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

CENTRAL LABOR UNION CLEANS HOUSE

On the National Picket Line

Fred Beal, leader of the famous Gastonia, North Carolina, textile strike in 1929, has been arrested by the authorities in his home town, Lawrence, Mass. He is being held for extradition to North Carolina where he is still under a 20-year prison sentence through a framed conviction of conspiracy to slay Gastonia's police chief.

Out on bail, Beal, together with other defendants, skipped to Russia in 1930, became disgusted with the Stalinist crimes against the workers, and returned to America, where he exposed the rule of the bureaucracy in a recent book, "Proletarian Journey."

A national movement is being launched to prevent Beal from being extradited to North Carolina and to free him from the shadow of 20 years in prison.

An important anti-labor precedent was set by a decision handed down by Federal Judge Fred L. Wham at East St. Louis last week in the case of the United Electric Coal Company against the Progressive Mine Workers Union. This case grew out of a strike called by the union on April 1, 1933, which lasted for three years. The company claimed damages of over three million dollars and was awarded "real" damages to the amount of \$117,000, for loss of net profit, shut-down expenses, and overhead losses.

Should the union lose the appeal which it will undoubtedly seek, the United Electric Coal company can then attach all of the property of the state organization of the miners, all of the property of the thirteen local unions throughout St. Claire and Wabasha counties, and even the properties of the sixty-six individual union members named in the suit, in order to satisfy the judgment.

Last week Samuel P. Gillman, general council for the New York Board of Trade and Louis Waldman, Old Guard Socialist, debated the question of the incorporation of labor unions before the annual meeting of the New York Republican club.

Said Mr. Gillman, after he had cited what he thought was conclusive evidence that labor unions are "irresponsible"—and I quote—"Great God, this cannot be allowed to go on. We who love the workingman—and we do love him—must do something to protect him!" Mr. Gillman loves the working man so much that he wants to introduce laws which would render impotent all existing labor organization and make the establishment of unions in unorganized fields practically an impossibility. Under incorporation, as Mr. (Continued on page 4)



Who Killed Him?

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

Omaha Group Lays Basis For Advance

Week-end Meetings Mark Start of Organizational Drive; New Headquarters, Leaders, Spirit Points to Better Contracts

Omaha, Neb.—The first step in the drive to organize all the drivers of Omaha was taken Saturday with a full-day session of the Executive Board of Local 554, together with Farrell Dobbs and Karl Skoglund of Local 544, Art Hudson of Local 120 and Carl Kuel, Francis Quinn, Roy Mills and Al Stewart of Des Moines.

On Sunday some 400 drivers crowded into the new Union Hall to hear Shorty Stultz, president of the Omaha Local, Dobbs, Skoglund, Hudson, Kuel, Maloney and Mace Brown, president of the Omaha Central Labor Union, unfold the plans and purposes of the organizational drive. The enthusiastic response of the audience indicated the long-felt need for a union which could protect a man's rights on the job and bring him decent wages and hours.

Full Speed Ahead The need for group leadership, a plan of action and a determination to respect no obstacle in the road of organization was thoroughly explained in the course of the meetings. Local 554, which is now composed mainly of transfer men, has expanded its staff to seven, equipped them with transportation, opened a large headquarters in the downtown section, and adopted the slogan: "Make Omaha a Union Town."

The local is working in full cooperation with the entire district and has participated in the district conferences. Plans are being made for day-to-day co-operation with brother locals in Sioux Falls, Sioux City, Lincoln, Grand Island and Norfolk, all being in the immediate vicinity of Omaha.

Straight for the Goal For the first time in the history of the city, Omaha drivers find themselves with a strong union, an active and fighting leadership, and the co-operation of the strongest locals in the mid-west. With such a set-up, with a rank-and-file that is ready to go out on the streets, it is a matter of a few months for the drive to culminate in its goal—contracts providing for better wages, hours and working conditions for all the driving crafts which come under the jurisdiction of Local 554.

Come Along to Electricians Ball

When the lights go out and the orchestra leaves Sunday morning from the East Side Eagles hall in Minneapolis, many hundreds of persons are going to say they had the best time in their lives. For that will be the close of one of the greatest dances ever put on in the Twin Cities, the dance Saturday night sponsored by the Electrical Workers Union Local 292. You can still get your tickets for this gala affair for only forty cents. Two orchestras, two halls, two styles of music, prizes, and everything else that will make this a memorable event of the winter season.

Grand Forks Hit By Coal Strike

FLASH!—On Tuesday night a five-day truce in the truck strike was called. During the truce, negotiations will be carried on. The truce expires Sunday, Feb. 6. Grand Forks, N. D.—A strike of General Drivers Local 581 against ten coal concerns was called here January 28. About 60 men are involved in the strike. A commissary has been set up, picketing is proceeding in an organized manner, and the strike is in good condition.

New C. L. U. Executive Board



The new officers of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, chosen January 26. From left to right: John Boscoe, president; Walter Hackett, trustee; William Sinnott, vice-president; Robley Cramer, Labor Review; Leslie Sinton, sergeant-at-arms; Roy Wier, organizer. In front, Jewell Flaherty, recording secretary, and Myrtle Harris, registry clerk.

Drivers Strike Storage Plants, Type Founder

A violation of one contract and the refusal of four local cold storage plants to sign a new working agreement brought about two strikes of the General Drivers Local 544 during the past few days.

A strike was called last Thursday morning at the American Type Founders Sales Corp., 419 South 4th Street, after the firm persisted in violating its agreement with the union. The company has sought to enter into individual contracts with two employees, a driver and a shipping clerk, and has put through a phony "paper" deal whereby the company's truck was "sold" to the driver. The strike is still on, and the union is maintaining pickets at the plant.

About forty union men walked out last Saturday from four Minneapolis cold storage plants when the owners refused to enter into a new working agreement with General Drivers Local 544. The companies involved are the Booth, Merchant, Minneapolis and Minnesota. The strike will continue until a new agreement is signed, according to Kelly Postal, union organizer in charge of the strike.

Local 20316 Dues Raised to \$1.50

In accordance with the decision reached by the membership of Warehouse Workers Local 20316 at the last regular meeting, the monthly dues in this union will be raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50, effective March 1. The initiation fee will remain the same, \$5.

By order of Executive Board, Warehouse Workers Local 20316

Drivers Strike In Rockford, Ill.

Practically the entire driving industry of Rockford, Illinois, went out on strike Wednesday, January 26. During the first few days, several arrests were made, and a few pickets injured. As the struggle entered its second week, the Drivers Union has the situation well in hand. A break in the employers ranks has already occurred, with part of the companies signing union agreements. Drivers unions in Minneapolis are lending full support to the Rockford strike.

Stockwell Speaks At Labor Forum

S. A. Stockwell, well-known progressive, will speak at the Minneapolis Labor School Forum Tuesday, February 8, at 9 p. m. His subject, "Labor and the Build Minneapolis Movement," will be the first of a series of Forums designed to focus attention on the requirements of a labor program for Minneapolis. Included in this series will be Forums on Housing, Public Utilities, Taxation, Crime and Police Protection and local city government.

It is especially fitting that Mr. Stockwell should give the opening address in this series. A fighter for civil liberties and progressive legislation, he has distinguished himself for consistent service to the Progressive Movement in Minnesota. He was a member of the Historic Legislature of 1891, and is well known for his struggle for the public ownership of Public Utilities. The forums are open to the public and will be held regularly every Tuesday night.

"Nursing Schools" Are Boss Device For Cheap Labor, Rockwell Charges

That hospital boards, who "usually represent vested interests," run so-called schools for nurses mainly to get "a continuous supply of cheap labor," is the conclusion drawn by a two-year study of nursing schools, made by the Minnesota Department of Education.

To call the attention of the public to this disgraceful situation, the report was issued to the public by John G. Rockwell, State Commissioner of Education. The two-year study was carried on by Miss Louise Muller.

Sweated Labor

The truly intolerable "sweated" labor conditions of nursing students are revealed in this interesting study. Some of the more appalling facts brought to light are the following: "Eighty per cent of the hospitals work student nurses fifty hours or more a week in the daytime and from 56 to 84 hours a week at night."

"Nursing is a hazardous occupation. . . The frequency of tuberculosis infections among nurses is from five to eight times as great as is the frequency among girls of their own age in universities and normal schools. Nurses work long hours with frequent overtime service; as a result they suffer an accumulation of fatigue with probable greater susceptibility when exposed to infection."

Living Conditions

Citing the poor living quarters, it is pointed out that "students frequently live in old, shabby, converted residences with inadequate toilet facilities. Many rooms have poor ventilation. . . Many of the dining rooms are in the basement

or sub-basement. Living conditions of nurses in hospitals are frequently not conducive to a decent standard of living nor to good health."

The report exposes the practice of hospitals recruiting students to nurse patients "because students provide a continuous supply of cheap labor. . . Schools of nursing are controlled by hospital boards. These boards usually represent vested interests; they are opposed to increased pay and shorter hours for nurses."

While the Poor . . .

The startling fact was also brought out that one-third of the beds in hospitals stand vacant, despite the many deaths caused yearly from lack of hospitalization. In the Twin Cities alone, it was estimated, these vacant beds cost the public over \$100,000 yearly in fixed charges, yet hospi-

Huge Vote Defeats Allies of Splitters

125 Workers Participate in Fink Drive

Though it is yet too early to report the detailed results of the two-day fink drive, held last Thursday and Friday in Minneapolis, it is already evident that the cause of unionism in the driving industry was considerably advanced by the efforts of the 125 participants in the campaign.

Carloads of workers—stewards and active unionists—took to the streets Thursday morning at 7 a. m. and, following out a carefully planned program, contacted thousands of drivers in every one of the driving crafts. New members were enrolled in the unions, back dues were collected, grievances were straightened out, the relationship between the union and the company was improved in numerous instances, and every local reported itself in a stronger position as a result of the enthusiastic 48-hour campaign.

Scores of trucks lined the streets around 257 Plymouth avenue during the two days, as drivers demonstrated their anxiety to get up-to-date in their dues. Every section of the drivers' movement was covered by the drive. This was the third in a series of similar drives.

Furniture Local Discusses Clark, Casket Pacts

After the management had postponed a meeting with the union committee scheduled for Tuesday, a conference was finally held Wednesday morning between the Clark company and Furniture Workers Local 1859's committee. A general membership meeting of Local 1859 was held Wednesday night, at which both the proposed Clark contract, and the working agreement with the local casket companies, were to come up for discussion.

The situation at Clark's took an interesting turn last week when there appeared in the plant a finky company union paper, containing such fascinating news items as "the boss got down to work at 8 o'clock this morning. Good going," etc. The union immediately retaliated with a lively bulletin of its own. It is doubtful if the "Fink Weekly" will put in another appearance.

John Boscoe Elected President, William Sinnott Vice President; St. Paul Central Body Likewise Defeats Slate Engineered by Clique Outside the Trade Unions

The first important act of the Central Labor Union delegates, recently elected by all Minneapolis unions for 1938, was to sweep out of office those who, during the past year, had protected raiders of A. F. of L. unions. A progressive slate, headed by John Boscoe and William Sinnott, drove from office the group that had failed to defend the unity of Minneapolis labor and had made it possible for the Mauseth-Smith gang to split the machinists and other unions.

Boscoe, printing trades leader, rolled up 196 votes, more than twice enough to succeed Urtubees as President.

For some unknown reason Urtubees was not run for re-election by his clique. Instead, last year's Vice President, Louis Boerbach, ran against Boscoe, polling only 83 votes. William Sinnott, teaming crafts leader, was elected Vice President by 181 votes against Walter Frank's 87.

Hennepin F-L 'Unity' Slate Abandoned

The annual election of officers for the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Central Committee, January 31, proved to be a farce, when the Seestrom-Boerbach clique continued to hang on to its bureaucratic control of the committee.

A "unity committee" had worked for months in a vain effort to induce the clique to agree to a harmonious solution of the situation existing in the Hennepin County Committee.

A Double-Cross Steve Lush, railroad labor representative, headed a sub-committee of the unity group in attempts to arrive at an agreement. Two days before the election an agreement was apparently reached for unanimous choice of five officers for designated posts, but the night of the elections Lush's subcommittee discovered it had been double-crossed by the Seestrom crowd which introduced its own slate. The seekers for unity, disgusted and aware that a mechanical majority had been packed against them, decided not to introduce their own slate.

Don't Represent Labor Thus, despite the fact that the outcome of the Central Labor Union elections had crushingly demonstrated that the clique did not represent organized labor, it brazenly hung on to control of the Farmer-Labor Central Committee, even though in doing so it reduced it to an empty shell.

The same issue is also posed on a state scale, for the same clique is responsible for the decision to move the Farmer-Labor convention to Duluth, for the proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw primary contestants, etc.

Dance Feb. 26 For Bail Fund

In order to raise money for a permanent bail fund, to be made available to any union whose members are arrested for picketing in strike situations, the Twin Cities chapter of the Workers Defense League will hold a dance Saturday night, February 26, at the Coliseum ballroom, corner of University and Lexington avenues, St. Paul. Tickets are 25c, and all workers and working class organizations are invited to attend.

In the recent Montgomery-Ward strike, a representative of the Workers Defense League was present in the St. Paul court and placed over \$300 in bail to release arrested strikers. With the hope of building a permanent fund for this purpose, the WDL is sponsoring this dance.

Flaherty Biggest Vote The most resounding victory of all was that of Jewell Flaherty, with 205 votes for Recording Secretary against 39 for the notorious Stalinist stooge, Pete Warhol. The opposing clique had been particularly vicious against Jewell Flaherty.

Leslie Sinton's 155 votes easily defeated Ruben Latz's 84 votes, for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Another member of the progressive slate, Myrtle Harris, was elected unanimously as Registry Clerk when the candidate named on the opposition slate, Myrtle Larson, withdrew.

Hackett Unanimous Choice Walter Hackett, Business Manager of the Electricians, and candidate on the progressive slate, was elected a Trustee by unanimous vote when the opposition named no opposing candidate.

Roy Wier, Organizer and Financial Secretary, and R. D. Cramer, editor of the Labor Review, were unopposed.

Boscoe Victory Significant John Boscoe's victory was particularly significant because he is also chairman of the committee elected by the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents to isolate the disrupters and prevent them from further damaging the legitimate trade unions.

St. Paul Acts Likewise The St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, at its annual elections on January 28, dealt an equally crushing blow to a clique slate inspired and organized by a group of unprincipled maneuverers far removed from the trade union movement. A number of genuine progressives, unaware of the sinister motives of this gang, mistakenly viewed the clique slate as a progressive one. The St. Paul Assembly delegates repudiated the abortive attempt to tie St. Paul labor to machine politics, as vigorously as they repudiated any note of conciliation toward the boss grand jury report a few weeks ago.

With Twin Cities labor solidly aligned against the clique politicians, notice is served to all that labor intends to stand on its own ground and will be nobody's pawn.

Flash! Settlement Of Storage Strike

The strike of 40 workers in four local cold storage plants was settled Wednesday afternoon, with General Drivers Local 544 winning its demands. The new agreement calls for the closed shop, seniority, 10c hourly wage increases, reduction in hours from 48 to 45, and time and one-half for overtime. Ray Rainbolt represented the union in the settlement.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

544 FWS Wins Raise For Rural Sections

Anoka and Columbia Heights WPA Workers Raised to Minneapolis Level by Local 544 Action; FWS Leaders Meet With County Officials

Marking the culmination of a long and intensive campaign in behalf of the workers and relief clients of Anoka County, the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, acting jointly with the Workers Alliance of that county, has been conducting a series of mass meetings at Anoka and Columbia Heights. At Friday night's meeting fully 300 people were in attendance, the city public welfare boards of Anoka and Columbia Heights as well as the city councils participating.

At both the Friday night and Saturday meetings Ed Palmquist and Max Geldman, assisted by Louis White and Roy Orgon, led the fight. Veterans of many a hard battle with public welfare boards, the boys soon impressed the officials that they were better informed on matters of relief than were the city relief officials themselves and as such they dominated the meeting from beginning to end.

\$16.60 Increase

Perhaps the most outstanding victory thus far achieved has been the elevating of the WPA wage from \$44 to \$60.60 for workers in Anoka and Columbia Heights and the conservation Quail farm project. This accomplishment is indicative of what intelligent, determined and aggressive effort can accomplish. Aside from the supplements enjoyed by the workers of Minneapolis, it places the WPA workers' earnings of these communities on the same level as that of the metropolitan area of Minneapolis.

Eight Demands

At the Saturday meeting, which lasted all day, an agreement was finally reached for a special meeting to be held Tuesday at 3 o'clock at Anoka. The welfare boards of Anoka and Columbia Heights will sit "across the table" while the Federal Workers Section and the Workers Alliance argue for their joint set of eight demands. These demands were first laid before the Anoka county relief officials at Saturday's meeting. They are as follows:

Resolved, that this joint mass meeting of the Federal Workers Section of Columbia Heights and the Workers Alliance of Anoka County endorse the following demands to be presented to the Relief Officials of Anoka County, Saturday, January 29, 1938, at 10 a. m.:

\$10 Supplement

1. That a supplement of \$10 a month be provided by the Anoka

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The workers of both organizations, the Federal Workers and the Workers Alliance, have discussed and considered these demands and believe them to be an absolute necessity to the welfare and health of their families. Acting under instructions from the membership of the two organizations, the labor representatives are prepared to push with determination for the granting of every single one of the demands.

It becomes only necessary to reveal the disparity between the state funds that were laid in the pay of Anoka County and the amount spent for the needy to disclose that something rotten is going on in Anoka County. Of the 25 or 26 hundreds of dollars allowed by the state for relief purposes, only eight hundreds were spent, thereby showing that the county did not even match the state funds.

The unemployed organizations have definitely decided that they do not intend to let this condition continue at their expense. So determined are the workers that the eight demands be granted that they have declared themselves in favor of spending whatever share of their WPA earnings necessary for food and clothing instead of handing a big cut of it to the landlord, leaving all too little for the necessities of life.

Rent Strike Possible

Call it a threat or whatever you will, but taking in account the temper of the workers, our guess is that if the demands are refused there will be a lockout on rent payment to those landlords of Anoka county who happen to have WPA workers for tenants.

That the workers of Anoka county will have the support of not only their own organizations but the entire labor movement in their fight for an adequate and decent standard of living is assured and the members of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 of Minneapolis are watching with interest the big push in Anoka county now going on.

On WPA Projects

Fully 500 vets attended the veterans' meeting Saturday morning at 257 Plymouth. Karl Kuehn handled the meeting. It is gratifying to note how the vets are flocking to the Federal Workers Section. An unemployed organization such as the Federal Workers Section that is not hampered by the bosses within its organization is the only organization that is fitted to deal with the problems of the WPA workers and relief clients.

And don't forget the Federal Workers Section card party at Dierdricks hall on Saturday, February 12. Yes, there will be beer.

The boys are going over the top in Anoka county.

The King Fish of the Columbia Heights welfare board has been rather nasty in his insinuations. The smugness of that individual is due to be punctured, and how!

The F. W. S. will talk over the question of supplemental aid for part-time workers with the relief committee of the welfare board Thursday morning.

Frank George was cock of the roost Saturday in the absence of organizer on other business.

The new books are being passed out to members of the Federal Workers Section.

Data on matters of diet and budget have arrived from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. More will be said about it later.

The next regular membership meeting of the F. W. S. will be the second Friday in February, the 11th. Everybody out.

The unemployed of Anoka county have had the opportunity to watch the FWS in action. For

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Bill Brown Says—

No one was any the worse for the fink drive—except finks.



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President of 544

Eau Claire Union Gets Raw Deal, Asks for Aid

A call for financial and moral assistance went out from Furniture Workers Local 1645 of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, this week. Due to the bankruptcy of the Pioneer Furniture Corporation, plus a series of broken promises made by this concern, the members of Local 1645 were left holding the bag for about \$25,000 in back wages.

The union members are in dire straits, as none of them are receiving Unemployment Insurance Benefits. Some of them have been able to get on relief, but the union itself is left without much help. The workers are very anxious to hold their organization together, and are therefore asking for contributions from other unions.

"A donation of any size would be greatly appreciated as we are in great need," writes George A. Bohlman, president of Local 1645, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to whom all funds should be sent.

Over \$7,000 Raised For Labor Temple

The Minneapolis union movement is \$7,405 nearer its goal of a new labor temple as a result of the efforts of the committee who put on the Harvest Festival and Industrial Exposition at the Minneapolis Auditorium the week of November 19. A financial statement of the enterprise has just been received. Brother William Sinnott of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 served for the driving crafts on the committee.

Total receipts for the eight days of the Festival were \$20,468.16. Total expenses were \$13,063.13, leaving a net profit of over seven thousand dollars.

Among the more profitable stands were the ham and bacon stand run by Machinists Local 477, which showed a profit of \$1,077; the Keno game run by City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664, with a profit of \$1,049; and a food stand sponsored by the Plumbers Local 15, which brought in \$1,099. The Keno game run by Public Building Service Employees Local 113 also showed a profit of over one thousand dollars.

Steamfitters Local 539 had charge of the admission doors; Railway Clerks Local 1310 and Local 260 had charge of the scrip banks; and Electrotypers Local 97 attended the various games. The NORTHWEST ORGANIZER congratulates the committee whose self-sacrificing work made these worthwhile results possible.

years, various unemployed organizations have existed in Anoka county, but instead of serving the interests of the unemployed and WPA workers and all those who have been connected in the past with one form or another of the various work relief programs, these organizations have been functioning more in the role of social affairs and often as a political football for local politicians.

A labor organization that gathers members from the boss class may expect little. The methods and action of the Federal Workers Section has been a revelation to the workers of Anoka county as it operates strictly as a workers' organization.

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On the Route With the Milk Man

Local 471 was represented each day of the fink drive by ten members, all of whom did outstanding work. The results of the drive are already benefiting our union.

After a long hard siege, our Brother Ralph Anderson will soon be moved from the Swedish hospital to his home. He's improving rapidly and we are all more than glad.

For the convenience of the membership, the office at 257 Plymouth is being enlarged. The office will be lengthened about eight feet, and a cashier's cage will be put in.

When paying dues, be sure to get your dues' receipt. That is the ONLY check you have should any question arise.

There won't be smoke in your eyes anymore at our union meetings. Tuesday's membership meeting passed a motion that pipes and cigarettes and cigars must be kept at home—in short, No Smoking. Looks like we'd have to order a gross of spittoons.

Wives of active unionists got a real break for a change at the Teamsters Joint Council banquet Monday. Our board members and their wives agreed it was a swell affair.

Bill Sinnott worked his brother officials into a bad hole Monday, but pulled us all out again. It was good fun.

The Gas Log

Remember the Union Dance on Feb. 11. Bring your friends. Good music and refreshments.

The entertainment committee is working hard to make this a success. They deserve your support. Make it a point to be there.

We hear that Frank Kessel will do the Big Apple. Now if Marvin Shaw would do the Rhumba, the evening would be a complete success.

The new Executive Board held its first meeting Feb. 1.

The membership wisely voted to ask the able Miles Dunne for his advice in drawing up and presenting our new agreement.

The secret of Ed Shaw's trip to California is disclosed. He is trying to land the part of Rhett Butler in "Gone With the Wind."

The ambitious nature of our members is exemplified by the fact that so many are asking permission to remain away from meetings so that they may further their education by attending night school. We wonder.

Your next union meeting is Feb. 9, 1938. An interesting moving picture will be shown, starting at 7:30 p. m.

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Doc McCrimmon

Dr. H. P. McCrimmon, began his medical practice in Minneapolis back in 1932, about the time unions were first lifting their heads out of the stifling atmosphere of open shop tradition. Devoted mainly to his profession, he nevertheless became interested in bringing medical aid to the thousands of workers who suffered for the lack of it.

From Ellis Island . . .

Doc got his first inkling of human misery during his internship at Ellis Island, where he finished his medical education after leaving the University of Oklahoma. There he treated the immigrants who had left their homelands in search of a better life. It must have been this experience that opened his eyes to the need for making medical science available to the workers.

To the Drivers' Strike

Several months before the first drivers' strike in 1934, Dr. McCrimmon called on the leaders of the General Drivers Union to discuss creating a co-operative system whereby all union men could be assured the best medical care. But before his plan could be put into effect, a crisis that required immediate action faced the union. The strike was on.

Helped Set Up Hospital

Pickets suffering from club wounds, broken bones . . . the union's fighters had to have medical help. And Doc McCrimmon gave that help. Aiding the strike committee, he helped in the organization of the strike hospital.

With Shovel and Tongs

The cold weather has finally given the coal boys a break they've been waiting for.

Irving Jelmo is back on the job again. Be careful, even an ice man will slip on the ice.

The Executive Board of Local 221 meets weekly from now on—each Tuesday evening at 7 p. m.

The union drivers bowling league is sponsoring a dance on February 26. You are invited to attend and enjoy yourself. Tickets are available at your union office and the dance will be held at 257 Plymouth in the third floor hall. Local 221's bowling team is part of the affair. Two bits per ticket.

Be sure your stamp book has your ledger number in it. This is required when paying dues.

The icemen attended the CLU meeting in full last Wednesday night. For some reason or other, they got a good hand when the roll was called.

Earl Dyke is a real pal. He'll help anyone celebrate his birthday. His own are too far apart.

Mark reports the loop district has had real harmony among the ice men the past year. He hopes it'll continue.

The Lake Ice Wizards have all their ice put up now, and did they get a real crop this year. All they need now is a union card to go with it.

Slim's hair was naturally curly, so he didn't get a permanent—a finger wave did it.

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Almost from the day the strike began he spent most of his time rendering first aid, surgical and medical treatment to the strikers.

Then came "Bloody Friday." Scores of pickets were shot down by police. The headquarters was crowded with wounded men, suffering from bullet wounds in their legs, arms, bodies. On the spot in a few moments, Doc McCrimmon worked like a Trojan, with two other physicians assisting him.

Praises Pickets' Courage

"I didn't change clothes for three days," Doc said. "We had to work day and night, striving all the while to preserve sanitary conditions, and to prevent infection. There was a real demonstration of courage on the part of those injured strikers. They stubbornly refrained from crying out, no matter what pain they suffered."

And despite the fact that the boss press concocted stories about the unsanitary conditions at the strike hospital, not a single case of infection developed.

No Luck, Says Harry

"How we managed to save Harry DeBoer's leg still amazes me," Dr. McCrimmon said. "His leg was shot clean through, the bone shattered. When we found that the leg was healing, we decided that either DeBoer had the physique of a miracle man, or we were just lucky."

"We had quite a system for removing gun shot," Doc explained. "We developed a rig with a magnet on a steel wire, which located and removed the shot. It worked well, and saved many a man long months of pain."

Local Firms Use Espionage, Report Shows

At least ten local companies used the services of detective agencies during the years 1933 to 1936, according to a printed report just received from the U. S. Senate Committee on Education and Labor. The report made it clear that this was just a partial list and "is by no means complete, being a tabulation of the information secured by the committee in the course of its inquiry."

Services supplied by the spy agencies to the employers listed included "espionage, strikebreaking, guards in connection with labor disputes," etc. Among the detective agencies used were the Carlton Detective Bureau, the Pinkerton and the William J. Burns.

Following are the firms which utilized spies and strikebreaker, against their workers: Tropic-Aire, Inc., General Mills, Inc., Purina Mills, Honeywell Regulator Co., Midwest Oil Co., Tanker Gas Co., Flour City Ornamental Iron Workers, Minneapolis Street Ry. Co., R. B. Wrigley Co., and the "Citizens Advisory Committee."

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The 292 Utility Workers Face A Wage Review

Our Main Goal—To Cut Down Number of Classifications—Equal Pay for Equal Work—No Unreal Classifications—No Helpers—Our Strength Is What Counts

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

The main problem that we face in the coming wage review is the difficult and intricate problem of classifications.

Which classifications represent real differences in skill? Which classifications are outdated and have no real meaning today? Which classifications were never anything but a way to avoid paying better wages?

Our Main Goal

The organized utility workers want a system of classifications whereby men of equal skill receive equal rates of pay. In general, we can say that our main goal is to cut down the number of classifications used at present.

Exception to the Rule

This does not mean that in every case we seek to wipe out classifications. There are instances where we have demanded not less but more classifications. These are cases where real differences of skill and the corresponding higher pay rates were not recognized by the Company. One example was the situation in the Underground Department. Here a large group of men were bunched together as "laborers," but in reality many of them were skilled men. We, therefore, sought—successfully—to establish classifications for duct layers, cable crews, and machine operators and corresponding higher pay for these skilled lines.

But in general, as we have said, our task is to cut down the number of classifications.

During the twenty years prior to the unionization of the Northern States Power Company workers, it was a settled policy of the Company to avoid giving a man a raise in pay. Instead, in cases where it became absolutely imperative that a man receive more pay, his classification was changed. This was simply a conscious system to prevent a man in a given classification from demanding a raise in pay. The man who was given more pay did not constitute a precedent for others getting raises: If the others asked for similar treatment they were informed that the man had not received a raise in pay but had become a different kind of worker, that he had become a "better" employee.

Every man in the Utility Section knows a dozen examples of this old practice of the Company. There were first, second and third class linemen, all doing the same work in the same crew. Now one classification covers all these men. There were twenty-four men in the firing crew at the Riverside Plant divided into fifteen classifications. Now there are only three classifications for this crew. In the Meter Department men were working actually either on meter testing or meter installing, yet divided among a dozen classifications. And so on.

Unreal Classifications

Such classifications represented—and those which continue to exist represent—no differences in skill, no difference in previous training, no differences in the time or capacity required to learn the one job or the other. The Union takes the firm position that such unreal classifications must be done away with. The artificial barriers dividing one group of men from another, and so often cleverly used by employers to separate one group of men from another despite their real common interest must be torn down.

One method used by companies to divide workers from each other is to single out men who appear likely to side with the Company rather than with the men in a strike or other union action, and to give such men higher pay for similar work under the guise of changing their classification. A pretense is made that a certain man on a crew has special responsibilities, gives part of his time to supervisory functions, etc. Examples of this tactic are not absent at N. S. P. Co. The Union takes a firm position for equal pay for equal work and in such cases calls for such men to be

The following patents were issued January 25, 1938, to Minnesota and Dakota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 325 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Amb. William, New Urm, Minn., valve refueling tool; Brennan, John H., Minneapolis, Minn., spraying device; Dahl, Fred, Clear Lake, S. D., combined belt and ironing board; Lick, Carl E., St. Robert, Minn., safety device for motion picture projecting machines; Mehaffey, Robert J., Minneapolis, Minn., casting bobber; Morse, William S., Rapid City, S. D., distension douche; Schweiso, Clifford C., Minneapolis, Minn., thermometer.

classified in accordance with the work they really do. This does not mean a decrease in pay for such men; on the contrary, we propose that the maximum be raised for the classification into which he must be entered.

'Helper' Means Less Pay

One of our major objectives in the wage review must be to wipe out the classification of "helper." This classification invariably serves merely as a device to prevent a man from getting the rate of pay he deserves. He does exactly the same kind of work as the man he works with and should receive the same rate of pay.

'Steady Work', Low Pay

Another device to keep down pay rates, where the artificial barriers of classifications no longer serves, is the Company argument that certain workers should receive less pay than others doing the same work outside the Company, because those working for the Company have steadier work, more security, etc., than those outside. Workers on construction are the outstanding examples of this device. The truth, however, is that outside building trades workers get higher rates of pay, not because their jobs are less secure, but only because the building trades unions are stronger, well-established, and are able to present their demands successfully. The prevailing rates of pay for construction work outside are the goal toward which we must all strive on behalf of N. S. P. workers doing construction work.

Our Road

Let us summarize. Where the Company has benefitted by few classifications, they have used few classifications, as in the Underground Department. Where the Company has benefitted by multiplying the number of classifications, they have done that. And our task is to secure revision of classifications so that they will benefit the workers. How did the Company get its way? By having the strength to have its way. How can the Utility workers get their way? By having the strength to get their way.

Strength Counts

In a word, there is nothing mysterious about classifications. Nor is there anything mysterious about the way to get classifications changed. The organized strength of the union members is the only way to get a system of classifications which will be of benefit to the workers. That is why, in opening the discussion on the problems we face in the coming wage review, we devoted the first two articles of this series to the problem of activating the membership, of building the Union into a genuinely functioning body of all the members. The problem of classifications can only be solved by carrying out the steps we outlined in our first two articles.

Next week's article will go farther into the subject of "Classifications."

Teamsters Council Banquets

Executive board members of all unions affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, together with their wives, sweethearts and a selected list of guests, banqueted last Monday night at the Curtis Hotel. Active organizers and business agents were also present. Guests included John Boscoe, newly elected head of the Central Labor Union; John Geary, vice president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Robley Cramer of the Labor Review; officials of the St. Paul driving crafts, etc.

Boscoe Praises Drivers

At the conclusion of the dinner, Harold Seavey, president of the Teamsters Joint Council, welcomed the guests and turned the floor over to Miles Dunne, who acted as master of ceremonies.

John Boscoe, the first speaker, paid tribute to the spirit of the General Drivers pickets in the printing strike of 1937. "They were always first on the picket lines. It was their unstinting aid which enabled us to win a victory," said Boscoe.

Reassures Wives

Brother John Geary received a hearty hand when he was introduced as "the grand old man of the teaming crafts in the Northwest." He expressed his pleasure at being present at such a memorable affair. William Sinnott, vice president of the State Federation of Labor, expressed the thoughts of all union officials when he praised the sacrifices made by their wives, and expressed the hope that the banquet, in a small way, would repay them for the many evenings they spent at home while their husbands were presumably carrying on union work.

Robley Cramer gave a typically witty talk.

Brother Arnold Schoenecker of St. Paul Drivers Union Local 120, pledged the continued co-operation of his union to the Minneapolis drivers and thanked the movement for the aid rendered the St. Paul drivers strike of last summer.

Tasks Ahead

Farrell Dobbs delivered the main speech of the evening, a message from the international officials and a report from the committee which recently journeyed to Indianapolis. His interesting outline of the work already accomplished by the drivers movement in this section of the country, and of the tasks ahead, held the attention of all present. Several wives of union officials were heard to say afterward that they were more than willing to do their share so that success could be achieved.

Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig

IF—you belong to the union because you think you have to AND—cannot see what possible benefits can be derived through membership in a union OR—you are indifferent to your own social and financial future and treat contemptuously the efforts of many others towards improvements which also include your welfare THEN—attend your regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday, and find out why you should become an active unionist and what good you can do by such action.

Big business at the February meeting is to be the WPA controversy. A lot of good all this government aid is going to do the truck operators if the work is to be cut so thin it will only feed insurance companies, finance robbers, and equipment dealers. No one can even guess how many have brought trucks on promises of WPA work. There can still be more. Remember, there is a sucker born every minute.

Our unemployed ITO'ers were well represented on the flink patrols. It was serious and important business, but also furnished lots of laughs.

Unemployment Insurance

Independent truck owners are eligible for unemployment compensation provided— You have earned in 1937 in private employment twelve times your weekly benefit rate. Your benefit rate is one half your regular weekly wage as you were paid on your last job. You will be paid benefits totaling one sixth your full year's wages, or up to 16 weeks.

John Larkin is now with the state. He is working in the Minneapolis Armory for the unem-

Coal Strike In Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls, S. D.—General Drivers Local 749 struck the coal yards here Friday morning, January 28, after weeks of negotiations had failed to bring concessions from the employers. A previous coal strike was called December 30. After 24 hours, the union agreed to a truce. This time, Local 749 means to stay out until its demands are met.

The strike is solid and effective. Already, two companies have signed up with the union, granting recognition, seniority rights, weekly wages of \$27, and the 48-hour week. The companies signing are G. E. Gores Coal Co., and the Brevicek Coal Co.

Workers in the local Morrell packing plant are giving the strike their full support. Police are following a policy of arresting pickets at the slightest provocation, and the courts are cooperating by setting exorbitant bail. Funds are needed by Local 749 to bail out arrested strikers. The strike is in good shape and a victory for the unions is confidently expected.

Musicians Bring Varzos to Orpheum

THE NORTHWEST ORGANIZER gives this last-minute reminder to its readers not to miss the stage hit at the Orpheum Theater this week, brought here through the cooperation of the theater and the Minneapolis Musicians Association. On the stage is the famous Eddie Varzos and his celebrated orchestra, with a distinguished troupe of specialty artists. On the screen is Miriam Hopkins starring in "Wise Girl." From Friday to Monday, some 300 semi-finalists in the Metro-Goldwyn search for the stars of tomorrow will parade on the Orpheum stage.

BAKERY BLAB

By A. M. Ogren

NEXT MEETING—Wholesale Drivers, Thursday evening, February 10, 7:30 sharp.

Here are a few from "Winchell" Zimmerman over at Regan's Bakery:

It seems Tomte over there is half Swede and half Norwegian as his folks' farm is half in Norway and half in Sweden. Wonder if he also drinks half-and-half . . .

For some reason that is unknown to the public, Art Sundberg's wife is trying to teach him Chinese. Maybe he got the wrong laundry. . . .

Ed Booth has still got blonde trouble. . . . "Smushy" Besplace, Regan's, is planning on taking the marital plunge come summer time. . . . Stan Erickson has a distinct weakness for hockey games, especially with the friend wife along.

Not only can Val O'Neil teach you the Big Apple but the little crab orchard—I mean apple—as well . . .

employment insurance division. To get quick service, ask for him there when you make out your application.

Whitey Edmunds didn't seem to enter into the spirit of horse-play with the boys the other day. It seems that his nerves are kinda raw of late, because he has been trying to make up his mind about something big.

To those who know: 52 weeks at \$50 per sounds like Utopia for an ITO, but the head man says nix! . . . Rich Hornig is looking for a cat, but he doesn't mess-pussy. . . . Now is the time to line up those jobs and lay plans for a bigger, better 1938 construction year. . . . Charlie Quick's flink patrol escorted a squad car on a pound of coffee delivery. . . . The ghosts of Philliphi have been walking the halls. . . . That dance committee better get a wiggle on. . . . Where was Irv when the cops jumped out?

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Bruce Vincent

This large chunk of unionism is at present organizer for Ice Drivers Local 221. Bruce has been a member of the union for ten years. He formerly drove for the Cedar Lake. He's married, has two kids, went to Edison High, and has lived in Minneapolis all his life. Likes to fish, chase flinks, and rib Slim Eberle. He's a swell dancer, as the teamsters' officials learned at the banquet last Monday night.

Sunday Forum Starts Feb. 6, 3 P. M.

A series of four lectures by Felix Morrow, nationally known author and lecturer, will initiate a new Sunday public forum series, it was announced this week by the Minneapolis branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

The forums will be given each Sunday at 3 p. m. at 669 Second Avenue North, between Glenwood Avenue and 8th Street. Admission is ten cents.

The title of the first lecture, to be delivered Sunday, February 6, is "Spain: Can the Loyalists Defeat Franco?" On February 13, Morrow will speak on "France: The End of the People's Front." On February 20, the subject will be "China: How Can a Colonial People Defend Itself?" The final lecture in the first series will be on the United States, "Will Revolution Come to America?"

Glen Lake Workers Praise I. G. Scott

Complete confidence in County Commissioner I. G. Scott as an honest public servant was expressed in a resolution received this week from Chapter 6, Local 9, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The resolution points out Scott's record as "a true friend of labor and a real champion of the workers, and calls attention to the attacks being made on him by the enemies of organized labor. Chapter 6, Local 9, is a progressive union embracing most of the employees of the Glen Lake Sanatorium.

I guess this perfume bathing over at Regan's is contagious by the smell of some of those guys over there. You better watch out or they'll be calling you a bunch of pansies, or did I start something?

Again, we wish to remind and warn everybody, the Executive Board had to levy quite a few fines for not punching clocks and for continually working overtime. So watch this—or take your fine like a man.

Yes, m'lady, Bob Lindsay, former breadman and cakeman of these 'hydr' parts is now doing Butler work, of all things, down in Chicago.

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Anti-Labor Concerns Feel Weight of 292

The weight of the Electrical Workers Local 292, supported by the rest of the Minneapolis labor movement, is being felt these days by the Pick Electric and the Lake Electric companies which are being banneted by the union. The non-union Lake Electric is now closed most of the time and Mr. Einar Anderson, owner, is having phone calls diverted to Regent 6816, the residence of relatives at 112 W. 26th St.

The business of the Pick Electric has been shut—and not by Mr. Pick, despite the .45 revolver he flourishes. He has sent to Washington for aid. The union states it will continue the fight for unionism against these anti-labor concerns.

Negotiations on For Radio Workers

The regular meeting of the Radio Section of Electrical Workers Local 292 will be held Tuesday evening, February 8, at 257 Plymouth. An interesting report of recent developments will be given at this meeting, which demands the attendance of every radio employee.

Though Dr. Young of Station WDGY is out of town, negotiations are proceeding with his representative. A second meeting will be held later this week. A union committee will meet Thursday with Mr. Hoffman of Station WMIN.

Watt Notes

Don't forget the big 292 Dance at the Eagles' Ballroom on February 5th. There will be plenty of floor prizes so be there to get your share. Bring your friends with you as everyone is assured of having a swell time. Tickets may be obtained at the door in case you need more at the last minute. Otherwise, get them from your steward or at the local union office.

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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.

A. I. Harris on Petersen Again

The outcome of the democratic elections in the central labor bodies of Minneapolis and St. Paul is a decisive defeat for those who, especially during the last year, have sought to strangle every form of democracy in the Farmer-Labor movement. The handwriting is on the wall, for all to see: organized labor has served notice to the Boerbachs, the Seestroms, the Rutchicks, that it will tolerate no clique rule.

None So Blind . . .

But A. I. Harris, spokesman for this clique, appears to have no intention of heeding the voice of labor. He contemptuously disregards the labor movement! Despite the crushing defeats administered by labor to his cronies, he persists in following an ever more clearly defined line of supporting the clique which is strangling the Farmer-Labor Party. That clique stands at his elbow as he writes his vicious column and editorials in the "Minnesota Leader," of which he is unfortunately editor-in-chief. That labor has spoken means nothing to Harris: he listens to other voices entirely!

Harris and the State Committee

Even the State Committee of the Farmer-Labor Association dared not enunciate the slanders peddled by the "Minnesota Leader." Incidentally, one would assume, in all logic, that the resolutions adopted by the State Committee should be the basis for comment and editorials in the "Minnesota Leader." Accordingly, therefore, the none too reasonable resolution adopted by the State Committee censuring Hjalmar Petersen for his speech announcing his candidacy, should have been the basis for comment on the same subject in the "Minnesota Leader." Harris's comments, however, can scarcely by any stretch of the imagination be declared to flow from the State Committee's resolution. We advise interested trade unionists to compare that resolution with Harris's comments. We think the resolution was unfair to Petersen; nevertheless, it bore a recognizable relation to the traditional language employed by Farmer-Laborites in previous internal controversies. But Harris's comments bear no such relation; for they flow from an attitude, an outlook, a philosophy that is alien to the democratic tradition of Farmer-Labor controversies. They flow from a philosophy which is ready to employ the knout and firing squad against political opponents within the labor movement.

Why Petersen's Speech Was Not Reported

Contemptuously disregarding the plain meaning of the outcome of the elections in the Central labor bodies of the Twin Cities, Harris repeats again in the January 29th issue of the "Minnesota Leader" the vicious remarks against Petersen which he made the previous week. A correspondent had asked him a very pertinent question: "Was there any reason for not running it?" asked the correspondent. And Harris has the effrontery to answer: "Yes, Mr. Rochette, there was a very definite reason for not running it." "There is no question whatever but that this speech comes in the category of a Republican document. The Minnesota Leader does not recognize any obligation to carry Republican propaganda in its columns. The daily press gave the speech ample coverage. "We have no doubt whatever the copies of Hjalmar's speech will be on file at Republican headquarters from now until election day."

As we stated last week, the use of this kind of an attack brands Harris as an unprincipled slanderer. In persisting along this line, despite the outcome of the elections in the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, Harris is flouting the voice of labor. He is sneering at the feelings of labor, he mocks labor's burning desire for decency in controversies within the labor movement. In a word, Harris doesn't give a damn what labor says.

A Twenty Years' Wrong Half-Righted

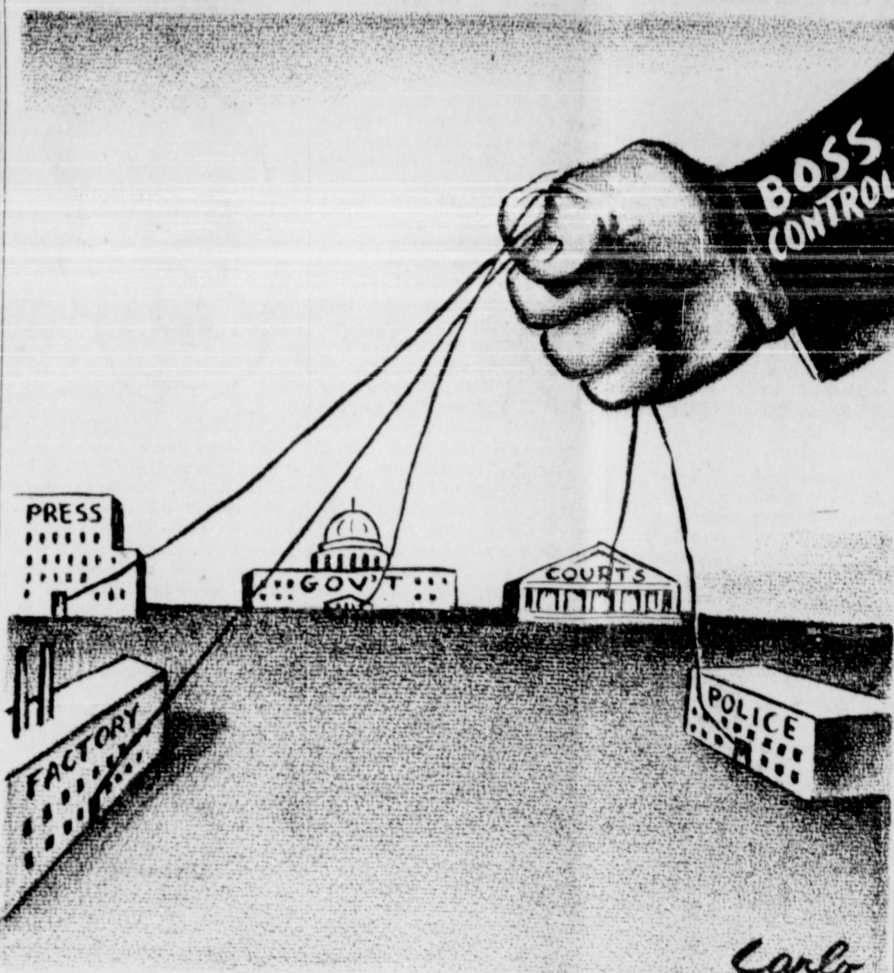
On September 13, 1917, William A. Schaper was summarily dismissed from his post as head of the department of political science of the University of Minnesota, as a pro-German opponent of the war. After a lapse of 20 years the Board of Regents of the University has belatedly moved to make amends for the injustice committed by its predecessor. In a resolution, which is obviously a compromise between a strong resolution introduced by George B. Leonard and a pusillanimous one introduced by Acting President Ford, it is impliedly admitted that Professor Schaper's dismissal was a frame-up. Schaper had no charges specified to him, he was not confronted with his accusers, or given time or opportunity to meet the charges, or to engage counsel for his defense. Indeed it was so apparent even at the time that the only point that could be proved against Schaper was his liberalism, that the Board of Regents kept no record of the star-chamber proceedings.

We are pleased to note that the present resolution of the Board of Regents, reversing the action of 20 years ago, provides for the payment of \$5,000 to Professor Schaper for his loss of salary for the academic year 1917-18. We are pleased, too, that the resolution provides sufficient information to make clear that his dismissal was a frame-up. And that is about all that is pleasing about the resolution.

Undeserved Praise

We don't think the Board of Regents deserves any of the praise it is receiving for its "exoneration" of Professor Schaper. Their resolution does not wipe out the scandalous fact that it took twenty years for this action to be taken. Nor do we think a board deserves praise which hastens to state that it is now taking this action "not in a spirit of condemnation of its predecessors." NOT IN A SPIRIT OF CONDEMNATION OF ITS PREDECESSORS!—those words imbedded in the resolution are, despite all promises to the contrary, a bridge to witch-hunts during future wars. If, even in peacetime, these people cannot find it in their hearts implacably to denounce the war

How About This Holding Company, Mr. Roosevelt?



Carlo

mongers of 1917, what can we expect from them in a critical moment?

No Assurance for the Future

Nor do we find any assurance against their future conduct in a "statement concerning academic freedom," which the Board of Regents included in the Schaper resolution as a guarantee against future witch-hunts. That statement is hedged about with a number of weasel words. To quote one example:

"No teacher may claim as his right the privilege of discussing in his classroom controversial topics that are not pertinent to the course of study that is being pursued."

No, we are not impressed by the magnanimity of the Board of Regents in so timidly righting a wrong after twenty years have passed. We don't think that it provides any security against chauvinistic intolerance in the future.

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

The stooges sure got mowed down by the CLU delegates last Wednesday.

The Trades and Labor elections across the river made it unanimous.

A fellow begins to get an idea of why the move to Duluth.

The fink drive was quiet. Lots of fun. And lots of good solid work done, too.

Page DeBoer: Have you heard the one about the employer they found acting as steward for a certain unmentionable drivers local?

T Williams asked him if he would complain to the union when the boss chiseled. The clown said: "Sure."

Inching Up: The Harvest Festival netted seven thousand bucks towards a Labor Temple.

That new little doll at the switchboard is my niece. Hands off.

Everyone went out on the fink drive, including the editorial staff. They did all right except that Morrow accepted a Rothschild receipt for January dues.

Skogy and Grant are sick abed.

When one boss objected to Williams' proposal that a fink leave the coal yard, Tommy said the boss could have his way. But in that case, the boss shouldn't object if the men with the buttons left. The boss didn't like the fink after all.

The American Type Founders Corp., is foundering.

A committee of drivers officials from Wisconsin will be in town soon to confer.

The union in Watertown pulled out a real victory.

The general drivers strike is booming in Rockford, Ill.

The boys in Grand Forks agreed to a five-day recess in the strike.

Ray Sawyer spoke in Thief River Falls last night.

I think the Teamsters Joint Council did itself proud at the Curtis Monday night.

The second annual union bowling tournament will be run off March 12 and 13.

See you at the Electricians Ball Saturday eve.

Have yourself a good time at the Orpheum this week—and help the Musicians Union.

Voorhees Asks Funds from Local Unions

The Austin Labor Defense Committee sent Joe Voorhees to Minneapolis this week to make an appeal to as many unions as possible for aid in financing the appeal of his case to the United States Supreme court. The committee instructed Voorhees to explain the importance of the injunction appeal case and solicit funds for the purpose of carrying it to the United States Supreme court.

Voorhees is making his headquarters in the Hastings hotel and speaking to as many union groups as possible. The appeal fund has already acknowledged contributions from General Drivers Local 544, United Packerhouse Workers Local 426, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 292, General Drivers Local 120, General Drivers Local 778, Albert Lea Labor Defense Committee, Chapter 2 of State Employees Union No. 10, and Auto Mechanics Local 382, I.A.M. To date \$526 has been sent to the fund, but \$2500 to \$3000 is the sum required.

On Tuesday night the Milk Wagon Drivers Local 471, Warehouse Workers Local 20316, Private Chauffeurs Local 912, and Motion Picture Operators Local 219 heard Voorhees present the importance of the case with the request for contributions. Other unions will be approached the balance of the week.

B. F. Nelson Workers Meet Sunday, Feb. 15

A meeting of all B. F. Nelson employees will be held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, 2 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. This meeting will discuss provisions of a new contract which is being drafted for presentation to the management when the present contract expires. The meeting is sponsored by Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316.

Watertown Drivers Win Key Strike

Watertown, South Dakota—The situation precipitated by a lockout of the North American Creamery branch in this city against members of General Drivers Local 277, called the middle of October, 1937, was finally settled this week with a complete victory for the union.

A contract, signed last week between the management and Local 277, stipulates a 48-hour week, plant seniority, general wage increases, etc. Approximately one thousand dollars in back pay has been collected for the workers involved. The working agreement specified that all workers were to be reinstated on the job not later than January 27.

Soon after the lock-out, Local 277 had taken the offensive by declaring a strike against the creamery and steps were taken to boycott the company's products throughout the district. A hearing was held early in November before the National Labor Relations Board in Minneapolis on the Watertown situation. The late Pat Corcoran was spokesman for the large delegation from Watertown representing the 87 workers involved. As a result of that hearing, an agreement was reached to re-open the plant, recognize the union, and negotiate wages and working conditions. The contract cited above is proof of the substantial victory won by the Watertown General Drivers Union.

With the Limousines

We are now affiliated with the Central Labor Union. The four delegates are Joe Fredericks, Ted (Mutiny) Gardner, John Fuchela and Joe Lear. We attended our first meeting on January 26 and our next meeting is on February 9. Please take notice.

The Executive Board members and their wives were at the banquet at the Curtis Hotel given by the Teamsters Joint Council on January 31. We had a darn good time. Now the wives know why we stay out so late on meeting nights.

Some couples are practicing to do the Big Apple at our dance February 26. I was watching Mrs. Gustafson and Ernie Johnson on the dance floor the other evening. We will see what you can do on Saturday, February 26.

Be sure to get your tickets from Ernie Johnson for the Dance. If you can't reach Ernie (Dupont 7108) see me at the office. I still have some tickets left. Let's make this the biggest affair the chauffeurs ever had.

Eskild Nielsen was down to the office, paid his dues, and started to sing California, Here I Come. He left February 1. Pleasant trip and good luck, we say. See you in the spring.

Bill Hines says the dog house is getting crowded. It looks like Bill is still in it.

Rigmer Beenfeldt hasn't missed one meeting since he joined. He sure likes those little sessions after the meetings.

The boys went to Ted Gardner's house for dinner last Sunday, so I hear. They had spaghetti and beans with pipe organ effect.

Next regular meeting is on February 15. Let's all get down. And DON'T FORGET THE DANCE.

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

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Waldman proved, each union would have to be chartered by the state and that charter could be lifted, and would be, in the most controversial situations, thus spreading confusion and consternation among the workers.

Another reason why employers are so anxious for the incorporation of labor unions is that it would enable them, legally, to inquire into the internal affairs and examine the books of the union to which their employees belong, upon almost any trumped up charge. Through the use of stool pigeons and agents provocateur, it would be easy to frame charges against labor officials which would open the books and the minutes of the union to any employer who so desired.

The employing class is not legally compelled to incorporate their businesses when they become large. They do so only in order to avoid too much responsibility. Mr. Waldman concluded his arguments against the incorporation of labor unions by terming such legislation undemocratic and discriminatory class legislation.

The AFL and the CIO are united on one issue—no legislation which would compel the incorporation of labor unions.

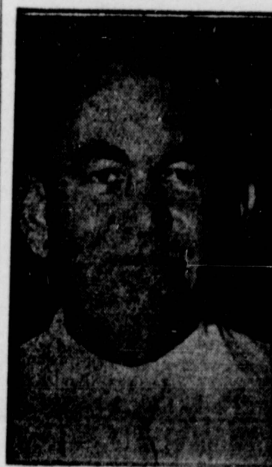
From Harrison, New Jersey, comes the good news that a sit-down strike in the plant of the Crucible Steel company plant there has terminated in success for the workers. The strike was called on the morning of January 17, at 8:15. Within fifteen minutes after the day crew had reported for work, all of the switches were pulled and the shut-down was complete. The workers stayed within the plant for four days, leaving only upon assurance from the Chief of Police that no attempt would be made to bring strikebreakers into the plant.

The major point of contest in this strike was the company's consistent failure to live up to a contract it signed last year, set-

ting up a system of seniority. When the strike was ended, this point had been settled. Seniority will be maintained, and all elected committee men and stewards will be given highest seniority regardless of their term of service. Many other important concessions were forced from the company. The strike was carried on, planned, and executed by rank and file members of the SWOC employed in this plant.

So great were the moral effects of this strike on the steel workers at Harrisburg that it was necessary to hire an additional hall to accommodate the workers attending a post-strike meeting. The new contract for the steel industry is scheduled to be negotiated sometime during the middle of February. The old contract expires on Feb. 28. Much forbidding has been felt by the steel workers as the future of their young union as the result of the decisive defeat suffered by the steel strikers last spring. This victory in a plant of a company considered one of "Big Steel" is an impetus which should do much in gaining new and better working conditions for the workers in the steel industry.

Today Makes 7,961 Days . . .



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

- LODGE 382**
Lodge 382, I. A. of M. meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.
- LODGE 1313**
Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.
- LODGE 1037**
Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.
- LOCAL 664**
The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.
- LOCAL 1086**
The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- PETROLEUM DRIVERS**
Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.
- FEDERAL WORKERS**
Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.
- LOCAL 289**
Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
- LOCAL 1859**
Casket Section—Feb. 8. J. R. Clark Section—Feb. 16. Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday night, 8 o'clock. Executive Board, Local 20481—Feb. 7, Feb. 21. General Membership, Local 1859—March 2. General Membership, Local 20481—Feb. 18. Twin City Stewards—Feb. 14, Feb. 18.
- LOCAL 20316**
Stewards—First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.
- ICE COAL DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE**
Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.
- LOCAL 471**
The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.
- LOCAL 292**
Inside Section—First Tuesday. Radio Section—Second Tuesday. Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday. Utility Section—First Thursday. General Membership—Third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday. General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays. Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday. Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
- LOCAL 131**
The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
- LOCAL 125**
The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 p. m. and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
- SIoux CITY DRIVERS**
Grievance Committee—Each Tuesday. Friday night Stewards Meeting—Each Friday night.
- PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS**
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- MEETING SCHEDULE JANUARY, 1938**
LOCAL 544
Wednesday, Feb. 2—Sausage; Petroleum.
Thursday, Feb. 3—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners.
Friday, Feb. 4—Job Stewards.
Monday, Feb. 7—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal.
Wednesday, Feb. 9—Market; Wholesale Liquor.
Sunday, Feb. 13—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m.
Monday, Feb. 14—General Membership.
Thursday, Feb. 17—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m.
Seniority Committee meets each Friday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room.

Teamsters Joint Council Banquet



Some of the officials of the unions affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, with their wives and guests. The banquet, enjoyed by all, further cemented the unity of the drivers movement locally. Speakers included Harold Seavey, William Sinnott, Farrell Dobbs, John Boscoe, Arnold Schoenecker, John Geary, and Robley Cramer. Miles Dunne was toastmaster.