

THE NORTHWEST ORGANIZER

Official Organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council
MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE: 257 PLYMOUTH AVE. N.

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

VOL. 6, NO. 46

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1941

FIVE CENTS

On the National Picket Line
Marvel Scholl

On no large public question in recent years—not even in the presidential elections of 1940—has organized labor been so hopelessly split as on the question of the Lease-Lend Bill.

Both camps in the discussion on the Roosevelt Lease-Lend Bill include many different individuals and groups who present different reasons for their position.

It is quite easy to see why Hoover and Vandenberg and the old Republican die-hards are against the Lease-Lend Bill.

That Hoover and his machine are the least bit interested in defending democracy against Roosevelt is a tale for the marines.

Lindbergh's opposition to the bill is also easy to understand. He doesn't even pretend to be interested in the preservation of democracy.

The opposition of the Communist Party and the Nazis and Coughlinites in the United States to the Lease-Lend Bill is likewise easily understandable.

The sincere pacifists who oppose the bill fall in quite a different category. They fight the bill because they do not want this country to be involved in a war.

It seems to me that labor's opposition to the Lease-Lend Bill is motivated by considerations different from any of (Continued on page 4)

977-Standard Oil Negotiations On, Agreement Is Near

Negotiations between the Standard Oil company and the Minneapolis Petroleum Employees Union Local 977 for a union agreement, the first ever to be reached locally with this industrial giant, are today near completion.

Another meeting of all Standard Oil employees will be called for final ratification of the contracts. 100% Organization

A joint committee representing the Minneapolis Local 977 and the St. Paul Local 975 has been representing employees in the negotiations.

FCL Council Acts at Meeting

Several important matters were taken up by the executive board of the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council which met last Saturday in Minneapolis.

\$250 Yearly Is What Canadian War Costs Each

Every man, woman and child in Canada will make a per capita contribution of \$250 during the coming fiscal year, to help finance the war being undertaken by the Canadian government.

AFL Membership up To 4,747,443

The American Federation of Labor has added another 500,000 members to its affiliated unions in the last four months, the executive council announced last week.

Notice to All 664 Members
A special order of business will take place at the March 7 membership meeting of the City and Sanitary Drivers, Local 664.

Local 977 Wins Overtime Pay From Bulk Oil

The arbitration case involving holiday overtime pay for about 18 workers at the Bulk Oil company was won this week by the Petroleum Employees Union Local 977.

Union Organizer Beaten in South

John D. House, organizer for the United Rubber Workers, was severely beaten in his office in Gadsden, Alabama, the afternoon of February 18th, by a gang of five thugs.

TJC Addressograph Being Installed

Two units of the new addressograph equipment ordered by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council were installed last week in the Northwest Organizer office.

Hansen Would Be Mayor

Al Hansen, member of the board of estimate and taxation, was nominated for mayor.

CLU To Discuss

The Central Labor Union will meet Wednesday evening, February 26th, at which a report will be made of Sunday's convention and a course of action proposed for organized labor in the coming city elections.

Thomas L. Hughes



Our readers, with union men and women all over the United States, deeply mourn the loss of Thomas L. Hughes, General Secretary-Treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Brother Hughes has served his union and the labor movement well. Drivers' union officials from Minneapolis who have had occasion to visit the International office in Indianapolis always reported well of Brother Hughes.

Seestrom Group Nominates Hansen, Rejects Union Bid

Says "Unions Should Listen to Us" in Spurning Central Labor Union Request for Joint Labor Nominating Convention—Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Gathering Nominates Several for Office—Central Labor Union Will Consider Course of Action at Wednesday Meeting

Rejecting organized labor's request for a joint city nominating convention to launch a labor ticket in the municipal campaign, the Seestrom clique in control of the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor association held its convention last Sunday at 19 South 7th street.

The greater part of the convention was devoted to an attempted explanation by the Seestrom group as to why it was rejecting the proposal for a joint nominating convention made by the Political Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union.

Walter Frank denounced the proposal made by organized labor, and was of course seconded by Mrs. Seestrom, Flowers, Liberman and the rest.

"The unions should listen to us, we're the political arm of the labor movement," said Mrs. Seestrom. She did not indicate when and where the Central Labor Union recognized her as its "political arm."

Hansen Would Be Mayor
Al Hansen, member of the board of estimate and taxation, was nominated for mayor.

Amendments Sought for Slave Act

With the Minnesota Federation of Labor's proposed labor relations bill killed through pressure from boss organizations, liberal legislators have introduced several amendments to the Stassen Slave Act calculated to delete the more blatantly unfair portions of the act.

Strikes at Miller, Chapman-Graham Are Still On

The long strike of the Restaurant Workers Union against the unfair Miller Cafeteria on 7th Street continued this week. The strike of the Bakers Union Local 222 against the Chapman-Graham store at 29th and Hennepin avenue also continues.

Rockwell Hearing Is Postponed

Due to the death of the mother of Daniel Foley, referee, the Rockwell ouster hearing was postponed Monday for one week, to be resumed at 9:30 a. m. March 3rd.

Gene Larson On WLOL This Monday, 7 p. m.

Gene Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union Local 471, will speak over station WLOL next Monday, March 3rd, 7 p. m.

Card of Thanks

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

Gene Larson On WLOL This Monday, 7 p. m.

Gene Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union Local 471, will speak over station WLOL next Monday, March 3rd, 7 p. m.

Teamster Councils In State to Meet Sunday in St. Paul

A meeting of the state's three Teamsters Joint Councils will be held this coming Sunday morning in St. Paul, in the headquarters of Local 120 at 345 University avenue.

To Speak for Sharecroppers

F. R. Betton, vice-president of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, who will speak in Minneapolis at numerous meetings during the week of March 5-11, which will be observed here and throughout the nation as National Sharecroppers Week.

Strike Pends At Illinois Cooperaage

Faced with the stony refusal of the boss at the Illinois Cooperaage company, Thirty-seventh and University avenue N. E., to negotiate a union agreement, the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 last Wednesday sent a strike notice to the state conciliator.

Trib Will Get It If It Takes All Winter...

In its February 13th issue the Northwest Organizer published an exclusive story on the action taken by the Teachers Union in expelling Harry Schmid for action unbecoming a union member.

Gene Larson On WLOL This Monday, 7 p. m.

Gene Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union Local 471, will speak over station WLOL next Monday, March 3rd, 7 p. m.

Card of Thanks

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

Gene Larson On WLOL This Monday, 7 p. m.

Gene Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union Local 471, will speak over station WLOL next Monday, March 3rd, 7 p. m.

