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THE DEBATE

Labor Versus Westbrook Pegler

"Westbrook Pegler... needs no prompting to share many of the views of his employer, Roy Howard, on the subject of taxation, labor unions and relief."

Why has Westbrook Pegler, in the last year, suddenly taken such an interest in what he calls "labor racketeering?"

It is certainly no accident that Pegler's attacks upon the unions coincide with the drive of the Department of Justice against the unions.

On the one hand the unions are being more and more subordinated to the army and the government war boards, to the employers and their friends.

On the other hand proceeds the union-smashing campaign of Big Business, launched under the Slogan of "Drive the Racketeers Out of the Unions."

Walter Winchell, who has his own reasons for despising Westbrook Pegler, has called him "a louse in the blouse of journalism."

How about this issue of the union and "racketeers?"

Unions and Society

Under the wage system, a few people come in time to own the factories and businesses, leaving the majority of people with no other recourse than to work for wages for a livelihood.

Quite naturally, the owners seek as high profits as the traffic will bear, and the workers seek higher wages.

In order to struggle effectively, each side is forced to organize. Wherever the wage system exists, workers organize.

Because the employers have tremendous resources at their command, they are much better organized than the workers.

Many worthwhile books have been written describing these organizations. Unfortunately, most workers do not have the time or the opportunity to read these books.

In his book "Employers' Associations in the United States," Professor Clarence Bonnet tells us that employers' organizations exist "because of the institution of private property in the means of production."

According to the Social Science Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, the aim of all employers' associations is "to maintain conditions least likely to diminish the profits of the employer and his control over his business."

As far back as 1926 the United States Department of Commerce listed more than 9,000 employers' associations; 1,200 of these were interstate, national and international; 1,130 were statewide; 6,450 were local organizations.

Each large city generally has several employers' associations. There will be several in each industry. All of these head up in the National Association of Manufacturers, one of whose officers boasted that it is "the most powerful body of business men which has ever been organized in any land or in any age."

A subsidiary of the National Association of Manufacturers is the National Industrial Council, a federation of over 300 other boss associations. It is through this Council that the N. A. M. accomplishes most of its political work.

The National Industrial Conference Board, es-

Hampton Institute Head Praises Dr. Rockwell

President Malcomb S. Maclean, president of Hampton Institute and one of the nation's leading educators, on January 12th sent the following wire to Dr. Boraas, chairman of the state board of education:

"PERMIT ME TO URGE YOU AND YOUR BOARD TO CONSIDER FULLY TODAY DR. JOHN ROCKWELL'S MERIT AS AN EDUCATOR. I HAVE WORKED AND TAUGHT WITH HIM AT MINNESOTA AND NORTHWESTERN, SERVED WITH HIM WITH NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCES. WE WHO KNOW HIM BEST ASSURE YOU HE IS ONE OF ABLEST SCHOOL MEN IN AMERICA, HIGHLY TRAINED, SOUND IN JUDGMENT AND A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE OF BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN IN THIS DEMOCRACY. MINNESOTA IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM, SHOULD RETAIN HIM. DEMOCRACY IS ON TRIAL IN MINNESOTA AS ELSEWHERE IN THIS TIME OF WORLD TENSION. LET NOT YOUR BOARD ADOPT HITLER'S METHODS OF BLIND, RUTHLESS AND PREJUDICED DECISION AND ESPECIALLY OF RACE DISCRIMINATION. I SHALL BE GLAD TO APPEAR IF NECESSARY BEFORE YOUR BOARD ON SUCH DATE AS YOU MAY NAME TO TESTIFY IN DR. ROCKWELL'S BEHALF."

MALCOMB S. MACLEAN President, Hampton Institute.

Rockwell Hearing Is Now Under Way

Attorney for Dr. Rockwell Hits Board for "Wearing Down" Tactics and Delay—His Motion to Dismiss Charges Denied by Foley—At Last Specific "Charges" Filed Against Commissioner of Education—Carstater Case Up Saturday.

The state board of education's hearing in its attempts to oust Commissioner John G. Rockwell were resumed Monday morning before 150 persons in the auditorium of the state office building in St. Paul.

Benjamin Drake, attorney for Dr. Rockwell, characterized the board of education's procedure as illegal and designed to "wear down" rather than to bring the matter to a conclusion. The charge was made in argument on motions presented to Referee Daniel Foley who presided at the hearing; the board itself sought to preside at the previous hearing December 26-27.

Monday's hearing was again adjourned until Wednesday, over vigorous protest of Rockwell's attorney, when Pierce Butler, Jr., attorney for the board, asked for a week's delay because he did not yet have a statement of charges prepared.

Board Members Absent None of the majority members of the board of education who voted to suspend Dr. Rockwell last November 30th was present Monday. Neither was M. Tadd Evans, assistant attorney-general who had originally prepared the hearing of December 26 which was suspended by Governor Stassen after the board had demonstrated its inability to conduct a fair hearing.

In the hope of keeping the public away from Monday's hearing, the newspapers published statements to the effect that Monday's session would only be adjourned to a later date. Despite this, 150 persons, among them many representatives of labor and educational groups, were on hand. Drake's demand that the attorney for the board be required to submit his written charges by two o'clock and that the hearing proceed immediately was greeted with applause—but was denied by the referee.

Dismissal Motion Denied At the opening of Monday's session, Mr. Drake moved that all the purported charges against Rockwell be discussed on the grounds that the State Board of Education has not the power to dismiss the commissioner whose term of office, duties, powers, and salaries are all fixed by law; and on the further ground that even if the board had such power, it did not have the power to compel the commissioner to appear before a referee, especially one chosen by the board without the consent of the commissioner. Foley ruled against the motion but reserved the privilege of studying the law and the

cases cited and to change his ruling. Drake then moved that the appearance of Butler as attorney for the board of education be stricken from the record and that he be excluded from appearing before the board. Drake argued that no board or department had power under the law to employ attorneys, that the attorney-general could employ special counsel for a department only upon written request of the department and at the expense of the department, that the employment of additional special attorneys required a certification by the attorney-general, the governor, and the chief justice of the supreme court, that additional attorneys were needed to conduct the legal business of the state; and that there had been no attempt on the part of the board of education to comply with the law in this matter.

He also pointed out that a section (Continued on page 3)

Quick Thinking By 544 Driver Saves Others

Last week Ben Carlson, driver for Union Transfer company, and member of the General Drivers Union Local 544, was hauling a load of freight on the highway near Mankato. A car ahead made a U turn, placing itself directly in the path of Carlson's truck.

Brother Carlson swung his truck into a side street, the trailer overturning against a building and ramming an unoccupied parked car.

Police Chief Alfred Salisbury praised Carlson for his trigger-thinking. He said death or certain injury would have been the fate of those in the other car had Carlson not swung off the road.

Carlson lives at 3524 Garfield avenue South. He was not injured in the accident.

TJC Backs Answer to W. Pegler

Congratulates 544 on Election Outcome—Endorses Plan to Purchase Addressograph

Unanimous endorsement of the Northwest Organizer editorial in answer to Westbrook Pegler and of the editorial board and staff of the Northwest Organizer was voted Friday night by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

The Council held its regular January meeting in the third-floor hall of the Teamsters headquarters.

Secretary's Report Secretary-treasurer Miles Dunne reported that the yearly election of officers would be held at the meeting Friday, February 14th, at which time an annual report on the work of the Council will be made. The Council Christmas Party in the army was the largest ever held in Minneapolis, and the audience was most appreciative.

The Council has received a preliminary sketch of a new labor temple from an architect. The Council sub-committee will meet early in February with the Labor Temple association board. The problem of arranging for housing for the Council becomes more pressing.

The Council has answered the request of the Brainerd Drivers Union by sending Carroll Melloy there, who will aid the union in organization work for several weeks.

The Council board recommends the purchase of an addressograph system and the establishment of a mailing list of all members of affiliated unions, as an aid to the Council in its educational work and the "Have It Delivered" campaign.

Labor Radio Series The radio committee of the Central Labor Union has arranged a series of four talks on the Stassen Labor Law, to be delivered at 7 p. m. over WLOL on successive Monday nights, the first talk to be made January 13th. All union members are urged to listen to these talks.

Trustee Joe O'Hare read the financial reports for November and December and they were accepted.

Reports of progress from each local were made. Local 131 has settled satisfactorily its dispute with the American Rug Laundry. This union will hold its bi-annual party February 14th. Local 289 has signed its retail contract and is negotiating a new wholesale contract. Local 471 reported the cut-rate milk stations outside the city are still seeking to operate. Local 664 reported 1940 was the best year for employment the membership has experienced. New members introduced to the Council were Frank LaGrave of Local 289, George Swanson of Local 471, and William Warner of Local 958.

Congratulate Local 544 A motion carried to congratulate the General Drivers Union Local 544 on the outcome of its election, as a fitting answer to the fink suit. The drawing was won by Emil Kariger.

664 Mourns Loss Of Earl Dillon Earl Dillon, member of the City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664, died suddenly Saturday from a heart attack. He was employed in the sewer repair and maintenance department. In November, 1938, Brother Dillon had suffered a heart attack and was off the job for several months. The funeral is scheduled to be held Wednesday, January 15th. Brother Dillon will be missed by the membership of Local 664 and by all who knew him.

289 Committee To Be Dined Last summer the Picnic Committee of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289, which did such a swell job in organizing the annual picnic, was promised a dinner by the union. The dinner will be held this coming Saturday evening, January 18th, at 6:30 p. m. in Harry's Cafe.

About thirty persons will attend. Plans for the 1941 union picnic will be initiated.

CLU Will Elect on January 22 The annual election of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union will be held at nine o'clock at the next meeting Wednesday evening, January 22nd, Organizer Roy Wier reported to the January 8th meeting.

The Hotel & Restaurant Union Local 665 reported the Miller's cafe was still being bannered (an injunction has since been issued by the court). Despite a majority vote of the employees for the union, the Miller management has refused to sign a union contract. Employees have been discharged for wearing union buttons.

Organizer Wier reported that from January 1, 1940, to December 31, 1940, the Policy Committee has handled 106 disputes, and achieved great success.

Miles Dunne reported for the committee to act on the Carstater-Rockwell case. A motion passed to request the state school board to appoint a commission of educators to conduct the Rockwell hearing.

Walter Hegstrom reported the CLU Glen Lake Visiting Committee had distributed Christmas presents to 53 union patients at the sanitarium.

544 Over-Road Men Instructed to Attend Meeting Sunday All members of Local 544 working under terms of the Area Over-Road Contract (over-road drivers, dockmen, etc.) are instructed to attend without fail a special meeting Sunday, January 19th, at 2 p. m. in the union hall.

Questions of the home terminal and of seniority are among the matters to be taken up. V. R. Dunne will make a special report on the status of the fink suit against the union. Executive Board, Local 544

Leaders of 544 Are Returned to Office By 4 to 1 Majority

Union Membership Utilizes Election to Answer Finks by Returning 544 Leadership to Office—Majority Larger Than Last Year—Miles Dunne, Frogis, Postal, Rainbolt, Wagner, Hanson and Zander Compose New 544 Board

The membership of the General Drivers Union Local 544 utilized the annual election last Wednesday and Thursday to return their leadership to office by a majority of nearly four to one. The election results are a fitting answer to the finks and their boss backers who have foully attacked the leadership of Local 544.

Thursday morning Bill Ambrose, secretary of the board in charge of the election, announced the results. The following officers were elected by majorities of approximately four to one for the coming year:

For president: Miles Dunne. Vice-president: George Frogis. Secretary-treasurer: Kelly Postal.

Recording secretary: Ray Rainbolt. Three year trustee: Nick Wagner.

Two year trustee: Emil Hanson. Frogis, Postal, Rainbolt and Wagner were incumbents. Miles Dunne was nominated by Carl Skoglund to succeed him as president. Emil Hanson succeeded to the trustee post left vacant by Miles Dunne. Curt Zander, trustee, was not up for re-election.

The sweeping victory of Nick Wagner was considered particularly significant inasmuch as the finks had concentrated their fire on him, and the court had ordered his removal from office under an order now stayed until March 1st.

Voting Heavy The members turned out to poll one of the largest votes in the history of the General Drivers Union.

The annual election was held in union headquarters at 257 Plymouth avenue north, Wednesday and Thursday, January 8th and 9th. Polls were open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. each day. Voting was by secret ballot. The election board was composed of Bill Ambrose, chairman; Steve Glaser; George Williams; George O'Brien; and Bob Bovey. This board was chosen by secret ballot at the December 9th membership meeting.

Skoglund Installs Men Monday night at Local 544's regular membership meeting, retiring president Carl Skoglund installed officers for the coming year. Brother Skoglund gave a brief talk, thanking the membership for its support and pledging all support to the new executive board.

The following officers were elected at the annual election of the Warehouse Employees Union Local 359:

President and Business Agent—James H. (Jimmy) Bartlett. Vice-president—Don Wilkins. Recording Secretary—Fred Tepilo. Secretary-treasurer—Robert Tibbetts.

Trustee—Frank Johnson. Elections were held by secret ballot on January 10th and 11th at the union headquarters.

All officers will serve for a period of one year. Two other trustees were not up for election, being hold-overs from last year.

Final Action Due on Park Board Wages The Park Board union committee on wages, together with Harold Seavey, business representative of the City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664, met Tuesday afternoon with the Park Board. A 45-minute discussion occurred over contemplated wage adjustments.

The Park Board admitted the merit and justice of the union committee's stand, but did not reach a decision due to the fact representatives of other organizations were waiting to be heard.

The status of the negotiations is that the matter will be referred to the Board officers for study and recommendations, to be reported at a subsequent meeting of the finance committee, where union representatives will be present.

Final action will be taken by the Park Board at its first meeting in February.

12th Ward FLP Will Hold a Card Party

The 12th Ward Farmer-Labor club will hold a card party Saturday, January 18th, 8 p. m. at the clubrooms, 2815 East Lake street. Door and card prizes will be given and refreshments served. Christ Knutson is chairman of the entertainment committee.

NOTICE To All Unionists At Drivers Hall

In parking your cars while attending meetings at the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth avenue North, you are requested to avoid parking in front of private or public driveways and alleys.

This is a courtesy that the people living in the immediate vicinity of the union headquarters have a right to expect. Please extend it to them at all times.

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