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Negotiators Sign 11-State Drivers' Union Pact

On the National Picket Line

The Executive Council of the AFL, meeting in Atlantic City this week, decided to form a maritime department to embrace approximately 500,000 men on all coasts. Already organized in the AFL are the teamsters, longshoremen and Masters, Mates and Pilots on both coasts, and about 4,000 men on the Great Lakes. As a result of the agreement reached last week by the AFL with the powerful Sailors Union of the Pacific, that union will receive on international charter. Moreover, the West Coast Firemen voted to join together with the SUP in one union recently. Thus the AFL has already a strong base in the maritime industry.

The organization of a maritime department is certainly a progressive and long needed step forward. It will be a considerable aid in coordinating the entire maritime work of the AFL.

In quite a different category, however, are the methods proposed by the Executive Council for the organization of the seamen's union. It is proposed, according to press reports, that the entire work of organizing the seamen be under the direct control of the Executive Council.

This reported decision of the council will undoubtedly be regarded by the Sailors Union of the Pacific as a direct violation of their agreement with the AFL. The agreement had stipulated that the SUP be issued an international charter and that the SUP, in turn, have the authority to issue district charters to any bona-fide unions which would wish to unite together in one national seamen's union. An intensive organization campaign was to have been started, in the language of the agreement, "under the auspices of the SUP and in conjunction with such present East Coast seamen's organizations that are willing to come along in a program of unifying the seamen on a national scale for their own protection."

To anyone understanding the maritime situation, organization of a national seamen's union is impossible without the leadership of the SUP. The SUP has been leading the fight both against the deliberate policy of the government Maritime Commission in shipping men through the flak hiring halls and also against the union-splitting and surrendering to the boss policy of the Harry Bridges-Communist Party gang.

As the Tacoma Labor Advocate, organ of the Tacoma Central Labor Council (AFL) put it at the time the agreement was made:

Gamble-Rob Strike Continues Solid

Unions Reject Company Counter-Proposals, Separate Negotiations, Place Further Negotiations in Hands of Harry DeBoer; Pickets Arrested in Grand Forks, Waterloo

With eight branches of the Gamble-Robinson Company closed tight in an area covering four states, representatives of the seven drivers locals involved met in Minneapolis Tuesday and Wednesday, turned down a counter-proposal from the company, and put further negotiations into the hands of Harry De Boer.

In a meeting with the company on Tuesday, the seven locals' representatives made short work of any suggestion for separate negotiations, and declared they would accept nothing less than the agreement which the company signed, after a five-day strike of the Mankato, St. Cloud, Wilmar, Brainerd, Rochester and Eau Claire locals, with those six locals on June 23rd, the full text of which was published in the Northwest Organizer of June 30th.

The strikers' representatives also served notice on the company that they will do no more running back and forth between the struck towns and the Minneapolis headquarters of the company, but are going back to keep the strike effective, while the company can (Continued on page 4)

Court Clears Walter Frank Of Charges

After hearing argument on the charge of third degree burglary placed against Walter Frank business agent of the Lathers Union, by E. T. Lee, head of the Associated Independent Union set-up, Judge William A. Anderson dismissed the case Tuesday morning on the ground that there was no intent to commit a crime.

John Goldie, attorney for Frank, pointed out that Lee's flunk outfit is seeking to destroy the union movement of Minneapolis and is not above cooperating with the fascist Silver Shirt organization. Lee had charged Frank with breaking into a building at 256-21st Avenue North.

1939 Agreement Up for Discussion By Local 160

The Northern States Power Company workers of Local 160, I.B.E.W., will discuss the proposed 1939 agreement at the next membership meeting, Thursday, September 1.

All members are urged to take part in this important meeting.

Public Protest Meeting by Street Car Union

The Street Car Men's Union is sponsoring a public protest meeting against the company's violation of the arbitration agreement recently concluded. The meeting will be Tuesday, August 30, 7:30 p. m., in the auditorium of St. Helena's school, to 44th Street and 32nd Ave. South.

CLU Reaffirms Fight Vs. Direct Service

By a thundering and well-nigh unanimous vote last night, the Central Labor Union reaffirmed its support of the Policy Committee in the fight against the Direct Service Oil Co. and the strikebreaking Minneapolis "CIO."

Outside, in the corridors, stood all the "leaders" of the union-splitters—Van Nordstrand, Mauseth & Co., together with their latest acquisition, one Wright, "international representative" of the CIO oil union. Licked in their attempts to pit themselves against the pickets of the Policy Committee, the commissars and their oil company friends were desperate. What to do? They concocted a piece of "strategy" which, they fondly hoped, would give them what their strength could not get them.

471 Stewards Take Notice!

Have your tickets to the Central Labor Union Labor Day Picnic ready to turn in this week. Be sure that all ticket stubs are filled out, else ticket holders will not participate in the drawing for gate prizes.

Milk Drivers To Elect Sept. 6th

The September 6th membership meeting of Milk Drivers Union Local 471 will be an important one, for delegates are to be elected to the Mankato convention of the State Federation of Labor. Also, the second reading of the proposed new by-laws will be read at the meeting.

Those standing for election are Harry Worham, Mike Lavery, Odin Olson, Martin Rasmussen, Conrad Ordeman, William Sinnott, Ole Ogg, Henry Neilson, Vernon Ekblad, George Berquist, Mike Rusinko, Seivert Gordon, Ray Sawyer, Clarence Schwab, Fred Thompson, Les Schroeder, Sam Pegors, Gust Anderson, Arne Plikeid, Ernie Zenz, and Joe Sherman.

Eight other members were nominated but have officially declined to stand for election: Tom Annerman, Gene Larson, Leonard Schmid, Henry Johnson, Ray Graff, Hjalmer Hammer, Adam Kurtz and Art Marystone.

Voting will take Tuesday, September 6th, from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m. at the union hall. Members who vote will be given credit for attending the union meeting. Executive Board Local 471.

Wicker Workers Organize in 1859, Seek Wage Raises

Latest plant to be organized by Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 is the American, Wicker Works, manufacturers of seating equipment, 615 Washington Avenue South. The twenty employees of this firm have all joined Local 1859. Last Friday morning a union committee presented demands to the management for new wage scales from 55c-80c hourly, the 40-hour week, and paid vacations.

The present wage scale is 35c-60c hourly. Employees are working 9 hours a day, and seven days a week, preposterous as this sounds. Hitherto they have been unorganized. The estate of the late owner of the company is now tied up in probate court and the management is seeking to use this as an excuse to refuse the reasonable demands of the union.

Miles Dunne, Harold Seavey and A. M. Ogren were the three delegates elected by the Teamsters Joint Council, at its last meeting, to represent the Council at the forthcoming State Federation of Labor Convention.

Agreement Covers Quarter of a Million Men—Approved by International—One of the Greatest Demonstrations in American History of the Power of Militant Labor Policy—Negotiating Committee Will Report to Local Unions Meeting in Indianapolis September 7

A union contract covering a quarter of a million men and two thousand operating companies in an area of more than eleven states was signed by union and operators' committees in Chicago yesterday.

The North Central Area, as defined by the contract, includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas City, Kansas, and the territory contiguous to the south bank of the Ohio River between Portsmouth, Ohio and Paducah, Kentucky.

The operators' committee will recommend the signed contract for acceptance by all the operators at a meeting at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago at 10 a. m. next Wednesday, August 31.

Local 103 Strikes Two Jewelry Shops

On Saturday morning the Amalgamated Watchmakers & Jewelry Workers Union Local 103 struck two jewelry shops, the Harry Green company at 407 Nicollet, and the National Optical House at 426 Nicollet. Both firms had rejected agreements with the union and had fired employees doing watch repair work.

Local 103 is maintaining pickets before both establishments. The Jewelry Workers Union has announced it will refuse to work on any jewelry coming from either place. The strike has the full support of the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union. At its meeting August 19th, the Policy Committee also discussed and generally endorsed the proposal for the amalgamation of the Watchmakers Union, the Jewelry Workers Union into one body. The question was referred back to the members of the respective unions for action.

About 300 of the 500 workers covered by these unions are already organized. The executive boards of the three unions involved are to meet this Thursday night at 257 Plymouth Avenue to further develop joint action looking towards higher wages and improved working conditions in the industry.

Local 20316 Warns Firm

A short while ago a small group of finks at the Wheeler-Barnes company attempted to set up a company union to replace the Warehouse Union Local 20316. Local 20316 has issued a sharp warning to the company that if further agitation for a company union is made, the union will take drastic steps to curb such anti-labor plans.

Card, Label Council Asks For Support

The Card and Label Council of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, through Nellie Bosley, secretary, has appealed to all AFL unions in town to choose delegates to attend meetings of the Council. The meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, in the evening, at the Central Labor Union.

There is no per capita tax paid to this council, as it is an education program for the union labels, shop cards and buttons.

The Card and Label Council has just sponsored an essay contest on the union label which drew entrants from many states. Winners of the contest will be announced at the Central Labor Union picnic at Powderhorn Park on Sunday, August 28th.

Attention! 977 Members

Should you become unemployed, be sure to take out an honorary withdrawal card while you are still in good standing with the union, that is, while your current monthly dues are in effect. By so doing, you will avoid paying dues during the time you are unemployed.

LARRY J. DAVIDSON, Organizer, Local 977

CLU Picnic Sunday To Draw Thousands

A mighty protest against turning the courts into stool pigeons of the Associated Industries and a smashing blow at Judge Reed's decision—that will be the meaning of the mammoth Minneapolis Labor Day picnic this Sunday at Powderhorn Park. This is the one outing of the year embracing the labor movement of this city, and every union is expected to turn out in full force for the event.

Besides the attractive program of races and games, several brilliant speakers will be presented. Among those to address the Labor Day throng are Governor Benson, Farrell Dobbs, George Lawson, Senator Ernest Lundeen, John Kinzer, State Treasurer C. A. Halverson, Judge Vince Day, John Boscoe and Roy Weir.

Lavoris Co. Turns Down Union Terms

After several weeks of negotiations between the Lavoris company and the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316, the situation is at stalemate, the company having refused to grant the union's demands for vacations or minimum wages.

Unless the demands of the union are complied with in the next few days, Local 20316 plans to take the necessary action to win its moderate demands from the company.

Mason City Drivers

Mason City, Iowa—the membership of General Drivers Union Local 828, at its meeting August 15th, adopted a vigorous program to put the union on its feet and to complete the organization of all drivers in the area. To insure that the program will be carried out, Sid Wilson was elected as business agent. Local 828 has also appealed to the North Central District Drivers group for organizational assistance in building the union.

Gamble-Rob Strike Leaders



Left to right, sitting: Floyd Covertson, W. E. Bailey, Lloyd Anderson, I. H. Helander, Ernest Sanders, F. W. Cronin. Standing: William Grant, Carl R. Treband, Sandy McCourt, Ted Burkley, Troy Higgins, Nordean Nelson.

Greenhouses Signing With Local 544

About half the city's greenhouses have signed new working agreements with General Drivers Union Local 544, and others are returning signed contracts daily to the union office. About 70 drivers are employed in this industry. The new contract is identical with last year's pact, save that a clause for the closed shop is contained in this year's agreement.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Getting Jobs For Our Jobless Boys and Girls

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The only solution to the problem of the locked out generation is jobs at living wages. Anything short of providing work for the unemployed young people can only be a temporary and inadequate stop gap affecting a small minority of those in need.

The first point of the program of the Federal Workers Section Youth Committee calls for WPA Youth Projects for the unemployed youth between the ages of 16 and 25. No one is to be discriminated against because he or she is single and regardless of whether any one else in the family is on WPA.

This can be the only real application of the principle that every young person has a right to a job at a living wage. It has become obvious by now that young people are and will continue to be locked out of private industry. The present economic crisis makes it positive that this situation will become worse and not better. Falling production means that factories will be closing instead of opening and that experienced men will be laid off instead of new men being hired.

Jobs—Or Permanent Unemployment

Consequently, the only realistic way at looking at this problem is to understand that unless jobs are provided for the young people by the government, the youth will be doomed to permanent unemployment. There is no one else to provide jobs—no one seriously believes that a miracle will take place suddenly and that the country will return to the days before 1929. Private industry will never assimilate the present 7,000,000 youth who are unemployed, to say nothing of the additional 2,000,000 who are leaving the schools each year. The U. S. Office of Education states the problem in the following manner: "An unfortunate aspect of the situation is that many young people who left school in 1929 at the age of 16 or 18 have now reached their 22nd or 24th year without achieving that occupational experience usually expected of an adult of such age. This circumstance closes to them the door of opportunity and prevents their gaining experience."

The U. S. Office of Education admits that private industry has been unable to give these people any experience at all—but the reason they can't find jobs now, it is implied, is because these same people haven't any experience! The only thing that the Office of Education forgot to mention was that even if these people did have any "occupational experience" there still wouldn't be any jobs for them.

Industry Can't—The Government Must!

Youth WPA Projects—at union wages—is the only way the young people can ever have jobs. If the youth are to have a future, they must have jobs. If private industry cannot supply them, it is up to the government to supply the jobs. When WPA projects are actually established, the principle that every young man and woman is entitled to a job will begin to mean something real. This program can only be won through the rallying to it of thousands of youth and the application of real mass pressure upon the government. (The notion held by the relief authorities that not more than one in a family is entitled to a WPA job is designed to make the young people feel that they are receiving charity and have no right to demand what is rightfully theirs—a job. This reactionary chiseling on the unemployed means tying the young person permanently to his family, not allowing him any independence and preventing him from marrying, raising his own family, etc.)

As has been pointed out previously, wages received by boys and girls attending school and employed by the National Youth Administration are totally inadequate. The FWS Youth Committee proposes a \$15 per month minimum for those in high school and \$60 per month minimum for those attending college and on the work projects, with all work done at the prevailing union hourly wage scale. Although the NYA is supposed to allow young people to "continue in school" who would not be able to do so otherwise, it is obvious that an average wage of \$3 a month is not enough to put any one through high school. Aside from the costs of room and board, 75c a week is hardly enough for carfare. The proof that the NYA, as it exists at present, cannot help the young people remain in school, is that in 1935 alone, more than 700,000 young people had to quit high school before they graduated.

Free University Tuition

For those young people desiring a University education, a minimum of \$60 per month is not nearly enough to cover both living expenses and tuition. Therefore, we also raise the demand of free tuition at the University for all those on NYA. Only with this free tuition and a minimum of \$60 per month, can the thousands of workers' children receive the education that is rightfully theirs.

These proposals of the FWS Youth Committee are the only ones that can make of NYA a real aid to the young people. Otherwise, it will continue to be a skeleton without any flesh—something that formally recognizes the principle of the right to a job, and education, but does nothing to put it into practice.

Form of Petty Chiseling

The FWS Youth Committee also demands that the practice of the relief authorities of deducting a large percentage of the NYA earnings or the part time earnings of the boys and girls in the family from the relief budget must be stopped. This is simply a form of chiseling by the city which results in destroying whatever good effects the NYA might have had. If the head of a family is unemployed and not on WPA, it is the obligation of the city to support the family—not that of the young boy or girl in the family. As a matter of fact, deductions by the relief department of the NYA earnings from the family budget is in direct violation of federal regulation, since it is specifically stated that NYA is for the purpose of allowing the young people to continue in school and is not to be considered as added income by the family.

Jobs the Only Program

The above proposals are the only ones that can salvage the younger generation. This program of jobs—real jobs at union wages—and financial aid for education, is the only one that strikes at the heart of the whole problem. Learned discussions by professors and government officials, drivel that the young people must "create" jobs for themselves—all this does not mean anything. The youth have a right to a future and only a program of jobs and education can assure that. This program, to be sure, cannot be won simply by writing an article about it. When tens of thousands of young people add their voices to these demands, it will no longer be possible for legislators to simply give pious lip service and conveniently forget about the whole problem till the next election. These demands must be won—the alternative is a youth without a future, with permanent unemployment, starvation and misery.

(To be continued next week)

FWS Youth Section Meets Monday, 3:30

The first meeting of the Federal Workers Section Youth Committee will be held this coming Monday, August 29th, at 3:30 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Ave.

The meeting will be open to all sons and daughters of trade unionists or any other interested unemployed young people. Ways and means of fighting for the Youth Committee program will be discussed. Speakers at the meeting will be Oscar Kohler, Secretary of the Committee, and a speaker from the Federal Workers Section.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Everyone seemed anxious to carry out the necessary business in the shortest possible time, which is perhaps one of the reasons for the large attendance at meetings lately. The question of non-attendance fines was raised and a poll to rescind or to re-affirm was demanded. After a short debate the members decided by a loud and unanimous acclamation to reaffirm and enforce such law. The following members were chosen to represent the union at the State Federation convention: Johnson, Withrow and Carle.

A new "fair trade practices" bill was drawn up by the executive board for presentation to the legislative committee at the convention. Delegates were instructed to lobby for the bill, so that definite action might be taken by the next legislature. This bill was read and approved at our last meeting.

The executive board deserves credit for their foresight as to the future of the industry. The membership voted to continue the one meeting a month schedule. Meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month. The picnic was held June 26th and to date we haven't received a "check" from Local 183. Maybe they're holding it for their strike fund.

Ralph Bioen of Nevens is back in town, all bitten up. Lawrence Gould of the Plaza was fined \$10 for being out after hours.

It was reported to this column that the sentiment expressed at the last meeting regarding the American Linen drivers was not the sentiment of the majority concerned. So there!

Cornelius De Vries of Baby's Diaper Service wishes to express his thanks to the executive board for defending him and placing him back on the job. (This should be framed.)

Norman Kinnan, formerly of the Dinsmore, transferred into the Bakery Drivers. More power to you, Norman. Vacationing: Gordon Sutton, Conrad Newman of Lawrence's, Neil Ruben of Diaper Service, Orville Worrell and Shorty Hubert of Nevens.

Ed Kirschner of the Prosperity 'kicked in with four bucks for non-attendance. Yes, Independent drivers are not exempt from attending meetings. It's being kicked around about pooping the initiation fee to keep the bosses from hiring every yokel that blows into town.

Bert Bromley of the Majestic was reported working after hours. What's that? Howard Ryder of the Nicollet got hitched. Chris Bachman, formerly of Service Cleaners, stopped in to pay his dues and we notice two lanterns under each eye. He got them fishing, he sez. The pike are vicious this year.

Hip, hip, hooray, they're tossing prize money around something scandalous at the Troy. A Minneapolis Laundry truck was seen being serviced at the Direct Service last Wednesday at 9:55 a. m. on Wayzata Blvd. For shame. Our ball team walloped the First National Bank, 4-2, in the second game of the playoff Tuesday. On Wednesday they trimmed the Upholsters. We didn't get the official score.

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Self-Insurance System Abuses Hit by TJC Resolution to Be Presented at Convention

Among the resolutions to be presented to the State Federation of Labor convention in Mankato by the Teamsters Joint Council is one seeking to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act by eliminating that portion pertaining to the right of an employer to be a self-insurer. The resolution points out the abominable abuses of this provision by employers, which has resulted in deprivation and loss to hundreds of workers throughout the state.

The texts of other important resolutions to be pushed in Mankato will be printed in next week's issue. The full text of the resolution dealing with the Workmen's Compensation Act appears below:

WHEREAS, it has frequently come to the attention of the officers and members of the local unions throughout the state that employers who are self-insurers under our Workmen's Compensation Act have been and still are committing various abuses against their injured employes when liability comes under said Act; and WHEREAS, Section 4288 of Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927 pertaining thereto contains a provision that an employer may make application to the Industrial Commission to be exempted from carrying a workmen's compensation insurance policy in order to be permitted to become a self-insurer; and upon a showing to the Industrial Commission that the applicant has financial ability to personally pay such workmen's compensation the Commission may, by written order, make such exemption as it deems proper; and WHEREAS, as a result of the provision of the state statute as above set forth, numerous employes throughout the state have availed themselves of the opportunity to save the premiums to be paid to insurance companies and have become self-insurers; and WHEREAS, as a result thereof, such self-insurers have taken advantage of the rights of their injured employes in various ways, the principal abuses being as follows: By depriving such injured employes of the opportunity of being treated by their family physician or any other physician of their own choosing and by compelling them to be treated for their injuries by such physician as may be chosen or designated by said self-insured employer; by discontinuing workmen's compensation payments during the period of temporary total disability because the physician chosen by the employer has so recommended, even though said injured employe is as yet physically unable to return to his employment; by failing and refusing to comply with the statute when permanent partial disability results from injury; by failing to reimburse the injured employe for permanent partial disability as provided in the Schedule of Indemnities in the Act for said purpose or else, when there is a payment for permanent partial disability, such payment is kept down to the minimum as rated by the physician chosen by said self-insurer; and whenever an employe suffers an aggravation of a pre-existing ailment which was aggravated in the course of the employment, said self-insurers generally deny liability thereunder and use all means to oppose the causal connection between the aggravation and the injury in order to avoid liability thereunder; there are other incidental abuses committed upon the injured employes by self-insurers which might not be committed were said employers compelled to be covered by insurance rather than to exercise the privilege of being self-insurers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Minnesota State Federation of Labor in meeting assembled the day of September, 1938, at its annual convention in the City of Mankato, State of Minnesota, that we do hereby disapprove of and condemn the above described tactics of those employers who have been and are committing such breaches of the spirit and intent of our Workmen's Compensation Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Section 4288 of the Workmen's Compensation Act be amended to eliminate that portion thereof pertaining to the right of an employer to be a self-insurer. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Committee of the Minnesota State Federation of

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Iowa Drivers Get Foothold In Bakeries

Sioux City, Iowa—The agreement reached August 13th, ending the 30-day bakery strike, is the first union contract ever signed in the Sioux City baking industry. Teamsters Union Local 383 won every one of its demands, though only after overcoming stubborn resistance from the employers.

Among the provisions contained in the new pact are the following:

1. All salesmen to be off the streets by 5 p. m. on Monday, 4 p. m. on week days, and 6 p. m. on Saturdays.
2. Wages for driver salesmen set at minimum of \$32.50 weekly plus 6 per cent of all sales over \$300 weekly. Special delivery drivers will receive a minimum of \$25 weekly.
3. The employer recognizes the union as the exclusive representative of all eligible employees.
4. It shall be no violation of the agreement for employees to refuse to deliver or pick up products where there is a strike or lockout.
5. All employees are entitled to one week's vacation with pay plus commissions.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS DEMAND UNION CLERKS

Labor here and hereby is instructed to present an amendment to said Section 4288 of our Minnesota Statutes to the next session of the Legislature and do and perform all acts reasonable and necessary to accomplish the purpose of curbing the abuses herein complained of.



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On the Route With the Milk Man
Al Hansen of the Clover Leaf was severely burned last week when a hot water hose burst and scalded him.
Now that the football season is here and baseball is over, Conny Ordeman's mustache has increased to 11 hairs on each side.
Tommy Ammerman talks in his sleep. We asked his wife what does he say; she said all that she can understand is "Counter Freezers."

If you go past the North Franklin during the night shift and hear an unusually loud roar, don't get scared. It's only "Sparky" Nordenson at his best.
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of the sack of fish. But after a nice catch, Ed fell asleep, he fell into the lake and the boys are still looking for the sack of fish.
There is quite a debate on at the Northland in regards to Chester Delmonico's musical debut on the Excursion Boat. They all finally decided that he is a "L" of a good milk man.
Ewald Bros. held their picnic last week; they all had a swell time at Hall park in Champlin. Bob Tiplee ate so much that he had to stay home for a week.
Jimmy Deebie is having some time to convince some of his golf cohorts in regards to the distance of his putts. No fair fudging, Jimmy.

Where was Gust Anderson last Thursday? It's guys like him that keep the others guessing. One round on you, Gus.
Fred Thompson is moving back to his place in Robbinsdale the first of the month.
Herb Newman of the Ohlsen is out of the hospital and is home and would like to see some of the boys and chin with them.
Rosalie DuBoyd of the L. O. L. is on the lookout for homes for stray cats. How about giving Ray Graff a couple.

card member, is ill at the General Hospital and would like to see some of his old friends.
Melton Kyllo was a happy bird. His wife presented him with a 9-pound girl. He has been walking around in a trance ever since.
Just a reminder: Don't forget Sept. 6th, get out and vote, show some interest as to who you send to the Convention.
John Dodson and a couple of his friends were down town when a beer truck ran over Dodson. Said one of his friends, "Boy, that's the first time the drinks have been on that bird." How about it, John?

Hank Christensen at the Clover Leaf is trying to organize a house bowling league. Boy with some of the classy array of bowlers they sure will have some hot games.
If some of you boys from different plants call yours truly at Hy. 2980 and give me the low down on the scandal at your plant we will see that it will appear in the next issue of this paper.

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In Probate Court.
Order for Hearing Petition For Letters of Administration
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested show cause, if any they have, before this Court on Monday, September 19, 1938, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota, why the petition of Agnes M. Erkel, of Hennepin County, Minnesota, for Letters of Administration, heretofore filed, should not be granted.
Order to File Claims and for Hearing Thereon
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within four months from the date hereof all creditors of said Decedent file their claims in this Court. Proofs will be heard and claims examined and adjusted before this Court on Tuesday, January 2, 1939, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court House in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These orders shall be published in the Northwest Organizer and Probate Court. WITNESS the HON. G. J. ANDERSON, acting Judge of Probate Court, this 25th day of August, 1938. (SEAL OF PROBATE COURT) ERNEST P. LORENZ, Clerk of Probate Court. Aug. 25; Sept. 1, 8.

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

We Remember

Sacco and Vanzetti died August 22, 1927

Dies Investigates Unions—Through a Labor Spy!

Last week we warned trade unionists against the Dies Committee investigation "of Un-American activities." This week we only have to add one little detail: that the official investigator for the Dies Committee, the man who smeared the West Coast trade union movement as "communistic" and who, at the same time, told Dies that the Nazi movement on the West Coast wasn't worth investigating—this Edward F. Sullivan turns out to be a professional labor spy!

Exhibit No. 118 of the report of the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee records that Sullivan worked in 1935 for the "Railway Audit and Inspection Company"—the most notorious labor spy agency in the country. Need we say any more about the Dies "investigation"?

Bernard Goes Picnicking

We learn that Congressman (and Farmer-Labor candidate for re-election) John T. Bernard is speaking this week at a picnic in Minneapolis on the issues of the state election campaign. But we also learn that the picnic is being held for the benefit of the "Midwest Daily Record," and we can only conclude that Bernard is determined to bring on himself the hatred of every AFL trade unionist in Minnesota.

The rag for whose benefit he is speaking is the official organ of the Communist party which has called the Minnesota labor movement "gangster-ridden" and which has moved heaven and earth to wreck the labor movement here. Mr. Bernard is none-too-bright, as evidenced by many of his actions; our readers will perhaps recall the letter he wrote to the editor of the Organizer, in which he justified his desertion of Fred Beal, militant textile strike leader now serving a long term in North Carolina; Bernard's explanation was that "friends" (i.e., Stalinists) told him Beal was anti-CIO, so he deserted this victim of the bosses. But Bernard's latest antic reveals him to be even more hopelessly stupid than we imagined him to be.

Senator Minton on the Press

In our continuing series of articles based on Ferdinand Lundberg's terrific exposure of "America's Sixty Families," we are today printing an article on the way the Sixty Families run the "public" press. What Lundberg has to say was said last week by Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana, when invited to address the American Press Society in New York.

"American newspapers are now 'Big Business,'" said the Senator. "They are backed by the money of men who, in my opinion, would not scruple to throw this country into Fascism rather than surrender their privileges."

Commenting on the difference between governmental dictators abroad and the situation here, the Senator said: "Not Hitler, but Hearst, not Mussolini, but McCormick, not Stalin, but Gannett tells us what we shall read in America. We have private censorship here, while they have government censorship there."

For once, a Senator has told an important truth.

Union Lines Tighten on Gamble-Rob

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have any further negotiations with Harry De Boer.

This was the third meeting of representatives of all the locals involved, and served to spike company-inspired rumors that the locals were not going to stick together to the end.

After turning down the company's propositions on Tuesday, the representatives held a council of war Wednesday morning, perfecting machinery for the four-state fight, and then separated to return to the various firing lines.

Those Participating
Participating in the conclave were: Ernest Sanders and Nordean Nelson, Albert Lea; W. E. Bailey and Lloyd Anderson, Bemidji; Floyd Coverston, Grand Forks; Ted Burkley, Troy Higgins, and Irving H. Helander, secretary-treasurer of the South Dakota Federation of Labor, Aberdeen; Carl R. Treband, Fort Dodge (Iowa); William Grant and Sandy McCourt, Austin; F. W. Cronin, Waterloo, (Iowa).

Cops vs. Strikers
Two attempts to railroad strikers to prison were reported to the meeting. In Grand Forks, on

the first day of the strike, which began August 16, three strikers were held on the hoary old charge, dating from the days when unions were illegal, of "conspiracy." The mayor, who ordered their arrests, got jittery at the backfire, when a cop dropped a loading platform on the three strikers. One, Dick Woodward, was painfully hurt, and the others, Pete Harvey and Bert Taylor, suffered minor injuries. The mayor tried to square himself by signing the bond for their release pending trial. The mayor is worried now, because he is local manager of the fraternal-insurance organization, the A.O.U.W., to which many workers belong.

Four strikers were also arrested in Waterloo on an assault and battery charge, though the only damage to the firm involved was the loss of his overalls. One striker proved he was not even in the vicinity. The other three were fined \$15 apiece and costs.

Merchants Refuse Deliveries
Merchants everywhere, many voluntarily and others to avoid picketing of their stores, have informed Gamble-Robinson that they will accept no deliveries during the strike. In Bemidji, a formal written agreement was signed on August 20 between the main stores and the drivers union, pledging the merchants not to accept deliveries until the termination of the strike.

Evolution of the Associated Industries



JOIN OUR UNION
E. T. LEES NO. 1



WHICH WAY TO UNION HEADQUARTERS?



Carlo

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Just to Keep the Record Straight

This corner announces positively that Harry De Boer and Evelyn Rainbolt were married (very quietly) at the Court House Saturday morning. That is all very nice so far. But the couple had planned a honeymoon trip on their vacations which were to have started the same day. Now for the pay-off. The groom, who was leading a strike at several rural Gamble-Rob branches, found that it was impossible to leave until the strike was settled. Now the happy moments are delayed until the strike is over. All of which brings us to the point that this is probably the first honeymoon that has ever been delayed because of a union agreement.

The village of Robbinsdale, which is giving an affair to celebrate the completion of the new water system, had the programs printed by finks. The printers are plenty mad, but Robbinsdale is just Robbinsdale.

The C.L.U. picnic of Sunday, August 28, deserves the support of everyone in the labor movement. It's the last picnic of the year, too.

Lost
Several dozen CIO filling

station attendants. They can be found in Local 977.

Delegates, Attention!
There are no available hotel rooms in the convention city, Mankato—why not hold the next one in Hopkins!

The eleven-state over-the-road agreement is in the bag.

Stenos are pressing all unions for agreements.

Keep out of Direct Service Oil in large numbers.

So What Dept.
The local CIO director delivered an ultimatum to the policy committee last week.

A proposal has been made to show a twenty-minute labor talking film at union meetings. It sounds like a very good proposition.

The Northwest Organizer will get out a large labor day edition.

Larry Davidson birthdayed amply Monday eve. He received a nice shot gun.

Oil station pickets had a little skirmish with the CIO Monday.

You are holding up more than a strike settlement, Mr. Scott.

Typical of the fate of the few trucks that ventured out of Gamble-Rob warehouses was the truck from Bemidji which got as far as Little Fork and was caught backed up to unload at the store owned by the mayor. The mayor washed his hands of the matter, and a union driver started the truck back. On the way, the company

manager took it over, but could find no stores which would accept the goods. Finally he took it to the depot and shipped it by rail to Northome, where a union clerk rejected the shipment. Back to the depot it went, to mellow for a while. When the company finally found a merchant willing to buy, he examined the stuff and found it a bit too mellow.

Society Section



A bunch of the boys, whooping it up at the stag party given to surprise Harry DeBoer, president of the Bakery Drivers Union, on the eve of his marriage. The party was held in the basement hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue last Wednesday night. Standing: Sam Asch, Felix Morrow, Bill Sinnott, Karl Kuehn, Walt Hagstrom, Carlos Hudson, Ole Ogg, Oscar Coover, Bill Ambrose, Coover Ju-

nior. A. M. Ogren, Don Penwell, Harold Seavey, Sherman Oakes, John Janasco, Claire Johnson, Eddie, George Frosig. Seated: Moe Hork, Joe Lear, Kelly Postal, Harry DeBoer, V. R. Dunne, Carl Skoglund, Ray Rainbolt. Kneeling: George Veins, Scully, Chet Ryan.

CLU Again Backs Fight Vs. Oil Co.

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ment was published: "It gives much satisfaction to those familiar with the labor situation in the maritime transportation industry that the SUP will be the nucleus of the new seamen's union. The SUP is one of the oldest unions on the Pacific Coast. Although it suffered reverses in the early 1920's, it came back bigger and better than ever during the 1934 strike and has been a potent force among the labor maritime or-

The Central Labor Union delegates understood, too, the "strategy" involved in the CIO asking for spokesmen to appear at the meeting. The whole propaganda of the CIO was based on the insinuation that the Policy Committee did not speak for the AFL movement. To permit their spokesmen to appear would constitute a repudiation of the Policy Committee.

Miles Dunne Speaks

The CIO strategy backfired. Speaking for the Teamsters Joint Council, Miles Dunne made clear the issues. He emphasized that AFL progressives had no quarrel with the bona-fide unions of the CIO, that the Minnesota AFL had long supported industrial organization in the basic industries, and that no one should confuse the wrecking crew which masquerades as the CIO in Minnesota. He pointed out the friendly relations existing in Minneapolis between the AFL and the bona-fide CIO unions, such as the Newspaper Guild, the clothing and textile unions. The only issue in the present situation is that the wrecking crew is attempting to raid an existing union, going to the length of strikebreaking to do so.

Other Speakers

Other speakers supporting the Policy Committee were: Smedberg of the Building Service Employees, Gene Larson of the Milk Drivers, Weber of the Auto Salesmen, Walter Frank of the Lathers, and L. Boerebach of the Painters.

After thorough discussion, the vote was taken. In the whole assembly, not a dozen noes. Minneapolis labor made unmistakably clear its understanding and solidarity.

In the corridors, the CIO chieftains still stood. Notified of the decision, they milled about, conferring together. Finally they asked for a message to be taken inside. "Would the Policy Committee meet with them again?" Yes, the Policy Committee would.

Meanwhile, the issue is being decided on the picket line. No frenzied advertisements are saving Direct Service from the consequence of its attempt to crack the union.

Co-op Employees Join 977

While carrying on the struggle for bona fide unionism against the Direct Service Oil company, Local 977 has by no means neglected its organization work on other fronts. Latest group to join Local 977 are the employees of the three filling stations of the Co-operative Oil Association of Minneapolis. At one time these workers were in the CIO organization, but have since joined Local 977 and are among the staunchest supporters of the AFL union. The co-op stations are located at 2135 Washington Avenue North; 401 South 7th; 728 East Hennepin.

Tire Strike Possible

Negotiations between Local 977 and the Minneapolis tire companies continued during the week, with the companies agreeing to small wage increases. The workers are far from satisfied, however, and have voted to strike on September 1st unless the company agrees to make all provisions of the future contract retroactive to that date. A special meeting of all tire workers will be held in the union hall on Monday, August 29th, at 8 p. m. to discuss plans on means to win their demands.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

DEMAND UNION CLERKS

White Collar Meeting Tues-

The Federal Workers Section will sponsor a meeting of all WPA white collar workers next Tuesday afternoon, August 30, at 3:30 p. m. in the Drivers hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North. The meeting will discuss the current attack upon wage standards of white collar workers and will propose a program to fight the wage slashes. Anna Dickey Olson has agreed to speak at the meeting. Governor Benson has been invited to tell what he will do for white collar workers.

Wicker Firm Makes Tricky Offer to Union

In an effort to stave off granting the union's demands, the American Wicker Works company on Tuesday offered 5c hourly increases to a small group of employees, hoping to split the ranks of the union. The maneuver failed to wean away employees from Local 1859.

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

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ment was published: "It gives much satisfaction to those familiar with the labor situation in the maritime transportation industry that the SUP will be the nucleus of the new seamen's union. The SUP is one of the oldest unions on the Pacific Coast. Although it suffered reverses in the early 1920's, it came back bigger and better than ever during the 1934 strike and has been a potent force among the labor maritime or-

ganizations ever since that time. It has developed a leadership of young men, keen and intelligent and fully aware of the needs of a labor organization of the present day."

The SUP has made it abundantly clear that it does not propose to issue a District charter to the present AFL federal labor union of seamen on the East Coast. This was what Green wanted, but he finally had to desist and to agree in writing to the SUP formulation that a District charter would be eventually issued to whatever bona-fide seamen forces on the East Coast would be desirous of building a nation-wide union.

The point is that the SUP feels that, in spite of all the union-wrecking engaged in by the Stalinists who until recently had a strangle-hold on the National Maritime Union of the CIO on the East Coast, that union still contains thousands of the best seamen. To establish arbitrarily the AFL union as THE union for the East Coast will lead, not to unity, but to a long-drawn out collision of competing organizations. Harry Lundberg, the keen and militant leader of the SUP, has no intentions of being used as Green's catpaw for war against the CIO. He wants only a united seamen's union.

554 Dairymen Vote Strike Vs. Roberts

By almost unanimous vote, the dairy workers of Omaha Local 554 voted to strike Roberts Dairy unless the company reinstates Bill Moore.

The company has had a contract with the union covering inside men for a year, but the routemen were only recently released from the grip of a company union. In an obvious attempt to prevent 100% unionization of the routemen, the company fired Bill Moore, driver and 554 member.

The bakery section of the union voted full support to the dairymen, as did the general membership meeting. The Central Labor Union also went on record to back the fight against Roberts Dairy.

Local 554 last week presented a contract to Meadow Gold Dairy Company, which operates both in Omaha and Council Bluffs, and the union is ready to demonstrate its power to secure the contract.

Local 554 mourns the death of Fred (Curly) Weberg, well-known member, a driver for On-Time Transfer since founding of the company. His two sons are members of the union. Local 554 also sent a wreath to the funeral of Don Miller, 19-year old son of a member of the union, Loren Miller. The boy was drowned while swimming in a near-by lake.

DEMAND UNION CLERKS

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	LOCAL 292 Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Every Monday 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 During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third Wednesdays of each month.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.	LOCAL 106 The Retail Clerks Local 106 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
LOCAL 977 Joint Meeting—with Local 544 Petroleum Section, First Wednesday each month, 8 p. m.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
GRIEVANCE AND SENIORITY BOARD —Each Thursday, 8 p. m. General Membership—Second Wednesday each month, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 555 First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m. Third Thursday of each month, 4 a. m.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	MEETING SCHEDULE NO. 544 August, 1938 Wednesday, August 3—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, August 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, August 5—Job Stewards Monday, August 8—General Membership Wednesday, August 10—Market; Wholesale Liquor Sunday, August 14—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M. Monday, August 15—Building Material; Furniture Thursday, August 18—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, August 19—Job Stewards Sunday, August 21—Over-the-Road, 11 A. M. Monday, August 22—Spring Water; 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. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated.

LOCAL 1859 General Membership—August 3, Sept. 7 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—August 8, 22	LOCAL 221 Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m. Grievance Board—Every Thursday, 7 p. m.
LOCAL 20431 General Membership—August 3, September 7 Grievance Board—August 8, 22, from 7:30-9 p. m.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday