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## On the National Picket Line

Marcel Scholl

There are two kinds of strikes, it seems. One is highly treasonable, fifth column activity, and sabotage. That strike is the one in which workers refuse to work unless they are paid living wages.

The other kind of strike, the one you don't hear much about, but which is very real to the government at Washington right now, is a direct STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BY BIG BUSINESS. Demands put forth by the "pickets" in this strike are the relaxing of the excess profits regulations as put forth in the Vinson Naval bill, the right of companies to deduct bonus to their officials from their profits calculations and additional compensation to any and all companies for any losses sustained by giving preference to United States orders over foreign orders.

This latter strike, now being waged by the joint efforts of five big aircraft companies on the West Coast, is not called fifth column activity, nor sabotage, nor treason. In fact, it is not called anything. You can search the papers from stem to stern to find any news of how the negotiations on this disturbance are progressing. You won't find it.

But the national press carried several stories about the threatened strike against one of the participants of the Big Business strike — the strike called for last Saturday night by the 7,000 discontented Boeing Aircraft Plant at Seattle workers. The strike was averted by the last minute orders of Sidney Hillman.

Last Wednesday, July 31, the Boeing workers met and voted unanimously to strike on Saturday if their demands for a living wage were not granted. The union had already granted a ten day extension of the negotiations in an attempt to settle the trouble peacefully. However the company had remained firm in its plan to cut the hiring-in wages for new workers from 62½ to 55¢ per hour. Most of the other issues had been settled.

On Thursday President Brown, of the International Association of Machinists, to which the Aeronautical Mechanics Union Local 751 is affiliated, flew into Seattle from Washington, D. C. Evidently the worthy president was still smarting under the refusal of the local business agent to come to Washington, D. C., to negotiate the trouble from there.

A letter from a friend in Seattle, dated August 2, tells us that the spirit for "strike and no compromise" was strong among the rank and file workers. Plans for picketing were all ready, as the deadline approached. One Saturday, however, Hillman sent in his proposal. Pressure on the workers must have been terrific, for on Saturday evening they voted to submit to the plan and continue the negotiations.

Further indication as to the role of Hillman, the government and the AFL is contained in a speech made by AFL international representative Robert J. Watts before the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor convention. Said Mr. Watts—

"Negotiations must be the process rather than strike if labor unions are to gain the

## Fink Fires Bullet at Unionists On Eve of New Anti-Labor Suit

Hearing on Suit by "Associated Independent Unions" Against Central Labor Union and Building Trades Council Will Start Next Thursday—Labor Attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson Will Represent Unions—Finks Ask Permanent Injunction to Restrain Unions from Establishing Union Conditions—Drunk-Non-Union Carpenter Fires at Union Men in St. Louis Park

With the echo of a deadly dum-dum bullet fired by a non-union carpenter at union carpenters resounding in their ears, the seventeen local unions and the Central Labor Union and Building Trades Council prepared for a vigorous defense this week against the legal attack by the Associated Independent Union outfit.

Two weeks ago the Associated outfit (the same group behind the fink suit against Local 544) launched a suit against practically the entire Minneapolis labor movement, charging it with "conspiracy" to establish union wages and conditions.

On the heels of the suit came the murderous attack on four union carpenters last Wednesday by Walter Beach, fink carpenter of St. Louis Park. Four Minneapolis union carpenters were working on a job at 3912 Wooddale avenue when Beach drove up at 11 a. m., hauled a 32-20 rifle out of his car, and opened fire with dum-dum bullets on the union men. A dum-dum bullet is a particularly vicious bullet that tears gaping holes in the human flesh. The bullet just missed Gus Anderson, 61, union carpenter. Beach was jailed on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He had been drinking the day of the attack.

There is little doubt but that Beach was encouraged to shoot at union men by the fink suit filed by the fink union and backed by the Minneapolis employers.

Local Defense Rejected  
The union movement has retained attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson to represent organized labor at the hearing on the suit, to start next Thursday in Hennepin county district court. Carlson and Goldie are the labor attorneys who conducted the legal defense of Local 544 in its fink suit.

Charges Betray Boss Origin  
The charges that the finks dare to level at the union movement betray the fact that behind this suit, just as behind the 544 suit, sits the evil forces of the organized bosses of this city.

The finks demand nothing less than a permanent injunction to restrain organized labor from establishing union wage scales and union conditions in the construction industry.

The plaintiffs ask the court to prevent the trade union movement from "conspiring, confederating, agreeing or in any manner acting in concert to control, limit, fix, maintain or regulate the prices of building construction within the County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, or to limit competition in labor connected with such building operations..."

The finks further demand that the union movement be prevented "from picketing or banner in any form or manner whatsoever any job upon which any of plaintiff's members may be employed..."

Papers were served on some of the unions Monday and more of the unions will probably be served this week. Besides the Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council, the local unions involved are the Asbestos Workers, Brick Layers, Carpenters, Cement Finishers, Construction and General Helpers, Electrical Workers, Glaziers, Lathers, Painters and Decorators, Plaster Tenders, Plumbers, Sheet Metal Workers, Steam Fitters, Tile and Marble Setters, Twin City Glaziers, Plasterers and General Drivers.

There are thousands of unorganized people who would appreciate our side of the story... if they KNEW it. Pass your Northwest Organizer along to them.

## Fort Snelling and Stassen Prepare for Conscription

Despite the fact that the AFL, the CIO, the railroad brotherhoods, the Farmers Union and many unemployed organizations have all gone on record as opposed to compulsory military conscription under the boss war machine, Washington moved relentlessly this week to shove through the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill.

Any last illusion that anyone might have as to the 'eadly seriousness of the present situation was washed away by two local news stories.

(1) Seventeen large wooden buildings will be erected at Fort Snelling immediately, Major John Holt, quartermaster, announced Monday. "The recruit detachment at the post is too small to take care of greatly-increased recruiting expected, possibly under conscription," reported the STAR.

(2) On Tuesday Governor Stassen named a committee of four in Minneapolis to advise him on constituting a draft board to administer the conscription act in Hennepin County. Named by Stassen were the president of the Civic & Commerce association, two judges and the clerk of district court.

## Dance Is Planned to Welcome WPA Martyrs

A WELCOME HOME DANCE, sponsored by Local 544's Federal Workers Section to give unionists throughout the state a chance to greet all WPA strike victims, will be staged Saturday evening, September 7th, in the third floor hall of the Minneapolis Teamsters Hall.

Next Friday, August 23rd, the last of the WPA strike victims incarcerated in Sandstone are due to be released. Max Goldman, Ed Palmquist and Wachter are to be freed on that date. All will be special guests at the WELCOME HOME DANCE.

During the brief speaking program to be staged during intermission, WPA strike martyrs will address the dancers.

Four thousand tickets have been printed and are being sold to unions throughout Minneapolis and the state. Speakers from the Federal Workers Section are appearing before various unions telling of the dance. Tickets are 25¢ each. Dancing will be to the toe-ticking rhythm of Tommy Thompson's orchestra. Waltz prizes and door prizes will be presented.

Cecil Ellis is chairman of the Entertainment Committee in charge of arrangements.

All those who have so generously participated in the defense of the WPA strikers are most cordially invited to participate in this last affair where organized labor will honor those who were martyred for their devotion to trade union principles.

"Our own board of welfare, anticipating this, may impose further cuts in relief budgets, reduction of personnel and cuts in salaries.

"Our answer to this must be a militant union, every person on the staff a member, and all of us bringing our full weight behind our leaders to force a solution to the problems. Each of us must be individually responsible to bring our non-union neighbors into the organization to become active, participating workers."

That is good advice to the relief employees. And it is also good advice to the unemployed. Federal Workers Section members, take note.

## 977 Meets With Major Tire Firms

A meeting between representatives of the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 and the city's major tire firms was scheduled for Wednesday morning.

The tire employees, through their union, have presented a new agreement calling for wage increases, and the companies have countered with a threat to reduce wages \$2.50 monthly. If the union's demands are not met, Local 977 will ask strike sanction of the Teamsters Joint Council and the Central Labor Union.

## Teamsters in Cleveland Get New Hall

On August 22nd the Cleveland Teamsters Joint Council will hold dedication ceremonies to officially open their new headquarters at 2070 East 22nd. The new building is two and one-half stories high and cost about \$90,000. It will be occupied by the eighteen affiliates of the Council and by several other unions.

## Stassen Hand Seen In Carstater Case; Labor Is Aroused

### TJC Taxes To Meeting In Brainerd

To a well-attended meeting held in the hall of the Brainerd Drivers Union Local 736 last Friday evening, over forty delegates from Minneapolis made the 130-mile trip in ten Liberty Blue & White and Yellow taxicabs. The local delegation made an imposing spectacle as it whizzed by the sundry hamlets between here and Brainerd.

Miles B. Dunne, secretary-treasurer, reported on the coming state convention of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, and cited the importance of sending delegates there committed to a program of repealing the Stassen Slave Labor Act. "Labor must fight for outright appeal," Dunne advised. "Any attempt to alter the present law could only be for the worse, considering the present reactionary nature of the Minnesota legislature."

Gene Larson of Local 471 reported conditions in the milk industry are the best in years, but warned the delegates against patronizing milk sold under the brand of the Dutch Milk, Inc., and the milk sold at ice cream stands. The Dutch Milk employs non-union help and pays extremely low wages. Larson asked all union men and women to cooperate with the Milk Drivers Union.

Larry Davidson of Local 977 reported that a union organizer from Flint had visited recently in Minneapolis to study the union set-up in this area with a view to securing the same conditions in his city. Davidson thanked Local 544 and Carl Skoglund for aiding the Filling Station Attendants Union to attain its present stable condition.

Brother Hines of Local 912 reported the Private Chauffeurs Union was the only union under the Teamsters Joint Council jurisdiction not covered by the social security laws. Secretary Dunne was instructed to draw up a resolution regarding this for consideration at the International Brotherhood of Teamsters convention.

A resolution favoring three-year terms for union officials under the jurisdiction of the IBT was passed unanimously and will also be presented at the International convention in September.

The delegates decided to send a full delegation to the St. Paul convention of the Minnesota Federation of Labor. Should any union affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Council be unable to finance its delegates to the IBT convention, it was voted that the Council shall loan the union the necessary finances.

Six delegates to the Minnesota Federation of Labor convention were elected: Miles Dunne, Local 544; Gus Anderson, Local 471; Roland Prindle, Local 664; Roy Sturdevant, Local 977; Robert Tibbets, Local 359, and Duroser, Local 736, Brainerd Drivers Union.

Wilmar Drivers Union Local 851 invited the TJC to meet in that city in October, and this was referred to the executive board.

After a vote of thanks to the Brainerd brothers for their hospitality, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m. The delegates received refreshments at the meeting and it was the consensus of opinion that Local 736 has one of the best union headquarters in the state.

### Carstater's "Crime" Was That He Resisted Tying Education to War Machine; Stassenites Aim to Use Post to Flood Labor Market, Undermine Union Conditions; Organized Labor Backs Carstater in Coming Civil Service Hearing on His Dismissal; Stassen Sets Up Draft Advisory Committee in Hennepin County, Moves to Organize Army of War Veterans

That Governor Harold Stassen had a direct hand in the ouster of Eugene Carstater was finally admitted by the boss press this week. The STAR reported that "Stassen's hand (was) seen in Carstater Ouster." The TRIBUNE, in commenting on Stassen's role, repeated what we have said all along: that "but for his removal, Carstater would have been the key man in the program, which involves additional training for workers in defense industries and retraining for former workers in that line who want to return."

The post of state vocational director is one of enormous importance to organized labor in this period of preparation for war. A man friendly to labor, such as Mr. Carstater, would not have used the program as a means to batter down union standards.

A man responsible to the Stassen-Wilkie machine and the bosses can do labor great harm in the post of vocational director. The training program can be so conducted that the market for labor can be flooded with inadequately trained workers whom the employers will use to pulverize union wages and conditions. There is no question but what this is exactly the thought in Stassen's mind in maneuvering to oust Carstater.

Star Chamber Procedure  
Last Wednesday afternoon in a star chamber session the Stassen-controlled state board of education voted, over Board Member Mrs. Colvin's objections, to suspend Carstater for 30 days.

This unscrupulous action was taken with no legitimate reason and over the protests of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, the Minneapolis and St. Paul central labor bodies, Dr. John Rockwell, and Kenneth C. Pennabaker (state civil service director).

A Filmy Pretext  
Searching around for any pretext to make their actions look right, the reactionary board members and Assistant Attorney-General Evans cooked up the flimsy story that at one time Carstater had been paid by state trust funds instead of state tax funds while working at the University.

Everyone knew this was a lie and not the real reason. It was not until this week that Stassen finally revealed he was behind Carstater's removal, for the reasons before mentioned.

Stassen also tries to make a big point about the fact that Carstater refused to issue cards for tabu-

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Baseball Fans!  
Local 977 In Playoff This Sunday

All union baseball fans are urged to turn out for the opening round of the playoff for the city baseball championship, this Sunday at Chicago field, 40th and Chicago, 2:30 p. m.

The team representing the Filling Station Employees Union Local 977 will play the St. Lawrence nine. Local 977 won the championship of the Park Federal division. St. Lawrence was winner in the Park American division. A thrilling game is promised.

Come out to root for the union team.

Oilers Drop Close Game To Superior

The Superior Drivers Union Local 288 to some extent evened the sporting score with the Minneapolis teamsters movement when it won a hard-fought game from the Local 977 Oilers last Friday night in the Superior municipal stadium. The 12-inning game went to Superior, 5-4.

Anderson, 977 catcher, knocked himself out going after a foul fly in the sixth inning, the second time this season that the eager Andy has done this stunt. Nichols and Feikema pitched for the losers. Going into the last half of the twelfth, the Minneapolis Filling Station Attendants led 4-3, but the Superior Drivers turned three hits into two runs, to cop the game.

Play-off Sunday  
This Sunday afternoon, August 18, at 2:30, Local 977 opens the play-off for the city championship. The St. Lawrence nine, winner in the American division, will provide the competition. The game will be played at Chicago Field, 40th and Chicago avenue. All union fans are cordially invited to the game and promised some real baseball.

Players Hurt  
Local 977 starts the city play-off with its team in none too good physical condition. Perry Malvin is bothered with torn ligaments in his arm, while Roy Johnson is in bed with bronchitis. Anderson is expected to be in shape to catch Sunday.

Over one thousand fans, many from Minneapolis, attended the game in Superior. Local 288 extended refreshments and real union courtesy to Local 977, and it is hoped a return game in Nicolet Park can be arranged early in September.

## Union Conference Friday to Deal With Nash-Finch

Drivers unions from Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana and Oklahoma will meet in the Minneapolis Teamsters hall this Friday at 10 a. m. The conference, second called for this purpose, will organize measures against the anti-labor Nash Finch company in this area.

For many months the Drivers Union in Ottumwa, Iowa, has been conducting a strike against this company which has branches in many Middle Western states. The company has sought to whip the union by diverting its business to other branches.

The purpose of Friday's conference will be to take measures to prevent the company's using this strategy to defeat its employees in Ottumwa and elsewhere. A strong organizing campaign will be launched.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# Local 1859 Votes NO to Burke-Wadsworth Scheme

Stating their stern opposition "to any plan of the bosses to tie the workers to their machine" and terming the Burke-Wadsworth Bill a "fascist-like bill" and a "deadly threat to American workers, their lives and living standards," the membership of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 at their last meeting adopted a resolution against compulsory military training of the sort embodied in the Burke-Wadsworth Bill. The union demanded that all money appropriated for the war machine be set aside for the unemployed and for housing projects and other public works.

The full text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill now being considered by Congress is a deadly threat to American workers, their lives and living standards, and

WHEREAS this fascist-like bill seeks to regiment American workers into the pattern of Germany, Italy and other fascist countries, and

WHEREAS we as workers are sternly opposed to any plan of the bosses to tie the workers to their machine, knowing that we are the first to die and the last to profit, and

WHEREAS any conscription bill or laws which will set up boards or give power to the president or any individual to build, enlarge or in any way increase the war machine will mean the destruction of our democratic rights, the liquidation of labor unions and the installation of speedup systems, long hours and wage cuts for workers under the pretense of helping the government to "defend democracy," while the employers reap large profits, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, in regular meeting assembled this seventh day of August, 1940, go on record demanding that our congressmen and senators vote against any and all military conscription bills, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all money appropriated for the war machine be set aside for the unemployed in the United States on WPA and PWA, for housing projects and other public works for the benefit of the workers of America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to the local and labor press, to the president of the United States, to senators from Minnesota and to representatives from the third, fifth and tenth districts of Minnesota.

Signed: EDWARD KIRBY Recording Secretary Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 August 7, 1940

## With the Limousines

By Home James

After returning from a one week vacation—and I do mean a vacation—I can't help but take the opportunity to write a line or two.

To start with, the vacation was promised me. And when the time came for the vacation, I discovered I was not going to get it, so after a lot of argument, I was told I could have the vacation if I would take a week now, and a week later, which I consented to do. But the day I was ready to go, I found out I was not going to be paid for it. Now I always believed I could win my own arguments, without any outside help, but I found out differently, so I had to state either I get my vacation with pay, or Local 912 will collect it for me. So it turned out I had my vacation, half now and the rest later on. Now the reason I am telling you my experience is that you members are all entitled to a vacation and by standing your ground and demanding it, with the help of your Local, you can't help but get your vacation, which you certainly deserve.

I am sorry I did not get wind of this sooner, but I am sure none of you will want to miss this. One of our good members who lives in St. Louis Park will be in a pageant at the Hopkins fair, which runs for three nights. In the first act, he is riding a horse, and in the next act he dances the Virginia reel—and brothers, can he reel! From what we gather, he has signed a contract with MGM and will be giving up driving soon. It may be hokey but that is what we were told.

At the meeting next Tuesday night the executive board will have a report on an interesting trip to the Brainerd Joint Council meeting.

Anyone interested in bowling should attend the next meeting. Also you cribbage players, let's have a tournament.

### Card of Thanks

To Local 544: To thank you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated. Mrs. John Hannafin and son

## ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Brothers Al Mlynek had a birthday last week so Brother Larson and wife and the press, along with his manager, helped him celebrate it. A good time was waiting for us all at Brother Al's. Many happy returns.

Looks like the passage of the conscription bill is a foregone conclusion. This will be the first decisive step toward Nazism in the U. S. I claim that an adequate financial inducement would bring the army several million recruits in less than six months. Surely our soldiers are entitled to a 50 dollar minimum wage in such a hazardous occupation. If history has taught us anything, it has proved time and again that governments which do not promote the welfare of their common citizens and their armies are doomed, sooner or later to destruction, either by revolution or by outside attack. An unwilling, underpaid or dissatisfied army is not apt to put up much of a battle in a pinch. Let the big-wigs think that over.

Brother Chris Jensen has at last obtained his new choppers which make quite an improvement in his looks. Yesirree. A real nice bunch of crockery now shows under Chris' nose.

Brother Erling Bredeson isn't going to be quite so charitable toward his fellow-workers, particularly toward Brother Joe K. in the future. You asked for it, Erling, when you invited a bachelor to help himself to the home-cooked grub in your lunchbox.

Senator Ernest Lundeen delivered a fine speech Sunday night, opposing the compulsory military training bill. Those who missed his speech missed something worth hearing.

Brother Art "Brick" Heelings was seen last week lugging a fine bunch of crappies home, pick-a-back. That should convince the most skeptical that "Brick" does catch 'em once in a while.

Brother Swen Lorensen is on vacation, the result of which is that I'm stuck with one of those blankety-blank M-M tractors. Hurry back, Swen, before I blow my top.

All members of 1859 should keep in mind the fact that before we can expect to raise our wages it will be necessary to organize and raise the wages of workers in the Northwest who are located outside of the Twin Cities but whose products are in competition with ours. John Janosco gave a report on what we are doing in this line at the last meeting and every member of 1859 should realize the importance of this program.

The credit union will meet every Friday from 7 to 8 p. m. in our office at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Anyone wanting a loan must come before this committee.

Nomination of officers for the General Executive Board of 1859 were held at the last general membership meeting. Nominated were: President—Fred Deidrick (incumbent). Vice President—Ray Perleberg (incumbent). Paulson (incumbent). Recording Secretary—Edward Kirby (incumbent) and Ingolf Haugen. Treasurer—Melvin Viken (incumbent). Sgt.-at-Arms—Frank Schwartzkopf (incumbent). Trustee—Vern Eastman (incumbent). Trustee—Bradley "Brad" Morrison. Conductor—Richard Gilmore (incumbent).

We take this opportunity to say that the word "incumbent" means the member you elected last year is the member in office at the present time.

The present state government's blitzkrieg on the rights of labor has brought home to us the importance of electing men to office who will give labor unions a fair shake. Men who will not stack the

cards against the wage-earners. Such a man is A. C. "Ole" Ogg. A man who has proven his worth to the workers by his outstanding work in building the milk drivers' union. Ole is running for representative of the 35th legislative district covering the 3rd and the 10th wards in Minneapolis. Brothers and sisters of 1859—in the interests of your pay check we take this opportunity to recommend to you A. C. "Ole" Ogg on September 10.

Due to the large amount of local news this week the next chapter of the "New Slavery" will be postponed until next week.

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## GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

Hats off to the Gas company for their continued sponsorship of our annual big family get-together picnic and a big hand for the committee that made the arrangements and carried out the day's program.

It looked like all the arrangements had been completed in the a. m. with the exception of the weather man. He was called and said he had his picnic schedule mixed up. The rain was for the Butchers, Bakers and Grocers so with his continued cooperation our record of good weather held for the rest of the day. Free coffee and lemonade made the refreshment stand handled by brothers Oscar Hall, Mike Lipinski, Hank Walker and others a very popular spot.

The sports program provided for some thrills for those watching and some spills for some of the contestants. The following list of champs and runners-up will give you an idea as to which of our brothers, their wives, sweethearts or their offspring got to the tape first:

- Boys' 35-yard dash (under 15)—first Joe Sivinsky, second Myron Lindgren, third Roger Harte. Girls' 35-yard dash (under 15)—first Helen Sienko, second Betty Erickson, third Kathryn Sweet. Boys' three-legged race (under 16)—first Ed Kowal and Myron Lindgren, second Jack Opstad and Roger Harte. Girls' shoe race (under 16)—first Helen Sienko, second Lillian Kessel, third Kate Young. Boys' 25-yard dash (under 7)—first Leroy Smith, second John Thomas, third Dick Gallagher. Girls' 25-yard dash (under 7)—first Ruby Johnson, second Avon Brown, third Jean Brennan. Single Men's 75-yard dash—first Leonard Kolb, second Victor Suchr, third A. R. Anderson. Married Men's 50-yard dash—first Red Hanson, second Earl Howes, third W. F. Umanic. Potato race—Married Girls—first Mrs. Stensland, second Mrs. Heldt, third Mrs. Pearson. Ball-throwing, Single Girls—first Dot Callahan, second Mildred Lemm, third Lillian Czick. Ladies' Shoe Race (over 17)—first, Ellie Suske, second Ann Sirak, third Marion Armstrong. Men's Horseback Ride (over 17)—first Joe Suchr and Leonard Kolb, second Leonard Bien and Victor Suchr. Ladies' Shoe-kicking—first Eleanor Binas, second Helen Andryski, third Mrs. E. McGuire. Boys' Wheelbarrow race (under 16)—first Ed Kowalczak and Ben Columbe, second Ray Miller and Bill Sullivan. Fat Man's Race (over 200 lbs.)

Paul Rhodes, meter reader, can keep on running now that he won a first aid kit in the drawing. Running for Cedar avenue, eh Paul?

If there had been a prize for the largest family of an employee on the grounds, John Pollak of the works and his family would have won hands down.

Bill Olson of the shop and his Mrs. are about to become members of the Stork Club, infanticipating about the week of August 19.

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## TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Otto Krenke is still on sick-leave.

Owen Chappell and Sam Rich are at Glen Lake for an indefinite stay, visiting hours are: three-thirty 'til five, days, and seven fifteen 'til eight-fifteen nights.

Elmer Olson sends his thanks from the Parkview for you all for fixing his radio and the new batteries for same. His visiting hours are: Two 'til three-thirty days, Wednesday evening only, seven 'til eight.

We are sorry to state that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Hall sustained a fractured arm.

The G. N. Depot rejuvenation left McKean and Tom O'Brien with a new counter and chair, but due to the inaccuracy of some of the upstarts the old expectation receptacle has been permanently removed, much to the dismay of the two-quid men.

An important array of Union men were transported to Brainerd, Minnesota, the other evening and the wheel-wizards responsible for their safe journey were Berg, Wilson, Brown, Munden and Segal of the Y. C. And the Liberty men were, Koch, Kurtz, "Santa Claus" Hoggren, Watson, Miller.

The "heads are rolling" on the dog-watch shift.

The night men are asking when they can have their tried and true supervisor back. As soon as Schluters vacation is over, and we hope he is enjoying it.

The Liberty Blue and White Cab we are informed will have the concession along with the St. Paul Blue and White Cab Company at the Fair Grounds. Lots of luck, boys, but easy on the throttle, the cops got new cycles that have to be paid for some way.

The Liberty Buicks will be equipped with wider running boards for winter.

Norman Reynolds of the DeLuxe Cab Company did a dive out of his back in St. Paul while a thug had a gat in his back. He saved his dough and the cops got the stick-up men who said they followed the circus. Harvey Ellingboe of the Liberty "shelled out" to a couple of gun-men in Prospect Park the same night. R. Wendt can still feel the hurts from a holdup-slugging and Harvey Swenson and Christy Christensen were victims of gun-men two weeks ago. What price civilization?

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W. Silbaugh dug up this one: when all and sundry were being "shagged" from parking around the stadium a St. Paul driver showed the cops the torn half of a bill which meant the driver would have to wait "or else." The driver stayed until his fare came out with the other half of the bill.

George (give me a peach) Fischer of Wonder is back from his vacation with a new tan and a lot of (Fischer) stories.

TO THE LADIES—For better conditions tomorrow, have your husband attend his union meeting today.

Brother O. Ogg, member of the Milk Drivers' Union, Local 471, has filed to run for the office of representative for the 35th district. Primaries come on September 10, so we have a little time to do some ground work for our brother. We believe Brother Ogg would be a good man for this office, so let's give him our support.

Card of Thanks To General Drivers, Local 544: To thank you for kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. James Mandile and Family.

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An all-time high of \$145,000 in premiums has attracted 56,000 individual displays valued at \$35,000,000 for this year's Minnesota State Fair, August 24 to September 2.

The State Fair Revue of 1940 to begin a run of eight nights Monday evening, August 26, will feature 375 artists from Broadway and Hollywood. A Wild West Round-up will dedicate the new mammoth stage in front of the grandstand, with America's leading cowboys and cowgirls participating.

The new auto speedway is expected to set new world marks on the four days of racing. An all-time high of 168 harness entries has been received for the pacing and trotting events.

Paintings, sculpture and art objects valued at over one million dollars will be shown in the Fine Arts building.

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### Gassing With 977

(Guest Columnist for Jon Conder) Your old reporter is on his vacation this week, so don't criticize this column as I am an organizer—not a columnist.

Well, here goes. We had a blitzkrieg at Colfax and Lake last week. The boys all signed up in short order. The bosses recognize that our local means business. When we say we are going to have 100 per cent organization in the petroleum industry, we mean it.

The Wage and Hour dispute at 29th and Nicollet, Shell service station, was settled without a strike this week by your local. After several weeks of meetings with the employer and the so-called labor department of the state which were to no avail.

War Department John Mercier is the proud father of a baby girl. "Not censored."

Coach Davidson says if the local's baseball team performs in the city playoff as it did in Virginia and Superior, the team should take the city championship.

Talking about the baseball team—we lost at Superior. It was a 12-inning game. The score was 5 to 4 in favor of Superior. Highlights of the game will be complete in another column.

Watch the Organizer for dates of the city championship playoff

There are thousands of unorganized people who would appreciate our side of the story . . . if they KNEW it. Pass your Northwest Organizer along to them.

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### V. R. Dunne to Speak on Labor and Conscriptio

V. R. Dunne will speak on "Labor's Attitude Toward Compulsory Conscriptio and National Defense" at the annual Socialist Workers Party picnic, to be held next Sunday, August 18th, at Columbia Park, grounds 1 and 2. The public is invited to attend. There will be sports and refreshments.

so you can attend the games. (Thanks).

The oilers' catcher ran into the backstop again at Superior. He looked like a boxer when he came to. His eyes, nose and lips were swelled up. Our first baseman, Roy Johnson, got very ill on the trip. He has been in bed since Friday with bronchitis. He may not be well in time to play any more ball this year. Roy has played nice ball this year and we all hope he gets well quick.

Kelly is getting his hitting eye back. He got four hits out of five at the plate in the 977-Superior game. That's plenty good, I'd say.

Jamboree Committee met last night. Surprises will be a plenty for the evening of August 29. Don't forget to hold that night open, fellows.

Last minute news: 977 Oilers will play St. Lawrence, champs of the American division, at Chicago Field, 40th and Chicago Ave. S., on Sunday, August 18, 2:30 p. m. This will start the playoff of the city championship. Be sure to attend.

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Mrs. Margaret Gates and family

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### With the Dairy Workers Local 471

There still exists some misunderstanding in regards to "dropping off" milk on the strength of an office order of some sort. The practice is alright providing the customer is a transfer of your company. Otherwise, we must comply with a By-Law which requires us to verify the amount before leaving any dairy products. This change was made by the membership last April and already it has had a healthy effect. The By-Law reads, "Before leaving dairy products to any customer but his own, a driver must verify the account by seeing and talking to the party." The "move in" that is not ours, generally belongs to some other member and as such deserves all of the courtesy and consideration that we like to show to our own customers.

August dues are four dollars which include the Death Assessment for George Anderson (Isles) who suddenly passed away last month.

We certainly have a word of commendation for Russell Olson of Franklin. When he decides to take his wife for an airplane ride Brother Olson goes through with the deal no matter how tough the going is. Reports are that as our brother member boarded the Chicago bound plane, his knees were tapping one another and he remarked, "I don't feel well."

The last membership meeting was very well pleased with the financial report as presented by our senior trustee, Gus Anderson. The audit covered the first six months of this year; most expenditures are down a bit as compared to last year while a few are a trifle higher.

During the hot weather we couldn't get any good fishing dope but now matters are on the upturn and are we ever proud of a couple of our members' Ray Graff brought in a walleye from Roosevelt Lake which weighed eight pounds and six ounces. He'll be in the money at Wits. Spud Bergman of Dairy Fresh is tops for

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### Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts Have you ever thought of Fascism in the U. S.?

There is no need for Fascism to cross frontiers; its seeds are latent in every capitalist economy.

Capitalism must give up a great deal under Fascism, but the question is under what alternative system would they yield less.

The religious exaltation aroused in their countries by the persons of Hitler and Mussolini are possible in this country: witness Father Divine, Aimee Semple McPherson, Huey Long, Father Coughlin, etc.

Eight million black and white sharecroppers exist on a sub-human standard. Many million Americans are on relief. All are material for a future dictator to make use of.

Judge Gary of the U. S. Steel Corporation some years ago said, "We would be better off over here for a man like Mussolini."

The capital behind heavy industries has subsidized every Fascist revolution to date, and they're not asleep in the U. S.

The Oregon Anti-Labor Bill was supported by Assoc. Farmers of Oregon, which spent \$32,440.65 in its campaign. All except \$4.65 of this sum was contributed by the Oregon Business Council.

When you take in a show, keep your eyes and ears peeled for propaganda. You'll find plenty of it.

Spencer must have spent his vacation in the sun. His eyebrows are bleached white.

Who was it that said Latta is an iron worker, and maintains that he has a heavy hand on the iron?

Due to other business, it was necessary that the operators' meeting called for Friday be called off.

To the members of the D-Ball team: Turn your equipment and uniforms into Jimmy Nevins.

Brother Oscar Pearson is now home from the hospital and doing nicely. Contrary to rumors which went around, we are glad to report there was no tumor.

Brother Rolf Larson was christened "Lucky" last Friday evening. That tie rod couldn't have dropped off at a more opportune place.

The boys in the Garage say, "Handsome Harry" is becoming quite efficient with that gas hose."

The noon card games in the Meter Department are being pepped up again now that Brother Haack is back from his vacation.

Brothers Scott and Fimon don't think much of Mid's shortcuts on the way home.

For good clean Olson sport, drop out and see our former brother Ted Kurth. Ted now has one of northern; he hooked a sixteen and a half pounder at Mille Lac. These brothers must live right or else they know how it is done.

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### Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson

The families of Vince Donahue of Royal and Harrison Smith of Custom each respectively received "bundles from heaven" recently. Vince's is equipped with a zipper. Congratulations.

Aner Christianson and Bill Sarazin are taking care of the Camp Ripley work for Lawrences.

Oscar Lind of Globe spent his vacation in the Black Hills, as did Walter Pierce of Garber's Cleaners.

Meyer Fishman of Mill City is very ill and will be off for some time.

Ralph Kummert of Minneapolis Laundry is at St. Mary's, having undergone a minor operation.

You who have picnic tickets, please turn in the tickets or the money immediately so that the Chairman of the Committee can get the bills paid and a final report made ready.

We were taking a gander at an editorial in the Times Tribune of August 12, in which was stated that there are facts to justify all our efforts toward preparedness, but that the dangers we face are not primarily military but economic. It states that these dangers may eventually take on a military character, and that it is for this eventuality that we are expanding our navy and proposing to enlarge our land forces.

It goes on to say that Europe as a corporate state with its 400,000,000 people regimented to the production of goods will create an economic problem that America cannot cope with as a democracy; that we will have to give up all or

the most up-to-date riding stables in the Northwest. Call the Greenwood Riding Academy which is located on the Baker Crossroad between Highway No. 7 and Excelsior boulevard. For those who like riding horseback, one will find just the right kind of horses, quiet ones, a little frisky and all frisky, and a beautiful wooded drive. Ted is building a modern, up-to-date clubroom with restrooms for both. We all remember Ted when he was in the Municipal Lighting, and he would be glad to see some of his old buddies on a horse.

Brother Bruce Fehling made the D-Ball "Hall of Fame" last week by twirling a no-hit, no-run victory over CIO, Local No. 1140, Local 160 winning a real game by the score of 1-0. This column sez, "Congrats, Bruce. Here's wishing you good luck the rest of the way."

Some of our members who attended the D-Ball Jamboree sponsored by the Union Sports Council last Friday night reported a fine time. We understand "Wimpy" was there in all his glory. How that boy can croon when in the mood.

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most of the individual freedoms which constitute the heart of democracy.

According to the Times Tribune, we must do this in order to grab the markets of the world. According to the best military authorities the threat of invasion of the United States is very remote, but there is being created a hysteria purposely with false statements to accomplish the end of creating a military machine that will maintain the world market for us by force if necessary.

Isn't it strange that intelligent people maintain that for us to exist on this, the greatest continent in the world from the standpoint of the possession of natural resources, power development, modern machinery, technical brains, skilled labor and everything else necessary to produce a standard of living almost beyond imagination, that in order to exist we must have foreign trade whether we need the stuff the other fellow has or not?

Isn't it silly for us to take the other fellow's stuff when we have more than we can consume ourselves? What kind of logic prompts intelligent people to believe that that is the only way we can keep from starving a large part of our population? Some people think it would be better to change the system so we can all together consume the food and clothing and the luxuries of life that we can all produce. The people who believe this have planned a way to do it. These people are the Technocrats.

### Card of Thanks

To the FWS, Father Walsh and friends: Thanks for the many kindnesses during my recent bereavement. Owen Jacobsen

When Irvin S. Cobb was told of the illness of an unpopular New York editor for whom he once worked, he remarked: "I trust it's nothing trivial!"

ORDER FOR HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN—

In Probate Court. In Re Estate of Elmadine Thompson, Decedent.

The representative of the above named estate having filed his final account and petition for settlement and allowance thereof and for distribution to the persons thereto entitled:

It is Ordered, That the hearing thereof be had on Monday, September 9, 1940, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. before this Court in the probate court room in the court house in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that notice hereof be given by publication of this order in the Northwest Organizer and by mailed notice as provided by law.

WITNESS, the HON. O. J. ANDERSON, acting Judge of Probate Court, this 9th day of August, 1940. (PROBATE COURT SEAL)

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

## Profits Rise, Says AFL

In its current issue, the AMERICAN FEDERATION-IST points out that for the first half of 1940 the 119 leading industrial corporations received a 51 per cent increase in profits over 1939. The American Federation of Labor urges unions to keep pace with the general advance and points out that the cost of living shows signs of going upward.

That the AFL is by no means exaggerating the huge profits accruing to Big Business under the national defense program is proved by an article in last Sunday's New York TIMES. The TIMES records that the net profits of 95 durable goods manufacturers for the first half of 1940 are 317 per cent above the same period last year.

Steel companies received profits of \$93,707,833 as compared with \$24,428,867 for the first half of 1939. The sharp rise in profiteering started during the last half of 1939 with the launching of the war in Europe.

Though the masses always lose from imperialist war, it is by no means true that war is unprofitable. War is very profitable—for the owners of industry. The above figures constitute irrefutable proof of this fact.

## Labor Rallies To Defend Carstater Vs. Stassen Move

(Continued from page 1)  
lating skilled vocational workers in conjunction with defense plans.

The truth is that the bureau of education in Washington raised this issue of record cards March 4th, some time before the defense program was under way.

### Army Moves In on Education

Carstater did object, and on good solid grounds that every worker and liberal would support. He did more, he brought the matter to the attention of the state board of education at three successive meetings. If anyone is to blame for a delay in the training program it is the Stassenites on the board of education.

On March 4th J. C. Wright, assistant commissioner of vocational education in Washington, had written Carstater proposing that he use record cards which had been prepared jointly by the War Department and the Education Department. These record cards are nothing less than the first step to subordinate education in America to the M-Day plans of the army, and were also subtly prepared to propagandize the youth that there was always a place for them in the army, if private industry could not provide jobs.

Naturally, Carstater objected, as would any honest person concerned with the welfare of education, of labor and of youth. Carstater made known his objections to Washington and to the state board of education.

Though the state board first tried to get away with their anti-labor move by refusing to reveal their motive for firing Carstater and by refusing him a hearing, the board's flagrant violation of civil service law was balked by an aroused labor movement.

According to state Civil Service Director Kenneth Pennebaker, there is "absolutely no doubt that Carstater qualifies as a civil service employe. Under Minnesota law he is entitled to know the charges against him and a public hearing."

The board of education must now file charges justifying Carstater's permanent discharge in 30 days, and the civil service commission has then 45 days in which to decide the case.

### Local 10 to Fight

Carstater will of course demand a hearing, and his union, Local 10 of the State, County and Municipal Employees, has announced it intends to give Carstater its full support, a sentiment shared by the entire labor movement.

Over the objections of Dr. Rockwell, state commissioner of education, the board of education appointed a fellow called Harry C. Schmid, who was evening school vocational coordinator "for the Minneapolis public school system. The Stassenites claim Schmid is a member of the Carpenters' Union, but the United Brotherhood of Carpenters say they never heard of Schmid. It is known that Schmid's father is a lumber con-

## Attention! Cat-skinners, Blade Operators

Members of General Drivers Unions, Local 544 of Minneapolis and Local 120 of St. Paul who are employed as cat-skinners and blade operators will become members of the Operating Engineers Union, Local 49, by decision of a committee representing all three unions. Such members may join Local 49 during the next two weeks simply by payment of current dues. After two weeks, drivers who transfer to Local 49 must pay the full initiation fee of \$63. Members of the committee are Bob Flemming of Local 120, Grant Dunne and Curt Zander of Local 544 and Dale Burchette of Local 49.

## Bartlett Is Delegate to IBT Convention

Last Monday James Bartlett was designated by the executive board of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 to be the union's delegate to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters convention in Washington in September.

Erling Nelson was chosen as alternate. At the membership meeting of Local 359 on August 27th the question of the State Federation of Labor convention will be discussed. It is probable that several delegates will be sent to the convention in St. Paul.

Certainly Schmid could have not a trace of union principles in his make-up to do what he did: step into the job of a union man under fire from the reactionaries. So far as labor is concerned, Schmid is a strike-breaker and Stassen is his boss.

Other Moves Against Labor Following up his actions against organized labor in the Carstater case, Governor Stassen made two other moves during the week calculated to increase the pressure on the union movement.

To prepare for applying the Burke-Wadsworth bill to Hennepin County, Stassen named David Onan, president of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce association, two judges, an army man and a clerk of district court as an advisory committee to submit names of six men who will constitute a board to administer the compulsory military conscription act in Hennepin county. From Stassen's appointees, one can imagine what sort of a draft board will confront organized labor.

Addressing the American Legion convention in Hibbing, Stassen asked the Legion to prepare to help set up an army to take the place of the Minnesota national guard when the guard is drafted into the regular army,

## AIN'T IT THE TRUTH — By Higgins



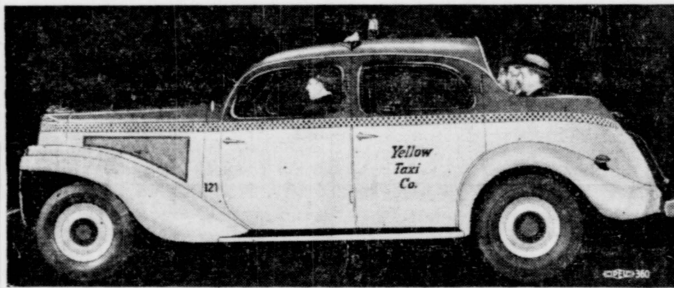
The chump who is opposed to the unions' paying any attention to the unemployed...

Loses his job and hollers for organized labor to help him get decent relief.

## Evolution of the Taxicab



A "Yellow," vintage of 1923.



A 1940 "Yellow" with the Laundoleet top. Next week we show a fleet of Liberty cabs in 1929, and contrast them with the new fleet of Liberty Blue and White Buick deluxe cabs.

BY LLOYD H. LUNDE

At the turn of the century when every motor-car driver was told to "get a horse," certain far-sighted hackmen decided there was money to be made with the automobiles by converting them into taxicabs. Every wagon works and machine shop had plans for building gas buggies and some of the completed vehicles didn't do so bad, considering the roads and the untrained mechanics of that day.

The first taxis were owned by individuals, who moved their cars into the hack stands and set their own rates, mostly on the zone system. Thus was launched the motored cab. The first taxis were powered by steam or gasoline engines, and chain-and-sprocket or gear-and-pinion drive. Ties were good for around 5,000 miles. Head lamps were fueled by kerosene, carbide or presto-gas, and were both dangerous and unreliable. The ignition was taken care of by a temperamental magneto or dry-cells with buzzer-coil, and the complicated carburetor needed numerous and frequent adjustments.

The addition of the meter and time-clock took the cab business out of the "pirate" class and gave the public a dependable cab-fare rate which also brought about the incorporated cab firms which accepted responsibilities of service and accidents. The independent owners also joined together to effect good cab service, and color rights were jealously guarded.

The Yellow Taxi company of Minneapolis went into business April 17, 1917, and there are a goodly number of the original employes still working there. The Liberty Blue and White Cab company is the result of mergers of one firm with another; these cabs are all owner-driven, with a hired driver working the opposite shift.

1940 finds Minneapolis equipped with all new taxicabs replete with modern improvements. The new Yellow has a laundoleet top which slides back into the body of the car; foam rubber is used both in the seats and safety padding. Scuff-proof formica panelling makes the cars easy to keep clean. The adjustable driver's seat and steering-wheel gearshift are big boons to the drivers.

The Liberty Blue and White bought a fleet of Model 51 Buick six-passenger deluxe cars with special bumpers and glove-box meters. The Minnesota, Terminal, DeLuxe, Mattson, Frank's cab and one independent checker-cab, Andy Anderson's black cab, and possibly others which escape our mind at the present, are doing business, all under union hours and wages.

The mechanics who work on these cabs are also union men as are the inside workers and baggage men and helpers. The switch-board operators and cab starters are also all union employes.

## Independent Truck Chatter

By Mike the Mucker

Independents working for the city, park board, county or state, on coal jobs or in private industry, get this: beginning next Monday, August 19, report to the Drivers' Hall, see John Schiels on the second floor between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. ITO members in these classifications who are interested in protecting their jobs and maintaining union standards

should do this without fail. You will find out more about it when you talk to John.

Milt is away on his vacation. In his absence, Miles Dunne will assist ITO members in settling their grievances and solving their problems.

Members with souped-up trucks report to Cully Anderson and also to the union office. Anderson is using a certain fleet-owner's trucks at the present time, but if he obtains information regarding members having such trucks available, he will call them out according to their seniority standing.

## ... the last word

By B. G.

A Los Angeles doctor, teaching a course in family relations, gives the "passing of glamour" as one of the principal reasons why couples quarrel soon after marrying. That's o. k. for the doc, but what about the passing of economic security? What couple can maintain an even tempo of domestic life, pleasant dispositions and romance when they are constantly haunted by the spectre of unemployment—and war?

It is still summer and the sun is still hot, so beware of sunburn. If you don't have a coat of tan, take it easy when you go on your vacation or spend the weekend fishing and don't expose yourself for more than 15 minutes the first time. You should be careful, even if you are already tanned. Rub an oil or cream into your skin if you spend much time in the sun. Treat sunburn like any burn. If you burn badly, see a doctor.

Local society matrons are volunteering their services to the Red Cross, making bandages and dressings. The American Red Cross, of course, aids only the Allies. The American Red Cross is a benevolent and charitable organization, relieving suffering anywhere — anywhere the bosses tell them.

If the local society matrons want to relieve a little suffering right around home, why don't they spend a couple of afternoons each week making clothes for the children of relief clients? Or, if they don't like to work, they could donate a little cash for groceries.

If the stem end of a watermelon is soft or discolored, don't buy it. It's a lemon!

Lest We Forget . . . if Minneapolis widow visits only son (a war veteran) every day—in Lakewood cemetery.

In California a wealthy eye specialist is divorcing his wife because she is "in love with a ghost."

She's a little ahead of the times, to be sure. But sooner or later most of us will be loving ghosts, anyway. The ghosts of the war-dead.

Famous Last Words  
"I'm sorry I have to go through a picket line."  
—Eleanor Roosevelt

To avoid chartering a special car to ship 200 pounds of limberg cheese, a manufacturer packed it in a rough oblong box and checked it as a corpse. At the first stop the man went to the baggage car to see if all were well. He stood by the box in a disconsolate attitude with his hands shading his eyes. The baggage man was very sympathetic.

"Relative?" he inquired gently.  
"Yes," was the answer, "my brother."

"Well, you have one consolation," said the baggageman. "He's dead all right."

City employment, usually around 75, is down to 15. Park board jobs have almost absorbed the seniority list and carry the brunt of the ITO. All members on the state job—including the 18 laid off for a week—are back at work.

Every day successful bidders on state highway jobs are contacted for their John Henries on the AGC contract.

## Letters From Readers

If you wish to write a letter to this column, please sign your full name. Unsigned letters will go unpublished. If you wish your name deleted, indicate so in your letter.

August 7, 1940

The Northwest Organizer Editor

Dear Sir and Brother:  
In reply to your question on a National Labor Party in a recent issue of the Northwest Organizer, I sincerely believe that labor should launch their own National Party. The sooner, the better.

This in reality should not be a "third" party because the two old parties are becoming as like as two peas in a pod. The quotation below, popularized by President Roosevelt, can now be used against him. "Strange such difference there should be twixt tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee."

If labor is going to wait for an opportune time to exert their independent political action, they will never have our own party. This may be a means of bringing together the three labor organizations into one united group of action, as you so well explained in your editorial of the August first issue.

Long live the Northwest Organizer and some day soon, may we be able to look back and say "I can remember when the Organizer started the ball rolling," by urging us on to a National Labor Party.

I have just finished reading Jack London's "Iron Heel" recommended for reading by many of your columnists of which I read them all.

Couldn't you devote a small

space in your paper to inform us of good reading for union men and women? It would be especially appreciated by readers in the small cities and towns that don't have access to a labor library as you have in the Drivers Hall in Minneapolis. I have been a satisfied constant reader of your paper for the past three years.

Fraternally yours,  
ART CARLSON  
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Sioux Falls, S. D.

P. S. I am a member of the Milk Drivers and Dairy Workers Union, Div. of General Drivers Union No. 749, Sioux Falls, S. D.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

We thank Brother Carlson for his expression of the need for a national labor party. Until organized labor has a party of its own, based on the unions, controlled by the unions, running union men as candidates, labor will continue to be at the mercy of the bosses on the political field.

Realism, however, forces us to accept the bitter truth that the time is too short for labor to enter its own party in the national elections this year. What must be done is for every union man and woman aware of the need for a national labor party to orient himself and the union movement on the path of building the labor party for 1942 and 1944.

## A DICTIONARY OF LABOR TERMS

profit, that part of the total value of a commodity in which the unpaid labor of the worker is realized. The whole of production is not realized by the employing capitalist. The monopoly of land enables the landlord to take one portion under the name of rent. The money-lending capitalist claims another portion under the name of interest. Rent, interest and profit are all derived from the same source, the unpaid labor of the working man.

proletarian, a worker who is without any means of production and is compelled to sell his labor power in order to exist. One who lives by wage labor. The whole of the working-class is the proletariat.

propagandist, one who presents many ideas to one or a few people, usually by means of the written word.

public, a concept dragged forth by the employers during every strike, supposed to represent some mythical section of the population that is impartial both to the working class and the employing class.

putsch, an adventurist uprising based upon the idea of the seizure of power by an audacious minority without participation of the masses. An unsuccessful coup d'etat.

quickie, a sit-down strike decided upon, called, and usually settled on the spot.

race, a group of people distinguished by minor physical characteristics affecting appearance. Not to be confused with a nationality, a group whose customs and ideas are identified with some nation.

racism, prejudice, blind and unreasonable condemnation and dislike for people of another race. A form of prejudice invented by the ruling classes and taught to the workers, whereby a worker in a white skin is supposed to feel enmity to a worker in a black skin, a red skin, a brown skin, or to other white workers of a different "race," etc. Race prejudice, if widespread, enables the rulers to divide and weaken and masses, and works only to the advantage of the exploiters. There is no natural antagonism between people of different races. It was not until the days of Negro slavery and colonial conquest that race prejudice appeared to any extent in history.

racketeering, the extraction of payments by the use of force or intimidation, without giving any value in return for such payments. There have been a few instances of racketeers and gangsters muscling their way into a union to extort money from the workers and even sometimes from a section of the employers. In almost every such instance, it is the employers or a section of the employers who encourage such maneuvers and gain from them.

radical, theoretically one who goes to the roots of things. One who would correct evils by changing the conditions which cause them.

rank and file, the members of an organization who are not in office or in the leadership. reactionary, one who dislikes changes which have taken place or in the process of occurring, and who would like to return to previous conditions which were felt to be more favorable. One who opposes progress of the masses, or who is opposed to organized labor.

real wages, the actual buying power of wages. Wages adjusted to take into account changes in prices.

red flag, throughout history in every land the flag of the working class. Symbolizes internationalism and militancy, labor martyrdom and the spirit to avenge that martyrdom.

reformism, the idea that the oppressed can be freed by urging the masters to hand down reforms. A bloc formed by working-class leaders with the employers and directed against the majority of the working

class. The function of reformism is to cover up reaction and imperialism by all sorts of democratic phrases, assertions, evasions and clap trap.

renegade, a turncoat, one who turns traitor, who betrays ideas or organizations which he once held dear.

revisionist, one who seeks to revise or alter the fundamental teachings of his master. More specifically, those who seek to water down and amend the teachings of Marx.

You cannot indict a whole people.—EDMUND BURKE.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471  
General Membership — First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m.  
Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)  
Milk Haulers — Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.

LOCAL 131  
Second Tuesday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.

LOCAL 259  
Second Monday of each month.

LOCAL 664  
General Membership—First and third Fridays.  
Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.

LOCAL 1086  
The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.

LOCAL 977  
General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m.  
Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m.  
Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m.  
Stewards—First and third Wednesdays

LOCAL 259  
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.  
Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday.  
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.  
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.  
General Membership — Fourth Thursday.  
Inside Workers — Last Saturday, 3 p. m.

LOCAL 346  
Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.

LOCAL 103  
Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month.  
Executive Committee Meeting on call.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

LOCAL 275  
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.

LOCAL 359  
Stewards—Second Monday.  
Executive Board — First and third Mondays.  
General Membership — Fourth Tuesdays.

## On the National Picket Line

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effectiveness and public confidence which are especially essential to the defense program . . . many a legitimate strike will have to be avoided by the self-discipline of labor unions if we are to curb the efforts of our domestic enemies.

Who are those domestic enemies, Mr. Watts? Are they the American workers who are expected to be patriotic in the face of an ever increasing pressure to break the labor movement? Or are they the big business men who want their patriotism to have a dollar mark before it? Who is supposed to defend what?

### IN AMERICA TOO

There are two nations in England—the governing class and the millions who toil. — JOHN BRIGHT.

The liberal is a funny cuss, And so it isn't strange, In seeking change without violence, He gets violence without change.

### DITTO FOR BOSSES

If we support ourselves and our masters when we are slaves, we can surely take care of ourselves when we are free.—From a sermon by a Negro minister in Washington, D. C., in 1861.

There are thousands of unorganized people who would appreciate our side of the story . . . if they KNEW it. Pass your Northwest Organizer along to them.

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LOCAL 160  
General Membership — Third Thursday.  
Seniority Board—Every Monday.  
Executive Board—Every Tuesday.  
Stewards—First Thursday.  
This schedule will be maintained from August to October.

LOCAL 221  
Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month.  
Independent Truck Drivers Section — Second Tuesday each month.

LOCAL 1859  
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.

LOCAL 20481  
Grain King—August 20, 4:15 p. m.  
Twin City Lumber—August 20, 4:45 p. m.  
Twin City District Council Hall Hastings Section—August 20, 8 p. m.  
Hastings Hall

LOCAL 958  
Night Drivers — 1 p. m., third Thursday each month.  
Day Drivers — 7 p. m., third Thursday each month.

### LOCAL 544 MEETING SCHEDULE August, 1940

Thursday, August 1—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners.  
Friday, August 2—Job Stewards.  
Monday, August 5—Package Delivery, Department Stores.  
Wednesday, August 7—Sausage, Petroleum.  
Friday, August 9—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers.  
Monday, August 12—General Membership.

Tuesday, August 13—Lumber, Raymond Bros. 9 p. m.  
Wednesday, August 14—Market, Wholesale Liquor.  
Thursday, August 15—Newspaper 10 a. m., Ways and Means I. T. O.  
Friday, August 16—Job Stewards.  
Monday, August 19—Furniture, Coal, Printing and Wholesale Paper.  
Thursday, August 22—Transfer and warehouse, Wholesale Drivers.  
Friday, August 23—Cold Storage and Produce.  
Monday, August 26—Spring Water.  
Tuesday, August 27—Building Material.  
Wednesday, August 28—Sand and Gravel and Excavating.