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Full Labor Slate Heads for Victory Monday

On the National Picket Line

With over eleven million workers unemployed today, with the bosses reducing the pay checks of millions of other workers by giving only "part time" work, and with the administration cracking down on WPA, it becomes imperative that the union movement find its solution to the question of unemployment.

Despite the fact that short-sighted labor leaders in many cities have done their best to resist an examination of the riddle of unemployment, this problem keeps pushing ever more urgently to the foreground. It weighs like a millstone around the neck of society, dooming millions of families to the blackest misery and despair.

The problem of unemployment offers really only two sorts of solutions. The solution of the wealthy classes is that used in the dictator countries—concentration camps, forced labor, abolition of all social services, the cutting of wages in private industry to the precise point at which the worker can still remain alive and give his body to the employer to exploit.

Unless the union movement in the United States finds ITS solution for the problem of unemployment, the bosses will solve the problem THEIR way.

At least one union in the United States claims it has a practical solution to the unemployed problem. The union is New York Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, with 6,000 members.

LOCAL 3 HAS SOLVED THE PROBLEM BY FIGHTING FOR—AND WINNING—THE THIRTY- HOUR WEEK WITH NO REDUCTION IN PAY.

For years New York electricians worked the 8-hour day, 40-hour week. From 1929 on, it was considered normal when one out of every four members had a job. When 50 per cent of the union membership was employed, conditions were considered "good."

The employers offered no solution. With the improved technique and efficiency of the electrical workers, with the great advances in the mechanization of the work, the employers found the workers accomplishing a good deal more than before. More work was being finished in fewer hours. More workers were laid off. Unemployment grew and grew.

Local 3 decided it had to find the solution. In 1930 the union decided to try sharing the work. The membership voted to work only 4 days a week—8 hours a day. A year later, they found unemployment still widespread. In 1931 they voted to work only 3 days a week—8 hours a day. Unemployment only increased.

In 1933 the bosses proposed that employment would be stimulated if the union would consent to a reduction in wages. The union was even willing to try this. The workers accepted a decrease in wages from \$13.20 to \$11.20 for a day's work of 8 hours. The result was still more unemployment only increased.

Minneapolis Unions Slam Stassen Bill And Lloyd J. Haney

All AFL Unions Declare Unanimous and Unalterable Opposition to Stassen Anti-Labor Act and to Any Unionist Who Supports Vicious Measure—Demand LaFollette Committee Probe Circumstances Surrounding Bill's Passage—Ask Lawson, Olson to Issue Statement on Republican Measure—Fight on Bill Spurs City Campaign for Labor Candidates

Unanimous and unalterable opposition to the Stassen anti-labor bill and to any member of organized labor administering the vile slave act "or in any manner lending aid to this Republican attempt to smash the Minnesota trade union movement" was voiced by the Minneapolis unions on two occasions last week—at the regular meeting of the Central Labor Union on April 26th, and at the special conference of the executive boards of all local unions held Sunday afternoon at 18 North 8th Street.

The Minneapolis union movement voted Sunday to ask the LaFollette Civil Liberties committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the introduction and passage of the hated Stassen act.

The local movement also unanimously passed a motion introduced by Miles Dunne Sunday to demand that Secretary George Lawson and President Robert Olson of the State Federation of Labor issue a public statement on the labor relations act.

The Central Labor Union resolution read in part as follows: Aims to Cripple Labor

"Whereas, the provisions of this law and its intent is obviously aimed at the crippling and ultimate total destruction of the entire state labor movement and if made effective, as is the evident intent, will place all labor unions under the yoke and into the complete domination of the reactionary Republican Stassen state machine, and

"Whereas, a member of organized labor has been appointed by Governor Stassen as Administrator of the act and who is charged with the enforcement of this vicious anti-labor measure, and

"Whereas, any trade unionist who attempts to act in the capacity of Administrator and who attempts to enforce the provisions of the present Minnesota Labor Relations Act will be forced to violate all principles and practices of organized labor and will be ultimately compelled to disregard his pledge of loyalty to the American Federation of Labor union movement;

"Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Minneapolis Central Labor Union in regular meeting assembled this 26th day of April, go on record as being opposed to any and all members of trade unions acting in the capacity of Administrator of the Minnesota Labor Relations Act or in any manner lending aid to this Republican attempt to smash the Minnesota trade union movement."

The strongly-worded resolution was aimed directly at Lloyd J. Haney, president of the St. Paul Typographical Union and a camp follower of Stassen's, who accepted the governor's appointment as administrator of the act; and at any other unionist who could so far betray the principles of organized labor as to turn cop and assume the dirty task of administering or supporting an act designed to smash the union movement.

On Sunday afternoon the

Vote for Olson



M. W. "Morrie" Olson, candidate of the union movement for short term alderman in the Tenth Ward, brought his primary campaign to a whirlwind finish this week with a series of house meetings and addresses before local unions.

The trade union committee in support of Olson's candidacy has done an excellent job in the Tenth Ward and confidentially looks forward to victory by a wide margin. The union committee urges all workers to vote for Morrie Olson on May 8th.

FWS Plans Action vs. Relief Cuts; New WPA Cut of 900,000 Jobs Looms

Coming on top of the April WPA slash, new WPA cuts took place this week throughout the country. In Minnesota, 5,200 more will be dropped from the WPA rolls, reducing the state total to 52,300. About 800 will be cut in Hennepin County.

Last Thursday President Roosevelt issued a relief message to Congress in which he proposed slashing WPA by one-third starting with the new fiscal year on July 1st, 1939.

The following day the United Press reported that WPA officials "planned today to remove 900,000 persons from the relief rolls this summer to compensate for the reduced budget for the next fiscal year," proposed by Roosevelt in his congressional message.

Republicans Hail Move Republican members of the economy bloc hailed Roosevelt's message. Senator Lodge said he

131 Spreads Truth About Dy-Dee Wash

During the past few days, the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 has sent letters out to scores of customers of the Dy-Dee Wash company, informing them that the company has broken its contract with Local 131 and is using savage anti-labor tactics to maintain its unjustifiable position.

Local 131 is now preparing letters which will be sent to all new parents, notifying them of the true conditions at the labor-hating Dy-Dee firm.

Many former Dy-Dee customers have ceased using the services of this company upon being informed by Local 131 of the attitude of Dy-Dee Wash to the union.

Local 471 Negotiations Continue

The Negotiating Committee of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 had its third meeting with the dealers on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Tuesday night the union's committee reported to the general membership meeting of Local 471, and was given full power to act.

On Thursday a meeting is scheduled to take place between the Negotiating Committee and the ice cream dealers, and on Friday the milk dealers will meet with the union.

The following numbers were drawn at the Tuesday membership meeting: 845, 71, 1499, 142, 1425, 443, and 1272. The bearer of the last number, Frank Nelson, a butcher-maker at the DeSoto Creamery, was present. Brother Nelson received one month's free dues and assessments as a prize.

544 to Hold Special Meeting on May 15th

A special membership meeting of the General Drivers Union Local 544 will be held Monday night, May 15th, 8 p. m., in the downtown Eagles Hall, 4th Avenue South and 8th Street.

This meeting has been called by the Executive Board of Local 544 to discuss the provisions of the new Stassen Labor Bill and its relation to the driving industry.

All members of Local 544 are instructed to attend this important meeting.

Omaha Police Arrest Six 554 Officials

Early last Thursday morning officers and members of the Omaha General Drivers Union and its Federal Workers Section were meeting in Local 554's hall at 1222 Harney Street, preparing to go to the city hall to press demands for adequate relief.

Shortly after 7 a. m. the men left the union hall for a cup of coffee. As the union officials stepped from the hall to the sidewalk they were suddenly surrounded by a company of 74 police. Six union officials were arrested: Al Russell, Tom Smith, Fritz Jeffreys, John Frum, Malcolm Love and Al Costiglia. Police Chief Pisanowski said the arrests were ordered "in the interest of public safety."

The police established a cordon about the union hall and refused for several hours to permit anyone to enter the hall. The men were held for over 24 hours and released on \$50 bonds. The trial started this week but as yet the court's decision is not known.

The city of Omaha was in the midst of a civic celebration in honor of the premier of the motion picture, "Union Pacific."

Plumbing Supply Workers Vote to Strike in 10 Days

Tuesday afternoon members of the Plumbing Supply Section of the Warehouse Union Local 20316 met and voted to strike ten days hence. These workers feel the bosses have been stalling too long. The Plumbing Supply Section wants its agreement settled and means to get it.

958 to Elect Committee This Friday

On Friday, May 5th, members of the Taxi Cab Drivers Union Local 958 will ballot for a new committee of six members.

The voting will take place from 1 to 8 p. m. in the basement hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, and all 958 men are urged to register their choice from the large list of nominees.

Youth Ask Supplement to NYA Wage

In their drive to relieve the distress of the jobless youth of Minneapolis, the Youth Section of Local 544's FWS has prepared a resolution which will be presented Thursday morning to the city welfare board. The resolution points out that a number of single young men and women are now working on NYA at the miserable wage of \$20.40-\$25 monthly, that the Minneapolis department of public relief supplements the insufficient wages of WPA workers and workers in private industry, and proposes that the wages of the NYA workers be supplemented to bring them up to the single person's WPA budget of \$41.16.

The Youth Section will hold its next open meeting Monday, May 8th, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. A report on the welfare board meeting will be given, plus a report on the youth diamondball team. Food will be served and a good time for all is promised.

Union Candidates Leading in Home Stretch—Dopsters Concede Victory for T. A. Eide—Labor Urged to Support Candidates for City Boards, City Council—Associated Industries Plot Against Unions Can Be Blocked—Vote Monday Without Fail!

With only a few days remaining in the municipal campaign, the candidates of the labor-liberal forces thundered down the home stretch in an enviable position to capture practically all offices for which they were aiming. Given a heavy turnout at the polls next Monday by labor's forces, it appeared certain that the candidates of the April 8th convention would win in the primaries and be in an excellent position to challenge the Associated Industries candidates in the finals on June 12th.

T. A. Eide, heading the trade union ticket as the candidate for mayor, has been extremely active during the past week on behalf of the labor-liberal slate. Eide has been speaking on an average of four times nightly to union meetings and to special gatherings at various halls and homes. Monday night over Station WDGJ, Eide made an impressive talk in which he defended the right of every man and woman to a job at a living wage. He pledged that he would not use the office of mayor or the police force to settle strikes by strike-breaking methods, and gave special credit to the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union for its work in settling strikes. Eide pledged himself to resist any attempt on the part of big business to shift the relief load from the federal government back on the shoulders of local home-owners and tax-payers.

On Wednesday night Eide and Al Hanson, candidate for the Board of Estimate and Taxation, spoke over WDGJ, and on Friday Dewey Johnson is to speak over the same station at 7 p. m. on behalf of Eide and the labor slate. On Wednesday night Eide was the guest speaker at a mass meeting called by the CIO at Pioneer Hall. Labor Candidates Well Received The reception that all the labor candidates have received at their various meetings has been extraordinarily heartening. Ole Ogg, who is active in the labor campaign, said Wednesday that "in the 20 years I have been active in the labor movement, I have never seen any candidate except Floyd Olson receive such a spontaneous reception as is being accorded T. A. Eide in this election."

Eide's superiority over all other mayoralty candidates was dramatically shown last week before the Saturday Lunch Club where many of the candidates for mayor appeared to speak. All the other candidates spent their time in demolishing one another, having little trouble in unmasking the hypocritical pretenses of each other. Only T. A. Eide, the Farmer-Labor and trade union candidate, contributed anything of worth to the meeting. He refrained from personal issues and was the only candidate for mayor to present a positive progressive program, a fact which was noted and appreciated by those in attendance.

"Wise Money" on Eide The same political dopsters who cleaned up on the Stassen campaign last fall are putting their money on Eide in the municipal election. The daily papers report that even money and better is being offered that Eide will win in the primaries. According to the dope, the labor candidate will face Leach in the finals. Don't Overlook City Boards With only four days remaining in the primary race, Harold Seavey, chairman of labor's volunteer committee, made a special plea to the voters to rally behind the various labor candidates for the city boards. "The board of estimate and taxation, the park commission, the library and school boards have a great deal to do with the wages and working conditions of hundreds of union employees," stated Seavey. "The union movement has an excellent

Following is the list of candidates endorsed by the labor-liberal committee. Take this list with you to the polls. Answer Stassen and the Associated Industries by voting this ticket STRAIGHT. Mayor—T. A. Eide City Treasurer — John Reizer Board of Estimate and Taxation—Al Hanson Park Commissioners — J. J. (Jerry) Cremers; C. F. Kelsey; H. G. Knight Library Directors — Mrs. Margaret Larson; Roger L. Olson School Directors (long term) — Mrs. Walter M. Lewis; Roy W. Wier School Director (short term) — Owen Cunningham ALDERMEN Third Ward—John Simcoe Fifth Ward—Wm. M. Schumacher Sixth Ward—Al G. Bastis Seventh Ward — Lyman F. Johnson Ninth Ward — Andrew R. Gisslen Tenth Ward (short term)—M. W. (Morrie) Olson; (long term) Stanley Anderson. Eleventh Ward — John A. Nelson Twelfth Ward—Michael Foley All out to the polls on Monday, May 8th.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Workmen's Benefit Fund Now Forming Local Branches

The Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, a progressive workers' organization which is celebrating its 55th anniversary this year, is now organizing new branches in Minneapolis.

The Benefit Fund has assets of four million dollars and was started in 1884 by a group of German trade unionists in the East. In recent years it has enjoyed a steady growth and now has functioning branches in 28 states in the union, with 54,000 members.

Men and women between 16 and 54 years of age and in good health are eligible. Members are eligible to receive sick and accident benefits of up to \$12 weekly for 50 weeks, and \$6 weekly for an additional 50 weeks; life insurance up to \$550; and aid from the National Relief Fund. Other features of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund are its national hospital fund which extends payment of \$18 weekly for hospital care; free medical care; recreation farms; a juvenile fund; and its official monthly magazine, "Solidarity," sent free to all members.

Branches Meet Monthly
The branches hold meetings monthly, where the business of the organization is transacted in a democratic manner. The Benefit Fund is a cooperative, no profits being paid to anyone. Dues are fixed according to necessity by national conventions held every four years. Every member of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund is obligated to pledge support to organized labor.

Unions and individuals interested in learning details of the Minneapolis branches now forming may correspond with Fred Schock, national organizer, care of the Northwest Organizer, 253 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis.

With the Limousines

"Home James"

Notice to all members of Local 912. All assessments are to be paid before your Union dues are paid; any member who has not paid his assessment fee, or fees, will not be entitled to death benefit.

The Entertainment Committee reports the dance tickets are selling fine and wishes to thank the many members who are really trying to make this dance of ours a success.

Ask Mel J., when he's going to have amateur night. Mel, when are you going to invite the Executive Board to one of the plays?

The membership heard a very able and capable speech delivered by T. A. Eide, Progressive candidate for mayor, and don't think for one minute Ole Ogg can't talk.

The members who attended the last meeting had a very fine reception after the meeting due to all the fine beverage.

There is already talk about a picnic, but due to so many important "topics" to be discussed at the meeting we did not get all the latest information on the time and place of said picnic.

The Smoke Inspector was at the meeting and handled the smoke situation in the best interest to all.

We are all glad to welcome "I Raise" Jones back, and you should see the California sun tan he has acquired.

We would like to see every meeting with as large a membership in attendance as our last meeting and, by the way, the meeting was conducted in very fine manner.

You might ask Fred M., and some of the boys if they had a good time after the meeting, I'm sure they all will tell you of the fine time they had.

Remember, boys, now is the time to be sure you have one of the labor ballots and check the candidates in your ward so you may see who can help you after election.

The bridge players had a very fine setting after the meeting, so they tell me. I'll be a seeing you.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By Richard F. Hornig

With the coming of spring work and the necessity of hustling to keep jobs in sight, much of the bitterness and disgust over the political sand-bagging of our ITO on the WPA seems to have been buried for a time, although all the men who have been let out by the federal government are supposed to be at liberty. We must not have much of an unemployment problem now because Mr. Zander found it almost impossible to find anyone who could go out on a three-yard haul for a local contractor.

Somebody was called to cut a cab for one of those good county deals. The county nucker must be rarin' along in fine style. Just in case you should hear a lot of stories on this county work it might be well to ask you to consider how it is possible to move in on a purely political setup with union regulations and not start a lot of arguments about what is fair and not fair or who is favored and vice versa.

L. O. Swanson who has helped the park board distribute a little sugar to our boys before, is at it again with his five-yard dump carts. The call is for some of that famous clay.

It should be interesting to you men who prefer to make your folding money out on road construction to know that the highway department is letting out contracts now that call for a lot of hauling work. Curt has the Northwest Daily Construction Bulletin posted on the wall at union headquarters.

Louie Charney certainly got into an awful hornet's nest trying to work out of Brainerd. A little judgment in not waiting to consult with Zander here proved to be an expensive error. The boys up there convinced Louie it just was not the proper thing to do in taking a job in their district. But a word from here would have paved the way for an easy transfer and a job for Mr. Charney. The Watson crew did that little thing and everything was rosy. Please remember "a stitch in time..."

With many of you men wondering whether you will ever work tomorrow or not it has been reported one of our truckers has a month to decide the tough problem whether he wants state or county seniority. Can't have both.

Political science. Right now your new alderman feels a good deal like Tom McCue often must have after trying in vain to get you fellows to look beyond the end of your noses. It would have saved our committee much worry and work if the boys would have taken the trouble to give us a little first hand report of their activities. Indications from outside other sources than the Union make us feel sure that all the independents are rolling the ball along and doing plenty to help keep things going nicely. And how do we know? Well, the candidate must admit in all modesty that he is sitting in the driver's seat. Ralph and I appreciate the honesty and sincerity of many of the fellows who have admitted to us that the heat was turned on them and pressure brought to bear or inducements offered to keep them off the hand-wagon. We want you to believe that not one of us would expect you to stick your neck out foolishly.

Bill Thompson, Ted Kohler,
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544 Nine Whips Penn Team, 18-0

Last Sunday afternoon the General Drivers Union Local 544 baseball team buried the Penn-Lowry American Division hopefuls in an avalanche of baseballs, to come up with an 18-0 win in the second practice tilt of the season. Norris Hanson pitched in midseason form for the winners, fanning 14 batters and permitting but two hits. Hanson hurled a cool, heady game. Twice he had men on third with no outs, and each time he was able to apply the pressure and retire the side. Joe Rusin got two hits out of three chances, and both Hanson and John Sodd netted three out of five.

Local 544's nine will play the Stillwater Eagles on Sunday, May 7th, 3 p. m., at the Stillwater baseball field. Norris Hanson and Dick Dubay comprise 544's starting battery.

It is apparent that Local 544 will have one of the strongest offensive teams this year that the park league has seen in a long time. In the two games to date, the union men have rapped out 36 runs. The union is looking forward to the coming game with the Superior Drivers Union Local 288. The Drivers Union Local 90 at Des Moines is also angling for a contest, and Manager Jack Herman is seeking to arrange a game with the Iowa brothers.

Michael J. Foley, present alderman of the 12th Ward and the candidate of the labor-liberal committee, has been active for years in the union movement. He has served the Plaster Tenders Local 111 as chairman, business agent and financial secretary and at present represents Local 111 in the Central Labor Union. Foley has been alderman since 1935. In addition to being supported by the trade union conference, Foley has the backing of the railroad brotherhoods and the 12th Ward Farmer-Labor club.

Foley Backed by Labor in 12th

I note, in the Labor-Review, that somebody has put the burn on the Park Commissioners for hiring a gas shovel from a private contractor for the big job at Lake Harriet. The Park Board machine is standing idle at 38th and Bryant S. Hearsay has it the Park Board machine isn't worth repairing. But the hired machine is at least a couple year's older. I recall that the Park Board machine was overhauled during the winter of '37 and '38. I now wonder how many P.B. men would have escaped the layoff this spring had the Commissioners seen fit to estimate this machine's total earnings on the payroll of park employees. No doubt many of the park employees are thinking along the same line. Plenty of publicity may help to prevent recurrences of this sort of thing.

544 Union Guard Dance Big Success

The dance and spring bazaar sponsored by Local 544's Union Defense Guard last Saturday evening was a gratifying success, the committee reported this week. The many friends of the Guard who attended the affair at 257 Plymouth Avenue North had a lot of fun, and a good profit was realized which will go towards paying the expenses of the Union Defense Guard.

Bergeron and a few others have already realized a little cash consideration coming from that co-operation that was promised to our third ward ITO by your new alderman.

Thanks to Mickey, who hasn't been too busy with Morrie Olson's campaign to keep his ear to the ground listening in on whippersnappers about third ward politics. Mickey's column kept tab on things for the last three of four weeks.

Good luck to Morrie up in the tenth and success as well. All the ITO should be actively for him, if only for the most selfish reasons of personal gain.

Bob's brother, Pete Bove, is waiting for you guys at 425 Washington Ave. South to put your name and number with the gross weight of your truck on your car door, as required by city ordinance. Get busy before you get a ticket. The cops are turning on the heat.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

The meeting last Thursday was unusually well attended and the brothers were addressed by several candidates for public offices of alderman and mayor. T. A. Eide gave a brief and pointed talk and made a very favorable impression on all of us. Personally, I think Mr. Eide is a brainy and sincere man. He has been through the mill in earning his livelihood and knows from experience what the average working man has to contend with. He gets my vote and I hope that of every working man and woman in Minneapolis. Brother John Simcoe, candidate for alderman for third ward and Stanley Anderson of the tenth ward made short concise talks and were favorably received.

A one dollar assessment was levied on each member to help in the coming election. There are some short-sighted individuals who object to everything and anything which involves the spending of a little money, even in emergencies. These same fellows will and do spend several dollars every month on slot machines, pinball machines and fourteen games and think nothing of it, yet, when their future welfare, their very existence, is seriously menaced, they squawk loud heaven about unions taking an active part in politics. Brothers, every phase of American life is dominated by politics and therefore it behooves every unionist to fight fire with fire by electing to public office, those men who support unionism. Believe me, when I say that should the reactionaries win this city election, the common people, the wage earners, who have come so far along the right track the past few years, will get a set-back from which it may take a quarter of a century to recover.

"Coming events cast their shadows before" and the recent legislative atrocities, perpetrated on the common people of Minnesota should be an accurate criterion by which to foretell what will happen to the unions of Minneapolis should our candidates lose. Think it over and then use your influence, wherever possible, in helping us win. Take your sample ballot to the polls, May 9th, and go down the line 100% for the candidates whose names are listed there.

There will be some curtailment in the paving operations this year, due to a mathematical oversight in engineer's office. However, the regular employees will not be affected although a smaller number of extra men will be hired. The special assessment is payable with your May dues and as the need is urgent, prompt payment will be asked of all members.

There are several ways to split infinitives but Bro. Joe Knight's is the most unique. Joe uses a folding chair.

"The Kid," says that "The Babe" fell off the wagon, several days ago, with a terrific crash and was badly shaken up for some time. His condition improved rapidly and he's again in the "pink," or should I say, "red?"

A sight to break your heart—Bro. Carl Hedberg, wearing his hip boots struggling uphill through the sand at Cedar Lake beach, trying to get to the water bucket on the curbstone. Boy, I really would have given odds that he wouldn't make it, but he did—And a whole lake of cold spring water right where he started from.

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man
I and the wife aren't going to vote Monday, Labor ought to leave politics to the employers. They know what's good for us.

Sez Mr. Dooley To Mr. Hennessey on the Open Shop

"What's all this that's in the papers about the open shop," asked Mr. Hennessey.

"Why, don't ye know?" said Mr. Dooley. "Really, I'm surprised at yer ignorance, Hennessey. What is th' open shop? Sure, 'tis where they kepe the doors open to accommodate th' constant stream av min comin' 't' take jobs cheaper than th' min what has th' jobs. 'Tis like this, Hennessey. Suppose wan av these freeborn citizens is workin' in an open shop fr' the princely wage av wan large iron dollar a day av tin hours. Along comes another son-av-agun and he sez 't' th' boss, 'Oi think Oi could handle th' job nicely fr' ninety cints.'"

"Sure, sez th' boss, and th' wan dollar man gets out into th' crool world 't' exercise his inalienable rights as a freeborn American citizen an' seab on some other poor devil. An' so it goes on, Hennessey. An' who gets th' benefit? Thrue, it saves th' boss money, but he don't care no more fr' money than he does his right eye.

"It's all principle wid him. He hates 't' see min robbed av their independence. They must have their

independence, regardless av anything else."

"But," said Mr. Hennessey, "these open-shop min ye menushun say they are fr' unions if properly conducted."

"Shure," said Mr. Dooley, "if properly conducted. An' there we are; an' how would they have thim conducted? No strikes, no rules, no contracts, no scales, hardly iny wages, an' dam few members."

"The gutter and boulevard clean-up is rapidly approaching its end. Axel's crew is at present cluttering up the landscape in the vicinity of Cedar lake while Chris. (Floy Floy) Jensen and his mob are putting in some hot licks over on Glenwood boulevard. Barring rain the job will be finished about Tuesday."

Next Monday evening is the regular general membership meeting for the Local. Plan to be on time at 8 o'clock and be eligible for the door-prize.

Of interest to the membership is the fact that we begin our 12th month under the Teamsters Joint Council banner; and we begin the 12th month with 1,011 members who have signed with the Local since June of last year.

The Ben Freeman Oil Company is on the carpet of the State Labor Conciliator in St. Paul, having been placed there by your local in an effort to enforce the union agreement which he has signed. We'll give you a report next week.

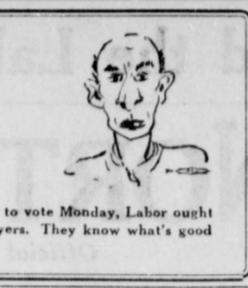
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For the benefit of those who "miss" the collector when he calls at the stations on his collection route, and who want to avoid paying the 50c per month fine on back dues by calling in person at the office, we again remind you that the office is open at 9 a. m. daily, and closes at 5 p. m., with the exception of Saturday, when the office is closed at 12 o'clock noon.

Gassing With 977

Next Monday evening is the regular general membership meeting for the Local. Plan to be on time at 8 o'clock and be eligible for the door-prize.

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Friend Describes Unionism In Southern Section of U. S.

Continued from last week
Besides taking in transference, Drivers Union Local 390 in Miami covers lumber drivers, wholesale drug, beer men, and has a membership of about 150.

The transfer scale here is 60c for drivers. Helpers get 50c. As in other crafts, the Negroes furnish no great problem. The greatest trouble is found in those localities where the men are so anxious to have a job that they will do any amount of chiseling.

Negro Locals
Mixed locals are sometimes found in various sections of the South, but some Building Trades Councils such as in Miami permit a white representative of the Negro section to attend council meetings.

The Negro Local is governed by an executive board of their own choosing. In the Hod Carriers and Building Laborers Local of Miami, the white representative is chosen directly by the executive board. It has nothing to do with organizational work, but acts as the direct agent between the Negro local and the Building Trades Council. Even this concession is begrudged by the officials of some unions. It would seem obvious to all that a sturdy union movement among the Negroes would be of far-reaching benefit to all of organized labor.

Despite their great potential power, only very few Negro locals have developed. In some cases both white and colored locals are represented by one business agent, as is now being done by the Carpenters Union in Miami.

Make Good Unions
A population of 30,000 Negroes is confined to the colored section of Miami, and at least eighty per cent of these are working-class people. All the trades and mechanical work in this section is done exclusively by Negroes except in the case of electrical and plumbing work. Because of city laws and examinations and licenses this work is done by white craftsmen. In the same way, all trade work done outside the Negro section is done by white workers. The police department has been known to remove Negroes from building work not in their own domain.

The Negro Hod Carriers Local has held its present charter for about two years. One of the big difficulties of maintaining such a group is coping with the rumors

and wild talk spread by scandal-mongers and alarmists.

As a general rule Negroes are very easy people to organize. Stevedores and dock workers have shown this by building some of the most solid and militant organizations in the Deep South. Usually the scale for Negroes runs approximately \$2 per day under the scale for whites.

There was a good turnout for diamondball practice last Sunday morning and on Wednesday of this week. Contact the office and we will give you the time and place of the next practice.

The situation at the Dy-Dee Wash has not changed much. You will find another statement elsewhere in this issue.

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Stevens Point Union Issues Appeal to Strikers' Wives

"As the wife of a working-man—can you run your household on \$12 to \$14 per week?" That is the question that the Furniture Workers Union Local 1805 of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, asked the wives of strikers at the Lullabye Furniture company, in a leaflet distributed May 1st. The Lullabye strike is now in its ninth week and the company has been seeking to undermine the strike by directing boss propaganda at the strikers' wives.

The union leaflet points out that the struggle is reaching a crisis and that if the union but remains firm, it can crack the company's opposition. "The company cannot operate and is not operating at present with the present crew. The union has the KEY MEN without which the company cannot hope to operate at a profit."

"Lullabye wants to pay 30-35c per hour," continues the leaflet. "That would be \$12 to \$14 a week. That is a long way from the \$20 you menfolk were getting under the union conditions. Those who advocate going back to work for 30c, or thereabouts, and who tell about the bills piling up, fail to explain how you can pay up these bills on \$12 to \$14 per week, not to mention keeping up with current expenses."

"Be Fair to Your Husband" "Wives of workers—can you see your husbands go to work in a shop where there is a labor dispute and thereby to be 'marked men' for the remainder of their lives? Do you want your children to be looked upon as children of SCABS? Do you want these children to be taunted by their chums and friends? Be fair with your husbands and children. Do not force them to do that which you know is a dishonor. Do not force your children to go without the clothes and food they need and which you certainly cannot buy for them with the rotten wages the men will get if they accept the company's terms."

R. R. Unions Favor War Referendum

With the move in support of a national referendum before the United States can take part in a war on foreign soil gaining ground, the 21 railroad unions, through the railway labor executives association, has gone on record in support of the war referendum proposal.

J. G. Luhrs, executive secretary of the association, appeared recently before the senate foreign relations committee and urged that Congress adopt the war referendum to enable the men and women who would have to fight the war to vote to decide their fate.

Watt Notes

The union held its first diamondball practice last Sunday morning at the Parade grounds. Another practice will be held next Sunday morning at 10:30 at the Parade.

"Putz" says his feet are bigger than Koester's but that Koester wears bigger shoes.

Don't forget to exercise your inalienable right to vote next Monday, brothers. Vote for the one who has your interests in mind. Then you won't have to regret.

Wonder why the brothers don't like the front seats at the membership meetings? If they were at a stag, they would all want front row seats.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of B-160 will stage a little party for their better halves at the club rooms in the basement at 257 Plymouth on Friday night, May 12th.

Who is the Meter Department employee who spends his time reading (or looking at) Life magazine on his noon hour? Incidentally, Life magazine is on labor's unfair list.

Looks like there is plenty of work around but it's just not getting done for some reason.

We commend Brother Phillips on his splendid article in the last Electrical Workers Journal.

To those who forget: The law of compensation is just, sure, and as inevitable as death and taxes.

The executive board members of all locals in the City crowded the Central Labor Union Hall last Sunday to get the lowdown on (Stassen's—Associated Industries) Labor Relations Law.

Religion to some people is something to display at church on Sunday, and patriotism, the waving of the flag on the one hand while at the same time trying to destroy real liberty on the other.

We understand "Chicken Stew" Leonard is quite a cook, or does he get help via the telephone?

The new shipping and receiving quarters at the Warehouse are quite small and very crowded, especially at noon hours.

Attention all meter installers—Please park your cars as close together as possible so that some of the more irritable ones will not have occasion to get "riiled" up.

Brother Carrie is still on the injured list. Hurry up and get well, Joe.

Believe me, we need such men now more than ever.

Also endorsed by the united front of unions and liberal groups is J. J. "Jerry" Cremers for Park Commissioner. Cremers has always been active in community, church, men's and boys' club work and understands what this job is all about.

The political line-up so far: Vote for T. A. Eide for Mayor, Carl T. All for Alderman, Third Ward, J. J. "Jerry" Cremers for Park Commissioner. Only two more weeks and we'll be pulling in the wall-eyed pike. Whoopie!

Who's that thar man in a new gray deluxe Chevrolet coach? None other than Anton Olson and he got it last Tuesday.

Sears Firm To Receive 20316 Pact

On Tuesday, May 2nd, employees of the Sears, Roebuck company met to discuss provisions of the new contract being presented to the management by Warehouse Union Local 20316 for the coming year.

After a lengthy discussion on the terms of the agreement, the members instructed the representatives of Local 20316 to present the agreement and start negotiations within the next few days.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

Last Sunday afternoon the officers of the various unions of Minneapolis and St. Paul gathered at the Central Labor Union auditorium. The Policy Committee of the C.L.U. had made arrangements to have the new Labor Relations Act read and analyzed by four very competent attorneys and it certainly was explained very clearly. The bill is very comprehensive and goes into detail as to just what labor can and cannot do. Mostly "cannot." The details will be brought out at the next general membership meeting on May 3.

The last word belongs to the women:

Eve: "How much union dues do you pay, honey?" Adam: "\$1.50 a month, dear." Eve: "How many hours do you work a month?" Adam: "Well, about 160 hours a month." Eve: "Then your dues are less than one cent an hour." Adam: "By golly! That's so!" Eve: "How much more an hour do you get now than before you had a union?" Adam: "Gosh! I can't remember. That was four years ago." Eve: "How do you expect to hang onto a good thing when you don't even know you have it?"

At the last Executive Board meeting a resolution was passed to favor the Minneapolis harbor terminal. It was felt that such a harbor terminal would be advantageous to 1859 inasmuch as it would give a differential transportation advantage to the woodwork and furniture industries in this territory. Letters and telegrams were directed to be sent to the proper authorities in Washington, D. C., advising them of our stand in this matter.

Brother Ed Novak treated all the workers at the J. R. Clark plant to cigars Monday. This is in honor of Ed's marriage last week. Congratulations from 1859 to Mr. and Mrs. Novak.

Oh! 'tis the marry, marry month of May and if Walter Jansson has decided that he no longer cares to buck the cruel, cold world alone, why that is none of our business and we refuse to mention it. We won't say nothin', Wally. You can trust us.

Louis Tyra will address the members on the subject of "fresh fish and are they worth it?" at some future date.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Carly and Lunde
Our Local 958 baseball team is warming up for the season and getting ready to go places. If some of you guys have spare time on your hands, get out on the lot and help the boys at practice.

Don't forget the election for committee men on Friday, May fifth. There is a good long list to choose from, so vote early and often for your favorite candidate.

Our election is somewhat simplified this year as none of our Brothers are running for mayor of Minneapolis.

"Chippy" Williams, after a Sunday off, showed up Monday a. m. with a skinned nose and cut lip; anyhow, he ran into a fence, and that's his story; "but 'tain't the way I heard it."

Saw Bill Baird with a garden spade and fork over his shoulder one day last week; evidently he entertains ideas about spreading it in a different manner.

Pat Cotton thinks our mechanics are studying correspondence courses to get these high-falutin' vapor locks, disintegrated cables, etc. It is to be just plain cheap gas what did it.

We went on summer schedule with less cabs; goodbye, fellas, get all the big fish and we'll be seein' you about fair week.

When our good friend Sylvester "D" Hall does things he does them in a big way. Just, for instance, last week he got the year's longest and dirtiest "no load" when some miscreant called a cab from Shakopee and bummed a ride from a stranger before our Sylvester got there.

Harold "Huntsman" Johnson and George "precision driver" Langham have shown what the best dressed driver will wear this summer.

Instructions to our Seven Corners informant: find out how the owner of taxi No. 240 rates the name, "Big Chief."

Vern Falk took a plunge in real estate and now is the proud owner of lakefront property, fishing and all.

3 Warehouse Unions Meet In Chicago

James Bartlett and Robert Tibbets, officials of the Minneapolis Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316, report that a satisfactory conference was held recently in Chicago between representatives of the Warehouse Unions in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago. Bartlett and Tibbets represented the Minneapolis union. Bernie Simmer and Don Casseday represented the St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297. The Chicago group is Local 20475, which has a federal charter from the American Federation of Labor. A fruitful discussion was held on the common problems of the warehouse industry in the area, and plans were laid to get similar agreements from such firms as Butler Brothers.

The diamondball players worked out at Bottineau field last Monday. Brother Joe Bednarski is manager and just as soon as we can get in touch with Joe we will have the dope on the diamondball team so we can dish it out to you steaming hot.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next Meeting: Wholesale Bread Drivers meet Thursday afternoon, May 11, 4 p. m. This will probably be the last sectional meeting for the summer, so let's get out to it.

Sympathies of the entire local are sincerely extended to Mrs. Merle Taylor, wife of Merle Taylor, who died Saturday night, April 29, after being sick for two and one half months with pneumonia.

Merle worked for the Continental Bakery for six months in 1934, leaving in September of that year to work for the Martin Bakery of St. Paul. He worked there for about two years, then came back to Continental in February, 1937, and had worked there ever since. During the last three months, up to the time of his sickness, Merle worked on the transport truck, supplying bread to St. Cloud and Little Falls.

We want to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Merle Taylor last week in which they expressed their appreciation for the donation taken up while Merle was sick.

Harry DeBoer is in Rochester going through the clinic.

Carl (G. Whiz) Langva, Zinnmaster, announces the birth of 10 1/2 pounds of baby girl on Friday, April 28. Margaret, his wife, and the daughter are both doing fine. Congratulations!

The more we go into the new Labor Crucifixion Bill the worse it seems. Our "friend," Stassen, and his string-pulling Republican cohorts, certainly sold labor short after all their promises, by trying to shove such a despicable law down our throats. This only goes to prove and serves notice on labor and the labor vote that the Republicans will never be favorable to labor, their promises notwithstanding. And this makes it more necessary than ever that we put liberal candidates in office.

T. A. Eide, liberal and progressive candidate for mayor, is such a man. T. A. Eide is endorsed for mayor by all labor and liberal factions in Minneapolis, including the Central Labor Union, and the Teamsters Joint Council. Eide has been a resident of Minneapolis for 32 years and has for the last 16 years been connected with the Franklin co-operative creamery in an executive capacity and is at present secretary of this organization.

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'U' Forum Hears F-C-L Council Plan

The Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council has been created by outstanding representatives of labor, cooperatives and farm organizations to foster a spirit of confidence and understanding between the respective organizations—this was the gist of the speech delivered by Paul Rasmussen, executive secretary of the F-C-L Council at the University of Minnesota Forum on Tuesday, May 2nd.

Rasmussen analyzed the many common bonds between organized labor and the farm organizations. "The sons and daughters of Minnesota farmers," he said, "who leave the farm and migrate to the industrial centers, join the ranks of labor in 90 per cent of the cases. Consequently, this group of people from our farms benefit directly from the wage and hour standards established by organized labor as a result of collective bargaining."

The speaker pointed out the contradictory nature of those professional people who criticize organized labor while belonging to professions that operate on a closed shop basis. "It is not consistent for dentists, doctors, lawyers and certain educators to criticize organized labor because it has a desire to obtain a similar advantage for the craftsmen."

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist
Members of Local 471 have a duty to perform on May 8th, and that is to get out and vote. The primaries are very important. In addition to voting, urge your friends to do likewise. Our union is well represented in the political field so each and every member should do his bit.

There seems to be a fine group of brothers at the Ever Fresh. Riley, Harding, Homer and Johnson. Most of them have worked at other creameries. Gene Larson explained the by-laws to the new men and pointed out that they cannot solicit until thirty days after initiation.

The Negotiating Committee will appreciate your cooperation in eliminating stories. Mostly, it is propaganda started for a definite reason. Next time you "hear a good one," call Gene Larson for verification. A true union man will never spread lies about his organization or any of its committees or members.

Ole Ogg is back on the stump again; he is out campaigning for the Labor candidates. We hope his efforts will be rewarded on May 8.

Here is a new one. They close the "Return Window" at a certain creamery at 3 p. m. If you are not there, you must keep the "works" until the next day. This puts the "Bee" on some who stall around. Likewise, it makes it tough for the brother pulling a long and heavy route. Such routes should be checked and shortened a bit. If you contact the secretary and treasurer, he will be glad to cooperate with you.

"Ice cream" weather is just about due. It means jobs to many of our brothers. Things start flying and it seems there is a place for every one.

Nilsen Maple Leaf is enlarging and rebuilding its plant. The house next door has been converted into an office. This year their kittenball team is a real factor for the championship.

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MARCHING AS TO WAR

By Dwight Macdonald
Of course, it was all in fun and not for one moment meant to be taken seriously, but I can't help thinking the best bill to be introduced into Congress in many months was the one put forward the other day by an obscure New Jersey congressman named Osners. With a straight face, Representative Osners proposed that when and if this country goes to war, all cabinet members, all directors of munitions companies, all war-loan bankers, all members of the House and the Senate who voted for war shall at once be drafted to serve in the Army. They shall, furthermore, be required to serve as privates and be sent at once into the front-line trenches. I am for the Osners Bill 100%. I would only suggest that its scope be widened to include all pro-war newspaper editors and "labor leaders."

I must admit I had some doubts about this American democracy we are all to die for in the next war when I read two recent announcements. Almost on the same day, the Social Security Board revealed that the average earnings in 1937 of the 30,166,000 wage earners on its rolls were \$890; while the House Ways and Means Committee published the names and salaries of some 50,000 of these wage-earners who had received \$15,000 or more each from their employers that year. It is a long step from \$890 to the \$1,296,000 which Louis B. Mayer of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Film Corp. got, or the \$500,000 which went to William Randolph Hearst, or the \$394,000 which rewarded Bethlehem Steel's president Eugene Grace, or the \$419,000 which International Business Machines Corp. paid its president Thomas J. Watson, or the \$381,000 which President Hill got from American Tobacco Co., or the \$200,000 which F. W. Woolworth Co. gave its president C. W. Deyo.

But then I reflected on still another governmental report which has just appeared, and I realized that we, all of us, rich and poor alike, share the common ownership of a magnificent property worth currently about \$4,000,000,000. This report is the Naval Expense Account for the fiscal year 1938, a matter of eighty-six pages of figures. The common man-in-the-street American citizen, trying to get along on his \$890 a year, often fails to realize that he is co-owner of \$4,000,000,000 worth of guns and torpedoes and armor plate, including \$420,000,000 worth of heavy and light cruisers, \$275,000,000 worth of destroyers, \$328,000 worth of "flags and bunting" and \$33 worth of livestock. It is a comforting thought.

You may wonder sometimes just how important you and your job are to the whole system. When the next war comes, you'll find out quickly enough. Already in England, which is a bit closer to war than we are, the government has drawn up a list of "essential" occupations. (One of them is "trade union official.") Anyone with an "essential" job will be automatically exempted from the draft. TIME summed it up crudely but accurately: "Before the next war, Britain is determined to separate the cannon fodder from the needed workers." At present, a little over half of England's 15,000,000 workers are officially rated as "cannon fodder."

A fishing boat off the South African coast a few months ago brought up in its net a strange monster, part fish and part reptile, which scientists had believed to be extinct fifty million years ago. "The living fossil," it was called in the press. It was undoubtedly a remarkable find, but I can't agree that it is unique. What about our own vice-president, "Cactus Jack" Garner, whose political ideas are at least as old as that?

An average of fifty people write in every day to the Department of the Interior asking about the chances for settling down in the Mantanuska colony up in Alaska. A lot of people also write in asking where they can get a divining-rod to locate buried treasure. Both these requests for information are in the same class, as far as the Department is concerned. It has to write back that divining-rods don't work, and that the capitalist system doesn't either—or, at least, that there aren't any jobs in Alaska, or anywhere else.

General Robert Wood gave up the presidency of Sears, Roebuck & Co. to become "adviser on business relations" to Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins. The sort of fascistic advice the General is giving Secretary Hopkins can be guessed from a speech he made the other day to the Young Men's Supper Club of Boston. "It might not be a bad idea to imitate one thing in the totalitarian states," he said, "and to force every youth to give six months or a year of his life to the state, either in labor service or military service, or both. Of course the cry of regimentation would be raised, but I am convinced it would be a fine thing for our youth." Harry Hopkins has progressed a long way—in a certain direction—since he made his famous appearances as the plumed knight in shining armor fighting the battles of the unemployed.



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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
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What Is Really Behind the Stassen Bill and the Current Drive of the Associated Industries Against the Unions

With the driving crafts as their spearhead, the workers in Minneapolis have organized themselves and doubled and trebled their wages since 1934. Every new stage in the growth of the local union movement has been met by increasing resistance from the organized employers. This resistance has taken various forms: the use of deputies in the 1934 strikes; the police attacks in 1935; the attempt to put over Amendment Number Nine in the 1937 municipal campaign, etc.

The election of Stassen, the Stassen labor bill, and the current campaign of the Minneapolis Civic Council are only further stages in the employers' war to break the power of the union movement and to reach their goal of lowering wages to the level that existed in the spring of 1934.

The employers have planned their campaign very carefully this time. It is certainly no accident that, two days after the Stassen bill passed the legislature, the Minneapolis Civic Council began its intensive drive to popularize its program.

What Is Civic Council?

The Civic Council is composed of the Associated Industries of Minneapolis, the Better Business Bureau, the Civic and Commerce Association, the Taxpayers Association, the Hennepin County Safety Council and the Good Roads Association. Essentially, it is a boss United Front, directed by the Associated Industries against organized labor.

In its present campaign, this Civic Council is making fairly plain in its closed meetings, even in its public statements and its literature, that it means to make a concerted attack upon the living standards of the masses.

Privately, leaders in the Council make no bones about their intention to crush labor, and first of all the drivers. In their literature which they circulate among the city's employers, they seek to justify their stand as follows:

Employer-employee relations is the city's most serious problem. . . . If Minneapolis is to compete with other cities for good business, suitable solutions must be found. . . . If Minneapolis is to go forward with its old time spirit of success, ALL business and professional elements must stand shoulder to shoulder. . . . If Minneapolis is able to compete with other cities, we must take aggressive action. . . . It is not to be anticipated that we can put our program into force and fully operative overnight. A city which has lost ground competitively over a considerable period of time can no more hope to regain at one stroke a favorable competitive position than can any other enterprise faced with a similar situation.

What They Really Mean

This all boils down to the following: The unions in Minneapolis have been strong enough to force the bosses to part with a fraction of their profits. The bosses feel they are handicapped in competing with bosses in other cities where organized labor isn't quite so strong as it is in Minneapolis. The local masters want to reverse this situation and get back to the open-shop conditions that prevailed prior to 1934—what they refer to as the "old time spirit of success."

Now as a matter of fact, it is no longer quite true to say that wages in Minneapolis are much higher than they are in the surrounding area. Two years ago this was undoubtedly true. But certain farsighted labor leaders were able to analyze the trend of developments and to overcome this wage differential. Instead of solving this in the bosses' way, by lowering wages in Minneapolis, they solved it in the workers' way—by working to raise wages outside Minneapolis. This is the meaning of the area union councils which have been formed in recent years by the drivers, the pulp and paper makers, the woodenware workers, the utility workers, etc.

What the average Minneapolis boss really wants is to get back to "the good old days," when, instead of paying his drivers (for instance) \$30-\$40 weekly like he has to do at present, he could pay him \$10-\$12 weekly, make him like it, and pocket the difference.

See Chance to Drive Unions Back

The bosses think they have a real chance in the present situation to accomplish their aim. They are counting a lot on the advantages accruing to them from the Stassen labor bill and from the general rightward drift of the national administration with its program of "business appeasement" and preparation for war.

Apparently, they don't think they can destroy the labor movement overnight. Instead, they are preparing a many-sided campaign aimed to whittle away the unions one by one, to divide the movement, to isolate their victims and to so gradually weaken labor that their goal can be reached without the danger of a big flare-up.

We can confidently anticipate that they will proceed under cover of a smooth but insidious slander campaign directed against unionism. For instance, the monthly bulletin of the Civic Council for April states the Associated Industries is now engaged in studying a "purported colusive racket operating in Minneapolis" and expects soon to have evidence "for presentation to federal authorities." This appears to be a revival of the "labor gangsterism" campaign conducted last year by the employers and echoed by their agents in the ranks of labor.

George K. Belden, president of the Associated Industries and interested in the Silver Shirts, assured the Council last week that his organization "is working for the benefit of the employe as well as the employer."

Stassen works the same gag. He said the labor bill would help the worker as much as the employer. But today a person has to be awfully ignorant to believe this line. What Belden and Stassen mean when they speak of "helping the worker" is that they will use the finks and the scabs against the union workers. In this sense, they will be helping the finks to get the jobs of the union men

Answer Stassen With Smashing Victory



Unions Blast Stassen Anti-Labor Bill

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aroused leaders of the Minneapolis movement passed an amendment to the above resolution introduced by Walter Frank: "We declare the objective and machinery of this law as being against the fundamental principles of the trade union movement and the civil liberties of the workers; therefore we declare ourselves unalterably opposed to this law." Amid cheers, the resolution carried unanimously.

Over 500 Attend
Sunday's meeting drew well over five hundred union officials to the Central Labor Union, where, for three hours, unionists heard attorneys Gilbert Carlson, John Goldie, Thomas Kachelmacher and Hyman Edelman present a thorough analysis of the act. At the end of the analysis, it was clear to everyone in the hall that the Stassen anti-labor bill was one of the most crude and vicious pieces of class legislation that has been put over anywhere in the United States since the days of the first World War.

"This bill may not appear so bad on the surface," said Roy Weir in introducing the attorneys, "but a close examination will prove that it will effect adversely every union in the state." As the attorneys probed the bill, section by section, this became abundantly clear.

Following the exposition of the act by the lawyers, dozens of questions were asked from the floor.

Ask LaFollette Probe

At the conclusion of the question period, Robley Cramer presented a motion to call in the LaFollette committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the passage of the act, and the motion carried unanimously, as did a subsequent motion by Miles Dunne that the body demand Secretary Lawson and President Olson of the State Federation of Labor issue a public statement on the act.

Spurs City Campaign

Chairman John Boscoe then called on Harold Seavey, president of the Teamsters Joint Council and manager of the Farmer-Labor and Union Campaign Committee. "Last fall there were undoubtedly many union persons misled by the man who sounded like Floyd Olson," said Seavey. "But I don't think any union man or woman is misled any longer. Stassen has put us all on the flypaper."

"The labor movement in Minneapolis has selected a slate in this municipal campaign. Every candidate has a trade union background and is a member of organized

labor. It has become plain that only people in the trade union movement can any longer be trusted. We can put this slate over, we can nominate every one on the ticket. But every union officer and every union member must be obligated to support the union slate in every way. . . . The City Hall will be a very important place for the next two years, with Stassen in the capitol. If the city is dominated by reactionaries, the bosses will lay it on our collective nose and make us like it. We have been shackled by the politicians. We can get our hands free if we elect the union slate."

Seavey urged every union to support the union campaign financially and morally.

Eide, Entire Labor Slate, Can Win

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chance this year to obtain labor-liberal representation on these boards. We want to take advantage of this opportunity, and we urge every worker and friend of labor to vote for the board candidates of the labor slate."

Meeting Sunday Spurred Campaign

Officials of all AFL unions in the city came away from last Sunday's meeting on the Stassen anti-labor bill with a determination to answer Stassen and his boss backers in Minneapolis by intensifying labor's drive to clean the reactionaries out of the city hall. Scores of local unions circulated their memberships this week with letters which urged support to the entire labor slate.

Aldermanic Candidates Busy

On the basis of campaign developments, every one of the aldermanic candidates on the labor slate appeared to have excellent chances for victory. Without exception, all these candidates have been carried on the same spirited and progressive campaign that has marked Eide's drive for office. It is of vital importance to every unionist and every unemployed worker that the labor movement have a majority in the city council during the next two years.

Vote Monday Without Fail

Everything that can be done in an honest election campaign has been taken care of to push energetically the program and candidates of labor's forces. In the final analysis, Monday's results will depend upon the understanding of the workers of the vital issue at stake in this city election. The Stassen slave bill constitutes a direct threat to the livelihood and lives of every workingclass family in this city. To complete their

—at a lower wage, of course. The bosses have been readying their "Associated Independent Unions" for just such a situation as is developing in Minneapolis.

Labor Can Stop Them

Will the bosses be able finally to succeed in their attempt to crack the union movement and thus clear the way for their wage-slashing program? Only time will tell. But the rapidity with which the Minneapolis Central Labor Union has already mobilized the workers in militant opposition to the Stassen Bill would indicate that, again this year, the employers are doomed to fail.

The election of the trade union ticket in the coming municipal campaign would strike a bitter blow at the foul plans of the Associated Industries.

Syl Blosky Backed by Labor in 1st

Syl F. Blosky, candidate for alderman in the First Ward, has been endorsed by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, consisting of ten of the largest unions in the city. The Milk Drivers Union Local 471, of which Mr. Blosky has been a member for 15 years, is backing Syl Blosky for the aldermanic post.

A native of the First Ward, Blosky knows his community and its problems thoroughly. He has pledged the people an honest and unbiased administration of ward and city affairs. Vote for Syl F. Blosky for alderman of the First Ward on May 8th.

Paint, Paper Firms Get 20316 Pacts

Negotiations between the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 and the Pan-American Wallpaper and Paint company have resulted in the union gaining several concessions from the management, in the form of a big reduction in the work week and a wage increase.

Local 20316 anticipates obtaining the same results in negotiations with the Northwestern Paint and Wallpaper company and the Cook Paint and Varnish firm.

CIO Union in Lynn, Mass., Likes the N. W. Organizer

The esteem with which the Northwest Organizer is held by progressive unions of both AFL and CIO is indicated by a bulletin board notice recently published by the CIO's Allied Food Workers Union of Lynn, Mass., which ordered a bundle of Organizers:

"Today the United Mine Workers Journal and the Northwest Organizer are being distributed. The Organizer is the organ of the Minneapolis teamsters. This is the union that turned Minneapolis from the most open shop city in America of 1933, until last year when according to U. S. figures Minneapolis is the best organized city in America.

"Among the progressive unionists the Northwest Organizer is considered 'the best labor paper in America.' . . . Be sure to read 'On the National Picket Line' and the editorials. Due to the fact that Minneapolis is further ahead than most trade-union centers in the country, we can all learn very much from them, even though there are many articles in their paper we may not approve . . ."

SIoux CITY No. 383

By Don Casper

Local 383 will move into their new headquarters this week at 1021 4th St. Be sure and attend the first General Membership meeting to be held in the new hall on Sunday, May 7, at 2 p. m.

The newspaper boys are ready to start negotiating their new proposed contract.

Amos Olson and Chas. Cunningham were making an inspection of the Journal load-out chute last week. Chas. reports it as being slick.

Curses on these guys who go sneaking around. Bro. Johnson has a pair of "college boy" crepe soled shoes.

A bouquet to Bill Miller and Roy Dillinger for the fine carpenter work they did on Local 383's new hall. It's all ready to move into. Fourth St. here we come.

Most of the Bekins boys are getting in quite a bit of extra work at the various transfer companies.

Is your lock-out assessment paid? They were due May first.

Roy Dillinger is down sick abed. Sorry, old man, hope you get to feeling better soon.

That is all for this week. By the way, is your union card paid up for May?

Plans to destroy organized labor, the labor haters of the Associated Industries will have to have the police power in the hands of a strike-breaking city administration.

The labor movement can block the bosses' plan by turning out in such numbers next Monday, May 8th, as to overwhelm the boss candidates and carry all the labor candidates forward on a victorious wave of union votes. If every single union member will show his understanding by taking himself, his family and his friends to the polls next Monday, the election issue will never be in doubt.

Only One Standard Oil Station Fair

A resolution citing the anti-labor policies of the Standard Oil company and proposing that the Minneapolis Central Labor Union place the corporation on its unfair list was introduced at the April 26th meeting of the central body where it was referred to the grievance committee. The grievance committee will no doubt have its recommendation ready for presentation to the next meeting of the Central Labor Union on May 11th.

The resolution was introduced by Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977. After calling attention to the labor-hating practices of the Standard Oil firm, it proposes that the company be placed on the unfair list and "that no Standard Oil stations be patronized save those where oil and gas are delivered by Local 544 drivers and where both the lessee and attendants are members of Local 977."

Local 977 reported this week that only one Standard Oil station in Minneapolis meets these requirements—Lester Cassney's station at 500 West Broadway. Cassney and Wayne Monnette, the attendant, are both members of Local 977 and the gas is being delivered by a 544 man.

With Shovel and Tongs Local 221

Brother Peder M. Verlo of Local 221 is running for alderman in the 9th Ward and would appreciate any support that can be given him from brother members.

Members are not supposed to have their kids or any other kids riding with them on the ice route. Be sure to observe this rule.

NEW 1939 CASH AND CARRY ICE CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE, AND CAN BE HAD BY CALLING AT THE OFFICE.

On the National Picket Line

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employment. Only the bosses profited.

By 1934 this union concluded that what was needed was a shorter work-day—with NO REDUCTION IN PAY. In November of that year they won a contract calling for the 7-hour day at the same rate of \$11.20 as they received previously for the 8-hour day.

The situation began to improve. The union began to make gains in wages. In January, 1938, Local 3 decided it would put a stop to the system whereby the workers were paying for unemployment. It was time the bosses paid, and at the same time increased employment.

Local 3 held out for the 6-hour day, at \$12 a day. Today members of the Electrical Workers Union Local 3 of New York City work 6 hours a day—5 days a week — \$60 for 30 hours work. Overtime above 6 hours daily costs the bosses exactly \$3 hourly.

The reduction of hours has to a large extent solved the problem of unemployment. Today more than 75 per cent of Local 3's membership is employed.

The idea started by Local 3 is spreading. The New York Building Trades Council is going down the line for the 30-hour week without reduction in pay. A few weeks ago the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 463 won a great strike victory, including the 6-hour day.

Local 3 of the I.B.E.W. thinks it has the right idea. It wants to spread this idea. Their members wear huge

buttons reading 30 HOUR WEEK — PRACTICAL SOLUTION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT. Union members paste up stickers (like the one on the window of the Northwest Organizer's office) with the same slogan. Local 3 has even made Neon signs with the slogan.

Says Harry Van Arsdale, business manager of Local 3: "Simple arithmetic will show, if there are 30,000,000 workers employed 40 hours or longer, and 10,000,000 are unemployed, that the establishment of the 6-hour day, 30-hour week, will make it possible for the unemployed to find work."

McLaughlin, Gormley, and King Signed

On Monday a new working agreement was signed between the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 and the McLaughlin, Gormley, King company, manufacturing chemists, 1715 Southeast 5th. The agreement, aside from wage adjustments, is a renewal of last year's pact. The five-day, 40-hour week is specified, with a week's vacation with pay and a yearly bonus of one week's pay. About 35 workers are covered. The agreement will run for one year, from May 2nd, 1939.

COMING EVENTS

Dewey Johnson will speak over Station WJGY this Friday, 7-7:15 p. m., on behalf of T. A. Eide and the labor-liberal slate.

Oscar Ameringer will speak Saturday, May 6, 8 p. m., at the Eagles Hall, 4th Ave. S. and 8th Street, on his "Abundance-for-All Program." 10c admission.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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.	LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee — Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards — Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.	LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Thursday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	LOCAL 348 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesday. Executive Committee Meeting — On call.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards — Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 1859 General Membership—May 3. Casket Section—May 9. Box Industry—May 16. J. R. Clark, Keller Mfg.—May 17. Puffer-Hubbard Mfg.—May 18. Kozekar, Air-Loc, American Excelsior, Cleland, Warren Shade Western Mineral Products — May 19. Executive Board — Every Friday, 8 p. m. Grievance Board—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m. General Membership—June 7. General Membership, Local 20481 — May 3. Executive Board, Local 20481 — June 5, 8 p. m.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.	LOCAL 544 MAY Monday, May 1—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, May 3—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, May 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, May 5—Job Stewards Monday, May 8—General Membership Wednesday, May 10—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, May 12—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, May 15—Furniture Store; Coal Wednesday, May 17—Building Material Thursday, May 18—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspapers, 10 a. m. Friday, May 19—Job Stewards Sunday, May 21—Over-the-Road, 10 a. m. Monday, May 22—Spring Water Tuesday, May 23—Sand and Gravel Thursday, May 25—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, May 26—Cold Storage Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
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