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HOOK-UP SHOWN BETWEEN LAW LEAGUE, GRAND JURY

DRIVE NOW ON TO ORGANIZE CITY DRIVERS

City and Sanitary Union Will
Stage Drive in All
Departments

School, Water and Park
Truckers Are Not in
the Union

City and Sanitary Drivers Union announces the start of an organizing campaign which has as its object the unionization of all drivers employed by the City of Minneapolis. The union, at the present time, has no members in the Board of Education, Water Department or Park Board. These three departments of the city employ almost 200 drivers. Indications are that all drivers employed by the Park Department will be in the Sanitary Union before the week is out. Water works and school drivers who have been approached by the union officials have said that they are eager to become members of the union covering their craft. Regular meetings of the City and Sanitary Union are held on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Back Pay Secured At Kinkad May Co.

Back pay to the extent of \$47.20 was collected for Ed Norton from the Kincaid May company by union representatives last week. Norton, who was discharged by the Kincaid Company after the strike, was paid off at the old rate of pay instead of the new union scale. The difference amounted to the above sum.

William Jones Meets Death

William Jones, member of General Drivers Union, employed as a driver at the National Tea Company, met a horrible death Sunday when burned to death in his car on the Sixth Ave. N. road, along with a woman companion. Both were the victims of a hit-and-run driver who, after striking Jones' car, fled the scene of the accident, leaving both occupants of the car to a flaming death. Jones was buried at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Roselawn cemetery.

Bill Schwie Gets Gun at National Tea Co. Blowout

Members of the General Drivers Union employed at the National Tea company held a victory party at the Glenwood Chalet Saturday evening. About 150 members of the union attended. There were games, dancing, music and all sorts of entertainment. A splendid lunch was served at 11 p. m. Phil's Tavern, a union house, located on Lake street, provided over \$15 worth of door prizes. The highlight of the evening came when Bill Schwie, union steward at National was presented with a 12 gauge Browning automatic shotgun. This wonderful gift is testimony to the efficient manner in which Brother Schwie has carried out his duties as a union steward. The gift came as a complete surprise to Bill and he wishes to express his thanks to his fellow workers at the National Tea through the columns of the Organizer.

GAMBLE ROBB. MEN HIT BOSS IN ONE HOUR

Discharged Men Returned to
Work After Short
Strike

The Tuesday strike at Gamble Robinson company lasted only two hours. The refusal of the company to reinstate two discharged employees led to the short walk-out. The two men involved, one a driver the other a platform man, were let out several days ago.

Investigation by union officials revealed the fact that both men were discharged out of seniority and without enough justification. The union demanded that the men be returned to work pending a hearing by the employer and Local 544. When the employer refused to comply with the union request the strike followed.

Tuesday morning at 5 a. m. the employees refused to enter the plant. After a conference with the employers it was agreed that the driver be taken back and the standing of the platform worker be determined by a vote taken by his fellow workers. When the ballots were counted it was found that the discharge of the inside man was confirmed by a ballot of all platform men employed by the company.

The men returned to work at 9:30 a. m.

Twin City Joint Action Committee Sends Letter To All Twin City Unions

Urge Co-operation and Support From All
Labor Organizations to the End that
Joint Action Can Be Taken

To St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, to all Trades District Councils and to the Secretaries of all Local Unions in St. Paul and Minneapolis:

GREETINGS:

The activities of the past two years have brought about a rapid growth in the Twin City Trade Union Movement and with the outcome of the last elections, both in the state and in the nation, there will be a new growth of unionism and together with it a more vigorous and desperate campaign by the employers to stop this rising tide of organization.

It will, therefore, be necessary to bring about the greatest degree of harmony between the various local unions and between the unions of St. Paul and Minneapolis as a group. We must have a common aim, a common objective and we must use our joint energies for the mutual gain of all workers in the Twin Cities. This necessitates a very close working

contact between the two cities and requires a clear understanding of each group's present circumstances and immediate problems in addition to a complete agreement on the perspective for the future.

The Business Representatives of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Local Unions have discussed this question in several joint sessions and have created the Twin City Joint Action Committee of Organized Labor for the purpose of taking up the actual work necessary to be done to bring about this harmony in action. The committee seeks to accomplish three things:

1. We seek to obtain accurate information about the present Twin City Wage Scale and Working Conditions, and to use this information for the purpose of bringing the lower wage scales and inadequate working conditions up to a proper level so that uniform pay and conditions are enjoyed both in Minneapolis and St. Paul in your trade. This program will defeat the present campaign of the employers to reduce wages by taking advantage of the contradictory scales between the two cities.

2. We recognize the difficulties which have sometimes resulted from different dates on contracts with employers, and we hope to

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C. L. U. BODY HITS OUT AT GRAND JURY

Resolution Accuses Law and
Order League of Jury
Tampering

Dinner Given for Grand Jury
Draws Fire of Central
Union

The Wednesday meeting of the Central Labor Union saw action taken by that body which may have a far reaching effect upon the Grand Jury system. A resolution, introduced by the Teamsters Joint Council, called for the dismissal of the present Grand Jury on the grounds that they had been unduly influenced by the Hennepin County chapter of the Law and Order league.

Reports in the public press showed that the present jury had been entertained at dinners on two occasions by the Law and Order league. This organization has been shown in the past to be an out-and-out anti-union, anti-labor set-up. Their hatred for the organized labor movement has been shown by their attitude in strikes and by the position they have taken on every question affecting the working class.

It is an open secret that they have been openly conniving with the present Grand Jury. The paternalism exhibited for the Grand Jury by the Law and Order league should be an alarm signal for the local labor movement. It means that fake investigations of the labor unions will be attempted and

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Supplemental Coal, Raise in Relief Won by Labor Action

Supplemental coal is being delivered. Increases for single men from 40c a day to 60c a day and a 10 per cent increase on the grocery budgets for the direct relief clients, held up by the board since its last meeting, was finally passed by the Board at the special meeting Tuesday, Dec. 1. These gains were made by the pressure exerted by the organized labor movement led by the Federal Workers Section.

I. S. Joseph attempted to play the usual buck-passing game by conjuring up the millions of dollars necessary for the Minneapolis relief budget, but his opposition was squelched when the Federal Workers' representative pointed out that it was not a matter of millions of dollars but an increase of 10c a day for direct relief clients. This combined with the splendid support of the Central Labor Union delegates made possible the gains for the single men and the direct relief clients. This is only the beginning for a fight to obtain a decent standard of living for the needy unemployed.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Twin City Joint Action Committee Sends Letter To All Twin City Unions

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recommend a plan whereby joint action will be possible, when necessary, between the St. Paul and Minneapolis Unions in the same trade.

3. We plan to promote by education a correct understanding of this problem and the proper basis for its solution.

There are two things which you, as a local union, may immediately do to help further this program.

1. Write to the undersigned secretary of our committee and assure us of your support in this program. Send us a copy of your present contract with the employers. If you have no contract, give us full information on the present rate of pay, hours of work and understanding of working conditions in your trade.

2. Send a representative from your Union to the meetings of the Board of Business Agents which are held weekly. For information on the date and place of these meetings, contact the Labor Temple in St. Paul or the Central Labor Union in Minneapolis.

We trust that you will immediately recognize the urgent need for a program of this kind and that you will give your full cooperation in a common effort to raise and make uniform the Twin City wage scale and working conditions. We will appreciate an early reply so that we may immediately begin active work.

Fraternal Yours,
TWIN CITY JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE OF ORGANIZED LABOR
By J. B. Bosco, Chairman
By Herbert Griesbach, Secretary

The committee requests that each local union and central body contribute \$1 to the committee to assist in defraying expenses connected with this work.

Meat Row Bosses Form Committee

Employers on the meat row who had refused to meet with representatives of General Drivers Union have now indicated that they are willing to select a committee to represent the industry and meet with the union for the purpose of discussing a union agreement covering conditions of drivers, helpers and platform men employed in the wholesale meat industry. This committee, however, will not have the authority to represent the so-called Big Five packers. They have continued in their refusal to meet with Local 544.

Building Laborers Report Rat Drivers

The Building Laborers Union report that finks are hauling granite on the new Woolworth building. This project is a 100 per cent union job. Proper co-operation between various unions on the job should prevent a thing like this from taking place.

Prompt reports, of a member of any union, to Drivers headquarters will put an end to union building tradesmen having to accept non-union deliveries on a union job.

LOCAL 160 MEETING SCHEDULE	
Dec. 1—	Stewards Board.
Dec. 2—	Membership Meeting.
Dec. 8—	Executive Board.
Dec. 15—	Stewards.
Dec. 15—	Executive Board.
Dec. 16—	Membership Meeting.
Dec. 22—	Executive Board.
Dec. 29—	Executive Board.

Non-Union Drivers Peddle F-L Paper At St. Paul Temple

Non-union delivery of material by a printing firm to the Minnesota Leader, Farmer-Labor state publication, was brought under fire of criticism when the question was raised in the St. Paul Trades and Labor assembly. Action was taken by the central body to check the evil.

The delegates from the St. Paul General Drivers No. 120 raised the question and stated deliveries had been made under protection of local police.

Unable to force the publication to insure delivery with union drivers, the issue was brought out in the central body and a sharp debate followed from printing, driving and other representatives.

The assembly selected a committee to contact the publication and force employment of union drivers. Proper punitive measures were provided in the event the paper did not comply with trade union demands.

Sanitary Union Holds Elections

The regular yearly election of officers of the City and Sanitary Drivers Union will be held in the month of December. Nominations will take place at the first meeting on December 4, and elections will be held on the 18th. All members are requested to attend these two important meetings.

Yellow Notes

Congratulations are in order to Bob Carlson, the painter. He is the father of a new born babe that arrived a week ago last Thursday.

Edson decided to take another trip on the marital seas and tied the knot again last Saturday.

There are two types of criticism. "Constructive" criticism and "destructive" criticism. "Constructive" criticism helps to build an organization. "Destructive" criticism destroys. Let's specialize in the "constructive" type all through the whole organization and keep the "destructive" type at a minimum.

The hearing on the independent's request for more cab licenses was postponed for two weeks. It ought to have been postponed for two years instead of two weeks.

They say miracles do happen once in awhile. Chester Anderson showed up for work on time last Sunday morning. What's the matter, Chester? Did your wife kick you out of bed?

"The Chief" and "The Barker" stepped out one night not long ago. Before they got through, they didn't know which one was "The Chief" and which was "The Barker."

Our big boss, Masters, has returned from his trip to Rochester for a medical examination. From the reports of the course of treatment that was prescribed, it is evident that he won't be able to be with us for some time. We all wish him the best of luck in accomplishing a speedy recovery.

Bill Brown Says—

We hope that because the Citizens Alliance say that they are ready to abandon their organization and their program of fighting the unions that labor leaders do not take that to mean the fight is over. It only means that a stronger employers' organization is being formed. Bosses are not signing union agreements because they like. They are merely taking a breather. Let's go along with the truce. We will believe everything they say but we will go right along getting new contracts, organizing new unions and keeping our powder dry.



BILL BROWN President of 544

Real Issue in Waterfront Strike Is Control of Halls by the Union

San Francisco, Nov. 28—Looming larger and larger in the present maritime strike is a comparatively new issue—the hiring hall.

Although it could be loosely defined as a marine employment office, the hiring hall has special characteristics which make it a focal point of trouble. It is there that the make-up of ship's crews and longshore gangs is determined, and neither employers nor hands are disposed to yield a jot of what they regard as their rights.

In San Francisco, where the strike started October 30, the hiring hall system dates back about 20 years. Then it was initiated by shop owners as merely a convenient set-up for engaging crews.

Unions Gain Voice

Unions won a hand in its management after the bitter general strike of 1934, and the Waterfront Employers' association charges that by a system of maneuvering and intimidation the unions have usurped complete control. The 1934 arbitration award provided that—in the case of the longshoremen—the union should name the "dispatcher," or chief executive, but that he should be subject to the labor relations committee, a group consisting of three longshoremen, three employers and one impartial arbitrator.

Typical of hiring halls is the most controversial of them all, the longshoremen's hall in San Francisco.

A long, bare ground floor space near the waterfront, it accommodates about 400 men.

At 6:30 each morning, it opens, and a dispatcher, two assistant dispatchers and five clerks take their places. The latter represent the labor relations committee and check up on hours worked and wages paid.

The stevedores themselves drift in, go to a huge check board on the wall bearing their names and insert numbered pegs. Those organized into regular work gangs of 16 to 18 are represented only by the names of their foremen.

As calls for workmen come in the dispatcher pulls out the plugs in the numbered order and offers the men the jobs. The individuals may refuse openings not to their taste without losing their place in rotation. In the case of gangs, the numerical order is not strictly followed, for the union seeks to even up the earnings of its members by favoring gangs that have been short of work.

Cost Shared

By 8 a. m. most of the calls have been made and the men not assigned drift away. The place closes at 6:30 p. m. Union and employers share the cost of its upkeep.

Union leaders have expressed determination to fight to the limit for control of hiring halls and the consequent ability to assign the men they wish to ship and shore jobs, although conceding the right of employers to refuse to accept men for valid cause.

With the Laundry Workers Union

On Wednesday evening, December 9, the Cleaners and Laundry Workers Union, Local 183, will again put on one of its famous dances at its hall, 708 3rd Ave. S.

Complaints of violations of the union agreement on the part of the bosses are coming in literally by the hundreds. As yet no compliance committee or arbitration board has been set up to settle these disputes but this is expected to be accomplished soon. Bosses must understand that the agreement is more than a scrap of paper and that the contract will be enforced to the letter.

It is deplorable that we have been unable to obtain any co-operation with our sister union in St. Paul. The average wage scale of the St. Paul Cleaners and Laundry Workers Union is approximately 21 per cent lower than the Minneapolis scale. While it is difficult to rectify this condition at the present time, an attempt should be made through a joint council to work toward a more uniform wage and hour condition in future agreements, and now is the time to set up the machinery for this purpose.

This situation applies not only to the Cleaners and Laundry Workers Union, but to almost every trade.

It is to be hoped that the new Twin City Trade Union committee will be instrumental in smoking out the opposing factions to this program and forcing them to line up with the progressive elements in the Twin Cities toward correcting this evil.

The Laundry and Cleaning Drivers Local 131 are in the midst of an organizational drive. Like 183 the drivers have been making phenomenal strides both in organizational work and gains for its members. Local 183 of the Inside Workers offers the drivers every co-operation.

Now that the Union has signed up about 75 cleaning and laundry plants with an agreement that provides for a ten per cent increase in wages and other important gains, let every member see that the contract is lived up to.

Do not accept anything less than what the contract calls for. Report all violations to the business agent, Mr. Latz.

Let us now stabilize the union and prepare for greater advances through continued organization. To let up on organizational work means stagnation and stagnation is always fatal to a union.

We cannot afford to pause as long as there are approximately eight or nine hundred unorganized workers in our industry. We repeat, "We can not remain half slave and half free."

N. S. OSBORN

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frame-ups of labor leaders will be the order of the day.

Workers should be aware that many employers have been driven to desperation by the gains made by labor during the past two years. Desperate people try desperate remedies. The local labor movement has shown, by the adoption of the Grand Jury resolution, that it will not tamely submit to law-cloaked persecution. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, the law provides that there shall be no attempt to intimidate or influence a duly impaneled grand jury and

"Whereas the Hennepin county chapter of the Minnesota Law and Order league, as reported in the public press, has held at least two banquets for the members of the grand jury and

"Whereas the present system of selecting members of the grand jury does not represent a true cross section of the citizens of this community and

"Whereas this open attempt by anti-labor organizations to influence the minds of the grand jurors is only a part of the many ways in which the grand jury system has been used against labor.

Demand Dismissal of Jury

"Therefore be it resolved, that the Minneapolis Central Labor Union go on record as demanding immediate dismissal of the present grand jurors on the grounds that they have been subjected to the influence of a partisan group to the extent that labor can no longer expect fair and impartial consideration from them and

"Be it further resolved, that the Minneapolis Central Labor Union demand that the senate of the state of Minnesota conduct an investigation of the Hennepin county grand jury system and the influence of the Law and Order League upon the grand jury and

"Be it further resolved that we demand dissolution of organizations known as Associated Former Grand Jurors and Association of Former Grand Jury Foremen of Hennepin County on the grounds that they are organizations to defeat the ends of justice and

"Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to lieutenant governor, presiding over the state senate; to all district judges of Hennepin county and to the public press."

It is strange how many confessions anonymous articles in this column bring forth.

MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION	
FWS Stewards, each Wednesday,	8 p. m.
FWS membership meetings, first and third Friday of each month,	8 p. m.
FWS Leadership class No. 1, each Tuesday,	7:30 p. m.
Direct relief grievance hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday,	10 to 12 a. m.
Federal Workers Stewards Meetings—Each Wednesday at	8 p. m.

Local 1859 Meeting Schedule	
Nov. 14 —	Executive Board Committee Men
Nov. 17 —	Box Industry
Nov. 18 —	J. R. Clark
Nov. 20 —	Puffer-Hubbard
Nov. 21 —	Executive Board
Nov. 28 —	Executive Board and Committee Men
Dec. 2 —	General Membership Meeting

Independent Truck Chatter

Mark Your X Here

All WPA contract trucks that haven't yet signed a new contract at the Metropolitan Bank Building should ask their timekeeper about it.

The new plan now being evolved for the purpose of having more efficient and smoother running section meetings should work out very well. Remember parliamentary law and keg drippings don't mix. Come to the meetings prepared to transact business and forget your sociability until the next ITO party.

Eye Tee Oh

The name, "Independent Truck Owners Section," is sometimes awkward and unwieldy. To make it shorter how about calling it the "ITO Section." This will not only save time and space, it will also show that the government hasn't got a corner on all alphabetical abbreviations yet.

At the American Trucking Association convention in Chicago, the Dump Truck Operators framed a protest against the government's policy of buying and operating dump trucks to be used on CCC and other government projects to the detriment of private enterprise. Not a bad idea. There should be a check of the report that government trucks are being used exclusively on the WPA job at Fort Snelling.

Show Your Colors

It is important that the ITO truck emblems are in plain sight all the time. Be careful not to hide them under winter fronts and other covers during cold weather. Move them if necessary.

Question and Answer Dept.

Active WPA stewards are being put on the grill from time to time at the Bank Building. They are asked to answer all complaints that have been sent in by finks in the last year. Maybe the union trucks should send in complaints about the disagreeable odor surrounding the few finks that are still working on WPA.

Amusement Bulletin

Some clowns have accused Curt Zander of owning two trucks. Curt can't see the joke and wants every one to know that he has too much fun with one truck without having another.

Chester Sands condition is still critical, at the last report.

The Teamsters Joint Council bowling team spoiled a perfect record Friday night—they won a game.

Meeting Schedule Local 544

- Thursday, Dec. 3—Independent Truck Owners.
 - Friday, Dec. 4—Coal Stewards.
 - Monday, Dec. 7—Coal Workers; Package Delivery.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 9—Market.
 - Friday, Dec. 11—All stewards.
 - Monday, Dec. 14—General membership.
 - Thursday, Dec. 17—Independent Truck Owners.
 - Friday, Dec. 18—Coal Stewards.
 - Monday, Dec. 21—Coal Workers.
 - Tuesday, Dec. 22—Taxi Drivers; night drivers 1 p. m., day drivers 7 p. m.
 - Monday, Dec. 28—General Membership.
- GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**—Meets each Tuesday at 8 p. m.
- EXECUTIVE BOARD**—Meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m.

Committee Formed by Twin City Business Agents Seeks Harmony

Body to Try to Level Wages in Minneapolis and St. Paul

A Twin City Joint Action Committee of Organized Labor has been created by the business representatives of the local unions in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The central task of this committee will be the drafting of a program raising and making uniform the Twin City wage scales and working conditions in the various divisions of industry and trade.

The committee has asked all local unions to furnish information regarding their wage scales, hours of work and general working conditions together with copies of contracts which they hold with the employers. On the basis of this information thus made available the committee will seek, through the educational channels

available to organized labor, to conduct its campaign to bring about this equalization.

The committee is headed by J. B. Boscoe of the Minneapolis Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union who is the chairman and Herbert Griesbach of the St. Paul Sheet Metal Workers Union who is the secretary. Other St. Paul members of the committee are Pat Flaherty, Bartenders Union; John Mann, Brick Layerse Union; Harry O'Connell, City Fire Fighters Union; Frank Thil, Plasterers and Cement Finishers Union, and William Gydesen, Milk Drivers Union. The Minneapolis committeemen are P. J. Corcoran, Milk Drivers Union; W. H. Hackett, Electrical Workers Union; Herman Hussman, Machinists Union; Bert McHaffey, Building Laborers Union, and Farrell Dobbs, General Drivers Union.

J. R. Clark Workers Leave Plant As Employer Hits at the Union

Tuesday morning employees of the J. R. Clark company, all members of Local 1859, Wood Workers Union, walked out of the plant on what they termed a "holiday."

The sudden walk-out was brought about because of actions of the company in replacing workers who held long seniority rights, with known company finks and stool pigeons.

The latest move of the Clark company climaxed a long campaign on the part of the management to destroy the Wood Workers Union. The replacing of long-time workers with company spies was in direct violation of a signed agreement between the union and the management.

The contract provides that seniority runs through the plant and that no worker can be replaced with a man younger in seniority.

The agreement between the union and the J. R. Clark company expires January 1, 1937. It is significant that the company's campaign against the union should be brought to a head just at the time when Local 1859 is negotiating for a new contract.

Union leaders assert that there will be no settlement of the strike until a show-down has been had with Clark officials. All operations have been stopped at the wood working factory and the plant is being picketed by the striking workers.

On WPA Projects

Fort Snelling project is more tangled than before. Union men are being fired without cause and the military intimidation against organization continues. Christgau's office states that jurisdiction over the project is in St. Paul.

FWS demanded that all Fort Snelling grievances of Hennepin county WPA workers be handled by John Wing in Minneapolis. The answer is expected Wednesday.

WPA'S drouth relief program is being ended. A cold, hungry winter confronts needy farmers. Single men, Class C men and small family men are being eliminated from the WPA program. All these admissions were wrung from Christgau's office by a FWS committee last Saturday.

That committee demanded that WPA immediately publicize the true facts on the following points: 1. How many WPA workers were employed in Minnesota on Octo-

ber 1? 2. How many now? 3. How many will there be on January 1? All the "Prosperity" talk in newspapers had its effect on WPA. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce had to be satisfied.

More and more workers are realizing that their vote for Roosevelt was given too cheaply. This has already become tragically apparent to those who have been discharged from projects. In Wisconsin, the \$60.50 WPA wage has already been cut to \$55. In Minnesota rural counties, workers are being denied relief and are told to look for jobs where there are no jobs. It's tough sledding for the unorganized—and it will soon be much tougher.

Golden Valley Township Board appointed William Ingelbretson to be its representative on the Hennepin County Welfare Board. Bill publicly declares he will go down the line 100 per cent for supplemental aid demanded by FWS.

The Robbinsdale FWS endorse Douglas Raze, candidate for Village Trustee. "Doug" is a member of the Independent Truck Owners Section of 544. Every member and friend of Organized Labor should help boost "Doug" into office.

State Unemployed convention is called. It will convene December 12 and 13 in the Auditorium of the State Office Building in St. Paul. It will again attempt to unify the Minnesota Unemployed Movement so it can better cope with the great problems confronting the unemployed. The FWS and its affiliates will participate in this convention. National officers of the Workers Alliance of America will attend the convention.

Regular membership meeting of the FWS will be held this Friday, December 4. The big issue is the cue in WPA and to get the promised increases in direct relief.

Harris Bros.

The difficulty at Harris Bros. was adjusted last week by the employer agreeing to pay back time to a driver who had been laid off. A substantial amount of money was received by the driver in question.

FOR SALE

H. E. Lindahl reports that he has a 1928 International truck for sale. It is equipped with a two-ton coal box. This truck can be bought for \$75 and can be seen at 1013 E. 17th St.

Steel Drive Goal in Sight as Thousands a Day Join Union

Workers See Through Companies' Trick Agreement and Refuse to Sign Away Rights; All Get Wage Boost Anyhow

By Vin Sweeney

Pittsburgh (UNS)—Smashing victories, ever-increasing membership, and staggering jolts for steel's company unions are swinging the unionization campaign among steel workers towards complete success in the very near future.

New members in the steel union since the presidential election and the meeting of the Committee for Industrial Organization in Pittsburgh on November 8 have averaged close to 2,000 daily. This ever-mounting membership, added to the 82,000 previously enrolled, makes certain that the goal of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee—a strong, militant union in the steel industry—will soon be a fact.

Steel workers and those company union representatives now openly aligned with the union were jubilant at the swift and successful turn of events in the past week.

One of the most crushing blows was dealt to the gigantic U. S. Steel Corporation with the exposure of their trick wage increase, with the cost-of-living string attached.

"Agreement" Not Binding

In the Pittsburgh and Chicago mills of that corporation company union representatives speaking for more than 30,000 workmen refused to sign the proffered written agreement, despite terrific pressure from management. Their position—backed by the S. W. O. C.—was completely upheld when Frances Perkins, U. S. Secretary of Labor, ruled that employe representatives (company union) had no right to sign agreements; that where such agreements had been signed they were not binding.

U. S. Steel quickly ran to cover with an announcement that those plants which had refused to sign the agreement would likewise get the pay increase—an announcement made days before by Philip Murray, chairman of the S. W. O. C. Previously steel management tried to create the impression without actually announcing it, that such plants might not get the raise.

In the verbal fight, U. S. Steel made an open confession contradicting itself. It had announced the wage increase with the cost-of-living rider was an outgrowth of "collective bargaining" between management and the company union. But B. F. Fairless, president of Carnegie-Illinois, admitted

publicly that the same plan had been in effect at the International Harvester Co. for years. Thus he admitted it was imposed on the steel workers.

Quickly another blow fell. The National Labor Relations Board, in another case, ordered that company union—pattern for those in the steel industry—to disband.

Union Man Elected

One of the fighting leaders of the steel workers in the maneuver was Elmer J. Maloy, a company union representative from the Duquesne, Pa., works of Carnegie-Illinois. Maloy's affiliation with the S. W. O. C. is well known.

In the midst of the fracas, Maloy was elected general chairman of a newly formed Central Committee all Carnegie-Illinois Steel company unions in the Pittsburgh-Youngstown district. On the committee are 34 delegates—two from each of the 17 mills in this area. He defeated Fred Bohne, of Youngstown, for the post. Bohne has been pegged a "company man" by the steel workers—even in his own mill.

Maloy and George Patterson, of South Chicago, another company union representative and also an organizer for the S. W. O. C., carried their fight for an interpretation of the proposed wage agreement to Washington. The ruling by Secretary Perkins was the result.

Headline in C. S. Monitor: Diversified Crops for Cuba Pushed by U. S.


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<p>THE CO-OPERATIVE</p> <p>Nature Organized people.</p> <p>Purpose To serve its members at cost.</p> <p>Methods</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each member has one vote and only one vote. Democracy—the people rule. 2. Capital is paid a minimum rate of interest. Money is the servant of the people. 3. Surplus savings are distributed to the members in proportion to their patronage. The people receive the benefits. <p>Results Wealth is equitably distributed among the many.</p>	<p>THE CORPORATION</p> <p>Nature Organized capital.</p> <p>Purpose To serve the public for profit.</p> <p>Methods</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each share of stock has one vote. Plutocracy—money, in control of the few, rules. 2. Capital receives all the profits. Money is the master. 3. Profits are distributed among the stockholders in proportion to their holdings. Money receives the benefits. <p>Results Wealth is centered in the possession of the few.</p>
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"When I ply my needle, trowel or pick,
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike, I'm a Bolshevik
I'm labor."

A National Program

Where do we go from here? After the election hub-bub has died down and administration has been returned to power with the greatest political landslide in the history of the country, every worker should begin to seriously ponder over what is going to happen next. Will relief be continued on its present level? Will new Federal projects be started? Will projects that are now under way be completed? Relief clients and Federal Project workers should know the answer to the questions if they are to adjust themselves to the situation that lies just ahead.

The insistent calls to balance the budget, made upon the President by businessmen and banking barons, can no more be disregarded by the Democratic administration than it could have by Langdon, had the Republicans been put into office. The major reason that the national budget cannot be put in order is that expenditures for direct relief and made work projects is greater than the national income. Then we have the problem of raising the national income (through taxation), or cutting down the Federal dole. The first method of solving the problem would seem, to the layman, to be quite simple. Raise taxes, says the man on the street.

But big business, the only sure source of taxation left, are already crying to the high heavens that they are being taxed to the point of confiscation. As a matter of fact they have said, through their spokesman, the United States Chamber of Commerce, that they will refuse to continue to feed the country's unemployed on the lavish scale that has been maintained during the past four years. When big business says to President Roosevelt, "Balance the national budget," they mean, cut down the dole to the unemployed and discontinue pouring the nation's treasury into Federal made works projects.

How will the administration respond to the pressure put upon it by the "overtaxed" capitalists? Everything indicates that the administration and its advisers will yield to the will of the nation's financial powers. We can expect, in the near future, a gradual liquidation of made work projects. An attempt will be made to shift the relief burden to the states and local communities. How successful the administration will be in this attempt will depend upon the organized strength of the country's unemployed.

Grand Jury

Anyone with a shred of understanding of the problems that confront the working class in this community know that the present Grand Jury system needs a complete and thorough overhauling. Everything about it is wrong. The manner in which it is selected, the almost unlimited authority given it, the broad scope of its powers and above all, its definitely anti-working class makeup.

In spite of the fact that the Grand Jury is supposed to represent a cross-section of the population, it is a notoriously well known fact that labor has cause for celebration when even one member of organized labor is included on a present day Grand Jury panel. Despite the fact that wage workers constitute 85 per cent of the population, seldom does the name of a worker appear on the Grand Jury list.

Bankers, brokers, merchants, employers of labor and avowed foes of organized labor go to make up 95 per cent of Grand Jury personnel. Fifteen per cent of the population are given 95 per cent representation on the ordinary jury. We find them returning indictments against workers and labor leaders in a most reckless manner and often without a shred of evidence; we see them issue reports attacking labor unions and, as in a recent case, inciting illegal action against labor organizations. The union labor movement must demand proportional representation on Grand Juries or the abolition of the entire system.

Farrell Dobbs Will Discuss Convention

Under the auspices of Local Minneapolis of the Socialist party Farrell Dobbs, secretary of the militant Drivers Union of this city, will discuss the happenings of the recently adjourned convention of the American Federation of Labor at Tampa. Dobbs is well known as an authority on trade union affairs and his views of the A. F. of L. convention will be well worth hearing by all workers interested in knowing where the labor movement is going.

Dobbs will discuss such actions as the convention's refusing to

hear the Spanish government representatives who sought the support of American labor on the plea that American labor "knew so little about Spanish affairs that it could not take sides in the present controversy." The convention's attitude toward the Committee on Industrial Organization (C. I. O.) will also be discussed.

Back Pay Gotten At Pioneer Paper

Back pay troubles at the Pioneer Paper Stock were settled last week when the owner agreed to give the men the amounts due as soon as a payroll check could be made.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The strike at Gamble Rob. was a short affair, but it brought results.

Have you heard the story about the St. Paul Drivers Union and the Minnesota Leader. . . It's a honey.

The Casket Workers are still insisting that we be buried union.

There is going to be a new Petroleum Workers charter in town soon.

The J. R. Clark boys took a walk Tuesday.

What a scramble for those judgeships!

Candy Workers have decided to have a show-down the Big Boss at the Hollywood plant.

HARD TO BELIEVE DEPT Oscar Gardener is losing weight.

Guests at the Tuesday Business Agents' luncheon were all set to hear Sander Genie's report on the A. F. of L. Convention. Those in charge of the affair overlooked one item. Sander had not returned from Tampa yet.

Local 131 has settled with 43 laundry and cleaning bosses.

The Grand Jury did not like that Central Labor Union resolution.

Local 160, Northern States Power Union, will hold an open mass meeting shortly.

The Steno's Union have a signed agreement with the Lee Overall company.

That new shotgun received by the National Tea steward is a honey.

There is going to be one seniority list at Murphy Transfer.

What about the bakery drivers?

The father of Brother Gates, long-time member of Local 544, was buried Friday morning. The union sent flowers.

The grocery thing is still on the fire.

Representatives of Local 160 are meeting with the employer on a new agreement.

Chow Mein trouble again last week.

Drivers for the American Railway express are hauling caskets around like nobody's business.

Local 1859 has set up a feeding station at 19th and Jefferson N. E.

City and Sanitary Drivers are making a drive on city departments that are not yet organized.

The Bartenders successfully bannered several wet spots last week.

If you don't see it in the Organizer it hasn't happened yet.

Local 544 is holding meetings with transfer employers on the new agreement.

Long distance haulers may soon be paid on a straight mileage basis.

That National Tea Victory Party at the Glenwood Chalet Saturday night was very damp, according to reports.

No cartoon this week. Our artist must have been in an accident also.

Dick Wilson was an office visitor Monday.

Smith and Skoglund are dealing with produce firms.

Cold Storage plant owners are ready to sign.

Street cars are plenty tough!

LABOR... Looks at the Press

By Carl O'Shea

Some further assumptions of the average American employer:

THAT it's a good thing to keep Tom Mooney in jail, because this sets an example that will deter other trade unionists from becoming too active and effective in behalf of the working class;

THAT the Supreme Court may be able to keep the lid on the country for some time, but it's still a good idea to invest a portion of capital in foreign countries;

THAT the stories in the Saturday Evening Post and Cosmopolitan represent the peak of literary artistry;

THAT it's good sense for employers to flock to the support of a fellow-employer being fought by the union, but that when the workers institute a sympathetic strike in support of THEIR brothers, this is nothing less than Bolshevism;

THAT it's true a billion dollars a year is a lot to pay for the army and navy, but that maybe they'll have to be called in to drown in blood a domestic insurrection, and that therefore it's worth it, and this is one of the causes of high taxes we won't kick about;

THAT most other employers

Store Owners Will Meet With 544

Department store owners who have been approached by General Drivers Union in regard to a union agreement covering wages and working conditions of drivers, helpers and platform men employed in the downtown department stores last week submitted a counter proposal to Local 544 in the place of the original contract demanded by the union. The major difference in the two agreements is in the matter of wages for platform workers. In the contract proposed by the union the wages for this classification of workers was fixed at 50 cents per hour. The employers have offered 37 1/2 cents. A meeting of department store workers has been set for December 2 where the employers' proposal will be taken up.

are terrible bores but, what the H—, you have to stick to your class;

THAT it's high time a stop was put to free public education—there are too many educated people now for the jobs available; besides, we can send our children to private schools;

THAT woman's place is in the home, and that it's exceedingly bad taste for ladies to get mixed up in the class struggle—on the side of the workers;

THAT the number of homeless and starving children roaming the country is dreadful, but that to adequately handle the problem would threaten the very foundations of our government;

THAT the reason women turn to prostitution is not because they are underpaid or out of work, but because they are naturally evil;

THAT it is smart tactics to keep the black worker and the white worker prejudiced against one another, because otherwise they might get together and cause a lot of damage;

THAT in the person of Calvin Coolidge could be recognized the highest achievement to date of the processes of evolution;

THAT Will Rogers was funny;

THAT it isn't heroism, intolerable conditions or devotion to a cause, but Moscow gold, that keeps a group of workingmen out on strike for weeks at a stretch;

THAT a sales tax is eminently just, because don't the rich as well as the poor buy commodities.

THAT the reason America has progressed as far as it has lies not in our natural resources but in our Constitution;

THAT capitalism, far from being in its death throes, is still just a babe;

THAT a paper edited by workers has a definite class bias, but that the great dailies edited and owned by the wealthy are impartial and American;

THAT another war might be a good thing because the subsequent carnage would solve the unemployment problem;

THAT the label, "parlor pink," constitutes the most devastating and crushing criticism that it is possible to make;

Important Meeting Notice

By Central Labor Union Educational Committee

GREETINGS:

Unions please appoint permanent delegates for following dates: 2nd and 4th Fridays at 8 p. m.

Thursday, Oct. 22, Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Low Cost Housing in All Aspects, by Albert O. Larson, Architect.

Friday, Nov. 13, Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Bread in the Making. Why Not a Co-op Bakery? By John H. Bosch.

Friday, Nov. 27, Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Women's Activities and Economics. By Marian LeSueur.

Minnesota Co-ops in Pictures. By Minnesota State Educational Dept.

Timely and vital to have some of your group present. Invite your friends.

Erich G. Wachter, Chairman; Violet Johnson, Secretary; Rdolph Montan, Treasurer; Educational Committee, C. L. U.

CORRECT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION

- FWS Stewards, each Wed 7 p. m.
- FWS membership meetings, first and third Friday of each month, 8 p. m.
- FWS Leadership class No. 1, each Friday 2 p. m.
- FWS Leadership, class No. 2, each Saturday 10 a. m.
- Direct relief grievance hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 to 12 a. m.
- Federal Workers Stewards Meetings—Each Wednesday at 7 p. m.
- Federal Workers Membership Meetings—First and third Fridays of each month, at 8 p. m.