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On the National Picket Line

Elections just held in the Sailors Union of the Pacific, and the West Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Wipers and Water Tenders gave sweeping victories to progressive slates and shook the Stalinist Harry Bridges machine to its foundations.

A few months ago the Marine Firemen's headquarters was just another version of Harry Bridges' machine at West Coast longshoremen's headquarters. "Comrats"—what a salty word!—ruled the firemen with their usual commissar methods. They got ready to take the firemen into the CIO's "National Maritime Union" which has members only on the East Coast.

Then came the "West Coast Firemen" and changed the picture. It was a paper rotten out by over a thousand firemen organized in a progressive group, on a program of "industrial unionism at home," i. e., amalgamation of all the unlicensed seagoing crafts on the West Coast into a United Seamen's Union of the Pacific, as the first step toward a real national union.

The usual Stalinist campaign against the "Trotskyists" didn't save the comrats. A phoney ballot ostensibly proving that the firemen were for the CIO got nowhere because everybody knew better.

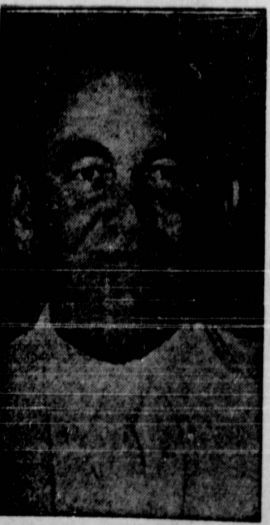
Then came the annual elections for all officers, vigilantly watched by the firemen up and down the coast. The result: V. J. Malone, Jimmy Quinn, and Joe Helke, the progressives running for the three key posts of secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer, outdistanced the Stalinists with plenty of votes to spare. Malone won by 1427 to 1052, Huake by 1441 to 995. Now the firemen have a real leadership, and amalgamation of the firemen and the sailors is the next step.

Harry Lundeberg, progressive leader of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, was returned to his office as secretary-treasurer by the whopping majority of 2,496 to 453 for the Stalinist opponent. His slate won by similar majorities.

Subjected to a campaign of vilification and slander of monstrous proportions, Lundeberg has stood firm against all comrat attempts to blackmail him into surrendering the sailors to the tender embraces of the Stalinist-controlled "National Maritime Union." About twice a week, the comrats have accused the "Trotskyist Lundeberg" of assassination and murder, thuggery, stealing, etc., etc. When Lundeberg finally instituted a libel suit against the Stalinist "Western Worker," that paper was forced to print an abject apology. His terrific victory will put an end, for the moment, to bombastic talk about "what the rank and file will do to Lundeberg." They've done it, all right—upheld him in his fight for a United Seamen's Union of the Pacific.

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Today Makes 7,954 Days ...



Dan Tobin Confers On N. W. Problems

Clark Recalls 56 More Men

More Men Likely to Go Back Monday; Terms of New Contract to Be Discussed; Strike on at Heymer Plant

From the offices of Furniture Workers Local 1859 it was reported this week that the J. R. Clark company called 56 more men back to work on Monday morning. With the possibility of another group being called next Monday, it appeared likely that the plant would shortly be working at normal capacity.

Former supervisors have been laid off, and at present two union men are acting as temporary foremen in the machine shop and the step ladder assembly department. A meeting between Mr. Clark and a committee from Local 1859 is scheduled to take place next Monday, at which terms of a new contract will be discussed.

Little change in the situation in the local casket industry was reported by Local 1859. A meeting with the employers was expected to be held Thursday.

The firing of a union employee precipitated a strike at the Heymer plant, venetian blind manufacturers, last Thursday, and the plant is closed at present.

A tremendous crowd turned out last Saturday night for Local 1859's dance, which more than taxed the capacity of the hall. The affair was said by the union to be most successful.

St. Paul Warehouse Union Gets Report on Ward Cases

Eleven of 25 Pickets Freed; Defense League Bails Strikers, Starts Permanent Fund

A full report on the court cases growing out of the recent Montgomery-Ward strike in St. Paul has just been made to Warehouse Employees Local 20297 by Gilbert Carlson, well-known Twin Cities labor lawyer, who handled the union's defense cases after the former attorney had withdrawn from the situation.

Of the 25 cases dealt with by the St. Paul courts, nine dismissals were obtained. Two pickets were found not guilty, and two others were given suspended sentences. Nine fines, of from \$10 to \$100 were levied, and three pickets received jail sentences of from 15 to 30 days. In view of the markedly anti-labor bias shown by the St. Paul judges, it was felt that a truly remarkable record was established by the defense.

Thirteen of the pickets were charged with assault and battery; nine, with disorderly conduct; and three, with interfering with an officer. The only picket still in jail is Richard Radman, who received a 30 days sentence.

WDL Helps Union

The Twin Cities chapter of the Workers Defense League, a non-partisan labor defense organization, volunteered its services in the union's fight, and was able to take a large part of the court defense off the shoulders of the union. Over three hundred dollars was raised by the League for bail money for the pickets. A representative of the Workers Defense League was in court whenever necessary. As soon as bail

Mason City Drivers Strike Creameries

(Special to Northwest Organizer)

Mason City, Iowa—A strike was called early this week by the General Drivers Local 828 against the local creamery industry, following a union-smashing campaign by employers. Launching an open attack on the union movement, the bosses demonstratively discharged several workers recently, including a union official. The strike is proceeding successfully and a settlement favorable to the union is anticipated.

Visit to President Brings Plan for Cooperation; Sub-Committees to Launch Negotiations for Over-the-Road Uniform Wage Scales

Returning from Indianapolis, where it met with Daniel Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the committee elected by the recent winter quarterly meeting of the North Central District Drivers Council in St. Paul, reported the discussion was highly satisfactory.

In Indianapolis a plan was worked out whereby proper cooperation can be established between the various union locals on specific problems which may from time to time arise. Provisions were made for membership into the drivers' unions.

Among the problems to be tackled immediately are over-the-road trucking, creamery and produce, delivery of bakery goods, and highway construction work. Sub-committees will be announced shortly, to be created for the purpose of launching area-wide negotiations to establish a uniform wage scale in over-the-road trucking.

The committee will submit a detailed written report to all local unions involved.

Committee members attending the conference in Indianapolis were: Jack Wirth, Local 116, Fargo; Fred Smith, Local 346, Duluth; A. F. Hudson, Local 120, St. Paul; F. Dobbs, Local 544, Minneapolis; Carl Keul, Local 90, Des Moines; Thomas Smith, Local 554, Omaha; and John Geary, International Vice-president, St. Paul.

More Coal Workers Get Back Pay

As a result of the careful check being made by General Drivers Local 544 on wages in the coal yards, two workers at the National Coal company have received checks of \$216 and \$75 for wages due them from the National Coal company, 29 8th Avenue N. E.

The company had been paying these employees, George Waitoff and Jon Marushaw, on a piece-work basis instead of the hourly wage scale called for in the union contract. No companies will be permitted to violate the union agreement, the union stated this week. Ray Rainbolt represented Local 544 in the satisfactory negotiations with the company. Earlier in the week, the Atlas Coal company had been straitened out for a similar violation of the coal contract.

Varzos Comes to Orpheum Feb. 4

In co-operation with the Orpheum Theater, the Minneapolis Musicians Association will bring Eddie Varzos and his celebrated orchestra to the Orpheum stage for the week of February 4. The Varzos retinue of entertainers are currently the rage at Chicago's Bismark Hotel. Featured in the cast of specialty artists are Mata Monteria, dancer; Lucio Garcia, tenor troubador; Jose Bethancourt, marimba wizard; Esther Todd, lovely blond chanteuse of popular songs, and the 13-year-old singing wonder, Conchita Rebaudo, whose voice is said to have a range and quality unsurpassed by any other prodigy.

On the screen the week of Feb. 4 will be Ray Milland and Miriam Hopkins in "Wise Girl." On Feb. 7, 8, 9 and 19 some three hundred aspirants in the semi-finals of the Metro-Goldwyn search for the stars of tomorrow will be auditioned on the Orpheum stage.

American Excelsior Challenges Union

Trouble may be expected shortly between the American Excelsior plant in Minneapolis and Furniture Workers Local 1859, it was reported by the union this week. The local management, in contravention of a promise given by the president of the firm, has been guilty of laying off union men out of seniority, thus directly challenging the union's right to exist.

An agreement had been reached with the president that seniority would be strictly observed. No sooner had the president returned to Chicago than the local management began to chisel on the agreement. The union is going to insist that the workers laid off be reinstated, and that seniority be observed.

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Another CIO Leader Joins Dubinsky In Demanding Speedy Peace With AFL

Another important founder of the CIO took his stand against John L. Lewis, when Max Zaritsky, President of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, publicly identified himself with the sharp criticism of CIO policy in peace negotiations with the AFL which were recently voiced by David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

"We are wholly in agreement with President Dubinsky and hope with him and all the friends of the labor movement that peace will not long be delayed," declared Zaritsky, in releasing to the press copies of an editorial expounding his union's position.

Dubinsky's Stand. As reported in full in the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER last week, Dubinsky had blamed the

CIO negotiators for failure of the recent CIO-AFL peace parley and had declared that the ILGWU, although one of the "big three" in the CIO and donor of three to four hundred thousand dollars to its campaigns, had not been consulted by John L. Lewis on policy or issuance of charters.

The editorial released by Zaritsky appeared in the January 15 issue of the official organ of his union, "The Hat Worker." This was the first appearance of this paper, its predecessor having ceased publication over a year ago. From the editorial and other contents, it is clear that one objective of the new paper is to mobilize the membership of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers against those CIO forces desirous of continuing the split in the labor movement.

Strike Action Probable in Sioux Falls

Re-Strike Pends as Labor Board Flops in Settling Dispute; Mass Meeting Planned

(Special to Northwest Organizer) Sioux Falls, S. D.—Inasmuch as the local labor board, appointed by Mayor Graff, has demonstrated its inability to obtain satisfactory negotiations with the local coal employers, the General Drivers Local 749 reports that it is probable that strike action will again become necessary.

Local 749 struck the coal, lumber and building material employers on December 30, after weeks of negotiations had failed to gain union recognition and seniority rights. The following day a truce was reached, after the employers had promised to recognize the union, grant other union demands, and arbitrate wage scales. Under the truce all men went back to work.

The employers have failed to agree to union recognition or many other of the union's demands, and the labor board has completely disregarded these cardinal questions in seeking to settle the dispute. The negotiations during the truce have been completely unsatisfactory to the union.

The Drivers Local 749 has announced a mass meeting on Tuesday, February 18, where a broad and extensive organization campaign in Sioux Falls and the vicinity will be launched.

Local Labor School Starts New Term

Two hundred Trade Union members are expected to enroll in the Minneapolis Labor School at the beginning of the new term which has been set for Monday, February 7th, according to the report of the Labor School Directing Committee at its January 6th meeting.

Miss Helen Aaberg who will visit the Unions soon as the Organizer for the Labor School, expects to meet with every Union in the City to explain the work of the School and register new students for the coming term. The School Directing Committee has issued a request to the trade unions to arrange time for Miss Aaberg on the agendas of their January or February meetings, and to watch for the new class schedules to be made public in the near future.

Further information on the new term may be obtained by calling the Minneapolis Labor School, Geneva 1264.

Frosig, Bartlett, Speak in Fargo

Fargo, N. D.—A city-wide union rally was held here Wednesday night, January 26, under the auspices of General Drivers Local 116. Among the guest speakers were George Frosig and James Bartlett of Minneapolis.

Twin Cities Drivers Draft Bakery Pact

Open Meeting for Veterans Called by Federal Workers

WPA Jobs for Single Vets to Be Demanded; Every WPA Job to Have Vet Contact Man; All Veterans Called to Meeting

An open meeting for veterans has been called for this Saturday, January 29, at 10 a. m., by the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, in the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave., to discuss Veterans' relief problems.

Members of the All-Veterans Executive Committee have been invited to give brief reports. The FWS Vets Committee, elected by FWS Vets about a month ago, will report on its success in obtaining settlement of vets' relief grievances. Steps will be considered for completing the selection of Vets' Contact Men on each WPA job and project.

There are more than 3000 veterans on relief in Minneapolis, many of whom are not members of the FWS. The FWS stands ready to assist members of other veterans groups in relief matters, upon request of their organizations. All veterans will be admitted to next Saturday's meeting.

Demand WPA Jobs for Single Vets

The All-Veterans Contact-Men's Committee, at its January meeting last Friday in the Mayor's Reception Room, unanimously adopted a resolution demanding that the Minnesota WPA cease rejecting certifications of single vets to WPA jobs. The resolution set forth (a) that WPA has been rejecting such veterans certifications on the sole grounds of "no dependents," (b) that all available state veterans relief funds are so restricted that they are now necessarily pro-rated on a basis of case loads, and on levels far below bearable standards and far less than granted civilians; (c) that WPA in eight other states is reported to have recognized the justice and propriety of making WPA jobs available to ALL properly certified veterans.

The resolution also provided that copies be sent to the Minnesota delegation in Congress, requesting that Harry L. Hopkins, WPA, be impressed with the extreme desirability of instructing the Minnesota WPA to comply with the demand contained in the resolution. Each veterans organization was asked to adopt similar resolutions and to notify the All-Vets Committee of actions taken.

Soldiers Welfare Announces \$10 Increase

The Soldiers Welfare informed the FWS last week that it is granting a flat \$10 grocery budget in crease to each of its clients with 5 or more in the family if on WPA or even partly employed. Names and addresses of clients' grocers must be sent in to obtain the increase.

It is evident that this increase resulted from the joint actions of the All-Veterans Contact-Men's

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20316 Discusses Expiration of Agreements

The regular membership of Warehouse Workers Local 20316 held an overflow meeting in the third floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth Avenue Tuesday night. About 1,200 workers packed the hall at the enthusiastic meeting which was held to deal particularly with the problems presented by the expiration of many of the union's contracts in the near future.

Miles Dunne, secretary of the Teamsters Joint Council, gave a rousing speech in which he stressed the necessity of mobilizing the membership for the coming negotiations and underlined the necessity of retaining and further developing unity of action among the local unions, and fighting all those who work to disrupt such unity.

After James Bartlett, president of Local 20316, had presented a report on the present position of the union and its growth during the recent period, it was decided to hold call meetings at which committees will be set up to work with the union business agents in negotiating new contracts.

It was moved and carried at the meeting that the monthly dues be raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50. The initiation fee will remain at \$5.00.

For a large union, Local 20316 has a greater proportion of young workers than almost any other union in this section of the country, and the enthusiasm and militancy of these young men and women was heart-warming, the best possible guarantee of the continued growth and progress of the local labor movement. The membership of the Warehouse Union falls predominantly in the age group from 18-28 years.

Electrical Workers Dance on February 5

One of the biggest and best dances ever put on in the Twin Cities will be held Saturday night, February 5, at the East Side Eagles Hall in Minneapolis. The affair will be sponsored by the Electrical Workers Union Local 292.

Committees from the Inside, Utility, Shopmen and Radio Sections are working harmoniously to make this a memorable event in the social life of the union movement. Both second and third floor halls have been engaged and will be specially decorated and lighted. Festive hats, serpentine and door prizes will be given out to the patrons.

In one hall Tommy Thompson's Orchestra will play for old time dancing, while the hottest and most modern swing music will be furnished in the second hall by Ken De Villier's band.

All members of organized labor and their friends are cordially invited to come and enjoy the evening of their lives with the Electrical Workers Local 292. Tickets are forty cents.

One Contract Will Cover Both Cities; Wage Increases, Two Weeks Vacation, Shorter Hours, Feature Demands

Another strong link binding together the drivers' movement in the Twin Cities was forged last week when the executive boards of Bakery Drivers Local 409 of St. Paul and Bakery Drivers Local 289 of Minneapolis held a joint meeting to draft a contract for presentation to the bakery employees. The same contract will be demanded in both cities. The present contracts expire February 15th.

Under the present contracts, bakery drivers of Minneapolis and St. Paul have the closed shop, seniority, and one week's vacation with pay. The contract just drafted calls for shorter hours, wage increases based on a sliding scale, two weeks' vacation with pay for all workers throughout the industry, and pay for all workers for holidays. Up to the present, only salesmen have received pay for holidays.

E. C. Ebboldt is business agent of Local 409 of St. Paul. Harry DeBoer is president, and Joe O'Hare, business agent, of Local 289. William Gydesen, representing the St. Paul Teamsters Joint Council, sat in the joint meeting. As soon as replies have been received from the employers, another joint meeting of the two executive boards will be held.

Locals 409 and 289 have a combined membership of about 1,000. The spirit of harmony and cooperation displayed at the joint meeting is the best guarantee that the bakery drivers and bakery workers in Minneapolis and St. Paul, marching hand in hand, will be able to obtain the best possible contract for the coming year.

Local 1859 Quint Again Victorious

Local 1859's basketball team, playing in the fast Commercial Blue Division of the Park Board, continued to burn up the league with its third straight victory last Wednesday over the Atlantic and Pacific quint.

Following is the season schedule for the 1859 aggregation: February 2, 7 p. m. Sexton-Lloyds; February 9, 9 p. m. Dayton's; February 16, 9 p. m. Minnesota-Ontario; February 23, 7 p. m. A. & P.; March 2, 8 p. m. International Milling; March 9, 9 p. m. Sexton-Lloyds; March 16, 7 p. m. Dayton's.

All the basketball games in which Local 1859 participates are played Wednesday evening at the Jordan High gymnasium. Admission is free and all friends of the union are urged to attend. They will see one of the smoothest working union teams ever brought together, a group of basketball players who could compete on equal terms with most of the highly-touted college fives in this section of the country. Over 200 unionists turned out for last Wednesday's game, and were highly pleased with the skillful work of the 1859 aggregation.



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

The Labor Movement in Minnesota and the First World War

VI.—Concluding Installment—Patriotism vs. Freedom—Minneapolis Unions Fight Scab Labor at Fort — Socialists, Wobs, Arrested—Demobilized Workers Get Open Shop

By Carlos Hudson

In modern wars, the losses must conceal from the people what the war is really about. After all, John Jones, worker, hasn't any investments abroad to defend. Mrs. Jones wouldn't send her son to the battlefield to kill other workers, if she knew the war was for markets and profits for the bosses. So the war-makers have to conceal their true war aims. And those who are not fooled, must be suppressed by force.

A Rich Man's War

The Minnesota Commission of Public Safety led the war parade. This body, stemming from the Council of National Defense organized by big business, concerned itself with every phase of life—"The preservation of order and public safety, food production and conservation, mobilizing labor for farm and factory, the relations between capital and labor, discouragement of disloyalty and promotion of patriotism, cooperation with the military authorities of the government, moral and physical sanitation, fuel supplies, marketing of the crops, transportation, the government's loan drives, Red Cross activities," everything! The women's committee of the Council of National Defense, affiliated with the Minnesota Public Safety Commission, had a similar state-wide organization county by county.

"Safe for Democracy"

Numerous patriotic and propaganda organizations sprang up to whoop lustily for "the war to make the world safe for democracy." Among them were the Four Minute Men, the America First Association of Minnesota, the Patriotic Americans of German Origin, the Patriotic League of St. Paul, the Unconditional Surrender Club, etc.

Advertising clubs and bar associations did their bit. Churches gave their moral support. Schools held patriotic rallies. Movie theaters showed patriotic films and made appeals on their screens. Libraries pushed the use of pro-war books.

The incessant agitation of the patriots seeped down to the workers. On April 15, 1917, the Minnesota State Federation of Labor endorsed the loyalty stand taken by Gompers and the national organization.

War Means Dictatorship

An anti-war attitude was the thing most feared by those who stood to gain by the war. The employing class and the government set out to crush every sign of opposition. In April, 1917, the Minnesota legislature passed the Criminal Syndicalism Act, prescribing as punishment a term of imprisonment of ten years, or a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or both. The Commission of Public Safety printed thousands of copies of the law in a half dozen languages and posted them in every factory, to intimidate the workers.

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Do You Remember the War Years:

When every family was encouraged to have a vegetable garden, to alleviate the food shortage?
When you were urged to "Be a Potato Patriot," to eat potatoes instead of bread?
When carp was fished out of Lake Minnetonka and sold for food?
When restaurants limited individual servings of sugar and bread?
When school children went around tagging coal shovels, admonishing householders to "save that shovelful of coal a day for Uncle Sam"?
When all industrial plants were closed for five days, from Jan. 18-22, to save on fuel?
When all Twin Cities theaters were closed on Tuesdays for a 10-week period, to conserve coal?
When car owners were asked to refrain from driving on Sundays?
When the Minnesota Union Advocate said it was a patriotic duty to buy Liberty Bonds, so that the U. S. might maintain its position as a guide to liberty for the whole world?
When U. S. Marines held up people in the street and forced them to explain why they were

not wearing a Liberty Loan button?
When the Minnesota Public Safety Commission ordered the serving of court subpoenas on persons not subscribing to Liberty Loans?
When Minneapolis manufacturers maintained a Washington representative to insure their share of the cushy government war contracts?
When the Public Safety Commission used the Minnesota Home Guards to "protect" the mine workers on the Mesabi from "the pernicious influence of disloyal agitators"?
And lastly, do you remember when the soldier boys who left for war amid the sound of music and the cheering of crowds and the waving of flags, came back home unheralded, alone, penniless, jobless?
And when in 1919 a 2-day conference of forty mayors of Minnesota towns was held in Minneapolis to "combat bolshevism, and provide for the employment of returned soldiers"?

At Faribault, three members of the Socialist Labor Party were fined five hundred dollars apiece and jailed for a year for the publication of an editorial discouraging enlistment . . . At Bemidji a bookseller accused of having on sale a certain book on sabotage was given two years in jail . . . IT WAS THE ORGANIZED OPPOSITION . . . HOWEVER, THAT WAS RECOGNIZED AS A MORE POTENT INFLUENCE AGAINST THE SUCCESS OF THE WAR THAN THE ISOLATED ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS, NO MATTER HOW PROMINENT" (our emphasis).

Patriotism vs. Freedom

The Nonpartisan League, which by September, 1917, had 20,000 members in Minnesota, insisted that the war should be financed by the wealthy corporations. It was a rich man's war, the League insisted. The authorities thereupon demonstrated that the rights of free speech and free press are myths in a war emergency.

In town after town, meetings of the Nonpartisan League were prohibited, its leaders mobbed, jailed. Governor Burnquist, in a public statement, charged that the League was made up largely of pro-Germans, members of the I. W. W., and "Red" Socialists." Said He: "Its self-constituted leaders are neither real farmers nor real laborers," would ultimately be discovered by the actual farmers and workers to be "wolves parading in sheep's clothing."

Spies, Strike Breakers

The American Protective League was founded in March, 1917, and soon numbered 250,000 volunteer detectives and stool pigeons throughout the nation. A Minneapolis division was formed in November, with 400 operatives assigned to various posts. During the year of its existence, the Minneapolis division "handled" over 15,000 cases. On the night of March 26, 1918, about 100 operatives attempted the first roundup of draft evaders on a large scale tried anywhere in the nation; this raid inspired similar raids in other cities. These spies formed a drag-net, not over the upper class residential district of Minneapolis where wealthy young men violated the draft law with relative impunity, but over the district of cheap hotels and lodging houses. Over 100 suspects were taken into custody. Two days later, 250 operatives, escorted by 700 national guardsmen, made an even more extensive raid, arresting

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Bill Brown Says—

The day after Peterson spoke about Stalinist stooges on the state payroll, John Gabriel Saltis hollered, "It's me he means." It reminds me of an old saying, When you throw a stone among a bunch of dogs, the one that's hit will yip.



BILL BROWN
President of 544

Open Meeting for Veterans Called by Federal Workers

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Committee and the FWS and that it was given in part at least, to forestall and weaken the pressure for the much greater increases that are sorely needed by the veterans. However, this initial victory should open the eyes of all needy veterans to the effectiveness of united action based on principled militancy.
FWS Gets Speedy Settlement of Vets Grievances
Numerous grievances of FWS veterans have come in during the last two weeks. The FWS is pleased to announce that all of these have been promptly settled on a temporarily acceptable basis, with the single exception of requests for dental and optical services. Soldiers Welfare states it started about January 1st referring all such Minneapolis requests to the General Hospital, due to shortage of veterans relief funds. The FWS believes, however, that General Hospital is already heavily overloaded and referred the matter to the All-Vets Committee.
Funds Discovered for Vets Dental and Optical Care
Discussion in the All-Vets Contact-Men's meeting brought out that the state legislature has set up a special Soldiers Welfare Fund under the State Board of Control and that the last session of the Legislature added \$30,000 to the \$70,000 or so then in the

over 1,000 subjects. All but 27 were innocent.
So-called public spirited citizens formed companies of the "Civilian Auxiliary" in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Many of the companies were later transferred to the Home Guard of Minnesota, part of a nation-wide strike-breaking organization. By the end of the war, 23 battalions with a total strength of around 8,000 had been organized in cities and towns throughout the state. In these many ways the authorities argued, propagandized, coerced, and forced labor into support of the war.
War vs. Democracy
The "democracy" that the war was supposed to bring was shown by the frame-up of Tom Mooney, the savage suppression of strikes, and the nationwide drive of the bosses for the Open Shop which began a few months after the armistice was signed.
The End

Laundry Lingo

Our organizers are showing good results.
If the dues must be paid eventually, why not pay before the 15th, avoid penalties, and also be eligible for the sick benefit.
Harry Van Hoof from Falconers has been back to work two weeks. How's the game leg?
Alvin Gallagher went back to work last week at the Crescent.
Attend your union meetings at least once a month.
Off the streets at 6 p. m. week days, and 4 p. m. Saturdays.
Anyone who drives in our industry is going to be a member of our union and abide by the rules and regulations governing same.
We had a little scuffle getting a contract signed last week. The contract WAS signed.
Dobbs makes a good seventh.
The organizers have unearthed a few things that are interesting but some of them are not very nice.
The executive board is doing a good job.

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Old Friends Remembered . . .

Joe Davis Opened the Lyon's Bar During the July-August 1934 Strike—and It Immediately Became Part of the Strike Machinery—We Still Like Joe Davis

Lyon's Bar

During the July-August strike of the drivers in 1934, Joe Davis and Bud Lyons opened their bar at 313 Second Avenue South. They weren't there for very long before they proved themselves to be real friends of the union movement.
Bud was killed in an accident in '35, but Joe is still operating the "Lyon's Bar," and still sees his friends who recall with him the days when "Lyon's Bar" was a sort of secondary strike headquarters, where the strike leaders were always welcome to plan a bit of strategy, to study reports, or to gather information on the boss'es' next step.

A Worker's Bar

Joe Davis had no hesitation in stamping his bar as an institution on the workers' side of the fence. He put large posters in the windows, ridiculing the bosses and encouraging 574, as the drivers union was known in those days. All along the bar, Joe put up collection cans, for the purpose of raising money for the strikers. And very few customers managed to get out of the "Lyon's Bar" without leaving something behind to help the strike.
And Joe kicked in himself. He gave generously to the strike

Lyon's Bar

fund; he donated beer, and a 574 man's credit was always good at his bar.
A Friend in Need
In the last days of the strike, when the going was the toughest, when money was scarce, Joe showed his friendship in more ways than one. He didn't mind when the strike leaders used his phone to make their long distance calls, piling up a phone bill that looked like the assets of the First National Bank.
When the strike was over, and celebration was on the order of the day, Joe threw a party for the boys, and believe me, high spirits and plenty of barrels of beer rolled that night.

Thanking Joe

And don't think the boys forgot Joe. Oh, no. For the next day Bill Brown, and Grant Dunne, and Farrel Dobbs sent him a telegram, which read something like this:
"Joe Davis
Lyon's Bar
313 Second Ave. S.
Thanks for all cooperation and aid. We all appreciate your help.
574
P. S. We knew you won't mind our sending this collect as funds are low."
Joe had to shell out 75 cents

for the telegram. "Seeing that it brought good news, I had to tip the delivery boy two bits," said Joe, "so it cost me a dollar to get thanked."
Joe has two virtues; he hates scabs and he's for the union movement. His place has been 100% union since it opened.
He often tells the story that occurred during a mayoralty campaign. A certain candidate for mayor, running as a labor man, was involved. This gentleman had the misfortune to choose to patronize the barber shop nearby the Lyon's Bar. Now this shop was known as non-union. And when Joe saw the self-styled labor politician come out of this scab barber shop, he promptly sent the news in to the "Organizer," which made very good use of it.
Joe came through in the pinch. If the going gets rough again, we know that the Lyon's Bar will be an important cog in the strike machinery.

With the Limousines

On with the dance. Date, February 26. Tickets, I have them and you will get them. Be sure to reserve Saturday night, February 26. You will all hear more about it.
Next Monday January 31, the Teamsters Joint Council will have a banquet at the Curtis Hotel. All executive boards of the teaming crafts will be there with their wives. Here's for a good time.

Correction—George Brooks' gas station is on Excelsior Blvd. on Highway 212 and 169 on the road to Hopkins. It is a quarter mile west of the city limits. He tells me also he will take any coupons of any major oil company. So let's give one of our brothers a break.
Heard that Bud Hanson's wife is sick. Sure sorry to hear it. Here's for a speedy recovery.

The dance committee will meet after the next meeting February 1, in the office.
Let's all get down to the next meeting. See if we can make it the largest meeting we ever had. Don't forget the date—Tuesday, February 1. We want to see some new faces.
Have you heard the one about the lady who surprised the roomer in the bathroom. There are a dozen versions going the rounds. All true, of course.
We hope Joe Lear didn't see Cedric Adams' piece about the head of the Chicago Musicians Local who gets \$25,000 yearly and has a chauffeur. If Joe gets in all the finks that are dancing on the outside, maybe we could make it.
Two of our leading members have joined the Fender-Bender Society.

On WPA Projects

The Federal Workers Section is up to its neck in a fink drive.
Special concessions to delinquent members were voted by the stewards' meeting January 19. The deadline is March 1.
John Shields reports no trouble on his project and an absolute absence of 403's.
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The 292 Utility Workers Face A Wage Review

II.—The Job Steward—What He Means to the Union Members—What the Union Members Owe Him.

By Executive Board, Local 292, I. B. E. W.

In our first article we stated as sharply as we could the need—one which arises in every union in its second stage of development—for making the membership realize that only by the whole membership participating in the work of the union can we make any gains in the coming wage review.

Fortunately, the union has taken a long step toward our goal through the system of job stewards. The eighty or more stewards at the Northern States Power Company, chosen by the Utility Section Advisory Board by agreement with the men of the crew or department involved, are undoubtedly the ablest, most active members of the union. The steward is just one of the men on the job, having no more spare time than his fellow workers, but who has voluntarily undertaken the obligation of representing the union on the job.

Tasks of the Steward

In addition to the two membership meetings during the month which the stewards always attend—the monthly meeting of the whole membership and the Utility Section meeting—the stewards meet separately twice a month. And there is scarcely a steward but finds it necessary to come to the union office at least a half dozen other times during the month. Most of them give unstintingly of their time and energy.

The steward sees to it that his crew or department operate under union conditions. He sees to it that the management lives up to its contract. In the past year, this work has involved much time and

thought, for the present system of classifications involves many border-line cases. We shall devote a succeeding article to the problem of classifications and the necessary union program for simplifying and improving it. Suffice it to say here that the stewards have the grave responsibility of seeing that skilled work is done by skilled (higher) classifications. Every steward carries a copy of the union agreement with the management to refresh his memory; most of them know by heart the provisions affecting their crew.

First Line Defense

The stewards are the first-line defense. They are the propagandists for the union, who keep clear and unsullied the fundamental ideas of unionism. It is a familiar process in every well-organized plant that a few men, either new to the plant or even in some cases men who participated in the strike, forget that only the organized strength of the union members won the benefits which the men are enjoying. And these few men represent a constant danger of "scissorsbill" infection. The casual suggestion of one of them, that a member with a grievance settle it "quickly" by dealing directly with a department head, often results in a settlement unfavorable to the union membership, in establishing a precedent which adversely affects future settlements of similar situations. The stewards fight this and every other "scissorsbill" move and keep fresh before their fellow-workers the fundamental idea of organized, collective dealing with the management.

One of the most important tasks of the steward is to make the men realize that "the union" includes the men, and isn't just the offices and the officers—to make them realize that if something is to be done they must all do their share in getting it done, and that union decisions are best made when a large percentage participates in the decisions.

Steward Meetings

At the two stewards' meetings during the month the union officers report in more detail than is possible at the general membership meetings. The details affecting the various men are brought back to them by the stewards. Much of the time at these meetings is taken up by stewards' reports. These reports give to the union officers a clear picture of what has to be done in the way of adjusting grievances. Indeed, one weakness of the stewards' reports is that they devote all their time to reporting grievances and regularly fail to report on previous grievances which have been adjusted, so that the union officers are continually at a loss to know which grievances are outstanding, and often complain to the management about grievances which have already been adjusted. But that is a fault which is a tribute to the admirable zeal of our stewards.

Stewards—Foundations of Union

The services which the stewards render to the whole union membership in these varied ways are the very foundation stones of our union. This body of men deserves the gratitude of every union member. The stewards are an example which every union member should take to heart. "Every union member a steward"—that should be our slogan in the coming year.

How to Help Your Steward

Every union member owes it to his steward to make his difficult task easier. Here are a few of the ways you can help him:

Back the Steward

1. Be a propagandist too—back up the steward in making clear to every man on the job what the union stands for and why.
2. See that union conditions are observed. Don't wait for the steward to find out about violations; bring them to his attention and discuss with him ways and means of improving the situation.
3. If you have a grievance, report it to the steward, but don't expect him to write out a statement of your grievance and bring it down to the union office. Don't forget that he isn't getting a nickel for his work as a steward and is giving enough time already to his union work. Come down to the union office yourself to report your grievance. In some cases, where a question of fact is involved as to whether you have a grievance or not, discuss that question with your steward. But if you do have a grievance come to the union office and make out your own report. The steward can't possibly take the time to report all grievances.
4. Don't wait until the steward asks for your dues. He doesn't like to be dunning you and it takes his time away from union work. He'll appreciate it if you pay up before being asked.
5. Don't depend on the steward for all your information about union decisions and policies, etc. The steward gets most of his information by attending the general membership and Utility Section meetings. Join him at these meetings. You will find them interesting—what's more you will be adding your voice and your vote to the body on which everything really rests—the union membership.

Rough Cuts and Mike Measurements

The Communist party is in a state of normalcy. It is playing its historic role of obstructionism to the working class. Whenever it hears that the I. A. of M. is gaining members among the garage workers, the stooges are sent out to block progress. Since the C. P. appendage, the CIO in Minneapolis, is shrinking, the industrial and political filibusterers become furious when they see the real union gaining. They would rather see the workers ruined than to see them join the I. A. of M. But the workers do join the union, and that hurts the stooges; hence the rage in the p. p.

That Woodhead agreement especially irritated the wreckers, and dire things are threatened. The C. P. knights errant are desperate. But there will be more such agreements and they will be enforced too. The wrecking crew is on the way out, and it may just as well recognize it now as eventually.

The reason why some of the boys followed the wreckers over into the CIO is that they did not know better. They were deceived. Now that they are learning what the score is, they are very wisely coming back where they belong.

There are some people, devoid of honor, who think that it does not mean anything when they take an obligation upon joining a union. They are being disillusioned. Any union is better off without such members.

If everybody would drink only grape juice, the Minneapolis edition of the p. p. would be left entirely without an argument. Are we to assume the C. P.-CIO line-up is all for Bryan's favorite beverage? Their industrial policy is even weaker.

So the "unity" crew still wants "unity," eh? Well, we don't want any, thank you.

St. Paul Warehouse Union Gets Report on Ward Cases

(Continued from page 1)
The effect of the League's courtroom work in keeping up the morale of the union was also felt to be important. The local chapter of the Workers Defense League is building up a permanent hall fund, which will be placed at the disposal of any bona fide local union whose members are involved with the courts in labor disputes. All individuals and labor organizations desiring to contribute to this hall fund can mail funds to Dorothy Schultz, 158 Lafond, St. Paul, Twin Cities secretary of the Workers Defense League.

A Good Lesson

A valuable lesson was learned in the Ward strike, which should prove of profit to other unions faced with similar situations. Where stationary picket lines are maintained by a union in a labor dispute, and where it appears as though the police or company guards will attack the pickets, it is vital that the union select a permanent committee whose duty it will be to maintain observers on the picket lines at all times, to observe carefully all arrests, to determine immediately what charge is to be placed against the picket, and to secure names of as many witnesses as possible. If this is done, the court defense of the striking union will be rendered immeasurably easier.

The following patents were issued January 24, 1938, to Minnesota and Dakota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 222 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota:
Beck, Michael, St. Paul, Minn., handle; Cunningham, Lewis L., Minneapolis, Minn., combustion control system; Demers, Leslie J. B., St. Paul, Minn., hot plating containers; Douthett, Frank W., Ortonville, Minn., corn ear trimmer; Enochson, Guy O., Austin, Minn., lathe attachment; Graves, Roy L., Bemis, A. J., Minneapolis, Minn., composing machine; Hendrich, Frank E., Leveaux, S. D., card and pamphlet holder; Johnson, Leonard and Rieman, M. A., Minneapolis, Minn., grain separating drum; Massey, Gottlieb H., Minneapolis, Minn., rumidifier with truncated cones; Mathey, Edward H., White Bear Lake, Minn., conveyor; Olson, Oscar L., Bemis, A. J., Minneapolis, Minn., automatic safety switch; Olmsted, George, Minneapolis, Minn., garden tool; Rippe, Walter H., Hutchinson, Minn., pipe aligning tool; Smith, Bertha O., Minneapolis, Minn., device for delecting prevailing air currents of the earth; Violente, Richard J., Virginia, Minn., resilient closure.

The half dozen most active of the labor splitters just love to sing each other's praise in the columns of the splitter's gazette, the p. p. Well, somebody's got to do it, and nobody else will, and it is amusing to everybody.

The only sniping that is being done is that practiced by the C. P.-CIO coalition. It's an old trick to point to the other fellow and exclaim, "Stop thief!" when the loot is in your own pockets.

O'Brien will have to sing more sweetly than he has ever sung before if he is to make a showing in Hopkins. The workers in Hopkins have learned to recognize the voice of the Siren, as well as the beguiling smile and poisonous breath of the labor union court-sans.

Among the automotive shops where mechanics have signified their preference for the A. F. of L. union by signing up with Lodge 382 are Packard, McDonald-Gillfillan, Loring Motor, Grossman Chevrolet, St. Anthony Motor and others. This may serve to aid the obstructionist stooges in knowing where to go. You may expect a visit from 'em, boys, and lots of "unity."

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Crystal Co-op Elects Officers

The Crystal Co-operative Cleaners held its annual stockholders' meeting Monday night at the Franklin Co-op Creamery sales-room. The reading of the financial statement by Chairman Andrew Jensen disclosed a marked increase in business as well as a corresponding increase in net earnings for the past year.

The slate of directors and officers elected for the coming year consists of: Andrew Jensen, president; Joseph Flor, vice president; Martin Withrow, secretary; Mabel Hanson, treasurer. Other board members chosen were William Sinnott, Nathan Osborn, August Brodin, Clarence Mathews and Roy Weir.

The Crystal Co-op was formed in 1928, after the big laundry strike of that year. The strike was lost, and many militant workers were blacklisted. They appealed to the labor movement for support, many shares of stock were sold, and the Crystal Cleaners formed.

With Shovel and Tongs

Summer weather in January is tough on the coal business.

Anyone who feels he has a grievance owes it to himself to appear before the grievance board, which meets every Thursday at 7 o'clock. Your grievance will receive the proper attention.

The new V-8 at Sibley coalyard is a honey. Page Ed Holland?

A new ruling of Local 221: Withdrawal cards will not be recognized until they have been out 60 days or more. If your card is returned within 60 days, all dues and assessments must be paid.

The executive board appointed a new editorial committee for 221 news, so you have a place to turn in items for the column.

The new editors are Slim Eberl, and Bruce Vincent. Remember them, for this will be the only announcement.

The ice harvest is almost over. Next year we'll have a picket line all around Medicine Lake. Also Lake Minnetonka.

Ray Rainbolt is the representative on the Teamsters Joint Executive Board for Local 221.

Keep your dues paid up and the up-to-date stamps in your book. You may be required to show your book at anytime.

What the Heck! Slim Eberl was wearing polish on his finger nails Monday. He'll be getting a marcel wave next.

Attend your union meetings.

Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig
The Tuesday conference with the WPA officials was a fizzle insofar as any actual gain was made. Incidentally, it was once again proved that those skeptics, who doubt the sincerity of our active members, showed their selfishness and ignorance of the magnitude

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Joe O'Hare

You'd hardly know the cigar without O'Hare on one end of it. Joe has been business agent of Bakery Drivers Local 209 since January, 1937, when the union was formed. He's a trustee of the Teamsters Joint Council, is married, likes golf, hockey and basketball. Lived in Minneapolis all his life. Worked at Regan's before taking over his present job. At present he is sweating away on the new Bakery Drivers contract, which Local 289 and the St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union, Local 409, have presented to the Twin Cities bakery bosses.

Teamsters Council To Be Dinner Host

On Monday night, January 31, a dinner at the Curtis hotel will be sponsored by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council Number 32. Invitations have been mailed to executive board members of all unions affiliated with the Council. All active organizers and business agents will be invited, as will John Geary, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Robley Cramer, editor of the Labor Review; the executive board of the St. Paul Teamsters Joint Council; the president of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union; and the editorial staff of the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER.

A program of entertainment and speaking will follow the dinner, and those so inclined may dance.

of this job on our hands by not appearing for this meeting.

Looking Ahead!
Last Wednesday's committee meeting went to town in a big way. Next time a complete setup for a permanent working program for this year will be completed. It is our determination to plan a course of action which will make 1938 a banner year for the ITO.

One of these days you will read about Mr. Independent Truck Owner in an interview by the Organizer's reporter.

Hope this blizzard does some business. It ought to produce some snow hauling checks.

What happened to that north side venture? If there is to be any action, now is the time. It is too tough in the spring to get together for group action.

If that guy from Leighton's brags about the Chevie anymore ask him whose Ford towed him home the other night.

Grease's New Theme Song
Have you been 'truckin' the clover leaf? Sounds like a new dance craze. You now 'swing it' on the new Belt Line crossings. Just try turning left and will you get bawled out.

Many of the boys seem reluctant to consider new deals this year because of dealer insistence on considerable depreciation deductions on trades. Most of them now speak of improvements to keep up with the more exacting 1938 requirements for construction work. Would not group purchase of this equipment prove profitable? What a whale of a deal ten sets of 8-25-20's would make!

That Zander man is working hard for a richer diet for his undernourished charges this year.

IF! What a swell Christmas some would have had if Phillippi could have guessed the weather! Hope our 'pie in the sky' (Kimball) will come by with the April showers... Antonsen would like to deal; and so I hope will others by spring. Do you dance? We hope to oblige with a party date in the near future.

Union Bowlers Dance Feb. 26

The Union Drivers Bowling League is holding a dance Feb. 26, at the union hall. Local 125 got in some practice by dancing all around the Teamsters Joint Council Monday night, winning three games. K. Meyer led with a 524. Phillips Liquor took a pair from the Consolidated. Olson was high for the winners with a 513. F. Melek for the losers, with 491. Local 20316 took two games from the Meat Drivers, and the Ice Drivers blanked the Soft Drinks with Hedin's 520.

The week's standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Local 125	37	14
Phillips	31	20
Meat Drivers	29	22
Local 29316	29	22
Ice Drivers	29	22
Soft Drinks	22	29
TJC	15	36
Consolidated	12	39

Retail Clerks Draw Up Seniority Clause

The Retail Clerks Local 1086 has drawn up a detailed seniority clause which is to be presented to several department stores this week. On Wednesday union officials meet with the Standard clothing store and on Thursday night with the management of the Leader store.

Watt Notes

The Radio Section wishes to extend its sincere regrets and condolences, to Brother Frank Devaney, of Radio Station WMIN, who recently suffered the misfortune of losing his newborn child.

Just two weeks until the big dance. See your stewards for tickets.

There were many big and broad smiles in the Meter Department last pay day. With two exceptions the back pay for the 1937 wage adjustments were on the pay check.

This column would like to hear from other departments as things happen in their respective departments.

The last joint meeting was very interesting. New members are beginning to take the floor and make their views known.

This makes for a better and more interesting meeting, and we hope many more of the new members will continue to do this.

We are sorry to learn of Brother John Williams' father's illness.

"Honest" John has been laid up himself but hopes to be back on the job soon.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
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But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm Labor.

The "Minnesota Leader" on Petersen

Two items in the January 22nd issue of "The Minnesota Leader" deserve being called to the attention of all members of the Farmer-Labor Association and, most especially, of the organized workers whose trade unions are affiliated to the Farmer-Labor Association.

The first is the characterization which the "Leader," both editorially and over the signature of its editor, A. I. Harris, makes of Hjalmar Petersen's speech announcing his candidacy for governor. Harris calls him an agent of the Republican party; "The Republican Party of Minnesota now has a Charlie McCarthy." Editorially, Harris calls Petersen's speech "red-baiting," and darkly hints of "his questionable dealing behind the scenes with enemies of the Farmer-Labor movement."

Stop This!

Quite bluntly, we don't like any part of Harris' line. And we think that every decent Farmer-Laborite will join with us in calling a halt to Harris' methods of fighting Petersen. Whatever candidate members of the Farmer-Labor Association and those who vote with them wish to support in the primaries, they want a clean, principled fight on the real issues. Harris, apparently, doesn't want a clean, principled fight. He tries to "solve" a very knotty problem by the crooked expedient of identifying Petersen with elements whom every Farmer-Laborite abhors and detests:

1. **The Republican Party.** Every worker is an enemy of the Republican party; therefore Harris calls Petersen an agent of that reactionary capitalist machine. Proof? Harris offers none, and cannot, for the simple reason that Petersen is, at the very least, as much an enemy of the Republican party as is Harris.

2. **"Questionable dealings with enemies."** Does Harris have proof of his charge that Petersen is working with the enemies of labor and the farmers? He offers none. Until he does, we must brand Harris as an unprincipled slanderer.

3. **"Red-baiting."** Here, too, Harris offers no proof. Petersen, referring to certain well-known facts, charged that undue influence was being exercised in Farmer-Labor councils by the Communist party. Does that constitute red-baiting? If it does, then every possible form of criticism of the Communist party is red-baiting, and if you don't want to be a red-baiter you have got to keep quiet about every dirty piece of business engineered by the Communist party and its stooges.

We repudiate this definition of red-baiting—it is not the first time that Harris has employed it—as nothing less than blackmail of all critics of the Communist party. It is an attempt to silence every honest critic of the scoundrelly Stalinist crew.

II.

The second item in "The Minnesota Leader" reveals the same methods of gag rule as the first. Among the "proposed changes in the Farmer-Labor constitution" of the state committee of the Farmer-Labor Association, there is quietly tucked away the following one:

"All local units must support all candidates for office endorsed by the Farmer-Labor Association and must not support any other candidates not officially endorsed by the Farmer-Labor Association. Violation of this provision shall be grounds for the revocation of the charter of such unit."

Prepares Splits

If this provision is adopted, it means that every contest for office in the Farmer-Labor movement will lead to a violent split of the organization. For example, every unit of the organization which supports Petersen in the primaries is liable to have its charter revoked. It becomes, in other words, a crime to belong to a convention minority which insists on testing the democratic character of the convention decision by a primary contest.

The Right to Primary Contests

We say: We are not ready to call a man a criminal because he feels that the present Farmer-Labor Association machinery is not in the hands of the rank and file. We say: any Farmer-Labor leader who appeals to the primary has a moral right to do so without being subjected to punitive action. We say: the proposed amendment to the Association constitution can be honestly supported only by those who simultaneously are ready to repudiate the whole conception of a primary—for what possible use is a primary if resort to it by a convention minority is dubbed an outlaw act?

Stalinist Methods of Repression

Furthermore, we say: the methods employed by Harris and the initiators of the amendment are the peculiar methods employed by the Communist party to stifle all opposition everywhere. These methods led to the Moscow trials and the bloody purges of all Russia, they led to Stalinist-instigated murders of revolutionaries and progressives who differed with them in Loyalist Spain, they led to the vile attempt to pin the murder of Pat Corcoran on the Minneapolis labor movement and the "Bell affidavit" frameup which flopped so miserably a few weeks ago. We want no part of these methods. Whoever the candidate we shall support, we want a clean, honest, decent fight on the basis of clearly-stated issues debated on their merits before the rank and file.

Southern Lynchers and Their Senators

One of the most repulsive episodes in American political life has just been enacted on the floor of the Senate in Washington.

The Southern bloc of senators, fearful of the known fact that the overwhelming majority of the workers and farmers of this country are in favor of determined efforts to stop lynching, have filibustered night and day to prevent the taking of a democratic vote for or against a Federal anti-lynching law.

Democratic Rights vs. Privilege

Is it not avowedly part of the democratic tradition that a majority has a right to record and carry out its decisions? These Southern senators can make the most

F. D. R.: "... I found business very cooperative. ..."



Acme Foundry Joins I. A. of M.

All of the molders employed by the Acme Foundry signed up for membership in Lodge 1313 of the I. A. of M. a few days ago. This is a refutation of the charge made by the disruptionists that the I. A. of M. would tolerate the separation of workers of different crafts who had organized.

The reception given to Brothers Hosman and Gilliam by these men indicates that they are fed up on the balcony contained in working class phraseology dispensed by the irresponsibles.

The union will work out an agreement for these workers immediately and open negotiations in their behalf.

It is reported that there is considerable dissatisfaction among the employees of some of the ornamental shops with their adventure into the CIO under a fickle, opportunist leadership. The rosy promises and sweet songs of love do not now seem so rosy and sweet.

Union Scale, Back Pay Won for Atlas Drivers

A sharp warning to coal employers not to attempt to evade the stipulations of the union contract was implied in the settlement of the two-day Atlas Coal strike, announced Monday by the General Drivers Union Local 544.

The Atlas company, 1128 South Second, was struck last Thursday when it was discovered coal drivers were being paid 60c a ton for hauling, rather than the union rate of 75c per hour. Seven men were involved in the dispute.

The settlement, which went through Monday, stipulated that every coal driver will henceforth receive 75c per hour for an 8-hour day. Back pay at the union rate for all drivers will be forthcoming, covering the period during which the union scale was evaded. Each worker will receive about \$200 back pay under the agreement. Harry De Boer represented the union in the settlement negotiations.

BAKERY BLAB

By A. M. Ogren
STEWARDS—Meet Tuesday, Feb. 1, 7:30 p. m.
RETAIL DRIVERS—Thursday, Feb. 3, 8 p. m.

How about having a General Membership Dance? Let us know how you feel about this. Quite a number have signified they would like a dance, and we are canvassing the members.

Any member not receiving the Northwest Organizer can receive same by telling his steward.

Circulation of this paper is now well over the 25,000 mark and is distributed over the entire Northwest.

"Daddy Cup Cake" and "Precious" from the Purity North Plant were very much present at the last meeting.

Harold Simons, Independent Gro. Bak Co., has been driving his truck in complete comfort these days, as he has a pretty hot heater in his cab.

Trusty Joe O'Hare says he doesn't want you boys calling him up about your stales these days. He had a member call him up the other day and complain he had too much stale. How do you like that?

Here's one from the Journal: "Georgie Brown, secretary in a labor union office, always has worked for men and wouldn't want to change. She doesn't think she would get along with a woman boss—judging from experience of friends." Atta girl, Georgie.

Joe O'Hare, Loren Johnson and myself are taking a jaunt to St. Cloud Sunday, Feb. 6, to line up the bakers there. Get ready for us, Slim.

Harry DeBoer and Joe O'Hare and four others offered to help eat up the unsold cake at Grenn's the other morning when, after stopping them from pulling out, the manager asked them what he could do with all them cakes. Harry's mouth began to water immediately.

Hiram Osen, the roaring Norwegian at Zinsmasters, burned out a bearing the other morning. He swore his car wasn't even moving. The Zinsmaster boys are already planning a fishing trip to Mille Lacs the opening day. I guess it was the mild weather over last week-end.

Shop Stewards of 1313, 882 to Meet Regularly

The meeting of machinists and auto mechanics' Shop Stewards held last Friday set a regular meeting night for this all-important functioning body. Hereafter the Shop Stewards and shop committeemen will hold their meetings regularly at 8 p. m. at 501 East Hennepin Avenue on the Wednesdays before the Second and Fourth Fridays of each month. These meetings are joint meetings of the Stewards and committeemen of Lodges 382 and 1313, and fall on the Wednesday prior to the regular meeting night of Lodge 382.

The last Stewards meeting was well attended, and got down to a methodical examination of conditions in each shop, and suggested necessary attention for each problem.

The buoyant spirit and determination which pervaded the meeting clearly shows that the machinists locals have men of the kind of metal needed to build a union. Nothing can impede the progress of Lodges 382 and 1313 while its members continue this kind of activity.

Extending the organization to embrace all workers eligible to membership in the I. A. of M. in Minneapolis is the task which this group must set for itself with the help of the Business Agents. Aggressive organizing work must be taken up by this committee, and the Business Agents must give direction and assistance.

Closed Shop Asked At American Brake

The employees of the American Brake Shoe are going in for a closed shop agreement. These workers are members of Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., and have had their experiences with the irresponsibles.

It is reported that Bergstrom, of the CIO splitters, is circulating petitions among some employees of this shop who are at present laid off, asking that no closed shop agreement be signed by the company with the I. A. of M.

Skogie is getting a reputation as the Yim Farley of Stockholm.

The fink drive will be on when you read this.

Girl dairy employees are being lined up rapidly by Local 471.

There's still ten thousand dollars for the person who comes through with information leading to the conviction of Pat's murderers.

Dobbs was sick Monday.

If the thugs in Austin try anything, they're due for a surprise.

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

The J. Bartletts drew another baby girl.

She calls Skoglund "Grandpa" in Fairbault.

The Twin City bakery drivers are shoulder-to-shoulder for a new and better contract.

The Warehouse meeting Tuesday night was a honey.

Coal employers are finding out it costs to chisel.

Alice in Wonderland
The building at 257 Plymouth grows smaller and smaller.

The conference in Indianapolis was a complete success.

Rain Checks Good
The postponed game between the drivers and the coal bosses in

Sioux Falls may be played any day now.

The Austin Labor Defense Committee still needs funds to carry the Voorhees case to the high court.

Frosig and Bartlett spoke in Fargo Wednesday.

Basketball fans can get a run for their money at the games played by Local 1859's team. Admission is free.

R. S. V. P.
Invitations have gone out from the Teamsters Joint Council to a dinner next Monday at the Curtis.

Only a Memory
That CLU slate handed out Tuesday to the business agents was a giggle.

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1)

Some time ago, in New York City, the Transport Workers Union successfully negotiated a closed shop contract with the largest of the city's subway systems. Six "workers" protested the contract, on the grounds that "they did not wish to join a labor union." Their protest was carried through a series of court battles, each of which they lost, but in each case the decision was so given that they were able to appeal it to a higher court.

On Thursday of last week Chief Justice Hughes signed a writ of stay, under which the corporations involved are prohibited from discharging the man involved pending a court decision as to whether it has jurisdiction.

This is the first time that a case involving the constitutionality of the closed shop has ever come before the U. S. Supreme Court. The New York Times reports that "all interested" are awaiting eagerly the decision as to whether or not the Supreme Court will take jurisdiction and, if it does, the ultimate decision.

The fact that this is a very carefully prepared test case, deliberately planned by not one but many employers, is not mentioned. The "six workers" who are appealing their right to join or not join a labor union are not likely to be wealthy enough to pay the expenses involved in this case. Who, then, is paying for this determined effort to defeat the closed shop?

Anyone who has ever served on a labor defense committee knows the tremendous cost of preparing transcripts of trials for appeals.

Harry Lundeberg, a militant leader of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, testifying before the Maritime Commission, told of how, when the President Hoover grounded in Oriental waters several weeks ago, 700 seamen were forced onto the headline. The moment the liner grounded, the seamen's salaries were stopped. They were forced to work many long, dangerous hours getting passengers to safety, transporting luggage off the doomed vessel, etc., for nothing. Net they have been accused of every atrocity known, by ship's officers, and by wealthy passengers. As one seaman put it, "they expected the

same service after we grounded as they got before."

Senator Lodge's amendment to the Housing Bill, setting a "prevailing" wage scale on construction work to come under the bill's jurisdiction, was defeated in committee on the grounds that its inclusion would defeat the "entire purpose" of the Act, which is ostensibly to create jobs, and make for more and better homes in America. The New York Times says that there is no such thing as "a prevailing wage," that only the government ever is forced to comply with such a law, and that "even unions take a lower wage than their scale during times of depression." Maybe all of those bitter disputes between the bosses and the construction-unions here and elsewhere have just been figments of our imagination?

Three hundred fifty-two members of the United Auto Workers Union were arrested on January 21, when they attempted to distribute union literature before the gates of the River Rouge Ford plant at Dearborn, Mich. The arrested unionists were transported to police headquarters in all available patrol wagons and many chartered busses. They were charged with violation of a recently enacted ordinance which defines the street in front of the plant as a congested area and, as such, not a place to distribute union literature. Those arrested were charged, booked and then released. Of those previously arrested none have been brought to trial, and no decision has been reached by the city fathers (Ford and Co.) as to whether or not they will be tried. If they do decide to prosecute the arrested unionists (who now number in the hundreds) it will keep the courts of Dearborn jammed for a long, long time.

Attorneys for the AFL, the CIO and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, ended their arguments before the NLRB on the question of whether or not certifications should be granted or elections held to determine union representation during the existence and life of a contract between a union and an employer. The Board will now meet to decide the question.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LODGE 382 Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.	LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.
LODGE 1313 Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.	LOCAL 292 Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday
LODGE 1037 Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.	LOCAL 131 The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	LOCAL 125 The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	SIoux CITY DRIVERS Grievance Committee—Each Tuesday, Friday night Stewards' Meeting—Each Friday night
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	MEETING SCHEDULE JANUARY, 1938 LOCAL 544 Wednesday, Feb. 2—Sausage; Thursday, Feb. 3—Greenhouse; Friday, Feb. 4—Job Stewards Monday, Feb. 7—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	Wednesday, Feb. 9—Market; Wholesale Liquor Sunday, Feb. 13—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m. Monday, Feb. 14—General Membership Thursday, Feb. 17—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2. Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room.
LOCAL 1859 Casket Section—Jan. 11 J. R. Clark Section—Jan. 19 Exec. Board, 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Exec. Board, 20481—Jan. 17 General Membership, 1859—Feb. 2 General Membership, 20481—Jan. 21 Twin City Stewards—Jan. 10, 24	
LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday	
ICE, COAL DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays.	