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Official Organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council

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You use your power,
The world must fol-
low you.

Stand all as one
Till right is done!
Believe and dare
and do!

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UNIONS HALT SEA TRAFFIC

TRANSFER MEN ARE TO HAVE NEW CONTRACT

Vacations Are Demanded
For All Transfer
Workers

Long Distance Drivers Will
Get New Wage Sched-
ule

Several meetings have already been held with Transfer Men's association in regard to a new agreement for the balance of 1936 and 1937. The present agreement, which expires this fall, will be renewed by one calling for a higher scale of wages and with certain changes in present working conditions.

The proposed agreement calls for a raise of five cents per hour and specifies a week's vacation with pay for all workers in the transfer industry.

Among the basic changes that will be demanded is one that calls for an entirely new set-up for long distance drivers. While nothing definite has yet been agreed upon it is proposed that a wage schedule based on the number of miles driven be worked out. The present wage scale for long distance drivers has proved to be inadequate. It is almost impossible to compute the wages of long distance drivers on an hourly basis. Many overland furniture drivers leave their home headquarters and are gone for as long as a month at a time.

During that period it is not unusual for them to drive many thousand miles. An upward revision in the amount of expenses allowed this class of drivers is also being demanded. A further meeting between the Union and the committee will be held during the coming week.

Local 471 Drives On Ice Cream Co.'s

Milk Drivers Union, Local 471, is now busily engaged in a campaign to unionize all Minneapolis ice cream drivers. Ives, Jersey and Kemp ice cream companies are three large ice cream concerns with which Local 471 has no agreement.

Business agent Sinott and Secretary-Treasurer Corcoran report that they are steadily making inroads on these non-union concerns and a short time should see all ice cream workers coming under the jurisdiction of Local 471, members of Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union.

Ice cream drivers can become members of Local 471 by applying to William Sinott at 18 N. 8th St.



JOINT COUNCIL SHOWS STRENGTH ON SAT. NITE

Drivers Form Large Section of the Parade

Saturday saw an impressive display of organized labor's strength in Minneapolis as trade unions turned out in force to march to the auditorium for the Floyd Olson Memorial meeting.

The parade and demonstration, organized by the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Trade Union Campaign committee, proved to be one of the hugest rallies of labor held in this city in recent years.

Fully ten thousand unionists gathered in front of the post office in Pioneer Square where each Union, under its own banners, formed columns of fours and marched in orderly array down Nicollet avenue to the auditorium.

Drivers March

One of the most impressive sections of the entire parade and demonstration was furnished by the organized driving crafts of this city. Under the banner of the Teamsters Joint Council seven unions affiliated to that organization marched in the parade. Led by a band of 24 pieces the Unions composing the Joint Council turned out a huge number of organized workers.

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Owners to Dance on Sat. Night

The long-awaited dance of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 will be held without fail Saturday, November 7. The place will be the spacious ballroom on the third floor of General Drivers headquarters.

Elaborate preparations have been made by the committee in charge and it is assured that an adequate and interesting program has been prepared. The ballroom has been specially decorated for this occasion. The music will be furnished by our own Dick Atherton and his famous swing band.

All members of the dance committee are urged to be at the Union headquarters not later than 8 o'clock. The music will start promptly at 9.

Coal Yard Men Ratify Agreement

Monday night saw one of the largest meetings of the coal workers section ever held in 544 hall. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the new agreement presented by Union officials to the coal employers.

Several meetings between union representatives and the coal employers have already taken place where a partial agreement of the terms and provisions of the proposed contract took place. The Monday meeting ratified the agreement with minor amendments.

The contract provides for 65c per hour for drivers, 55c for yardmen, helpers and carry men who carry by the ton. Piece work carrying is 60c per ton. The piece work drivers will receive \$1.25 per ton for domestic coal, 65c for steamed and 80c for steamed coke.

Bowlers Scrap in Second Session

The 544 Bowling League went into its second session last week and more impressive scores were rolled than at the initial meeting. Kullander rolled 218 as the F. W. S. beat the 544 Office three games. Consolidated No. 2 and Mill Wheels each won a game as Dick Lang scored 524.

Consol. No. 2 842 841 820—2503
Mill Wheels 854 823 820—2497
Meat Drivers 906 857 821—2584
Consol. No. 1 831 841 845—2517
544 745 732 700—2177
F. W. S. 768 832 832—2432

Friday night will see the boys at it again.

DOCK UNIONS ARE SET FOR HUGE STRIKE

Maritime Unions Stop Ship-
ping on Both Sea
Coasts

War Is Predicted as Owners
Prepare to Fight
Demands

Maritime Unions on both the Pacific and the Atlantic sea coasts early this week initiated a hundred per cent walkout against ship owners. Trouble between ship owners and marine owners on the West coast has been brewing since the Frisco strike in '34.

Ship owners, after the general strike which was participated in by the Seamen's Unions, realized the tremendous power of the Pacific Coast Maritime Union. The settlement effected by the Seamen's Union at that time was a bad one. The very issue on which the strike was called was left unsettled when the men returned to work. This was the control of hiring halls.

Trade unionists who are not familiar with the problems of the longshoremen's and seamen's unions many times fail to understand or do not know the significance of Union control of hiring halls. Its literal meaning is a closed shop agreement with ship and dock owners where the hiring of longshoremen, stevedores and seamen is done through the Union. Without this provision in their agreement, it means that ship and dock owners are able to hire non-union help at scab wages.

When the ship owners settled with the Union in '34 and left this question open it was a partial victory for the employers. From that time on, West coast shipping interests, aided by Hearst and other reactionary and labor-

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Local 131 Gaining A Union Agreement

Representatives of Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union announce an arbitration board has been set up which will arbitrate all disputed points in the proposed union agreement between Local 131 and laundry employers. Few questions will be left to the settlement of the arbitration board, according to reports.

The Union representatives and the employers are in agreement except for certain minor points. Laundry Drivers Union reports a steady growth in membership which indicates that within a short time non-Union laundry drivers will be very scarce on the streets of Minneapolis.

PACKAGE DELIVERY NOTICE

Effective in the month of December the package delivery section of Local 544 will meet on the first Monday in each month at 8:30 p. m. The first meeting under this schedule will be held on Monday, December 7. All package delivery drivers are urged to attend.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

DOCK UNIONS ARE SET FOR HUGE STRIKE

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hating West coast employers, determined to crush the seamen's organizations.

They have busily engaged themselves in the past two years in collecting a huge anti-union slush fund, running into millions of dollars, recruiting and training a huge army of scabs, gunmen and thugs and have generally organized themselves to have a final showdown with the Maritime Unions.

There is little doubt that both the West and East coast will soon be the scene of a fiercely fought labor war. If the Maritime Unions are determined in their stand, it is almost certain that on the West coast particularly, the battle will almost assume the proportions of a civil war.

It is of utmost significance that no sooner had the West coast shipping unions struck dock and ship owners on the Pacific, than the Maritime Unions on the East coast took similar action. It is certain that the strike will develop into a nation-wide tieup of shipping. This marks the first time that West and East coast unions have acted in concert.

A startling and sinister development took place the second day of the strike that marks a new high point in employer's resistance to union's legitimate demands. West coast shipping interests appealed to the United States Navy to man merchant ships and docks with the enlisted personnel of the United States Navy. It is not inconceivable that ship owners will receive Government aid in manning their ships and docks. In any event, developments in this labor struggle will no doubt make history.

Local 71 Signs Loring Fur to Union Contract

Fur Workers Union, Local 71, report that the fight on the Menzel and Jans fur companies is being carried forward vigorously. A new development during the past week saw the Loring Fur Co. settle with the Fur Workers Union bringing splendid pay raises and improved conditions of employment.

Vice-president Samuel Butkovitz reports that there is a possibility that the two firms now holding out against the Union's demands will be willing to talk business before the week is out. The fight conducted by the Union against non-union fur companies in Minneapolis has had a healthy effect upon the spirit and morale of the fur workers.

Local 71 is experiencing a healthy membership growth and is steadily signing the majority of the Minneapolis fur shops to a union agreement. The union office is located at 200 Lumber Exchange.

NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

- Local 160
- Tuesday, Nov. 3—Executive Board and Stewards Meeting.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4—General Membership Meeting.
- Tuesday, Nov. 10—Executive Board Meeting.
- Tuesday, Nov. 17—Executive Board and Stewards Meeting.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18—General Membership Meeting.
- Tuesday, Nov. 25—Executive Board Meeting.

IN THE END ZONE

RECAP—
May we quote part of a paragraph from this column on last June 24 of this year. "Those of you who are measuring Minnesota's chances for a national championship this year, stop worrying about Washington. Watch Northwestern. She's the tough baby!"

We did expect the Wildcats to be tough; but not that tough. Neither did you. . . .

UPSETS—
This is a year of upsets. Schmebling beat Louis. Northwestern beat Minnesota. Anything can happen. Landon may even win the election. Oh yeah! . . .

ADDITION—
Beside the North-South game there are Edison-Roosevelt, West-Central and Washburn-Marshall games. West may have a little trouble with Central as may Marshall with Washburn, but Edison should win easily. We'll take:
Minnesota to beat Iowa
South to beat North
West to beat Central
Edison to beat Roosevelt
Marshall to beat Washburn.
Almost every game explains itself. . . .

REVISED—
Have you heard it? Well, there were two Chinamen and an Irishman arrested for fighting. The following took place:
Judge (to first Chink): "What's your name?"
Chinaman: "Ah Lee."
Judge: "30 days, Ah Lee."
Judge (to second Chink): "What's your name?"
Second Chinaman: "Ah Tom."
Judge: "30 days, Ah Tom."
Judge (to Irishman): "What's your name?"
Irishman: "Ah nuts! Gimme 30 days!"

HUNTING
Our yesterday for squirrel and accidentally shot a pigeon. When we got the feathers off we would have swapped for a mosquito. . . .

ADD—
We trust we are right this time (having been mistaken before) The Independent Truck Owners ARE going to have a dance Saturday night. Dick Atherton's band WILL play. You are SURE to have a good time. . . .

AHEM!
It seems that in the past we have neglected 544's splendid aggregation of football talent. At the present time that team holds a tie for championship of the intermediate division with the Pillsburys. Next Sunday 544's team goes to bat with the powerful Franklin bunch. Should they win and should the Pillsburys be knocked off on Tuesday, November 3, 544 will be the sponsor of another champion. Good luck, boys. . . .

SWAN SONG—
Rack up another score for John Getchell, who has never failed to penalize Minnesota when it hurts the most. Only he saw the slugging which occurred in Saturday's game. . . .

NO KICK
Well, Minnesota finally lost. One loss in 29 starts—who can kick about that? And may we say that Minnesota fans and players showed the world that they can lose as graciously as they win. The boys did not rush off the field with bowed heads. The band marched out and played "Go You Northwestern." Minnesota fans said, "You deserved to win!" . . .

Bill Brown Says—

Now that the election is over and the Farmer-Labor party is returned to power with a great majority and progressive forces have been victorious throughout the nation, proper credit must be given to the forces of organized labor who had a large part in making the victory possible. The Unions played a large part in the success of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor party. More organization of workers is needed to assure victory in future political battles.



BILL BROWN
President of 544

JOINT COUNCIL SHOWS STRENGTH ON SAT. NITE

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Following the banner of the council and the band came the members of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, Local 471. This Union was followed by General Drivers Union, Local 544. After them came Ice and Coal Drivers Union, City and Sanitary Drivers, Laundry Drivers Union, Taxi Drivers and Tea and Coffee Drivers.

One of the most striking sections of the driving craft's demonstration was furnished by members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 who turned out with approximately 75 trucks and formed part of the line of march. The response made by organized labor to the invitation of the Campaign committee must have been gratifying to those in charge.

No such demonstration of strength of organized labor has taken place in Minneapolis since war time. Not only did labor turn out in full strength but their numbers were swelled by members of various Farmer-Labor ward clubs who formed the rear guard of the marching trade unionists.

Nicollet avenue presented an inspiring sight during the darkness of early evening as ten thousand flaring red torches illuminated the faces of serious unionists who were out to show reactionary politicians and employers that Minneapolis labor must be reckoned with on the political and economic field.

The meeting at the auditorium, held later in the evening, was devoted entirely to a speaking program where various prominent Farmer-Labor politicians eulogized the career of the late Governor Floyd B. Olson. Approximately ten thousand were in attendance in the auditorium when the speaking program opened.

Sander Genis Is Tampa Delegate

Sander Genis of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, and chairman and business agent of the joint Twin City board of this union, was elected unanimously last Wednesday as the delegate to the A. F. of L. convention at Tampa November 16, representing the Central Labor Union of this city.

Genis has long been known as a progressive in the local labor movement. His unanimous election is an indication of the strength of the progressive labor forces of this city. Both Genis and his union are strong proponents of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and his presence at the Tampa convention will give additional support to the industrial union forces at the convention, whose most important business will be the consideration of craft versus industrial unionism and the disposition of the jurisdictional problems arising from the C. I. O.'s unionization of the heavy industries of the nation.

Cabinet Union Will Hold Affair

Cabinet and Millmen's Union, Local 1865, will sponsor a dance Saturday, November 14, at the Coliseum Ballroom, 27th and Lake Street. This is the first social affair given by this local Union since the termination of the strike. Millmen's Union has experienced a healthy growth during the summer months and the dance will be in the nature of a celebration of the local's growth. Good music is assured. The tickets are 25c. They can be secured at 501 East Hennepin Avenue or at the Coliseum. There will be a short speaking program during the intermission.

Yellow Notes

A late report on Fay Cipperly's condition gives him a very good chance of recovery without the loss of his leg. His only complaint is that he would appreciate a few more visitors from among the boys. He is at the General.

A somewhat late report disclosed that Jimmy Costello, a former member of this unit, is now the proud father of a baby boy. Would like to have a picture of Jimmy walking the floor nights.

Hoot Mon! Cy Passolt has been reported as purchasing a loaf of bread and two cans of sardines prior to his departure for the Northwestern game.

Wedding bells will ring again soon. Old Methuselah "Castner" is going to take the fatal leap.

Who was the driver that got two days off last week and came to work anyway so his wife wouldn't know?

Ask "Lantern Jaw" Larson about goose hunting. They say he gets 'em.

Our last meeting was really a honey. Dobbs has ordered a larger gavel and a stronger table for the next one.

Jake Gruenberg and Bob Schultz took a little "business" trip one day last week in a Plymouth coupe. Maybe it was "monkey business."

A little courtesy on the part of a driver netted him a six bit tip on a two bit run recently. Elderly people appreciate courtesy. Why not try a little with all our passengers?

The Torchlight Parade made a very impressive sight, Saturday night.

On WPA Projects

Discrimination on WPA projects against FWS stewards and members is going to be stopped. By whom? By the FWS—and with the full co-operation of the Drivers Union, the Teamsters Joint Council and the entire local labor movement if necessary.

If Christgau believes he can throw FWS off its organizing track by keeping us busy on innumerable little anti-union practices, he's kidding himself—not us. He'll stop such tactics and make amends at once or else have a movement on his neck that'll impress him with the gravity of such official error.

Some examples are as follows:
a. Refusal to reinstate our members or to reimburse them for losses caused by unjustified discharge from WPA Relief jobs.

b. Permitting foul-mouthed bulldozing WPA Relief foremen to ride our members, unhampered after our repeated and specific protests.

c. Kicking fair and efficient foremen off of WPA Relief projects on all manner of irrelevant pretexts.

d. Breaking and evading the prevailing wages of skilled workers by taking new common labor workers from direct relief and training them to do the skilled work at common, labor wages while those who formerly had the skilled jobs, and were promised to be returned to them, are shunted to country shoveling jobs, also at common labor wages.

e. Keeping active organization workers on projects far from their homes, in violation of publicized rules of the WPA Relief which pretend to establish definite limits.

The WPA from the top down, including Fitzgerald and such insignificant so-called "Labor" men as Wing—will be stopping such methods suddenly.

Flowers were sent to the Steinhauer family upon the loss of a daughter. Steward Bolduc was asked to convey the family's appreciation to the FWS.

Relief authorities still persist in the antiquated pastime of trying to make the needy seem to be criminals because of their need. Brother Bailey was hailed into court for keeping his daughter out of school after he had asked his relief investigator for clothing for the girl for more than six weeks without getting any, of course. FWS backs its members in keeping children in their own homes until proper clothing is provided them.

Members who intelligently cooperate with their Union are now getting an increased measure of supplemental relief. A family of five getting the \$60.50 on WPA Relief, was furnished all necessary clothing and a ton of coal per month by the Relief Department, when pressed by the FWS.

FWS Prize and Card Party tickets for Nov. 14 are in good demand.

The coal section of Local 544 met Monday night.

Local 1859 Meeting Schedule

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

Miscarriage of Justice Will Be Corrected in Joseph Flieter Case

Joseph Flieter has been convicted in one of the grossest miscarriages of justice ever perpetrated in this part of the country. Joseph Flieter is in Stillwater penitentiary where he will be for 20 years unless his framed-up conviction can be set aside.

Flieter was a long time member of General Drivers Union. He was an ordinary hard-working citizen who was married, a father of two children, and whose chief concern was the support of that family.

A few months ago when Minneapolis newspapers were engaged in whipping up a lynch spirit against alleged "mashers" and annoyers of women, Flieter was arrested on a charge of "kidnaping" a woman in broad daylight on the streets of Minneapolis and attempting to force her into his truck.

He was charged with kidnaping. From the outset the charge was so ridiculous that it was not even taken seriously but as the trial progressed it became evident that, owing to the lynch spirit that had been whipped up by the newspapers, it was going to be a serious matter.

Despite all evidence which indicated Flieter's complete innocence of the charge he was convicted and sentenced to 20 years at hard labor in Stillwater prison.

THIS MAN IS INNOCENT. HE MUST BE FREED.

His attorneys have complete faith that if he is granted a new trial acquittal is certain. One hundred fifty dollars is needed to secure a transcript of the first trial and other necessary legal expenses. His attorneys have agreed to serve without pay.

At a regular membership meeting of General Drivers Union it was agreed that a voluntary collection be made by stewards in the various places of employment to secure the necessary funds with which to appeal Flieter's case.

We appeal to every member of General Drivers Union and to all trade unionists to make voluntary contributions in order that this miscarriage of justice be corrected and an innocent man set free to return again to his family and friends. Give generously to this worthy cause and help free one who is as innocent as any one of us.

Contributions will be received by all job stewards and at the Union office.

Floyd Evans

Floyd Evans, long time member of Local 544 and steward at the Minneapolis Daily Star, was severely injured in an automobile accident last Saturday.

He is at the Northwestern hospital and his condition is reported to be dangerous.

Meeting Schedule Local 544

- Monday, Nov. 2—Coal Workers.
 - Tuesday, Nov. 3—Block Men.
 - Thursday, Nov. 5—Independent Truck Owners.
 - Friday, Nov. 6—Job Stewards.
 - Monday, Nov. 9—General Mem.
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 - Wednesday, Nov. 11—Market Workers.
 - Monday, Nov. 16—Coal Workers.
 - Thursday, Nov. 19—Independent Truck Owners.
 - Friday, Nov. 20—Job Stewards.
 - Monday, Nov. 23—General Membership.
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24—Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.
- GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE—Meets every Tuesday at 8 p. m.**
- EXECUTIVE BOARD—Meets every Wednesday at 9 a. m.**

With the Laundry Workers Union

ATTENTION CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY WORKERS

Regular meetings have been changed from the second and fourth Wednesday to the first and third Wednesday of each month at 603 3rd Ave. S. on the third floor.

That group of employers which chooses to be called "The Wholesale Cleaners and Dyers Association" with its pied piper, "Shapiro the great" as its leader, has openly defied the Union. Nevertheless all of these concerns will be signed on a closed shop contract. Many of these coffee-mill outfits have been indulging not only in wholesale wage and hour chiseling and consequently price-cutting has been rampant.

In the meantime Local 183, ignoring the resolution and proclamation of this "powerful combine," is signing several closed shop contracts daily.

Our Mammoth Victory Ball will be held at our hall, 703 Third Avenue South, on Wednesday, November 11, at 8 p. m. Arrangements are being made by the committee to make this the greatest social event in the annals of the Union.

An organization committee to be comprised of the Executive Committee, the Strike Committee and the shop stewards is in the process of formation. When this committee gets into action nothing can stop Local 183 from becoming the greatest cleaning and laundry workers union in America.

Those words in old "Solidarity" "without our brain and muscle not a single wheel will turn" was clearly demonstrated in that strike at the Harriet Laundry Thursday morning. At 11 o'clock the boss said, "Where do I sign?"

That fink statement that appeared in the "Organizer" attributed to the Artistic Cleaners did not go unchallenged. At 10 o'clock Saturday morning after the strike at the National Cleaners, the entire picket line descended "en masse" upon the above concern. Only ten minutes were required. All inside workers are now members of Local 183.

Non-production workers at Lee Overall are on the move.

Mill Workers Again Strike To Enforce Verbal Agreement

Pillsbury Mill Closed Down As Workers are Laid Off

Monday morning three hundred members of Flour, Feed and Elevator Workers Union, Local 19152 closed the Pillsbury mill in southeast Minneapolis which had only recently resumed operations after a strike of millworkers which lasted about two months.

The strike was called in protest against the laying off of one-third millworkers, at the close of the strike. The Union demanded that the mill operate on a four shift, six hour day basis. This demand was made by the Union in order that all workers employed before the strike began be given employment.

Saturday Pillsbury Flour Milling Co. announced an eight-hour, three shift operation would be started Monday morning. The present strike resulted from the inability of the Union to compel

Notice to All 544 Members

All members of Local 544 are hereby warned to pay no dues, assessments or funds to anyone who does not bear proper Union credentials. It has come to the attention of the Union office during the past weeks that members have paid dues to those not authorized to make such collection.

Every member should insist when paying dues that he is paying it to the proper party. Every person authorized to make dues collections is furnished with proper credentials by the Union.

Demand Union credentials when paying dues.

Market Workers Get Low Wages

Despite all claims to the contrary, investigation by the Union has shown that all workers on the Central Market are not working regular hours demanded by the Union nor are they receiving overtime pay as they are entitled to under the Union agreement.

At the Wilson Packing Co. workers employed there put in work weeks as long as 70 hours. Workers involved say no overtime is paid for by this firm.

News Drivers

Several meetings have been held with representatives of the Minneapolis Tribune and the Minneapolis Journal attempting to settle the question of the wage scale of drivers employed by the Twin City News Service. An hourly wage scale of 83 cents is demanded by the Union.

Closed shops will of course be manned by union workers. Union people shall not walk the streets looking for work while finks and out-and-out enemies of the Union are employed. Thirty-three closed shops in Minneapolis will put more Union people to work. Union people will draw more pay, finks will draw only their conclusions.

All Union members are requested to report any and all grievances to our business agent, Mr. Latz. Many violations of last year's agreement have recently been brought to light. Hour and wage chiseling can only be stopped when the workers report these violations. No private agreements with the employer are permitted.

Independent Truck Chatter

TORCHLIGHTS

Independent Trucks had a good turnout in the F.L. Torchlight parade, although the majority couldn't be contacted in time, and didn't realize the importance of the parade. Thanks to the live wire group that showed up with their trucks.

STACCATO

At first we said, "Is that the Fascists closing in?" But, no, it was Bovey with his two-wheel nerve buster, lining up the parade.

PRIMARY COLOR CHART

The person that chose the color scheme for the front of the "Citizens Alliance Fink Employment Agency" must have an artist's natural genius of choosing appropriate colors—Black for the dark hatred they have in their hearts for organized labor, and a filthy yellow for the putrid fluid that ferments in their veins.

HELMET AND GOGGLES FOR PILOT QUICK

They have to put an extra half yard on the trucks at the airport to keep them on the ground—Lots of high speed and hot air.

574

Our old number is getting national publicity in a picture recently showing in the loop. Scene: A Checker cab door swings open and the number 574 come blazing into full view. Don't they know the number is now 544.

They say, "Land a job with Landon," we say "Land Roosevelt with Landon."

OUT OF THE ETHER WAVES

Morris Olson is now wheeling gravel, fully recovered from that delicate operation.

RADIO NEWS FLASH

A call that was heard on Minneapolis Police short wave broadcast at parade time, "Parade forming at post office, trucks interfering, squad go ther." What, only one squad?

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN FINNEGAN

Won't these airport boys make up their minds about this cab business.

KNOW YOUR BROTHER MEMBER

Independents on WPA remember to look for a FWS button when asked to do a favor, or when he is in position to give a project worker a good break. Any Federal project worker without a button proves himself to be out of sympathy with you and organized labor; govern your actions accordingly.

Some WPA driver wage petitions have not been turned in—do so at once.

If there are any corrections or additions to be made on the city seniority list, bring it up at the next regular meeting on November 5, Thursday.

Welfare Board Dodges Issue Of Added Aid

The Welfare Board on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the insistence of FWS spokesmen, granted a 15 per cent increase in allowances for meals of single men—but that is not enough—the fight for further increase goes on—rents must be increased at once—and that's not all—there's danger that single men will be turned back to Mission flophouses. To avert this the single men must co-operate more closely with their organization.

Supplemental Relief is handled by the Board like a hot potato—and that's what it is. The Board's resolutions favoring it in principle still leave our stomachs growling. Sympathies and good intentions—even when they come from Harry L. Hopkins, Elmer Benson, Henrik Shipstead and Victor Christgau—somehow fail to meet our needs. The Board instructed Ole Pearson to bring in a plan for Supplemental Relief and it was understood he was to consult FWS representatives in the matter. Ole keeps postponing but we doubt that he rises early enough to sidetrack the FWS.

The current diphtheria epidemic again points to the Board's shortsighted policies in failing to provide clients with diets that build vitality and resistance to disease.

A new rush of direct relief applications can be expected to result from newspaper stories of "chicken" diets enjoyed by clients. Behind the cheap chicken racket and the browbeating of grocers, however, lies a continuation of the Board's sinister anti-chiseler campaign of intimidation against the needy. FWS showed up the Board's fallacy in hounding non-existent "chiselers."

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

- By Central Labor Union Educational Committee
- GREETINGS:**
- Thursday, Oct. 22—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Low Cost Housing in All Aspects, by Albert O. Larson, Architect.
 - Friday, Nov. 13—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Bread in the Making. Why Not a Co-op Bakery? By John H. Bosch.
 - Friday, Nov. 27—Franklin Co-operative Creamery, North Plant. Women's Activities and Economics. By Marian LeSueur.
- Minnesota Co-ops in Pictures. By Minnesota State Educational Dept.
- Erich G. Wachter, Chairman.
Violet Johnson, Secretary;
Adolph Montan, Treasurer,
Educational Committee, C.L.U.

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Howarth Co-op. Egg Coal, \$12.50 per ton, Semi-Anth.
Webb Co-op Stove Coal, \$12.50 per ton, Semi-Anth.
King Co-op Egg Coal, \$13.30 per ton, Anthracite

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"When I ply my needle, trowel or pick,
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick.
But when I strike, I'm a Bolshevik
I'm labor."

The A. F. of L. Convention

The coming A. F. of L. convention, which will be held in Tampa, Florida, this month, presents a real problem to the American labor movement. Whether or not this will be a democratically-controlled convention where a free expression of views and opinions will be heard depends much on the action of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

As the situation stands now, ten powerful and numerically large unions, whose leadership comprise the Committee for Industrial Organization, stand suspended from the Federation by action of the Executive Council. The greatest problem that will be posed to the convention will be whether or not duly elected delegates from the suspended organizations will be given voice and vote at Tampa.

Should the Executive Council take the stand that representatives of the suspended unions will have no standing at labor's greatest yearly gathering then the convention will be a sterile and valueless affair. On a question which so vitally affects the whole American labor movement there should be no evading or dodging the issue by anyone.

Either we take the stand that the Executive Council has the right to suspend International Unions and bar their representatives from the convention or we must decide that the Executive Council has exceeded the authority granted to them and that the C. I. O. Unions have been illegally suspended. We say that the American Federation of Labor Executive Council has nowhere and no time been given the authority to suspend affiliated International Unions BETWEEN CONVENTIONS. That is the power that is only held by the convention itself.

But aside from the question of whether the C. I. O. Unions were suspended legally or illegally is the still greater question of what direction is to be taken by the American Federation of Labor in its future attempts to organize the workers in the nation's basic industries.

There can scarcely be found an understanding worker in the United States today who does not agree that the organizational program proposed and put into effect by the Committee for Industrial Organization is a correct one. There can be no disputing the fact that the organizational drive initiated by the C. I. O. in rubber, auto and steel is securing splendid results. It would be disastrous for the American Federation of Labor and for the labor movement as a whole if the program of the C. I. O. is not submitted to the Tampa convention. It would be a grievous mistake if a report is not made of the results that have been achieved by this program. But most important of all it would be establishing a highly dangerous precedent in the A. F. of L. to not seat the delegates of the C. I. O. Unions.

The American Federation of Labor should be the most democratically-controlled of organizations. It is a voluntary association of labor Unions and as such must not be allowed to fall into the hands of a closely-knit bureaucracy at the top. No good will come from the coming convention unless ALL elected delegates are seated. On the contrary much harm can result from a convention which bars from its meeting hall a large and militant section of the labor movement.

Canadian Drivers

A letter received at the Union office from a Canadian member of Local 544 tells a very vivid tale of deplorable working conditions. Fruit and produce hauled from Minneapolis to Winnipeg, Canada, is transported by drivers who spend practically their entire time on the road or in the market area of the twin cities. Of the American trucks two are union and one is non-union while only one of the Canadian trucks is driven by a union man.

It is almost unbelievable that the members of Local 544 working in the Minneapolis market area should permit such a condition to exist and remain silent about it. It seems strange that when only a telephone call is required to convey such information to the Union that the true facts in this case had to come through information from another country. If such conditions as these are permitted to exist they will soon become a serious threat to the wage standards of the Minneapolis workers.

If the Local 544 members on the market wish to return to the lowly working conditions prior to 1934, they can accomplish that aim by continuing to ignore circumstances such as those under which the Winnipeg trucks are being operated. If, however, they wish to protect what they have won, and if they wish to vindicate themselves for their sleepy-eyed attitude in this matter, Local 544 members on the market will bend themselves energetically to the task of assisting the Union in establishing union conditions on these trucks.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Duane

Oh! Mr. Sinnott
Where can Jack Smith buy
diapers with a Union label?

Skoglund went pheasant hunting Sunday. He had a perfect score. Got stuck with his car, ruined a suit of clothes and shot a bluebird.

Things We Will Never See Again
Cramer, in the Saturday parade, carrying a banner which read, "Read the Northwest Organizer."

A real Union man: A driver from the Eagle Pitcher Lead Co. coming to the Union hall to inquire if it was all right to make a delivery to a battery plant.

A report that Yellows have hauled finks to Menzel Fur is being investigated.

Girls at Walgreen Drug Warehouse would like to get into the Typists Union.

Non-Union truck drivers at Grant Battery.

Local 1859 is going to see that we are buried Union. They are organizing casket workers.

Cabs are back on the mucker job at the airport.

Don't miss the Millman's dance Saturday, Nov. 14, Local 1865 is the sponsor.

Look for a mild civil war on the west coast when the Maritime strike gets underway.

Flour Mill Workers at Pillsbury Mill took a day off Monday to give the owners time to reconsider their decision to install a longer work day.

The workers in an electrical manufacturing plant will soon be on the street, unless—

Independents formed a nice section in the Torch Parade—after they got there.

Pat Corcoran marched the Teamsters Joint Council Section with iron discipline.

G. Dunne and W. Brown are dealing with the department store employers. They are doing ditto with transfer bosses.

Local 160 is sending a letter to all N. S. P. employees.

Johnson of Local 131 says that non-union laundry drivers will soon be a thing of the past.

It May Be So Department The Stenographers Union marched in the parade Saturday evening.

Some-Finks-like-to-Gamble.

The grocery strike is all over—except paying for it.

THE WORLD PAUSES

Frank Miller is now working for Mr. Pack, Mr. Davis, etc.

That C. L. U. Trade Union Committee was a good idea. It should be put into effect.

Floyd Evans, Star driver, is in the Northwestern hospital. Car accident! Room 111.

Johann Scholtz, German racial expert: The crossing of different races of mackerel is dangerous for the nordic mackerel, which will finish by being absorbed by the unworthy oriental mackerel.

Ain't THAT a pretty kettle of fish?

LABOR... Looks at the Press

By Carl O'Shea

Westbrook Pegler: The truth is that the Nazis want God on their side, but on their own terms and subject to party discipline.

Our Twentieth Century God, a rather un-Christianlike individual, has a monstrous habit of being on the side of the army with the largest cannon, and of the political party backed by the greatest number of bankers and industrialists.

Tientsin news item: The strongest Chinese resentment was noted in the Tientsin suburbs where 1,000 Japanese troops were billeted in homes from which Chinese were ejected.

Darn inhospitable, these Chinese.

From a bulletin issued by the American League Against Communism: The red radicals permeate the entire social, business and educational structure of our country. Their greatest allies may be your best friends.

Not "may be"—"are."

From an editorial in the Detroit Free Press, on a new organization called The Volunteers: The organization is non-partisan. Anybody who believes that the safety and welfare of America demand the rejection of Roosevelt and the election of Landon is eligible to membership.

That's non-partisan and impartial, all right—like the police are during a strike situation.

Definitions

A conservative is he who would conserve the evil with the good; While a radical is he who tries to uproot all those ancient lies. —Arthur Hopkins

Furniture Workers Prepare Agreement

Local 1359, Furniture Workers Union, through their representative, John Janasco, announce that a new agreement covering wages and conditions at the J. R. Clark Co. is being prepared by the Union.

The old agreement which expires on January first will be superseded by a union contract calling for substantial wage increases and reforms in working conditions.

The agreement will be ready for presentation to the local in the near future.

Casket Workers to Have Local Union

Workers in Minneapolis casket factories who have recently become organized into Local 1859 are demanding a wage scale ranging from 55 cents to 80 cents per hour and a closed shop union agreement.

Negotiations are being carried on by John Janasco.

Junk Yards

Minneapolis junk yard employers and Local 544 are in a deadlock over the wage provisions of the proposed Union agreement covering junk yard workers. To the Union's demand of 50c an hour for these workers, scrap iron employers countered with an offer to pay 37 1/2c.

That this wage is unacceptable by the Union goes without saying. Further meetings with the employers are contemplated.

Spanish Workers

Many members of organized labor have inquired where they could make contribution to the valiant Spanish workers who are making such a heroic defense against the fascist hordes who are attempting to destroy them. Contributions will be received at the Union office. This money will be speedily forwarded to such agencies as can put the funds in the hands of the fighting Spanish workers.

Meat Packers Are Set Against Unions

Attempts to negotiate a Union agreement for drivers, helpers and platform men in the meat packing industry have proved unavailing up to now. At the first meeting held between Union representatives and packing house branch managers the Union was told by the Big Five that they had a nation-wide policy of signing no Union agreements.

Smith and Skoglund, who are dealing for the Union, announce that individual firms will be signed up and the Big Five packers to be dealt with at a later date.

Employers Attempt Co. Union Setup

Negotiations are going forward between Union representatives and greenhouse employers. All drivers, helpers and greenhouse employees are members of General Drivers Union. The point of difference between greenhouse bosses and the Union is on the question of wages.

Recently attempts were made by some greenhouse employers to install company unions in their plants. The attempt met with dismal failure on the part of the greenhouse employers. Meetings are still going on between the Union and the employers.

Seniority Troubles At Puffer-Hubbard

Seniority troubles at the Puffer-Hubbard Co. were settled last week by Furniture Workers Union. It was necessary to call in an arbitration board to settle the disputed points. Charles Horn acted as chairman.

Football

544 football team, which has been playing a steady brand of football during the current season, came through with another victory Sunday afternoon at North Commons.

Playing the Pillsbury House, which team had beaten them in a previous game, 2-0, the team came through with a 6-0 victory. This places them in a tie for leadership in the division in which they play. The final game of the schedule will be played next Sunday at Farview Park where the local team will tackle the Franklin Merchants.

In the event that the season ends in a tie between Local 544 and the Pillsbury House a play-off will be arranged after the season's closing.

CORRECT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION

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