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Who is Blocking Drivers' Right to Elections?

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Schell

The United Mine Workers Union and its negotiating committee, headed by John L. Lewis, is in line for congratulations on the signing of the southern bituminous coal contract.

For five long and stormy months, Lewis and his committee have said "no" to every proposal which did not include an additional 40c a day for the southern miners.

For the first time in the history of the industry, workers in the southern fields are receiving wages equal to those paid their northern brothers.

The CIO, as a driving force for progress, hit the headlines twice this week with Washington date lines.

The New York Times reported on July 8, that after CIO President Murray had spent some time with President Roosevelt, the newspaper reporters found the atmosphere in Capitol Hill considerably changed.

At any rate the two vicious pieces of anti-labor legislation were voted down in the House, and the bill which encompassed them sent on to the Senate with only one paragraph of its original content still intact.

CIO Leads Fight That Hurls Back Anti-Labor Bills

CIO Mobilization in Nation's Capitol Lets House Members Feel Weight of Organized Labor—Union-Smashing Bills Resoundingly Defeated—Poll-Tax Congressmen Shriek with Horror at Power of Labor Lobby—John L. Lewis Lashes Roosevelt and Hillman for Strike-Breaking Activities—CIO Again Demands Increased WPA Appropriations, No Tax Increases on Workers—Needed: A National Labor Party

If today organized labor in America is not faced with a law outlawing strikes, a law that would subject pickets to prison sentences of five years plus large fines, the workers can largely thank the CIO.

With the pressure of the CIO upon the politicians in Congress at a peak, the fascist-like May Bill was whittled down to one paragraph deferring to the draft all men over 28.

Through the AFL and the railroad brotherhoods made perfunctory protests against the union-crushing legislation, it was the Congress of Industrial Organizations that organized and conducted the fight that killed off the plots of the labor-hating Congressmen.

July 7th a meeting of representatives of all national affiliates and state councils of the CIO was held in Washington, at the call of President Phillip Murray.

The effective work of the CIO can best be described by one of its enemies, "Poll Tax" Smith, representative from Virginia.

544-CIO Drivers Attend Your Section Meetings

Attention of all Local 544-CIO members is called to the need of attending your union section meetings, in order to hear and discuss the reports, and keep up with developments in the successful fight being waged to defend our union.

- Below is a list of the meetings scheduled for the remainder of this month: Stewards Friday, July 18th Furniture, Coal, Paper and Printing Monday, July 22nd Building Material Tuesday, July 22nd Transfer, Warehouse and Wholesale Drug Thursday, July 24th Cold Storage and Produce Friday, July 25th Seniority Committee Each Tuesday, 7 p. m. Grievance Committee Each Tuesday and Friday, 7 p. m.

CIO Auto Workers Win \$125,000,000 Yearly Wage Raise

The CIO United Auto Workers Union has recently won wage years totaling more than \$125,000,000 yearly for its members, the N. Y. Times reported last Sunday.

About 200,000 workers at General Motors have won a 10c hourly wage raise, adding close to \$50,000,000 to the annual payroll.

The Ford contract will bring wage adjustments totaling about \$43,000,000, to close to 120,000 Ford workers.

Local 544-CIO Issues Its New Weekly Paper

The reader will note on the masthead of this issue the new name of the weekly paper published by Local 544-CIO—the INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZER.

In the spring of 1934, old Local 514 began issuance of its first paper, the Organizer; during that summer the Organizer appeared as a daily strike bulletin.

After a lot of legal hocus-peras, during which the Teamsters Joint Council narrowed the authority of its executive board by selling the Northwest Organizer to Local 544, Tobin's agents finally repudiated the paper.

Donovan Heads Super-Gestapo

Washington, D. C. — A super-Gestapo, responsible only to the President of the United States, and headed by Colonel William J. Donovan, is in the process of formation, it was announced last week.

Federal Indictments Won't Stop CIO, 544 Fight for Unionism

National CIO Officials Notify Frank Barnhart Will Furnish Bail for All Victims—CIO Will Intensify Campaign to Organize Motor Transport and Allied Workers Here—544-CIO Statement Lashes Tobin for Convinving To Smear CIO

The federal indictments handed down Tuesday by a federal grand jury in St. Paul against almost a score of 544-CIO officers and active members will not deter either the union or the CIO from continuing its campaign to organize the motor transport and allied workers in Minneapolis and the nation.

The indictments, representing the trump card played by Dan Tobin and his political cronies in the national administration against 544 and the CIO, are based upon the ancient weapon of all tyrants, the charge of "conspiring to overthrow the government."

If Tobin and his war-crazed allies thought they could thus stop the forward march of the CIO in its campaign to organize the motor transport and allied workers, they quickly received a rude shock.

Mr. Frank Barnhart, regional director of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee and personal representative of John L. Lewis, announced Tuesday evening after a phone conference with national CIO officials that "the national CIO has already set to motion the necessary machinery to insure that adequate bonds will be forthcoming to gain the speedy release of the persecuted unionists."

The national CIO will not be deterred by the indictments," Mr. Barnhart said, "but will continue to carry forward with all the resources at its command the campaign to organize the motor transport and allied workers in Minneapolis and the nation."

It is anticipated that all indicted unionists will give themselves up this week, and will be released immediately on bail, which has been set at \$5,000 each.

The following press statement was issued Tuesday eve by the executive board of Local 544-CIO: "The indictments issued today by a federal grand jury against many of the active members and officers of Local 544-CIO are carefully studied with the aim of seeking to disrupt the campaign of the CIO to win the right of democratic industry-wide elections to determine the union bargaining agent."

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Hearings Before Blair Pile Up Evidence to Prove that 544-CIO Has the Men, That the Men Want Elections—Drivers Come Forward from All Sections to Testify for CIO, Relate AFL Violence and Coercion—AFL Paper Muzz on Hearings: What Can They Say?—Bosses Warned by 544-CIO That It Represents Majority

On Wednesday the third week of hearings, on the demand of Local 544-CIO for free and democratic elections throughout the motor transport industry, got under way before state labor conciliator Alfred Blair.

At every hearing to date, without exception, Local 544-CIO, aided by rank-and-file drivers from the industry, has established its contention that it represents the majority of the men, and that the men want elections.

Both the national and state labor laws specifically provide that workers are free to choose their own union bargaining agent.

Every member of 544-CIO wants an answer to that question, demands an answer.

The Blair hearing on the furniture industry last Thursday was a replica of the earlier hearings. From company after company, drivers came forward to testify to the overwhelming CIO sentiment among the men.

Chiodo testified that on two occasions AFL "organizers" came to Carletons "in quite a number," at one time numbering 30 or 40, to insist that the men sign AFL cards.

Edward Krom, from Minneapolis House Furnishings, identified the 544-CIO pledge cards signed in his sight. Krom emphasized that the cards were "signed freely by the men."

When the time came to summarize the arguments, the AFL attorney, I. E. Goldberg, could no longer deny that the CIO had the

Ten Reasons Why You Should Vote for Local 544-CIO

- 1. Local 544-CIO stands for higher wages to meet the rising cost of living; Tobin stands for "sacrifices" on the part of labor, but not on the part of the profiteers. 2. Local 544-CIO furnished the leadership that has raised the wages, shortened the hours and won job security for the drivers and warehousemen of this city. 3. Local 544-CIO stands for honest, democratic and militant unionism. Tobin stands for dictatorship, thuggery and horse-and-buggy craft unionism. 4. Local 544-CIO elects its officers in free and democratic elections by secret ballot. Tobin's receiver appoints officers for the AFL. 5. Local 544-CIO has the backing of the great progressive CIO industrial union movement, the dominant movement in America today. 6. Local 544-CIO has always insisted that the employers live up to the union agreements. 7. Local 544-CIO protects its members on the job, and settles their grievances. 8. Local 544-CIO fights all fins. Tobin imitates them. 9. Local 544-CIO symbolizes the future of American unionism. Tobin and the AFL represent the dead and dying past. 10. Local 544-CIO is the union that Made Minneapolis a Union Town and means to keep it that way!

We Made Minneapolis a Union Town - - - Let's KEEP IT That Way

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To Local 544-CIO

More Pledges of Support From Nation's CIO Unions

FROM MISSOURI

Seven locals United Construction Workers this area extend congratulations to Local Union 544 on their action in affiliating with CIO. Our experience with racketeering and gangsterism of Federation here is similar to condition in Minneapolis. Federal grand jury here now investigating suggest obtaining affidavits for presentation Federal grand jury. We have discouraged violence this area. Head of Teamsters Union here fined \$5,000 last month for racketeering.

James T. Nash, Sec.-Treas.
Missouri State Ind. Union Council.

FROM SEATTLE

I have read with great interest and note the fine work you are doing to bring real trade unionism to the membership of Local 544 and eliminate the racketeering and graft.

As you know, Seattle and the state of Washington is the stronghold of the Teamsters organization under the guidance of Dave Beck and is ruled by the same iron hand and tactics employed by Mr. Tobin; the membership does not have any chance to discuss the affairs of their organization or promote policies and programs.

I feel that with the very fine start of Local 544 in Minneapolis and under your fine leadership that it will only be a matter of time before your organization spreads throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

Richard Francis, CIO Regional Director
Seattle, Washington

FROM INDIANA

You can rely upon the Indiana State Industrial Union Council to support your fight for the Motor Transport and Allied Workers of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with every means at our disposal. We will do whatever we can for you. Please do not hesitate to call on us at any time. If it is a matter of circularizing our locals for support, moral or financial, if it is a matter of putting the pressure of the Indiana CIO upon political groups, regardless of the issue, the Indiana State Industrial Union Council is for you and will support you.

We can't express forcibly enough our wholehearted respect for the membership and leadership of Local 544. You probably have the toughest fight on your hands that any local union has had for a great while, and we intend to contribute our part to help you win it.

Walter Frisbie, Secretary
Indiana State Industrial Union Council

Gassaway of Mine Workers Wishes Success to 544-CIO

The following wire of greetings has been received from O. E. Gassaway, member of the International board of the United Mine Workers from District 8:

PLEASE CONVEY TO THE MOTOR TRANSPORT WORKERS IN MINNEAPOLIS THE GREETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT 8, UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA AND THE HOPE OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP THAT LOCAL UNION NO. 544, UCWOC, WILL BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMBAT THE REACTIONARY FORCES THAT ARE ATTEMPTING TO TERRORIZE THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA AND TO DISCOURAGE HONEST UNIONISM IN THAT CITY. WISHING THE GREATEST SUCCESS TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL 544 IN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO BUILD AN HONEST AGGRESSIVE INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION, I AM FRATERNALLY YOURS:
O. E. GASSAWAY

Why Railroad Workers Are Demanding Wage Increases

Chicago, Ill.—Negotiations on wage increases for the nation's railroad workers got under way last week when the employers' joint committee met separately with representatives of the "Big Five" train, engine and yard service unions, and with the fourteen standard railroad labor organizations. The unions hope that joint national negotiations involving the railroad owners and all 19 unions will be forthcoming.

In justification of their demand for substantial wage increases, the railroad workers' unions point out that during the depression the employees took a cut of \$600,000,000.

Edward Keating, editor of Labor, railway brotherhood weekly, points out that "Now the railroads are out of the 'slump' and on the high road of unparalleled prosperity."

Profits Up 73%
"For the first three months of 1936 the gross revenue of Class I carriers went up from \$968,366,000 to \$1,152,107,000, an increase of 16.8 per cent. During the same period, the railroads' operating expenses rose only 8.2 per cent. As a consequence, the carriers' profits rose from \$115,904,000 to \$201,503,000, an increase of 73.9 per cent."

"This increase in profits is not a temporary spurt. Railroad traffic is increasing by leaps and bounds; carloadings are expected to cross the 1,000,000-a-week mark very soon. Undoubtedly railroad profits will be smashing all known records in the very near future."

"Are the railroad workers entitled to a part of those profits? Their wages are lower than those paid in any comparable industry. Furthermore, the efficiency of railroad workers has increased 43 per cent in the last four years. That's a staggering fact."

"The railroad workers shared the carriers' poverty at the bottom of the depression. Are they to be denied the privilege of sharing the carriers' prosperity when the depression makes way for good times?"

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544-CIO Grievance Committee Meets Tuesday, Friday

Attention of all motor transport and allied workers is called to the fact that the regular meetings of the Grievance and Seniority Committees of Local 544-CIO are being held in the union hall at 1328 Second Street North.

The union Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m.
The union Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.
If you have grievances or questions on seniority to take up, the place to discuss them is before your union committees.

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CIO Spokesman Scores FDR For Aiding Anti-Labor Bills

"Support of the (Roosevelt) administration for the Vinson Bill has become increasingly apparent," John T. Jones, CIO legislative representative, told the CIO legislative conference held July 7th in Washington.

"Majority leaders have refused to express any opposition to the measure publicly. . . . More direct respon-

sibility for the revised Vinson bill, however, is to be found in the fact that this revision was drawn with the advice and consultation in several conferences of Sidney Hillman, Harry Millis, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, Dan Tracy, assistant Secretary of Labor, and William H. Davis, chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board. Congressman Vinson, the sponsor of the bill, was referred by President Roosevelt to these administration representatives for the express purpose of revising his original bill. Indeed, the revised version was written by William Davis, chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board.

Defines CIO Attitude

"As your legislative representative it is necessary for me to report that given the continued support of these anti-labor measures by the majority of leadership in Congress, major pieces of anti-labor legislation will, in all probability, be enacted. While professing friendship for labor and claiming labor's political support on the basis of that friendship, the majority leadership has pursued an anti-labor course. . . .

"Labor will not be satisfied with fair weather friends. Those who can justly claim the right to labor's support must defend labor and all of labor's rights, especially in times when it is difficult to do so, when labor's ancient enemies, and the traditionally anti-labor press are howling the loudest for labor's scalp."

A clear explanation of WHY it is vital for organized labor to oppose and defeat all attempts to fasten compulsory arbitration upon the union movement was given by President Philip Murray to the CIO conference.

"Compulsory arbitration in the first instance would definitely frustrate every legitimate attempt to organize the unorganized. Because where organizational campaigns were undertaken, the strikes might ensue as a result of the employer's refusal to recognize our right to organize. Then the law would become immediately operative, through a writ of injunction imposing upon the individuals responsible for the conduct of the campaign of organizing the penalties set forth in the brilliant analysis of the Pace, Case amendments by our general counsel, Lee Pressman.

Would Endanger Rights

"Secondly, where organizations do exist and where such organizations are recognized, and where the principle of collective bargaining has been definitely established, the promotion of true collective bargaining would also be definitely frustrated for this reason, that the employer at the beginning of the collective bargaining conference need only say 'No' to the workers' demands, always looking down to the end of that road where the arbitration board would hear the

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Sign o' the Times

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The new fall and winter catalog issued by Montgomery Ward & Co. reveals that prices on 70 per cent of the merchandise have been marked up over the previous catalog.

In addition, a special insert contains a "hedge" clause pointing out the possibility of higher prices. "It may be necessary on some items," the insert reads, "to refuse or delay your order, substitute materials or ask for a higher price."

Time-payment terms have been somewhat tightened. On tires and tubes, terms are now 25 per cent cash and the balance in three equal monthly payments, against the former twelve to eighteen months.

Price advances are conspicuous in textiles, sheets and sheeting, shoes, tires, refrigerators, etc.

The "Treasure Chest" sheet now costs \$1.14, against \$1; "Longwear" sheet, 92 against 77c; "Economy" sheet, 83c against 69c. Prices on women's shoes range from 4 to 20c a pair higher. Tire prices average as much as 10 per cent higher, with the biggest percentage gains in the lowest-price competitive casings. Electric refrigerator prices have risen from \$89.95 to \$101.50 on one model, from \$79.95 to \$91.50 on another.

case and eventually impose its decision. . . .

"And thirdly, and perhaps most important, compulsory arbitration gives to a board too much power, entirely too much power. It gives to a board the right to regulate the lives of countless millions of people and it gives to a board the right to regulate hours of labor, conditions of employment and wages; and those three things mean life, life itself, to the workers of this nation. . . ."

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CIO Mobilizes Strength to Defeat Anti-Labor Bills

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can people know whether the duly elected representatives of the whole people are going to be coerced and intimidated into voting against the bill to prevent coercion and intimidation of other Americans."

Through the hysterical misrepresentation of the CIO's campaign by Smith there is revealed the very effective pressure technique used by the CIO.

CIO "Visits" Politicians
Other Washington stories gave further details. President Philip Murray himself called on Roosevelt and demanded the latter call off his dogs in the House and Senate. Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, led the CIO delegation that called on Speaker Rayburn and Representative McCormack, Democratic leader in the House. Kennedy reported the meeting was "very satisfactory."

Yet another CIO committee headed by John Jones, director of Labor's Non-Partisan League, talked with Vice President Henry A. Wallace. Numerous smaller CIO committees visited House members.

Following visits from the CIO, the whole tone of debate in the House changed remarkably. One Congressman, Baldwin of New York, even went so far as to suggest that perhaps "some of the labor unrest was attributable to the profits made by corporations having defense contracts" — not that Baldwin thought for one moment that there was "undue profiteering."

Baldwin named the General Motors Corporation as earning \$978 in profits for each worker; American Telephone & Telegraph, \$725 profit for each worker; U. S. Steel, \$393 each; duPont de Nemours, \$1,340 each; Standard Oil of New Jersey, \$1,620 each, etc.

John L. Lewis, United Miners chief, addressed the CIO conference July 7th which went on record to condemn the anti-labor bills and to hold accountable all congressmen who vote for them. Though Lewis spoke to a closed meeting, news of his talk leaked out to reporters.

Thus the N. Y. Times reported that "Mr. Lewis was reported to have been most vigorous in his denunciation of the President and Mr. Hillman (Sidney Hillman, head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Roosevelt's labor lieutenant—Ed.) for utilizing the Army to break the UAW-CIO strike at the Inglewood, Calif., plant of North American Aviation, Inc., and to have expressed renewed dissatisfaction with the National Defense Mediation Board."

The same account said that

Lewis charged Hillman with responsibility for certification of the soft coal strike to the Mediation Board. Lewis pointed out to the CIO delegates that his Union had obtained a much better settlement with the Southern soft coal operators than that suggested by the Mediation Board.

One of Hillman's cronies, Jacob Potofsky, acting President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in Hillman's absence, sought to defend Roosevelt and Hillman. He claimed Hillman had something to do with the CIO victories over Ford and Bethlehem Steel, and charged Lewis with "playing politics."

CIO Policy

Following the discussion, the CIO conference adopted the following declaration of policy: "Organized labor, under the leadership of the CIO, has made tremendous strides forward in recent years. This onward march is being seriously threatened by repressive and anti-labor bills now pending in Congress. The proposed legislation is aimed at eliminating the right to strike, imposing compulsory arbitration and generally to frustrate organizing efforts among the unorganized workers."

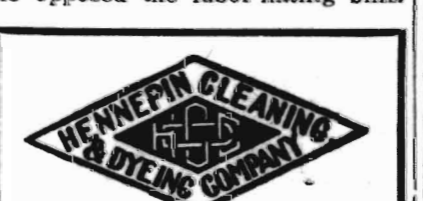
"The delegates of all the national and international unions and organizing committees and State industrial union councils assembled in conference today hereby adopt the following program:

"All pending bills in Congress which curtail in any way the rights of labor, such as the May and Connally bills, the Vinson bill and the Ball bill are severely condemned. Those representatives in Congress who support such legislation must understand that they are assuming a position inimical to organized labor and will be so understood."

The conference adopted further resolutions demanding increased WPA appropriations and opposing increased taxation upon the working people.

Roosevelt Backs Water

In a belated attempt to conceal the fact that it is he, through his strike-breaking actions at the North American Aviation dispute and his behind-the-scenes manipulations, who has been largely responsible for the legislative campaign against the unions, President Roosevelt at the last moment, confronted with the mobilization of CIO power, backtracked and let it be known through the press that he opposed the labor-hating bills.



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The 400,000 WPA workers who have been thrown off their jobs by Roosevelt and Congress can take considerable consolation in the fact that through their sacrifices they are furnishing part of the funds to enable Wall Street to have an army capable of protecting its interests in all parts of the world. It took the yearly jobs of 118,300 WPA workers to buy one 35,000 ton battleship (\$70,000,000).

Here are some other examples of the High Cost of War: 37-millimeter anti-aircraft gun \$20,000 105-millimeter howitzer \$25,000 Medium tank—\$38,500 Heavy bomber—\$350,000 Light bomber—\$135,000 Barrage balloon—\$5,400 8-inch railway gun—\$195,000 16-inch shell and explosives \$1,505 Torpedo—\$8,500.

Roosevelt's statement came only after the CIO delegation had made unmistakably plain its determination to defeat the dangerous legislation.

Labor Needs Own Party
The successful CIO mobilization to defeat the Balls and the Mays furnished only a hint of the political power inherent in organized labor if it but only organize its forces independently of the two old boss parties.

As it is, the CIO can occasionally muster the strength to fight defensive actions of this nature against the boss-controlled Congress. Even so, it is fighting a losing battle, as witness the acceptance by Congress of Roosevelt's plea to slash WPA, and the reactionary tax bills now being debated.

If labor had a political party of its own, it could begin to take the offensive against the bosses, and start rolling up victories on labor's side of the ledger. On the order of the day for the 1942 and 1944 elections is the launching of a national independent labor party.

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Democracy At Work In Georgia

"Democracy is a fine thing the heathens of Europe—don't want any of that democracy around here," was what Governor of the state of Georgia seemed to be telling America this week. On Monday Governor Talmadge succeeded in ousting university dean whom he accused of the crime of advocating racial co-education in the state of the state.

A few weeks ago the board regents of the Georgia state university had voted 8 to 7 to indict Dr. Cocking, dean of the college of education, despite a teacher's testimony that she the dean advocate the white colored students should sit in same classrooms.

Governor Talmadge, a product, blew up when he the news. He promptly asked the resignations of five of the regents. Several resigned and replaced by Southern gent with the "proper" slave attitude towards the Negro. July 14th the new board of regent met and voted, 10 to 5, not employ Dr. Cocking. A new board was placed against Cocking, he had even gone so far as to general racial equality.

The charge resembles placed against Dr. Rockwell the Stassenite board of education in Minnesota.

The crowning touch to the of "Democracy at Work in Georgia" was added by Dean Cocking himself, who stoutly denied he had ever advocated racial equality in or out of the schools.

Unphased by the Georgian side, the nation's rulers continue to whoop it up for the great to establish freedom and democracy on the surface of the Earth.

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North American Strikers Triumph Despite Bayonets

Aircraft Union at Inglewood, California, Wins Its Basic Demand for 75c Minimum, 10c Wage Boost, Overtime, Vacations — After Militancy Shown in Strike, Company Didn't Dare Give Less

The North American Aircraft Corporation workers, fighting at last the benefits of their militant strike, have signed a contract which their paper, the United Automobile Worker, calls "one of the best in the industry." July 1, ten thousand workers, gathered in two gigantic mass meetings for night and day, ratified the new contract unanimously.

While it is argued that this came as the result of arbitration between the union, the company and the National Labor Relations Board, it is obvious that a sweeping victory could not have been won had not the workers themselves demonstrated on the picket line their determination and militancy. The membership of this local was subjected to the severe pressure ever leveled against any group of workers. It is the Federal Government and its troops to finally dislodge and sweep the picket line.

Won Their Demands

Terms of the new contract include a general ten cents an hour increase, starting pay set at \$1.00 per hour, classification into own wage group for all workers.

they will with the dropping off of government orders, a workable seniority agreement must be negotiated. All employees go on the seniority lists after three months employment.

Union Committees

There is to be one chief steward for every 250 men. A five-man plant committee for each shift is recognized as an appeal board on grievances not settled by the stewards. All discharges and other grievances are to be referred to a three-man panel which shall be composed of one representative from the union, one from the company, and one from a list submitted by Dr. John R. Steelman, director of the U. S. Dept. of Labor's Conciliation Service.

The contract will be in force to July 1, 1942. There are several minor provisions which in themselves represent a decisive victory for the workers. For instance, the company can no longer attempt to destroy the militancy of stewards and union representatives by making them foremen.

It is reported, that, as a result of this new contract, the AFL Machineists local at North American is withdrawing from the AFL and joining the CIO in a body.

The UAW-CIO membership in Inglewood, their negotiating committee, and their international union, deserve the praise which is being heaped upon them by the national labor movement for this contract. In itself, the agreement represents two things—the effectiveness of industrial organization, and the bankruptcy of the old craft unionism, represented by the AFL bureaucracy, which is now fighting for its life by covering itself with a blanket of pseudo-patriotism and strangling the life of its member unions with any methods at all—including the use of guns and clubs.

The Soliloquy of Meyer Lewis

(The scene below transpires in a hotel room. Alone, Meyer Lewis, AFL representative who walked out of the fight against 544 to take a job with a West Coast employer, is talking to himself.)

Here am I, back in Minneapolis, sent here by William Green to take up the fight again against the Drivers Union. Six years ago I tried to fight this same union. Now I have no stomach for the fight. I came to Minneapolis in September, 1935, to announce that the American Federation of Labor would open here its national campaign to fight communism. Dan Tobin and I announced that the AFL outlawed 544 forever. Then I had the support of the Citizens Alliance, of the police, of friendly elements in the union movement. Yet I left town defeated.

I cannot see any but the same issue to this fight today. To be sure, Dan has the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to back up his rebaiting. But I have heard that the CIO will stand behind 544. If that is so, will it not be too risky for the government to carry out the plan which it has launched?

(He crosses the room and throws himself down on the bed.)

There comes a crisis in the life of every man when he must decide for himself whether to continue to the end of his days on the path he has taken, or to strike out on a new path.

Here I have this offer from the Flottill cannery, at \$25,000 a year. Shall I grasp this opportunity, accept this haven?

What if I stay with the American Federation of Labor? I really have no faith in the future of this organization, no faith in men like Bill Green, Woll, Tobin, Hutchison.

I know them well. Jack Lewis said he had explored the minds of these men, and found nothing there. That is too true. Life is passing over organization and men of this type. Neither Green nor Tobin has any faith in the future of the AFL. They are demoralized old men.

In 1917 Samuel Gompers, a wise

old man in his way, sold the AFL to the government in return for the government's persecution of the AFL's chief rival, the IWW. But the five million strong CIO is not so vulnerable as the IWW. That possibility is not open today to the AFL.

They are tired men, bewildered by the course of events, hating and fearing these young unskilled workers streaming into the union movement through the CIO. And I am tired, too. For the AFL, I see no future. They have told me they plan no new organizing efforts. They have no faith that they can even hold their own, under stress of the war.

To be docile enough not to draw down the wrath of the employers and the government on our heads—and to be just enough aggressive to win a few cents an hour more, now and then, for the skilled men at the expense of the unskilled. That is the narrow grounds upon which the AFL has sought to stand. And under pressure of both sides, that ground is now disappearing beneath our feet.

Yes, the future of unionism belongs to men of a different stripe—to men like those leading 544. Such men are alien to me. I have no liking for them. Their views are too bold, their aim too far-reaching. They talk of socialism, they seem to mean it, they dream of the day when the world will be so organized that every person will have security, opportunity, a chance at happiness.

To me, that is a mad dream. I shall leave the field to them, to fight it out with the mighty forces that oppose them.

Why, I can accept this job with the cannery and build "socialism" for Meyer Lewis. Why should I care about the rest? I could stay on with Bill Green if I wished. He has promised to take care of me. But why not leave this life of

strife and turmoil, of being in Frisco today, in Minneapolis the next, in Buffalo the next?

Am I, then, a traitor, to the workers' cause? Why, not at all. In my post as labor relations man for the cannery, I can help the toilers by throwing them something here or there.

I'll take the job.

(He crosses to the phone and puts in a long-distance call to William Green.)

Hotel Unions In Revolt at AFL Trickery

Officials of the three AFL Minneapolis locals comprising employees of 14 loop hotels were put right on the spot Sunday evening by an enraged membership meeting of 900 workers determined to win their demands.

These hotel employees, members of the Cooks and Waiters, Miscellaneous Workers, and Bartenders, had drawn up demands for a 15 per cent wage increase. Hotel workers here are paid less than WPA workers. The men received the old run-around from a three-man commission appointed by Governor Stassen. The commission recommended the hotels throw a sop to its employees in the form of a 2 1/2 per cent wage increase for all receiving \$30 or more, and a 5 per cent increase for those receiving less than \$30 weekly. The union strike notice expired Sunday at midnight.

That evening 900 of the 1,500 workers involved met at Pioneer Hall, and were outraged to hear from Al Kilday, business agent of the Bartenders Union Local 152, that ON JUNE 13TH he had received a letter from the International rejecting the men's strike vote. When members stormily demanded to know why Kilday hadn't notified them before of the strike ban, Kilday weakly replied the international had told him to keep the news from the membership until the last moment.

CIO Sentiment Strong

The meeting was in a turmoil. From every side arose cries: "Let's go to the CIO." "Traitors, double-crossers."

Despite efforts of Kilday, the meeting voted unanimously to strike. It appeared that some of the officers of the unions involved were collaborating with Kilday against the memberships.

The meeting set up a committee to phone International President Flore and demand he withdraw his strike ban. The committee finally reached the evasive Flore at 7:30 Monday morning, only to receive an unsatisfactory answer.

The militant attitude of the membership forced the employers' negotiating committee to resume negotiations with the union. It was rumored that International officials, confronted with a united membership determined to win their demands even if it meant expulsion from the International, had backed down and agreed to approve a strike.

There was several things you could say for war: War gave the workers guns, and taught them to use them; how would it be if some day they turned these guns about and fought their own battle?—UPTON SINCLAIR, JIMMY HIGGINS.

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544-CIO Proves Case to Hilt At Blair Election Hearings

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among the city's motor transport drivers grows.

The AFL, though it continues to try to hold section meetings and to negotiate with the employers, only testifies anew to its failure to understand and meet the problems of the men and the industry.

One cement block driver who attended the AFL meeting said, "After attending that meeting, I KNOW I want to be CIO." He told how one fink in the meeting complained that wages were too high, a complaint received sympathetically by the Tobin organizers. The more meetings the AFL holds, the more men sign up in the CIO.

On every side now one hears workers exclaim: "We should have gone CIO long ago."

Union Warns Employers

Local 544-CIO this week mailed a communication to the chairman of all the major employer groups and their labor relation men, and to those individual companies not represented in group negotiations, warning the bosses anew that the nation's courts have handed down decisions, in cases very similar to that of 544-CIO, upholding the right of the union to represent the men.

Text of the letter, signed by Kelly Postal, union secretary-treasurer, follows:

"We want to remind you again that Motor Transport and Allied Industrial Union Local 544-CIO has been designated as their collective bargaining agent by a majority of the employees, working for the employers whom you represent.

"During the past several weeks hearings have been conducted by Alfred P. Blair, state labor conciliator, upon our petitions for secret elections to determine by whom the men want to be represented. Our membership cards and representation petitions would warrant us in asking the conciliator to certify our Union as the representative of the employees working for the employers whom you represent. Nevertheless we believe that the men should have the opportunity to secretly select their collective bargaining agent. That is why we are

pressing for the earliest possible elections.

"Please understand that in this interim, any contract you might sign with a union which is later turned down by the men will be attacked with all the vigor at our command once our union is certified.

"In this connection we believe you will be interested in a very recent decision of the National Labor Relations Board, the case of Vincent Steel Process Company and International Union et al. (32 NLRBB 158), decided June 21, 1941.

"Closed shop contracts between company and nationally-affiliated Union constitutes no bar to representation proceedings where company has knowledge of rival nationally-affiliated unions' claim prior to signing of contract and prior to date when original contract to which it was supplementary automatically renewed itself."

"Our attorneys also advise us that the National Labor Relations Board and the State Labor Relations Board have made repeated rulings of identical effect. As typical illustrations, they refer to National Distillers Products Corporation appearing in Volume 7, Labor Relations Reporter, page 525 and the case of Inasuline Corporation of America appearing at Volume 7, Labor Relations Reporter, page 465."

Vote 544-CIO

When the elections are granted, as they must be, we know the eligible workers will stand as one and vote for honest unionism, for union democracy, for industrial unionism, for Local 544-CIO.

Study the ten reasons why you should vote for Local 544-CIO. Think of the benefits you have won through your union in the past years, think of the progressive changes wrought by your union since 1934, think of your responsibility as union men to defend and uphold decent unionism and the rights of free men.

Sailors Union Protests Wage Cuts by U. S. Army

The United States Army Transport service is taking over Pacific Coast ships, converting them into army transports and carriers, and in ALL cases replacing union crews with non-union crews at scab wages, the Sailors Union of the Pacific has protested to Emory S. Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission.

"The U. S. Army transport service is today engaged in a wage-cutting practice which will have a far-reaching effect on present conditions established for seamen," the union told Land.

"For years our union has had contracts with private operators for these ships, and certain wages and overtime and working conditions were set by stipulation and regulated. Now comes the Army transport service and runs these ships and puts into effect wage scales and conditions far below the standard set on the Pacific Coast."

The union charges that the Army action violates the pledge of President Roosevelt that "under no circumstances would social gains obtained by the workers be jeopardized by the defense program."

The Sailors Union is one of the few AFL unions that hasn't laid down completely in the face of the government's war program.

The union protest involves ships, formerly privately operated and manned by SUP crews, now engaged in carrying supplies and cargo for the Army between the States and Alaska. Crews on these vessels "are paid way below the current scale paid by private operators in that run for the same work," the union told Chairman Land.

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Important To Delinquent 544 Members and to The Unorganized

Having completed the move from the AFL into the CIO, the Minneapolis Local 544, CIO, wishes to start off with a clean slate.

The union executive board therefore has moved to accept for reinstatement into Local 544, CIO, all members who have become delinquent in dues under the old set-up. Reinstatement can be effected by the payment of the current month's dues of \$2.00.

Members and other workers not hitherto members of Local 544 may also join Local 544, CIO, simply by paying the current month's dues of \$2.00.

Until further notice this decision will remain in effect.

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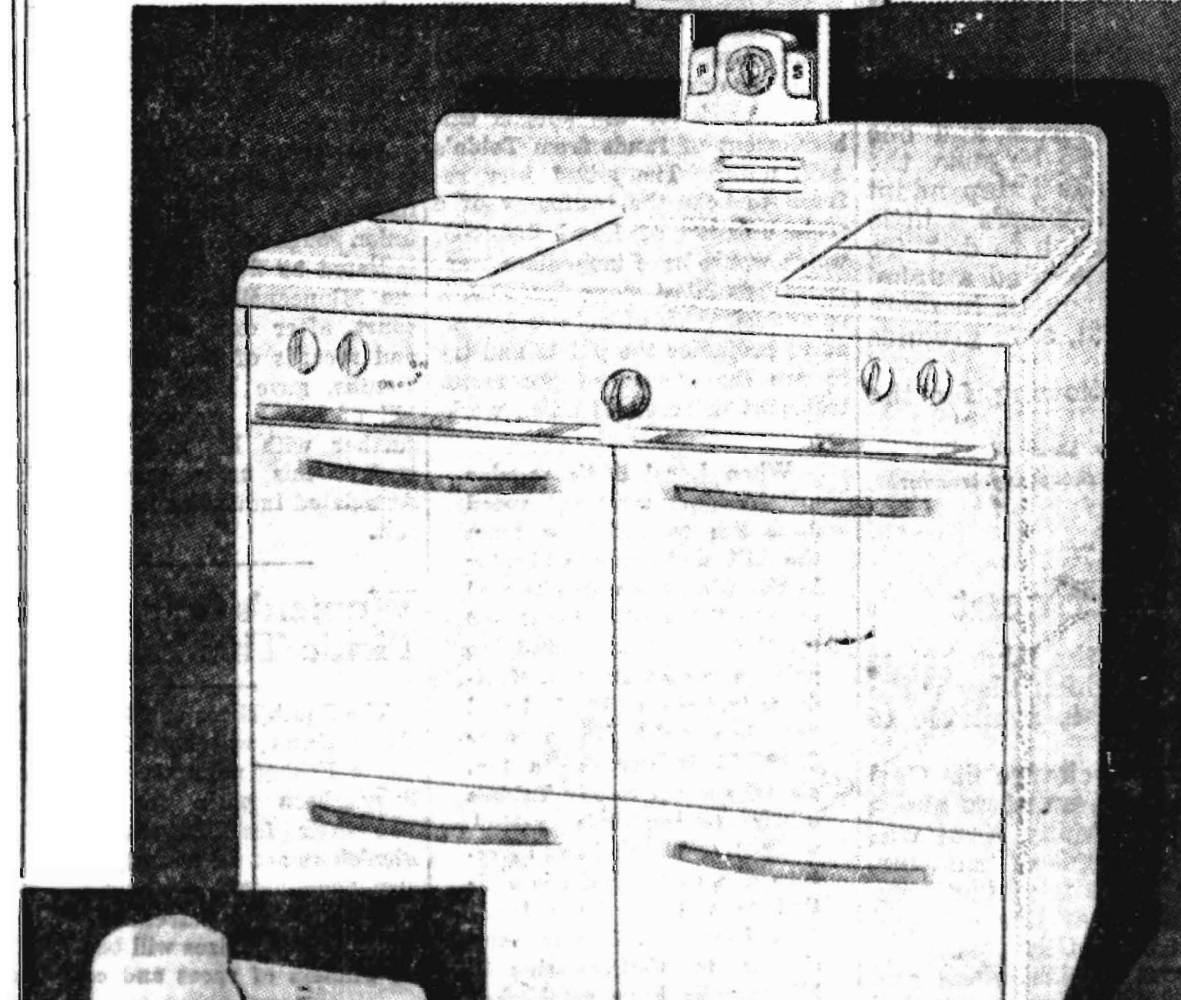


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Why Tobin Fights the Elections

Over one month has passed since the regular June membership meeting of Local 544 voted overwhelmingly to disaffiliate from Tobin's union and join the CIO.

The record of both Local 544-CIO and of Tobin's forces since that date is crystal clear, for all workers to see and understand.

From the very first day, Local 544-CIO has demanded and fought for democratic industry-wide secret elections where the workers themselves can decide their choice of union bargaining agent.

From the very first day, Tobin and his agents have stubbornly and bitterly, through the most violent and unprincipled methods, resisted this democratic demand for secret elections.

WHY?

Local 544-CIO has demanded elections because this union knows the motor transport and allied workers of this city, has faith in them, and is confident that this union will win the elections hands down.

Tobin KNOWS that such a fate awaits him. Tobin KNOWS that in a show-down such as an election will constitute, that the drivers will have a chance to register freely their honest convictions about Tobin's vicious and brutal brand of bureaucratic unionism. Tobin knows he faces defeat in the elections. And Tobin is looking beyond that. And what he sees frightens him half to death.

The elections will establish before all people the right of Local 544-CIO to represent the motor transport and allied workers of this city. This will not only be a triumph for Local 544 and the Minneapolis drivers. It will be a triumph for clean and modern industrial unionism, as represented by the CIO.

Even better than we, Tobin knows that his dictatorship over the organized drivers of America is crumbling in hundreds of cities and towns. A bureaucrat like Tobin cannot function in the union movement for 35 years without provoking the hatred of hundreds of thousands of honest workers devoted to democratic union principles.

Today, these drivers, all over the nation, have their eyes keenly set on Minneapolis. A new hope is springing up in their breasts. In every roadside "coffee-and" where the drivers relax and chin a bit, the big question is being anxiously debated: "Will 544 be able to beat old man Tobin?" Active members and officers of the Teamsters Union from New York to California are discussing this struggle and looking for ways to help 544 beat Tobin.

With the elections held and Local 544-CIO's triumph recorded, the drivers of this nation will surge towards the CIO with the irresistible power of a river that has overflowed its banks.

Tobin's whole imposing apparatus will unravel with terrifying speed. A few old men will be left in Indianapolis, with no one to represent. They will have their illusions and a fat union treasury—and nothing else.

When that day comes, as come it will, it will be a day for the workers of America to celebrate. It will be as important a day to the workingclass of people as the day the CIO was founded by the industrial unions.

Every act of Tobin's since June 9th shows that this dictator from Indianapolis is aware of the fate in store for him, that he is throwing caution to the winds, disregarding every principle of decent unionism, recklessly flinging out to preserve his power and privileges.

As in the unfolding of the classic tragedies of old Tobin is rushing to meet his fate, fighting with the only weapons he knows how to use, grasping at every straw. In this fight, Tobin, a life-long Democrat and member of the national committee of the Democratic Party, is not averse to allying himself with the Republican politicians in the Minneapolis courthouse and the state capitol. He is not averse to conniving with the employers, with the police, with the FBI, that American Gestapo. Any weapon and any person or organization, no matter how anti-labor, just as it will permit itself to be used in the fight against Local 544 and the CIO.

Tuesday Tobin played his trump card. Moving through his political friend, President Roosevelt, Tobin drew indictments for "restitutionary conspiracy" from the St. Paul federal grand jury, against the leadership of Local 544-CIO. Tobin resorts even to this hated weapon of oppression borrowed from Czarist Russia, to defeat the honest men and women of Minneapolis.

Will Tobin's trump card win for him? Can't we answer: Union principles say no. The CIO says no. Every liberal in America concerned with civil liberties and workers' rights says no.

Tobin will fail. The Tobin brand of ineffective, boss-minded, corrupt and dictatorial craft unionism will fade from the American scene. In its place will arise a new unionism—honest, militant, industrial, powerful. A new day will dawn for the workers of this mighty nation.

AFL Organizers Quit, Join Bosses

The Duluth Labor World reported last week that AFL organizer Meyer Lewis, in Minneapolis on a special assignment from William Green in connection with 544, has resigned to accept a position as manager of a West Coast cannery.

The same paper reports that Frank Fenton, director of organization for the AFL, has resigned to accept a position with a distillery company.

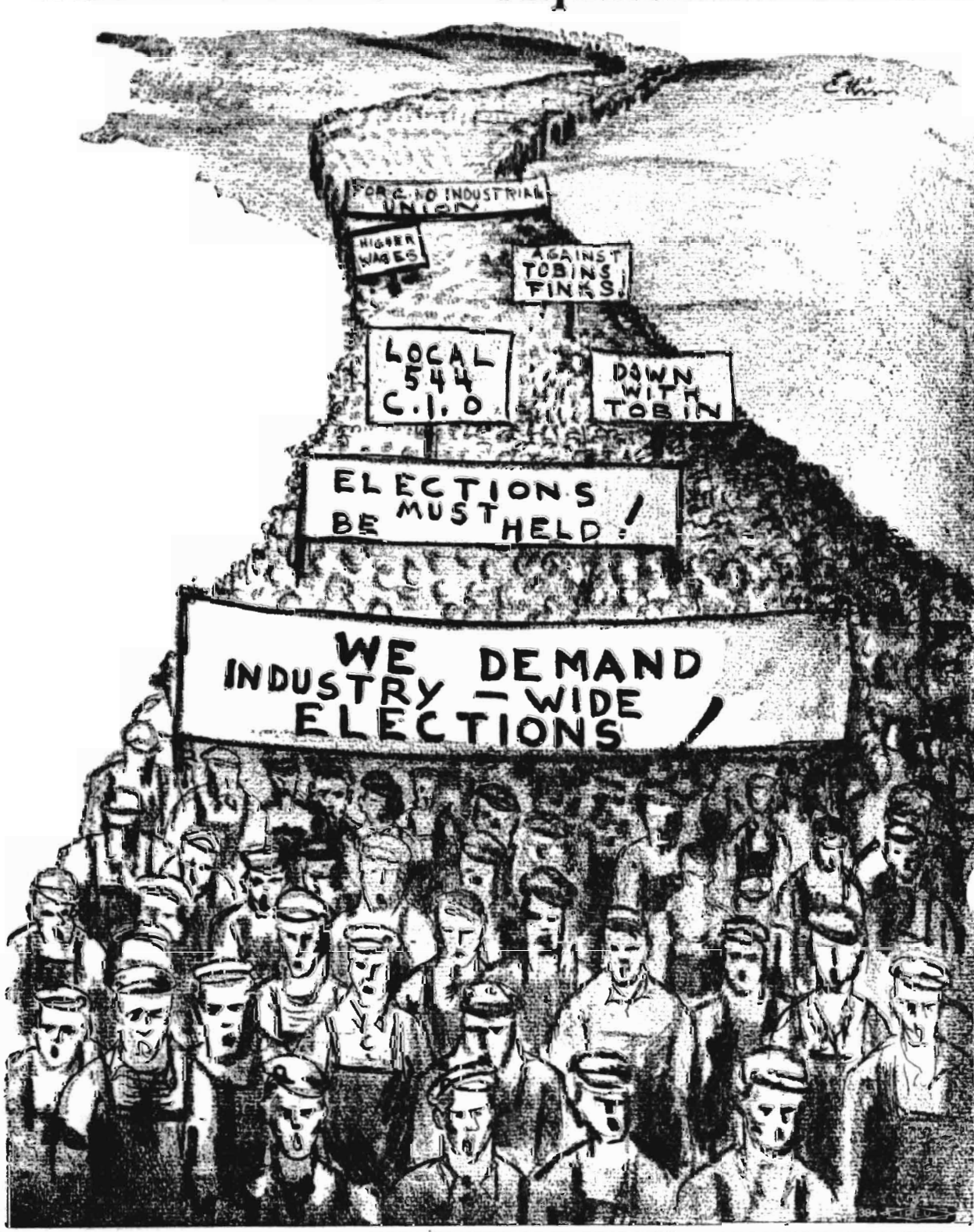
The Toledo AFL paper further reported last week that AFL Organizer Frank Dillon has sent his resignation to Green, to take the "labor relations post" with Seagram's distillery.

These three resignations of top AFL organizers, all within one week, disclose several significant facts about the American Federation of Labor.

The top organizers of the American Federation of Labor, those most closely identified with the reactionary craft-union war on industrial unionism, would hardly resign if they retained any faith in the future of the AFL, or of the kind of unionism sponsored by the AFL. When a trio of AFL Big Shots jump overboard at this stage, it resembles all too closely a picture of rats leaving a leaky vessel.

Had the AFL executive council any intention of conducting any serious organization work, it is probable it

The Drivers' Own Aquatennial Parade



would have gone to considerable lengths to prevent its organizing staff from being disrupted, as it must be by the resignation of Lewis, Fenton and Dillon.

What is likely is that the executive council has spread the fact that it means to roll over and play dead in the face of the war crisis confronting the country. So far as the AFL top leadership is concerned, it doesn't want workers "stirring up trouble" by organizing and demanding wage increases to meet the war prices.

That leading AFL organizers should find it an easy matter to step into fat jobs with the employers should surprise no participant in the labor movement. The AFL top leadership has always been a good deal closer to the bosses than it has to the workers. Each of the three, through his activities in crushing union militancy, preventing union organization and jamming loose agreements down the throats of the workers, has no doubt earned many times over his right to a juicy job with the bosses.

One of the great aims of every honest unionist concerned with the future and effectiveness of the labor movement must be to help rid the movement of the type of labor leader who would even consider deserting the workers' cause to join the enemy camp. There have been all too many labor states who look upon the union movement only as a stepping stone to cushy jobs with the employers or to political advancement. The answer the Fentons and Dillons leave the movement—whether by resignation or by being booted out—the better it will be for organized labor.

Raw Deal Reaches the Salad Course

In the middle of June Raw Deal Neal, Mr. Tobin's dictatorial receiver, came to Minneapolis and set himself down to the Teamsters Joint Council table for dinner. Despite increasing animosity on the part of the local drivers, Raw Deal continues to sip, to gnaw, to wipe his greasy fingers on the best table linen, and to hellow for more food.

He has gone through the meat course and the fish course. He has swallowed 544 and 545. With a flutulent sigh, he has now arrived at the salad course—the Ice Drivers Union.

Last Friday he pulled the salad before him and began to stuff. To be precise, he announced that Tobin had appointed him receiver of Local 221.

Naturally, elections had to be held. The love ballot was cast—by Raw Deal Neal. Raw Deal voted for three independent truck owners, three day laborers and one of Tobin's imports at the seventh man. To be sure, the Teamsters International constitution forbids independent truck owners to sit as union officers. But what's a little constitutional when Tobin and Neal have a job to do? To be sure, one of Neal's appointees hasn't attended a union meeting in 11 years, and is months' delinquent in dues. But what are union principles to Raw Deal, save grounds for expulsion from the I.B.T.?

Raw Deal is still hungry. He's hallowing for the pastry dish.

P. S. We forgot to record a side note: Raw Deal disposed of the Camb Drivers Union has a new chairman and secretary-treasurer. His name is Harold Seaver.

The "Conspiracy" Indictment

One of the foulest legal weapons that the labor-haters possess is the "conspiracy" indictments, which they wield against unionists when no other weapon is available to attack them.

Latest victim of the "conspiracy" charge is Carl Keul, international representative of the Teamsters and a leader of the Des Moines union. On Tuesday Keul was sentenced to three years in prison on charges of "conspiring" to ruin the business of a Des Moines trucking firm. In previous issues the Northwest Organizer has exposed and denounced the fraudulent nature of this frame-up, brought by a vicious labor-hating boss against Keul and four other unionists. Now Judge Ladd has overruled the motion by union attorneys for a new trial, and has sentenced Keul.

Does the fact that the head of Keul's International has connived with the FBI and the Department of Justice and President Roosevelt, to cook up a "conspiracy" indictment against Local 544-CIO, change our opinion about the Keul case?

NOT ON YOUR LIFE.

Carl Keul is the victim of a rotten frame-up, the

Thoughts While Reading The Minnesota Teamster

From the shrill noise Casey's Minnesota Teamster makes, a fellow would get the idea that the property of Local 544 belonged to Daniel J. Tobin. However, 544's board has the crazy notion that 544's property belongs to the membership that donated it, and that specifically instructed and authorized the officers to defend it, and that Tobin isn't entitled to a plug nickel. 544-CIO will continue to protect the union property from Tobin.

So Casey dares to bring up the organizational expenses credited to Farrell Dobbs. Now that's dangerous—for the Caseys. Those expenses were incurred by Dobbs in furthering the organization of over-road drivers. Local 544, exactly like many other locals in the 11-state area, put up the money for this work because they were determined to bring the benefits of unionism to the over-road men. It was these local unions who carried the ball in the over-road campaign. Dan Tobin sat on his fat treasury in Indianapolis, and didn't even deign to give official recognition to the Union Area Committee until the job was done and the first contract signed.

And Casey wants to bring up the losses 544 made to various stewards. Fair enough, Casey. The stewards who owe 544 money are found in the ranks of the Guislings. You make a lot of noise, Casey, and tell a lot of lies, but you just don't know the score.

Casey says that the 544 CIO leadership would please Pegler. But Pegler has already publicly taken a position on this dispute—on the side of Tobin and Holy Joe and Raw Deal. Facts are stubborn things.

Casey feigns horror at the fact that 544 paid its leaders a salary of \$50 a week. That is horrible to Holy Joe, who drags down many times that amount on Tobin's payroll.

"As soon as the trusteeship has ended, an election of new officers will be held," croaks Raw Deal. Sure, sure, sure. Only the records show that once Tobin gets his foul hooks on a union, union democracy is done for. Red O'Laughlin should be able to present interesting testimony on this point.

MOVIE DEPT. I still say the best film ever made was "The Informer."

Raw Deal's dente it again. He's "elected" a new board, this time for the ghost of the Warehouse Union. A production: Before Raw Deal gets over his election jig, there's going to be an awful lot of unfamiliar faces at the Teamsters Joint Council meeting. But they'll represent precious few union workers.

Two issues of the Minnesota Teamster, the spiritual successor to the Twin City Reporter—and still no explanation as to why Tobin and his Guislings oppose secret democratic elections among the drivers for a bargaining agent. Casey's got Tobin's bankroll, and the FBI cops and the Committee of 99—but 544-CIO has the membership. The state labor board hearings show that.

Casey's running mate, Meyer Lewis, has thrown up the sponge and decided to take his cut directly from the boss. Smart man, Meyer. He remembers the beating we gave him in 1935—and he knows we are going to win this battle, too. Casey's papers didn't carry any news on Meyer's desertion. Speak up, Holy Joe. And make it good.

Old man Near, publisher of the old Twin City Reporter and Saturday Press, must have over in his grave with envy at the Star Banged copper-hearted street rat out by Casey. Casey's got an angle Near never thought of—putting the union label on a sheet aimed at wrecking the spearhead of unionism.

Under the pounding from Tobin's imported agents, the Teamsters Council has moved so far off the union base already that it is issuing blank checks to the labor-hating Kluge. Witness Davidson's "happy" pledge of support to Kluge. Not a word about Kluge's appointment of a company cop as chief of police.

The FBI has now admitted to planted men in Local 544 as agents provocateur (provocative agents). It would be extremely interesting today to know just what these undercover FBI agents are doing to disrupt the union and unionism in Minneapolis. Some day THAT story will come out, too. And Tobin's going to have a lot of explaining to do to the workings of this nation.

The Minnesota Teamster may boast of the "NEW ORDER" created here by "General President Tobin." We are not joking, you'll find it in the editorial on page eight of Casey's rag.

By God, the Indianapolis

On the National Picket Line

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The men may be used in the arm of the forces remaining. What fate this remainder of the bill will meet in the Senate still remains to be seen. But if Representative [Name] wants to holler about "squads" from the CIO in attack against the lopping of the anti-labor sections of the May Bill, I wonder who he is going to call the parents of the diabolism when they descend upon the Senate in position to this part of the bill?

The action of the CIO relative Conference in bringing down its wrath upon the Administration has received the unanimous support of every CIO union in the country, including Curran's National Marine Union.

Another victory for CIO in the legislative arena was the defeat of the Administration's Wipe Tapping Bill. The vote which defeated the measure was 149-109. This measure was the federal government's attempt to slash the federal budget by 20% against unions and other union members. As it is, it is still perfectly lawful for any of Hoover's boys to tap your wires and listen in on your telephone conversations. But evidence thus furnished is not permitted for admission in court. However, there is much up for information garnered in this manner.

FBI head J. Edgar Hoover admitted in a congressional hearing last year that he "supplies" major job employers of criminal subversive records of potential employees. (our emphasis) Thus Hoover can keep employment posted as the union activities of their employees, supplying a wide black list for the bosses.

The Administration's inactivity in this bill is shown clearly in Roosevelt's statement at the time it was introduced that "he favored" the issue of wire tapping in the interests of national defense. The bill itself was introduced by the Attorney General and the Department of Justice, was drafted by Alexander Holbrook, legal advisor to FBI.

It was planned to slip the issue through congress with publicity or fanfare, in order organized labor would not time to gather its forces for opposition. But the CIO and the Non-Partisan League saw the action soon enough to block it with strong representation committees.

From Oakfield, N. Y., news that the management of United States Gypsum Company has given notice that General County will be held responsible for any damage caused by "ing employees" because, crime company, insufficient police protection has been provided plant during the two-week strike-wide strike called by CIO United Mine Workers U. The strike was called after union negotiations committee been turned down flatly in demand for a wage increase for workers from 62 1/2 to 100 hour.

Having the Spirit of 1934
dictator is even beginning TALK like Hitler.

544-CIO Statement Hits Indictments Of County Jury

Tobin's Agents Connive with Grand Jury for Indictments Entitled to Nothing from Union Save Contempt—Union Membership Had Instructed Officers to Conserve Union Property from Eremies—Tobin's Fink Swits as Foul as the Bestest Fink Suit

The Hennepin County grand jury indictment of Miles Dunne and Kelly Postal for alleged "embezzlement" is "another trick of Tobin's designed to prejudice the public and try to sap the morale of the motor transport drivers and allied workers," the executive board of Local 544-CIO charged Tuesday in a public statement.

Pointing out that Tobin is neither legally nor morally entitled to a penny of the union's properties, the statement points out that the union membership had specifically instructed its leaders to protect the union property and prevent it falling into the hands of union enemies.

The June 26th regular membership meeting wherein over four thousand voted unanimously to leave the AFL and join the CIO also passed a motion instructing the officers to take all necessary steps to defend the union's property.

Full text of the 544-CIO board statement follows:

Through the connivance of Tobin's agents the Hennepin county grand jury has returned indictments against Miles Dunne and Kelly Postal for the alleged embezzlement of funds from Tobin's AFL union. The grand jury refused to hear the testimony of a representative of Local 544-CIO, which would have immediately exposed this latest move for what it is, another trick of Tobin's designed to prejudice the public and try to sap the morale of the motor transport drivers and allied workers.

When Local 544's regular membership meeting voted June 9th to withdraw from the AFL and accept a charter in the CIO, the union turned over to Tobin all the property to the AFL. Charter and the 100-day per capita tax. Incidentally, since 1926 Local 544 has paid Tobin over \$1,567,000 in per capita tax, almost enough to pay Tobin's salary during this period, without receiving back in return one cent. Tobin is entitled to nothing from Local 544. Legal decisions in cases similar to that existing in Minneapolis have established that the property of the union belongs to the membership. The membership of Local 544 has voted to join the CIO and

has shown in numerous ways that it means to stick to that decision.

Under Membership Instructions The union membership specifically instructed its leaders, and ordered and authorized them to take all necessary steps to conserve the union's property and prevent it falling into the hands of union enemies. The leaders of Local 544-CIO will account for every cent to the union membership, as they have always done.

"The \$2,500 check to 'cash' referred to in the indictment was drawn for this purpose. The \$1,000 cashier's check was made out a year ago during the first fink suit, for the same purpose, to assure that upon funds could not be tied up in legal procedure.

This union has had experience with suits and legal actions of this nature. For over three years our union fought a similar case against the Minneapolis employers. The case, after examining the books and records of the union for six months, gave Local 544 a clean bill of health. Tobin will get no further with his new fink suits against this union than did the Associated Industries in his earlier suit.

Women's Coop Guild Picnic This Friday

The South Minneapolis Women's Coop Guild will hold its annual picnic Friday noon, July 18th, at Powderhorn park, for members and their families and friends. Picnickers are asked to bring their own noon picnic lunch. Cups for coffee and other refreshments will be furnished. Prizes will be awarded winners of races and contests.

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"conspiracy" indictment against the Des Moines unionists is a fake from top to bottom, and it is the duty and responsibility of every union man and woman to help defend the remaining indicted unionists and to denounce the "conspiracy" frame-up.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

July 4, 1941—Sausage, Petroleum	July 24, 1941—Transfer, Warehouse and Wholesale Drug
July 5, 1941—Greenhouse and Independent Truck Owners	July 25, 1941—Cold Storage Produce
July 7, 1941—Package Delivery and Department Store	July 28—Spring Water
July 8, 1941—Lumber	Beneficiary Committee meets Tuesdays at 7 p. m.
July 9, 1941—Market and Wholesale Liquor	Grievance Committee meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p. m.
July 11, 1941—Wholesale Grocery	All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
July 14, 1941—General Membership	
July 17, 1941—Text and Sewing Societies, 10 A. M. Ways and Means, I.P.O.	
July 18, 1941—Stewards	
July 21, 1941—Furniture, Coal, Paper and Printing	
July 22, 1941—Building Material	