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Wisconsin Farmers Applaud Milk Drivers' Stand

On the National Picket Line

A determined stand on the part of the workers resulted in the reopening of negotiations between the Southern California local of the Mexican Union of Agriculture Workers and the Venice Growers Association on April 9. On the day previous the workers had voted to strike if their demands for a closed shop, higher wages, and the right of the union to send its representatives into fields to collect dues, organize, and settle grievances were not answered favorably within eight days.

The previous contract protecting these workers had expired last December. Since that time the employers had refused to meet to discuss a new contract.

The contract now under negotiations was presented jointly by the Cucom (Mexican) Union and the Filipino Workers Union. Both organizations have cooperated in the formation of the new contract and have developed plans for joint action in case of need.

For a long time progressives in both of these locals have realized the necessity of an amalgamation of all agriculture workers, if any real progressive economic gains are to be realized for these exploited workers. Up to now the bosses have succeeded in keeping the national groups apart by fostering race hatreds and stirring up national feelings.

The success of this new and progressive step will mean much to all agriculture workers. These people, as a class, are probably the most exploited, harrassed and impoverished group in all of the millions of exploited workers in America.

Workers in the two Crucible Steel mills at Harrison and Jersey City who were locked out of their jobs on March 14, returned victoriously to their jobs on April 18. The lock-out had been turned into a strike, with a regular twenty-four hour picket line.

Concessions won by the strikers include the reinstatement of all locked-out workers; a more equitable distribution of work with a new arrangement regarding lay-offs for no work wherein a man who is not notified the day previous must be paid for four hours' work if he reports; adjustment of rates in both plants. In addition the union reports a satisfactory settlement of all grievances pending.

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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.

Over-Road Unions Press ATA for Pact

Anti-Union Employers Blocking Contract—Union Committee Insists on Area Agreement—Meeting May 1 in Kansas City

The over-the-road trucking employers continue their strenuous efforts to avoid negotiating a uniform eleven state area contract with the North Central Over-the-Road Negotiating Committee of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Ostrichlike, they seek to bury their collective heads in the sands of flimsy subterfuge to hide from the reality of circumstance.

The American Trucking Associations, Inc., in their convention at Louisville, Ky., in the fall of 1937, created a National Labor Relations Committee. This committee was in the process of arranging a meeting with the officials of the I. B. T. to discuss problems of jurisdiction in motor transport, when, on March 5, 1938, the North Central Over-the-Road Negotiating Committee presented proposals for a uniform area contract. The Labor Relations Committee of the ATA promptly cancelled the scheduled meeting with the national officers of the I. B. T. and requested the Board of Directors of the ATA to give them an "interpretation" of the decision of the Louisville convention.

Anti-Labor Bloc This sudden backtracking was the result of a vigorous opposition movement formed within the ranks of the employers. The spearhead of this opposition to area negotiations is a group of employers who see in such a program the end of their chiseling tactics against labor—employers who gouge their profits out of low wages, long hours and bad working conditions. Those employers who shield this group, or at best are afraid to move against them, will have to be judged by the company they keep. In fact, these practices have been common to the industry.

On April 9, Mr. John V. Lawrence, General Manager of the ATA, informed the union committee that no individual or committee within the ATA has authority to negotiate labor contracts. On April 21 and 22, the Board of Directors of the ATA met in St. Louis.

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New 1859 Pact Brings Wage Raises to 22

The Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 on April 18 signed a new closed shop agreement with the Air-Loc Seat Industries, Inc. Working conditions are the same as last year. Minimum hourly wages have been raised a nickel an hour, from 50c to 55c. Skilled workers will receive up to 77c an hour. Twenty-two workers are covered by the pact.

The Air-Loc company is expanding locally, and has set up a new assembly plant at 52 South 12th Street.

Concrete Block Makers Meet Thursday, May 5

A special meeting for all concrete block makers has been called for Thursday evening, May 5, at 8 p. m. The meeting, called by the General Drivers Union Local 544, will be held in Hall 3, main floor, 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

NSP To Arbitrate With Union Friday

After much unnecessary delay the N. S. P. company has finally replied to Local 292's requests for arbitration on the several matters that negotiations have failed to dispose of.

The union had requested arbitration on the matters of the overhead department, particularly the foremen's overtime question; the wage adjustments for the Kelvinator department; the John Williams case; and the setting of an effective date for a wage scale agreed to for the riverside coal conveyor men.

On Tuesday, April 25, the union received a letter from the company setting the arbitration board meeting for Friday evening, April 29th of this week, at 7 p. m. in the company's offices. Together with this letter setting the arbitration board meeting, the company also proposed to dispose of the coal conveyor crew matter with the proposal that the minimum rate of pay be established at \$133.00 per month effective July 1, 1937. The union has accepted this proposal, and the back pay will probably appear on the men's next checks.

This will then leave the overhead department matters, the Kelvinator department matters, and the John Williams case for the arbitration board to dispose of.

292 Chooses Men On recommendation of the Utility section advisory board, the general executive board of the union named Ed Conway, K. G. Gerdin, and W. J. Heigel as the union's representatives on the arbitration board. It is not yet definitely known who the company's representatives will be.

Local 544 Picnic Program Given

Tickets for the great annual Local 544 Picnic, to be held June 12, will be distributed at the regular stewards' meeting next week, May 6, it was announced Wednesday by the Picnic Committee.

Besides the Beauty Contest, the program committee announced there will be gate prizes, a tug-of-war, races for children and grown-ups, dancing in the pavilion, etc. Dick Atherton and his Local 544 orchestra will play his usual toe-tickling music for the dancers.

Roosevelt's New Spending Program Too Small to Stem Economic Decline

After eight months of mounting depression the President has finally sent a message to Congress asking for additional spending to attack the crisis. His program is calculated to stem the economic decline which is spreading like a cancer everywhere, destroying industries, purchasing power, the living standards of American farmers and workers.

The President's new and belated spending program involves five steps.

- 1. An appropriation of \$1,550,000,000 for the WPA, housing, farm security, the NYA and the CCC. What is important is that this appropriation represents no advance over the sums being spent in the current year. They amount to much less than was spent in 1934-1936, when general economic conditions were much better than at present. The second important fact is that no part of these sums can be spent before July 1, the start of the next fiscal year.
- 2. The setting aside of \$1,462,000,000 for additional public works. Two-thirds of this is to go to PWA. There are so many limitations on loans from this fund that it is doubtful if many state or local governments will be willing to incur further debts by applying for PWA loans.
- 3. RFC loans of \$1,500,000,000 to private business. Most of this will go to railroads and utilities. How much will trickle down to the masses we can already judge by what happened to such funds when loaned by Hoover.
- 4. The freeing of \$1,400,000,000 of sterilized gold to increase the credit basis of the country. This only increases bank reserves, which are already much larger than needed for the existing amount of deposits and loans.
- 5. The reduction of the reserve requirements of members of the Federal Reserve system. Like Item 4, this adds nothing to the purchasing power of the country,

Ice Drivers Map Program For Season

Rules Set for Cash-and-Carry Stations; Station Cards to Be Issued; No Room for Finks in Ice Industry

At its regular membership meeting on Tuesday evening, April 26, the Coal and Ice Drivers Union Local 221 adopted an aggressive program to unionize the ice industry throughout Minneapolis. All Local 221 drivers are to take particular notice of this program.

A set of rules and regulations for cash-and-carry stations was adopted, which will be rigidly enforced by Local 221. All stations operating last year are eligible to be certified by the Union and a Union Card will be issued to be displayed on stations, subject to the following conditions:

1. All stations to have a member of Local 221 in good standing on duty and in attendance the hours such station or stations are open for business.
2. The arrangement as of last year relative to the source of supply to cash-and-carry stations shall not be disturbed, providing however, that no dealer is to supply any station that is not on his respective territory or route unless by permission of the dealer effected. Not more than any one station

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Sioux City Takes In Bread Drivers

By Ralph H. Johnson
Sioux City, Iowa—The Teamsters Union Local 383 has held two successful organization meetings for bread driver salesmen in Sioux City, on April 13 and April 20. Splendid turnouts were made at each meeting and the bread drivers are enthusiastic about the union's program.

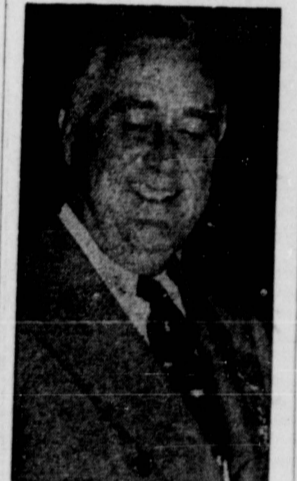
Local 383 has been cooperating with the Kansas City Drivers Union recently in a fight against the Folger Coffee company which has been discriminating against the Kansas City union.

Local 383's present slogan is: If you're a driver and don't belong to our union when you come into our town, you will when you go out.

Local 20316 Sponsors May Golf Tourney

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 is sponsoring a golf tournament for its members, to be held the latter part of May. All interested union players are asked to contact the union offices and register their names.

President Roosevelt



His New Spending Program Insufficient . . .

Duluth Guild Strike Holds

Duluth, Minn.—The strike of the Newspaper Guild against the Duluth Herald and News-Tribune went into its fourth week with the publishers having again broken off negotiations with the union. In order to preserve their legal right to publish a newspaper, the struck plants have been issuing a four-page 400-copy daily edition. This device permits them to retain their status for legal advertising, which brings approximately \$125,000 yearly in official county and city notices. This is just one of the financial devices by which the boss press everywhere maintains an edge over the labor press.

The publishers have refused any further negotiations until the union drops its demands for a "Guild" shop (a demand that gives the publisher the right to hire anyone, just so the new employee becomes a member of the union within 30 days.)

The Twin Cities Newspaper Guild has pledged itself to give \$300 weekly until the strike is settled. The executive board of the Typographical Union, whose members on the struck papers are out of work, has strongly condemned the publishers' refusal to deal with the Guild.

Strike Negotiations Continue; Pickets Stop Land O' Lakes from Chiseling; International Pays Strike Benefits; Strike Meetings Daily at 4:30; Company Spokesman Routed in Luck, Wisconsin

With the picket lines still completely effective, and with gains registered on several fronts, Milk Drivers Union Local 471 continued Tuesday and Wednesday to meet with a sub-committee of the board of directors of the struck Land O' Lakes firm.

Union spokesmen pointed out Tuesday that John Brandt, president of the Land O' Lakes Creamery, had been less than fair to the union. In the current issue of the "Land O' Lakes News" Brandt had printed the original demands of the union, but had failed to print or publicize in any manner the subsequent changes in the union's demands, from a closed shop to a preferential union shop. To this day, the majority of Land O' Lakes stockholders do not know of the modification of the union's demands.

Farmers Friendly

On Monday night two Land O' Lakes strikers from Milk Drivers Union Local 471 journeyed to Luck, Wisconsin, to debate issues of the strike with Land O' Lakes spokesmen before 151 farmers representing all Land O' Lakes butter creameries throughout Wisconsin. So strong and just was the union's case that at the close of the meeting 148 of the 151 farmers came up and shook hands with the Local 471 men.

The company officials, faced for the first time in fair debate with Local 471 men presenting the union's side of the conflict, did not dare attempt to put through one of their phony votes which they have manipulated in several other meetings of boards of directors governing small Land O' Lakes units.

Neither of Local 471's representatives had ever spoken in public before. Yet they had no difficulty in exposing the ridiculous and demagogic arguments of the company. An example of the anti-labor lies being told by the company was shown Monday night when the company debater said that if the union had its way, the hay that is fed the cows would have to be union hay.

Farmer Praises Union

During the debate, one farmer took the floor and stated: "We have been organized twenty years. We are still asking Wall Street to pay decent prices for our butter. These boys from the Milk Drivers Union have only been organized four years. They are telling us we must pay them a fair wage. What I say is, why can't WE have an organization like that?"

The reasons behind the hurried meeting of the National Association of Milk Producers which was held in Minneapolis during the past few days are more involved than appears on the surface. The Association has been issuing anti-union statements to the press crying that if wages are raised all dairy farmers will have to go out of business.

Naturally, John Brandt and the directors lined up with him in his vicious stand, welcome this sort of agitation. The truth is, that Brandt and the Land O' Lakes company are being played for suckers by the large Eastern milk producing associations. Land O' Lakes competes with these other associations for the Eastern markets. The National Association naturally wants Brandt to hold out against the union as long as possible, so that they can gobble up the market in the East. As soon as enough Land O' Lakes shareholders see through this trick, it is anticipated that they will put enough pressure on Brandt to grant the reasonable demands of the union and settle the strike.

Company Breaks Truce

The truce that was supposed to be in effect up to Tuesday, April 27, has been broken.

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Local 544 Nine Ties In Practice Game

Sunday at the Parade Grounds the baseball team representing Local 544 played a practice game with the Northside team, which wound up in the seventh inning with the score tied, 1 to 1. The opposing team used Norris Hanson, one of Local 544's pitchers, who yielded only two hits to his teammates. Russ Wenell, pitching for Local 544, got nicked for only one hit.

The squad of twenty 544 men will be cut to fourteen this week, according to League rules. Practice games will continue to be scheduled until the season opens.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

1886 Haymarket Affair Marked Birth of May Day

AFL Led Fight for Eight-Hour Day — 190,000 Workers Struck —Fight Centered in Chicago—Haymarket Martyrs Honored —Took Brave Stand Before Court

As May Day, 1938, approaches, it is fitting to re-tell the story of the first May Day, that of 1886 in the United States. Since that time the First of May has been celebrated by workers all over the world as THE day which belongs to the working class.

Events so inspired that the first May Day centered around Chicago and was inseparably linked with the world famous Haymarket affair.

In the early 1880's in this country, a strong movement arose which fought for the shorter work day. The average work day was then between 14 and 18 hours. In Minnesota, for instance, the legislature was imposing a penalty of from \$25 to \$100, to be inflicted upon any officer of a railroad company who compelled a locomotive engineer or fireman to labor more than EIGHTEEN HOURS A DAY, except in cases of urgent necessity.

AFL Leads Fight

When the leaders of the dominant labor federation of that period, the Knights of Labor, refused to take up so revolutionary a demand as that for a shorter day, it was left for the young and weak Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions (forerunner of the American Federation of Labor) to assume leadership of the national eight-hour movement.

At its Chicago convention in 1884, it passed the following resolution: "Resolved, by the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions of the United States and Canada, that eight hours shall constitute a legal day's labor from and after May 1, 1886."

The boss press ridiculed and abused the demand as outrageous. Said the Illinois State Register, for instance: "This is the one most consummate piece of humbuggery ever suggested in connection with the 'labor question.' The thing is really too silly to merit the attention of a body of lunatics . . . and the idea of striking for eight hours is about as sensible as striking for pay without hours."

Among the American workers, however, embittered by wage reductions, long hours, and unemployment, there was an enthusiastic response to the resolution. A shorter day would furnish jobs for the unemployed, would provide the worker with more leisure in which to educate and enjoy himself. A feeling of solidarity spread among the working class, to be heightened by the depression of 1884-1885.

Because the Knights of Labor was already a numerous group, the unorganized workers flocked to it. The Knights grew from a membership of 104,066 in 1885 to 702,924 in 1886.

The more enthusiastic and determined the workers became, the more the employers expressed their hatred of the shorter work day. Just before May 1, 1886, the day set for the nation-wide

strike, the Knights of Labor lost courage and withdrew its support from the movement, an act which was to cost that body its life.

190,000 On Strike
Workers in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Louisville, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Baltimore and elsewhere pressed on. On May 1, at least 190,000 struck for a shorter day. An additional 150,000 secured their demands merely by the threat of a strike.

In Chicago there existed a strong and militant trade union movement, led by a group of progressive leaders not unlike those found in many cities today. There the Central Labor Union, led by progressives who belonged to the International Working People's Association, took charge of the 8-hour strike.

On May 1, in Chicago, nearly 40,000 workers walked out as pre-arranged, and the number soon jumped to 65,000. Faced with a strike of such unexpected power and solidarity, the leading business men united to crush it. They organized employers' associations, and raised funds to hire Pinkertons and agent provocateurs to weaken the workers' ranks.

There had been "labor unrest" in Chicago ever since February, when the McCormick Harvester Works had locked out its 1,400 employees in reply to a demand by the men that the company quit discriminating against leading unionists.

On May 3, a meeting of 6,000 lumber strikers was held near the McCormick plant. The police attacked the meeting with guns and clubs, killing at least four and wounding many.

Meet to Protest
Leading unionists immediately got out a leaflet calling for a protest mass meeting the following night in the old Haymarket on Randolph Street. During May 4, the police continued their attacks on strikers. At 7:30 people began to assemble in Haymarket Square. Only half a block distant was the Desplaines Street police station, where a good-sized detail of police was in readiness.

The Bomb
The meeting was very quiet. Speakers were August Spies, Parsons and Fielden. Toward 10 o'clock a threatening rainstorm began to disperse the gathering; only a few hundred spectators remained. A few minutes after the mayor of Chicago left the scene, Police Inspector Bonfield led a detachment of 180 policemen to break up what remained of the meeting. The cops halted near the speakers' wagon, and commanded the gathering to disperse. Fielden, one of the speakers, cried out it was a peaceable meeting. As the police captain turned to give an order to his cops, a bomb was thrown from the sidewalk, exploding in the midst of the policemen and wounding 66, of whom seven later died. The police immediately opened fire hysterically and shot round and around into the crowd, killing several and wounding 200. Minneapolis workers who went through Bloody Friday and the Flour City shooting will understand how the cops behaved.

To this day it is undetermined who threw the bomb. Most men who have studied the Haymarket affair believe that an agent provocateur hired by the police and the employers threw the bomb.

Lynch Spirit
The following day the newspapers all over the United States assumed an attitude of panic, demanding the instantaneous execution of all subversive persons. Within a few days the police arrested the leading militant trade unionists and revolutionists in Chicago: Spies, Fielden, Schwab, Fischer, Engel, Ling, Neebe, and many others. Parsons later gave himself up to stand trial in solidarity with his friends.

The grand jury met and quickly indicted these unionists. Trial was set for June 21, with Joseph E. Gary as judge. The defendants never had a chance. The jury was handpicked; the papers screamed daily for blood; defense attorneys were refused the right to introduce evidence. The defendants were tried for their militant ideas, rather than for the throwing of the bomb. On August 20, a verdict of guilty was brought in. A motion by the defense for a new trial was denied. The convicted men were called upon to speak before the sentence was pronounced. They delivered eloquent speeches lasting three days, addressed before the court to workers everywhere.

Our Martyrs
George Engel said: "I hate and combat, not the individual capitalist, but the system that gives him those privileges. My greatest wish is that working men may recognize who are their friends and who are their enemies . . ."

The twenty-year old Ling said: "I repeat I am the enemy of the 'order' of today, and I repeat that, with all my powers, so long as breath remains in me, I shall combat it . . . I despise you, I despise your order; your laws; your force-propelled authority. Hang me for it!"

On October 9, sentence was pronounced. Labor organizations everywhere, including the American Federation of Labor, asked for mercy for the condemned men. Ling escaped the scaffold by exploding a dynamite tube in his mouth. The sentences of Fielden, Schwab and Neebe were commuted to life imprisonment. The remaining four were hanged on November 11, 1887.

Voices of Death
As the nooses were adjusted and the caps pulled down, there came from beneath the hoods these words:

Spies: "There will be a time when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today."

Fischer: "This is the happiest moment of my life!"
Engel: "Hurrah for anarchy."
Parsons: "Will I be allowed to speak, O men of America? Let me speak, Sheriff Matson! Let the voice of the people be heard!"

At the funeral 25,000 working people marched. The public fury aroused by the Haymarket bomb was used against the 8-hour strike in progress and against the union movement. For many years all progressive and radical theory and practice fell into disfavor with labor organization. Nevertheless, there is no evidence to show that the labor movement was weakened organizationally by the relentless abuse of militant workers by the boss press.

Among the working class the executed anarchists and union leaders were regarded as martyrs to the cause of labor. Each year, even today, their monument at Waldheim Cemetery in Chicago is a shrine visited by thousands.

And each year when workers all over the world hold their meetings and parades on May Day, they think about the brave Chicago labor leaders whose lives were taken by the enemies of organized labor.

Next week: Read about the Homestead Lockout in 1892.

The following patents were issued April 19, 1938, to Minnesota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Cunningham, Lewis L., Minneapolis, Minn., multiple electrical proportioning system; Erickson, Prentis E., Minneapolis, Minn., safety steering post for automobiles; Gille, Willis H., St. Paul, Minn., electromagnetic valve; Guyer, Reynolds, St. Paul, Minn., aircraft wheel mechanism; Lindquist, Olga A., and E. J. Sibitt, St. Paul, Minn., cuttable display collar for milk bottles and the like; Midtley, Joseph, Morrisfield, Minn., rail sweep for railway cars; Miller, Ernest M., Minneapolis, Minn., switching mechanism for fuel burning systems; Weschoke, Carl, St. Paul, Minn., switch.



Bill Brown Says—

It looks like Local No. 1 was getting ready to move down one number.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Any one of us who has a sore arm must have developed the sprain from too much self-patting on the back. We may well be excused because of the obvious success of our dance.

If this was a society column we could carry on with a full page of notes on the affair. You know how it goes—Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So were members of one gay party coming from a pre-dance dinner given by Mrs. So-and-So in honor of—

Messrs. Miles Dunne and Carl Skoglund carried the official mantle for the General Drivers and the Joint Council at the Saturday dance. They considered our little party was one of the best, if not the best, social and financial success of any ever held at 257.

In order to wind up the work of the committee, those who still have tickets or money are urged to check in as soon as possible.

Milt says 477 tickets were presented at the door.

Plenty of credit must be given Bob Bove as committee chairman and high ticket salesman . . . Bill Camp on refreshments . . . Frank Guile on checkroom duty . . . and Milt Hodgson, banker, had the toughest job.

The union office was more than generous in its assistance in getting out letters and preparing ticket lists. Elaine, Helen and Marion also volunteered to help the evening of the dance.

Don't tell his boss—but Curt, besides a lot of work at home evenings, helped the committee immeasurably by doing all the day-time errands.

Moody, Harry Pfaff, Morrie Olson, C. B. Carlson and Ted Reiner were high on the ticket sales.

Everybody was so busy having a good time that no one thought to list the prize-winners.

Charley Buchanan won the prize waltz competition—but not without plenty of competition from Bove.

It's time now to start riding the laggards who have no silver numbers on their trucks.

Ray Woolery prefers Cully Anderson to Greasa.

Don't forget the regular meeting Thursday, May 5. Let's make it a big one.

Received a swell poem about Pops Prehm and his nice wife, but no room to print.

I.B.E.W. Auxiliary to Hold Card Party

The Auxiliary of Electrical Workers Union Local 292 will sponsor a card party April 29, Friday evening at 3047 Nicollet Avenue, on the third floor. Bridge and 500 will be played, and refreshments and door prizes will be available. Tickets are 25c. The public is cordially invited.

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Program for I.G. Scott Rally Friday

Both the downstairs union club rooms and the third floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth Avenue will be thrown open for a testimonial rally and dance in honor of County Commissioner I. G. Scott this Friday night, April 29.

Other guests and speakers will be S. H. Bellman and W. F. Bennett, state representatives from this district. The affair is being sponsored by Mr. Scott's friends in the district.

Beer and hot-dogs will be furnished free to all guests. Doors will open at 7 o'clock in the evening. The Warehouse Union Band, in its first public appearance, will then play for one hour, after which the speaking program will get under way. At 10 p. m. Tommy Thompson's orchestra will begin playing for a dance program. The affair promises to attract a huge throng of guests.

A propagandist presents many ideas to one or a few persons; an agitator presents only one or a few ideas, but he presents them to a mass of people.

With the Limousines

Al Jones is back, new uniform and all. Does he look good. We'll be seeing you at the next meeting.

Things are quiet at 510 Groveland. All the boys had to move their cars out.

The \$1 assessment is coming in slow. It's important we get this money. It's for a good cause.

Haven't heard from members moving out to the lake. Please let me know so I can change your address for the Organizer.

If you receive a letter from us, please read it.

We still have men on the streets checking up. Don't get caught without your books or receipts.

Signed up a few new members this week. They are coming in slow but SURE.

I hear Hub Miller is back. We want to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 3.

They say Leo Pohl is lucky in cards. I think he's lucky in love.

Harry Caligan was showing what taxes he has to pay on his home.

That's all right, Harry, the boys will pay them for you.

Don't forget May 3.

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Groff Strike Deadlocked; Union Meets

With the Groff strike at a deadlock, the Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union Local 264 planned a special mass meeting for Wednesday noon, April 27, at the union hall, Prior and University, to discuss future steps. The negotiating committee from the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, consisting of Brothers Wentz, Janosco, and Schonecker, was scheduled to appear at the meeting.

In a press statement, Elmer Meinz, business agent, declared: "Our organization has made every effort to be fair in this matter, but positively cannot differentiate. We have contracts with all the paper companies in St. Paul and these contracts will be up for renewals and changes within a month . . . The Groff company has refused to meet our demands for nominal wage increases . . . We stand ready to meet the representative of the firm, and we are still hopeful that an early settlement may be reached."

Deals With Waldorf

As its strike against the Groff company entered the fifth week, Local 264 opened negotiations this week with the Waldorf Paper company of St. Paul. The union is demanding the closed shop, plantwide seniority, higher wages and improved working conditions. The first counter-proposal of the company offered departmental seniority, and the same wage scales as last year, with time and one-half for overtime work done on a piece work basis.

A meeting between Local 544's committee and Waldorf company officials was scheduled for Thursday morning. The old contract expired April 1.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

NEXT MEETINGS: Stewards meet Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 p. m. Retail drivers, Thursday, May 5, 5 p. m. sharp.

Nice meeting for the candy jobbers last Wednesday. F. C. Pilkington, Harry Glance, James H. Murphy, Irving Rudolph were nominated to the Ways and Means Committee, which will function largely to work out methods of bettering their conditions in regard to chiseling and also for more thoroughly organizing the candy business.

Hi Osen, Zinsmaster, dared a grocer to call up the plant and report him drunk, which he wasn't, but was he surprised when the boss jumped him about it when he pulled in. (Those Norwegians never could keep their mouths closed.)

Joe O'Hare is quite a cook these days and for washing and wiping fishes, man, he's a wow. In fact, he's thinking seriously of supplementing his income by taking in washing.

Zinsmaster's drew first blood in a series of diamondball games with Regans, nosing them out by the close score of 8 to 7. According to Harvey Zinsmaster, Leroy Manthey, Joe Lindsey, and in fact all

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Minneapolis WDL Dinner Meeting Friday at YMCA

What the Sheppard-May military dictatorship bill will do to workers' rights if passed will be the subject discussed by Mrs. Frank Pimen, legislative chairman of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, at the first open meeting of the Workers Defense League, Minneapolis Branch, on Friday evening, April 29, at 6 p. m. at the YMCA, 8th and La Salle Streets, Minneapolis, rooms 307-8.

The Workers Defense League is a non-partisan defense organization which has been a consistent friend of the struggling worker throughout the country. It is organized to safeguard the legal rights of workers in their struggle for a living wage. It has furnished thousands of dollars in bail, legal aid and search for justice among liberal-minded people.

There is no charge for the meeting. Everyone interested is urged to attend and become a member.

Leach Orders Traffic Cops on Strike Duty

Several union subscribers to the Northwest Organizer came in recently to call attention to the fact that their children are now being forced to cross Broadway and Penn, one of the city's busiest intersections, without protection against the heavy traffic.

Upon inquiry, it was discovered that Mayor Leach has pulled traffic cops from the outlying districts into the loop for strike duty, to protect reactionary employers who refuse to sign union contracts and pay decent wages.

This is an example of Mayor (I Wanna Be Governor) Leach's "Build Minneapolis" campaign.

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The Regan team, that's the last time that is going to happen.

Don Wigand, Zinsmaster's, is resting nicely in the Eitel hospital after quite an operation but expects to be back to work in a couple weeks.

I'll bet every bread and cake man will be in on time Friday, April 29. I'll be there myself. Three o'clock, Nicollet park.

Rather a miserable showing at the Cake and Pie meeting last Thursday. How do you like that? And those guys are the ones who really should show up for meetings.

Don't sell the Chicago Cubs short, says Jerry Chapman, with Ol' Diz chucking 'em in like he is O. K. Chappy, I had 'em on a ticket two days in a row and then got dumped the third.

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NSP Company Agrees to Start Union Arbitration Friday

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During the past few weeks a number of hourly men have completed two years of service, and have appeared at the union office requesting that they be placed on the monthly pay rates. The union has thereon notified the company requesting that these men be placed on the monthly pay rate. All cases submitted to date have been compelled with by the company.

The union rules require that those members, who have completed two years of service, personally notify the union office that they wish to be placed on the monthly pay rate. The attention of all hourly employees is again directed to this procedure, as the contract provides the company must be notified within thirty days after two years of service is reached for men to be eligible for the monthly pay rate.

Anti-Union Petition
As was reported in last week's ORGANIZER, the members of the generation department met in a specially called meeting Wednesday evening, April 20, to take up the matter of an anti-union petition being circulated among the men of the generation department. The question of this petition was first taken up with the operators, and later on in the evening was taken up with the stewards who also met that evening. Both the operators' meeting and the stewards' meeting unanimously endorsed a resolution presented by the general executive board to deal with this matter.

Membership Acts
The general membership meeting of Thursday evening, after going into the question in a thorough manner, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS about eight or ten operators, members of Local 292, have deliberately violated union principles by holding rump meetings of this small group and meetings with company officials in which they have sought to secure advantages for themselves independently of and in opposition to the general program of the union, and

WHEREAS this clique brazenly admits these facts in a document which they are now circulating among the operators, and

Malicious Document
WHEREAS this document deliberately and maliciously falsifies the facts concerning the actual benefits from unionism which have accrued to all NSP employees, including the operators, and the document further attempts to dupe other operators into believing that they are being discriminated against in securing concessions for union members from the company, thereby seeking to convince operators that separate negotiations for operators would be better for them than regular union negotiations, and

WHEREAS the document further calls upon all operators to cease

immediately payment of dues and other assessments of the union, and further calls upon them, even after satisfactory settlement of all issues, never to pay back dues and other assessments for any period in which they will hold themselves to have been unsatisfied, and

WHEREAS these moves if successful and unrepelled could only lead to the disintegration of the union, for it is obvious that separate negotiations for one department will enable the company to play one group of men against another and thereby divide and rule, and

WHEREAS this small clique of operators further aid and abet the company's union-busting program by proposing to hamstring the union through cutting off its financial income,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT
1. The membership go on record condemning the meetings and petition of the clique as scabbery and strikebreaking.
2. The membership hereby serves warning on each and every individual in this clique to cease and desist from these actions, and orders any member of the union who learns of further similar actions to report them immediately to the officers of the union.
3. The membership authorizes and instructs the general executive board to take all actions necessary to put an end to this scabbery and strikebreaking.
4. Any person holding membership in the union who shall hereafter be accused of collaborating in any way aiding such actions shall be brought to trial and, if the charges are sustained, shall be expelled from the union.

Warning to Finks
It is hoped that with such thorough airing of the true nature of this attempt to break down the union's principles, those few members who have been confused and misled by the couple of company stooges who were so actively promoting this idea and petition will henceforth more clearly understand the implications of these underhanded tactics, and mend their ways so as to give their solid support to the union. As the resolution clearly sets forth, the union membership will not deal lightly with anyone who henceforth continues to aid and abet in union-busting programs.

Gas Union Parley At Standstill 'til May 3
Negotiations between the Gas Workers Union Local 20490 and the Minneapolis Gas Light company were halted for a few days, to be resumed Tuesday, May 3. The delay is due to the absence of Mr. Seymour from Minneapolis. Seymour, head of the American Gas company of which the Minneapolis company is a subsidiary, was called to Washington for a few days.

Ice Drivers Map Program For Season

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In each of the respective coverages from any one plant.

3. No member of the Union shall deliver ice to cash-and-carry stations not certified by the Union under these rules, or to individuals operating as dealers who are not members in good standing of the union.

Notices for Posting
The following notices are going to be posted by Local 221 at all platforms where ice is purchased:

"NOTICE TO ALL CASH AND CARRY OPERATORS" — The Union shall issue new cash-and-carry station cards covering the year of 1938. All stations must have posted and on display. These cards will be issued at the union office, 257 Plymouth Avenue, on application each day starting Monday, April 25th from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Signed: Ice and Coal Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 221.

Further Rules
On Tuesday evening, Local 221 also adopted further rules covering the industry for the coming season. An article was adopted, stating: "No employee or dealer is to have any person or persons on his equipment during the hours of work unless same are employees and members of this union."

A second article endorsed by the membership reads: "No permits are to be issued until all regular members of the union are working. When permits are issued, they are to be issued to unemployed union men of other crafts who shall have preference."

These rules will guarantee that the ice industry will be manned only by union members.

Local 221 is determined to stamp out the chiseling which has been prevalent in recent years, and means to enforce its new program in a vigorous manner, so that henceforth finks will find no room in the ice industry of Minneapolis.

Watt Notes

All men in the Meter Reading department are requested to appear before the Seniority Board next Monday, May 2, 1938, at 8 p. m. This meeting is important and all meter readers must attend to see that their positions on the seniority list are correct.

Our business agent, Henry Schultz, is now the proud father of a baby girl born April 15th. Congratulations!

Local 292 is forming a diamond ball team, and all those interested in playing are requested to report at the Parade Grounds next Sunday morning, May 1st, at 10 o'clock. A Labor Union Diamond League is being formed, and if we are going to show that we are a live organization we should enter a team in this league. So let's go, brothers.

Don't forget the big dance at St. Cloud given by the St. Cloud Division of Local 292 Saturday, May 7th. Members of 292 from Minneapolis are planning to meet at the union office at about 7 p. m. Plan to make up a party and attend, brothers.

We understand Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stetler missed out on a set of dishes by not attending the theater one evening. "Frog" had wanted to attend so "Frog" had the laugh on the little wife.

Ask Brother MacLennon what the "Frog" wisecracked about having a large family.

The operators are being put in a bad light through the work of a few misguided "fink" operators.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By the Editorial Committee
A committee was selected at our last regular meeting to revive and edit this column regularly, and with every member's cooperation we will strive to make it as interesting as we know how, and representative of your ideas and opinions, with a few gags thrown in. 'Nuff sed.

Attention, Shop Stewards
We would appreciate at least one item of news from your plant each week, no matter how trivial or insignificant it might seem. Just call or write it on plain paper and mail or leave it at our office in care of the Editorial Committee.

P. S. This doesn't stop any and all members from contributing news items, so let's hear from you. We need "the dirt."

A kittenball team is now being formed and will represent our local in the city league. If any member feels he can qualify, he should report to either Webb of Nevens or Fowler of Gross Brothers for further information.

A picnic committee was selected at our last meeting to contact Local 183 for a joint picnic this year. We should have something more on that later.

At a recent meeting the dues deadline was changed from the fifteenth of the month to the second meeting of the month. Keep this in mind and avoid any penalty.

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ONCE A MONTH DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. THEY WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAYS ONLY.

You are invited, in fact, urged, to attend at least one meeting every two months "or else."

P. S. Meeting book "signers" and "stay-at-homes" please take notice.

New trucks have been sprouting out lately. Must be the "spring cleaning" or maybe the old heaps gave their last poop.

Promotions recently were Walsh of the American Linen and Donahue of the Custom. Congratulations, etc., etc. What size cap, boys?

Put this on your must list—to see the new American Linen bus-mobile.

"Bair" facts \$27.50 and com-ish. Ask Johnce.

LOST—One vice-president, five feet six inches. Mustache under schnozzle. In vicinity of Minneapolis laundry and union hall. Please return next meeting night.

The bowling season must be over. Throw was reported seen.

Don't forget, boys. If you work after 6 o'clock it'll cost you just ten coconuts, even money.

There were no marriages, babies, divorces, stolen cars, horse thefts, robberies, holdups, smash-ups, fights, sicknesses, deaths, etc., this week. Or was there?

Free Contest
WANTED—A new name for this column. In the opinion of the judges the contestant sending in the most appropriate name selected shall receive a handsome imitation leather dues book holder. Second best name, a glass of Gluek's sparkling beer. Judges' decisions shall be final. No entries returned!

a dog. Watch out for the sheriff, Jess.

Many of the brothers from the Inside Section enjoyed a social good time at the Minneapolis Brewery April 5th.

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Lund Flouts Labor Board Decisions

C. A. Lund, notorious labor-hater, and owner of the C. A. Lund company of Hastings and the Northland Ski company in St. Paul, has refused to abide by the decision of the National Labor Relations Board and negotiate a contract with his employees, it was announced this week by Wood-entwain Workers Union Local 20481.

The ten-day period of grace pronounced by the Labor Board has now passed, and Lund has disregarded and ignored all registered letters addressed to him by the union asking for negotiations to begin.

Lund has also refused to reinstate those strikers who have applied for reinstatement following the NLRB decision of two weeks ago.

The union is making a study of the possible steps which it can take to force Lund into negotiations.

With Shovel and Tongs

This is the time of the year when the ice season gets in full swing and extra help is needed on many wagons and in the ice plants. It is the ruling of our grievance board that all of our regular members shall have preference on these jobs so it behooves all of our members that are not working to come in to the union office and register. When calls come in for a union man, the business agents will know those that are not working and where they may get in contact with you.

Tony Schullo must have gotten around the corner of prosperity. He blossoms out with a nice big Chrysler. Maybe it was another Federal Loan.

J. A. Eberl, chairman of the Card and Label Committee, gave a good report from the Card and Label Council at our last meeting, stating that the council is becoming very active, especially the women. Sell your wife the union label and you will do the union man a lot of good.

In about two weeks it will be hard to find an iceman around town. From the conversation and reports that I've heard, they are planning a wholesale raid on the good fishing lakes in Minnesota. They've all got the fever.

Every spring there seems to be a wholesale violation of the child labor laws. There seems to be a tendency to take the 15 and 16 year-old boys out on the ice trucks when these boys should be in school and they don't wear a union button either. There are plenty of good union men available that need a job and some of them have families. Help your brother member by being a good union man. Don't be a FINK.

That fire at Waconia where the Cedar Lake Ice company's big ice house burned down makes it one more that won't bother anybody anymore. The fire made a clean sweep of it, leaving only a few ashes.

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I don't know much about cribbage, either.

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Miles Dunne
Miles, the fun-loving Dunne boy, is a sort of jack-of-all-trades. He's secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, editor of the Northwest Organizer, general god-father to the Gas Workers Union, and all-around adviser and organizer of a score of local unions. Besides doing a good job in each position, he's also one of the finest orators in the Northwest, as thousands of workers can attest.

Has a long and honorable jail record, having been thrown in the can in Fargo, Minneapolis, and points south for his activities in strike struggles. Like his brothers, he drove a truck in Minneapolis for many years.

Local 292 Signs WDGY
Following a series of negotiations over several weeks, the Electrical Workers Union Local 292 has just signed a contract with Station WDGY covering all engineers. The new pact, signed April 16, brings many improvements in wages and working conditions to these workers.

Whereas one year ago wages ranged from \$24 to \$45, today they are from \$40 to \$60. Hours that formerly were 56 are now 40 weekly. The one week's vacation with pay after one year, and the two weeks' paid vacation after two years is specified. Whereas formerly the engineers worked overtime for straight time or for no pay at all, the new contract specifies time and one-half for overtime.

When using their own cars on company assignments, the engineers will receive 10c per mile expenses plus parking charges. Whereas formerly some janitor work had to be done by the engineers, today this is a thing of the past.

Radio salespeople and radio announcers, through union organization, could receive similar improvements, according to Local 292.

It is thought that the Electrical Union will have completed negotiations with Stations WTCN and WMIN in the near future for similar wage increases and improvements in working conditions.

Akron Locals Have Backs Against Wall

Akron, Ohio—Again this week the wage-hour controversy reached a crisis when business agents attempted to intimidate members of the United Rubber Workers Union to accept wage reductions.

In a press statement issued by President Dabrymple of the U. R. W. U. he said: "We warn the public that a serious situation is developing. Yesterday, a group of belligerent business men congregated outside the Goodrich conference room while negotiations were in progress and demanded the right to intervene. . . . This was an outright attempt to bully the negotiators into rushing into a premature agreement with the company before the points at issue had been settled. . . ."

Mayor Schroy is working closely with local business men and other reactionary groups and has taken an open stand for wage reductions and against organized labor.

While the Rubber Workers Union is getting in such a position that its only answer to deep wage cuts and further attacks on its unions can be to fight, other Akron unions continue to make gains for their members. Last week the Bakery Drivers Union Local 425 signed a contract with the Standard Brands, granting 85c hourly wages, and two weeks vacation with pay.

A city-wide demonstration against reactionary local relief officials is being planned for May 1. The action will unite both AFL and CIO unions, who mean to force relief authorities to certify needy workmen for WPA jobs.

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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.

Greetings to Local 958

Following close on the heels of the magnificent victory of the Minneapolis cab drivers in their six-weeks' strike came news last week of the formation of a new cab drivers union uniting all local cabmen. Given progressive leadership, it is always an advance for the labor movement when one union takes the place of two, and the latest news from this sector of the driving craft is cause for as much rejoicing as was the strike victory.

For a number of reasons closely bound up with the growth of unionism in the driving industry in Minneapolis, cab drivers have hitherto been divided into two units—the Yellow Cab section of the General Drivers Union, and Cab Drivers Local 125 embracing all other cab drivers. Cooperation between the two units was always rather close, however. The joint six-weeks' strike was all that was required to finally and firmly cement the bonds between the drivers of Minneapolis cabs. During the long struggle, the taximen worked harmoniously together as one body, and the natural outcome of that cooperation was the formation of the new cab drivers union, Local 958.

To the strike gains of a guaranteed minimum wage must be added the achievement of a single union. Henceforth, all cab drivers will present one front to the employers. Local 958 will carry on the traditions of the former organizations. The cabmen have ever been in the very forefront of the fight for unionism in Minneapolis. They have furnished their full quota of leadership to the driving unions. We have no doubt that Local 958 will advance yet further the glorious tradition that the taxi drivers of Minneapolis have built up since 1934. Hail the new Local 958!

Proposed Supplementing Budget (Corrected)

Proposed by Federal Workers Section, 544, April 13, 1938

Size	Fam.	Groc.	Milk	Rent	Elec.	Gas and Fuel	Ice	Clo.	Incid.	Total
1	11.50	1.40	12.00	2.75	9.00	3.00	4.50	44.15		
2	18.40	2.20	20.00	3.60	9.00	6.00	5.80	64.20		
3	24.30	2.90	22.50	3.60	9.00	9.00	5.50	76.80		
4	30.90	3.70	25.00	4.30	9.00	12.00	6.00	91.40		
5	38.00	4.60	27.50	6.00	9.00	15.00	6.50	106.60		
6	44.10	5.30	30.00	7.20	9.00	18.00	7.00	120.60		
7	49.60	6.00	32.50	7.20	9.00	21.00	7.50	132.80		
8	57.50	7.00	35.00	7.20	13.50	24.00	8.00	152.20		
9	66.90	8.00	35.00	7.20	13.50	27.00	8.50	166.10		
10	74.30	8.90	35.00	8.00	13.50	30.00	9.00	178.70		
11	77.80	9.40	35.00	8.00	13.50	33.00	9.50	186.20		
12	86.60	10.40	35.00	8.00	13.50	36.00	10.00	199.50		
13	94.20	11.30	35.00	8.00	13.50	39.00	10.50	211.50		

Negotiations On in Land O' Lakes Strike; Pickets Firm

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26, at 6 p. m., was no trace at all. On several occasions the union caught the company trying to chisel and violate the agreement whereby no Land O' Lakes produce was to be moved in Minneapolis. On Monday the company made an attempt to deliver a truckload of cheese to the Red Owl stores in Minneapolis. The cheese, instead of being packed in the usual bales, was disguised in plain cartons. It had been shipped in by rail. Pickets discovered the plot while the cheese was being unloaded. The produce was immediately loaded back on the truck and returned.

Leach Sends Cops
Mayor Leach again showed himself ready and anxious to use his police against the union movement Monday when he dispatched a squad car of cops to the local Land O' Lakes warehouse. The company had claimed that some of the office girls entering the plant had been jostled by pickets. Pickets claimed there was no truth in this report, that no office girls were approached, and that this was just another trick of the company. It was a good enough pretext for Leach to send his cops down to the scene, however.

Daily Strike Meetings
Strike meetings continued to be held daily at 4:30 p. m. by the union. Reports are given on latest developments and plans for the following day are discussed. The morale of the strikers continued to be strong.

During the past week, the first cash strike benefits from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters arrived and were distributed to the strikers.

Ideas do not hang suspended in mid-air; living people are the bearers of ideas, people who unite in organizations and select their leaders. It is impossible to fight against false ideas without fighting against those leaders who defend these ideas.

Food Union Holds Annual Dance Saturday, April 30

The Food and Candy Workers Local 20120 announced this week it is holding its second annual Spring Dance and Frolic on Saturday evening, April 30, at the Plamor Ballroom, 4th Ave. S. and 8th St.

A Boss Trick
Mr. Hudson contended that Van Dyke had misused his office in his insistence that the drivers take the government oath. The union also complained of the use of "United States Mail" signs on trucks hauling merchandise which was not mail, as it had not yet been placed in the post office or in a government receptacle.

Congressmen Notified
Mr. Hudson further wrote to all Congressional representatives from Minnesota, enclosing copies of the letter he had sent to Mr. Farley, and calling attention to Mr. Van Dyke's anti-labor stand.

Oath Discontinued
On April 13, Mr. Hudson received a letter from Mr. W. W. Howes, First Assistant Postmaster General, as follows: "Referring further to your letter of March 14, 1938, relative to the practice of the members of your local union taking the official oath in connection with the transportation of parcel post of Montgomery, Ward and Company to the post office, you are advised that the dis-

Ice Drivers to Help Injured Member
Russell Berry, member of the Ice and Coal Drivers Union Local 221, had the terrible misfortune last week to lose both of his legs in a railroad accident. Berry, who was unemployed, was seeking to get to Duluth to look for work, when the accident befell him.

Union Mourns Death of Roy Jumper
The Utility Section of Electrical Workers Union Local 292 heard with sorrow of the death on Monday of Brother Roy Jumper. Jumper had been ill for the past year with heart trouble. He lived at 618 Jackson St. N. E. His funeral Thursday will be attended by Local 292 officials and brother unionists.

The Parade That Goes On and On..



Federal Oath for Drivers Hauling to P. O. Abolished

The General Drivers Union Local 129 of St. Paul has just won a ruling from the United States Post Office which is of interest to organized labor throughout the country.

The ruling followed an exchange of letters between President Arthur Hudson of Local 129 and the Post Office Department in Washington. On March 14, 1938, Mr. Hudson addressed a letter to Mr. James Farley, asking for a post office ruling in regard to transfer firms hauling and handling merchandise from industrial plants to the post office.

The letter pointed out that the St. Paul Terminal Warehouse company has contracted to truck merchandise from the Montgomery-Ward plant to the St. Paul office. The local postmaster, Van Dyke, had compelled the Terminal Warehouse drivers to take the federal post office employee's oath in order to handle this mail. During December, 1937, when a strike was in progress at the Montgomery, Ward company, Van Dyke had compelled these truck drivers to operate trucks in violation of the picket lines. The postmaster claimed the drivers were government employees, which was not true, the drivers being employed by the Terminal Warehouse company. Van Dyke also went out of his way to warn the union drivers that they better not get dick during the strike.

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Twin City Lumber Workers Meet Sat.
A special meeting of workers employed at the Twin City Lumber company will be held this Saturday afternoon, April 30, at 2 p. m. in the hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue. The meeting, called by Woodenware Workers Union Local 20481, will discuss steps to be taken to win the contract which has been presented to the company. A meeting between union representatives and company officials was to be held Wednesday morning.

May Day Meeting in St. Paul Sunday Eve
An open meeting to celebrate May Day will be held this Sunday evening, 8 p. m., at 147 W. 5th St. in St. Paul. V. R. Dunne will speak on "May Day and the Workers," and Oscar Kohler will talk on "What May Day Means to the Youth." The meeting is sponsored by the St. Paul branch of the Socialist Workers Party. All trade unionists are invited.

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Local 292 Diamond Ball Players Report Sunday
All members of Electrical Workers Union Local 292 who wish to try out for the union diamondball team are asked to report at the Parade Grounds, corner of Lyndale and Kenwood Parkway, on Sunday morning, May 1, at 10 a. m. A great number of local unions have entered teams in the Minneapolis Union Sports League, and Local 292 wants a real turn-out so it can have a team that will finish right up at the top.

Policy Group Plan Goes to CIO, AFL
With old union contracts in the Minneapolis auto industry expiring, and with both AFL and CIO unions in the field following the split of last fall, the AFL union, Local 382, has appealed to the Policy Committee of the AFL to intervene.

After carefully studying the situation, the Policy Committee agreed unanimously to recommend to both AFL and CIO machinists unions the following program: A committee consisting of two each from the AFL Local 382, the CIO union, and the Policy Committee, is to negotiate new contracts immediately with the employers for all workers involved; 2. Following the securing of the contracts, an industry-wide election is to be held. The union with the majority of votes is to be given the right to represent all the workers, the minority union to give up all claims to the industry.

ITO Dance Nets Over \$400 for Turnhams

The Benefit Dance for the family of the late Brother Les Turnham, given by the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 last Saturday night in the Drivers' Auditorium, was one of the most successful affairs ever given by this section of the driving industry. The hall was crowded to capacity, everyone had a splendid evening, and the dance was an amazing financial success. Though final returns are not yet in, it is known that over four hundred dollars was raised.

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Over-Road Unions Press ATA for Pact

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Louis and echoed Mr. Lawrence's statement as their "interpretation" of the decision of the Louisville convention.

Unions' Position
The attitude of the unions toward this threadbare alibi is clearly stated in a telegram which the North Central Over-the-Road Negotiating Committee sent to Mr. V. Rogers, president of the ATA, on April 21. The Union Committee stated in part:

"John V. Lawrence's letter of April 9 states that the ATA has no authority to negotiate labor contracts. We are convinced the ATA represents a substantial majority of the trucking employers with whom we are seeking negotiations. We can only construe Mr. Lawrence's letter as a polite way of saying the employers refuse to deal with the unions on an area basis. We emphatically state to you that the unions insist on a uniform area contract and will not submit to your ridiculous program of side-tracking negotiations into a maze of sub-district and individual city conferences. We know what this would mean and why you want it. We have shown great patience and have gone to extreme ends to obtain a meeting with the employers on a practical basis. If you persist in your present policy we cannot assume responsibility for any drastic action which the unions we represent might feel compelled to take."

Drivers United
This statement of policy by the Union Committee is backed by the scores of local unions in the area. Powerful support to the union campaign for an area contract has also been pledged by the Chicago Teamsters Joint Council No. 25 and the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Only Road
There is no solution of the problems of the workers in the over-the-road trucking industry short of uniform wages and conditions established on a trade area basis and enforced by the collective effort of all the local unions involved. The local unions of truck drivers are committed to this policy and will not permit themselves to be tricked into division and discord by conniving employers. Special meetings have been called by the union committee to report to the local unions and prepare for necessary future action.

Meetings Scheduled
The Wisconsin over-the-road unions held such a meeting on April 22. The Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota and Nebraska unions will meet in Kansas City on May 1. The Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois unions will meet in Chicago on May 8.

The North Central Over-the-Road Negotiating Committee will at the same time place the issues squarely before all of the employers in the area, and as soon as this has been done the committee will again meet in Indianapolis, Indiana, headquarters of the I. B. T., to plan the next steps in the union campaign. The responsibility for the nature of these next steps rests squarely upon the employers.

V. R. Dunne Talks On Trotsky Visit
"I saw Leon Trotsky" will be the subject of a talk by Vincent R. Dunne, well-known Minneapolis trade union leader, who will be the leading speaker at a banquet held in the downtown Eagles Hall, 8th St. and 4th Ave. S., this Saturday evening, April 30, at 6:30 p. m.

Dunne has just returned from Mexico, where he had several lengthy discussions with Leon Trotsky, exiled revolutionist and founder with Lenin of the Soviet Union. Karl Skoglund will be the other speaker on the program. The banquet is sponsored by the Minneapolis branch of the Socialist Workers Party. Admission is 75¢ per plate, and all workers are invited.

A program of music and a radio skit will also be presented.

Stillwater Has Union Creamery
Milk Drivers Local 471 asks all unionists who have friends in Stillwater to notify such friends that they can have their milk delivered by union men. The Maple Island Creamery in Stillwater, phone number 545L, is a union concern.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

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ing at the time the lock-out was first called.

Because of existing circumstances which the press did not elaborate upon the union preferred not to sign a contract at this time but to wait for a more favorable opportunity. The set-up at present is the signing of day-to-day statements by both the union and the company.

During negotiations the Liberty League attorney who acted for the company attempted to foist off on the union a clause which would have prohibited the calling of a strike during the life of a contract which the company was proposing. The union stubbornly refused to give up their most effective weapon—the strike. Also a new development which was considered very heartening by the strikers: the company met with E. H. Kaempf, the militant young union leader whom they had stubbornly refused to deal with heretofore.

Another encouraging result of this strike was the breaking down of race prejudices, long fostered by the employer class, and the elimination of nationalistic hatreds. Workers, white and black, foreign-born and native Americans (so-called) stood shoulder to shoulder to maintain an unbreakable picket line.

Race prejudices and national hatreds have always been a weapon in the hands of the bosses. There is a large foreign-born population, especially in the Eastern steel area. Most of these nationalities are segregated into small communities of their own, purposely kept apart in order that the bosses may send in their stooges to keep alive all of the hold-over feelings and hatred bred into these people in the old country. Many strikes have been broken by instilling into the minds of one group the idea that their supposedly "natural" enemies are going back to work and taking their jobs. Just so have the employers as a class built up hatred by the whites for the negroes.

When workers realize the fallacy of allowing their real

enemies, the capitalist class, to build barriers between them, then a great step forward has been taken. In the New Jersey Crucible strike these barriers were broken down. Let them stay down.

Trouble in the auto industry seems near. While fighting factions within the executive board of the United Auto Workers Union brace themselves for a final showdown, strikes in the various plants in the Detroit area are breaking out.

Five hundred workers of the Gar Wood Industries went on strike this week when the company refused to sign a new contract unless the union would agree to a flat twenty percent wage cut.

Charging both the Buick and the Chevrolet managements of indiscriminate wage cuts, intimidation and violation of seniority rights, 20,000 workers in these plants have given the executive board of the UAW the right to call a strike if and when negotiations are found to be useless. Homer Martin has assured both the workers and the employers that he will use his power to call the strike only if all other methods of settling the grievances are proven futile.

Talented working-class leaders art not born by hundreds.

Today Makes 8,045 Days...

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employed 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 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	LOCAL NO. 544 MEETING SCHEDULE MAY, 1938 Monday, May 2—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal Wednesday, May 4—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, May 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, May 6—Job Stewards Saturday, May 8—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m. Monday, May 9—General Membership Wednesday, May 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor Sunday, May 15—Over-the-Road, 10 a. m. Monday, May 16—Building Material; Furniture Stores Thursday, May 19—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, May 20—Job Stewards Monday, May 23—Spring Water Tuesday, May 24—Taxi Drivers—Night drivers, 1 p. m.; Day drivers, 7 p. m. Thursday, May 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating and Sand and Gravel Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday 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.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 1859, 20481 General Membership, Local 1859—April 6 Casket Section—April 2 General Membership, Local 20481—April 15 Clark Section—April 20 Puffer-Hubbard Section—April 21 Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Executive Board, Local 20481—First and Third Mondays. Twin City Stewards—Second and Fourth Mondays. General Membership, Local 1859—May 4.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesdays Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	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.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.	Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.