengthened last week when it signed a new union agreement with the eight Duluth transfer companies, covering about 125 men.

98° Above, TJC Approves Xmas Party

The regular monthly meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council No. 32 was held Monday night. Because of the extreme heat the meeting was held in the cool basement hall at 257 Plymouth avenue. The meeting was called to order by President Harold Seavey shortly after 8 p. m.

Ole Ogg, member of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471, announced his candidacy for state representative of the 35th legislative district. Asking for neither indorsements nor financial aid, Brother Ogg announced he had filed on the Farmer-Labor ticket, on a program calling for repeal of Stassen's homestead lien law and slave labor law, for real aid for the aged and blind. (Continued on page 4)

Stassen Booped Saturday at Aqua Parade

Not a single political commentator in the boss press called attention to the significant treatment accorded Governor Harold Stassen by the throng lining the streets in the Aquatennial parade last Saturday. Stassen rode in an open car in the parade, and the cheers for Minnesota's governor were extremely conspicuous by their entire absence. The governor's appearance was the signal for hushed silence all along the line of march, and it was NOT the type of silence classified as "reverent."

When Stassen's car had passed by, one could hear snickers and laughter. At one point, 4th and Nicollet, Stassen's appearance was the occasion for open hoots and boos. Minnesota's governor, who bears a striking resemblance to Herbert Hoover, may have gone over his pals in Philadelphia at the Republican convention. But in his own home state, his reactionary politics have gained him the reputation of being a first-class heel.

544 Signs Sand, Gravel Companies

A reduction in weekly hours from 48 to 46, with 48 hours pay, was won by the General Drivers Union Local 544 in the new agreement signed last week with the city's sand and gravel firms. The pact contains, among other gains, a war clause; a four-hour guarantee of work when called; an increase in driving time from 15 to 25 minutes from one plant to another; a time clock clause; and a clause granting automatic leaves of absence between December 1st and March 1st to all employees earning less than \$15 weekly.

The employers have an option of signing for one or two years; if they choose the latter, they must grant paid vacations to the men. They must decide by September 9th. The agreement is retroactive to June 1st, and consequently involves back pay for the men.

Wisconsin Drivers Invite Minnesota Over-Road Leaders

The three drivers' union leaders from Minnesota in charge of over-road work have been invited to Appleton, Wisconsin, this Thursday and Friday, to attend the caucus of delegates from Wisconsin over-road locals, aiding the latter in working out procedures of enforcing the over-road pact and aiding the unions to establish better conditions.

Appeal Denied—Two-Year Prison Sentences Confront Union Victims of FBI Frame-up



Their appeal denied by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a decision made public last week, seven Drivers Union officials from Sioux City, Des Moines and Omaha must enter a federal penitentiary around August 1st to serve prison terms of two years each.

The seven unionists are victims of a foul frame-up engineered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and employers in the Sioux City area. The six victims pictured above are (back row) W. K. Stultz, Omaha; Ralph Johnson, Sioux City; Howard Fouts, Sioux City; (front row) Francis Quinn, Des Moines; Lou Miller, Omaha; and Jack Maloney, member of Local 544 and organizer, Sioux City. The seventh unionist is E. L. Carpenter of Omaha. It is believed that all seven will be confined to Standstone prison, where Minneapolis WPA strikers and Illinois union coal miners are now serving time.

The stench of the raw deal given the seven Drivers Union officials is about as putrid as anything pulled off by the federal government against organized labor in recent years. The men were accused and convicted of an alleged destruction of a bakery truck during the Sioux City bakery drivers' strike

in 1938. The FBI, on the admission of one of its agents, worked a solid year to "get" the union leaders and to build the frame-up. In denying the appeal, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has chosen to overlook a score of points made by the defense council that refute and expose the shameless frame-up. The defense proved that part of the evidence was crudely doctored, that other parts of the evidence were hearsay, and that the District Court had abused its discretion in the trial.

The real reason why these officials of the Drivers Unions in Sioux City, Omaha and Des Moines are being railroaded to prison for a crime they never committed is because the employers in this area, and the government, are out to weaken unionism. President Roosevelt, if it is any satisfaction to him, can add seven more union scalps to his belt, to hang alongside the scalps of the Minneapolis WPA strikers and the numerous victims of the Department of Justice's "anti-trust" campaign against organized labor. The FBI would never have dared to move against the drivers' movement in the Middle West unless it understood that the White House approved of its actions.

Joint Picnic of Locals 131, 359 Sunday, Bass Lake

Local 544 Banner Straightens Out Hennie Shows

The Hennies Brothers Shows, now performing by Dunwoody school next to the Gene Autry rodeo as a part of the Aquatennial program, tried the smart trick of hiring 544 members and others and working them 12 hours under a blazing sun for a scale of \$2.

When union members refused to accept the fink wages for their work and told Local 544 organizers about the treatment received from the Hennie Shows, the Drivers Union immediately put a banner on the carnival and kept it there for seven hours Monday, until the Show grudgingly agreed to pay the union scale of wages. One worker, William O'Connor, was sent out to Hennies from the state employment office last Saturday. O'Connor was told to report at 5 a. m. At 6:30 a. m. he was put to work and labored at the hardest kind of work until 3:30 p. m., with one-half hour off for lunch. For the 8½ hours of work, he was paid only \$1.48. A number of other workers sent out from the state employment office had similar experiences. Local 544 warns other unions in the area to keep a weather-eye cocked for the Hennie Brothers

1800 Drivers On Strike In Detroit

Detroit, Mich. — Following breakdown in negotiations brought about by the failure of local truck employers to meet the union's demand for wage increases and a week's vacation with pay, eighteen hundred drivers and helpers, members of the Detroit Drivers Union Local 299, marched out on strike here July 17th.

Perishable goods and foodstuffs, including milk, beer and department store deliveries, are moving with permission of the union. Manufacturing and building materials are tied up, and the picketing is effective. In an effort to break the strike, cops have arrested twelve pickets and ordered five more to leave town. An attempt by the attorney general to claim that the trucks were "public utilities" and that the strike was therefore "illegal" was hooted down by the strikers. Federal and state conciliators have rushed in and were expected to resume negotiations the first of the week.

Gala Sports Program Arranged by Picnic Committee; Laundry Drivers and Warehousemen in Tug-of-War

Races for everyone from tots under six years of age to adults will feature the sports program at the joint annual picnic of the Warehouse Workers Union and the Laundry Drivers Union, to be held this Sunday at Webb's Place on Bass Lake. All members of Locals 131 and 359, together with their families and all friends of the unions, are cordially invited to come out and be entertained for a full day this Sunday. The sports program will get underway at 1:30 and will include races for youngsters, boys and girls, young men and women and adults; a women's shoe-kicking contest; a men's shoe scramble; a mixed relay race; a tug-of-war between the Laundry Drivers and the Warehousemen; and a diamond-ball game between the W. S. Nott team and the St. Cyril ten.

Dancing will begin at 4 p. m., continue to 6, and then from 7 to closing time, to the music of Bobby Phillips' popular orchestra. The Picnic Committee, headed by Don Penwell, has arranged for free taxi service to and from the picnic grounds and the corner of Broadway and Lowry. Cabs will start running at 11 a. m. Everyone is invited. You will find more room to enjoy yourselves than at the Aquatennial air show. So plan now to come early, stay late, and enjoy yourselves with your friends.

Local 1859 Votes Assessment to Aid Sister Unions Attacked by Government

In May the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, through its executive board, levied a special assessment of 50¢ per member per month on the membership for a six-months' period, the first assessment payable June 1st. At its July 17th meeting, Local 1859's executive membership voted to accept the recommendation of its executive board that the dues be raised to \$2 monthly for six months in order to send in the assessment to the Defense Fund. The anti-labor campaign of the United States Department of Justice is directly responsible for this

special assessment, which will establish a fund to defend the union against Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold, the skate who is abusing the Sherman Anti-Trust Law by turning it against organized labor. Recent issues of "The Carpenter," monthly magazine of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, carry texts of the various indictments against the union. The September term grand jury of the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri handed down an indictment against President William L. Hutcheson and three other union officials, charged with "conspiring" to force the Anheuser-

Busch brewery company in St. Louis to hire union carpenters. The March, 1940, grand jury of the Northern District of California handed down an indictment against sixteen officials of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, including officers of the San Francisco and Alameda Building Trades councils, charging them with "conspiring" to prevent companies on the West Coast from using scab lumber. These continuous outrageous attacks by the Department of Justice against the Brotherhood of Carpenters and other unions are deliberately engineered to bleed the unions' treasuries and to dis-

credit organized labor in the eyes of non-union persons. The Department of Justice could not continue this campaign for one minute unless its anti-labor crusade had the approval and support of the President of the United States. It is extremely significant that the American Federation of Labor's demand upon both Republican and Democratic conventions that they include in their platform pledges to protect labor from being victimized by the anti-trust laws was met by—complete silence on the part of both old boss parties.

Local 160 on Summer Schedule

From August to October, the Utility Workers Union Local B-160 will be on the following meeting schedule: general membership, third Thursday; stewards, first Thursday. All members please take note.

Mr. Smith Goes To Washington

In all-day balloting held Tuesday at the Drivers Hall, the Cab Drivers Union Local 958 elected E. M. Smith as delegate to represent the union at the International Brotherhood of Teamsters convention in Washington in September.



### GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

Well, the big nine days' sports program of the Aquatennial certainly was launched with the most colorful and enthusiastic of parades. The cooperation and support of business firms and members of organized labor certainly made possible the launching of what it is hoped will become an annual affair.

Our company was represented by a beautiful float and gal, followed by the girls from the office who deserve a hand for their fine marching. Our gang from the operating end followed and made an impressive showing with about 250 marching and swinging their walking canes.

A funny incident happened along the route of march when our group stopped for a minute and a couple of dogs started barking alongside, and some one mentioned that they must recognize the meter readers even in their slack suits.

It may interest the members to know that we now have 520 members in the union with 6 men on permit and all but 9 from the meter repair and 8 from utilization department are all working. The new seniority lists for 1940 will have been posted in all departments this week. Hats off to Joe Kelly of the collections who is our oldest man in point of service with his 38 years.

Brother Ray Garrison who is now being treated by deep x-ray and whose spirit holds high would like to hear from you fellows. You can address him Hines hospital, C-219, Maywood, Ill.

My scouts from up around Lake Minnewawa tell me that Melvin Mattson, the plumber, has expanded his outside interests and has become a summer resort magnate. It is rumored that "MATT" will continue his work with us so that he may be able to finance the operation of his new project during the cold off-season summers. With the thermometer holding around the 100 mark it looks like a good start. Matt says the water to get big fish up there is to catch the small ones, tie them up in the water for a week and let them grow.

I picked up an interesting pamphlet at the last central labor union meeting called Appreciate America, and I quote some convincing facts. There are 176 International labor unions in the United States. Their membership rose from 2,900,000 in 1933 to 8,500,000 in 1939. Membership

in these unions and the election of their officers are all based on the democratic principle. Through these organizations, the standard of living of the American worker rises to higher levels.

All American workers have the privilege of changing or quitting their jobs wherever and whenever they please.

The average monthly wage of all the industrial nations is about the same as that of workers in this country who are in the lowest brackets of federal relief.

Ninety per cent of the German workers average \$10 a week. 22% of this is deducted for taxes and "voluntary" contributions. The average working week is at least 72 hours.

For every working hour American Labor can purchase: Four times more than in Germany; nine times more than in Italy; twelve times more than in Russia.

These few paragraphs of facts should be enough to convince all workers that we here in the United States can maintain and continue to make the gains in the standard of living of the people of a great Democracy that could only be secured under a representative form of government with the friendly assistance of a liberal government administration.

### TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

At exactly 9:43 post-meridian, July sixteenth, Newton Jones became papa to a seven pound baby girl. This makes the Jones a family of five.

John "Red" McMurtrie is proud papa to a baby boy.

Elmer Olson wishes to express his profound thanks for the radio that the "boys" chipped in to buy him. He is still at the Parkview hospital and would appreciate a visit.

The July issue of the "Carpenter" has the declaration of Independence printed in it and we recommend a thorough reading of this to compare with present international events.

When vacationing at Lac Qui Parle Lake (that's near Hank "the painter" Sandbakken's farm) Bill Kirchburg caught a thirty-eight inch muskellunge. Can you beat it for size?

Ernest "Pete" Delano is whiling

away the time in the hospital. Hurry back, fella.

John Cook comes up with a triple: He drives Yellow Cab number 107, his city cab license is number 107, and he's got payroll number 107.

Caught cruising: Cliff Rollins was so far North on his vacation that the natives mix alkly with their snuss to keep it from freezing. . . . Frankie Miles must have run afoul of some not-so-good Indians to get that tonsorial mutilation on his dome. . . . Remember? when the "23 "Star" automobile demonstrated the rigid construction of their cars by driving in parades with one front wheel off? . . . If you want to kill a thirst spend a nickel for a cold pint of buttermilk.

During the hot weather some drivers are getting careless about "pulling-up" on the stands. This is bad for business as "prospective pick-ups" have passed up cab-stands thinking the drivers were off the job; it is also a nuisance to the cruising driver who has to drive many extra blocks in a day to determine if a stand is "covered" or not.

We are planning to send a delegate to the Washington, D. C., Labor convention from Local 958. At our next meeting we should discuss just what we expect that delegate to bring back.

A number of the sun-dodgers switched to day-driving when the shifts were thrown open and have some difficulty getting used to the routine along with a sunburn.

Cyril Phelan spends his scale for "dry ice" and converts his heater to a cooling unit, while "man-mountain" Hurley takes his cooling internally with the aid of copious quantities of ice cream.

The eminent lawyer addressed a business school class. "My young friends," he said in his most impressive manner, "as I approached the entrance of this room I noticed on the door a word that eminently applies to an institution of this kind. It expresses the one thing most useful to a man or woman when he steps out into the arena of life. It was—"

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- 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

Following is a report of the prize winners for the races and games at the picnic:

- Event No. 1—Boys under six—Jimmie Rolls and Dicky Holtz.
- Event No. 2—Shoe scramble for girls—Mary Lou Lynch, Beverly Engstrom.
- Event No. 3—Girls 6 to 8 race—Marylin Oltman, Joyce O'Donald.
- Event No. 4—Boys 6 to 8—Lawrence Phipps and Robert Lair.
- Event No. 5—Girls 9 to 11—Jean O'Donald, Joyce Wickstrom.
- Event No. 6—Boys 9 to 11—Joseph Cndukie, Clifford Ash.
- Event No. 7—Shoe throwing, Girls 12 to 15—Martha Severson, Lucie O'Donald. (That makes three O'Donalds. What is this?)
- Event No. 8—Sack race, boys 12 to 15—Robert Severson, (and another O'Donald) Leroy O'Donald.
- Event No. 9—Ball throwing, girls over 16—John Palmer, Cleo Lindblom.
- Event No. 10—Boys over 16—Dick Ivy, George Udiseth.
- Event No. 11—Mrs. L. DeLaittre, Mrs. A. O'Donald (whoops!)

### 544 Gains in New Welding Agreement

Significant gains were made by the General Drivers Union in new agreements signed last week with the Commercial Gas company, the Smith Welding company, the Minneapolis Van & Warehouse company, and the Air Reduction Sales company.

Straight 5c hourly wage increases were won in all classifications, bringing drivers up to 80c and helpers and platform men to 70c. An increase of one week's paid vacation, bringing the total to two weeks' vacation with pay, was also won, as was pay for all holidays not worked.

Local 544 had voted to strike

the companies when they rejected the men's demands. The 10-day strike notice expired last Tuesday, but renewed negotiations resulted in the new contract.

The Minneapolis Van & Warehouse company does the hauling for the Commercial and Smith companies. A one-year pact was signed with these firms. The agreement with the Air Reduction Sales firm is for two years.

The pact is retroactive to June 1st and thus will bring checks for back pay to the workers involved.

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Event No. 13—Harold Raumar, Bill Leonard.  
Event No. 14—Kenneth Rabenaut, Ray Maren.  
And the diamondball game was won by the side captained by Frank Smith.

Speaking of Frank Smith, ol' Frank lays claim to the fact that last Sunday he caught a 21 pound 4% ounce great northern pike in Washburn lake. That's his story and we're stuck with it, I guess.

Back from the hospital with a beautiful 8 pound baby girl is Mrs. Oltman, wife of Jack Oltman, Zinsmaster.

Aquatennial Parade note: "Baby Boy" Stassen shaking hands with "Georgie" Leach on Third Avenue, completely ignoring McDonough.

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By Mike the Mucker

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The great quiet that pervades the hall of late is due—they say—to the absence of one Robert Bove.

Beginning July 12, Milt is going to get away from it all and forget about everything except his vacation for two weeks. But I'll bet he dreams about the Belt Line. If he doesn't he should. Curt has a rendezvous with the fishes next Monday and will have two weeks to get to know them better. While Curt is gone, Milt will be here and vice versa. There will always be someone to take your troubles to.

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The Minneapolis Union Sports Council is sponsoring a Jamboree on Saturday evening, August 9th, at the Construction Laborers Hall at 720 South 4th Street. A five-piece union orchestra will play for dancing and there will be a full evening of activity, including refreshments and food, all for the price of 50c per person.

Proceeds of the Jamboree will defray the expenses of the championship union team to the city leagues tournament, where the Union All Stars will defend the Class C championship won last year.

Any member of 544 who works on WPA for less than the union scale will be fined and will lose his seniority standing in private employment. This is the decision of the membership.

Today: all quiet on the front west of the hall. You know what front.

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### Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

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We extend our sympathy to Brother C. T. Dahl, whose mother passed away. The funeral was at 1:30 p. m. on Wednesday at the Norwegian Lutheran church at 22nd Avenue and Fillmore N. E. from the Burr Mortuary.

Observations by next-governor Phil LaFollette at the Central Labor Union on July 10th:

"The Republicans, instead of appealing for the good of America, appeal to every group of people in the country with the fixed idea of getting the votes of that group."

"Chamberlain said, 'The front line of our defense is on the Rhine.' Yet here's England standing with her back to the wall. Our front line of defense is not in Europe but in our own country."

"If we are misguided into letting the same kind of men become our leaders as they have had during the last nine years in England, our country will be wrecked as surely as those European countries."

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The Donald Steins on Saturday, July 20, were blessed with 7 lbs. and 14 oz. of male happiness, and are they proud.

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Marv Skillingsstad is quite a gardener. His farm is down by the gas plant—not a weed and 240 tomato plants. Thirty apiece for each member of the family.

Whatta Hell-uv-a-place the Riverside Boiler room has been during the last few days.

The rumor is around that the whiskered catfish commented on here recently has had kittens— not once, but twice.

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### With the Limousines

By Home James

One of our brother members, after reading about that Wisconsin husband who stole the pants off his wife's B. F., feels that it would be only proper that we warn some people we know: "If you must go out, don't take off your pants unless you are sure the trunk has been locked."

Who was the brother who sold his golf clubs to the boss and then was presented with the boss's old set, which he took out to Westwood Hills and after carefully teeing up a ball, whiffed three times and puffed: "Gosh, this is a tough course."

After seeing our august governor riding in that open car, if you think he hasn't got a swelled head, we say, check the size of that nog.

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Ed. J. Brown of Milwaukee was elected last week by the executive board of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to fill the post vacated by Dan W. Tracy, who resigned as IBEW president to become assistant secretary of labor.

Tracy will remain as chairman of the union executive board, however.

The executive board elected William Shord of Pittsburgh and Alexander Smalley of New York to fill the vacancies left by the deaths of M. P. Gordon and George Whitford, former council members.

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

## LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Many of us in 1859 have friends and relatives in countries that have been sacked by the German and Italian war machines. Brutal and criminal assaults and mass murders are an everyday occurrence and are so common that we don't even want to hear about it on the radio any more. In the light of the facts, as we know them, it is one of the mysteries of the war why Herr Hitler and Mussolini have not been excommunicated from the church. The only explanation given to the precocious brethren who have been vociferously demanding that the Vatican excommunicate Hitler and Il Duce is that excommunication is reserved only for those who commit unpardonable sins and does not pertain to crimes of the state. This punishment is reserved for erring dagoes, wops, and micks in case they act like bolsheviks.

The last general membership meeting concurred unanimously with the recommendations of the committee that beginning with August 1, dues be raised to \$2 a month to cover the assessment. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, our parent organization, reports that assessments are rolling in satisfactorily and that their continuance will assure adequate protection to those locals under indictment. Pay up, brothers. Who knows when the United Brotherhood may be called upon to pop for a lousy two cents a day to protect our own local.

At the meeting, John Janosco gave what many of the membership considered the best report of the year on the activities of the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers. "The Voice of Labor," published in Burlington, Iowa, carries a front page report of the woodworkers' organizational activities in the plants there. A copy of this paper is at our office and available to any member who wishes to see it.

To those men and women to whom it has been given by inscrutable providence to pass through life smelling the blossom, lolling in the leafy-shade and tasting the choice fruits, this is not written, but to those whose lot it is to toil and moil in the grit and grime, the following is important:

"There are neither parliaments, courts of appeal, nor voters in the realm of industry. The boss and his will are the law. Only in the case where labor unions have established a degree of constitutional monarchy in industry may employees voice their desires on the threat of going on strike."—American Guardian, 7-19-40.

Let us remember that labor won for itself the constitutional right to organize under the Roosevelt administration and that no efforts will be spared to take this right away at the first opportunity given a Stassen or a Willkie.

Al Anderson saw Ezra Johnson during vacation. Ezra used to be elevator man at Clark's. He quit four years ago, went to Washington where the grass looked greener. Ezra is on WPA at \$12.50 per. Sends his regards and wishes you were there with him.

Gust Zetterman reports his electric razor was swiped by prowlers. Andy Hoflin lost some real folding lettuce to sneak thieves. \$55 they got — all Andy's vacation funds.

Notice: nominations for officers of the Executive Board at next meeting. Elections in September.

The youngest 1859-er ever to attend a meeting was present at the last one. Ronnie Mack Murphy is the name and though he didn't tell his age, I guess it is about five or six. Ronnie said he wasn't going to laugh when the funny men talked on the mike. No, siree. He was going to clap hands for 'em. There's the makings of a union man and a gentleman in this little laddie.

Come August 4, and Brother Harry Raymond will be off to the north woods to vacation. Hope it's cooler there.

Blessed event at the home of Oscar Pertinen last week. Should they get away with the move against Carstater, the Republicans would unquestionably move against the whole department of education. This rumor was of course just a feeler put out by the Stassenites to test how far they dare move against the department of education.

## A New Twist?

### Drivers Fined \$10,000 for 1-Day Strike

New York—For the first time in the history of American trade unionism, an arbitrator has awarded a company damages against a striking union. The arbitrator is Arthur A. Meyer, one of those "impartial" guys representing the "public" whom the bosses always use. The company is the Sheffield Farms company, part of the huge Eastern milk trust. The union is the Milk Drivers Union Local 584 of New York City, which last February 24th conducted a one-day strike in protest against the dismissal of three union warehousemen by the company. The damages awarded the Sheffield firm by the "impartial" arbitrator are \$10,000.

Big Business pays smart guys to lay awake nights thinking of new ways to strike at organized labor, but this is the first time the bosses ever conceived the trick of raiding a union treasury on the poney charge that the union had violated its contract, struck, and thus damaged the company.

To sugar-coat the pill, Arbitrator Meyer suggested the company pay the figure in half—"for the sake of maintaining amicable labor relations." What the bosses are interested in is establishing a precedent whereby they can provoke a union into striking, and then rob the union treasury.

Meyer's decision was made public Sunday. Four hundred members of Local 584 had struck for one day February 24th when the company fired warehousemen loading trailer trucks at the Bronx depot. The union charged the health of the men was endangered by the requirement to stack cases of milk six high.

The union must pay the award to the company by August 15th, with interest at 6% on the unpaid balance.

## Gassing With 977

The Local was represented in the Canoe Derby by Jesse Goodin, employed by Barber Oil Company, and his brother, Leroy. The Goodin boys placed eighth in the Derby, and won the heat from St. Cloud to Anoka. Congratulations, fellows, and better luck next time.

The union brothers and friends of Carl Wood will be glad to learn that he is now home from St. Barnabas Hospital and well on the road to recovery. Carl, who is employed at the Barber Oil Company bulk plant, recently underwent a delicate operation for stomach ulcers. Dr. J. P. Korchick, the union physician to members of Local 977 and Local 544, performed the operation.

Bro. Wm. Graham, steward at the Barber Oil plant, is vacationing this week; Bill plans to spend a part of the week at the Aquatennial and the remainder in the north woods.

Remember that date you have with the Local on Thursday evening, August 29th, at the second annual Jamboree, Costello's Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salz are receiving congratulations on the arrival of twin daughters on Friday, July 12th. Joe works for the Phillips Petroleum Co.

Roland Chyryland, attendant at Standard, 901 Washington Ave. N., will vacation in Brainerd, and Andrew Vost, of the Coop station at 2135 Washington Ave. N., is vacationing at Hill City in the north woods.

Bro. Russ Ash of the Barnsdall plant, has a fruit and vegetable stand at 60th St. and 44th Ave. S. We suggest that when our union members attend the Aquatennial Air Show, that you take along a basket and bring home something from Bro. Ash's stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ziekwein are the proud parents of a 9 1/2 pound baby girl. Rudy is employed at the Pure Oil service at 901 Second Ave. S.

All members and friends of the Local who are interested in riding will find a string of fine saddle horses at Bro. Gus Gerber's riding stables out on Excelsior Blvd. Gus is employed at the Barnsdall service at 310 4th St. S.

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## FWS NEWS

By Joe Kelly

WPA hours are being jumped to 160 per month on "Defense Projects" — but not at union wages.

The Welfare Board's Relief Committee last week denied relief to Carl Balfanz and Carl Larson, single men who refused to accept WOA camp assignments outside of Hennepin County. It likewise denied relief to the Williford family which included children 3 and 4 years old and their mother who is sick with a tumor. The reason given is that this is a "Federal Transient" family without legal settlement, although the family was recently defrauded of nearly \$500 in wages by a Minneapolis employer.

It seems the Welfare Board is neglecting and abandoning its responsibilities to provide for the needy when it permits Ole Pearson to deny relief because of failure of a client to sign the WPA affidavit even if such action is "ordered" by Walter Finke, state relief head, who has no such authority by law. Many labor and civic rights organizations have protested but the actual practice continues until a hearing has been held from which workers are to be excluded, if I. S. Joseph's announced purpose is carried out.

Until the workers make a howl for hearing relief complaints in public and for committee reports that can be heard, they'll get even rarer deals than they now get. There are signs of re-awakening, however. There was a bigger attendance at the last Board meeting than for many months. The next meetings will be Thursday and Friday, August 1 and 2, at 10 a. m. in the Mayor's Reception Room.

FWS women will meet Tuesday, August 6, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. One of the speakers will be Irving Goldman (brother of Max) who is a high school teacher in Puerto Rico. He will describe the conditions of the unemployed in Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Frank Stevens gave birth to a boy last Friday. Both are reported as doing excellently. On the same day a baby girl arrived in the family of Louis White.

## Gas and Suds

By L. Clair Johnson

By the time you read this, your B. A. will be up North somewhere soaking up the ultra violet rays.

There is a well-founded rumor that after one of our drivers refused the other day to go through a banner on the carnival down at the Parade Grounds, the boss, who is not so finicky about such matters and who believes in keeping the wheels of industry moving at all costs, made the pick-up and deliver himself. Just a matter of public service.

Verne Wold at the Eagle informs us he is going to "Frisco in a couple weeks and intends to make his home there. Good luck, Verne.

Two drivers at one of our largest cleaning plants were fined \$10 each at the last board meeting because they forgot to watch the clock. They only slipped by two hours on Saturday afternoon. Step right up, boys, who's next? This hurts us more than it hurts you.

A couple of editorials in Tuesday's Times-Trib on the Pan-American conference now on in Havana, and on the world situation in general, were certainly highly entertaining.

They state that democracy has ceased to exist in the whole world except the Western hemisphere, and that even if Britain should be victorious there will not be the same economic and political situation in her empire after the conflict as there was before the war.

They say that even though we do not need the food stuffs of South America here, we must, in order to maintain the present economic system with all its faults, accept the surplus through a barter and exchange system, and that our taxpayers must make a terrible sacrifice to maintain the status quo.

The futility of their stand is a defeatist attitude that there is no other way for the people of this country to exist unless they accept one of the totalitarian forms of government now existing in Europe, and that no sacrifice on our part is too great to make in order to avoid such a thing.

SAY YOU SAW THE AD IN THE N. W. ORGANIZER

## With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

On July 19, the Minneapolis Milk distributors returned to the "flat price" system of selling dairy products. It is the first time in three years that we have been away from a discount system of some kind. Local 471 welcomes the straight price, daily deliveries and less book work. Now that normalcy has returned, it becomes our foremost duty to guard against factors which might disrupt good conditions. Chiseling or under-cover discounts was the cause of our downfall last time. Our Union has taken a definite stand against such practices and plans to stamp out every trace of chiseling. Here is how we can help.

First, by playing good ball ourselves; second, by reporting to the Business Agents every known or suspected case of unfair salesmanship. Such cases will be followed up quickly and the Executive Board is pledged to show no mercy to violators. Instead of the usual fines, those found guilty will be "pulled off" the job for a definite time. Local 471 thrives on stable conditions and we are going to put forth desperate efforts to keep them.

Brother Ole Ogg has filed to run for the office of Representative for the Thirty-fifth district. Primaries come on September 10, so we have a little time to do some ground work for our Brother. We know of no man who can better represent organized labor than Brother Ogg. In the last election we put over a member of Local 471; why can't we do it this time?

Conflicting reports are coming in about Brother Fisher. Either he journeyed to Iowa to marry or buy some good corn land. Anyway Clover-Leaf brothers are due for some fine union-made cigars. We just completed a book on "Married Life" and statistics show that married men get more sleep which is vital, especially during hot weather.

Central Labor Union put us on the spot but we couldn't come through for the principal speaker at the Labor Day picnic. Daniel J. Tobin replied that because of his position on the recently created Defense Committee he would be unable to favor us. That was a tough break because we would have felt honored by his appearance.

We send a word of appreciation to everyone who attended and helped make our 1940 Dairy Workers picnic our greatest success. We got a break on the weather, the crowd was outstanding and our members and families seemed to enjoy the affair.

For a long time "Old Home" has been sufficient but after August 3, for dear Brother Irving Dean it will be a new home with a charming young wife. And please remember the cigars because we can't live on cottage cheese alone.

Moving has been at a peak during 1940 so route books are full of changes, new addresses and notations. Vacation men have the toughest and hardest job of all so let's give them a break and furnish them with correct and exact names, numbers, etc. They will appreciate the efforts and do a better job for us when we are away.

Ice cream weather has fallen upon us en masse. Let's keep our ears open and see if those Brothers complain about the heat. Instead they claim their product is the best food for hot weather.

At the picnic just one member got put in his place. Said brother offered to loan Aagge Goldberg a few drivers to help the insiders pull in the tug-of-war. We still maintain our driver member "meant well."

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40th and Nicollet Ave.  
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Standard Stations—North  
Hlymouth and Oliver Ave. N.  
57th and Fremont Ave. N.

## On the National Picket Line

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auto workers, will once again force the men to wake up and start to fight. They know that the UAW will lead the strike struggles in the industry, just as it did in 1937.

When the top leadership has finished its report to the convention, it will not find a large assembled mass of yes men who will acquiesce to the unspoken plea of "Now, boys, we have worked hard. Please be quiet and let us go on with our union wrecking program." Instead they will find a large group of delegates who have a progressive program to put forward—a program which will include—

A new and progressive leadership: the pushing of the 30 hour work week for 40 hours pay; hostility to both Roosevelt's war program and the National Defense Council; absolute intolerance of any laws which seek to put a dictatorship over the labor movement; aggressive union and strike action to protect the rights of the union; organization drives in Ford, the key aircraft industries and competitive parts plants; all these and several more issues which face the auto workers today will be included in the platform presented by the militants.

The membership as a whole, and the progressives in particular, know that the present leadership is doing everything in its power to hog-tie the union to Roosevelt's "Defense" program. They know, too, that once the program gets under way, prices of commodities necessary to life will

rise, and that the present and future contracts planned by the leadership will "stabilize" the wages at their present level. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UAW WILL NOT TAKE THIS LYING DOWN. They will fight, as they fought in 1937, not only against the bosses but against those within their own ranks who are trying to stultify the union into a nice, peaceable social club which will jump every-time somebody cracks the whip.

## Red Wing Labor Picnic July 28th

Unionists from Minneapolis were cordially invited this week to attend the Labor Picnic to be sponsored by the Red Wing Trades & Labor Council, this Sunday, July 28th. Fifty dollars will be given to the holder of the lucky ticket at the picnic and the program includes many sports events and dancing from 2 to midnight, to the music of Svensky's orchestra. There is free coffee and parking, and tickets are 25c per family.

Red Wing is 50 miles from Minneapolis and there are markers from Red Wing to the picnic grounds on Highway 61. A crowd of ten thousand is expected to attend this yearly outing. Last year over nine thousand were in attendance.

Proceeds of the picnic are used to help finance the Red Wing Labor Temple which houses 26 local unions with a membership of over 900 workers.

## Quinn to Speak in Minneapolis

John P. Quinn, national organizer of the Socialist Labor Party, will speak at Elliot Park at 8 p. m. on the following dates: Wednesday, July 24; Friday, July 26; Monday, July 29; Wednesday, July 31; Friday, August 2. Quinn will discuss the war in the light of the socialist principles which his group espouses.

## 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 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 664</b> General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	<b>LOCAL 1085</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> Membership—August 7. Box Section—August 13. J. R. Clark Section—August 21. Grievance Board—August 22. Stewards—August 12 and 26. Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Notice The Grievance Board will meet once a month (on the third Thursday of each month) until further notice.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<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>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—First and third Wednesdays	<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 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers — 1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers — 7 p. m., third Thursday each month.
<b>LOCAL 1859</b> Monday, July 1—Package Delivery and Department Stores, Greenhouse Wednesday, July 3—Sausage, Petroleum Monday, July 8—General Membership Tuesday, July 9—Lumber, Raymond Bros., 9 p. m. Wednesday, July 10—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, July 12—Wholesale Grocery and Meat Drivers Monday, July 15—Furniture and Coal Thursday, July 18—Tent and Awning, Newspaper, 10 a.m. and Ways and Means, ITO Friday, July 19—Job Stewards Monday, July 22—Spring Water Tuesday, July 23—Building Material Wednesday, July 24—Sand and Gravel and Excavating Thursday, July 25—Transfer and Warehouse and Wholesale Drug Friday, July 26—Cold Storage and Produce 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					