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FIVE CENTS

Would Unite For Political Labor Action

The Central Labor Union's political committee, set up November 13th, held its first meeting last Wednesday evening at 18 North 8th street.

The committee discussed the need for unified political action of all workers in Minneapolis. The general feeling was that an analysis of recent elections proves that if labor united behind its own candidates and its own program, it can elect its own people to office on a progressive platform.

The committee did not express itself favorably on the plan of Democrats and some Farmer-Laborites to liquidate the Farmer-Labor movement.

The union political committee will hold its next meeting Wednesday evening, December 4th. Other unions will be contacted and invited to send representatives to the meeting.

Meeting to Hear of Waller Case

David L. Clendenin, national secretary of the Workers Defense League will discuss the "Case of Odell Waller" (see last week's Organizer) at an open meeting Thursday, December 5, 8 p. m., at the Hallie Q. Brown community house, 553 Aurora avenue in St. Paul.

Waller was condemned to die by an all-white jury in Chatham, Virginia, which last month found him guilty of first-degree murder in the shooting of Oscar Davis, white landlord.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will cooperate with the Workers Defense League in an attempt to free Waller, who is scheduled to be executed December 27th.

Mr. Clendenin pointed out that the Virginia poll tax system bars colored people and poor farmers from jury service as effectively as it bars their right to vote. Members of the jury included ten landlords and a businessman. Clendenin announced the death verdict would be appealed "on evidence of prejudice in the conduct of the trial and selection of the jury."

The Thursday meeting will be under the sponsorship of Twin City branches of the Workers Defense League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Guard Dance Is Big Success

A throng of unionists and their wives and sweethearts packed the third-floor hall of the Teamsters building last Saturday night at the annual Turkey Round-up and dance sponsored by the Union Defense Guard.

Hundreds of guests left with turkeys, chickens and other valuable prizes. All agreed it was an excellent party, a typical Union Guard affair.

Nominations for Local 359 on December 10

Nomination of officers for Warehouse Employees, Local 359, will take place at the regular membership meeting December 10. The nomination meeting scheduled for November 12 was postponed due to the bad weather. Elections will be held Friday and Saturday, January 10 and 11, preceding the regular membership meeting on January 14. All members are urged to take part in both the nominations and elections.

CIO to Launch Big Drive; Typos May Come Back to AFL

Philip Murray Replaces John L. Lewis—Hillman Takes Beating—CIO Strategy Is to Gain Strength Before Opening Unity Talks With AFL—Industrial Union Principle Will Be Preserved—Powers of AFL Executive Council Slightly Curbed—Green Gets Nice Wage Increase—Typos Committee Conferring with AFL

While the American Federation of Labor entered the second week of its New Orleans convention Monday, on last Friday the Congress of Industrial Organizations closed its convention by electing Philip Murray as the second president of the CIO.

The naming of Murray does not mean peace talks between the two federations will be resumed. Murray himself made it clear to the national administration he is opposed to any "shotgun agreement" with the AFL.

Convinced that it cannot get a fair shake at this time in unity negotiations with the heads of the AFL, the CIO has announced it will immediately undertake the "most extensive organizing campaign in the United States." Chief industries where unionization will be attempted are aircraft, chemicals, rubber, aluminum, munitions, "Little Steel" and auto, that is, Henry Ford.

While progressives in both the AFL and CIO hold no brief for John L. Lewis or his Communist Party allies (their false policies have done great damage to industrial unionism), the general attitude is that trade union unity must come only on the basis of guarantees for the preservation and extension of the industrial union method of organization. Unity on any other basis would be catastrophic for ALL unions in that it would weaken the workers in the basic industries and furnish impetus to a general employer onslaught on all unions.

Hillman Defeated Sidney Hillman has retired as CIO vice-president because of his task as member of the National Defense Advisory Committee. His place has been taken by his lieutenant, Frank Rosenbloom, vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Replacing Murray as vice-president is Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union, identified with the Stalinist machine.

Though Hillman expressed himself as "satisfied" with the decisions of the CIO convention, it is obvious that he has taken a beating.

His resolution to bar Communist Party members from office was tabled and replaced by an innocuous resolution condemning in general terms all forms of totalitarianism.

His resolution for unity at any price was resoundingly beaten as the delegates expressed their determination that the CIO would enter a united labor movement only when that movement would recognize the victory of the industrial union principle.

His third resolution curbing the powers of the president did not carry. Despite these defeats, Hillman announced the Amalgamated Clothing Workers would remain in the CIO. One reason why Hillman would not care to return to the AFL at this time is because he feels that his rival in the garment industry, David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, has an inside track within the AFL executive council.

Murray Heads Drive Following the convention adjournment, the CIO general executive board met last Saturday and approved plans for its intensive organizational drive. The CIO is expected to take on a large number of organizers to supplement staffs already in the field. Probably Philip Murray, new president, (Continued on page 4)

Royal Lemon Signs With Local 359

A working agreement has been signed between the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 and the Royal Lemon company, soap manufacturing concern at 600 Stinson boulevard. The pact provides for wage increases, seniority and vacations and will run until November 10, 1941.

An agreement with the Grace Lee company has also been signed by Local 359. This contract provides wage increases and reduction of hours. It will expire October 1, 1941, and is retroactive to October 1, 1940.

Electrical Council to Meet Dec. 14

The State Electrical Workers Council will meet Saturday, December 14th, in the offices of Local 292 in the Fosbury tower.

The council, comprised of all inside, outside and railroad unions of electrical workers in the state, will hear a report from the executive board on its survey of all licensed electricians and unorganized utility workers in the state. An organization campaign designed to complete unionization in the state's electrical industry is expected to be launched soon.

Claude Skeldon of Local 292 is chairman of the State Council.

FCL Council Meets This Saturday

The Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor delegate body will hold its first meeting in several months this Saturday, 10:30 a. m., at 18 North 8th street. One of the major items on the agenda will be the selection of a field representative for the coming year.

The delegate body is composed of ten representatives from the farm co-ops and ten from organized labor (three each from the unions in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth and one from the State Federation of Labor).

The F-C-L Council, in order to avoid the charge of political factionalism, has been inactive since mid-August.

7th Ward F-L Club Card Party Nov. 30

Friends and members of the Seventh Ward Farmer-Labor Club are invited to attend a card party sponsored by the seventh ward organization on Saturday, November 30, 8 p. m., at the fire station at 42nd street and Cedar avenue.

Look Out, Starker

Women of Burlington Take Hand in Strike

Burlington, Iowa—Strikes can sometimes be won without the support of strikers' wives. But strikes receiving the solid backing of the women folks are almost always victorious.

The strike of the Burlington workers against the Northwestern Cabinet company is this kind of strike. Not since the sitdown strike of Flint auto workers in the winter of 1937 have women played as aggressive a role in a labor dispute as the women of the Burlington strikers are playing.

Two weeks ago the women of Burlington got a bit fed up with the company's attempt to break the union and the company's refusal to sign a union agreement. A large delegation of strikers' wives decided to act.

They descended like a storm on Mr. Starker, company official, whom they found seated in his office thinking up new plots against the union.

The women surrounded him and in vigorous and colorful language demanded he quit stalling and sign up with the union.

One woman fingered his necktie and observed that HER husband couldn't afford silk like that on the low wages Starker was paying. Others made similar caustic observations about Starker's wardrobe.

Phone Won't Work It is certain that this boss had never before given much of a thought to the problems of workers' wives or their opinions. He sure got it from both barrels. In

Utility Men Meet Sunday In Red Wing

The union Utility Council, comprising local unions embracing Northern States Power workers in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, will meet Sunday, December 1st, in Red Wing. The Council, among other matters, will discuss material to be presented in the 1941 union agreement.

Present contracts expire April 30, 1941. Negotiations for a new pact will get under way late in March.

In the Utility Council are unions from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Red Wing, La Crosse, Eau Claire and Fargo.

Local 471 To Nominate Tuesday

All members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 are urged to present themselves at the meeting next Tuesday evening, December 3rd, to participate in the nomination of officers.

The election will be held two weeks later, on Tuesday, December 17th.

Union Petroleum Council Meets in Madison Friday

Larry Davidson of the Minneapolis Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 will go to Madison, Wisconsin, Friday for a two-day meeting of the Union Petroleum Council.

The Council was recently launched with the aim of organizing all filling station attendants in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

Area Committee Meets Next Week In Chicago

Next Monday the union Area Over-Road Committee will meet in the Sherman hotel in Chicago. On Tuesday the union committee will meet with the employers' Area Committee to go over problems and grievances.

Bill Whitford At Glen Lake

Bill Whitford, 544 member and long-time driver for Minneapolis Van & Storage, is being moved from the Swedish hospital to Glen Lake sanatorium. He has been hospitalized for the last few weeks and it has been discovered he has tuberculosis in one of his lungs.

664 Members, Take Notice

The 90-day waiting clause that was written into the master policy of Local 664's insurance contract is now in effect. This provides that any member more than 90 days in arrears of dues will have his insurance cancelled and will not be eligible for any insurance benefits until 90 days after paying up all dues, fines and assessments.

Special notice is called to nomination of officers on December 6th. Any member wishing to run for office must have been in good standing for the 12 previous months. He shall also have attended at least one meeting each month in the past year.

Election of officers will be held December 20th. Polls will be open that day from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Members failing to pay their November dues will not be eligible to vote in the election.

To Leave Carpenters

1859 Members Vote To Affiliate With AFL Upholsterers

Union Bowling Tourney Starts Saturday

The Fifth Annual All-Union Bowling Tournament will get under way this Saturday, November 30th, and will continue the following day. The tournament will be held at the Minneapolis Recreation alleys. It is still not too late to enter as registrations will be taken up to Saturday. The entry fee is \$2.85, which includes the bowling fee. Only members of organized labor are eligible and there are attractive prizes. A handicap will give all a fair opportunity to be among the winners.

Five years ago the first All-Union Bowling Tournament was launched, and this endeavor has met with increasing success year by year. Eventually it is expected to develop into the largest bowling tournament in the Northwest. Matt Klaesges of the Typo Union Local 42 is secretary, and Thomas Campbell of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 is treasurer of the Tournament. They ask all unions and union members to support this outstanding sports event.

KIDS:

Don't You Forget Your Xmas Party

Just a note to remind all children of unionists in the Drivers hall not to forget the coming Christmas Party for children to be given Monday, December 23, 1:30 p. m., in the Minneapolis armory.

This is your party from your dad and his union. If you've been to former union Christmas parties, you know it's always the best party of the year. Next week we'll start telling you what to expect at the 1940 Christmas party. Plan now to be there.

Membership Votes Unanimously by Secret Ballot to Leave Hutcheson Outfit, Go Into Upholsterers International

Local Set-up Will Remain the Same—Fed Up with Water Dunn, Take Only Road—Other Woodenware Unions Precede Local 1859 into Upholsterers—Have No Quarrel with Rank and File of Carpenters—Move Is Expected to Give Impetus to Organization Throughout Middle West

In revulsion at the treatment received from official representatives of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, the Minneapolis Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 in a special membership meeting Monday night voted unanimously by secret ballot to withdraw from the Carpenters and affiliate with the Upholsterers International Union of North America, an AFL union.

Union Man Is Voted 'Mayor Of Bronzeville'

Jimmie Stemmmons, member of St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union and secretary of the Minneapolis Joint Negro Labor Council, was pronounced winner of the "Mayor of Bronzeville" election sponsored by the Negro credit unions in Minneapolis and St. Paul. At an inaugural ball held Thanksgiving night in the St. Paul auditorium the committee announced Stemmmons had won over a field of eight candidates. The winner received some 7,000 votes more than his nearest rival.

Stemmmons ran as the workingman's candidate. In his acceptance speech he pledged to fight for jobs at decent wages and conditions for all Negroes and to work closely with the organized labor movement.

Stemmmons received the support of several local unions in his campaign. He is recognized as a militant champion of Negro rights and a firm advocate of trade unionism. It is anticipated that the colored community of the Twin Cities will continue each year to elect informally its leader to represent it before the public.

A Patriot's Reward A Romance . . .

BY ARTEMUS WARD (Early American Humorist) I. "No, William Barker, you cannot have my daughter's hand in marriage until you are her equal in wealth and social position."

The speaker was a haughty old man of some sixty years, and the person whom he addressed was a fine-looking young man of twenty-five.

With a sad aspect the young man withdrew from the stately mansion.

Six months later the young man stood in the presence of the haughty old man.

"What! YOU here again?" angrily cried the old man. "Ay, old man," proudly exclaimed William Barker. "I am here, your daughter's equal and your."

The old man's lips curled with scorn. A derisive smile lit up his cold features; when, casting violently upon the marble center table an enormous roll of greenbacks, William Barker cried: "See! Look on this wealth. And I've tenfold more! Listen, old

The meeting was one of the liveliest and best-attended ever held by Local 1859. The membership noisily yelled its approval of the move, after hearing reports from President Fred Dietrich and other officers and members.

Representatives from all sections of Local 1859 were present, and there was no opposition from a single worker. The union is getting absentee ballots to the few members not present at Monday's meeting.

Former United Brotherhood of Carpenters' locals in the furniture industry on the West Coast and at New London, Wisconsin, have already taken similar action and joined the Upholsterers Union.

Local 1859 has already signed over 400 applications for the new union and scores more are being signed daily.

Local Set-up the Same The switch to the new international will have little effect on the local or area set-up. The union will retain its name and number: the Minneapolis Furniture Workers Union Local 1859. It will retain its present set of officers until the next elections. It will have the same monthly dues of \$1.50. As an affiliate of the Upholsterers International, members on strike will receive strike benefits of \$5 weekly, something that few people ever heard of in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

No doubt the entire North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodenware Workers, as well as the Burlington local now involved in the Northwestern Cabinet strike, will also join the Upholsterers Union.

No Quarrel With Carpenters' Rank In making this move Local 1859 makes it plain it has no quarrel with either Minneapolis or Burlington. Relations have always been of the best between 1859 and these unions, and Local 1859 will continue in the future as in the past to work with them.

It was the limitless capacity of the leadership of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters for mischievous conduct and for disorganizing the workers whom Local 1859 and the District Council organized, that finally impelled Local 1859 to make this drastic move.

The work of Walter Dunn, official representative of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, in conniving with the employers against the cabinet strikers in Burlington, is only the straw that broke the camel's back. Dunn has left a trail of union wreckage behind him wherever he has gone—in New London, New Richmond, and Dubuque. President William Hutcheson of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, though appealed to on many occasions by the workers of this area, has refused to lift a finger to help build the union movement in the woodworking plants of the Mississippi Valley.

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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Died: Peter Cesar, Tuesday, November 19. Burial at St. Mary's cemetery. Peter Cesar was the stepfather of Margaret, Robert and Earl Seitzer. The Seitzer brothers are drivers at the Yellow Cab.

Bill Postier is looking at winter through the windows of the Veterans' hospital. The boys in the sick-bay appreciate your visits.

Red Woodruff, the Y. C. plug puller, dispatched a seven-point buck. Benny Rosen got his deer. Bud Barnhardt and numerous others have not reported their luck but we hope they got their galloping vitamins.

Attention: Home James! More dope on this "when better automobiles are built," etc., guy. We remember painfully a few years back when two of the largest fraternal conventions held here were given a big build-up, all the taxi companies overdid themselves to have extra drivers and cabs to properly transport the visitors, only to find, when the big week came, that the same luxury-car dealer had sprung upwards of 20 phaetons without even proper state licenses for same, manned by non-union drivers, most of them without state chauffeurs' tags. Cabstands at depots, hotels and other loop vantage spots were taken over by these usurpers under the guise of "official cars." All this at the expense of Local 544, 958 and 125. The so-called "courtesy cars" used by different organizations are gouging business from both the private chauffeurs and taxi men and we should watch this angle especially during conventions.

This is a little late but deserves loud mention. Ruben Sandeen, a Liberty cab owner, got stuck during the big storm, ran out of gas, was all done in from exposure when Henry Kadlec chanced upon the scene and effected the rescue. Henry Kadlec will be remembered as doing valuable life rescues at the terrible Marlborough hotel fire of last January.

We hereby present the annual classic by Bill "Curly" Goodnoough. An all time All-American Gallery of Gridiron Greats, as selected by Curly, the Peerless Prognosticator for Pigskin Posterity (not to be confused with any similar organization.)

Coat of arms: A taxicab rampant on city streets. Motto: Non Compos Mentis—Cerebrum in Hoc.

The Line-up R. E.—"Whirlwind" Wiggins L. E.—"Tuffy" Rollins R. T.—"Two Speed" Castner L. T.—"Cyclone" Edwards R. G.—"Broncho" Burnette L. G.—"Killer" Canfield Center—"Hi Ho" Silbaugh Q. B.—"Altitude" Freisen R. H.—"Two Ton" Taylor L. H.—"Colossus" Cedarholm F. B.—"Behemoth" Bingham Head Coach: "Preacher" Binford; Line Coach: "Baggage" Erickson; Athletic Director: "TNT" O'Brien; Water Boy: "Carlisle" Rainbolt.

Cheering Section Paul Bloomer, Banjo Miller, Sherty Quinnell, Bill Russell, Gma Baird. Substitutes Hi Powers, Mauler Morris, Ronghouse "Moby Dick" Riley, Bomber Manthis, Fireball Edholm, Dusenka Reed, Gaon McLean. The above-named were stars of the last year's Flowing Bowl series. The well-known Lardy family: Hurley (Man Mountain) Chambers, Judge Harlan, V. Severson, Tripp and L. Roach are standouts of other years' Gravy Bowl series.

Now a few words about the various candidates for the high honors. Giggins: very shifty, knows all the shifts. Rollins: keen eye and remarkable staying powers at pinball. Castner: a stone wall, holds back traffic. Edwards: if it's speed, see Si. Burnette: the galloping ghost. Canfield: You know me, Al. Silbaugh: passer su-

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Unfair Standard Oil Stations Listed by 977

Keep this list of unfair Standard stations in your car and refuse to patronize them:

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J. D. Rafert Is Host to 1,027 Children

Telegrams from Mickey Rooney and Charlie McCarthy delighted the 1,027 poor children who were guests of J. D. Rafert at a turkey dinner given in the Nicollet hotel ballroom Monday evening, November 18th.

Mr. Rafert, local bakery executive, each year is host to large numbers of children who get their annual square meal as his guests. The Reverend Tyner was master of ceremonies at this year's dinner. Singers, instrumentalists and ventriloquists entertained the youthful guests.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Retail Section on Thursday evening, December 5, at 7:30 p. m.

Here are a few swiftness about the snow storm a couple weeks ago. You might have heard them, but they bear repeating:

There's the one about the University football field. They say that when they lifted the canvas on Saturday morning for the Purdue game, three Michigan players got up and ran for a touchdown.

Then there's the one about the man walking down the middle of the road and, seeing a hat, went over and picked it up and found a guy under it.

Harold Larson showed up for work in a brand new hunting outfit the morning after the storm and the boss asked him where he was going for his ducks in such a storm. Boy, that outfit came direct out of Esquire for sure.

Hi Osen, on the other hand, wore a sweatshirt to stave off the cold breeze coming down Lake Street. I think he's still wearing it, 'cause, says Hi, "You never can tell when we'll get another of those blizzards."

Edward Furness, Zinsmaster, is on the sick list again. I guess the storm was a little too tough for him, coming up from having an appendicitis operation as he did.

Jerry Egan, of Purity North plant, suffered the loss of his grandmother who died last week. Bert Albert of Purity North Plant, is in the hospital for an operation.

I hope we don't have a list of sick ones this year like we did last, but they are already starting.

"R. B." Lindquist, Purity North Plant, has taken over the route formerly run by Bob Lee, who is in the hospital with a nervous breakdown.

The sympathies of the local and this column go out to Bob and Cliff Lindbloom who suffered the loss of Cliff's father, Bob's grandfather, last week. Mr. Lindbloom was pouring kerosene in the stove when it backfired on him. He ran out and rolled in the snow but he suffered burns that caused his death.

It is the duty of every member to get out and vote this coming month in our election. You will be notified of the date.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Razo

The Park Employees retirement banquet came off as scheduled the eve of November 22nd, and was quite an affair. Everybody was there, including Brother Barck, Hizzoner Mayor Leach honored us with his presence, along with some of the commissioners, including Commissioner Knight. Mr. Francis Gross gave us his usual "happy family" speech, which incidentally I have heard no less than four times. He renders great lip service to "democratic cooperation" at banquets and such, but invariably does the opposite when it comes to voting in the commission offices on matters concerning the welfare of park employees. Mr. Gross, judging solely from his past actions, considers the rest of us as "poor relations" in his "happy family." It sure is puzzling.

Ben Eide, to the surprise of most of us, turned out to be a darn good toastmaster and Brother Harlow Lanigan gave out with the best speech of the evening. Congrats again, Harlow.

I understand the banquet will be held annually from now on, to honor the brothers who will retire each year. Six park employees retired in 1940 and each received a beautiful ship model clock as a token of the friendship and esteem of their department employees.

Brother Seavey and wife attended the Minnesota-Wisconsin game last Saturday. Looked kind of bad for the home team in the first quarter, didn't it, Harold?

I shall now depart from mine house for a game of 500 with Brother Parnell Larson and his belligerent better half. Yup, the feud is still on. Will give you the details concerning tonight's encounter next week.

A motorist, passing through the Ozarks, had the bad fortune to run over and kill a hill billy's favorite hound. He went up to the man's cabin and found only the wife home. She told him that her husband was away working in the field, and then advised him how to break the news to her husband. "Better break it to him gently," she said. "First tell him it was one of the kids."

Democrat who won so much money on the election he's turned into a Republican?

You will have to excuse me for not getting my column (such as I fit) into the paper last week as I forgot about having to turn it in one day early. That's how I missed the boat.

To the Ladeez: Don't forget we are going to have the Kiddies' Christmas Party this year. As usual, everybody is welcome.

P. S. We salute the new subscribers at the Glen Lake Sanatorium. We hope you enjoy our little sheet.

Late Flash! The St. Paul Bakery Drivers have served strike notice on Tassie bread company in regard to the retail contract in that city.

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Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts

Now that the big game season is over, the Liars' Club is back on the job again.

How many of you brothers read the Organizer's classified section? If you do, you no doubt saw the ad of an insulated lake cottage at Brainerd by Harry W. Roden, B-160, St. Cloud. If you would care to make an appointment to see it, write him at 214 11th Ave. North, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

The St. Cloud gorilla, reported as running wild for three months, was finally snared on Sadie Hawkins' day.

The meetings of the switchboard operators show a solidarity that may well serve as an example to other departments.

We wish Brother Jacob Swiatek, 2943 California Street N. E., a speedy recovery. He is at home with a broken foot. If any of you brothers can speak Austrian, he would appreciate your visit.

Brother Al Fredrickson, Construction Department, is taking treatments in a Webster, Wisconsin hospital for arthritis. If you are in that neighborhood, stop and see him.

Members of the Meter Department: The final meeting for your department with the Seniority Board will be held at 8 p. m. on Monday, December 9th. Govern yourselves accordingly.

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

Butter fat has a "something" that other fats cannot claim—a "something" which produces better growth and better health than other fats which have been tested. New research has added a vital chapter to the present knowledge of fats as human food. Nature has devised a product, viz., milk fat or butter fat, which is made of secret ingredients combined by a secret formula. Dr. E. B. Hart and fellow scientists at the University of Wisconsin have demonstrated that this product can do that others cannot do, but no one has been able to put his finger on the exact ingredient which produces these results.

Occasionally in various parts of the country attempts are made to use butter fat substitutes in milk (filled milk) and the public should always be on guard against them. A great many states have laws which forbid the practice and define filled milk as any kind of milk, fresh, evaporated or powdered, which has been blended or compounded with any fat or oil other than milk fat which will imitate the original milk. Addition to milk without removing any milk fat of substances rich in vitamins or any other distinctive proprietary food compound not readily mistaken for milk in any of its forms is not classed as a violation of the law.

Our last membership meeting came near being a perfect affair; the attendance was large, business was transacted efficiently but during the session some of our dear brothers kept "high tailing" for the door. Attending members protested, the Executive Board conducted an investigation and now the "vice" is in the "middle." Our

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At last we have some information first hand; Jake Kayser of Norris is to be married the first. Our committee of nine might throw a party for him.

Congratulations to Brother Clem Holt who is going on the Police Department. It will do us all good to see our brothers on the law enforcement end.

Gus Anderson, our senior trustee, reports an "up" in the affairs of Local 471 for 1940. Some expenses were reduced, the membership was larger and our checking account has an extra thousand dollars in it.

It isn't moving time but we are forced to put Brother MacCarlson in the front row again because he rolled 619 in the alleys and brought home his doe from the woods.

Let's welcome Roy Carlson at the various plants this year again with his fine line of union made Christmas cards, candies, etc.

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**LOCAL 1859 Knots to You**  
By Richard B. Gilmore

The reason this column was not in last week: we forgot about the holiday and the Northwest Organizer went to press a day earlier.

**Minnesota Casket News**  
Brother Karl Krystosek doesn't mess around when he goes hunting. He went up to Grand Marais, got his deer and was on the way back home Tuesday night. How's about inviting us over for a couple of steaks, eh, Karl?

**American Wicker Works**  
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So now we are narrow-minded, are we?  
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States Chamber of Commerce halls lately. Narrow-minded because we are determined to keep going forward until every toiler in America has gained some measure of industrial democracy. Until every worker has gained some semblance of security in wages, hours, seniority and working conditions. Labor is accused of being narrow-minded because labor does not give up these aims and get into the spirit of war? Not a single issue involved has ever been on the program that organized labor has marked out for itself. Slowly and painfully, year after year, workers have, in some measure, made gains in their lot through unions and mutual cooperation. Never at any time have the workers (wealth producers) had any say in the government either as to who runs it or how it is run. In times of peace it is considered by the powers that be as none of our business. It is true, there is a member of the president's cabinet appointed to represent labor (Miss Frances Perkins) who, by the way, is the only woman member of the cabinet. Even this "representative" of labor in the government is about to be abolished by the politicians and overlords of business and finance because it has been some slight annoyance to them in their program of ruthless exploitation of the working class.

Since time immemorial labor, as a class, has been denied the right of equal representation by finance, industry and government. This war is a fight for oil and food and

**Labor Should Work 10 to 12 Hour Day, Dr. Millis Says**

Dr. Harry Millis has just been named by Roosevelt to the post of chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. Millis' first act after his appointment was to state in a press interview in Chicago that American workers should work ten or twelve hours daily should an "emergency" arise. Wall Street applauded his statement.

land between financial and industrial groups in the different nations. Experience has shown that as far as the laboring class is concerned, their lot is never improved by war, no matter which group gains control of the natural resources of the earth. Let us suppose that a group of workers in a plant in New York State were given guns and told to go into the adjoining state and shoot the workers in a competing plant. If they refused, would they be narrow-minded? So! Well, what's so crazy about that? Does it make any difference if the plant is 300 or 3,000 miles away? Does it make any difference if the workers speak another language?

The workers of this industrial age are of the laboring class. Their opportunity to work depends upon the permission of a member of the owning class. The fierce business competition, the law of the land, the government, the entire capitalist system has reached a point where, with few exceptions, no worker can either own the tools and machinery he works with or the raw materials he works on.

In the light of these facts, it is easy to see why labor is slow to shoulder the troubles of Kings, Queens or Dictators who have never taken one step to lighten the burden of the producing class nor ever will.

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**Gassing With 977**

Nomination of candidates to fill the various offices of the Executive Board of the local will be held at the regular General Membership meeting on Monday evening, December 9th. Elections will be held Wednesday, December 18th, from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Notices will be mailed the entire membership in this regard.

Congratulations of the local are extended Bro. Robert Forster (Tydol, 930 La Salle Ave.) who was married October 20th.

Vice-President Augie Jeppesen (Russell-Thompson Tire) returned from his annual trek to the North Woods, in company with a fine buck deer. Congratulations, Augie.

In accordance with the current Working Agreement covering the station attendants of Minneapolis, no attendant can be required to work on Christmas Day, or New Years Day. If either of those days are worked, double time shall be paid. Let's enforce the contract this year.

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Buegens (Phillips, 101 W. Lake); one of the young

lads weighed five pounds, eight ounces; the other, five pounds, four ounces. Congratulations.

Al Harrington (Northern Tire steward), entered St. Barnabas hospital on Wednesday of this week, where he will be under the surgical influence of the union doctor. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Al.

Secretary-Treasurer Larry J. Davidson will attend the Northwest Petroleum Workers Conference to be held at Madison, Wis., on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Response of the membership to the hospitalization benefit being provided by the local has been only moderate. Any member who has not been approached in regard to carrying hospital insurance, is requested to call the office of the local, and an application form will be filled out in detail and returned to the office immediately.

Bro. Gordon May (steward at Goodrich Tire) has returned to his home, 4117 Lyndale Ave. S., from the hospital where he underwent an operation. It will be some time before Gordon will be able to return to work; he would be happy to have any of his fellow members drop in for a chat, while he is recovering.

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**GAS LOG**  
By Bob Fitzsimmons

Well, here's hoping that this will make the Friday issue, after being derailed two weeks ago by the snow storm and writing a double column last week that failed to make the deadline because of one of our cub's late delivery of said copy. So here I am, rehashing and if you think the snow and cold was something, well, right now it is hot enough around certain parts of the Gas House to make things torrid. Boy, I guess everybody wishes it hadn't snowed.

That time of year has finally caught up with our H. H. and street departments where those seasonal permit men (13 in the utilization and nine in the street department) have been laid off.

John Anderson, oldest member of the meter reading crew, says it had been a long time since he had stayed in a hotel, which he did the night of the storm so that he would be handy for work in the morning.

Ski jumper Einar Everson of meter repair had an advantage over the rest of the boys when he skied to work the 11th and John Olson couldn't hitch on, so had to walk in from Robbinsdale. Ed Perterla quit at 3 so he could be sure to get his car started and home. At 5 o'clock he was still shoveling and not home.

Al Smith, the "tester" of Utilization, had to give the storm bit finally Al and his Mrs. made it to the hospital where mama, daughter and pa are all doing very nicely. Congratulations, folks.

Harvey Everson of the service department got hitched a few weeks ago and to a very attractive looking young lady. The reason I know—Harvey had her with him bowling a week ago and some of the boys, not knowing she was married, offered to take her home—the single ones, of course. Congratulations to you both.

**Bowling Notes**  
With the first four teams all losing two games each, the race gets tighter and the home appliance crew grabbed the three game high with 2659 and Brother Gupit joined the charmed circle with a neat 601 with a single of 230 and Tom Gallagher did nicely again with 544.

The American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Local 38, who are employees of the Strutwear company, are putting on a sales drive and ask the support of other unions in purchasing Strutwear hosiery and Peacock underwear—(100 per cent union made) in an effort to combat the unfair competition of southern and non-union-

ized mills. With the holiday season at hand we all will be in the market for these products for gifts or for personal use. Certificates of purchase cards will be passed out to be used when making purchases. Also entitle you to prize drawing chance.

I never thought I would have to retract any writings, but in the case of Gordon Martin of the street, we make this exception. It seems that Gordon had a bet or two that his expected new arrival would be a boy, but evidently someone played a joke on us and reported it as a girl, but the truth is—it was a boy. O. K., Gord.

Melvin Mattson, the "poor" plumber, must live right as he won a small pot of gold with a fifty cent investment showing a return of forty bucks on a jackpot, and that ain't hay, either.

George Kloster, street department, is in the St. Mary's hospital recovering from an appendectomy and would like to see some of the boys. Bud Eaken of the Meter Repair and his wife went deer hunting and got their deer, but we are sorry to hear that Bud suffered a broken leg and will be laid up for some time.

Every time I hear of a case like that of Art Johnson of utilization who was laid up for a week with blood poisoning, the result of injury on the job—with no compensation, I realize the unfairness of our present workmen's compensation act. It appears that the law should be amended, at least so the company could pay for time lost by injury incurred on the job or deduct from sick leave.

We are in receipt of a letter from the A. F. of L. stating that the executive council has decided that any member of local trades or federal unions drawn into military service will be exempt from all dues and per capita tax to the A. F. of L. for the length of service, although obliged to keep up death benefit assessments.

Andrew Jardine, works watchman, has resigned, as has also Earl Miller of utilization, to accept positions with Minneapolis Moline. Arvi Wahroos, who has been on leave of absence, returns to his old job of tester in utilization.

Frank Koveny, dispatcher in the service building, reports on returning from Chicago, that Brother Ray Garrison is getting on fine and will probably be back in Minneapolis in a couple of weeks for the holidays.

We are repaid by the Hennepin County Tuberculosis Association that the holiday season is with us again and of course that worthy cause again solicits your support by purchasing Christmas seals. They offer to show before our members the choice of two entertaining films, time 14 and 18 minutes respectively, that also have an educational value.

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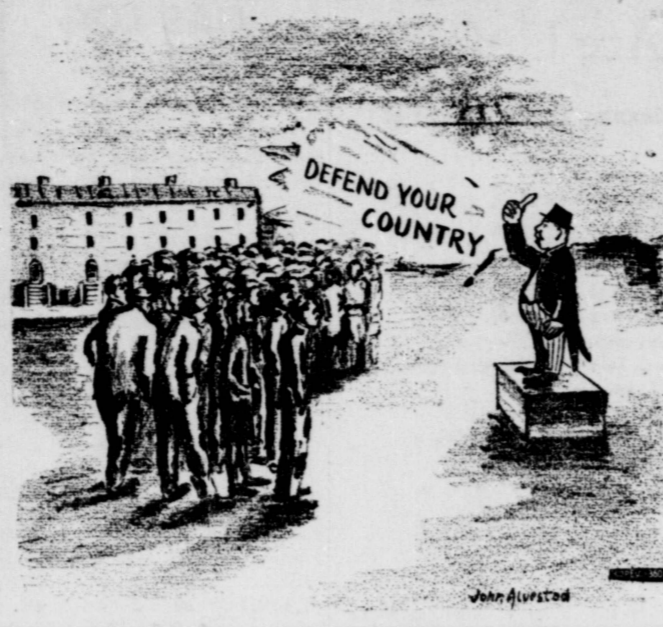
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"We, therefore, declare ourselves in favor of the formation of a thorough Federation, embracing every trade and labor organization in America, organized under the Trade Union System."

## First Give Us Something To Defend



## Furniture Workers 1859 Will Join Upholsterers

(Continued from page 1)  
Local 1859, which has completely unionized the industry in Minneapolis and won decent union wages and conditions here, has been faced with exactly the same conditions confronting other progressive unions locally. Local 1859, in order to protect itself, has had to assume the responsibility for bringing unionism and its benefits to other workers throughout the area. In order to achieve this task, Local 1859 helped create the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers. This Council was chartered by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and assigned the right of organizing in the area. In town after town the Council, at considerable expense and energy, would succeed in organizing workers, only to have Dunn come along and disorganize the work.

### Was Only Road

There is a limit to everything, even to the forbearance and patience of the local woodworkers. Unable to block Dunn in his union-smashing, unable to change the policies of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters because of the lack of any fundamental union democracy in that organization, Local 1859 took the only intelligent course open to it. It has withdrawn from the Hutcheson-dominated union and allied itself with the Upholsterers International Union. The Upholsterers' officials have signified they will not only welcome Local 1859 and other unions in the industry to join, but will encourage the campaign to unionize the woodworking plants of the Middle West.

### Turkey Day in Burlington

As a gesture of good faith, which means more to the workers of Minneapolis and Burlington than any words, or than any excuses from the Brotherhood of Carpenters, the Upholsterers International has sent a check for one hundred dollars to the Northwestern Cabinet strikers in Burlington. Local 1859 has matched that donation and has arranged with organizer John Janosko, now in Burlington, to see that all strikers have a real Thanksgiving dinner. In Iowa Thanksgiving will be celebrated November 28th.

## Typos May Return to AFL, Philip Murray Heads CIO

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will have a chief voice in selecting new organizers and he will no doubt choose them in such a way as to weaken the Communist Party power in the CIO.

According to Louis Stark of the New York Times, Murray has reported that a large amount of money would be made available for the organization campaign. Probably most of the funds will come from the United Mine Workers, which still leaves Lewis holding the purse strings.

The CIO executive board has given President Murray power to make various personnel changes when he deemed them advisable.

**AFL Convention Calm**  
Marred by the physical attack by Joseph Fay, vice-president of the International Union of Operating Engineers, on David Dubinsky, the AFL convention continues placidly and is expected to finish its work this week.

The AFL resolutions committee had reached unanimous agreement on a resolution to curb union racketeers. While the resolution represents a revision of Dubinsky's resolution, it would authorize the AFL executive council to exert its full moral force to compel the institution of ouster proceedings against gangsters who have wormed their way into organized labor. No direct power to step in the autonomous AFL internationals

The secret written ballot presented to the membership of Local 1859 on Monday read as follows: "Shall the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 terminate its relationship with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and transfer all of its property to the Upholsterers International Union of North America (American Federation of Labor) and affiliate with said Upholsterers International Union of North America?"  
Signed: YES \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: NO \_\_\_\_\_

Every ballot was marked YES, a real indication of the mass resentment at the treatment received from the Carpenters International, and the understanding of the membership that the new move must be made.

News of Local 1859's action was received with joy by woodworkers in various towns in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and northern Michigan. Locals in some of these towns have already preceded Local 1859 into the Upholsterers or have delayed only until the Minneapolis organization (which has enormous prestige throughout the industry because of its progressive policies and accomplishments) acted. The Upholsterers International has already agreed to support a drive for unionization in this area.

### Leaves Dunn in Hole

This move has neatly checkmated Walter Dunn. It is difficult to see how he can carry out his threats to "get" Janosko or to take sanctions against Local 1859. The day has passed when he can break the Burlington strike by refusing the strikers their charter, or by granting a charter in Hutcheson's outfit to the handful of finks in Burlington. With the realignment of unions in the Upholsterers International, a new day is dawning for woodworkers and furniture workers of the Middle West. With Dunn and his kind removed from their backs the workers of Dubuque and New Richmond and Burlington and other towns will eagerly enter the struggle, make up for lost time, and build the sort of unions that they so desperately need to protect and advance their interests.

## F-L Veterans Will Meet Friday Eve

WPA officials, despite their assurances, are still refusing to assign available workers near the airport to work there, the Hennepin County Veterans Farmer-Laborer Club charged this week.

Workers on WPA walk one to two miles from the end of the carlines to Wold-Chamberlain airport. These workers come from homes in Camden and Northeast Minneapolis and other points requiring a long ride on the street cars.

The Veterans Club will meet this Friday, November 29, 8 p. m. in its club rooms on the third floor at 902 Hennepin avenue to discuss plans for Christmas jobs and membership. The public is invited. E. H. Bryant is vice-chairman and Max Miller is secretary-treasurer of the F-L Veterans Club.

## Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig

This week enough news has broken to fill the space allotted to three columns. Foremost, of course, is the break on the Belt Line story. It is not first-hand by now to relate the layoff of 18 additional trucks from that job, but if you haven't been around you will find out the new men of the Olson Highway crew a very interesting lineup.

The first big layoff on that job came last Wednesday before Thanksgiving. What came as a complete surprise to everyone was the quick cut-off of the rest of the remaining fourteen men this Monday night. Highway department orders. The following day another eight trucks for the new deal were called to work.

While on the subject we may as well clean out the closet and finish the story. You look at the list of the new men and you wonder it doesn't cause the men who have been laid off to go raving mad. The union advocated a change on the basis a principle was involved. It also endeavored to have its representatives secure employment on the new project according to our accepted regulations. We have a right to make a fair and practical analysis of the results.

The first very evident necessity to face is the employment service policy followed out by the government agency through which the trucks were hired. The administration finds it impossible to satisfactorily man its projects without union truckers but leans over backward in fear of the protests of a scab minority. Its answer is to issue a vague and indefinite "no discrimination" order.

That is the first step. We face then the impossibility of acceptance of our unemployment list. A busy employment director would be glad to allow the union to take the heat on the whole matter. But orders are orders, and that party has a job to protect. As we accept this offer of friendship, negotiations are hamstrung and we can only hope for the best. Meanwhile, such a situation furnishes an excellent opportunity for those members who are specialists at behind-the-scenes maneuvers. Seniority for them is a fine thing when they are in, and only do they accept it when forced to. However, until the sacrifices and hard work of sincere workers make such progress they refuse to cooperate.

In view of the circumstances the only answer seems to be to announce the wraps are off and let the heat fall where it may. It cannot be a consistent policy with us to hold off our honest members when everyone is aware of the actions of those members who find their more-principled union brothers are restrained by the rule of the majority.

More later, is enough said. . . Some hides are going to be burned when the Finance and Commerce issue of you know what comes out. . . Mickey says we are nuts not to put the burn on City Engineer Paul on the snow removal failure. It smells of a vendetta against the ITO. . . A first class argument for Park Board ITO's has been prepared for action. . . Union WPA bidders are numerous. Red Hohenstein acquired a new fire engine just before the blitz. . . The new city driver's civil service list will be published here soon. . .

## Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson

Morris Brody (Mill City) had a serious accident the evening before Thanksgiving. He was hit by an auto and suffered a broken leg and concussion of the brain. He is in Victory Memorial hospital and is still in serious condition, although at this time his condition is improving somewhat.

Morris will receive our sick benefit, but at the present time there are quite a number of our membership who would not be eligible, because they are not in good standing. If your steward asks you for penalties and you do not feel that you owe them, be sure to come before the board at once and get the matter cleared up so you will be eligible if you get sick or injured.

The nomination of officers will be held at our next meeting December 12th and according to the International by-laws a nominee for office must have been in continuous good standing for a period of two years preceding the nomination. That means that you must have attended at least one meeting in each two months for that time and never during that period have been in arrears in dues or assessments. Still if the above rule were not in effect you would want only men for officers who keep themselves in good standing continuously. Your union obligation is the one that should come before all others, because your union is of the foremost concern to your job and the income by which you are able to meet all other obligations.

## FWS NEWS

President Roosevelt announces that further "public works" are to be discontinued and that major portions of government spending will be devoted to "national defense." Construction, road building, and other projects of general public usefulness, as well as some much less useful WPA projects, are to be shelved "for the duration" (of the so-called emergency). War spending, the president indicates, will absorb both the present unemployed and those who will be transferred from activities slated for discontinuance.

Recent hopes of the unemployed for jobs from war expenditures are fading. A current federal survey shows why. 118,000 unemployed skilled workers are still registered in the various U. S. Employment Service offices. These include the whole range of crafts including about 1,000 in each of the lines most ballyhooed as being "short" of men, such as welders, ship-fitters, etc. Another 150,000 or so are enrolled in Federal Defense Training "refresher classes." Additional tens of thousands are being trained by private industry, such as our Northern Pump company's welding classes.

The skilled labor market is to be glutted to reduce wage scales—and weaken the unions. Clearly, the ten to twelve million unemployed are again required to take a back seat, as workers generally are being deprived of hard-won standards in a new attempt of industrialists to safeguard and increase their fat war profits.

Current claims that war industries will absorb the unemployed and restore prosperity are sheer dishonesty. England's present experience bears this out. In that powerful financial center there is now reported an increase in unemployment and admission of economic inability to carry on without America's aid.

Something is wrong and it is easy to see. No prosperity can result from any system whose first aim is to produce means of destruction.

All this talk of "national defense" with its curtailment of useful public work projects, is a terrific blow against genuine defense. Defense that really counts for the workers means nothing unless it means the defense of their living standards. If the government would put forward such a defense program—and mean it—workers would support it with their very lives. But such a program would have to include: A job and a decent living for every worker; twenty billion dollars in new housing sorely needed to provide both homes and jobs; a 30-hour week with a \$30 weekly minimum wage; union wages and conditions throughout the entire military and industrial setup. Without this or a similar program THERE IS NO DEFENSE.

## ... the last word

By B. G.

To those who would turn their backs on the truth of "want in the midst of plenty" here are a few facts, stated by none other than Milo Perkins: the Director of Marketing of the United States Department of Agriculture:

Forty-five million of our population live below the danger line so far as nutrition is concerned. Eighty million persons in this land of plenty get along somehow on an average cash income of only \$69 a month for a whole family. Twenty million persons getting public aid eat on an average of five cents a meal (this amount is less than a third as much as the United States army allows for its meals).

Mr. Perkins concludes that we've got to get busy and "find ways to build a . . . more prosperous America."

"I'll say we've got to get busy. These millions of Americans would be living on even less than this if they hadn't organized into unions to increase their wages and raise their standard of living. When a congressman or a senator or anybody else begins to talk about enacting legislation to prohibit strikes or amending the labor act, then we'd better start thinking about how we're going to keep what we already have—because even that isn't very much."

Don't buy gloves that fit tight. They will neither wear well nor keep your hands warm.

It won't be long before we women can stop worrying about being left behind when our men are called into military training. Eleanor Roosevelt said only last Tuesday that "the time is coming soon when the question will have to be faced of having a specified kind of training for women and girls in national defense." So the women will be in one camp and the men in another. And they will both die on the same battlefields. That makes everything all right.

## Speaking Of Taxes . . .

The average citizen contributes more heavily in proportion to his income to paying for the armaments program than the rich, the Keep America Out of War committee pointed out recently.

With Republic Steel showing profits of 495% and other basic industries sharing huge profits, the dollars going into these profits come from the public treasury. And these same dollars are taken from the poor through invisible taxes.

Out of every dollar you spend for furniture, 13c is tax. Of every dollar spent on rent, 25c is tax. On movies, 12c. On shoes, 7c. On clothes, 13c. On sugar, 18c. On bread, 15c. On milk and dairy products, 10c.

It is the poor who pay for the profits that go to the merchants of death.

## Franklin Women's Guild Luncheon December 4

One o'clock luncheon will be served by the Franklin Women's Cooperative Guild on December 4 at the Franklin auditorium at 2108 Washington avenue north. Following lunch, there will be cards and luncheon. Admission is 25c. Members and friends of the guild are cordially invited.

## Card of Thanks

To Local 544:  
Just can't express my thanks to you for your thoughtfulness and kindness, too.

Mrs. C. E. Phyle and Family

Prime Minister Winston Churchill has stated publicly that any proposal for a Christmas Armistice will be rejected. I'm proud of Winston. Why should anybody stop right in the middle of violent death and bloodshed to observe the holiday of peace on earth, good will among men? After all, it wouldn't be consistent.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.) Milk Haulers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.	<b>LOCAL 275</b> Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Stewards—Second and Fourth Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday.
<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
<b>LOCAL 664</b> General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> Executive Board—Every Friday night. Stewards' Meetings—2nd and 4th Monday each week. Membership Meeting—1st Wednesday each month. Casket Section—2nd Tuesday each month. Box Industry—3rd Tuesday each month. J. R. Clark Section—3rd Wednesday each month. Puffer-Hubbard—3rd Thursday each month. Woodenware Workers—3rd Friday each month.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> Monday, Dec. 2—Package Delivery; Department Store. Wednesday, Dec. 4—Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, Dec. 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, Dec. 6—Job Stewards. Monday, Dec. 9—General Membership. Tuesday, Dec. 10—Lumber; Raymond Bros., 9 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor. Friday, Dec. 13—Wholesale Grocery. Monday, Dec. 16—Furniture; Coal; Paper and Printing. Thursday, Dec. 19—Tent and Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m.; Ways and Means ITO. Friday, Dec. 20—Job Stewards. Monday, Dec. 23—Spring Water. Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve—Meetings postponed. Wednesday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day—Meetings postponed. Thursday, Dec. 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug. Friday, Dec. 27—Cold Storage and Produce. Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office, first floor. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
<b>LOCAL 977</b> General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> Monday, Dec. 2—Package Delivery; Department Store. Wednesday, Dec. 4—Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, Dec. 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, Dec. 6—Job Stewards. Monday, Dec. 9—General Membership. Tuesday, Dec. 10—Lumber; Raymond Bros., 9 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor. Friday, Dec. 13—Wholesale Grocery. Monday, Dec. 16—Furniture; Coal; Paper and Printing. Thursday, Dec. 19—Tent and Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m.; Ways and Means ITO. Friday, Dec. 20—Job Stewards. Monday, Dec. 23—Spring Water. Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve—Meetings postponed. Wednesday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day—Meetings postponed. Thursday, Dec. 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug. Friday, Dec. 27—Cold Storage and Produce. Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office, first floor. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—First and third Wednesdays.	<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.
<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 359</b> Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Second Tuesdays.

## Sabotage and Treason: Don't Believe It

It is fairly certain that large numbers of newspaper readers have received the impression that the series of terrible blasts in munition plants in the East were the work of saboteurs, part of a widespread plot by "foreign agents" to impede "national defense."

All the newspapers sought to give this impression about the Hercules Powder company plant explosion in New Jersey where 51 workers were blown to bits. Then the papers suddenly dropped the story.

The reason the papers shut up was because it was discovered that the real cause of the murderous explosion was the use of an unsafe process in the manufacture of nitroglycerine, a process which the company had been previously warned by War Department officials not to use.

A few weeks ago other tragic explosions occurred and again the bought press cried sabotage. The New York Times, in an obscure news item, told the truth when it revealed that "some experts on explosions attribute last week's blasts to the fact that explosions often occur when plants that are expanding take on relatively untrained workers."

The truth is that through their cries of "sabotage" the bosses are attempting to fan a spy hysteria. Such a hysteria permits the bosses to get away with two things: 1. It covers up the fact that workers have been blown to bits through the greed of employers who are so eager for war profits that they sacrifice their workers' lives for hazardous short cuts; 2. This hysteria permits the bosses to hit at organized labor by pretending that every strike and demand for improved wages and working conditions is part of the "sabotage" plot.

With the "sabotage" campaign limping on both feet, another campaign has been revived against labor, a campaign that sees "treason" in every strike. This campaign was launched months ago by the Dies committee which announced it was ready to charge that any strike in the auto industry was the work of "foreign agents"—as though native American workers might not have just cause to strike.

Now Attorney General Jackson and the FBI have come forward to attribute the strike of the Vultee airplane workers (settled this week) to "treason" and a "Communist plot." Representatives Cox, Randolph and Costello are proposing to Congress that strikes be outlawed. President Roosevelt has conferred with Bernard Baruch, New York banker and industrialist, on the matter of strikes and it is understood Congress is preparing to introduce legislation to outlaw strikes in defense plants. But everything is called a "defense" industry in these times.

It could never occur to Jackson or the FBI that the Vultee workers might just have been fed up with trying to raise their families on the \$20-\$22 weekly wage they had been receiving. It could never occur to the union-smashers that the Vultee workers saw nothing wrong in demanding a wage increase that would bring them a small fraction of the \$12,000,000 profits the Vultee company stands to make this year from its backlog of \$84,000,000 in war contracts.

If it be charged that national defense was held up by the strike, then the responsibility rests upon the Vultee company for refusing to grant a living wage to the workers who produce the planes and provide the profits for the owners. Part of the responsibility must rest upon the federal government for its willingness to grant war contracts to such anti-labor concerns.

It is fairly certain that henceforth every major strike in this country will be confronted with the charge of "treason" or "sabotage" from those who oppose the progress of organized labor. The enemies of labor will also seek to enact a law outlawing strikes.

Labor must insist that the full and complete right to strike be maintained at all costs. After all, the strike is labor's only defense against industrial tyranny, against the rising cost of living. If the unions are refused the right to strike, (all in the name of the defense of democracy, mind you) then organized labor might as well fold its tents. If it accepted such a law, labor will go straight where the once-strong union movements of Germany, Italy, France and Spain have gone.

## Hudson Speaks on "Hitler's Drive East" at Forum

"Hitler's Drive to the East" will be the subject of a talk by Carlos Hudson at the regular Sunday forum December 1st at 3:30 p. m., 919 Marquette avenue. Admission is 10c and the unemployed are admitted free. Coffee and refreshments are served after each forum.

## Card of Thanks

To Local 544:  
Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Wm. H. Dunn and Son Richard

**HIGH SOCIETY**  
Society is now one polished horde. Formed of two mighty tribes—the Bored and Bored.  
—LORD BYRON

## THE WAY OF THE WORLD

Some rise by sin and some by virtue fall.—SHAKESPEARE.

## To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance or relief have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such aid, that the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has set up a special department to deal with this problem.

All workers seeking unemployment insurance or relief are asked to get in touch with Ed Palmquist before applying for aid. Palmquist is in the office of the FWS from 9 a. m. to noon, Monday through Friday each week. The office is on the second floor, 257 Plymouth avenue north.