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

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

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On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

In a world gone mad, with militarism and war the chief characteristics, it is like closing one's eyes in a dark room to dismiss the coming war with the thought "It is not our war, we don't want it, we don't believe we have anything to gain from it. Under our present economic system, any country which challenges the supremacy of the United States bankers and industrialists on the world market is an "enemy." Conscription, to the U. S. government, at this stage is very necessary.

When we face facts and accept realities, then we must ask ourselves another question. During the last war hundreds of thousands of American soldiers were sent against a well-trained enemy without any real training or equipment. They died like flies, many of them literally done to death by their own lack of military knowledge. The organized labor movement must fight against the repetition of such slaughter. They must demand that the masses forced to go onto the battlefields of this war be properly trained and equipped.

But the army and navy are open shop, are the greatest anti-labor force operating in the nation. Years ago, before the organized labor movement became strong enough to control worker-employer relations, the employers had literally life-and-death control over the workers in industry. THAT CONDITION STILL EXISTS IN THE ARMY. We cannot be in favor of sending workers into such an army. But the workers need military training. How can this be accomplished without placing the entire organized labor movement at the mercy of the government, without placing the workers, once again, where they will not have one word to say about their wages, their conditions, their very lives?

There is another way beside the Burke-Wadsworth way in which the workers can become trained in the military arts, a way which is in the interests of labor. And that way is through our trade unions. Just as our unions make possible our very existence, giving us the ability to lift our heads like men and women in the factories, and to live like men and women in the factories, and to live like human beings at home, so our unions can enable us to undergo military training in the atmosphere of the union hall and not in the barracks. Compulsory military training? Yes, but ONLY under the control of the trade unions.

It is plain that conscription is coming in any event. We don't want to see worker-soldiers go into battle without proper training and equipment. And we don't want to see these soldiers in the hands of anti-labor officers who have no regard for the treatment, the protection and the lives of the men under them. What is needed is federal funds for the military training of workers and worker-officers under the control of the trade unions.

Notice to Driver-Bowlers

All union drivers interested in the drivers' bowling league for the coming season are asked to meet Tuesday evening, August 27, at 8 o'clock at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. The meeting hall will be scheduled on the bulletin board. Louis Kenzie is in charge.

Last WPA Victims To be Free Friday

At 9 a. m. this Friday life will start again for the last three of the Minneapolis WPA martyrs arrested and imprisoned by the federal government as a result of the nationwide WPA strike of last summer.

At that hour Ed Palmquist, Max Goldman and Leslie Wachter, all members of Local 544's Federal Workers Section, are due to leave the Sandstone prison farm.

A delegation from the Minneapolis union movement will motor to Sandstone to

greet our brothers upon their release.

Minneapolis unionists will have a chance to greet these men, and other WPA strike prisoners already released, at a dance Saturday evening, September 7th, in the Teamsters Hall.

The dance is sponsored by the Federal Workers Section. Tickets are selling at 25c each, and the FWS reports that advance ticket sales assure the affair will be a huge popular success.

Iowa Woodworkers Flock Into Union, Draw Up Demands

Burlington Workers Organize to Raise Their Wages and Conditions to Union Levels — Majority of Town's Thousand Woodworkers Already in Union — Contracts Ratified and Presented to Northwestern Cabinet, Dahlin Bros. — Bosses Attempt to Halt Union Campaign by Last-Minute Wage Raise — "If We Can Get Raises Just by Moving Towards Unionism, Think What We Can Win When We Are Well Organized," Think Workers

Burlington, Iowa—With the speed of a prairie fire, a unionization campaign is sweeping over the one thousand woodworkers of this Iowa town. Starting several months ago at the Chittenden & Eastman plant, the drive has now embraced practically every woodworking plant in town and union working agreements have already been drafted, approved and presented to two companies, the Northwestern Cabinet and the Dahlin Bros. & Davis Manufacturing firms.

The spearhead of the drive is the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodworkers, whose secretary-treasurer, John Janosco, has been holding a series of highly successful organizational meetings every week or two.

Last Thursday evening the union hall overflowed with woodworkers attending a huge mass meeting. In order to take care of all the business, two special meetings were scheduled for Saturday.

In the morning the employees of the Dahlin Bros. & Davis company met and drew up their demands. In the afternoon the Northwestern Cabinet employees followed suit. In both cases the North Central District Council was authorized to present the agreements to the bosses and start the negotiations.

The Union Goal
The contracts call for plant seniority, the closed shop, a minimum hourly wage of 50c, a week's vacation with pay, and time and one-half for overtime after eight (Continued on page 4)

Local 977 Plays Sunday At Parade 6

The postponed baseball game between the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 and the St. Lawrence nine, respective champions of the Federal played this Sunday afternoon, August 18, 1:30 p. m., at the Pa. and American divisions, will be made Grounds No. 6. Wet grounds at Chicago field prevented the game from being played last Sunday.

Sunday's bill will be particularly attractive because it will be a doubleheader. Following the Oiler-St. Lawrence game, the Nicollet Hotel and Christianos teams will battle it out for the championship of the National league.

All union fans are again urged to turn out for the opening round of the playoff for the city baseball championship. Plan now to be at the Parade Grounds Sunday, and go from there to the Central Labor Union picnic at Powderhorn.

Iowa Drivers Council Recommends Area Set-up For Bakery Drivers

A recommendation that bakery driver unions in each area set up area councils with the cooperation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters was unanimously adopted Saturday at the regular meeting of the Iowa State Drivers Council in Mason City.

The recommendation was in the form of a resolution, previously endorsed by the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289.

The resolution points out that: "WHEREAS, the various bakery locals throughout the United States are confronted with problems which cannot be solved by the local drivers' organizations alone, and "WHEREAS, an area set-up covering several states can overcome this by close contact with all affected locals, and "WHEREAS, such area set-ups where initiated have resulted in building larger locals by their ability to organize through much closer contact with the bakery industry, and "WHEREAS, the area set-ups are able to provide and maintain uniform hours, wages, and conditions over wide areas, and "WHEREAS, such uniform wages, hours and conditions tend to halt wholesale evasions of contracts by the operators, "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this body recommend and urge the establishment and support of such area set-ups with full cooperation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers."

664 Smoker Friday Eve At Hall

The annual get-together and smoker sponsored by the City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 will be held this Friday, August 23rd, 8 p. m., in the basement of the Teamsters Hall at 257 Plymouth avenue.

Tickets are 50c and all Local 664 men are urged to attend.

Fine Doubled in N. Y. Union Case

The \$5,000 fine levied against the Milk Drivers Union of New York city for its one-day strike against the Sheffield milk trust was doubled last Friday because of the union's refusal to pay within the time limit set by Arthur Meyer, "impartial chairman" of labor relations in the milk industry.

The union had until midnight Thursday to pay the \$5,000. After midnight the fine rose to \$10,000, with interest to accrue at the rate of 6 per cent.

∴ Some Plain Words on Conscription ∴

An Editorial

The American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the independent railroad brotherhoods, the Farmers' Union, and many unemployed organizations have united in opposing the Burke-Wadsworth bill which would compel workers to join the army. With few exceptions, the toilers of this nation have indicated their opposition to compulsory military conscription under a war machine dominated by anti-labor interests.

If we understand labor's objection to the Burke-Wadsworth bill—and we believe we understand it very clearly—it is based on several considerations.

It is not the idea of military training itself that is objectionable to labor. No worker would be opposed to understanding the furthest reaches of the military art.

It is partly the idea of taking this training under the heel of a notoriously anti-democratic and anti-union military clique that labor objects to.

Millions of toilers further sense that the war for which they will be trained to fight will be a war that is definitely NOT in their interests, a war that is not fought for any higher ideal than that of profiting Big Business and the munition makers.

Further, every worker of draft age has an active dislike of being forced in the army to work for \$30 a month, leaving his family to the not-at-all-tender mercies of the relief authorities.

It might be pleasant to assure our readers that with Washington confronting the solid opposition of organized labor, the unemployed and a large section of the farmers, there is little chance that Congress will pass the Burke-Wadsworth bill.

But this is a time for plain speaking, and we cannot allow our readers to harbor any illusions.

Despite the mass opposition to the Burke-Wadsworth bill, it must be clear to all but a handful of pacifist blockheads that some sort of compulsory military training is going to be insisted upon by Big Business. To protect and extend their profits and their foreign markets, the financial and industrial rulers of the United States are demanding and will obtain from a servile Congress compulsory conscription. Because industry is preparing for military aggression in the near future on a world scale.

Big Business needs compulsory military training, if not to implement a policy of immediate intervention in the present war in Europe, to aid their plans to organize the Western Hemisphere under the domination of Wall Street and to advance their interests in the Far East.

We have scant sympathy for either the pacifist opposition or the Congressional opposition to the Burke-Wadsworth bill.

The opposition in Congress revolves around the Maloney amendment which proposes that voluntary enlistment be tried until January 1, 1941; if enough

volunteers fail to appear, Maloney and his friends are quite prepared to plunk for compulsory enlistment.

If ever there was a swindle, this is it. We fail to see any measurable difference between the Maloney amendment and the Burke-Wadsworth bill. Both would place the workers and the youth under the heel of the reactionary military clique. Whether you get recruits by compulsion or by a high-pressured propaganda campaign is a secondary matter.

The pacifist opposition to conscription is even more contemptible. Your run-of-the-mill pacifist is a featherbrain who will accept all the horrors of capitalism except this final and greatest horror of all: imperialist war. Then your pacifist balks. He hesitates to take the final step. At the last moment he usually endorses the war, telling his deluded followers the war represents some holy cause, some high-sounding and fake ideal.

Pacifism is a bankrupt philosophy in our modern world. Any union man who has ever been through a strike can tell you this. There isn't a union that could last one year if it adopted a pacifist attitude towards the finks and thugs and strike-breakers sent against it by the employers. Your typical pacifist is always hyper-critical of the use of force by a union in defense of the lives and living standards of its members; he is willing to look the other way while the employers organize their force against the workers.

Fortunately pacifism has almost no followers in the United States today, a very good augur for the realism and the future of the American people. Too many people recall how the pacifist crowd in the First World War turned yellow and sold out their followers to the "War for Democracy" waged under President Woodrow Wilson.

Labor's Answer to Conscription

What answer CAN organized labor give to the insistence of Big Business that the manpower of this nation be conscripted for the war machine?

Pacifism is no answer.

The Maloney amendment is a meaningless and cynical gesture.

A frank recognition of the truth reveals that at present organized labor is neither strongly enough organized nor of a mind to abolish or stop the war machine. But American labor IS well-enough organized to protect the interests of the worker in the army, just as we protect the workers in their jobs.

We oppose corraling the workers into the regular army, where they will be treated like cattle by the military clique and by the Plattsburg-trained employers and lawyers. These officers have no more regard for the lives of the workers in the army than in the factory.

If Big Business insists that the masses be taught the military arts, we propose that the trade union

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Wage, Hour Gains Won by Local 544 In Furniture Pact

Campaign Launched vs. Nash Finch

Friday afternoon in the Minneapolis Teamsters Hall the second area conference on organizing the Nash Finch grocery chain was held. Delegates were present from Drivers Unions in Fargo, Billings, Tulsa, Ottumwa, Rock Island, St. Paul, St. Paul, Marshalltown and Minneapolis.

The meeting was called to order by Harry DeBoer. After considerable discussion of the Ottumwa strike and the labor-hating policies of this company, it was unanimously agreed to launch a campaign to organize every Nash Finch branch in the area.

A strong nucleus already exists in the cities of Minneapolis, Tulsa and Billings, where the Nash Finch concern is already under contract. The conference plans to coordinate the organization campaign so that all the unions will be able to throw themselves unitedly against the company when the present contracts expire next summer.

A general discussion of policy and tactics to be pursued followed, after which it was voted to hold the next meeting on the morning of October 5th in Minneapolis.

Pact Calls for 46-Hour Week at 48-Hour Pay, Contains War and Jury Clauses—Will Run to May 31, 1941—Department Store Pact Also Ready and Negotiations Going Forward on Package Delivery Contract

A one-year agreement calling for 48-hours pay for 46-hours of work for the city's furniture drivers and helpers was signed Tuesday by the General Drivers Union. The base rate of pay is raised 3c hourly through the new pact.

As in all recent Local 544 contracts, the furniture agreement contains a war clause that "employees shall not suffer any loss in their seniority standing by reason of their enlistment or induction into any branch of the military or naval service of the United States."

A jury clause providing that employees subpoenaed for jury service "shall be paid the difference between jury pay and the regular wage" is also included. Overtime at time and one-half

Turn to page two for the full text of the new furniture pact. will be paid for all work after 8 hours daily and 46 hours weekly. Employees of the firms not represented by Mr. McAloon will receive paid vacations and pay for holidays not worked. These conditions are covered by a supplement for those firms represented by McAloon.

The furniture pact will run for one year to May 1, 1941, and is retroactive. Department Store Pact Ready
The new agreement between Local 544 and the department stores was expected to be signed this week also. Like the furniture pact it contains provisions for a reduction of hours to 46 weekly, with 48 hours pay. It also has the war and jury clauses.

With these pacts out of the way, only the packing delivery agreement remains of the major agreements covering Local 544's membership. Negotiations on this contract are now going forward.

Reporting on the fink suit by the "Associated Independent Union" against the local union movement, Weir said that most of the material in the injunction deals with the Painters Union, reciting incidents that go back as far as eight years. Attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson will represent the unions involved.

A letter from the chairman of the Aquatennial committee thanked labor for its support. A request from the Federal Workers Section to purchase \$5 of dance tickets for the dance welcoming home the WPA strike victims was concurred in.

The Building Trades Council requested that all union members planning to build houses register their names with the Council, which will arrange for wholesale purchases of building materials in order to reduce costs.

2-Year Pact Signed with Buzza Firm

A new two-year working agreement bringing about a reduction in weekly hours with no change in weekly pay was signed last week between the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 and the Buzza company, 1006 West Lake street. For the first time a union shop clause is included. The pact covers about two hundred men and women. It will run to March 31, 1942.

Employees will work 40 minutes less weekly under the contract. Last year a 2-hour reduction, with no change in pay, was achieved.

544 Heavyweights

Volunteers Wanted for Tug o' War

Heavyweights in the General Drivers Union Local 544 are asked to get in touch with Harold Beal, who is in charge of organizing a tug of war team to compete in this event at the Central Labor Union at Powderhorn park this Sunday.

The team representing the Building & Laborers Union Local 563 has issued a challenge to all comers to wrest the championship away from them. Local 544 aims to do just that.

Donaldson Negotiations Proceeding

Negotiations between the Warehouse Workers Union and the Donaldson department store for a new agreement to replace the old one which expired June 1st are proceeding this week.

Donaldson employees, through their union, are demanding a reduction in hours with no reduction in pay. It is possible that several wage adjustments will be made. The new contract will be retroactive to June 1st.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

544 Furniture Men Gain in New Pact

The undersigned, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 544, A.F. of L., hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions, and this agreement applies to those only employed in the furniture, stove and refrigerator departments.

1. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of union affiliation.

2. The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.

3. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business without compensation.

4. The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

5. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials, vacations and general working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standards in effect at the time of the signing of this agreement, and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvement are made elsewhere in this agreement.

6. In the event that the Employer intentionally violates the provisions of the foregoing paragraph or intentionally violates any of the provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to seniority rights, wages, hours of work, overtime differentials and vacations, any back pay owed to the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the rate of two times the standard straight time and overtime rates.

7. It is further agreed and understood by both parties to this agreement that should any controversy arise not provided for in this agreement, it shall be submitted to a committee of five for arbitration, two to be selected by the Union and two by the Employer, and the fifth to be selected by the four, and this Board shall meet within five (5) days of place and date set by both parties. If for any reason either side fails to appear within a reasonable time set, those present shall render a decision to be handed down in ten days. During the pendency of this arbitration there shall be no strike or lockout. The decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both parties.

8. The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.

9. The Employer shall not request or instruct any employee to go through a picket line of a striking Union. However, the Union agrees that in the event the Employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other union, the Union will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.

10. The term "Individual Truck Owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a truck, motor vehicle, passenger vehicle, four-wheel trailer, taxicab, horse-drawn vehicle, or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes.

11. Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of work, overtime differentials and general working conditions for Individual Truck Owners shall conform to the schedules which shall from time to time be announced by the Union.

this agreement it shall be bulletined by the Employer. All employees in the order of their seniority standing are eligible to accept or reject this job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing. Any controversy over the qualifications of an employee to handle a job shall be settled as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.

B. In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate reason, the last employee hired shall be the first laid off, and in returning employees to work, the last employee laid off shall be the first rehired. The necessary re-assignment of employees to the various classifications of work shall be made accordingly.

C. Where there is an obvious discrimination against a senior employee under the present assignments to the various classifications of work, the employer shall make the necessary adjustments.

20. In the event that the Employer discharges an employee he shall so notify the Union, and the Union shall have the right to contest the discharge in the manner provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement. In the event that an employee is discharged in violation of this procedure, the Employer shall pay him in full for all time lost up to the date of final settlement. Proof of drunkenness or dishonesty shall be considered grounds for immediate discharge.

21. New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after having worked a total of thirty (30) consecutive work days.

22. The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the collective bargaining procedure on seniority in the event that the Employer absorbs the business of another Company.

A. In the event that a Company other than a contract hauler which has previously operated its own trucks discontinues this method of operation and turns its hauling over to a contract trucking company, the employees of this company working on the trucks may transfer to the company taking the contract and be placed at the bottom of the seniority list of that company with first preference for all work done for their former employer.

B. In the event that a contract for hauling is transferred from one hauling contractor to another, the men employed at the company which is losing the contract may elect in accordance with their seniority rights at that company to transfer to the company receiving the contract where they shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list and shall have no preference in hauling other than that provided by their seniority standing at the company to which they transfer.

C. If the minimum wage, hour, and working conditions in the company absorbed differ from those minimums set forth in this agreement, the higher of the two shall remain in effect.

23. The regular work hours shall be not more than eight hours per day, Monday through Friday inclusive, and not more than six hours on Saturday up to 1:00 P. M., with a total of not more than forty-six (46) hours per week. All time worked in excess of these regular daily or weekly work hours, including work performed after 1:00 P. M. on Saturdays, shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half times the double time shall be paid for all work performed on Sundays and holidays, namely: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas. Overtime pay shall be figured on the basis of the 1933-1940 contract wage rates. For example, a truck driver receiving \$1.00 per hour under the said contract shall receive time and one-half 70c per hour, or \$1.05 per hour; an employee receiving 60c per hour under the terms of said contract shall receive 90c per hour overtime pay at the rate of time and one-half.

24. The Employer agrees that all Saturday afternoon work shall be done by their regular employees at time and one-half except in case of emergency and drivers are not available, the company may use some outside truck for delivering.

25. In the event hours of employment are reduced by reason of governmental legislation, the hours and wage provisions of this agreement may be re-opened for negotiations by either party.

26. Employees whose regular shift assignment requires them to work on Sunday shall receive straight time pay for their regular Sunday hours, and another day shall be assigned as their regular day off, and they shall receive double time for all time worked on that day.

27. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts. When called to work, employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four hours' pay.

28. The senior employees shall be the first to work the full weekly regular hours. There shall be no favoritism shown to junior employees.

29. Drivers and helpers making occasional out-of-town deliveries beyond the metropolitan area as shown by a map attached and made a part of this agreement, shall be paid 5c per hour above their regular hourly rate of pay for all time spent on such deliveries, and if away from home terminal over night, the provisions of Paragraph A under this article shall govern.

A. Employees covered by this agreement when used on out-of-town hauls shall have all expenses paid while working from the home terminal with a maximum of \$2.50 per day. No expense shall be allowed if the trip is only a one day trip upon which the employee is put to no more expense than if he had worked the same shift in his home terminal. Layovers caused by waiting for order, road conditions or repairs to truck, to be figured at \$4.00 per day to cover expenses.

30. Except in cases of emergency or where it is clearly unavoidable, no employee shall work overtime until all employees on the seniority list have worked the full quota of regular hours.

31. When in the opinion of the Employer, an employee's efficiency is seriously impaired as a result of age, infirmity, or otherwise, the employer shall, in the case of any dispute as to the merits of his contention, submit the same to the Union for action as provided in Paragraph 7 of this agreement.

32. The term "driver" shall be construed to mean the operator of a truck, motorcycle, passenger, horse-drawn vehicle, or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes and shall also include employees engaged in delivery service on foot or bicycle or by similar methods, if used to defeat the purpose of this contract.

33. The employees shall be paid once each week.

34. Service men required to use their own cars shall receive an allowance of six cents (6c) per mile for all mileage put on the car in the service of the employer.

35. The daily starting time from Monday to Friday, inclusive, shall not be earlier than 7:30 A. M., and not later than 9:30 A. M. The starting time on Saturdays shall be not earlier than 7:00 A. M. Drivers and helpers shall work on a unit start release basis.

36. Loss of time because of illness or injury shall not jeopardize the vacation of an employee.

37. No driver shall be permitted to allow anyone on his truck unless so authorized by the Employer.

Mortuaries That Are Fair

The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:
Anderson, Barney & Son, 3644 Chicago Ave.
Anderson Bros., 1117 East Lake Street
Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
Anderson, W. A. (Ehrenstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Ave.
Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
Sundeth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons
ATTENTION: All members! General membership meeting next Wednesday night, August 28, 7:30 p. m. De Sota hall, 703 3rd Ave. South.

John Schima, meter reader on sick leave, has just been granted a six months' extension. John Monson of Utilization has been given a withdrawal card that he may take care of some urgent business out of town.

A good place for you and the family to be this Sunday is the Central Labor Union picnic at Powderhorn park. A fine speaking program is scheduled with the usual sports program and cash prize drawing included.

Fritz "Pikey" Benson of the Street Department caught a 6 1/2 lb. walleye last Sunday while out with some of the boys at Lake ? Won't tell, eh? You have got to tell the name of the lake or the Fishermen's Club won't take you in.

SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT: from the Meter Reading Department. Jack "Lion Roars" Riley certainly is working that free speech clause in the constitution for all it's worth. Lyle "Hi, Bud" Guise who will be eligible for the proposed conscription says he would rather fight for Uncle Sam for a year than get married and have to fight for years.

Mr. Boardman of the Boy Scout Council gave an interesting description of their activities and their program before the last Executive Board meeting. Here are a few facts concerning boys: Minneapolis has over 27,000 boys of club and scout age. Less than 2,500 can join Scout troops and Cub packs. Lack of leaders, troops and camping facilities bar the others. Most juvenile delinquents come from areas which lack Scout troops. Each year 4,000 boys reach Cub Scout age of 9 as well as 4,000 reach Scout age of 12 in our city. A 20 minute sound movie, showing all steps of Scouting can be booked for a fall showing before our Union.

The boys at the Works are wondering where Fred Childs has his picture taken with all the bathing beauties.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Overbeck of the main office janitorial staff will take their vacations together and head for St. Louis next week. Kinda nice to get out in the daylight after working nights.

Will Thompson, Third Floor, and Vic Lofstrom, meter reader, visited Brother Ray Garrison in Chicago while on their vacations. They both report that Ray is able to be up and around some and is putting up a real fight, a fight that can be made easier for him if you will drop him a line in care of Hines Hospital, Maywood, Illinois. C-219.

Ed Schneider, the New Brighton flash from Utilization, can't join

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(Comprised of Minnesota Wholesale Wine and Liquor Dealers)

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Attention! The first sectional meeting of the new season will be the Retail Drivers who meet Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 p. m. Let's see a big turnout.
Glimpsed while traveling: Dr. Failing, M.D., Lake Preston, South Dakota.
All the boys throughout the West seem to be pretty well organized in the baking industry except, as usual, in the very small towns, and there I saw them doing what we used to do; working until about 7 o'clock every night.
Sait Lake City has a pretty slick idea with their parking meters. If you want to park for only a few minutes, a penny will work it, giving you ten minutes.

Two-word description of California caught on my quick trip there: Highly overrated.

Ol' Professor Harv Zimmerman did a right smart job for the last two weeks, battling out a mighty sweet column each week. We thank you, Harvey, old boy.

Coming up soon is Labor Day with usual attendant difficulties. Remember how to work it. If you are in doubt, call the office.

The call for bowlers is out. If you are interested, contact either Joe or Hubert Taylor.

I have before me a most highly substantiated report that Harold "Packard" Simons of Regans has been handing out fish to get business. Since when did he become a fisherman?

The Red Johnsons of Purity North Plank report a family increase recently.

R. M. Killy of Excelsior also reports he is the proud papa of a baby girl, born two weeks ago.

Germany by stages: 1933—conscription; 1934—no unemployment, everybody busy making arms; 1935—dictatorship becoming increasingly stronger; 1940—Hitler banging at the gates of the last obstacle to a clean sweep of Europe.

United States: 1939—labor unions being attacked through court proceedings on nation wide scale; 1940—contracts being let right and left for armaments; battles in both upper and lower houses for conscription; 1941—????

On the sick list Hart Noble of Continental and Ed (How Come) Furness of Zinsmaster and by coincidence both being stricken by acute appendicitis and taken off their routes about a week ago. Both doing nicely, however.

To the Ladeez: Here's your change, gals. They are building a new bowling alley on 60th and France with a nurse in attendance with whom you can leave the youngsters while you topple the maples.

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Strike Pends Against Big Tire Firms

Confronted with the blunt refusal of the city's major tire firms to grant their employees' demand for wage increases, the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 this week prepared for strike action.

Monday the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council surveyed the situation and voted strike sanction to Local 977. The union has written the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for strike sanction.

On Tuesday the union sent notice to the state labor conciliator of the men's determination to strike if its demands are not met. The tire bosses have not only refused the demand for a wage increase, they are demanding the workers take a wage cut of \$2.50 monthly.

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde
We extend our sympathy to Frank Wirtz in the loss of his wife, Athaly, who died after a long illness.

Long before our country got excited about the lack of trained pilots for the military forces, a certain number of men who depend on small salaries or incomes for a living got the "flying bug" and took instruction as often as their money would permit them. Some of these men are America's best fliers today. Local 958 has a growing number of aviators and you can take their instructor's word for it that hack drivers take to flying easy. Our combined congratulations go to John Jallo of the Liberty Cab who bought and "soloed" his new Luscombe August 17. The boys who have soloed long ago and are piling up time for the various ratings are: Charles "Smitty" Smith, Charles Ramsey, Vern Evenson, William "Wild Bill" Rankin, Delbert "Archie" Nordstrom, Ed Larson, Arne Carlson and Arlo Liebeler (on sick leave). Those who are about to go solo and are under the able instructor's wing of Harry Heimbre are: Bill Longley, George Harris, and Gordon Mitchell. We have no more names available but included in the game who rank themselves above the rank of "kiwi" are some members of Local 958 who flew and soloed when the "Jenny" and "Standard" powered with Hall-Scott, OX-5-6 or Hisso were considered good "kites."

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All Out to CLU Picnic This Sunday

In order that union families may use the Labor Day weekend for recreation, the annual Labor Day picnic will be held this coming Sunday at Powderhorn park. All workers' and farmers' families in the Northwest are invited and urged to attend. Besides the attractive sports program, prominent speakers at the picnic include Senator Lundeen, Phil LaFollette, George Lawson, Paul Rasmussen, John Wisdorf and others. Roy Weir, Central Labor Union organizer, is heading the picnic committee. President John Boscoe will preside over the speaking program.

Among those active on the picnic arrangements committee are William Sinnott, Tom Ammerman, Harold Seavey, Carl Skoglund and James Ryan.

Come out Sunday to Powderhorn Park for a good day.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Hi-yah! Brothers! Ain't got enough time for writin' so will just call to your attention two things:

First—the annual get-together Friday evening, August 23, at 8 p. m. In the basement at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Tickets, 50c.

Second—All members who are in arrears with dues will do well to get themselves straightened out before Monday night. A word to the wise should be sufficient. See you tonight.

Card of Thanks

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Gassing With 977

Our theme song this week—WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE JAMBOREE — Next Thursday night, August 29th, at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar Ave., from 7 o'clock until closing, will be held the second annual JAMBOREE for the Filling Station Attendants & Operators Union, Local 977.

Negotiations for the new working agreement for the tire company employees has reached a deadlock; that is, the employers have refused to grant the \$2.50 per month increase in wages. The Local has forwarded the State Labor Conciliator a ten day notice of strike action, if negotiations are not concluded satisfactorily.

Ernie Francis' orchestra will provide the music for dancing at the JAMBOREE next Thursday; that means there will be plenty of oomph, and you and your friends can try the "big apple" and all of the swing steps your heart desires.

Fall is here and the General Membership meetings will be resumed; the first meeting will be Monday, September 9th. Every member of the Local should make arrangements to attend this meeting.

Clyde Salyers, chairman of the entertainment committee for the JAMBOREE, gave us some highlights of the floorshow for next Thursday night. There will be an even dozen girls in the revue; they will give a military number and a cellophane number with colored lights. Penny Pepper will sing several blues songs and a vocal trio will be featured.

The Local 977 Oilers, champions of the Federal division in the Park Board League, will play the St. Lawrence team on Parade No. 6 at Lyndale and Wayzata Blvd. (South side of the parade grounds). Let's all be there next Sunday at 1:30 and give our boys a good sendoff.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Culhane last Sunday, August 18th. Gordon is on duty at the Erickson station, 28th and Lyndale Ave. S.

Lowell Holmes of the Coop station, 2135 Washington Ave. N., is spending his vacation (?) at home—painting and repairing.

Willkie's speech last Saturday would have been more appropriate in a sandwich than on a nationwide radio hook-up. The papers say Governor Stassen helped write it. We believe this rumor.

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544 City Champs Of 1939 Will Receive Medals

Local 544's city championship baseball team of 1939 will receive appropriate medals at special ceremonies to be held Monday evening, August 26th, at Parade Grounds number 1. Officials of the park board sports program will present medals to all sports champions at the ceremonies.

Representatives of the sports department of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will accept the medals on behalf of the 544 players.

It appears that Local 977 has an excellent chance to win the same honors this year won by Local 544 in 1939. Bill Fox, park board sports head, has pointed out that the Oilers' success in winning the Federal league crown undefeated and untied constitutes an outstanding achievement in city baseball history.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

Last Tuesday the Executive Board had a very pleasant and helpful meeting with the route foremen and vacation men. To them a special appeal was made: that they give us their fullest co-operation by helping to entirely eliminate "unfair practices" from the routes they relieve.

Conditions look so much brighter than they did ten days ago that we feel certain by whole-hearted co-operation we can master the situation.

The diamond ball finals are upon us again and it is a big job to pick the championship team. Ewalds trimmed Ohleens in a hot and heavy 4 to 3 game. A story is out that the Clover Leaf cheering for Ewalds turned the trick in that very bitter game. We are wondering if the same team will wind up in first place year after year?

Brother Frankie Stevenson has been transferred to Henry Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Local 471 sends its best wishes to Brother Stevenson and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Again we are proud of the Girls' Division of our Union. They are sending a full delegation to the convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor. Solvey Larson and Eleanor Boesche are the delegates this year.

Here is one that will bear mentioning a couple times. There will be only one membership meeting during September and that will come on the third Tuesday, September 17. Let's plan now to make that meeting a full-house affair and get a complete report on the international convention.

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- Sir Knights Cleaners and Dyers, 2403 Lyndale Ave. S.
- Universal Cleaning and Dyeing, 4504 Nicollet.
- Thrifty Cleaners, 1104 Hennepin.
- Busy Bee Cleaners, 4752 Grand Ave.
- Penguin Cleaners, 714 W. Lake St.

Note: Some of the drivers at the Liberty Cleaning and Dyeing company are UNFAIR TO LAUNDRY, LINEN AND DRY CLEANING DRIVERS LOCAL 131. If you patronize this firm be sure to ask the driver for his union book or button.

DuPont Behind Truck Merger

That the fabulously rich DuPont family of munition makers is behind the Transport company was revealed last week in testimony given the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Transport company, formed from the merger of dozens of Eastern truck lines, is destined to be one of the nation's dominant trucking concerns. "20 to 25% of the stock will be owned by the du Pont interests," President B. M. Seymour told the ICC examiner.

Seymour estimates the gross revenue of the Transport company in 1941, if the merger is allowed, will be \$60,000,000. Previous issues of the Northwest Organizer have commented on this merger.

roads go near them; you just walk in a few miles and do your stuff. Such were the accomplishments of Brothers Bredeson (Franklin) and Smith (Ohleens) and they really had the fish, brought them out to the car and all. But they couldn't find their wives who were to gather some blueberries in the brush, so our brothers became a searching party and had to tramp mile after mile through the woods. At last they found their dear mates but it was no berries, spoiled fish and a couple women ready for a hospital.

We told Brother Flem Proddie about this hard luck fishing trip and he seems to be sort of a meanie because he said "if that would have been my old girl I wouldn't have looked for her very long."

At the last membership meeting Brother Ed Robinson was down to get his retirement fund check and had a word of appreciation. He received \$820 which was contributed by 1,640 members. Brother Robinson has purchased some acreage out on Cedar avenue and plans to boss himself around for a time.

Another one of our 471 girls will hit the beaten path on September 1. On that date Donna Lindert of North Franklin will marry a fine gentleman of Chicago.

It seems that Central Labor Union has a pretty good slant on the Conscription Bill; they are going to be in favor of it after Congress has conscripted the wealth of United States.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By Mike the Mucker

Last week this column called your attention to the necessity of I.T.O. members to register at the hall if they are working for the city, park board, county, state, on coal jobs or in private industry. John Schiels, in the office of the Federal Workers Section, on the second floor, has been hard at work on this registration all week and will explain the set-up to you. This is very important and must be kept confidential. To date, over 100 independents have registered and are still coming in. The deadline, however, will be Monday, August 26, at 5 p. m. If you haven't been in yet, see John at once.

Part of this aforementioned registration is for coal jobs this winter. If you expect to be unemployed, get on the list now. If you do you can be pretty sure of hauling coal when the weather turns cold. The coal negotiating committee has an agreement with the coal yards that the coal companies will hire from a certified list and that all hiring will be done through the union.

Passing Thought
Wonder who the Advance Lawn Service is?

Local 544's Tug-of-War team will take part in the Central Labor Union Labor Day picnic on August 25. Harold Beal is team manager. Tuggers see him.

If your truck has a special rear end and is equipped for heavy hauling, register with Cully Anderson, City Dispatcher, and the Union.

This is a reminder to all I.T.O. members desiring the 30-day leave of absence to try out for other kinds of employment. Don't forget to take it up with the union. If you don't, you may find yourself without any union standing.

Vital Statistics
The number of grandfathers in the I.T.O. section is rapidly mounting.

Anyone who wants to bowl this fall, call Richard Hornig at Cherry 8988.

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

At the last Central Labor Union meeting a letter from William Green, president of the A. F. of L., was read to the delegates. He inquired regarding Cooperative Services in Minneapolis, mentioning five gas stations and one grocery and meat market, and also inquiring as to whether or not they were organized and with what unions. He also commended the consumer cooperative movement and urged Labor to become active in it and patronize cooperative organizations. Bro. Roy Wier's answer was also read in which he informed President Green that the grocery store was organized in the Retail Clerks, that there were six gas stations instead of five and that they were in Local No. 977 and had the best contract in this territory.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Local B-160 held a raffle on Thursday, August 15th, at 2301 Oliver Ave. N. The winners were:

First Prize: A rod and reel won by Mrs. James Barr.
Second Prize: A \$5.00 gift certificate won by Mrs. George Gilbertson of Ashland, Wisconsin.
Third Prize: \$2.50 in cash won by Mrs. Gerald Baldus.

(Editor's comment: Did the ladies make any dough?) We understand the \$2.50 went into the new house. The Mrs. and Jimmy have a fine place to try out that rod and reel at Coon Rapids. Watch this column for news of the basket social to be held next month.

Union brothers and friends of Harry Leonard have been discovering one by one that Harry was married almost three months ago. The lucky lady is a home town girl from Little Falls. Best wishes and belated congratulations are extended, Harry.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Back from the north country comes Mr. and Mrs. Brother Harry Raymond. In a special statement for the press Brother Raymond sez: "We had a grand time. Caught all the fish we could use. Glad to go and happy to be back."

Wednesday, August 14, marks the date of a blessed event at the home of Brother and Mrs. Floyd Vernon. A bouncing baby boy bounced in late Wednesday night. Papa Vernon presented his fellow workers with two cases of beer in honor of the occasion.

Sister Gladys is seeing the North Shore while on her vacation.

Brother Adolf Wold is on his vacation. Here is a brother who always has tough luck every vacation period. We hope you break the rule this time, Adolf.

Brother Bert Schirmer hits the jack pot! Bert went to the movie last Wednesday and before he had time to get to his seat he heard he had won two bucks. In a special statement to the press, Brother Schirmer sez: "Good luck is just dogging my steps."

Dirty work at the crossroad. The ceiling was low and the visibility was poor, Tuesday morning and Brother "Ike" Kangas fouled the stopsign on Glenwood and Lyndale for which Brother Kangas was forced to peel five simoleans or the equivalent in folding lettuce into the coffers of the traffic department. Crime does not pay, eh, "Ike?"

"Slavery"
Chapter 3, Section B
Dedicated to Brother Earnest Trueman, sometimes known as "Attorney" Trueman.

This tendency towards low cost production which every capitalist employer must work toward on pain of insolvency, is all to the bad from a social viewpoint. For low production costs are largely cut out of life. Its inevitable results are inhuman toil, lack of the comforts of life, denial of the acquisition of culture and civilization. And in the end, want, insecurity, unemployment and degradation of the masses into human helots.

The upward tendency comes from a desire to sell goods at the highest possible price; that is, for all the traffic will bear. The full flower of this desire are the trusts and monopolies with their ruthless destruction of competitors, and labor unions on the one side and monopoly prices on the other. Low Cost, the Anvil—High Prices, the Hammer—Humanity between.

(More deep stuff coming about profit.)
Now it stands to reason that people who earn little can't spend much. Or, if you please, to put it another way, no matter how much a producer may earn he can't spend more than he earns. Let us say, all the people engaged in production, transportation and distribution of the things upon which the nation exists have a combined yearly income of \$50. (If I said 50 billion you'd think I was going high hat and being snooty.)
Well, then, that 50 dollar yearly

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ORDER FOR HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION
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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;
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WITNES, the Hon. O. J. ANDERSON, acting Judge of Probate Court, this 8th day of August, 1940.
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- 54th and Nicollet Ave.
- 45th and Lyndale Ave. S.
- Lake St. at Lake Calhoun
- 40th and Texas Ave. S.
- 29th and Penn Ave. S.
- 44th and Morningside Ave.
- 22nd and Lyndale Ave. S.
- 22nd and Hennepin Ave.
- 40th and Nicollet Ave.
- Excelsior and Minnetonka Blvd.
- 54th and Oliver Ave. N.
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- Flymouth and Oliver Ave. N.
- 87th and Fremont Ave. N.

income represents the value of the total yearly output of all the people. If, then, the output was sold at its actual value or cost, the yearly income of these people would purchase the yearly output. Production and consumption are balanced. There could be no over-production and all hands would start the new year with a clean slate.

But now, if you please, let us suppose that a 50 dollar profit had been clapped on top of that 50 dollar cost or value, making the selling price of the yearly output 100 dollars. What then?

Don't miss next week's episode: "What Then?" It will be dedicated to Brother _____!

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson

James House from Globe is vacationing this week at Itasca park and according to his report he's really catching 'em.

From Lawrence's, Gordon Sutton is vacationing this week and Gay Aasve will be on his next week.

The gent who swings the gavel at our meetings (Brother Burnham) is getting set for a bigger and better hunting season. New duck boat 'n' everything.
Someone informed us that the distinguished gentleman with the gray hair who keeps a record of what goes on at our meetings has a cat. Said cat has two kittens. One is black and the other gray. What's your supposition?

Things You Should Know

By P. A. F.
Our little V.P. is back from the big city. Oh, boy! Is he ever a changed man. The boys at the Minneapolis tell me he doesn't talk as much as he used to to a certain party. Who do you think I mean? You're wrong. It's not Everett Wood.

Central Labor Union Picnic next Sunday at Powderhorn park.

LESSON FOR WORKERS

During the Civil War an old Negro was deeply interested in the conflict, but showed no sign of wishing to take an active part. A white man questioned him. "The white men of the North and the South are fighting on your account. Why don't you pitch in and fight yourself?"
"Have you ever seen two dogs fighting over a bone?" the Negro countered.
"Of course I have, many times," was the answer.
The Negro chuckled and asked: "And did you ever see the bone fight?"
"Of course not!"
"Well," replied the Negro, "I'm the bone."

Well, then, that 50 dollar yearly

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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 Bolshevik
I'm labor.

Plain Words on Conscription

(Continued from page 1)

movement be given control of the military training of the workers.

We want to see union men trained in the military arts, not in the bosses' way, not for the defense of the interests of American imperialism, but in the union way, for the defense of the workers' homes and lives and jobs against enemies at home and abroad. We want to see the workers trained in the military arts under their own union officials, whom they can control and trust, at government expense.

We believe that just as the unions serve to protect the workers in peaceful times, so they cannot shirk the responsibility of aiming to protect their members in times of war.

Some of our readers may believe it is their patriotic duty to join the army and fight when and where and for whatever they are told to fight for. Others may believe that the war will not be in the interests of the common people. Some of us may oppose, others applaud, the Burke-Wadsworth bill. All such differences can be discussed within the trade union movement.

But as union men in the brotherhood of labor we can certainly all agree that it is infinitely better for our own unions to control military training, at government expense, than it is to place ourselves at the mercy of the reactionary army staff.

Confronted with the certain prospect of universal compulsory military training within a very short period, any sensible worker will much prefer to take such training under the direction of its own union.

Stassen Held Up Vocational Training Program for Month Until Unionist Was Ousted

The Carstater case, involving the whole question of the measure of control that organized labor is to have over the national defense program, witnessed several new developments during the past week. Among them were charges by Dr. Rockwell, state commissioner of education, that influences which "have no place in a sound educational program" led to Carstater's removal; a letter sent by Governor Stassen to Dr. Rockwell; and the charge by Roy Weir, organizer of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, that members of the Minneapolis board of education had been used to initiate the campaign to remove Carstater.

Stassen and his stooges on the state board of education have now changed their grounds upon which they object to Mr. Carstater, the recently-suspended state vocational education director. Originally the Stassen machine refused to divulge its reasons for gunning for Carstater. Forced into the open by organized labor's charge that Stassen was aiming to rid himself of a liberal and a union man, the Stassenites on the state board of education first said they opposed Carstater because years ago he had studied at the University of Minnesota on a scholarship rather than a fellowship, a technical distinction involving his civil service rights. Now the Stassenites have reversed themselves and say that Carstater has to go because he refused to permit the War Department to gain influence in the training of young workers.

In a lengthy statement on the Carstater case, a copy of which has not yet reached this paper, Dr. Rockwell has charged both the U. S. office of education and Governor Stassen with irregular activities towards Mr. Carstater. Carstater's successor, Harry Schmid, was approved by Washington even before a file of Schmid's qualifications had reached Washington from the state board of education, Rockwell revealed.

Stassen Delays Program
The most shocking aspect of the case that has come to light is that it has been Governor Stassen himself who for one month has held up the vocational training program in Minnesota. As far back as July 9th the state board of education advised the governor to release an order to Washington to secure federal finances for the program. Governor Stassen held up this order for a whole month, until August 9th, that is, until his man Schmid was in and Carstater was suspended.

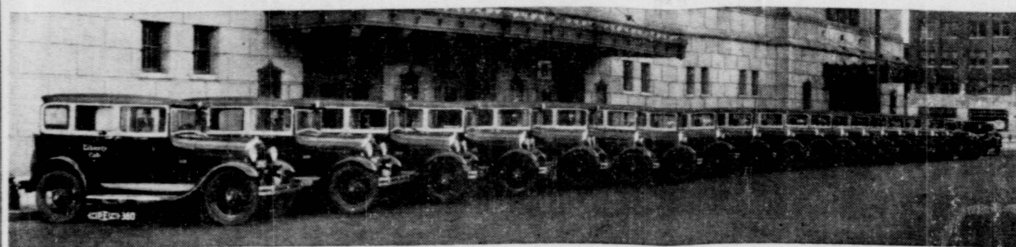
Letter to Rockwell
Mrs. Colvin, the one liberal member of the five-man state

board of education, has released copies of the letter sent by Stassen to Dr. Rockwell. The governor acknowledges the receipt of a letter from Rockwell and goes on to say:
" . . . For your information, not having heard from you as to the status of our vocational defense training program, I called Mr. Wright (assistant U. S. commissioner for vocational education) on the telephone on Monday, August 12, and found that he had wired to you on August 9 that Mr. Schmid's qualifications were satisfactory and he advised as to the requirements of an executive order. I immediately got in touch with the attorney general, had such an order drawn, signed, and sent to Mr. Wright by airmail Monday, August 12.
It is my hope that you will now cooperate with Mr. Schmid and with your state board and the U. S. Dept. of Education so that this program will move forward promptly in Minnesota."
This letter is remarkable on two counts. The governor, after himself holding up the program until he got his own man in control, has disregarded the laws defining his relation with the state department of education. The governor further has the effrontery to suggest that the state commissioner of education cooperate with a subordinate official thrust upon him by the governor.

One of the minor aspects of the Carstater case was the statement of John Kinzer, old-time Farmer-Laborite and candidate for lieutenant-governor on the Benson ticket in 1938, that he has gone over to Stassen. From a usually reliable source it is reported that Schmid, the strike-breaker who took Carstater's job, is said to be a relative of Kinzer's.

All Eyes on Board Meeting
In the meantime, interest centers on the next meeting of the state board of education early in September. At that meeting the board must decide what its attitude is to be towards Carstater,

Taxicabs, Then and Now...



In 1929 this fleet of Ford Liberty Cabs, shown lined up outside the municipal auditorium, was just about the last word in taxi transportation.



Today the Liberty Blue & White company operates this huge fleet of Buick six-passenger deluxe cars, lined up on the Parade Grounds. See Brother Lund's article in last week's Organizer for a brief history of the evolution of the taxicab in Minneapolis.

Unions Ready to Defend Against Newest Fink Suit

Labor Attorneys Gilbert Carlson and John Goldie, in conjunction with Minneapolis trade union officials, this week studied the complaint of the fink Associated Independent Union against the Minneapolis union movement. The attorneys are preparing the legal defense to the "conspiracy" suit launched several weeks ago against the building trades unions and the Central Labor Union.

Because of the large number of witnesses to be called, it is probable that the hearing will not take place until the regular term of court around September 9th.

Walter Beach, the non-union carpenter, who fired a dum-dum bullet at Gus Anderson, union carpenter working on a job in St. Louis Park, has been bound over to the district court under \$3,000 bond, charged with assault with intent to kill. Anderson signed the complaint.

At present the hourly minimum is 30c. As to overtime, it has been company policy when rush orders arrive to work the men as many as fourteen hours a day. Instead of paying overtime, the boss asks the workers to only work two hours the following day.

The Dahlin Bros. plant, incidentally, is a former Minneapolis company that moved from Minnesota because, it said, of "labor trouble." Actually the company was seeking the super-profits resulting from the cheap underpaid labor of Iowa. But the day is fast ending when the Iowa workers are satisfied with anything less than the union conditions enjoyed by their brothers elsewhere.

The overwhelming majority of workers in these two plants are now in the union and in recent meetings have unmistakably voiced their determination to achieve their reasonable demands. Workers in other Burlington plants are ready and anxious to start drafting their demands. It will only be a short time before special meetings of the workers in other plants will be held to draw up demands.

Bosses Make Futile Move
In a last-minute effort to avoid knocking under to the sweep of the unionization campaign, the two companies, without any explanation, gave some of their employees hourly pay boosts of 2 1/2 c. Many workers only found this out when they examined their Friday paychecks. Shouts of laughter greeted the news Saturday at the special meetings. In a futile effort to breed dissension among the workers, the bosses gave the raise only to sections of the employees, hoping that the discrimination would "buy off" some workers from the union. But this trick proved a boomerang. The meetings voted that from now, everything is going to be demanded and won through the union. No individual increases will be asked for.

It is learned that early this week the working agreements were served on the Northwestern Cabinet and the Dahlin Bros. companies. Negotiations are expected to open almost immediately.

The men of Burlington take to unionism like ducks to water, according to Secretary-Treasurer Janosko. He predicts that Burlington will shortly become a bulwark of unionism in Iowa, with the wages, conditions and job security of all workers vastly improved.

BUY UNION-MADE GOODS

Today Carstater is suspended from his job. The board must either reinstate him, or press charges against him. If the board dares press charges, Carstater will have a 30-day period to file his answer. The state civil service commission will then have 45 days in which to study the charges and the answer, and render a decision.

... the last word

By B. G.

Most every woman has a special dish she has learned to make well because her husband enjoys it a lot. Or sometimes it's the other way around. Whichever way it may be, Goldie Geldman gave me this recipe the other day as one of Max's favorites. It's called cabbage and tomato borst. Borst, by the way, is a Russian dish. It's sort of a rich soup or stew. There are many kinds of borst, but this is one that Max likes a lot:

Shred a large head of cabbage. Put cabbage in a large kettle with two pounds of fat beef, one large onion diced and one teaspoon of salt. Fill kettle three-fourths full of water. Bring to a boil. Boil hard for about 15 minutes, then let simmer slowly for an hour and a half. Add one large can tomatoes or two pounds fresh tomatoes. Cook slowly for at least another three-quarters of an hour. Then season with a clove of garlic, mashed with a little salt, juice of two lemons (three, if they are small), pepper, paprika and about three-fourths cup of sugar. Serve piping hot with dark rye or Vienna bread.

Max will be home from Sandstone Friday, so Goldie plans to make this very soon.

LOVE AND WAR

Minister of Supply Herbert Morrison told British girls and women to turn over their love letters, old or new, to the government. "We can turn them into cartridge wads," he said.

A woman named Caroline Chatfield wrote a little piece in the Star-Journal the other night. It told how the nearest thing to "heaven on earth" is found by a family that "keeps the home fires burning, lives within its income, stays at home with the children and go out frequently to places where the children go." That is a lovely picture. So lovely, indeed, that over half the families in the United States wouldn't recognize themselves from this description. Over half the families in America barely manage to keep the home fires burning because they lack the fuel to burn; over half of them cannot stay at home with their children because they are all—mother and children, too—employed elsewhere, trying to make both ends meet; over half do not "go out" frequently because it costs too much even to drink beer or go to a movie very often.

"service agency."

Even hard-shelled Ole Pearson gets a little jittery about denying relief to innocent children of workers who lose their jobs by their own acts. But Ole's assistants, Brader and Bohanan, show great, great self-confidence on this point during Ole's absence, as in the case of Leonard Johnson.

Margaret Tigue has been laid up with a touch of pneumonia.

Rents are getting farther beyond the reach of relief clients.

As yes! The WELCOME HOME DANCE on September 7. You'll read about it elsewhere in this issue but I'm tipping you off; tell your friends to SQUEEZE IN EARLY.

I see that David Lasser, who flew to Minneapolis to try to break the WPA strike last year, has finally "discovered" that the Communist Party controls the Workers Alliance. Lasser was in Chicago last week to set up a "100% American organization," the American Security Conference. This so-called "Conference" has every earmark of a company union to be used by the government against the bona fide unemployed organizations. Lasser made much of a letter President Roosevelt wrote him, praising Lasser's organization.

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N. Y. Chauffeurs Fight to Extend Security Act

The Chauffeurs Union Local 800 of New York City has written the Northwest Organizer advising us that they are working feverishly to extend the Social Security Act so that it will benefit domestic servants and farm laborers of the nation.

Apparently Local 800 is rallying widespread support for this fight, which is being supported by the Minneapolis Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, the Central Labor Union and other labor bodies. Local 800 forwards an excellent cartoon from the N. Y. Daily News showing the Social Security Law barring the domestic servant and farm laborer from benefits. "But we're not exempt from hunger when out of a job," the excluded pair are saying.

The Daily News urges editorially that the Social Security Act be extended to cover the ten millions domestic employes, farm laborers and others, who were excluded from the original act by reactionary pressure groups. Senator Wagner has introduced an amendment which would extend the benefits of social security to the groups now exempt.

Workers FORUM

N. Y. CHAUFFEURS SEEK SOCIAL SECURITY

Northwest Organizer August 19, 1940
Gentlemen:
Our Local 800 is the representative of thousands of private chauffeurs in New York whom we are trying to organize. Our chief difficulty is the lack of provision in the Social Security Act for their benefit. Your newspaper is widely read as it reaches our headquarters regularly.

We implore you to publicize this matter and incidentally, credit us as well as Local 912 of Minneapolis of working feverishly in its behalf.

The enclosed editorial and cartoon from the N. Y. "Daily News" speaks for itself. The "Daily News," at their own expense is having photostatic copies made of the cartoon for us to use as propaganda. They suggest we cannot use the cartoon in conjunction with our own editorials and they insist on all credits. You no doubt know more about such newspaper regulations than we do.

Wishing you the success you fully deserve,
Sincerely yours,
DAVID BLOND
Secretary-Treasurer

The elevator operator was being quizzed by the inquisitive old lady. "Don't you get awfully tired?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," the man admitted.

"What makes you so tired?" Is it the going up?"

"No, ma'am."
"Is it the going down?"

"No, ma'am."
"Then what is it that makes you tired?"

"It's the questions, ma'am," the man wearily replied.

Yea! Every bondsman in his own hand bears the Pow'r to cancel his Captivity. And why should Caesar be a tyrant then but that he sees the Romans are but sheep? He were no lion if we were not lambs.—JOHN SHEPHERD.

The concert singer was executing a number with a great many trills and other vocal pyrotechnics.

An admirer remarked that the piece she was singing was tremendously difficult. This drew a retort from a restive listener: "Difficult—I wish to heaven it were impossible!"

Because its definition of evolution was objectionable to the fundamentalists, Webster's dictionary was once barred from the entire state of Arkansas.

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 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 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of 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 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	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 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 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 Drug. 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.
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.	LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
LOCAL 977 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 103 Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 977 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.