Attend the Mass Meeting Tuesday Eve--Unite to Stop the WPA Lay-Offs!

As from this hour You use your power, The World must folow You

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Till right Believe and dare and do!

Stand all

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On the **National** Picket Line

strike, now in the fourth week, against the two Hearst publications, the Herald and Examiner and the Evening American, continues to grow in strength and militancy against a campaign of

cember 5th after almost two years of intimidation, coercion and violations of contract. The latest contract, signed on January 30 last, has been flagrantly violated in the two most important issues. Twenty-five violations against the than 1,500 dismissals for union activity—a rose by any other name would smell as sweet—during the past two years.

When the overworked and un an, in 1938, to flock into the Guild, the managements immediately began a campaign to dis courage union organization. First the NRA was declared unconstitutional. Failing in this move, they began firing men who joined the

blanks. Many AFL craft unions suddenly found that their jurisdicfor the AFL, presented the claims of the AFL craftsmen.

the workers are fighting valiantly on the picket line for the enforcement of their existing contract, for job security and for collective bargaining rights.

the whole hearted support of Chicago labor—AFL and CIO alike. A conference called on Christmas night, and representing thirty unions from both labor camps, pledged the support of the entire move-ment to the strikers. Many unions have supported the strike financially, others with pickets, and still others by refusing to go through the picket lines.

The International Photo Union of the Guild has refused to handle news and pictures either to or from the gers of the Postal Telegraph, members of the American Communications Association, have literally forced their offices in the buildings of the struck papers to close.

The police have played their usual role. On December 8th they charged the picket line, aided and augmented by hired thugs armed with automobile cranks and loaded rubber hose. Many strikers were slugged. It was feared that one of the union officials would lose his eye. The Hearst papers cried to high heaven that the fight was between strikers and non-strikers aided by police who wanted the poor non-striking "workers" to have their constitutional "right to (Continued on page 4)

This strike was called on De-

derpaid workers of the editorial departments of the two papers bethey raised wages and restored the five-day week, discontinued after

Then the AFL stepped in and attempted to organize a dual union. This failed, so two com-pany unions sprang into being, almost over night. Workers were literally forced to sign application tional toes were being stepped on. In the NLRB hearings in 1937 Joseph Padway, official counsel

All this for two years, and nov

And in that fight they have

The Chicago Teachers Union, the Chicago Principals' Club and the City School Committee have begun writing letters, as individuals to the various big advertis
The Chicago Teachers Union, the Chicago Principals' Club and with County Attorney Jesse Dougherty of Columbus most of Wednesday. The property bond was refused in court Thursday and was refused in court Thursday and Club and demanded.

Unemployed in Detroit, New York their copy from the struck papers

nished the remaining \$600.

Last week's Organizer read that under the new contract for city drivers won by Detroit Drivers Union Local 299, the wages were set at 70c, 75c and 60c hourly, depending upon the type of work.

It should have read that wages were set at 70c, 75c and 80c hourly.

trucks of only those transfer companies who have signed with the union

The pickets, from Drivers Union Local 383 of Sioux City, are left to right: Howard Fouts, Al Sorensen, Wayne Mead, Clair Pike, Roy Ping, Floyd

chanan, Roy Thompson, Joe Santi, Don Casper, Andy DeNoma and Ralph Johnson. Fouts and Johnson are business agent and organizer, respectively, of Local 383. Sixty members of the union have been locked out of the Sioux City terminals since

clause setting up procedure of consultation in times of "economy dismissals" are registered against the managements. There are 62 violations of the wages and over-To Aid of Omaha

The Youth Section of the Fed-

eral Workers, Local 544, will hold

ing for all NYA Youth working

outdoors who had been already

and budget cuts in colorful strug-

for higher relief statutation, or conducting a six-day sit-down strike in two of the main offices of the Relief Administration here.

Warren and children joined dows and heavily guarded doors.

Two Drivers Officials Arrested in Frame-up—Minneapolis Teamsters Council Advances Bail—Detroit Drivers Give Christmas Dinner to Omaha Brothers

Inspired by the great 17-weeks struggle of the Nebraska drivers, and revolted by the latest frame-up arrest of Shorty Stultz and Malcolm Love, president and organizer of the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554, the labor movement of the Middle West redoubled its support to the fight of the drivers in Nebraska and Sioux City during the past week

City during the past week.

Last Tuesday Stultz and Love*
were arrested and brought to Columbus, Nebraska, 90 miles from Omaha, where they were charged with violation of the hated antipicketing law and with carrying concealed weapons, in the latest concealed weapons, in the latest DYA Projects ers' movement.

A Trumped-up Job

Attorney David Weinberg, representing the unionists, immediately exposed the whole move for what it is—a trumped-up job by 16, 8 P. M., 257 Plymouth Avenue the truck operators to get the two North, to take concrete action to

the truck operators to get the two union officials away from Omaha and thus weaken the union.

The fakery became even more obvious when the court reversed its position and refused the \$2,100 appearance bonds which it had originally set for the release of the two men.

North, to take concrete action to force the opening of additional National Youth Administration projects for unemployed Minne-obvious when the court reversed its position and refused the \$2,100 appearance bonds which it had originally set for the release of the two men. the two men.

When Judge Speice of Platte county set the appearance bonds, at the high sum of \$1,100 each, a prominent Omaha merchant who opposes the outrageous "Harlan County" regime of the Omaha county" regime of the Omaha County" regime of the Omaha
Business Mens' Association quickThe names of prominen ly came forward with a property bond of \$2,200.

ployers in Omaha, had reached the county attorney. At any rate, the

Joint Council immediately came through with a \$1,500 and an Omaha friend of Local 554 fur-

Jobless workers in New York and Detroit again hurled themselves against the government's inhuman program of relief lay-offs and before the City Hall. Police manhandled numbers of children, but were unable to prevent the picketing even after arrests.

Cynically contributing nine cents for food in the 17th Street Bungajor issue involved.

Sit-Down Gets Results

The strike vote was taken at th When the bail was presented in ourt Saturday, Malcolm Love was released, but an additional charge of kidnaping had since been placed against Shorty Stultz and he was gles this month.

In New York City, the newly organized Unemployed and Project Workers Union showed its resolve to carry on a militant fight for higher relief standards, by analysting a six-day sit-down six or monitor of the six only served to draw the strikers closer together. Resourceful work-resolved fellow-strikers with kept in jail. It has been announced that a trial will be held early in January for Shorty.
(Continued on page 4)

Correction— Wages Higher!

Unions Columns Revert to Old Style Set-up

Local 346 For Year

dance at the mass meeting.

The names of prominent trade unionists who will speak at the meeting and further details will be will speak at the meeting and further details will be will speak at the meeting and further details will be will speak at the meeting and further details will be will speak at the meeting and further details will be will speak at the meeting and further details will be will speak at the mass meeting.

The names of prominent trade unionists who comprise the executive board for the coming year: Victor Bedel, president; William P. Doran, vice-president; Will But apparently Van Patten, head of the Gate City Terminal, and one of the most vicious emunionists and unemployed are leau Rathbone, secretary-treasurer and business agent; George Potvin, recording secretary; W. Valunionists and unemployed are leau Rathbone, chaplin; Albert Pattern, and one of the most vicious emunionists and unemployed are unionists and unemployed are leau Rathbone, chaplin; Albert Paurged to send their younger brothers and sisters and sons and guard; Martin Holland, outside Station Attendants Union in main-

A couple of weeks ago the Organizer staff got the bright idea that space could be saved by setting all the union columns two columns wide instead of one column wide.

We've tried it two weeks now, and received so many protests that we shift back to the one-column width this week. Our readers have let us know in no uncertain terms that they don't like the two-column setup.

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Letters came in from all over the country requesting the old column form. If we didn't learn anything else, we certainly learned that the union columns are very widely read and that readers like them one column wide. So that's the way it's go-ing to be.

Elects Board

The 3.2 Beer Dispensers Union on Tuesday at the union office.

The following will comprise the rate.

Local 664 Elects 1939 Officers

Officers of the City and Sani ary Drivers and Helpers Unio Local 664 for the new year were osen at the union elections held last Thursday, December 22nd.

Officers for 1993 are Harold H. Seavey, president; Harold Lanigan, vice-president; William Holter, secretary-treasurer; hard Nelson, recording secretary; Edsecretary-treasurer; Harold E. win Vogel, sergeant-at-arms, and Arlington W. Rowe, three-year

Local 664 also held elections for delegates to the Central Labor Union and the Hennepin County Committee of the Farmer-Labor ssociation. Roland M. Prindle Harold H. Seavey, Harold Lanigan, Harold E. Nelson and Clif-ford Freeman were chosen to represent the City and Sanitary Drivers Union at the Central Labor Union.

Delegates to the F-L Association are Ray J. Helwig, Frank Dahlman, Harold H. Seavey, Roland M. Prindle and Ray Lanigan.

Over three hundred votes were cast in Thursday's elections. Union election judges were Harry W. Peterson, Edward Pearson and Frank Dahlman.

Milk Drivers to Nominate for Vice-President

ce-president will take place at the next regular membership meeting of Milk Drivers Union Local 471, to be held Tuesday, January

for business agent, leaving the latter post vacant. A special election for vice-president will be held in the near future.

Buy Your Gas From Stations Manned by 977

The Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 reports that sev- CLU Delegates eral union stations, employing union men at union wages, have Chosen by called in protesting that some members of organized labor have Local 346 held its annual elections driven into the stations and asked that they be given gas at a cut

Obviously, these union stations side Workers Union Local 2031 cannot afford to lower the price of elected delegates to the Minneap gas and still be in a position to pay lis Central Labor Union for the decent union wages.

Local 977 asks all members of

growing militancy of the jobless.

ening around their necks, the

WPA Division of the United Auto immediately

Protest WPA Cut Local 977 Votes

Reinstatement Fee of \$2.50

The last regular membership meeting of Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 voted a \$2.50 reinstatement fee to be imposed on all members who are three months in arrears in dues. This ruling will take effect January 1st, 1939.

LARRY J. DAVIDSON Secretary-Treasurer Local 977

Local 544 Leaders Returned to Posts

State Labor

Body to Aid

F-C-L Council

The education committee of the

Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council

portant steps-to sponsor three

open forums during January in

various communities throughout

the state on the problems of the

producers of city and countryside and to seek the support of the Minnesota State Federation of La

Wednesday morning a sub-com

littee of the Council, composed of

Gene Larson, William Gydeson William Sinnott, Charles Egley

and John Bosch, met with officials

of the State Federation of Labor.

Among the state labor leaders

etary George Lawson, and John

Geary, vice-president of the Inter-

ational Brotherhood of Team-

The State Federation of Labor

heartily endorsed the program of

Council and promised to support

present were President Olson, Sec

Meet Tuesday to

Endorsing the policies of the men who have led General Drivers Union Local 544 for the past few years, all Local 544 officers were returned to office by substantial majorities in the elections held last Thursday and Friday. The total vote cast was about 1,250, compared with last year's vote of 754. year's vote of 754.

Officers of Local 544 for the tecoming year are Carl Skoglund, the order in which they were

coming year are Carl Skoglund, the order in which they were president; George Frosig, vice-drawn from a hat by little Miss Joyce Hanafin, age 7 years. Joyce drew the names in the order in which they later appeared on the Jobs for All Men at Union Wages three-year trustee.

Frosig had been nominated by Jack Smith, who vacated the office next election, to be held in December, 1939. Kelly Postal ran away from the

3rd.

In the recent union elections George Berquist withdrew from the vice-presidential race to run for human for hu

Five Election Judges Judges in charge of the election were Verne Bennyhoff, Al Gard-ner, Harold Beal, Robert Bove and J. C. Rofers.

The election judges met Sunday morning, December 18th, and outlined the procedure to be followed in the balloting. The judges met Tuesday and took several im agreed that the names of no would be placed on the ballot in

Warehouse Union or for the program and work of the Council.

Tuesday night's membership meeting of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 coming year.

Local 20316's delegates at 18 organized labor to patronize only North 8th Street will be James se stations manned by members Bartlett, Robert Tibbetts, Carl

Ray Lind and Don Penwell are

G. A. R. Building which houses the Administration, and followed

General Strike Threat Wins
In Detroit, events reflected the it with a sit-down. Strikers refused to budge until they received

With the rope of starvation tight-ening around their necks, the

its work and to send a speaker to Strike Hard Against Relief Cuts the meetings in the state.

sters.

FWS Quint Drops Game, 25 to 23 The strike vote was taken at Next trick of the LaGuardia administration was to shut off heat and water from the sit-in strikers. When the sit in strikers of the Workers Alliance laughed when asked to support this action for clothes and higher 2,000 WPA workers picketed the

After leading at the half by a score of 15 to 11, the FWS Youth long heart ailment. basketball quint went down to defeat before the seasoned Unity House Seniors last Wednesday by a score of 25-23.

Ken Hoeft played a whale of a game on defense for the union dent up to his death. From 1311

coal allowance cut!" were the shouts hurled by pickets. Means workers to learn of the attitude which the Stalinists took toward ing winter clothing paraded in front of Mayor LaGuardia's home

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Central Labor Union Sponsors Mass Meeting at Eagles Hall-To Push Militant Program That Can Make Jobs for All at Union Wages-All Out Next Tuesday Night

Preparations for a mammoth mass meeting to protest WPA lay-offs, to be held Tuesday evening, January 3rd, at the Eagles Hall, under the auspices of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union Relief Committee, were completed

Admission to the large Eagles Hall, at 117 S. E. 4th Street, will be free, and all WPA workers, all unemployed, all members of the trade union movement, are urged to

growing working-class chorus that says: STOP THE WPA LAY-

Many Good Speakers

Among the speakers at next Tuesday's meeting will be Peter Murck, president of the Building Trades Council; Walter Frank, chairman of the CLU Relief Committee; Roy Weir, CLU organizer: Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Joint Council: Bob Cramer, editor of the Labor Review, and Max Geldman of the

The meeting will demand the topping of all WPA lay-offs; 30 hours of work each week at trade anion wages and conditions for all workers; an immediate local construction program to furnish modern homes for all WPA workers and unemployed to be constructed. and unemployed, to be constructed under trade union conditions without displacing any civil service or egular construction employees; tate and municipal housing auhority acts and an enabling act uthorizing the city of Minneapo is to issue 25 million dollars in pecial bonds for financing the nousing and heavy public works program, in addition to all denands for federal aid; that all agencies of the Minneapolis city overnment immediately meet ointly and separately to cooperate rith the trade union movement in trafting plans for a 5-year or 10ear public works and housing onstruction program at trade inion wages and working condiions. The meeting will also denand continuous employment at union wages, or the equivalent in ocial insurance or relief.

Bread or Bullets

With the national elections out of the way, the New Deal has begun a head-on drive against the unemployed. Already, over 125,-000 have been cut from the na-tion's WPA rolls, and bigger cuts are planned for January.

Every Minneapolis should answer this attack upon the unemployed and the labor me ment by attending this mass meeting. Unite to stop the lay-offs.

George Hall Dies; Led State F. of L. For 24 Years

The Minnesota labor movement was shocked to learn of the death of E. George Hall, who passed away Wednesday morning after a

George Hall was of the old Gompers school of labor leaders. For half a century he was a member of the Cigar Makers International Union, and served it as vice-presitheir men in the strike. Friends assisted in organizing the picket lines outside the offices. "Cash for clothing" and "Rescind the coal allowance cut!" were the shouts hurled by pickets. Meanwhile, crowds of children demand—while, crowds of children demand—while, the Stalinies can be considered to the strike of the United Auto Workers Union used the United Auto Workers Union used the threat of a general strike to force from the WPA an adjustment of numerous grievances and abuses on their projects.

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The basic cause of the strike sixteen-hour session, the union committee succeeded in forcing various concessions from holding his man scoreless. Stan brown deam, breaking up the Unity to 1935 he was president as vice-president.

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

relief.

Gassing With

By Jon Conder

The first meeting of the new

Executive Board will be held on

Tuesday evening, January 3, at 8

'clock, in the office of the local.

Members of Local 977 are asked

keep in mind the next General Membership meeting on Monday

be installed at this meeting, and

the Annual Report will be read.

Also, any proposals for the new

Working Agreement for the Station Attendants should be brought

Cards have been sent to the

members informing them of the

will automatically be imposed on

and after January 1st, on each

nember who becomes delinquent

n dues for a three months period

unions, by calling the office when

into your station and asks for a

ome good (?) union driver comes

cut price on gasoline. Get his

name and license number, we'll do

the rest. You are employed in a

Every driver likewise is getting a

regard will mean a continued liv-

Auto Wash at 11th and Marquette must be contagious. At least the

married on election day, Decem-

The situation of the former Bar-

Fellows, the fact that your col-

considered a legitimate excuse for

are a paid-up member.

544 Thanks

to the union

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Local 544's Christmas Kid Party extends belated thanks to the George Date Transfer company

and to Paul Reick of the Camden

New Years Greetings

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ing wage for yourself.

ber 20th.

Better check up on your dues

this chiseling

before that date.

n to this meeting.

Sid, Stubby's

Place Unfair

To Local 346

"Sid and Stubby's Place,"

cafe at 3037 Nicollet Avenue, re-

mained unfair to the 3.2 Beer Dis-

reported this week by officials of

National Jewelry

Hostile to Labor

The National Jewelry company,

420 Nicollet Avenue, is still hostile

to the Watchmakers Union Local

103, it was reported this week.

This concern has moved from 426 Nicollet to 420 Nicollet, but

it carries out the same anti-labor

more jewelry stores during the

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was sick for a few days last week

and we just found out what was wrong. Last week when his wife

got through with her Christmas

shopping, she handed him the bills

Tommy Campbell dedicates this

and the shock was too great.

I loved him awfully well,

And blew him all to H ---.

One day I fed him dynamite

Well, folks, I wish one and all

healthy, happy and prosperous

New Year, and with this I bid you

DR. A. BARR

246 Nicollet Main 0805

New Year Greetings

Mississippi Valley

Fuel Co.

J. P. Dudley, Mgr. 542 Prior Ave. North

Nestor 6141

adios . . . by the Mad Russian

poem" to his dog: I had a little dog,

End of poem.

Local 103 has signed up several

policies as before.

past two weeks.

On the Route

With the

Milk Man

By Mike Rusinko

Well, folks, Christmas is over

Bud Weitzel had a select group

of plutocrats for dinner Christmas.

ome of the ritziest of this group

vere Helf-Pint Russell and the

Hingrish. Bud, you'd better check

your silverware after that party.

from a friend but he dropped

on the way home with Pussyfoot

Wick, and it ran out on him . . . Al

Christiansen received a pair of

pajamas-passionate colored ones.

Dutch Hurle has a new cure for

cold, some kind of skunk oil

or maybe it's Polish pop from the

Archie doesn't eat at Sloppy

Dave's any more; he eats at some

We found out that when Jim

Lowery gets up in the morning

feeling kind of sour he sweetens

his disposition with a little gravel.

has donated Conny a box of decent

cigars. The hemp he has been

You should see the picture of

the Guernseys of the Clover Leaf house in the Star last Monday. It

looks like the police show-up gang

Those eggs that have been tell-

ng in the local scandal sheets of

the swell lot of the milkman

ward of a psychopathic hospital.

hould be put in the observatio

What do you think of a guy who

picks a scrap with his girl the week before Christmas so as to

get out of buying her a present?

Well, that was that free-spending

Schultz, the cemetery cowboy

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guy, John Dodson.

I hope that some kind samaritan

dive downtown where they don't

Al said, "Boy, the joke is on me

I sleep in my underwear."

know him like we do.

for an exterminator.

East Side.

Big Noise Nelson received a gift

nished the turkey so we were to take note.

well as I was. But I am surely pensers Union Local 346 and to glad it's over.

After checking up my financial Local 346. The union has pulled

status we should have had baloney its house card here, and all friends for dinner but the company furof the union movement are urged

and I hope you were treated as

saved.

What Lima Parley Means to Us Here

and Columbia; sugar in Cuba and Puerto Rico; United Fruit

and Fuerto Rico; United Fruit Company; Anaconda Copper; Standard Fruit; American Su-gar Refining; Standard Oil of New Jersey; General Electric; General Motors; Ford, etc.

American worker, this foreign in-

estment is an evil from other as

ects besides the danger of in-

olving war. This capital invested

broad represents wealth which

was once produced by American

abor, then sucked off as profits

and carried out of the country

As a foreign investment, it is not

'our stake abroad" but a benefit

only to those who own the stocks

and bonds of these foreign cor-

porations. This capital refuses to

tay home and give work to Amer-

cans in this country. If the cap-tal which Americans have invest-

d abroad (an amount around six-

een billions of dollars) were in

this country today, it could pro-vide work for all the unemployed

would be lower, therefore the in-

estments are made where workers

an be forced to accept 50 cents

and more wheat from Argentina.

The U. S. delegation to the

interests of farmers and workers

assortment of college professors.

Democratic clubwoman from Utah

--and Alf Landon. Also, sad to

state department bureaucrats,

nothing from this conference

In considering his fellow work

tions as he does. If Standard Oil

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country. Of course, profits

Workers and farmers of this country have need for mour's, and other well known corworkers and larmers of this country have need for grave concern about the policies now being put forward at the Pan-American conference in Lima, Peru, but from a far different angle from that played up by the big business dailies. To get at the bottom of any international conference of diplomats, the person interested in the truth will have to shovel away all the perfumed speeches about peace and democracy, and get down to cold facts which end up

down to cold facts which end up by having much to do with the every day living conditions of the workers in the countries involved.

"Democracy," They Say The delegation from this country did not go down with any real thoughts in mind of saving democracy in the South American countries because there isn't any of it there to save. Benavides, the ruler of the country where the conference is being held, can show Hitler something about running elections. In 1936, at the end of his former term, he backed a stooge to follow him. When this man was defeated. Benavides de clared the election void, and had a dummy congress declare himself re-elected even though he had not

Bloody Batista

even been a candidate

In Cuba, the dictator Batista follows along the same path as or before him who was called Ma chado, the Butcher. Batista filled the fails with trade unionists an liberals, and when these were full he ordered further prisoners shot -the official reports read "sho while attempting to escape." In Brazil. Vargas has ruled the cour try for several years by a cor tinuous state of martial law. Ever Puerto Rico, employers have no intention of following the 25 cent minimum wage of the Wage and Hour Law, for wages there are often as low as two cents per hour. And at present, a number of Puer to Ricans who led opposition these conditions are imprisoned in the penitentiary at Atlanta.

Who Backs Dictators?

The Latin-American people ave their own dictators to worry about, and are not greatly exciteover the alarms raised about their shores being threatened by European fascist powers. The United States is much closer, and they remember that U. S. marines have provides them with the American landed in recent years in Cuba, dollars paid to them which they Haiti, the Dominican Republic, can use for the purchase of Amer-Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama. ican-made manufactured goods. And the workers of these coun- But it means that American farm tries also realize that their own ers lose a part of the domestic dictators are kept in power market and thus lack the money through loans from Wall Street with which to buy farm machinery and through recognition, tariff on their own account. concessions, and military advice from Washington. In repayment, Lima conference probably apprethese native dictators see to it that Latin-American labor does It is, however, not thinking of the not threaten the starvation wage scales paid by the Yankee bosses in this country. It consists of an who own mines, plantations, utilities, and factories in these coun-

Nearly six billion dollars of American capital is invested in say, there are several persons sup-Latin America. This is more than posed to represent the trade union the amount the wealthy in America have invested in Europe. And were not elected as delegates to together with the dollars invested officially represent labor, but in in Canada, it amounts to about stead accepted on their own hook two-thirds of all American capital located outside the boundaries of tainly labor, neither North American this country. This is the real ex- ican nor South American, will gain planation for the policy of building an army and navy big enough Solidarity With Foreign Workers to defend the New World from In considering his fellow work. Alaska to Tierra del Fuego. The ers in the American countries to United States is more likely to go the south of us, the worker here to war because of foreign interests should remember that many of in this hemisphere than due to in- them work for the same corpora terests in Europe or Asia. Effects on Workers

Effects on Workers Ford Motors, American Smelting
From the point of view of the and Refining, United Fruit. Ar-

vians, Brazilians, and others. January 9th, at 9 p. m. The newly When American capital is investrker into the American labor Thumbnail Picture narket just as surely as if these orkers were to come to this coun-Of Latin America ry as immigrants. It is, then, up Number of countries—19.

Democracies — 3 (Mexico, Costa Rica, Columbia).

Dictatorships—16.

Main Exploiters — United States, Britain, Germany.

Chief U. S. interests in Latin America—Mines in Peru and Mexico; oil fields in Venezuela and Columbia: sugar in Cuba o us to help them get good condi tions in order to protect and ex-tend the conditions which we have fought to gain for ourselves.

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

All members of our hospital inrance group can pay dues at the shier's window as well as to lariger. Don't forget to do this, is little slips or falls might make that policy awfully important all of a sudden.

"Detail" Taylor has done it gain. He procured and nailed up union station at a union big 1939 calendar on the back of the "snake room" door for the union wage, and should not be convenience of you lugs who always want to know what day this employer. Your cooperation in this

"Banjo" Miller was order-taking luring the Christmas rush.

Harry Wilson, who has pushe everal different hacks around the social status of Robert Whittmore, orld by distance, had his first flat tire last month.

Curly has the "match you for he coffee" habit. The other A. M. he beat one of the boys of the unch bucket brigade and was handed a half-full thermos bottle. this week before a Disputes Committee, of which T. B. Murphy of

The farmer also gets hit by this mperialist policy. Tariff arrange-There are numerous day drivers who have become "conspicuous by their absence" at union meetings. nents have been made to bring in more corned beef from Uruguay From now on there will be a lot usual, of urgent business to attend to This helps to bring these countries and any thinking cab-man knows closer to the influence of the Unitwe must have both the day and lector has not reached your sta-night men's combined views on tion during the month will not be ed States and cut them off from these decisions. European trade relations. It also

This man Art Sundby had his to the office. Your union can lear painted blue; now he wants to gally represent you only when you paint the town red.

For a quick snack: Smiling Ed-iie, the "coffee and" fella, has taken over the lunch room at ou cab stand on Chicago and Lake.

Winter is here for sure; "Torpedo" Gesino is wearing a cap.

The boys wearing the "duds" their wives give 'em for Christ-mas are as comfortable as a hound log with a fresh bath.

Heard often at the bus depot: that register-box says twenty-five cents and we ain't started yet.

Advice: Keep those new year solutions to yourself, it won't make you feel foolish when you gotta break 'em.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren Next meeting: Stewards, Tuesday, January 3rd, 7:30 p. m. This is the day after the New Year's holiday.

Retail Drivers meet Thursday January 5th, 8 p. m. sharp!

reinstatement fee of \$2.50 which SPECIAL NOTICE to all whole ale drivers. Effective at once there will be a fifty cent fine automatically imposed on all members absent from the wholesale drivers meeting which is held the second Thursday of each month. Please Attendants, help your local to

> SPECIAL NOTICE to all cake d pie drivers. There will be fifty cent fines for all absent from the Cake and Pie Drivers meeting held the third Thursday of each month.

Ed Skelly's definition of honesty: When you ride on a University Avenue bus and find an um brella and give at to the driver on account of because it's cotton.

George Praise, Continental,

spent Sunday looking over the city of Glencoe, his new horne, he The efficiency of the 9-Minute hopes.

attendant there, was changed in rights in the near future. The that length of time. Robert was ompany intends to move his route to the country but Ryan wants to live in Minneapolis-so it looks ance of seniority rights. like tough luck for Ronald Dibbs.

"Smushy" Resplace, Regans, has got that tired look these days. er drivers, now with the Connol-Company, will be ironed out Maybe you should try eating yeast "Smushy." Two or three cakes a day help a lot according to the Deep Rock Oils is the chairman. The difficulty is over seniority, as yeast boys.

All the boys down at Regans are wondering where Captain "Midnite" Booth goes at 12 o'clock Sattiday nites.

Wally Myers, Regans, puts old Rip Van Winkle in the back seat Art "Simmons Spring" Wigan of Zinsmasters anyday.

The gang down at Regans are all wondering when Frank Lie-mandt's wife is going to bust down and let him drive the car to work

The end of this month means our Local has been in existence for two years. During this time we have made marvelous forward strides and we intend to continue Park greenhouse for the fine Christmas tree which was donated I'm sure, in the same way. Let's

Dinty says.

Des Moines **Drivers** Win Wage Boosts

of its employes, the Des Moines Drug Company, the only firm in the city not yet having a signed contract with the Truck Drivers and Warehouse Employes Union, Local 90, last week signed a mem orandum agreeing to pay the workers union wages beginning mmediately.

per week have been won for the najority of the employes, under the provisions of the contract which provides a wage of \$20 weekly for men employed months or less; \$22.50 for those employed six months to one year and \$25 per week for those employed more than one year.

the company had proposed, realzing that all such schemes merely rovide for a more efficient exloitation by the bosses.

Bakery Drivers Win Shorter Week The Bakery Drivers Local 356

of Des Moines last week won a

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The union has lately won an important victory from the Wal-ace-Homestead Company, with the Chester Ryan, Continental, company signing local and over-Increases of 71/2 cents per hour have been won, as well as the closed shop and a stricter observ-

Des Moines

signed contract with the Burch Biscuit company, providing for a 44-hour working week with no reduction in pay from the previous work week of 48 hours.

not look backward for one minute but continue to keep our eyes when it comes to sleeping, they frontward, and we will attain our tell me. But I'll put my money on ideals, both as to the Local and as to our own individual happiness A Happy New Year for all from

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Union Council to Organize Jobless

Taking heed of the fact that the unemployed of this country now confront the most terrible prospect of their lives, and that it is the duty of the union movemen to assist the jobless in building a fighting organization, the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodenware Councils has appointed a permanent representative to further the organization of the unemployed in this area. John Janasco was chosen to this+ post by the recent Oshkosh con- furniture and woodenware unio vention of the Council.

New Unemployed Council Already plans are under way to form a new organization of unemployed in the North Central States, to be known as the North Central District Council of Federal Workwill work closely with all genuine existing unemployed groups or with any other section of the union movement that is seeking to aid the unemployed in building organizations which can serve them.

Janasco issued a press statement this week on the new North Central District Council of Federal Workers Unemployed which is also a preamble to the

Unions Must Back Jobless "The seasonal nature of the furniture and woodenware industry brings about conditions under which thousands of workers find themselves unemployed for months at a time during the year. Alongside this seasonal unemployment changes in the industry to a mas production basis, and the introduc on of new machinery, are contin ually forcing new thousands of workers into the ranks of the permanently unemployed.

"Since these conditions repre sent a threat to the stable exist ence of the unions in the industry the North Central District Counci of Furniture and Woodenway Workers at its convention in Osh kosh, Wisconsin, on December 17 and 18, 1938, went on record to organize the unemployed of th district so as to give direct aid to technologically displaced workers raise the standards of relief for the unemployed of the district.

"The Council elected a permaent representative who is in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Council in or ganizing the unemployed of the

The Woodenware Council re received its charter from the United Brotherhood of Car The new unemployed council being sponsored by the

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is in line with the program fol-lowed by the trade union movements in Minneapolis. Detroit and Cleveland, to make the unemployed organizations an integral part of the trade union movement.

Independent Truck Chatter

All the independent truck own WPA layoffs. Advance reports in- wide acquaintance with all trucks will be dropped. We should around on more jobs in this terribe sure to attend the Central Latory than anyone I know of. The bor Union mass meeting, Tuesday, best compliments came from the

This week, Friday the 30th, the ITO will have a special meeting for nomination of officers. The election will be held at the regular lund's after meetings who furnish meeting in January, Thursday, the

Cards are being mailed to you for the nomination but not for next week's meeting.

Under wraps with a bad cold his Tuesday I made some use of the time by reviewing the '38 ssues of the Organizer. Members of our section whose names begin with M have the distinction-??of having seen their names in the ITO Chatter oftener than any others. One round dozen to be exact; and the "S's" are next.

ews. It would rather have been our publicity representative. Our B. A.'s monicker, naturally the course of business, was alled to your attention more than

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ling this column, although I missed press time on three occasions. Some weeks I might have put in a little more time on this job and done better than just trying to get by. In trying to keep our in terest I have indulged in a lot of good-natured ribbing of many of you fellows as well as just posting our notices and reading you the riot acts from the ITO Bible as Curt has quoted them to me in his weekly sermons.

Although I have tried to be careful, if I have hurt some of ou in trying to recite for others ome of our escapades, or caused any misunderstandings in your homes I am really sorry, and would have and will still do any thing that I can to make amends The only complaint I had was from Bob who said I was costing him jobs; Bove has worked so much this year he will have to prove that to me in writing.

With this last issue of the year feel privileged to take this last ime to make a few observations I had the most fun out of writin up stories on the big green Ford ers should join with the Federal with its hi-speed driver and that Workers Section in protesting red-headed cyclone, who despite a dicate approximately two hundred bosses' rails in town can get January 3, to demand continuation wives of those members who said of a full Works Progress program. they liked to read our news.

> My Sunday thanks go to my many north side pals and the regular gang of pew-renters at Fried most of my dope for this column; and also to Curt for his friendly cooperation and instructive criti cism given on many occasions ever when I made deliberate attempts to get him 'riled' on anything just out of pure deviltry.

SOUR NOTES: Listening to 5ton noise when their records say better than the average . . . Necessity to hi-pressure the Ex. board to get decisive action for the ITO

Curbstone beefers who won't attend meetings . . . Our petty personal feuds which we keep up without trying to find the cause for their start or a basis for mak-Fifty-six of you boys shared the an egg on the handling of the potlight this year, and if it was Farmer-Labor book this year; but oo often for some of you, as Bob we can also hand our TJC a boulaimed, I'm sorry, but news is quet for squiring a new filling sta tion attendants union . . My best etter that more of our men had liked spot was 257's old Union een so much more active that Club Bar . . . And since Bill Camp hey could not have been ignored left the ITO I feel like a man who has lost both his right hand man and best friend . . . Best job is Farrell's on the Area committee Over-the-Road setup. Harry De-Boer is next for the fair and just decisions he has made in curing a . TO THE ORGANIZER: Carlos' cartoons are O. K.; and Mickey's column . . . The Union's columns can take their share too

. . Your best editorials: Against war . . . Your paper is swell with out my chore, and with it is per fect; but for heavens sake when are you going to grow?

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ing declined to take office when nominated. We hope these members will cooperate with the newly elected officers and help solve the hard jobs ahead of us. All the new officers ask your cooperation.

Joe, our V. P., has been on the sick list since the last meeting. We hope for your early recovery, Joe.

Word has been received that thinking of joining our Local 912, as it seems to be getting a little too cold to wear the "disguise" much longer. Listen you boys, not even yourself.

all the after work caused by the

Due to some very important infull report in the near future.

Out-of-work members report to Jerry Cremers and leave your tations and are entirely inadequate to afford any relief to those un-

Johnnie was there but we all

YOUR DUES.

a filibuster or something. Some fun, eh, Jack?

you attend meetings. No one ad- and mitted without it. Installation of the next meeting. Be sure to athave to say now, before new offi- tives in Washington, D. C.

Boys of the shovel brigade give ne credit for all the good advice I Membership gave you about the big snow storm on the way. Was I correct?

We tried to contact Ted G., at 77th and Plowed Ground Avenue, but all wires were down. With the aid of snow shoes we located Ted sitting by the furnace waiting for help. The elections were well handled

he results were satisfactory, and you and me and all of us gave the election board one of the toughest jobs it is possible for our Union to hand out. They worked twenty eight hours Friday to Saturday continuously. The Independents came in slightly over the two hun-The Independents dred mark as near as can be guessed at. That was well but should have been better. Last of all, my apologies to Curt, to chair nan Milt and to the Ways and Means committee for being al-ways and everywhere late, and for your good-natured forbearance poor dope's shortcomings.

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More Unions Fight For Asylum Right

this week joined the other progressive unions throughout the country in exposing the pious tears of the politicians for the victims of German fascism, and in demand-ing that Congress open the doors some of the "Hat Chauffeurs" are of the United States to Hitler's against the Jews demand immedi victims.

In a resolution adopted December 4th and sent to all congresyou haven't been fooling anyone, sional representatives in Washing not even yourself

WHEREAS, The brutal persecu-Bill H., you sure are lucky to tion of the Jews in Germany by have such help as you have with Hitler has shocked all right-thinking people and calls for the most vigorous action by the workers in behalf of those oppressed victims,

WHEREAS, Progressive force to voice their demands that such persecutions cease, and

WHEREAS, The steps taken so far by political representatives are nothing more than pious protestafortunate people, Now

issed Harold at the last meeting. SOLVED, That the members of asylum in the United States by much common sense in the place Now that Christmas has come F. L. U. 21760 go on record as lifting all restrictions and quota ment department of the WPA ofand gone and Santa was so good terms the brutalities of Hitler and to you all, we know we won't have the system he represents; that we upon you to PAY pledge ourselves to aid the Jews in every way possible, and that we You should have been at the congress that they remove an instrument of the congress that the c by insuring the right of asylum to Don't forget your books when those oppressed victims of Nazism,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. the new officers will take place at That this resolution be spread on tion in helping to develop this col the minutes of this meeting and umn during 1938 and also to wish tend, and don't be one of the I that copies be sent to labor papers each and everyone a very friend-Told You So Guys. Say what you and to congressional representa-

IBT Leads in Gains for 1937

Teamsters added 98,300 members to its ranks in 1937 to take Joint Council sponsored and paid first place among the AFL unions, for by each member's union there with 309,200 members. The Car- of. Well, anyway, we can look penters Brotherhood reports a forward to such by the time

mbership of 300,000. Bakers added about 30,000 nembers; Meat Cutters, 22,000; Hotel and Restaurant Employees,

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emberships of 400,000 or overcludes unemployed members in its through it.

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Workers in Montana Add Voice to Campaign to Open Door to Hitler's Vic-

The AFL Federal Union Local high County Unemployed League 21760 of Plentywood, Montana, this week joined the other progressits voice to the demand that the doors of the United States be thrown open to the victims of German fascism

"Whereas, The mass persecution in Europe and the Nazi terror ate and concrete action to aid all

County Unemployed Leagues of stopped they are helder Pennsylvania, call upon the Presi-their stores for a living. States to restore the right of asyum and to permit the entry of ing of all restrictions and quota the job.

of All Immigration Restrictions

Toledo — Last week over 100 boomerang. elegates representing the 35 local CIO unions at the Toledo Indusadopted a resolution calling on n THEREFORE BE IT RE- department "to immediately offer

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle

This column wants to first thank those who gave friendly co-operaly, happy and prosperous New

We read with great interest the that 544 held for members' children and wondered why it couldn't be possible to have a real party next Christmas for ALL the chil-The International Brotherhood dren of the membership connected with the Minneapolis Teamster Christmas rolls around again.

From our talk with drivers from me of our plants the holiday about 70,000; Machinists, 52,000; spirit was really in vogue, with at its spacious new headquarters Retail Clerks, about 30,000; Actors, 12,200; Hod Carriers, 48,000, while others gave a very substantal standing program of entertaintal standing program of entertai tors, 12,200; Hod Carriers, 48,000, while others gave a very substan-It is expected that the 1938 gifts and in other places the "spir- test heading the bill, plus humornembership gains will place the it" and appreciation of the occa-Brotherhood of sion was very lacking in general Teamsters still further out in to the extent of petty considera- Dunne, master of ceremonies, and tions or NO consideration. Not Several of the CIO unions claim that we depend on it but it merely illustrates the different types of the Miners, Auto Workers, Amal-gamated Clothing Workers, and profit system. Thanks to our union he Steel Workers. The CIO in- and what we can command

> Although there is a willingness mong the majority of the exclu sive dry-cleaning plant owners to get behind legislation calculated to bring about fair trade practice

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On WPA Projects

Once more I scooped the bigheading the WPA he can go with his guns-instead-of-butter ing program. The only opposition will come from those who prefer eating to being shot.

The independent store-keeper who are asking that WPA be stopped might check the percent age of the customers who are or "Therefore, we, the Lehigh WPA. If they still want WPA County Unemployed Leagues of stopped they are not dependent on

Federal Workers Section Execu the persecuted and oppressed into job on the 403's given to members this country by the immediate lift- and have most of them back on

Foremen are thinking twice now surance discussion, Ted G. is now engaged to study the insurance in the world of labor have begun Toledo ClO Calls for Lifting before making out 403's for FWS members. They are finding out that just putting "inefficient work- police to break the picket line, er" on a 403 is likely to prove a

> "Inefficient Worker?" The best trial Union Council unanimously brick layer in the world would not ises to put a speedy end to thi essarily be a good clerk, and ex-President Roosevelt and the state pecting a school teacher to be a good seamstress is not showing ment department of the WPA oftional examples. So, if they must use the word "inefficient," they ought to start on the administraculty the quota of cuts would be got a real Christmas present when filed. Ninety per cent of the nonrelief job holders on WPA are po-litical appointees, directly or in-We got a week's vacation with directly, and boss politicians have pay, no wage reductions, some

> The mass meeting in protest of ruption in plant operations. The WPA cuts to be held January 3 quiet and efficient execution of at the East Side Eagles Hall has this settlement was not expected much more to offer than just en- by anyone outside of the memberlightenment on present conditions ship of Local 1859. Boy, have we by the speakers. Two well known ever got a good executive commitmusicians, an electric guitar play-er and pianist, have offered their description of the Christmas party that 544 held for members' chiltheir very existence is threatened.

Socialists To Hold New Year's Party

A New Year's Jamboree will be held by the Socialist Workers Party for its members and friends A New Year's Jamboree will be Party for its members and friends Saturday evening, December \$1st, a charter has been granted by the standing program of entertain tial bonus. Some gave appropriate ment, with a prize amateur conous skits, amusing games and dancing will be provided. Miles B. the committee in charge assure everyone attending a maximum of mjoyment at a minimum cost. Ad- liam Engelbretson at the general mission is 75 cents per person, which includes a midnight feast. All friends of the party are cordially urged to attend.

> I painfully reflect that in almost every political controversy of the last fifty years, the leisured classes, the titled classes, the educated classes, the wealthy classes have been in the wrong. The common people—the toilers, the men of uncommon sense—these have been responsible for nearly all of the social reform measures which STONE.

n the industry, it seems strange that the major combination plants will not lend their cooperation

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Ex-Unionist Turns On Former Pals

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 24-Floyd W. Hackathorn, one-time manager time columnists with the tip-oif of a station for the Hi-Speed Oil on the change to be made in the Company, and former trustee of top WPA officials. Now that FDR has his friend Harry Hopkins in a (AFL) today finds himself fightsecure position and an army man ing his former union brothers who ahead are struggling against the chiselagainst himself. Named manager of the oil company as a result of the reorganization of the company upon the findings of an investigation conducted by state and national agencies of the Industrial Recovery Act, which investigation was due solely to union pressure, Hackathorn is now en gaged in an onslought against the union he helped to build.

When picketing resulted from ne actions of a station manager of the company several days ago, union representatives called t Hackathorn to serve notice that orders from him to crash the pick et line would be stoutly resisted. Hearing this, Hackathorn screamed imprecations and threatened to use which was subsequently attempt now being made under police es

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

..... By Richard Gilmore

The workers at the Clark plant their negotiating committee n directly, and boss positicians have refriency, and boss positicians have refriency.

the body of the contract. We got the body of the contract. this with no strike and no inter-

> The membership has asked this olumn to thank the executive cial mention to Brother Fred Deid-

> Our delegation has just got back from Oshkosh where it attended the second convention of the N.C. D.C. of Furniture and Woodenware workers with delegates from

The importance of this to our union can hardly be over-estin ed. The bad working conditions which now exist in the ered by this council and the danger it means to our own union will be explained in detail by Brother Wilmeeting of the Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, on January 4,

The Federal Workers Section, to which 1859 is a contributor, reports some success in helping its

world accepts today .- GLAD. Happy New Year but you had better make sure of it by supporting your union and coming to all the meetings.

> My country is the world, and to do good is my religion.—THOMAS PAINE.

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Bring On 1939

1938 ends. The curtain raises on a new year.

Union workers have cause to be grateful for another period of increased wages and conditions, wrested by the workers' organizations from the unwilling hands of employers. ployers. Chiselers found the workers diamond-hard against violation of contracts so bravely won.

Thousands of children are happier, healthier and more beautiful because here in Minneapolis a few strong men had the courage to do and dare, had the guts to say that men who work deserve wages for their families, and had the stuff it takes to fight battles through to the end.

The last year has witnessed a growth of unionism in trucking such as this country has never yet seen. Thirteen states welded together by the brotherly links of over-the-road drivers, welded by union bond and contract into better wages and living conditions for union workers everywhere in the Northwest.

With a mighty arm of strength, a mighty heart and the active goodwill and comradeship of worker to worker throughout the world, the driving crafts greet a New Year. Welcome home: 1939!

A Great Task for the New Year

"Economic recovery is making private industry more capable of solving the unemployment problem. Jobs in industry are waiting for competent workers who leave the WPA."

How often have we seen and heard these statements whenever there is a rumored upswing in industry? The press bristles with them.

Such statements, as will be demonstrated below, are as true as trucks moving without wheels.

But let us ask another question first. WHO GAINS from getting the public to believe this kind of deliberate lie? Why this cruel fakery to the unemployed?

If you believe there is a job waiting for you in private industry, you will take a WPA dismissal slip with less protest. You are out for a "legitimate" job!

And if hundreds of thousands of hopeful, jobless peo-

ple besiege industry in search of their rightful jobs—when there are no jobs—what does this do to wage levels? To

How does a factory worker feel when the foreman says, "If you don't take this pay cut—and like it—well, take a look out there in the yard. And there are hundreds more who are dying for a chance to get your job."

Thus are brother-workers thrown against each other. Unionization programs go under a heavy strain. And who profits? The bosses profit. Government politicians profit: the boss-heat is taken off their shoulders. Big armament programs profit: bullets and poison gas can be made from bread-money, shoe-money and rent-money chiseled from the jobless.

Everybody profits—except the majority of the population of the United States—the mighty army that works

However, maybe it is true that industry can solve the unemployment problem. Maybe there are hundreds of thousands of new jobs that lie hidden and waiting for "willing, competent workers."

Maybe. Let us see.

Here are some facts:

Year in and year out, the population of the United States increases.

Every year, a new army of youth descends upon the

So that every new year witnesses an increase of approximately half a million NEW job-hunters. In 1930, there were 48,000,000. Now, there are 53,000,000 people in this country who are either working, or looking for a

Hundreds and hundreds of thousands who are classed now as "employed" are ekeing out such a poverty-stricken existence that their children sicken and die. This is that "one-third of a nation" that politicians shout over and do nothing about: tenant farmers in the old Cotton South; coal miners displaced by machinery and left helpless along the Appalachian plateau; textile workers laid off in the milltowns; and hundreds of thousands of farmers grubbing out bare subsistence in the midwest dustbowls; hordes of tramping migratory workers in the fruit belts—all of these multitudes of the poor are included in this

Can industry provide new jobs for even a fraction of the workers who are able and willing to work right

The answer is absolutely: NO. Industry cannot even provide jobs for the experienced working population of 1929! Why? Because displacement of workers by new machines and by speedup has mounted faster than any upswing in economic life. Modern industry right now can increase its capacity by 25 per cent without employing an extra man. Whenever a new machine is invented, more workers are laid off. When the time does come to try for a job during an upswing, workers discover that in-dustry roars ahead without them. That is why even though dustry roars ahead without them. That is why even though there is an upswing, the relief rolls and WPA rolls go right on increasing, unless the government tries to use an axe on the budget.

Private industry cannot even guarantee its old work.

American labor must roll up its sleeves and fight for anational program of organization of the unemployed and WPA workers. They must lead the way. Only with labor's aid can the unemployed wrest from the government tries to use an another tries tri

Private industry cannot even guarantee its old work-ment the necessities of life. ers a chance to work. What is this nonsense about pro-

viding work for the new jobless multitudes?

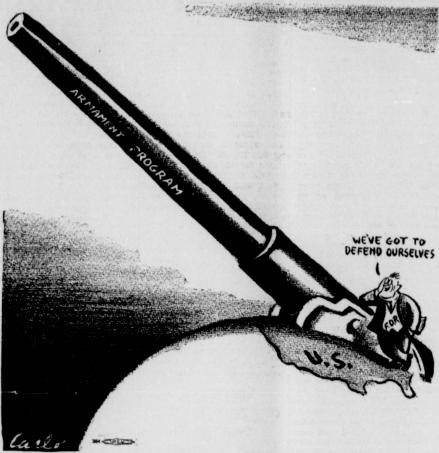
The evil design of the deliberate lies we hear about industry becomes clear when we observe what Wall Street says—off the record. "The problem of unemployment is beyond industry. It is—and will remain—a social, governmental problem." So speaks Wall Street through J. G.

Frederick, one of its financial writers.

Now if industry admittedly cannot provide jobs on the one hand, and the New Deal issues lying statements unemployed.

There could not be a better way to start the new year right, than by reaching out a brotherly hand to the unemployed.

Maybe Mars IS Planning an Invasion!



Keeping Step With 544

easy again.

thing.

Lake.

We want to thank all

friends who sent Christmas greetings. All I can say is that I wish you double every-

I G. Scott is practicing his ora-

ory on jack pines at Woman

The Five Fink Suit will be

alive again on January 3.

Short, Short Pome

No dues,

No shoes.

Happy New Year.

White Ballot Cast

As all members of the Private

eeting of Local 912 on January

Consolidated

For Chiseling

Freight Tied Up

Because the Consolidated Freight Lines was chiseling on the wage clause in the standard area agreement which it had signed, its terminals in the Twin Cities and Fargo were tied up Tuesday noon.

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The firm had been cutting wages and has refused to pay back wages due its employes. The Minneapolis terminal is located at 2600 26th Avenue Scotth.

For 912 Officers

It seems like old times to see F. Dobbs back on the job in his office after giving plenty of valu-able service to the eleven state

R. Rainbolt, the last of the Mohicans, and C. Hudson went to Omaha last week and turned out a strike bulletin for 554. And a swell job, too.

Askit Basket Who wants to control the Ameran labor movement most-John L. Lewis or William Green?

The recent elections in the union returned the old board for another year, all of which goes to prove that pro-grams are better than prom-

The cold snap of this week wa severe enough to tie up all WPA projects and gave a lot of wives a chance to say, "What, are yo . . .

If reports can be trusted, there is under way a huge lay-off of all federal projects. A mass meeting has been called by the Central Labor Union on January 3 to protest. It will be held at the East Side Eagles' Hall. You are invited.

Local 544's office has been renodeled to give about twice the pace to the book crew.

Teamsters Joint Council will elect at its next meeting which will be held on (pardon my black cat) Friday the

Keep a Stiff Upper Lip Dept. The National Manufacturers Ascombat unions.

Cab Drivers' agreement expires on February 17. What, no cabs again?

from government and boss.

The example has been set for the entire country right at home. Minneapolis, through the organized drivers

Give Aid to Omaha Local Laundry Drivers are breathing

Far from dampening the spirits of Local 554, this latest bit of boss "justice" has only tourned the union and its supporters to

The more the Omaha Business hideous campaign of persecution against the drivers, the more all decent workers are convinced the strike must be won and the em-

Council Bluffs Helps Out Chauffeurs Union Local 912 who were nominated for office to run Bluffs, Iowa, across the river from Omaha. Local 554 has a section in against the present executive board have withdrawn their names from the ticket, there will be no this town

The Council Bluffs central laannual election of officers this year.

The Council Bluffs central labor body gave a heart-warming reception to 554, and demonstrated At the next regular membership it was willing to redouble its genmeeting of Local 912 on January erous support to the strike. A mo- goll on this question. With a staff 3rd, a white ballot will be cast for tion passed unanimously to hold a of 700 field investigators asking the unopposed officers and they benefit dance in the near future will continue in office for the year for Local 554. A substantial donation was voted on the spot to the union's strike fund. Each per cent of those questioned faunion representative present further pledged to go back to his organization and work for further donations to the drivers. Dan Sowden, recording secretary, P. R. Harris, vice-president of the Central Labor Union and a leader in the state and local building trades councils, and Abe Lewis of the Railway Carmen's Union, spoke en-

and begins cutting down relief on the other, what is the iness Men's Association fate of the million-fold jobless? The future paints a pic-F-L Press Helps Out

ture of permanent unemployment, a chaos of black des-pair, degradation, starvation and old age. A picture of Farmer-Labor Press in Council a life-time spent without a decent job. Even the right to Bluffs, Iowa, kindly turned over official of Local 554 said. work has gone with the wind.

This is a terrible picture. There is only one bright spot in it—organized labor. Labor can find a way to shoulder this load of ten to fourteen million jobless brothers. For the good of the union movement and for the life tion in Sioux City and Lincoln of the unemployed, these millions must be organized and The truth about the truck tie-up brought under the wing of the trade unions. Unemployed was thus carried into every corner unions must hit hard and have their regular union brothers side by side with them in the battle to wrest a living strous "Harlan County" regime

Association.

redouble the fight for unionism in

ployers' anti-labor machine smash

On Friday Local 554 sent representatives to affiliate with the Central Labor Union of Council

thusiastically for full support to the struggle of the drivers.

Just to show they were still very much in the battle, the drivers took to the streets of Nebraska on Christmas Eve with 30,000 copha operators and the despised Bus-

busy corners of the city Saturday

Grand Forks Elects Board For New Year

On December 16th the Grand Forks Drivers Union Local 581 held its annual elections. Officers for the coming year are: George Kent, president; Alfred Odegard, vice-president; John Will, secretary-treasurer; J. Porter Levi, recording secretary; Oscar Armthree-year trustee.

Floyd Coverston will continue business agent for Local 581. The Grand Forks union has just signed up three big milk compa-

ILGW, ACW Ask Aid vs. Scab Shops

The Twin Cities Joint Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union this week appealed to all union men and women and all friends of labor to refrain from buying "Carole King" dresses, which are sold in Minneapolis by

the Dayton company.
"Carole King" dresses are made
by the Forest City Manufacturing
company of St. Louis, Mo. The plant, employing about one thousand workers, uses an effective spy system to defeat efforts of the workers to form a union.

The Dayton company has re-fused the request of the ILGWU to cease handling these scab dress-es—which should surprise no one Many Unions should surprise no one familiar with Dayton's long laborhating record.

dresses.

The kind of treatment that the bers of organized labor to demand movement. In this the worker has union can expect from Dougherty the Amalgamated label on all the support of the majority of the is indicated by a remark he made men's wearing apparel and thus Wednesday: "Guilty or innocent, give support to the present came men's wearing apparel and thus International heads. am going to get a conviction," paign of the ACW to bring all un said this tool of the Business Men's organized workers within the union fold.

Among the present open shop clothing firms are the L. Grief & Bros., of Baltimore; the Curlee Clothing company of St. Louis; the Merit Clothing company of Mayfield, Ky.; the Richman Bros company of Cleveland, with chain stores in many cities; and the Men's Association carries on its Goodall company of Knoxville,

In Minneapolis, workers can aid the ACW by refusing to buy at the Richman store.

Majority for Mooney Release In Gallup Poll

That the overwhelming majority of voters favor the release of Thomas Mooney from his San Quentin prison cell was proved today by the results of the Gallup "Would you like to see the new Governor of California free Tom Mooney?" results showed that 66 vored his release, 34 per cent was

opposed.

Tom Mooney is serving twenty-second year in prison for his alleged participation in a bombing of a patriotic parade in San Francisco in 1917. Six Republican governors have refused to pardon Mooney, despite over-whelming proof of his innocence.

thoughtful demonstrations of union solidarity that has been seen in the labor movement in a long time, and was convincing proof of the ies of a special strike bulletin that took the clothes right off the Oma-Omaha drivers has touched the hearts and imagination of militant unionists throughout the Middle

"With such friends as these, we don't dare to lose this strike," one

From a hospital bed in Omaha, Tom Smith, popular and able secretary of Local 554, recuperating from an illness brought on by overwork, sent an inspiring letter to the members of the union. He likened the Omaha drivers to the fighters who shivered at Valley Forge but kept their ranks intact.

"While Washington's men went hungry and cold, the English had fine uniforms and plenty to eat, just as do the employers here. We however, have not only the undy here at home. Minneapolis, through the cand the Central Labor Union, has blazed a heroic trail to form strong, organized unemployed groups. In Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Flint—the movement toward trade union organization of the unemployed is beginning to take hold.

There could not be a better way to start the new year right, than by reaching out a brotherly hand to the very large for their families. It was dinners for their families. It was our veins." ing fighting spirit of Washington's

On the National **Picket** Line

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work." Oddly enough only strikers were arrested.

The papers have tried all sorts of other tricks to beat the strike. They have issued false news reports over the radio that the strike was over. They have flooded the strikers' homes with phone calls— either with false reports of the termination of the strike or with offers of large salaries if the strikers would return. They have way-laid and beaten the most militant strikers. They have sent finks out on strike to start the muchly publicized "back - to - work" movements.

And through it all the striker are holding firm. Picket lines are being maintained. And all other unions are respecting those picket ines and sending in recruits and noney where they can

What does this all add up to in the face of the continued fight between the top leaderships of the AFL and the CIO?

The attempt on the part of the AFL to organize a dual union in opposition to the Guild when that organization was fighting a death battle with the employers must be condemned. Every attempt to cre-All union members and their ate dual unionism on the part of wives are urged to support this the top leadership of either the campaign against "Carole King" AFL or the CIO (the skirts of both are by no means clean or The Amalgamated Clothing this issue) must be fought bitterly Workers also appeal to all mem- by the rank and file of the labor

The fight in Chicago

against Hearst is the fight of every worker in the United States. A real battle against the fight between Green and Lewis is also the task of every organized worker in the coun-

We have a common enemy-the EMPLOYERS AS A CLASS and the brutal SYSTEM under which hey are able to dominate the lives of nine-tenths of the population.

We are wasting our strength in a factional fight which no longer has a basic foundation. We are dissipa-ting our forces when we need them the most.

The new church will be founded on moral science. Poets, artists, musicians, philosophers, will be its prophet-teachers. The nobiest literature of the world will be its Bible love and labor its sacraments and instead of worshipping one aviour, we will gladly build an altar in the heart of everyone who has suffered for humanity.—EM-

In a change of government the poor change nothing but the names of their masters.—PHRAEDRUS.

Today Makes 8,829 Days in Jail



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471
The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday.

LOCAL 131
Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.

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LOCAL 259

Second Monday of each month

LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee — Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.

LOCAL 1086
The Retail Clerks Local 1086
will meet on the first and
third Tuesdays of each
month.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting— First Wednesday each month.

LOCAL 977
General Membership — Second
Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Grievance and Seniority Boards
—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS
Regular Membership Meeting—
Second Frida yeach month.
Stewards' Meeting — Every
Wednesday, 8 p. m.

LOCAL 289

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Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers — Second
Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership — Fourth
Thursday.

LOCAL 346
Regular Membership Meeting
2nd Monday each month, 8:36
p. m. 4th Monday each month
1:30 p. m.

LOCAL 103

Regular Membership Meeting—
2nd Tuesdays.
Executive Committee Meeting
—On call.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each

LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Sec-tion—Second Tuesday each month.

Stewards — First
Tuesday.
Regular Membership Meeting—
Fourth Tuesday.
Fracutive Board — Regularly
Fracutive Board — Regularly

LOCAL 160

LOCAL 1859, 20481 General Membership 1859

January 4 Casket Industry 1859—January American Excelsior 1859-Jan-J. R. Clark Section—January

Puffer-Hubbard Section-Janu-Puffer-Hubbard Section—January 19
Box Industry—January 20
Executive Board—Every Friday,, 8 p. m.
Grievance Board—January 9
and 23, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards—January
9 and 23, 8 p. m.
General Membership 20481—
January 4

January 4 Executive Board 20481—January 4
Executive Board 20481—January 16, 8 p. m.

LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month-Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.

LOCAL 544

January

Monday, January 2—Package

Delivery; Department Store

Wednesday, January 4 — Sausage; Petroleum

Thursday, January 5—Green-

Wednesday, January 4 — Sausage; Petroleum
Thursday, January 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck
Owners
Friday, January 6—Job Stewards
Monday, January 9 — General
Membership
Wednesday, January 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor
Friday, January 13—Wholesale
Grocery; Meat Drivers
Sunday, January 15—Over-theroad Drivers, 10 A. M.
Monday, January 16 — Furniture Stores; Coal
Wednesday, January 18 —
Building Material
Thursday, January 19 — Tent
and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M.
Friday, January 20—Job Stewards
Monday, January 23—Spring

Monday, January 23 — Spring Water Thursday, January 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating Sand and Gravel

Friday, January 27-Cold Stor-

Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 1 Grievance Committee

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 indi-cated