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# Cement Block Workers Beat Employers

## WAGES FAIL TO INCREASE WITH COST OF LIVING

### Wage Raises Promptly Wiped Out by the Employers

In France in the month of June, 1936, eight million French workers went out on strike to enforce demands that had accumulated for a period of depression years. The French workers occupied the factories all over the nation, won their strikes, achieved union recognition and a general 10 per cent increase in wages. Four months later their wage increases had been completely and utterly wiped out—the employers achieved this by the simple device of raising prices. The extra francs that the French worker now received in his pay envelope could buy no more than could his old pay check.

Bosses in America, after being forced to give back to their workers a portion of the wages which had been cut many times since 1930, are resorting to the "French pay cut" to maintain the flow of that immense stream of profits into their pockets.

During the last few years, prices of all goods purchased by wage earners have been slowly but surely increasing. In January, 1937, this trend became sharply noticeable when food prices throughout the United States jumped two per cent within 30 days. The government's labor department, which records changes in the cost of living, has not released any figures covering the further advances in prices since January. But any housewife can tell you of the truly terrifying speed with which commodity prices are rising today. From week to week, the pay check is dwindling at the point at which it is spent.

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## William Sinnott Elected Trustee Of Labor Union

Defeating Walter Frank in a vote of 130 to 99, William Sinnott, Business Agent of the Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, was elected trustee of the Central Labor Union at a regular meeting of the central body Wednesday night.

Nominated along with Jones of the carpenters and Frank of the lathers, Bill carried the majority on the first ballot but not enough to win the election. The first ballot was 104 for Sinnott, 94 for Frank and 21 for Jones. A two-thirds vote of 111 was necessary to put Sinnott in office.

With Jones eliminated in the second ballot, Sinnott won over Frank by 31 votes, 20 votes more than were needed for a two-thirds majority.

## Material Drivers Meet Friday, 16th

A special meeting of all men engaged in excavation, building material and supply companies and related industries is called for Friday, April 16, at 8 p. m. in Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave. The meeting is called by the executive board of Local 544 for the purpose of finishing discussion of the wage scale for the coming year. This meeting will include all Drivers, Helpers, Pitmen, Warehousemen, and Yardmen in lumber yards and limestone plants.



## Forty-five Delegates Attend Second Quarterly Meeting of North Central Drivers Council

### Reports from All Sections of North Central Drivers Laud Work of Council in Northwest

Sunday afternoon, April 11, saw the second quarterly meeting of the North Central District Drivers Council which was held in Teamsters Joint Council headquarters in Minneapolis. Forty-five delegates were present representing 13 driving unions from the northwest. This gathering was by far the largest, and from a standpoint of actions taken, the most significant meeting of the council that has taken place since its formation.

A report of the executive committee of the council which covered activity and field work of council representatives between meetings showed that splendid progress had been made everywhere.

## GAS UNION IS SETTING WAGE FOR CONTRACT

### Departments Meet to Adjust Wage Scale Through Plant

Gashouse Workers Union which is composed of workers at Minneapolis Gas Light Company, have been meeting throughout the past ten days by departments, for the purpose of drawing up their wage schedule which will be incorporated in an agreement presented to the company sometime before May 1. There is a vast amount of work yet to be done in arranging the pay schedules as there is almost an endless variety of work classifications in the company.

Several departments have already met and approved their pay rates. There will be a full meeting of the union Tuesday, April 20, at the downtown Eagles Hall. It is imperative that every member of the union be present at this time. The entire pay schedule of all departments of the company will be presented to the union at that time for ratification.

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## COAL WORKERS HOLD RIGHTS IN ALL YARDS

Effectively immediately the following rules will apply in retaining seniority rights in the coal industry. From November 1 to April 1 all men holding seniority rights at any coal company are required to be on the job if there is work available unless they have received an official leave of absence from the union. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the complete loss of seniority standing.

However, from April 1 to November 1 employees who do not have steady year round employment with the company may leave the job without securing a leave of absence and their seniority standing will be protected until November 1. The above rules shall also apply to members of Local 544 who may transfer into Local 221 during the ice season.

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
LOCAL 544  
April 14, 1937

## Remember the Yellow Dance At 257 Tonight

The night of the Yellow Drivers Second Annual Ball and Benefit Dance is now at hand. The dancing will begin at 9 p. m. and will end at 1 a. m. There will be two floor shows. The first one will be at 10 p. m. and the second one at 12. The door prizes will be awarded after the second floor show. The committee has conscientiously endeavored to insure a good time for all who attend. All we ask is that everybody enter this affair with an attitude and a spirit that will produce a good time. Help us to maintain and perhaps better a reputation that we gained by our first attempt at an affair of this nature. Don't forget the date: Thursday, April 15. The place: Ballroom, third floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

## 289, TEAMSTERS SETTLE DISPUTE

Representatives of Bakers Union and officials of Teamsters Joint Council met last week to settle jurisdictional dispute as to which organization is entitled to unionize inside men employed in Minneapolis bakeries. After a thoroughgoing discussion of the whole question it was agreed that all workers in bakeries who are not directly engaged in the production of bread would be members of Bakery Drivers Union.

This includes shipping and receiving clerks, handlers and packers. In general, all men employed in bakeries who handle the product after it leaves the mixing machine will be in the drivers organization.

**Local 292 Dance**  
May 1 is the date set for the Victory Dance of Local 292 of the Electrical Workers Union. The dance will be held at the downtown Eagles Hall at 4th Ave. and 8th St. on Saturday evening. Admission is 25 cents per person.

## Finks' Cars Burn



After the furious battle between union men and strikebreakers in which the strikers were victorious, cars and trucks used to convey scabs were burned on the streets of Albert Lea.

## Auto Workers Set for Show Down With Industry Over a Nation Wide Fighting Front

The fight to organize the entire automotive industry took on an international aspect last week. On April 7, after the complete breakdown of negotiations with the company, Local 222 of the UAW called a strike against the General Motors plants at Oshawa, Ont., Canada. The union asked recognition of the international union. The company refuses to deal with the duly elected negotiations committee because an international vice-president of the UAW is one of the members.

He is also president of the local union. Premier Hepburn has taken

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## NORTHLAND SKI WORKERS STRIKE

### Ski Plant Owned by Boss of Lund Company in Hastings Ties Owner's Hands

About 80 workers went on strike Monday, April 12, at the Northland Ski company. The Northland Ski is owned and operated by the same bosses who own and operate the Lund Manufacturing company in Hastings, where the workers have been on strike for the last two weeks.

The strike in the ski plant stalemates the bosses of these plants in their moves back and forth between the two, playing one against the other, shifting work from the ski company to the Hastings company, in an effort to quash any move on the part of organized labor. With the workers in both the Minneapolis and Hastings plants on strike, the bosses will have no place to move and will be unable to speed up work at one plant whenever trouble arises at the other as they have done in the past.

The Northland Ski company has a long, black record of fighting unions, suppressing workers and crushing any signs of organization in the ranks of labor in that plant. As a result, this company is one of the few woodworking shops yet unorganized in this vicinity. Organization in this plant will affect some 200 workers.

The fact that the Hastings manufacturing concern and the ski plant in Minneapolis are owned by one and the same set of bosses was not discovered until the Hastings plant went on strike two weeks ago.

## BLOCK WORKERS COME TO TERMS WITH EMPLOYERS

### Month-Old Controversy Ended in Cement Block Plants; Effective April 9

### Wage Scale Provides Ninety-five Cent Rate; Piece Work Eliminated

Friday of last week saw the ending of a month-old controversy between employes in cement block plants who are members of Local 544 and owners of cement block plants. The ending of this controversy brought an end to a bitter fight that has been waged over the question of whether or not last year's agreement would be renewed on the basis of an increase in the wage scale.

Workers in this industry had made a wage demand of one dollar per hour as a wage provision of the agreement which would extend until spring of 1938. Plant owners not only refused to consider the agreement but promptly proceeded to close their plants and lock the workers out.

At the time the lock-out occurred the block business was in the ebb season and employers evidently considered that it would be an easy task to break the spirit of the men by keeping the various places of employment closed. Union members there promptly proceeded to give a real demonstration of union solidarity by turning the lock-out into a strike and holding their lines so sturdily that the bosses were finally forced to capitulate.

The wage provisions of the agreement provide that the wage scale shall be 95c per hour from the 9th

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## LABOR RALLY IN FARGO ATTRACTS CROWD OF 1500

Between 1,000 and 1,500 people attended an enthusiastic labor rally in Fargo last Friday night at which plans were made to bring another section of the driving crafts in the northwest under the aid and direction of the North Central District Drivers Council. Gathered in the Crystal Ballroom of the city auditorium, the crowd heard Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, and Farrell Dobbs of the Teamsters Joint Council in Minneapolis.

Dobbs outlined plans for a statewide organization campaign and told of the assistance given other sections of the labor movement by the North Central Council. Dobbs further laid out specific plans for organizational work in Fargo.

Dunne, whose first appearance this was in Fargo since the truck drivers strike in 1934, spoke of union experiences during the '34 strike and during the period that has followed. Dunne urged the workers to reform their ranks and to begin anew the fight that began in 1934. Further, he predicted that a successful drivers' union would be built in that section of the northwest.

Henry Martinson, a member of the painters union in Fargo and Deputy Commissioner of Labor and Agriculture for North Dakota, chaired the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dunne was arrested by the city police on a false charge and held in jail until early the next morning when he was released.

## Novelty Workers Granted Charter For a New Union

A charter for the Novelty Workers Union, Local 1868, has been granted by the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and received here in Minneapolis recently. This charter will cover workers in the Lund Manufacturing company in Hastings.

Workers in the Lund woodworking shop were organized into a Federal Woodworking Union prior to receipt of the new charter. However, under the new organization setup, workers in the Lund plant will be placed in a different category—that of novelty wood products.

Both the Lund plant in Hastings and the Northland Ski company in Minneapolis, owned by one and the same boss, have been on strike for the last three weeks. Workers from both have signed up 100 per cent in the union.

## Nelson Workers Meet on Sunday

Workers at the B. F. Nelson company will meet at 257 Plymouth Ave. N. on Sunday, April 18, at 2 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is twofold, for clarification and organization.

The union contract, signed with employers at the Nelson company a short time ago, will be carefully reviewed for the benefit of all workers in the plant. Election of stewards, shop committees and grievance committees will also be included in the business of Sunday's meeting.

## WPA Hour Cut to Mean a Wage Cut

The expected cut in WPA hours has been announced by state administrators and it will go into effect May 1. At that time WPA hours will be reduced from 110 to 88. WPA workers will not be affected but truckers on WPA projects and those classified as skilled workers will suffer a reduction in their monthly pay. Plans to combat the pay reduction apparently have not yet been formulated.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# BLOCK WORKERS COME TO TERMS WITH EMPLOYERS

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of April, 1937, to November 30, 1937, and 85c per hour from December 1, 1937, to February 28, 1938, and 95c per hour thereafter. The contract also eliminated all piece work in the plants. The agreement is printed herewith:

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into between the General Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers Union, Local No. 544, as representing its members employed by the Concrete Block Manufacturing Industry, which employes are designated as follows: Mixer Man; Concrete Block Machine Operators; Off-Bearers; Rackers; Lift Truck Operators and men employed to remove concrete blocks from the shop to the storage yards and employers of the industry whose signatures are attached to this agreement.

ARTICLE I  
This agreement shall be in force and effect from the 9th day of April, 1937, to the 31st day of April, 1938.

ARTICLE II  
The rate of pay for block men as described above shall be ninety-five cents (95c) per hour from the 9th day of April, 1937, to November 30, 1937; eighty-five cents (85c) per hour from December 1, 1937, to February 28, 1938, and ninety-five cents (95c) per hour from March 1, 1938, to May 31, 1938.

ARTICLE III  
There shall be no piece work. All work shall be done on an hourly basis.

ARTICLE IV  
In the event a block machine turns out in excess of four (4) blocks per minute, two (2) men shall be provided to take them away from the machine or from the end of the conveyor to the curing rooms.

ARTICLE V  
When work is available at the plant the regular work week shall consist of forty-five (45) hours, except as hereinafter provided. It is understood that the hour days shall consist of either five (5) nine (9) hour days, or five (5) eight (8) hour days and one (1) five hour day per week. It is further agreed that during any twelve (12) week period in one (1) year, a fifty (50) hour week may be considered a work week and in the event the employer chooses to work on that basis, it must be for one (1) full week. It is also understood that in the event the employer chooses to work said fifty (50) hour week, that it shall not be considered overtime. There shall be no Saturday afternoon work, except for emergency work occasioned by breakdown in production machinery, or for work requiring the protection of life or property.

ARTICLE VI  
Overtime shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half for any time worked in excess of the hours hereinbefore described. Saturday afternoons, Sundays, and the following holidays: New Year's Day; Decoration Day; July 4th; Thanksgiving Day; Labor Day and Christmas, shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half. The foregoing provision with reference to time and one-half shall not apply in the event employes are engaged in emergency work occasioned by breakdown in production machinery; in work requiring the protection of life or property.

ARTICLE VII  
Any worker who shall work any time during any forty-five (45) hour week at a job requiring a higher paid classification than that of his regular job shall be paid at the higher pay rate for the time he works on the higher pay classification job.

All other things being equal seniority shall prevail. This provides that the oldest men on the seniority list shall be entitled to full time work when work is available on the basis hereinbefore set forth. When lay-offs occur the last man hired shall be the first laid off; when returning to work, the last laid off shall be the first returned to work.

ARTICLE IX  
There shall be no discrimination against any employe because of union affiliation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the 9th day of April, 1937.

GENERAL DRIVERS, HELPERS & INSIDE CONCRETE BLOCK MANUFACTURERS WORKERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 544.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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## On the Route With the Milk Man



Early birds among the milk drivers will feel the wrath of 471 as fast as they are apprehended. Officials of the union point out that the starting hour for delivery is 5 a. m. Any delivery earlier than that hour is a gross violation of union rules.

The recent bowling tournament was apparently a grand success. No small measure of credit for the turnout can be given to Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union. Milk Drivers and Painters constituted the largest groups.

Union representatives call attention of the membership to the fact that a speed limit of 30 miles an hour is now in effect. Violation of speed laws brought many members of the union into the courts last week.

April the 18th the North Franklin plant will send a team to bowl at La Crosse. Sherman, North Franklin bigshot, will lead the delegation. The union wishes them luck.

Milk Drivers Union D-ball league will soon swing into action. Plans are being formulated in the various plants to put the usual well-polished teams on the field.

Believe it or not, Emil Bakken, choirmaster at the co-op, is a granddad. Very recent.

The Maple Cream Cheese is on the line with Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union. Old Home is next.

Bill Sinnott has put in a busy week at the Card and Label Show which is being held in the St. Paul auditorium this week. Bill reports that the affair is a huge success and that it is well worth anyone's time to make a trip over, see the displays, and have a chance to watch a splendid floor show. The best part of the whole thing is, it's free.

Ole Peterson, long-time member of Local 471, celebrated his silver wedding anniversary last Sunday. Bill's 25 years of married life, from a union standpoint, are a success. One of his sons is a member of Milk Drivers Union and one belongs to Musicians. His friends gave him some splendid gifts.

Tuesday, April 20, will be the regular membership meeting of Local 471. It will be held on the third floor of 257 Plymouth.

## Greenhouse Workers Set General Meeting

Thursday, April 15, has been set for a general get-together and gathering of all workers employed in local greenhouses. Union organizers in charge of this section of Local 544 point out that now is the beginning of the outdoor season and a large number of workers are being taken back into the industry who are not yet members of the union.

The Thursday meeting will be open to all workers in the greenhouse industry, union or non-union. Many interesting developments have taken place in the greenhouse section and it is important that all workers in the industry be present Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

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## Bill Brown Says—



BILL BROWN  
President of 544

The Central Labor Union election was a honey. The very people who are charged with the task of carrying out the voting in a fair and just manner turned out to be the ones who tried to skip over the votes of organizations like General Drivers. When the point is reached in our executive body where our elected officials try to set like Hitler's it is time to call a halt—or a new election.

## Auto Workers Set for Show Down With Industry Over a Nation Wide Fighting Front

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sides with the company and has promised them all the protection they desire if they open the plants. He has also announced that the strikers will not be granted relief. He has mobilized the mounted police at Toronto for immediate action should any trouble arise.

Detroit leaders of the UAWA have promised the local unit that should the company attempt to open its Oshawa plants, and any attempt be made to break the strike, there will be a complete tie-up of all American plants of the General Motors company. Meetings between Premier Hepburn and the union committee took place on Saturday, April 10. Meetings between the premier and the company officials were scheduled for Sunday morning. He announced that he hoped for a settlement by Sunday evening. However, these meetings were abruptly halted when Premier Hepburn objected to the presence of Hugh Thompson, a CIO organizer sent to Oshawa upon the request of the local union.

Early Saturday the strikers, in accordance with an agreement made earlier, allowed about 100 workers into the plants. This agreement was that parts for ambulances, milk and utility trucks were to be shipped out of the plant. No parts for passenger cars were to be taken out. A committee of 20 strikers examined all the trucks going into the plant to make sure that strikebreakers and ammunition were not being taken in. Homer Martin was reported as flying to Oshawa from Detroit. Mr. Thompson said that no further attempts at negotiations meetings will be made until Martin's arrival.

A CIO organization drive has been started in the lumbering, paper clip and mining industries in Canada. Premier Hepburn warned the CIO that, unless the drive was stopped at once, he would organize an armed force to combat it. In a lengthy statement to the press, Hugh Thompson called Premier Hepburn's stand illegal and fascist. He warned the premier what his actions are going to mean in the next elections.

Partially isolated from the main body of the Pennsylvania working class by their segregation into a so-called model village, the Hershey Chocolate workers were made the victims of a new attempt by the bosses to pit the farmer against the worker. On April 3 over 2,000 of the 2,600 employees of the Hershey Chocolate Co. called a strike in the name of the United Chocolate Workers Union. Company officials met with the union committee and carried on a pretext of negotiations, but at the same time company agents were busily engaged in a campaign to arouse anti-union sentiment among the farmers who had temporarily lost the main market for their milk because of the strike. On April 7 the farmers were brought to town in large numbers and after they had been whipped into a spirit of frenzy by company agitators were led into a mass attack upon the union picket lines. The pickets, hopelessly outnumbered, were driven away from the plant with many casualties in their ranks.

With a skeleton force of about 300 finks the company reopened the plant and attempted to resume operations. Outraged by the brutal attack, union miners in the surrounding territory began mobilization to march on Hershey, Pa., and re-establish the

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picket lines to effectively close the plant. News of the mobilization quickly forced the company to abandon all efforts to operate the plant. The strike was settled on April 12 with union recognition and collective bargaining guaranteed to the workers and the establishing of an 8 hour day and 40 hour week. Wages were not an issue.

On March 15 the truck drivers at Wilmington, Pa., went on strike. The strike started among the over-the-road drivers, and soon spread to the local truckers. Their demands were for \$48.59 weekly for the long distance drivers, and \$28 a week for their helpers; \$34 for the city drivers, and \$27 a week for their helpers. The Employers Policy Committee refused to meet with the union and on April 13 the Wilmington Central Labor Union called a general strike. After eight hours during which practically the entire city was tied up, the Employer's Policy Committee agreed to enter into negotiations with the truck drivers.

As terms for the meeting the employers' committee asked that the local drivers be organized into a local of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers, and the long-distance drivers be put into a union of their own. The CLU agreed to these terms. For the duration of the negotiations the truck strike is to continue, but the general strike is over. Thus again is demonstrated the power of solidarity in labor struggles.

John L. Lewis announced on Friday, April 12, that 46 of the large steel corporations have signed agreements with the Amalgamated Union for Steel, Iron and Tin Workers. Negotiations for contracts are being carried on with 18 other firms, involving approximately 200,000 workers.

Henry Ford, from New York announced that he will never recognize any union. He is quoted in the press as being ready to "bless a set of working conditions that will put anything the UAWA has been able to gain for the workers in the automobile industry to shame." Rumors are current that he intends to raise the minimum wage as much as \$10 daily, to combat the UAWA's attempts to organize his plants. John L. Lewis, answering Mr. Ford, proclaims the start of a gigantic drive for membership in the Ford plants. He said that the entire system of Ford factories would be so well organized before any demands were made that, "Mr. Ford will change his tune."

Peace reigned at Detroit for the first time in many weeks when the Chrysler, Reo and Hudson strikes were settled and thousands of workers returned to their places. Pittsburgh merchants felt the effect of the pay raises granted the steel workers in the many agreements recently affected by the Amalgamated Union for Steel, Iron and Tin Workers, last week when the first pay-rolls on the new schedule were distributed. Department stores, beauty parlors, food stores—all were jammed.

Meanwhile the campaign to bring unions under the supervision of the government goes on.

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1290	1888	1826
1293	1417	1838
1298	1701	1839
1309	1703	1840
1334	1707	1847
1341	1716	1897
1350	1768	1918
1362	1772	1918
1363	1793	1944

These emblem holders are recorded as being delinquent with the union. All members should keep this list handy and look at all emblems that you see wherever you are. This is especially the duty of every steward. If any paid-up members are listed here, take your receipts to the office and have them checked with the books. Turn in to the ITO section any emblems you find bearing the above numbers.

Bill Carrol of the state highway department recently conferred with the new Ways and Means committee to set up rates to be effective on highway work in the state this season. These rates will also be sent to Washington for inclusion in contracts that have Federal money involved.

**Truck for Sale**  
Another trucker quitting the business. De Angelo wants to sell his 1936 Ford dump truck, driven 13,000 miles. Call Gl. 7721. He is mighty secretive about his new job.

Those sand and gravel hauling rates are bouncing around like a rubber check from committee to membership. The Ways and Means again voted to accept it as is with a slight change.

**Sassaman Protege**  
The result of Curt's first interview with Mr. I. Anderson, who replaced Wing, was absolutely nil. According to reports, he gives the impression of being as evasive as a pink elephant in a London fog at midnight.

The Belt Line is supported to start working 88 hours a month beginning April 21.

**Unionized CALORIES**  
Frank Hall, a former ITO member, has gone into the box lunch business at 20 East Hennepin.

If Herb Muncy on the Belt Line would forget all his aliases and decide which name he wanted to use, Ed Ryan, the timekeeper, could get that identification cleared up.

Vermont has passed a law making the sit-down strike illegal and employers in many other states are conducting campaigns to try to force similar action. Last week the United States Senate passed a resolution condemning the sit-down. All this agitation on the part of the bosses and the government is merely an indication of the effectiveness of the sit-down. The workers continue to sit down.

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## Rat Parade



Town pool-hall loafers and countryside riff-raff were sworn in by the sheriff of Freeborn county in an attempt to break the strike at the Gas Machine Company at Albert Lea—an hour after this picture was taken they were beaten and dispersed.

## WAGNER ACT UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT IN FIVE DECISIONS; FAVORS LAW IN "INTERSTATE COMMERCE"

Upholding the Wagner act in five decisions, the Supreme Court Monday ruled in favor of the labor relations board and its right to regulate employer-employee relationships in "businesses engaged in interstate commerce." According to opponents of the law, the term "interstate commerce" has been broadened to include business not properly included in that category.

The specific cases in which the court held the Wagner law constitutional were those of the Associated Press, the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, the Fruehauf Trailer Company of Detroit and the Friedman-Harry Marks Clothing Company, Inc., of Richmond. Only in the interstate bus decision was the court unanimous.

In the opinion on the steel corporation, Justice Owen Roberts recalled the steel strike of 1919-1920, supporting the decision by concluding that "the fact that there appears to have been no major disturbance in that industry in the more recent period did not dispose of the possibilities of future and like dangers to interstate commerce which congress was entitled to foresee and to exercise its protective power to forestall."

On the bus company decision, Justice Roberts said that the Wagner act limits the jurisdiction of the board to instances falling within the commerce power, and that if the board should exceed this jurisdiction, "any party aggrieved is at liberty to challenge its action."

The question of the Associated Press was the most controversial of the five passed on by the court. In a minority report, Justice George Sutherland objected to the decision rendered on this issue, claiming that such a precedent would destroy the freedom of the press. According to Justice Sutherland, the organization of newspaper editorial employees would necessarily result in their writing colored and biased news.

This recent decision, handed down by the highest tribunal in the country, paves the way for increased controversy and debate on the president's bill to reorganize the supreme bench.

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# WAGES FAIL TO INCREASE WITH COST OF LIVING

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According to the Cost of Living Division of the U. S. Department of Labor, the cost of all goods purchased by wage earners in Minneapolis increased 13.4 per cent from June, 1935, to December, 1936. This represents an increase about three per cent above the increase for the country as a whole, the national increase being around 10 per cent.

Food prices in Minneapolis since 1933 have risen from 64.3 per cent to 91.2 per cent; clothing has gone up from 67.0 per cent to 78.2 per cent; rent has remained more or less stationary; light and fuel have risen slightly. What is true of Minneapolis is also true of the country as a whole—and in the next few months will become unmistakably plain, even to those workers who have been mis-educated to measure their welfare solely by the size of their pay checks. The U. S. Department of Labor's Informational Bulletin for March, 1937, reveals that average retail food prices for the country as a whole have increased from January, 1936, to January, 1937, as follows: milk, 5.9 per cent; eggs, 6.4 per cent; potatoes (a most important staple of the workingman's diet) 60.9 per cent; pork chops, 4.7 per cent; round steak, 4.0 per cent, etc.

The Family Economic Bureau of the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, in its recent bulletin covering the cost of living in Minneapolis, notes that "a month's supply of food for the average family, which could be bought for \$30 at 1933 price levels, cost \$38.22 for the same items in January of this year. Meats, cereals and bakery products, fats and oils, and fresh fruits and vegetables led the rise in food prices. . . House and apartment rental rates continued their steady climb. Equivalent accommodations to those rented for \$24 a month in 1933 cost \$30.91 in January, 1937. Clothing prices are only 10 per cent above 1933. . ."

What's the Answer?  
So far, the most significant increase has occurred in food prices, which can be traced directly to the federal government's policy of crop curtailment. But sufficient data are now available to indicate that the same tendency will prevail throughout industry (the steel bosses unshouldered the recent increase in steel wages by boosting the price of steel products, which will very soon be reflected in prices of consumer goods, etc.) The plan of the bosses in America is quite simple: every time the organized workers force a wage increase, the boss will raise the price of his merchandise, which the wage earners will then buy back at the increased price. This tendency will proceed unchecked, and will result in inflation, which will jerk the economic stays from under the bottoms of the dwindling American middle class. To an ever increasing extent, intelligent workers will realize that unionization—as important and vitally necessary as it is—by itself still does not answer their needs. They will realize that the ONLY way they can assure for themselves and the rest of America the economic security that can be theirs is to take over all the means of production and operate them for the best interests of the country as a whole, and not for the private interests of the ruthless minority who, as long as they can maintain control of the fields and factories and mines, can always increase wages with one hand, and recoup themselves by increasing prices with the other hand. Alongside these inflationary ten-

## Spick and Span Notes Local 131

The strike at the Master Cleaners lasted two hours on Tuesday morning, April 13. A settlement was then reached and the amount awarded by the arbitration will be paid without any more trouble. The union hopes that it will not be necessary to strike any more places in order to enforce decisions of the arbitration board. Local 183 gave their co-operation in this strike. We express our appreciation and assume them we will co-operate with them in like circumstances.

The union is bad medicine for chiselers.

The initiation fee is \$25 now. There are not very many that will be required to pay it, due to the fact that about every driver is already wearing our button.

The Bright Spot in the basement is now open for business. Carry your card or button when you go in there.

You are not a real member of our union until you have taken the obligation. If you have not received it, do so at the next meeting you attend.

The news is still slow coming into our office. We will publish it gladly when we receive it, but it is hard to manufacture news.

There were about 50 new members initiated at our last meeting; there will be quite a number at our next one, too.

Stewards' meeting have been discontinued. But it will help if you can come in as early as possible with your dues on meeting nights. The secretary-treasurer is in the office at 7 p. m. and the meeting does not start until 8:30.

## Watt Notes

The company has a new speed law of 10 miles per hour for cars entering through the gate at High Bridge.

Some of the misunderstanding will probably cease now that the department heads are to have the agreement read to them, in order that it may be clearly understood. We hope, we hope, we hope.

Your writer worked last Friday in the 'Warbucks' (Underground) department and could find none but union brothers.

Brother Gilbertson, the duck hunter, was present at the last stewards' meeting.

Don't the new street lights look swell? And they say there is no work for the wiring department. Oh yeah?

Charlie Haack starts to work in the engineering department Friday morning. Three guesses why Stien-gard, the engineer, was fired.

Some of the boys and their wives denounce, which will throw millions of middle-class people down into the ranks of the workers, will go increasing attempts on the part of the government to emasculate and hog-tie the union movement by binding it to the government through labor boards, compulsory arbitration, outlawry of strikes, etc. The mighty strike struggles of the last six months are but pale samples of the fights that will have to be waged in the future on newer and higher levels if labor is to retain its independence and continue its march towards its final goal of economic security for all.

# Forty-five Delegates Attend Second Quarterly Meeting of North Central Drivers Council

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by the North Central District Drivers Council. Dobbs advocated that the council continually work to increase their sphere of field activity owing to the fact that splendid results were being accomplished wherever the council went into action.

The auditing committee reported that the income of the council to date had been \$450. Expenditures had been \$156.68, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$293.32. The report was accepted and it was pointed out by the various delegates that none of the money so far expended had gone to pay salaries. All had been used for traveling expenses and other necessary organizational charges.

After some discussion in regard to St. Paul unions' attitude toward the council it was decided by motion that a committee from the district council be set up to contact the St. Paul Teamsters Joint Council executive board for the purpose of again extending to the St. Paul driving union an invitation to affiliate to the district council. The following committee was appointed: Brothers Cruden and Russell of Fargo, N. D., Brothers Rooney and Smith of Duluth, Brother Mace of Mankato and Brother Moran of St. Cloud.

The council by motion voted to donate \$25 to the Albert Lea union for the purpose of restoring their union headquarters which was smashed by deputies a week ago Sunday. Brother Corcoran announced that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers had been granted jurisdiction over all warehousemen. Brother Eberl of Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers, reported that the council had extended them a great deal of help and reported the calling of a mass meeting for truck drivers in St. Cloud which will take place the latter part of this month. He requested that the District Council take charge of the meeting and send speakers.

From Fargo, Brothers Russell and Cruden reported that the General Drivers Union had been reformed there and that some organizational activity was being carried on. Cruden said that it is imperative that the Council extend all help to Fargo that was possible in order that this important point might be quickly unionized.

Miles Dunne pointed out the value of the Northwest Organizer, official organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, in organizing truckers throughout the Northwest. A motion was made that the Northwest Organizer be made the official organ of the North Central District Drivers Council. The next meeting of the Council was set for July 11. It will be held in Duluth, Minn.

Things We Found Out While There  
Mrs. Bill Higel likes french fried potatoes, and how!  
Gilbertson Jr. plays a mean accordion.  
Eddie Rudolph looks funny with Dennis' coat on.  
Gus Gerdin and his wife are the prize waltzers.  
Bartholoma and Middleton got the beer wholesaler.

The dance committee held a meeting Monday evening. The big obstacle is getting a hall to hold 'em all. The place is to be the Eagles Hall at 4th Ave. So. and 8th St. The time, Saturday evening, May 1. Be ready for a real big time and a most enjoyable evening. The price is two bits a head. Tickets will be out very soon.

Brother Fisher of the Trouble Department is a new papa. What is it, Walter? Boy or girl?

## On WPA Projects

WPA paydays every second Friday is demanded by the FWS. The scantily paid WPA workers need this regularity. They cannot wait five or six extra days every now and then, and there's no reason why they should. Richards and Sassaman both say there's no use talking about it further because it can't and won't be done. If that means we've got to do more than just talk, we'll do it.

In order to increase interest in the united front May Day demonstration among the members of the Federal Workers section, a committee of 15 was elected at the meeting Friday evening. The May Day demonstration will be held May 1 at 2 p. m. Watch the Organizer for further details.

403's to an untold large number, were rumored to be given out at Fort Snelling last week. Only a small number of FWS members were affected and most of these have been straightened out. It might have been worse had we not been ready for action.

The report that Ed Palmquist will ride a white horse in the May Day parade has not been confirmed.

Wholesale WPA lay-offs by June 1, is the talk on the projects. Members are asked to keep their ears open and their powder dry. We will fight any attempted reduction of our living standards. WPA authorities take note.

The Organizer and grievance committee will make a tour of Wright Co. in the near future: Organizational mop-up.

Unemployment increased 932,000 from December 1936 to February, 1937, says William Green, president of the A. F. of L. C. Congress and the President intend to cut WPA to "balance the budget under capitalist pressure. That is, they'll juggle with human misery. The organized unemployed have no intention of eating "budgets" balanced or unbalanced, nor do they intend to starve.

Fort Snelling had 544 callers Friday. A lovely time was had by all. Nuff said.

Rapidly growing FWS membership has necessitated new dues books and dues stamps to help stewards account for members and give more time to organization work on the projects.

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# UNITED MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION FOR THIS YEAR

### Labor Organizations, Working Class Political Parties Plan Mass Rally

May Day this year marks the fifty-first anniversary of labor's struggle for improved conditions and the shorter work week. May first 1936 was originally designated by the American Federation of Labor as the day when American labor would open the fight for the eight hour day. Since then May Day has become an international labor holiday. Workers all over the world demonstrate their international solidarity.

This year's May Day demonstration promises to be the largest in the history of Minneapolis. Thousands of workers who have joined the labor movement in the past year in the tremendous growth of the trade unions will participate for the first time in a May Day demonstration.

On the initiative of the Central Labor Union a United Front May Day committee has been formed to prepare plans for the demonstration. Already the following organizations have signified their intention to par-

ticipate in the parade: Central Labor Union, Farmer-Labor Association, Socialist Party, Communist Party, Federal Section 544, Workers Alliance, Industrial Workers of the World, Workmen's Circle and others. The parade will assemble at 2 p. m. at the Pioneer Square, opposite the new Postoffice, and will proceed along Nicollet Avenue to the Parade Grounds, where the speaking program will begin at 4 p. m. Plans are being made for sound trucks, bands, banners, and floats, to accompany the parade.

A detailed plan has been worked out, with assigned areas where the various organizations will assemble. This plan will prevent any confusion in the mobilization of the parade.

Several sub committees have already been set up to take care of preliminary plans.

Final preparations will be worked out at a delegated conference to be held April 25, 2 p. m., in Hall No. 2 in the Central Labor Union, 18 North Eighth St. All trade unions, unemployed, political, fraternal and other organizations are urged to send three delegates each to this conference. A considerable amount of finances will be necessary to make this parade worthy of the growth of the Minneapolis labor movement. It will be necessary for all organizations participating to contribute to the general fund and the committee urges that this be taken up at the time the call is read. All funds should be sent to Peter Warhol, Jr., 406 East Hennepin, Room 16.

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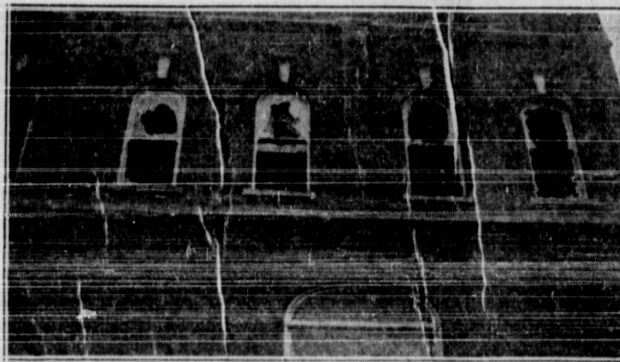
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick  
 I'm a decent Sheehey, Wop or Mick,  
 But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik  
 I'm Labor.

## Smashed Union Hall



Gas shells and bombs were shot through the windows and doors of the union hall in Albert Lea during the Sunday melee. The hall is being restored by Northwest unionists.

are still millions of them to be organized. It is to be hoped that their efforts will not be directed away from the main battle front by engaging in jurisdictional battles with already organized unions.

## May Day

For the first time in years this coming May Day finds the Minneapolis labor movement solidly behind preparations for a May Day parade and demonstration. While in other years such demonstrations were due mainly to the efforts of the left wingers of the movement, this year finds the Central Labor Union sponsoring the affair, enthusiastically aided and supported by all sections of the labor movement. There is no doubt, therefore, that this year's demonstration will overshadow that of last year, which in itself was a fine tribute to the militant section of the labor movement, having been the largest May Day parade and demonstration in many years.

This year's parade will take place May first, beginning at 2 p. m. from the Postoffice (Pioneer) Square. Since the date falls on Saturday, it is expected that the numbers marching and on the sidelines will constitute a record to emulate at following May Days.

From Pioneer Square the parade will march up Nicollet Avenue to Tenth Street, thence to Harmon Place and up Harmon to the Parade Grounds where the parade will disband to hear the speaking program arranged by the committee.

All workers should get into the spirit of May Day. It is OUR DAY, the only holiday that the bosses have not given to us, consequently we should make the most of it.

## Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

**WORKERS HAVE IT EASY!**  
 Our blond telephone operator is leaving for California next week.

The independent Taxi Union in Chicago was chartered by the International a few days ago.

### HE DIDN'T STOOP

Del Cotton, auto hauler, tried to drive a tank under the Washington Ave. viaduct. The result was a mess.

The strike is still on the sewer project.

Mankato drivers are on the go.

**REPORT ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS**  
 Conditions in the Fargo jail are much the same as before.

The big union in Austin may soon be a part of the CIO.

Greenhouse workers are holding a mass meeting Thursday.

What does Christ Moe want that house for?

What are the Building Trades going to do about the WPA hour cut?

The new Model Agreement has been OK'd by the union.

The NCDDC held the best meeting ever last Sunday. Forty-five delegates represented 17 unions in the northwest.

Cement Block Workers are back in there turning 'em out.

Pulp and Sulphide Workers Union charter is in town. It will be a big organization.

The editor spoke in Fargo last Friday.

The Federal Workers should get the nod for their stand on supplementary aid.

An addition to the Frosig family—congrats, George.

### NEWS ITEM

Five black and white kittens were born on the Frosig property last week.

The Northwest labor movement has contributed over \$1,000 towards the rebuilding of the Albert Lea union headquarters.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?**  
 Petroleum Workers will be members of Local 544.

**PAGE MR. PROSSER**  
 The company union at the Northland Ski has been dissolved.

McReavey, Senior, was a union visitor Tuesday.

**DON'T BLOW OUT THE GAS**  
 But see that your gas meter is read by a union man. The buttons are white and red.

The Street Car Union is for the two-man car bill.

Joe Bellini is in the hat business.

**SHORT AND SNAPPY**  
 The 544 Executive Board meeting lasted eight hours Wednesday.

**SILLY? WELL, YES**  
 Boerbach tried to count 544 delegates out in the CIU trustee election.

Sinnott's in.

## Warehouse Union Stages Huge Meet

Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 held a huge meeting last Tuesday when they gathered at Drivers headquarters in a general membership gathering. The attendance at this meeting is indicative of the fact that this organization has made tremendous strides forward during the past few months.

Such places as the Buzza company, Butler Brothers, Janney Semple Hill, Sears Roebuck company and various other similar places of employment have been 100 per cent unionized or nearly so by the Warehouse union. With the settlement of the Buzza strike the union has now turned its attention to other places and it seems certain that a signed agreement with Butler Brothers will be in the possession of the union soon.

## House Wanted

Christ Moe, popular steward at Fuel Distributors, says that he is in the market to rent a four or five room house in the suburbs or near the city with about an acre of ground attached. Communicate with Christ at 611 Harrison St. N. E.

## Printing Firms in Pact With Drivers

Twenty-two printing firms have now signed a union agreement with General Drivers Union covering wages, hours and working conditions for drivers, helpers and warehouse men employed in this industry. Union organizers in charge of carrying out this work report that progress is being made and that firms still unsigned are being approached as rapidly as possible.

## Kittenball Team For Buzza Girls

Formation of a girls' kittenball team is the aim of a dance to be given by Buzza employees, members of Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316, on April 23. The affair will be held on Friday evening in Hall No. 5 of the downtown Eagles at 4th Ave. S. and 8th St. The admission is only 25c per person. Proceeds will be used to organize a kittenball team for girl members of Local 20316.

## RESOLUTION ON WELFARE HELP

### Supplemental Aid Granted by Welfare Board in Resolution

In order that the confusion that now exists in regard to the dispensing of supplemental aid by the Board of Public Welfare may be cleared up, the Northwest Organizer publishes herewith an exact copy of the resolution setting forth who is and who is not entitled to supplemental assistance.

"WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation made by members of the Board of Public Welfare we find that WPA employees earning \$60.50 per month and having three or more persons in the family, find it difficult to live adequately on the WPA wage scale, and

"WHEREAS, upon further investigation we find that a real emergency exists within these families for a supplementation of one ton of coal or its equivalent from the Division of Public Relief,

"THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Department of Public Relief be authorized and instructed to furnish one ton of coal or its equivalent in groceries to such WPA workers who earn only \$60.50 per month and have a family consisting of three or more persons and who upon investigation are entitled to the same."

## Stenos, Franklin Sign Closed Shop

Office Workers Union Local 17661 report that they have recently signed a closed shop agreement with the Franklin Cooperative Creamery. The signing of this contract brought about substantial wage raises, particularly for the lower paid brackets at the creamery.

Negotiations are under way with the Minneapolis Daily Star, looking forward to getting an agreement there as well. All dairy firms in the city have been served with agreements with the stenos' union.

## Pulp and Sulphide Union Gets Charter The Spare

Two new charters, one for St. Paul and the other for Minneapolis, have been granted to the Twin Cities by the Pulp and Sulphide Workers International. The local unions receiving the charters will have jurisdiction over all workers in paper and roofing plants in the two cities. About 1,500 workers in Minneapolis will be included in the new local. Workers in the B. F. Nelson company, recently organized into Local 20316, will go into the new union after May 1.

## 221 Progressing With Cedar Lake

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, report that the union is making progress in its efforts to secure a new agreement at the Cedar Lake Ice company. Preliminary meetings have been held with the management and some progress has been made.

Ice and Coal Drivers Union has had its ranks swelled by the addition of almost 150 ice drivers who have transferred into Local 221 from General Drivers Union, according to an agreement reached by those organizations recently.

## Faribault Workers Hold Big Meeting

Workers in four small woodworking plants in Faribault, including the Peterson Art Furniture company, have been organized into a local of woodworkers. This group of workers received their charter from the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners on April 9. The charter, like that granted to workers in the Lund Manufacturing plant, covers woodworkers employed in making novelties. About 70 workers have signed up in the union.

## A. Rasmussen, 544, Files for 4th Ward

Andy Rasmussen, long time member of Local 544, and one of the active workers in the Independent Truck Owners section, has filed for alderman in the Fourth Ward. Brother Rasmussen lives at 2019 Ewing Ave.

## Paper Houses Sign Union Agreement

Wholesale paper firms are rapidly being signed to an agreement by General Drivers Union. Although the controversy is settled two weeks ago, signing of individual firms still remains to be done. To date, nine firms have put their signatures to the contract.

## Federal Sections Sponsors Team

Federal Workers Section of Local 544 announces the formation of both a baseball and diamondball team. Preliminary survey of Federal Workers Section indicates that there is an enormous amount of talent there.

A meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock for all those interested in this type of athletics.

## Excelsior Drivers Organized Into 289

Real organizational gains are being made by Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 in their drive to unionize retail bakery drivers. Most of the drivers who fall into this classification are employed by the Excelsior Baking Company which firm operates retail routes that sell directly to the consumer.

Officials of Local 289 report that all Excelsior drivers are now members of the union and that preliminary discussions have been held with the employer relative to the union contract.

## Gas Company Union Holds Wage Meeting

Street department of the Minneapolis Gas Light Company union met with Miles Dunne Tuesday night. About 60 workers were there, representing an almost 100 per cent turnout of the department. After a thorough discussion of existing wages and working conditions a wage schedule was arrived at which was agreeable to the majority.

## Cash and Carry Ice Workers Join Union

A move is being made by Ice and Coal Drivers union to unionize all employees in ice cash and carry stations in the city this spring. These workers have never before been unionized and an investigation reveals that wages and working conditions are extremely bad in this class work of workers.

## Local 131 in Drive To Unionize Drivers

Laundry Drivers Union for the past two weeks has been carrying on an active campaign aimed at mopping up all laundry drivers who are not members of Local 131. Two organizers have been added to the staff of the union who report that their efforts are meeting with real success.

April 8, 1937  
 To the Officers and Members  
 General Drivers Local No. 544  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Greetings:  
 Please accept my sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending flowers to me while in the hospital.

I assure you that both Mrs. Cunningham and I appreciate your kindness.  
 With kindest personal regards to the officers and members of your organization, I am  
 Fraternally yours,  
 T. E. CUNNINGHAM

## LOCAL UNION NO. 292 ELECTRICAL WORKERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

April 2, Friday—Wiremen's Advisory board, Office, 8 p. m.  
 April 5, Monday—Shoppers Organization meeting, Hall No. 4, 8 p. m.  
 April 6, Tuesday—Inside Wiremen's branch, Hall No. 2, 8 p. m.  
 April 7, Wednesday—Automotive Winders organization meeting, Hall No. 3.  
 Executive Board meeting, 8 p. m., Office.  
 The above meetings at 18 N. 8th St.  
 April 9, Friday—Utilities (NSP Co) branch, 3rd floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., 8 p. m.  
 April 19, Monday—General Membership meeting, 8 p. m., 3rd floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N.  
 EXECUTIVE BOARD

## MEETING SCHEDULE Local 544

Thursday, April 1—Independent Truck Owners  
 Friday, April 2—Job Stewards  
 Sunday, April 4—Newspaper Drivers  
 Monday, April 5—Package Delivery; Coal  
 Wednesday, April 7—General Sausage Men  
 Monday, April 12—General Membership  
 Wednesday, April 14—Market  
 Thursday, April 15—Tent and Awning  
 Friday, April 16—Job Stewards  
 Monday, April 19—Wholesale Grocery  
 Thursday, April 22—Transfer  
 Monday, April 26—Wholesale Drug  
 Tuesday, April 27—Taxi Drivers; Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m.  
 SENIORITY COMMITTEE meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1.  
 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 2.  
 EXECUTIVE BOARD meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room.

## FARGO DRIVERS SET A MEETING

Drivers Union of Fargo, N. D., has called another open mass meeting for Friday, April 23. As was the first meeting, this gathering will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the city auditorium in Fargo. Organizational work that was started at the first open meeting has been carried on and it is expected that the coming Friday meeting will see a huge turnout of Fargo labor.

## LABOR... Looks at the Press

I like that slogan carried this week on the masthead of the A. F. of L weekly news service—"Mistakes are often the best teachers of all."

J. Bryan Hobbs, Maryland commander, American Legion: "The average age of the World War veteran today is 44. He's a middle-aged man with thickening hair, thinning hair, and dimming eyesight."

The average age of the striker today is 28. He's a young man with broad shoulders, steely muscles, some new ideas about the world, and lots of courage.

From a letter to the American Legion monthly from Charles Edward Russell: "... It would be a national calamity, it seems to me, if my countrymen generally should come to believe that the brave young men who risked their lives and those that lost theirs (in the World War) did these things for a wretchedly unworthy cause."

Will someone please tell me what WORTHY cause was served by the last World War?

From the National Republic: "An educator who has destroyed the respect and patriotism of a youth entrusted to his care by poisoning his mind with the theories of communism and has encouraged him to lower his character to such depths has committed as serious a crime as any Dilinger or Hauptmann."

Much more serious, my friends—for such an educator is planting the intellectual seeds which some day may destroy capitalism and supplant it with an honest and rational society.

Don't forget—an ad in the ORGANIZER means that the advertiser is for us.

**MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 1859**  
 Casket Company—April 13  
 Wagon Industry—April 20  
 J. R. Clark Co.—April 21  
 Puffer Hubbard—April 23  
 General Membership—May 5

**FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION MONTHLY MEETING**  
 Friday, April 9; 8 p. m.  
 257 Plymouth Ave.  
 All WPA Workers and Relief clients invited

## Meeting Change

Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union, Local 289, which has been meeting weekly during the past few months, will hereafter hold meetings only two nights a month. The regular meeting schedule will be membership meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays.

**Local 131 LAUNDRY AND CLEANING DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE**  
 Wednesday, April 7—Membership Meeting  
 Thursday, April 8—Stewards Meeting  
 Wednesday, April 21—Membership Meeting

**MEETING SCHEDULE Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316 WHOLESALE UNION**  
 Tuesday, April 6—Membership Meeting  
 Tuesday, April 13—Stewards Meeting  
 Tuesday, April 20—Membership Meeting  
 Tuesday, April 27—Stewards Meeting  
 Executive Board meets every Thursday.

## Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.