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Workers, Farmers Mobilize to Defend Unions; State Federation to Hold Special Convention

On the National Picket Line

Twenty years ago last November, mothers and fathers of the very young of all lands, got down on their knees and thanked whatever Gods they worshipped because the "last war" was over. The world was "safe for democracy" and it would never be the fate of their sons to go forth to battle.

Today those same parents are watching world events with anxious eyes, visualizing with terrible certainty these same now-grown-up young men, marching off to quell again the awful hunger of the War God, spilling their blood to still the insatiable lust of the money-hungry war lords.

Hitler is marching again. Franco advances on Madrid for the last terrible slaughter. England's Chamberlain speaks in the saddened tones of an old, old man as he decries the "treachery" of Hitler in his latest advance. The French Chamber of Deputies and the Senate have conferred upon Premier Daladier the absolute powers of a dictator. Roosevelt joins Chamberlain, Daladier, and Stalin in sending strong notes of approval to Hitler, who calmly refuses to accept them. Ambassadors are recalled for "consultation."

Roosevelt imposes strict tariff penalties against all German imports which are government-subsidized. Both the House and the Senate begin to talk favorably about amending that infamous "Neutrality Act" which never has been enforced properly.

The Arment program goes full steam ahead. Sunday evening a radio dispatch announced the existence of the largest airplane in the world which has just been completed for the United States Navy. According to the dispatch, the plane is capable of carrying an entire company of soldiers. A fleet of one hundred of these planes could transport the entire United States standing army to Europe in less than a month.

According to the Monday papers Senator Shipstead has decided to support the President's demand for an additional \$1,500,000 to carry the present WPA enrollment through to June 30, 1939.

Shipstead, in a statement to the press, said "In February I voted for the sum in the house bill that was supposed to carry the WPA through until July 1. In view of the statements made in the newspapers and by the administration that they expected improvement in business conditions and a large increase in the employment of labor, I came to the conclusion that the \$725,000,000 would be enough. However, I stated at the time that if it appeared by April 1 that more was needed, I would vote for more."

Senator Shipstead has been Minnesota's senior senator since 1924. It would seem that with this much service behind him he should by now have at least a fundamental understanding of economics. We are now in the tenth year (Continued on page 4)

Fink Unions Support Anti-Labor Bill

Independent Labor News

DEDICATED TO CO-OPERATION BETWEEN LABOR AND BUSINESS, AND EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER.

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The Vance-Myre Labor Bill

The proposed Vance-Myre Labor Bill in which the Associated Independent Unions and other workers in the State of Minnesota believe, is being presented in part:

(1) Directly or indirectly dominate or interfere with the administration of the laws of the State of Minnesota.

(2) Employers who have the right to sell.

We, the undersigned employed in various types of business, petition the Governor and Legislature, now convened at the State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, to pass a Labor Relations Bill, sufficiently severe to produce peace in, and assure us uninterrupted employment in the future.

Let's back the Vance-Myre Bill NOW!
ALBERT R. BELL,
President Associated Independent Unions

Above is a reproduction of the rag published by the Associated Independent Unions, and of a petition being circulated by these finks, showing their vigorous support for the bosses' Vance-Myre Labor Bill. The fink Associated Independent Union likes this boss bill because it's "sufficiently drastic" and "sufficiently severe" to destroy the legitimate organized labor movement. Albert R. Bell, president of the finks, says in his paper: "Let's back the Vance-Myre Bill NOW!"

The bosses, the finks and their Silver

Shirt cronies, Governor Stassen and his friends, all the union-smashers, are going down the line in support for this bill, which would destroy organized labor in this state.

And this is exactly why every self-respecting decent worker, why every fair-minded person, opposes the Vance-Myre bill and is working for its defeat. Whenever you find the bosses and the finks and their political tools cooking up something "for labor," you can bet your bottom dollar that it is pure poison for the worker and his union.

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Farmers Slam Employers' 'Labor Bill'

Thoroughly aroused against the vicious Vance-Myre Bill and the pretense of Big Business that "it's the farmers who want to hogtie the unions," farm organizations and farm cooperatives in every section of Minnesota sent heated telegrams and protest resolutions to their legislative representatives this week, voicing the stern opposition of the farmers to the vile attempt of the labor-haters to smash the union movement.

We print below a few of the resolutions passed by farm organizations:

FROM KANDIYOHI COUNTY

Organized farmers in Kandiyohi County request the Vance-Myre Labor Relations bill be opposed vigorously. Passage of this act would make it impossible for us to make organization effective and would destroy our bargaining power.

Robert Hanson, Franklin Clough, Lake Lillian, Minn.

FROM RED LAKE FALLS

To Walter D. Day, Representative of 65th District—The Farmers Union Oil company of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, passed a resolution opposing passage of Vance Myre Labor Bill.

Archie M. Orcutt, Mgr. FROM WILLMAR FARMERS UNION

To Hon. Harold Peterson, Hon. Harry Wahlstrand, Hon. Lawrence Hall, and Governor Stassen—It seems that several labor bills have been introduced into the present session of the legislature. The one that appears as being chiefly considered is H. F. 352 which is anti-labor. If that bill is passed, instead of solving labor difficulties it will rather increase hostilities between employee and employer. It is our conviction that the following bills which have passed one house: Senate File 290 against sit-down strike, House File 385 and Senate File 339 against mass picketing will destroy labor's bargaining power and will finally affect the welfare of agriculture. We urge you to do everything in your power to defeat the above-mentioned bills. We also urge you to oppose the present Civil Service Bill, H. F. No. 601 in its present form.

By order of Board of Directors, Farmers Union Oil Company, Willmar FROM CLIMAX, MINN.

To Senator Alfred M. Salstad and Representative George Haugen—

At a meeting of the Farmers Union Oil company of Climax, (Continued on page 4)

Farmers Pledge Aid to Organized Labor in Fight Against Boss "Labor Bill"—Minneapolis Teamsters Council Program Endorsed; Myre Spills the Beans

STATE CONVENTION SET FOR APRIL 3RD

Associated Industries, Finks and Silver Shirts, Stassen Gang United in Drive to Smash Organized Labor

Preparations for a mobilization of workers and farmers unprecedented in the history of Minnesota were made this week as the producers of city and countryside joined hands in the show-down fight that looms ahead against the social outrage known as the Vance-Myre "labor bill."

As organized labor in the state faced the gravest crisis of its history, George W. Lawson, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, was taking a telegraphic poll of members of the state executive committee, proposing a reconvening of the delegates to the 1938 Mankato convention of the State Federation of Labor. The state-wide convention would be held almost immediately in St. Paul and would limit itself to action on labor relations legislation. A unanimous vote of the council is necessary to call such an extraordinary convention, but ranking labor officials of the state felt positive the proposal would carry.

TJC Program Endorsed

At the special conference of the executive boards of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, the Central Labor Union, the Building Trades Council, the Allied Printing Trades Council and the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council, held last Wednesday evening in the Minne-

Finks Get Setback in 544 Suit

Organized labor won an important legal victory late last week when Judge Frank E. Reed, trial judge in the fink suit against the Minneapolis General Drivers Union, handed down an order staying the original inspection order issued by him July 28th, 1938. In short, the court has withdrawn its order that Local 544 shall turn over its books and records to the finks before the trial proceeds.

"The inspection order of July 28, 1938, is stayed until such time as it appears to the trial judge that such inspection is advisable," stated Judge Reed.

Reed's order, while blocking the inspection of 544's books, denied the union's motion that the fink charges be tried separately.

It now appears that the fink suit will come to trial on April 18th, unless further complications arise to again delay the suit.

The latest court order reflects the opinion of organized labor and its friends that employers' organizations have no right to expect access to union records. Though this legal victory is important in its way, the labor movement must not let up in its insistence that finks will not be permitted to stick their noses into organized labor's affairs.

Drivers' Pact Pushed in North Dakota

The North Central Area Committee of the drivers met Wednesday, March 22nd, in Chicago to hear a report on the progress of negotiations with the truck operators in North Dakota.

Last Sunday members of the Area Committee met in Fargo with a section of the truck operators in that state.

The Chicago meeting will make plans for a continuation of the negotiations and the application of the standard over-road pact to North Dakota.

Members may receive the quarterly rate on dues providing the dues are received in the Union Office on or before the 10th day of the first month in the respective quarter. Quarters are as follows:

April, May and June; July, August and September; October, November and December, etc.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Local B-160

Drivers Movement Fights WPA Order

The second state-wide meeting of representatives of the drivers' unions in Minnesota within eight days was scheduled to be held Wednesday evening, March 22nd, in the headquarters of St. Paul General Drivers Union Local 120. President Arthur Hudson of Local 120 on Tuesday wired all drivers' unions to send their delegate to the Wednesday meeting, at which further action will be planned against the WPA order directed against the drivers' movement in this state, instituting the competitive bid system of hiring trucks on WPA work.

About fifty union delegates representing practically all drivers' unions in Minnesota attended the state conference held last Wednesday night in the headquarters of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. Despite bad weather conditions, almost all unions felt it vitally important to be represented at the meeting.

After Miles Dunne had been chosen chairman, and Arnold Schoenecker of Local 120 had been named secretary, representatives from the drivers in Duluth, Brainerd, International Falls, Willmar, Mankato, Albert Lea, Willmar, Little Fork, Waseca, St. Paul, St. Cloud and Minneapolis reported on the effects the WPA order was having in the respective communities, and the degree to which contractors and chiselers were already attacking the wage scales created by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters affiliates.

The secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, Miles Dunne, reported on the outcome of the recent visit to Washington made by the committee from the Minnesota drivers' unions. "Whether this order is put into effect in Minnesota de-

pends upon the judgment of Colonel Harrington. The Comptroller General of the United States has ruled in such a way that the whim of Harrington will determine whether the independent truck owners are to be thrown out of jobs," stated Dunne.

He interpreted this order and its application to Minnesota as a sign of the administration's move to the side of big business.

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Bakery Drivers Catch Up With Another Chiseler

The Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 caught up with another chiseling employer last week when union representatives found that the East Side Bakery, at 539 22nd Avenue N. E., was employing a non-union man, working him from 4 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily for a weekly wage of \$17.

Local 289 tied up the bakery Saturday morning until the firm agreed to straighten out. The man is now getting the union wage scale and conditions. The Bakery Drivers Union will not tolerate any chiseling on the union agreement—by anyone.

Over-Road Men To Meet Sunday Morning, 10:30

The Over-Road Section of General Drivers Union Local 544 will hold an important meeting this Sunday, March 26th, at 10:30 a. m. in the first floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

This meeting is important and all over-road drivers, union as well as non-union, are urged to attend. Officials will present an interpretation of drivers' laws and logs. All drivers who are not absolutely clear on the laws can get matters clarified at Sunday's meeting.

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Parents, Teachers Protest Against School 'Paper Sales'

The long fight of the Junk Peddlers Association against the practice whereby various public schools hold "paper sales" took on new impetus this week when Mrs. Michael D. Himmelman, president of the Parents and Teachers Association of the Talmud Torah, prepared to launch a protest to the school board against the baleful and dangerous custom.

The Junk Peddlers Association, representing the city's 400 peddlers, has from the first received the backing of General Drivers Union Local 544 in its efforts to stop school-sponsored "paper sales."

The Association opposes this practice which is destroying the livelihood of the peddlers, and endangering the lives and health of the school children.

In a petition presented last August to the school board and the city council by a committee from the Junk Peddlers Association and Grant Dunne, the peddlers asked the board to put an end to the "paper sales." The board then refused to act, but the Association is confident that its fight against the anti-labor practice will soon be crowned with success.

Cite Dangers of "Sales"

In its petition the Association asked of the school board "that you withdraw the schools from the business of collecting old paper. We ask that you do away with a system whereby unpaid child labor is used to drive down the price which we should be getting for our work. In making this request, we are certain that every father and mother in Minneapolis, if they became conscious of the danger of infection to which their children are being subjected, would join with us in calling upon the school authorities to put an end to this scabbery."

Sales Prohibited in St. Paul

The Health Department of St. Paul has stopped school "paper sales" in that city after an investigation showed that the children participating in the paper collections were being unnecessarily exposed to disease germs and filth.

It was considered likely that Minneapolis health authorities would take similar action soon to call a halt to this dangerous practice.

Not only has it been found that communicable diseases gain ground during paper sales, but that the children are exposed to traffic hazards at periods during the day when the usual school traffic precautions no longer protect them.

Bakers Union Holds 40th Anniversary

The Minneapolis Bakers Union Local 222 celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary last Saturday evening with a banquet and dance at the Cataract Hall. Among the speakers were George Lawson of the State Federation of Labor, George Alrich and Clarence Johnson, president and secretary of Local 222, Peter H. Olson, business agent of the union, and Christ Thorpe, a charter member who enrolled in the Bakers Union way back in 1899.

Following the banquet and the interesting speaking program, the guests of Local 222 danced to the music of George Podany's orchestra.

Roger Olson acted as master of ceremonies and, together with a banquet committee of nine, made arrangements for the successful affair. Several officials of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 attended and expressed their appreciation of Local 222's anniversary celebration.

Warehouse Union To Meet Tuesday

All members of the Warehouse Union are urged to attend the general membership meeting of Local 20316 next Tuesday night, March 28th. Robley Cramer, editor of the Labor Review, will be the guest speaker. Bring your attendance cards.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore
Gene Larson of the Milk Drivers Union gave a very inspiring talk at the last general membership meeting. He brought out the point that farmers and farm workers are in an isolated position as regards union activities and aims and are very apt to misunderstand labor's position unless some means is taken to explain it to them.

Saturday, March 18—in spite of my rather foggy perspective, thanks to last night's park employees party, it is evidently a beautiful day. My recollection of the party is a little vague at the moment but to the best of my knowledge, it was a howling success. Most of the howling was contributed by Bros. Strom, Ryan, aided by a few others, including yours truly. Bro. Harry Anderson brought his "accordien" and did a "Whoopie John." Harry can get over the keyboard like a centipede on a hot griddle so, naturally, the howlers really "gave out." A 64 years young guy, name of George Goodsell, telephone Main 5618, showed us how to pick them up and lay 'em down in several tap dance routines. As a party entertainer he is tops.

The party was very well attended and enjoyed by everybody. Plenty to eat and plenty of the feaming brew. Incidentally, I never saw so many "Dagwood" sandwiches, some so thick that the guys couldn't throw a lip over them. Did a little experimenting myself and the results weren't half bad. From one angle, the party deserves special notice in that there were no fights or arguments over the relative merits of the Irish versus any and all other tribes. Last night everybody was Irish.

Believe it or not, I saw Bro. "Brick" drinking orange pop. The boys who did the buying and serving of refreshments certainly did a fine job and deserve a vote of thanks for same.

Bros. "Butch" and George Peterson staged an impromptu wrestling match, which in spite of their build, was on the up-and-up and furnished those who witnessed it a side-splitting laugh. My leg muscles are a little lame today—the result of shag lessons from Bro. Husebo. Henry is no slouch at it either. I would like to see a party like this every year. How's about it?

You brothers of the Park Dept. must henceforth cease and desist from using nicknames such as "Toots," "Skinny," "Fats," "Half-pint," etc., in addressing your fellow workers, particularly foremen and others who are your supposedly social superiors. It's beginning to irk them. Of course, there are more appropriate epithets which can be used, should the occasion warrant, and here's hoping everybody takes advantage of such occasions. There should never be a dull moment if everyone follows these instructions.

I understand that Bro. Samuelson of the tree-trimmers lost his mother last week, and tender him the condolences of his fellow workers of 664. He has lost the best friend a man could have. Bros. Helwig, Holden and Seavey dropped in on the party last night and seemed to enjoy them-

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next meeting: Retail Drivers meet Thursday evening, April 6, 8 p. m. sharp.

Local 289 gives you low-cost entertainment. It's not too early to line up a party for the dance Saturday night, April 22. Friends, relatives, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, mothers-in-law—all are welcome. Get up that party now. Free lunch, free entertainment, free checking and the hottest dance band in Minneapolis playing both old and new time music: Bobby Phillips' orchestra. Come one, come all. 50c per couple. That's it. 50c admits two, no fooling.

Mike Eners, Regan's, was taken to the hospital last Thursday night. Another pneumonia case, but he is getting along fine.

Bud Larson, Purity North Plant, back on the job after quite a sickness. The first day on the route broke down at Milaca, so his luck is still kinda shaky.

The impending Labor Bills in the State Legislature need our close watch. One bill, the one proposed by what the newspapers call the Farm Bloc, is really dangerous to our organized labor in this state. But, by latest reports, we understand that the farmers are not particularly for this type of labor legislation. However, it behooves every member of labor unions to get out and fight. See your state senators and legislators if you know any. Put on the pressure or we will have tough rowing. This is really serious.

The Inside Bakers, Local 222, celebrated their 40th anniversary in Minneapolis by throwing a big banquet at Cataract Hall Saturday night, March 18. Many celebrated speakers were there. Among them Mr. Joseph Francis O'Hare of Local 289. Em, his wife, said the chicken was good, too.

What's this I hear about Cliff and Bob Lindbloom and Jerry Chapman running into difficulties with the T Men?

Harold Simons of Regan's is back on the job after a siege with old man "fu." I didn't think anything could get that Irishman down.

The East Side Bakery was tied up for an hour last Saturday morning by Joe and Harry and everything is Coca Cola at that plant now. Seems like a little tie-up as these plants does a lot of good once in a while.

Your steward has the dance tickets. Let him know how many you need.

Paint, Wall Paper Men Meet Friday

A meeting of all men employed in the paint and wall paper industry who come within the jurisdiction of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 will be held Friday, March 24th, 7 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.


Some of these workers have been working for as little as \$60 a month, a survey of the local industry has disclosed. Local 20316 anticipates lowering hours and raising wages of these workers.

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man

No labor union is going to tell me how long to work or how much I get.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

With our method of competitive bidding being used for truck assignments going into the second week, our boys are getting hotter and hotter as they see some of the finks still out taking over their jobs. With every group of bids going out the asking prices go lower. Almost one hundred bids for less than twenty jobs for stake trucks drove the price down to one dollar an hour.

In regard to the handling of this situation by the Union many of our members are getting too impatient and fail to remember the old saying about making haste slowly. Getting together a state-wide committee is not to be compared with phoning for a few men like we have on our Ways and Means. However, most of you will have known the final decision to be taken by the time this copy reaches you at home. Our special meeting this Thursday will have on the agenda all the business necessary to end this unjust lockout of our men who have been working on the WPA.

Looking back on what has been done we can find that on our side we have had a swell attendance at our 10:00 o'clock morning meetings in spite of the dragging action in waiting for the rest of the state. Your Ways and Means committee has had a quorum on hand at all times besides seven special meetings in the last ten days at which all were present.

On special service we have had Chet Herringer in charge of finances. Harry Pfaff is our quartermaster general and doing a good job in running the commissary. It is costing us from ten to fifteen dollars a day and we have been serving dinner to about one hundred and twenty-five men every day. Dick Helme and Ginther have been on the kitchen staff along with many others who are helping from day to day.

Quick carries the armbands of the MP and would be worried into his grave by now if he had one more crowd like that Irishmen's club to keep watch over. Toohy should be made water boy. And his friends should be put on the wagon.

Several crews of volunteers have contacted every low bidder and explained our position to them. Many of them have realized now what would be the average bid in July if this method would be continued and have joined with us in fighting against this new setup.

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Pulp Workers Demand AFL, CIO Unity

A stiff resolution demanding unity between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations was passed unanimously by the 130 delegates attending the convention of the International Union of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers in St. Paul last week.

"This International convention unanimously calls upon the present negotiating committees appointed by William Green and John L. Lewis to make every effort to find a common ground on which differences can be adjudicated, and most emphatically affirms that the time has arrived for no further adjournment until some constructive work of harmonizing and welding the thought, opinions and efforts of the now-divided labor movement into one representative coordinated labor body, be accomplished," read a section of the resolution, copies of which were sent to all negotiators.

On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas

The Independent Truck Owners are still combating the vicious competitive bidding instituted by the state WPA Administration on all public work jobs. Fleet owners are able to under-bid the ITO's by using inferior equipment. The ITO's have no other means of income except their investment in their trucks. Many of these trucks are not paid for and if forced off the job by what is nothing less than an outright lock-out, the owners will find themselves forced to give up their trucks. Once this has taken place, the fleet owners can again pull the hourly wage down to a point where they can make enormous profits.

Federal Workers Section of Local 544 knows that when the next cut comes it will be in the ranks of the laborer and white collar workers. This being so, it behooves us to give our full sup-

port and help to the ITO's in any official action they may take.

Many workers on WPA projects are coming into the ranks of the Federal Workers Section in protest to the do-nothing policy of other so-called unemployed organizations. The workers' only defense against the slow starvation mandated by the administration's new order, to slash 9,800 from the WPA rolls, is a strong militant union where the rank and file are offered leadership instead of promises.

The executive Board of the FWS has fought for every demand made by the rank and file. The conditions on relief in our sister city of St. Paul are falling to a standard comparable to the rural areas of Minnesota. The reason for this is obvious. St. Paul lacks a strong or militant unemployed organization. The only unemployed organization in St. Paul worth its salt is not getting the full cooperation and support of the city labor movement. Our success has largely depended upon our affiliation with the powerful General Drivers and the leadership taken from our own ranks.

Last Saturday night the Federal Workers Section gave a dance and once more proved that it doesn't take money to have a splendid time. The dance was a huge success and everyone, young and old, took part in what was a hilarious evening's fun-fest. I don't know when they will give their next dance, but orchids to the entertainment committee and the next one can't be soon enough for me.

The unemployed Veteran's Section will announce the date for a mass meeting at their regular Saturday forenoon meeting.

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Utility Men Warned Against Delinquency

All delinquent members of the Utility Workers Union Local B-160 have been notified that if they want to protect their standing with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers they must make arrangements with the union executive board.

Article IV of the by-laws of the Electrical Workers' Benefit Assn. covering dues payments should be read by all members, particularly section 4 of this article:

Reinstatement Rules
"Any member suspended for failure to pay dues for three months, may within three months from the date of suspension be reinstated provided he pays all dues to date of reinstatement and gives satisfactory evidence of good health, and also pays, together with said dues, a penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the expense fund. Upon payment of said dues and penalty and the furnishing of said evidence of good health such suspended member shall be reinstated to the standing he enjoyed prior to his suspension. If he elects to pay only said dues but not said penalty he shall be reinstated as a member but his continuous good standing, for the purpose of calculating benefits, shall begin on and date from the time of the payment of said dues, as if he had been admitted as a new member at such time. A member indebted for six months' dues forfeits all previous rights and benefits and shall be dropped as a member and can only come in as a new member."

IBEW By-Law
Article XXV of constitution of the IBEW lays down the following rules regarding the reinstatement of members:
"Section 1. Anyone suspended for being in arrears for three months—but less than six months—may apply for reinstatement. To be reinstated he must be in good health and free from physical disability or bodily ailment, otherwise he shall not receive a funeral benefit from the IBEW."
"Section 2. If eligible under this Constitution for reinstatement, the applicant shall pay all arrearages and assessments, and a reinstatement fee of \$3 in addition to his L. U. Half of such fee

is to be sent the I. O. If a majority of those present at a regular meeting vote in favor of reinstatement, then the applicant shall stand reinstated, subject to all the limitations imposed by this Constitution.

"Section 3. A reinstated member shall not be entitled to any L. U. benefits until six months after reinstatement.

"Section 4. Reinstated members' standing in the I. O. shall be the same as that of new members.

"Section 5. A suspended member traveling, or at a long distance from his L. U., can be reinstated in the nearest L. U. by consent of the one in which he formerly held membership."

Watt Notes

First, let us report with regret and all that stuff that our regular columnist is unable to move a pen right now, so here goes for some pinch-hitting.

St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company employees please note: The Seniority Board will meet with members working at St. Anthony Falls on Monday, March 27, 1939, at 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

Joke

A woman is as old as she looks; a man is old when he stops looking.

Honest John Williams is really going to prove his honesty. Why the name Cecil, John?

The reactionaries of the state are trying to pass the "death sentence" upon labor in Minnesota. This "death sentence" is the "Labor Relations Act," known as House File Number 352. The Minnesota State Federation of Labor is calling a special convention in St. Paul for April 3, 1939, to protest against all reactionary bills.

Brothers Heigel, Phillips and Muller attended the meeting of the Joint Council of Utility Workers which was held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Sunday, March 19. A well attended meeting was reported.

No Joke

God made the world and rested. God made man and rested. God made woman— Since then neither God nor man has rested.

Our 1939 agreement is at the printers; every member will soon have a copy.

What have the boys done with their raises?

Ward of Riverside is driving a new Studebaker.

"Scummy" had his shoes half-soled. Marriage does funny things to some guys.

Last week "Little Horse" Koester was shaving with his electric shaver. When he woke up, he was half scalped. Wonder what he was thinking about?

How are you doing, Mid? Don't forget April 22.

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

So far the negotiating committee has had two meetings with the drivers, one with the inside workers and one meeting with the ice cream men. A tentative program has been worked out for them and will be established by approval of the membership at the regular meeting. Next will be called the Twin City, the L.O.L., the commission salesmen and the produce workers. Notices of the meetings will be posted in ample time but watch your bulletin board so we can have your cooperation at any time.

The writer received a telephone call from a brother member of Local 471. He was very anxious that workers at the largest creamery in this city adopt a new slogan. He explained to use the continued growth and success of this company since its creation in 1918. But he feels that at this time a new slogan is necessary. He argues that this slogan could be used alike by sales managers, board of directors, drivers, insiders, stenographers, etc. His contention is this, that for continued success of the largest Minneapolis creamery everyone connected with it must figure "Franklin First." To see the value of these words, repeat the slogan "Franklin First" about seven times.

We ask your cooperation in getting some statistics on the sliding scale system. Minneapolis is giving it the original tryout. Some creameries report they are up on volume, up on by-products, etc. We would like to hear your individual reports; how it performs on your route. Write or call us. Maybe we should get out some questionnaires.

March 15, sent all of the drivers out an hour earlier again. But it seems that the "sooners" are still with us. They chiseled at 6 a. m. now they jump the gun at 5 a. m. All this points to a loading time which can be enforced at the plant.

We certainly regret the farmers recent wage cut; another down in butter fat prices. Several things could be done at once to correct this. First, we, the American people, use only one half of the normal consumption of dairy products. Second, we should forbid the sale of inferior substitutes. And last, we should get behind the Administration's program for controlled production. Through the Farmer - Cooperative - Labor Council, it is hoped that we can get some concerted action to help the farmer.

More Butter and Cheese
Other countries eat from two to four times as much butter and cheese as we do in the United States. There are many good reasons why the facts should be the other way 'round. Here are the comparative figures on the per capita use of these dairy products:

United States	16.6
Sweden	18.6
Finland	20.7
Canada	30.31
New Zealand	36.18
Australia	39.6
Butter	
United States	4.5
Great Britain	8.52
France	10.84
Italy	11.72
Denmark	12.57
Switzerland	18.76

her requests that there shall be no "check room negotiations" of any kind.

Local 471 girls had their meeting last Tuesday. In spite of the cold weather, they had a large crowd and certainly are an asset to the dairy workers. L.O.L. has six new girls. We hope they fulfill the high standards of that organization.

The executive board has extended whole-hearted cooperation to the negotiating committee and fur-

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Lessee Section To Raise Fee After May 1st

The Lessee Section of Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 has ruled that lessees will have only until May 1st to join the Lessee Section at the initiation rate of \$2. After April 1st, the initiation fee will be raised to \$5.

Gassing With 977

Two members returned their honorary withdrawal cards to the office this week, and go to work. Archie Dean returns to work at Apex Oil, and Bob Dallman returns to Russell-Thompson tire.

The latest ruling by the lessee committee of the Independent Lessee Section is that the lessees will be given until May 1st to join the union on the \$2.00 fee; after the first of April they will pay the \$5.00 initiation fee. Inform your lessee of this fact.

You fellows should keep in mind that you have one more month to get your dues straightened out without the monthly fine of 50c, which will be imposed on all who are not paid to date on May 1st.

221, Soft Drinks Tie For Lead in Bowling Race

Soft Drinks tied for first place by taking three games from the Meat Drivers. L. Hanson had 581. Gold Bubble went into third place by blanking the Mirkins. Harold Carlson had 537. Local 221 won a double from Local 289. F. Stanley had 527. Local 544 is now out of the basement by taking Liberty Cabs twice. Richardson had 536. Sinnott rolled 501.

Team	Won	Lost
Local 221	41	31
Soft Drinks	41	31
Gold Bubble	38	34
Meat Drivers	36	36
Local 289	36	36
Local 544	33	39
Minkins	32	40
Liberty Cabs	31	41

Local 221 Mourns Death of Wilson

Members of the Ice Drivers Union Local 221, together with his many friends of the Teamsters Joint Council, mourned the death last Tuesday of Richard B. (Dick) Wilson, former business representative of Local 221. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, and burial was at Hillside cemetery.

Surviving the 66-year-old trade unionist are the widow and three daughters.

Card of Thanks

To Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912:
I want to thank your local very much for the fine way in which you handled everything connected with the burial of your brother member, Edward J. Ross. To me, it proves two things: it pays to belong to a union, and that people appreciate kind services rendered.

CARROLL'S MORTUARY
Port Townsend, Wash.

Major "Hardwood Hoopie" Harvey Johnston has joined Marty "The Fox" Stirriup in the exclusive - cosmopolitan government housing on the North Side.

"Half-a-cup," otherwise known as William Sorenson, is troubled with static electricity (or personal magnetism maybe). Every time he touches metal it sparks. Why not drag a log chain behind you like the gas tankers?

"Rosey" Ralph Ryan is really out of social circulation, he actually worked St. Patrick's day, so did Frank Riley and Ed Harlan. This is serious to the "wearin' of the green" boys and we hope somewhere some fightin' Irish made up for it.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Our dance will be at the South Side auditorium at Twelfth Ave. S. and Third St., on Tuesday, April 11. There will be modern and old time dance music, furnished by Ernest Bjorklund's orchestra. The committee promises you a fine evening's entertainment. The tickets are 25c per person and may be obtained through your steward or at your union office. Let's all go and have a good time.

Are you wondering what's the reason for that great big smile Leo Washtock's been wearing for the past week? It's a boy, born last Saturday. Congratulations, Leo.

Does this balmy weather make you think of pulling in some of those big ones? We mean big orders and bundles, too.

There haven't been any new cases of sickness reported since last week.

There will be a hearing this week to straighten up a matter in dispute. It seems that disputes do arise from time to time.

We neglected to report last week that Elmer Hatlestad from Dinmore was sick. He is back to work now.

We'll wager that those two fifty-buck checks for Fred Trosvick and J. G. Rozen came in handy, even if they did wait a long time.

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

A couple of "fly well attended meetings were held last Thursday at which the following appointments were made—Joe Williams and Jack Ahtzner from the Y.C. and Messrs. Christianson and Griggs from the Independent companies to form a committee to take care of the working rules.

Our April fifteenth dance committee turns out to be a very cosmopolitan group: Tony Manthis, Greek; Don Bain, very Scotch; Ray Rainbolt, an early American (see America first), and Watson and Griggs from merrie England.

Local 958, the Taxi-men's own, is really growing out of its swaddling clothes and going places; we now have delegates to the C.L.U., Koek, Soike, Joe Williams, Bill Warner and Tony Manthis.

Saturday, April 15th, is the day of the big dance in honor of our baseball team and to raise money for their coming season. We all got to get behind this and put it over in a big way. This will be our third ball and therefore should guarantee a good attendance. Don't we all remember the good times at the last ones? Dick Atherton's 544 boys will play and a very good floor show is planned. Every 958 member is privileged to sell these tickets.

Daniel Cupid is practising archery in the vicinity of Kenny Swenson's igloo and he doesn't miss often.

All men in the driving craft know that the only proper way to launch a new truck or taxi is a bent fender performed sometime within a month after going into service; we wish to announce that the new coupe has gone through that ritual.

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New Grocery Pact Awaits Ratification

Negotiations have been concluded between General Drivers Union Local 544 and the local wholesale grocery industry, it was reported Wednesday. The four large companies—Western Grocer, Slocum-Bergren, National Tea, and C. Thomas—were active in the negotiations.

The agreement will be presented to the Wholesale Grocery Section of Local 544 for ratification.

With the Limousines

By Home James

Our first spring meeting was held on Tuesday and a large attendance was enjoyed by Local 912.

Some of our "Snow Alibiers" will have to find a new "cause" for not attending the meetings, no doubt it will be too hot or too dusty, but that "alibi" will be no longer tolerated as we are about to install our "air conditioned equipment."

Our smoke inspector is now getting ready for spring cleaning, so govern yourselves accordingly.

Our members who are away in different parts of the "vacation lands" will be glad to know the club rooms are now going to be nice and cool all summer long while they attend the meetings.

We are all very sorry to hear our good friend, Harold K is on the sick list and we all hope for a speedy recovery for Harold.

Eddie F. and Eskild N. were at Pasadena, Calif., St. Patrick's day and the reports we have are that they both must have bet on a very green horse as they had to retire home at a very early hour.

We understand some of the members out on the coast are sending oranges, but they happen to be in the "leaf" form. Take notice you lads on the coast.

Some of you members who were not present at the last meeting will be pleased to know that your good friends, Al N., won the ledger prize of \$3 with No. 122 as the lucky number and the attendance prize was won by our good friend, Andrew J. A. No. 11 being the winning number.

Hospitalization was discussed by the members and some of the contracts were signed, but it is up to each individual to use his own judgment if he wishes this protection or not. The time of expiration on this contract is March 31, 1939.

Local 912 received a very fine letter thanking this local for its prompt attention given in regard to the way the officials handled the funeral arrangements for our brother, Edward Ross, who passed away at Port Townsend, Wash. This letter was sent to us by the Carroll Funeral Home, Port Townsend, Wash.

We have more need of models than of critics.—JOBERT.

Local No. 383
By Don Casper

A few of the boys have taken up the kids' game, known as marbles.

The boys are getting bigger every day. They have gained from 5 to 20 pounds, and some have gained more.

It's a funny thing, but sometimes these typewriters don't spell right.

A few of the Holdover drivers moved to Cedar Rapids. Sorry to have them go, but we wish them lots of luck.

Some of the drivers of this town

MARCHING AS TO WAR

By Dwight Macdonald

BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH!
On March 15, Hitler took over the Czech Republic. In true gangster fashion, his Storm Troopers stuck up the Prague National Bank and removed from its vaults to Berlin some \$100,000,000 worth of gold. On March 16, Hitler took over Slovakia. What will happen in the rest of this troubled month, no one knows. Will Hitler go on to gobble up Rumania? Will Mussolini—who is scheduled to make an important speech on March 26—demand that France yield him Tunis and Savoy? And if these things happen, will France and England fight? And if they do, will we get in too?

The issue of war and peace hangs in the balance, and may be decided in favor of war even before you read these lines. If the decision is for peace, it will only be a temporary breathing spell. For there seems little hope for a lasting peace—in Europe at least. No one knows just when war will come, but everyone knows there will be war. Europe was on the ragged edge of war in 1905 (the Algeiras Incident), 1908 (the Bosnian War), 1911 (the Agadir Crisis), and 1912 (the Balkan Wars). The explosion, however, finally DID come in 1914. So it may be now. And when war does come, we in America must decide whether to take part or not.

The New Deal liberals and the Communist Party "radicals" are anxious to have us jump right into the next war, on the side of "democratic" England and France. They want us to go in so that we can "fight fascism." But the great question is: what IS fascism? If fascism is something which exists only in certain European nations for certain peculiar reasons, something which these nations are determined to thrust on us by force of arms—then, obviously, we must go to war to protect ourselves from it. But if fascism is the inevitable product of a declining capitalist system—whether in Germany or in France or in the United States—then it is something which will come to this country from within when it is necessary for the bosses to put it into force in order to save their profits. And in that case, obviously the way to fight fascism is not to fight a war against foreign fascism—since a war always means more power than ever to the business class—but rather to smash the grip of the bosses on our own economic system.

"FASCISM AND BIG BUSINESS"

The best book I know on the question of fascism—what it really is and how it can be fought—is Daniel Guerin's "Fascism and Big Business," which has just been published in this country. Guerin is a French economist who has played a big part in the labor movement over there. His book has already gone through four editions in France, and I predict it will do equally well over here—though, of course, I may be prejudiced, since I wrote an introduction for it and helped get it out. We have had a flood of books on fascism recently, but Guerin's stands out above them all. It is simply written and clearly organized, and should be of great use in educational and discussion groups.

Guerin analyzes fascism in economic terms. His first question is always: who profits? He explodes the myth that fascism is a form of state socialism by bringing together a mass of data showing the essentially capitalistic nature of the fascist state. Above all, he makes it clear that the only social force that can defeat fascism is the united, militant power of the great masses of workers. Guerin tells the whole shameful story of how the "progressive" governments of Giolitti in Italy and of Bruning in Germany—which corresponded in many ways to our own New Deal—handed over the state power to the fascist gangsters without a murmur. After reading his account, it takes an airtight closed mind to continue to believe in New Dealism as an antidote to fascism. All of Guerin's reading and thinking on the subject leads him to the conclusion that only the leadership of a fighting, independent working class party can smash the fascist drive to power.

IT HAS HAPPENED HERE

Guerin writes of Italy and Germany, but our own experience bears out his points. There was the recent meeting of 20,000 members of the Nazi Bund in New York's Madison Square Garden, for instance. What could express better the policy of the liberals and the Stalinists—who urged all anti-fascists to stay peacefully at home and not to picket or protest against this meeting—than these words from Guerin's book: "Let us be careful not to reply to fascist violence, the 'liberal' and 'progressive' leaders said in both Italy and Germany; we should arouse public opinion against us. Above all, let us avoid forming combat groups and semi-military bodies, for we should risk antagonizing the public authorities, who, we are confident, will dissolve the semi-military groups of fascism." And what fits more closely the Madison Square Garden affair, where the 50,000 workers and anti-fascists who demonstrated, were attacked and dispersed again and again by the police of the "progressive" LaGuardia city government—what could be more apt than this quotation from Guerin: "The politicians and labor leaders counted, not on the militancy of the masses, but on the Prussian police. But the forces of 'Law and Order' backed up the Brown Shirts." The "progressive" Prussian police in 1932 protected Hitler's rallies in the Berlin Sports Palace against the angry workers just as LaGuardia's police protected Hitler's American allies seven years later. It is up to us to see that history doesn't repeat itself any further than this. "Fascism and Big Business" should help the workers of America to avoid the fatal mistakes made by their brothers in Italy and Germany.

We have the idea that they can drive around without a union card.

The Ford Lumber Co. is on the official unfair list of the Truckers Local Union 383. Remember, do not patronize them.

Sorry to hear Johnny Bonham hurt his finger. Be cheerful and don't bump your finger, Johnny.

Spring must be here. Buck Buchanan was seen jumping rope on the corner of 4th and Nebraska St. Several of the boys have started to tell fish stories.

Don Cheever is the new steward at Wilson Transportation Co.

By the way, that dancing the Bakery Drivers were planning has been postponed indefinitely.

Leave any news you may have for this column with the secretary. Remember, this column is what you make it.

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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.

The Law Against Sit-Down Strikes

The fleas nestled in the donkey's shanks where they lunched at their leisure. The donkey brayed and kicked and finally sat down. This last operation sent the fleas scurrying and brought some relief to the donkey.

The fleas got together and decided it was undonkey to sit down. Furthermore, they agreed it was against the law.

When the donkey heard what the fleas decided, he was grateful for being warned against being undonkey. He thanked the fleas for their law, and immediately stood up. The fleas resumed their lunch.

They're Asking For It

According to Colonel Harrington, when President Roosevelt first asked Congress for \$875,000,000, it was the president's plan to throw unemployed workers on the streets at the rate of 150,000 a month. But Congress thinks it can get away with larger slashes—at least it wants to try—so it cut \$150,000,000 off Roosevelt's request.

Last Thursday Colonel Harrington submitted a plan to the House Appropriations Committee, calling for the first major slash of 400,000 workers from WPA on April 1st. On May 1st, 600,000 more will be cut, and on June 1st, 200,000 more. Harrington proposes to cut by projects, disregarding "individual needs."

Apparently it is this latest plan of Harrington's that will be thrust at the unemployed. Monday's local papers record the announcement of state WPA administrator Glotzbach that "WPA rolls in Minnesota will be reduced by 9,800 during the first week in April. . . . It will be impossible to consider relative needs of WPA workers in making the reduction."

All the doomed persons falling within the 9,800 will be persons in need, according to Glotzbach, because all WPA workers not in need have been removed from the rolls.

What is so significant about the new attitude of the government towards the unemployed is that now the government no longer pretends that it means to care for all those in need. It frankly admits that it means to throw needy people off WPA. Theoretically, the 1,200,000 who are to be thrown off WPA by June will be taken care of by direct relief. Actually, the direct relief budgets are of course all set for the rest of the year—further, they also were cut to the bone. There won't be any direct relief money to care for the 1,200,000 and their families. But then, business will be appeased.

Congress, in granting only \$725,000,000 for relief, made clear that it will give more—IF AN EMERGENCY ARISES. What Congress means is that if the unemployed stage mass demonstrations and refuse to accept the cuts, then Congress will grant more funds all right.

There is plenty of money waiting for the unemployed, IF THEY ASK FOR IT. There is the \$2,000,000,000 appropriated for the war program, for instance. There is the money the unemployed can get if they prevent Secretary Harry Hopkins from carrying out Roosevelt's business appeasement program of reducing the taxes of giant corporations and reducing income tax rates in the very highest income brackets.

There is one word that Roosevelt and Congress can understand and that is DEMONSTRATIONS.

There won't be any WPA cuts—if the unemployed of the nation demonstrate before all WPA headquarters and demand that not a single worker be taken from the rolls. If the politicians ask where the money is to come from, the jobless can answer: All war funds to us.

No one likes to demonstrate. But the rich and their politicians are asking for it. It's that, or starve. And there are laws against committing suicide.

544 Youth Section Quint Wins Basketball Trophy

The Youth Section of Local 544's Federal Workers Section won the city championship in the Southwestern Division, one of the four highest-ranking divisions in the municipal basketball league, last Wednesday by scoring a victory over the 19th Avenue Markets. It was the ninth straight victory for the Youth Section boys and brought them the undisputed championship in their very first year of city competition, competing against quints that have been playing together for years.

Wednesday's game was won on a protest in the fourth quarter by Manager Jack Herman, after he discovered the opposing team was using a "ringer" from the University of Minnesota, playing under an assumed name. Herman offered to finish the game but the opposing manager refused. Local 544 was trailing by two points when the violation was discovered.

The championship trophy will be on display soon in the window of the Northwest Organizer office.

The 544 Youth quint, by its victory, is now eligible for the city play-offs. The team appeals to all union members to come out and support it.

Members of the championship team are Stan Brouard, captain; Andy Simso, Bill Murphy, Ken Flakne, Dayhart Jacob, Jake Cooper, Ken Hoelt, Henry Chapman, Oakie Fleitman, Jack Kilbride, Lyle Flaherty. Jack Herman ably coached and managed the union champs.

The first play-off game will bring together Local 544's Youth and the Cat and Fiddle team this Friday, March 24th, 9 p. m., in the boys' gym at South High. Let's turn out to support the union players.

The American Way—Let's Pull Together



Farmers Aid Unions Vs. Boss Labor Bill

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voted to finance the war on the fascist-like "labor bill," House File Number 352.

It was upon the initiative of last Wednesday's special meeting that the State Federation of Labor is proposing the calling of a special convention.

Myre Spills Beans

Any further pretenses of the Citizens Alliance-Stassen-Silver Shirt-Associated Independent Union crowd that it is the farmers of Minnesota who are demanding the blood of organized labor, were scotched Monday night when ex-Sheriff Helmer Myre of Albert Lea, one of the "farmers" who is sponsoring the bosses' bill to destroy organized labor, admitted publicly that the farmers were outvoted, 19 to 4, on the committee which drafted the bill.

Finks All for Bill

Myre made this statement before a meeting of the fink "Associated Independent Unions" held at 5 East Lake Street. Appearing sub rosa as the guest speaker of the evening, Myre was vigorously applauded by the finks who are warm supporters of the Vance-Myre bill. The strike-breaking ex-sheriff launched into an ignorant tirade against unions and strikes and "foreigners." Myre proudly told of his efforts in Albert Lea in April, 1937, to break the American Gas company strike.

"Perhaps we should have made this bill as strong as the ones they have in Oregon or Wisconsin or South Dakota," said Myre. "BUT WE WERE AFRAID OF A REACTION—MAYBE TWO YEARS FROM NOW."

This vicious tool of the bosses seems to believe organized labor will wait two years to react to a fascist-like law that threatens the lives and livelihood of every worker in Minnesota.

Only Four Farmers

After Myre had finished, Albert Bell, president of the finks, asked Myre: "How many farmers were on the committee (that drafted the bill)?"

"Four," answered Myre. "And how many representing other groups?"

"NINETEEN," grinned Myre. A number of those in the audience snickered at this confession by Myre that the farmers of Minnesota were a tiny minority of the committee that drafted the boss bill to wreck the union movement.

Bell then asked Myre to amend the last paragraph of the bill so that it would become effective immediately upon its passage instead of on July 1st. Myre promised the assembled low-pay artists that he would do everything in his power to see that this was carried out.

Myre's appearance at the fink meeting was of course kept out of the daily papers. A representative of the Northwest Organizer managed to evade the door guard and witnessed the whole meeting.

Unholy Alliance Backs Bill

The "Associated Independent Union" which works hand-in-glove with Pelley's Silver Shirts and the German-American Bund in Minnesota, seems to have established a working agreement with the Associated Industries-Citizens Alliance crowd and the Stassen machine to work for the passage of H. F. Number 352. This unholy alliance of union-haters know well that, should this bill become the law and should it be enforced, it would be the end of organized labor in this state. Wages would be slashed to a third of what they are now, to the point they reached in 1933 before the magnificent upsurge of labor in this area. Hours would be lengthened, seniority abolished, honest unionists would be thrown out of jobs and their places taken by finks. Union officials and all militant workers would be imprisoned and fined for looking cross-eyed at a stool pigeon. With the blessing of Stassen's proposed labor board, union agreements would be torn up, unions replaced with company unions, strikes outlawed and the records of all unions turned over to the employers.

As the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council stated in its preface to the series of proposals approved by labor last Wednesday:

Grave Moment for Labor

"There is no question of doubt but that the Vance-Myre bill constitutes the gravest threat to the security of the entire Minnesota labor movement. Never before in the history of this state has legislation been even offered for consideration which contains any of the outrageous anti-union proposals incorporated in the Vance-Myre bill. The bill, ostensibly sponsored by farmers and farmer-legislators, is actually a creature of the National Chamber of Commerce, National Manufacturers Association, the

State Drivers Unions Fight WPA Threat

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The only thing that can make the administration move on this question is enough political pressure. If the drivers in this state can find a way to make their protest against this order forcibly known, WPA can be beaten back."

Dunne called attention to the fact that Glotzbach, state WPA administrator and a Stassen supporter, was a New Deal appointee. From Washington it was learned that neither Senators Lundeen nor Shipstead had been consulted as to the appointment. Glotzbach is of course supporting the hard-boiled attitude of Colonel Harrington, the army's gift to WPA.

"Two and a half years ago, WPA tried this same thing. At that time, the resistance of the drivers stopped WPA. . . . What has happened is that WPA is now killing off the very independent truckers it created through its federal projects. . . . Colonel Harrington wouldn't even agree to give the independent truck owners a reasonable period during which they could try to get out of the business. . . . Those truckers whose bids are rejected the first time will bid even lower the next time. Wage scales will be destroyed if the competitive bid system is permitted to prevail. . . . The contractor, finding he can hire truck owners with trucks at such a cheap rate, will put up his own equipment. Experience has shown that contractors always behave like this."

Following a lengthy discussion of the reports from the various towns, President Art Hudson of St. Paul Local 120 moved that the teamsters in Minnesota go on record as opposing the competitive bid system on work relief projects. The motion carried unanimously. A motion then carried that a strike committee, consisting of one local Associated Industries and all other forces which have united in the past in fighting the labor movement.

Part of Nation-wide Drive

"Experiences in Oregon, where a somewhat similar bill was passed, indicate that it is aimed at the complete elimination of all labor unions as an economic factor for the betterment of the thousands of workers in Minnesota. A bill, a good deal similar, is pending before the Wisconsin State Legislature, all of which should indicate to us that this is an anti-union move which has a national scope. The bill is aimed not only at the new and more progressive labor organizations in the state but its provisions would also cripple and hamper the so-called old established unions which are at peace with their particular industry and which have had friendly contractual relations with employers over a long period of time.

"Gravity of the situation cannot be over-emphasized. The practical aspects of the situation are such that there is the strongest possibility that the Vance-Myre bill will be enacted into a law. Governor Stassen has indicated that he will veto the bill in its present form; however, political observers believe that the veto would only be a means whereby Governor Stassen could clean his hands of responsibility for the bill before the labor movement, knowing full well that there is strength enough in both branches of the legislature to pass it over his veto. . . ."

There is little to add to the Teamsters' analysis of the bill. Every worker, every friend of labor, must make known his unyielding opposition to the foul plans of those who back the Vance-Myre bill. Let the legislators from your district know how you feel about this bill. Resolve that labor won't permit itself to be enslaved without the fight of its life.

Farmers Slam Employers' 'Labor Bill'

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Minn., representing 72 shareholders and 100 part shareholders, the following resolution was passed: Be it resolved that we are opposed to the passage of the Vance-Myre Labor Bill. Please cooperate.

D. A. Christiansen, Mgr. Knut Svenson, Sec. H. B. Larson, Pres. Helmer Claserud, Director Oscar Romo, Director Knut Vettern, Director FROM THIEF RIVER FALLS

We hereby present a resolution passed by the Farmers Union Co-op Oil company of Thief River Falls, Minn., opposing the passage of the Vance-Myre Bill and recommend consideration of Senate File No. 545.

Ray Randorf, Sec. C. L. Hallstrom, Mgr. FROM CROOKSTON

Resolution passed by the Farmers Union Oil Co. of Crookston, Minnesota, opposing passage of Vance Labor Bill.

FROM BENSON CO-OP Hon. C. J. Rykken, State Capitol—We, the directors of the Swift Co-op Oil Co., ask you to oppose the passage of the Vance Labor Bill.

Nels Amle, V.-Pres. FROM MOORHEAD Hon. Chas. Onan, St. Paul—Resolution passed by Farmers Union Oil company opposing passage of Vance Labor Bill.

T. N. Walker, Sec. Farmers Union Oil Co. Moorhead, Minn.

delegate from each local, be set up to work in conjunction with the three Teamsters Joint Councils in the state (St. Paul, Twin Ports, Minneapolis) to organize whatever steps are necessary against the WPA order. It was understood that each union would try to select the most capable man available to serve on the committee.

The following day, a committee of three representatives from each of the Teamsters Councils sought a meeting with Stassen, but were told that the Governor could do nothing at this time against the order.

On Friday at 1 p. m. the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 staged a protest truck parade from the teamsters headquarters to the WPA office at 801 West Broadway, and thence to the courthouse. Scores of trucks bearing protest signs participated in the parade. The boss press refused to give any publicity to this protest parade.

A similar parade, even larger in scope, was being organized for Wednesday, March 22nd, at 1 p. m. in Minneapolis.

Union Label League to Present Play

"Bachelors Are Born," a comedy in three acts from the pen of Tom Hove, talented Minneapolis playwright, will be presented this Friday and Saturday, March 24th and 25th, at the Franklin Co-op auditorium by the Union Card and Label League. The curtain rises at 8:30. The Musicians Union will furnish music. Admission is 25c.

The play has a Minneapolis background and should be particularly enjoyable to all lovers of the legitimate theater.

What is the matter with the poor is Poverty. What is the matter with the rich is Uselessness.—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

On the National Picket Line

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of the depression. In that time the gentlemen from Minnesota should have learned something.

According to dispatches from Washington, Senator Borah from Idaho has joined with the majority of the Labor Committee in demanding that immediate consideration be given certain proposed revisions in the Wagner Labor Relations Act. The AFL has made certain proposals and Senator Burke, from Nebraska (The White Spot), has also introduced certain amendments to the act. According to the Labor Committee Secretary, Senator Thomas, Democrat from Utah, no action has been taken by the committee on the proposed revisions because the Administration felt that such a course might endanger the progress of the AFL-CIO peace meetings.

The press dispatches refer to Senator Burke's proposed amendments to the Wagner Act as "drastic." Senator Burke himself gives a hint as to the nature of these changes in his statement to the press. He said, "revisions of the act would go a long way toward implementing the Administration's current business encouragement program." He also warned in a radio address that unless the supporters of the act were more lenient in their attitude toward amendments, the entire act might be repealed.

We ask you, Senator Burke, what is the Wagner Wagner Act now—since the Supreme Court's recent decision in the *Fansteel* case, tearing from the act the last

remaining implements which might have, in the vernacular, functioned as teeth? For that matter, what real material worth has the Wagner Act or any other act so designed and so administered, ever been to the workers?

There is a real threat in the Senators' pronouncements, however. He did not state just what his amendments would be, but it is a safe bet that the good senator from Nebraska, a well known spokesman for the bosses, has in mind such changes as could be found in the Vance-Myre bill, now before the Minnesota Senate Subcommittee. Or he may have patterned his amendments after the infamous Oregon "Initiative Measures." Certainly no suggestions from the bosses would make "labor" legislation which would be in favor of the workers.

COMING EVENTS

A playlet sponsored by the Union Card and Label Council, "Bachelors Are Born," at Franklin Creamery auditorium on Washington Avenue North, nights of March 24-25, 8:30 p. m. Admission 25c.

Discussion pro and con on "Shall Fascists Be Permitted Free Speech?" Friday, March 24th, 7:30 p. m. in Dyckman Hotel Grill Room; speakers, Val Bjornson, radio commentator, and Tex Norris, trade unionist and lecturer. Auspices Workers Defense League.

"America's Share in Japan's War Guilt," a talk by Dr. Walter H. Judd, Thursday, March 30th, 8 p. m. at West High school, under auspices of Minneapolis Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression.

Workers Forum — Max Goldman will speak on "Will Stalin and Hitler Make a Deal?" at the Workers Sunday Forum, 919 Marquette, Sunday, March 26th, 3 p. m.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

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 160 General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards — Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 Casket Industry—Feb. 14. J. R. Clark Section—Feb. 15 Puffer-Hubbard Section — Feb. 16
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 1859—Feb. 21 Twin City Stewards—Feb. 13 and 27 Grievance Board—Feb. 13 and 27 Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday night, 8 p. m. General Membership—March 1 Executive Board, Local 20481—Feb. 6 General Membership—March 1
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
PROTEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 Wednesday, March 1 — Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, March 2 — Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, March 3—Job Stewards Monday, March 6 — Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, March 8—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, March 10—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Monday, March 13 — General Membership Wednesday, March 15—Building Material Thursday, March 16—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper 10 A. M. Friday, March 17—Job Stewards Sunday, March 19—Over-the-Road 10 A. M. Monday, March 20—Furniture Store; Coal Thursday, March 23—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, March 24—Cold Storage Monday, March 27 — Spring Water Tuesday, March 28—Sand and Gravel Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in main office The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting — On call.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting — On call.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.