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# State Federation Roars 'NO' to Anti-Labor Bill

## On the National Picket Line

The most important news on the an additional week's paid vacation labor front this week comes out for all bakery salesmen with three of the United Auto Workers Convention at Cleveland. No matter what the ultimate composition of the Executive Board is, the most pertinent fact of all is that this convention IS A CONVENTION OF AUTO WORKERS.

lated in the new working agreement which has been negotiated by the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 and the St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union Local 409.

Terms of the pact were accepted

For more than two years the auto worker, the rank and file member of the UAW, has been the forgotten man. He has been kicked around, neglected, allowed to wallow in the morass created for him and his fellow workers by the Martin-Frankensteen faction-al fight. He has been "dis-ciplined" with the Union's sanction, by the General Motors corporation. He has been like a soldier in a huge army, with no general to lead him. Consequently he has faltered, been driven back, has lost much of the glorious victory which was his after the mili-tant sit-down strikes of 1937.

The rank and file member of the UAW knows all this. And knowing, he banded together with thou-sands like himself and determined to do something about it. The Cleveland convention is no cutand-dried, machine controlled convention. There are no steamrolling tactics being slipped over on the delegates. The delegates, at least a large majority, are jealous of their authority, and are deter-mined that they shall have a voice in the constitution which is being

builded by this convention.

Among the major victories won so far is the elimination of all vice-presidents. This came about by a recommen-dation from Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray, after a great mass of pressure from the rank and file delegates. When it was read on the floor, even the Stalinists did not dare to talk against it. This means of course, that Frank-ensteen, Wyndham Mortimer, and Ed Hall will have to go, unless they can be jockeyed on to the Executive Board.

However, so great are the hopes of the Stalinists of gaining con-trol of the Executive Board, they are willing to sacrifice a few of their key people in order not to endanger themselves in this direction. It is all-important that the From 20316 wrath of Lewis be kept away from them, and that above all things, the Stalinists must impress upon the CIO representatives, Hillman and Murray, their loyalty to the New Deal and to Lewis.

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The new proposed consti-

tution strips the president of almost all of his former powers, placing them in the hands of the Executive Board, which in turn is greatly restricted by control from the membership. No assessment of more than one dollar per year may be levied against the member ship without a referendum vote. The hiring and firing of officers and organizers has been greatly limited for the new Board and president.

The infamous disciplinary let ter, written to General Motors the old Executive Board, was severely criticised and condemned and the new board was instructed to act accordingly in any future negotiations with the corporation.

A militant resolution, with a well worked out plan, for the organization of the Ford (Continued on page 4)

# New Bakery Driver Des Moines Pact Brings Gains

A weekly wage increase of \$1.30 for all inside workers, and Terms of the pact were accepted at a special membership meeting of the union last Thursday night, and the agreement was signed this

The wage increase for the inside men will bring their weekly mini-mum up from \$24.40 to \$25.50. Other changes were made in the old contract in the interest of

The new contract is retroactive o February 15th and will run for one year to February 15th, 1940. Over 600 men are involved in Min-

Handling the negotiations for Local 409 and 289 were William Gydeson and Ed Esboldt of St. Paul and Harry De Boer and Joe O'Hare of Minneapolis.

## Little Change In WPA Fight On Drivers

ration which nationally is continung to appease business by striking cruel blows at the unemployed, maintained its fire on the independent truck owners of Hennepin County during the week.

Glotzbach, with the blessing Governor Stassen, continued the campaign of smashing the wage scales for independent truckers in

the Minneapolis area. eight of the bids fell below \$1.24 hourly, some were as low as \$1. The fires of resentment against the union-smashing WPA program are banking higher daily.

## Butler Bros. To Get Pact

the Warehouse Union met Mon- the union. day, and following a lengthy dis-

The committee has been in on the injunction. tructed to present the union's demands to the management before he end of this week.

### Watch Out For Finks From Indiana

Crothersville, Indiana — On March 25th the Drivers Union Local 694 of Crothersville declared a strike against the Scott County Canning company, also known as the Morgan company. This labor-hating company has done everything in its power to avoid doing business with Local 694, and has refused to sign the agreement in effect with other over-road freight haulers.

haulers.

Drivers' unions throughout
the North Central Area are
urged to keep a sharp lookout
for any trucks of this firm,
which are all fink.

### Unemployed Union Members Attention!

All unemployed members of General Drivers Union Local 544, and of all other Minneapolis unions, who wish assistance in obtaining the unemployment insurance to which they are entitled, are urged to see Ed Palmquist at the office of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, on the second floor at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

All workers who have received 403's from WPA on the basis they were absent from the job, are urged to report immediately to the Federal Workers Section if the absence was because of accepting private employment. In such cases, immediate action is necessary in order to correct injustice.

# **FCL Council** Officers

Twenty delegates from through-out the state attended the yearly Yell meeting of the Minnesota Farm-Cooperative-Labor Council held all day Tuesday at the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, and elected officers and a field representative for the coming year.

Yellow Cab Has Monopoly
Francis Quinn, acting secretary
of Local 90, in commenting on the union's demands, said: "Mr. Reel (company official) compares our demand of \$22.50 with the way in Texas, and this strike has for the coming year.

John Wisdorf of Fulda will be chairman. Cecil Cruse was elected Highway Commissioner Hoff-nan and WPA Administrator Larson, treasurer. Paul Rasmussen Larson, treasurer. Paul Rasmussen was elected field representative for the Council.

Rasmussen was scheduled to meet with the Council executive board Wednesday morning in the Under the pressure of the com-etitive bid system, the expected ton building, at which plans for an bitrator or business man would say

## Still Rates Picket Line

The Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 maintained its picket line at the union-hating Dy-dee Wash company, 718 Washington Avenue North, this week. Local 131 will Join Drivers The Butler Brothers Section of firm lives up to its contract with In Flint

The company got out an injunc-

situation, the more we are reminded that the Baby Diaper Service at 2741 Hennepin Avenue, Geneva dustrial unionism. The former closely with the Dallas teamios. this sort in the city.

## Hormel Likes His Workers-But He **Buys Tear Gas**

guns during the past few years. agreement covering the fruit and in the plant has dropped from vegetable houses. vegetable houses.

# Cab Drivers On Strike

The strike of 86 Yellow Cab Drivers, called on Saturday, March 25th, continues with no im prospect of a settlement. The strike was called by the Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90 after the company failed to grant the wage demands of the union.

The union sought arrangements with the street car company to provide transportation for handicapped school children, and conferred with a private ambulance company in order to provide the ambulance service which hereto fore has been provided by the struck Yellow Cab company.

Ask \$22.50 Weekly

Local 90 is demanding a guar-anteed weekly wage of \$22.50 for a working week of 54 hours, with a 41 per cent commission on all proceeds over \$50. The commission would amount to 42 per cent if the company refuses to grant a week's paid vacation.

The company has countered with an offer of \$18 weekly and nothing definite on the con

Pickets have moved a trailer house to a lot across the street from the Yellow Cab garage, and this trailer is serving to house the

wage scale for the Minneapolis Yellow Cab drivers, who are paid chairman for 1939. Wilham Gydeson of St. Paul was chosen vicepractically every city in the United States the cab business is highly a cut-throat state of affairs. Consequently, the cab companies of those cities cannot afford to pay where the Yellow Cab company enjoys a pure and simple monopo-

petitive bid system, the expected is happening, and the hourly scale is being driven lower and lower. Over 400 bids were received for a job requiring 25 trucks. Twenty-

The bakery drivers and milk drivers unions in Des Moines are providing the striking drivers with

the General Drivers Union Local CIO drivers and their officers moved right into Local 332 as a

result of the amicable settlement.

Under the leadership of J. C. Brayton, business agent, and H. H. Wilson, secretary-treasurer, Local 332 has grown from about 150 members to an organization of

## Unions, FLP, to Hold Caucus This Saturday

to the caucus of trade unions and Farmer-Laborites called for this Saturday, April 8th, 10 a. m., at the East Side Eagles Hall, 117 Fourth Street S. E.

All trade unions are entitled to three delegates each, and affiliation to the Farmer-Labor Association is not necessary order to be represented at the Saturday caucus. Farmer-Labor ward clubs will be represented by five delegates each.

Credential forms have been sent to all unions, and these should be returned immediately to Roy Wier, 18 North 8th Street, or brought direct to the convention. In case there is no meeting of the union before Saturday, delegates should be appointed by the union executive board.

A large number of trade union officials and Farmer-Laborites, 45 in all, representing all sections of the movement, have signed the convention call. Saturday's meeting will attempt to formulate and adopt a platform to be advanced in the coming city elections and to endorse candidates for all city posts.

# Strike at Dallas Now in 6th Week

Dallas, Texas-With the backing of the Eleven State Area Committee and the Southwest Organmittee and the Southwest Organizing Committee, the teamsters movement is concentrating its efforts behind the Drivers Union Local 745 of Dallas, whose strike WPA in State

on top of the victory won against from Minneapolis. Greater cuts the Houston and North Texas will be made in the near future. Truck Line, will really sound taps for the Texas-wide company union which exists in the freight indus-

Though several unions have nade liberal donations to Local 745's strike fund, the union is the ax. target for a shrewd campaign of Dallas bosses are putting on a real that prosperity is just around the drive against the strikers to starve corner. them out. Landlords, loan sharks. ... There is no reason on earth why the cab drivers should not be auto finance agencies, creameries, etc., are all ganging up on the

Despite this pressure the morale of the men is excellent, and with the support of the rest of the movement company unionism in the driving industry in this state can receive its death blow, which

Flint, Mich. - In the most Joplin Drivers Union Local 823, cussion, ratified proposals for their new working agreement as recomnended by the contract committee. Local 183 is making a court fight 125 drivers belonging to the for- rect experienced leadership to Loon the injunction.

The more we think about this Truckers have been absorbed into T. Neal, chairman of the South-332. In uniting with Local 332 the Farrell Dobbs, secretary of the 11state area committee, are working

## Watertown Union Collects \$37.85 From Chiseler

The Watertown Drivers Union nearly one thousand men in the Local 277 has collected \$37.85 The Hormel packing plant in past year. The union has organ-back pay for A. L. Stroup from Austin has gotten somewhat of a ized hundreds of drivers who the local North American Creamreputation among certain liberals transport newly - manufactured ery which had cut his wage in vio-for being a progressive sort of a autos from the assembly plants in lation of the agreement.

company as regards its employes.

Mebbe so, mebbe so. But we see by the LaFollette report that Hormel purchased \$1,623.97 worth

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Last fall when Local 277 sought to negotiate an agreement with progress of the Flint Drivers this labor-hating concern, it stalled the union while it dismanof tear and sickening gas and gas putting on steam to conclude an tled the plant. Today employment

the state will be laid off by Satur-day of this week to meet the cut in ganization campaign now under relief funds ordered by congress, way in Texas, and this strike has Of this number, 1,600 will be therefore assumed unusual importance. A victory in Dallas, coming pin County, about 1,340 being

The relief cuts are not being made on the basis of need, but rather whole projects will be cut off. If enough projects cannot be cut to equal the number desired, every tenth person on certain pro-jects will be chosen to receive the

Business leaders say there are the bosses, and an urgent appeal now jobs in private industry for for more funds has gone out. The those cut off from WPA. They say

# Union Guard Spring Dance Local 20316 Aims

The Union Defense Guard will hold a Spring Frolic and Bazaar With Sears Firm on Saturday evening, April 29th, at 257 Plymouth Avenue. Tickets

fense guard, an organization composed of union men banded to-gether to defend the union move
The new pact will be the third ment against vigilantes and fascist gangsters.

### Dr. McCrimmon In New Office

The attention of all members of McCrimmon's new office address 716 LaSalle Medical building. This building is at the corner of Marquette and 7th Street. Dr. Mc Crimmon, the union physician, is moving from the Medical Arts building

#### Over-Road Men Meet April 15th

There will be a meeting of all over-the-road drivers Sun-day morning, April 15th, at 10 a. m. This is an important meeting, and all drivers should attend without fail.

750 Delegates to Special State Federation of Labor Convention Oppose Governor's Version of Vance-Myre Bill, Instruct Officers to Work for Federation's Own Measure

Stassen Bill as Vicious as Original—Aimed to Take Guts Out of Union Movement-Would Hamper Picketing, Strikes, Would Sanctify Scabs-Part of Boss Plan to Start Drive Against Wages and Hours

More than seven hundred and fifty delegates from all sections of the state attended the special convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor on Monday in St. Paul. It was the largest convention in the history of the State Federation, drawing many unions not represented in Mankato last fall at the regular convention.

In a spirit of militant opposition to the atrocious Stassen labor bill, the delegates voiced their thunderous hatred for the governor's latest version of the Vance-Myre bill and reinterated indorsement of the State Federation of Labor's

Local 131

and 3rd Street.

**Dances Next** 

Tuesday Eve

to attend. Tickets are 25c each.

Janney Sample

New Agreement

Section Drafts

The Laundry and Dry Cleaning

of the State Federation of Labor's labor relations bill.

Though the main resolution adopted at the three-hour session instructed Federation officers "to press for amendments in the Sen-ate which will eliminate such objectionable features and bring about enactment of an equitable Drivers Union Local 131 will hold labor relations Act," the general its spring dance next Tuesday evening, April 11th, at the Southside the bosses' labor bill was so rank auditorium, 12th Avenue South that no amount of amendments would help. A careful study of With Ernest Bjorklund's orches-ra playing both modern and old Vance-Myre bill reveals that tra playing both modern and old time music, and with beer and good eats for everyone, a bang-up affair is anticipated. All friends the first draft, despite all the boss-inspired ballyhoo to the contrary.

Many delegates at the Monday special convention suggested a mass march on the state capitor. Others stated that if the administration's bill passes, the union movement ought to declare a gen-

The Janney Semple Hill Section of the Warehouse Workers ment, Miles Dunne stated that hundreds of thousands of work-Union met last Thursday for a discussion on terms of the new work-ing agreement to be drafted to re-adversely affected by the Stassen place the present agreement which bill. The proposed anti-labor expires on April 19th. bill. The proposed anti-labor measure, he said, is directed not A committee was selected to represent each of the various deonly at the drivers' unions and the building trades' unions, but at all This committee will unions. He said that labor doesn't want the Stassen bill in any form. draw up the demands to contain the proposals made at the member-ship meeting. Another member-ship meeting will be called soon to discuss and ratify the terms of the was roundly applauded by the delegates, after which George Lawson, secretary of the Federa-tion, rose to second Dunne's re-

For New Contract In part, the major resolution passed by the delegates read:
". . . Whereas, It appears that

Would Guarantee Discord

"Whereas, It is our consider

"Resolved, That this special ses-

some type of a Labor Relations Act will be enacted by the present can receive its death blow, will open the road for a victory march of the drivers' unions through the Southwest.

are only 25c per couple and buck contract committee was new entertainment committee promises of the following proposals for a new working proposals for a new working proposals for a new working proposal for a new w buck contract committee was held session of the Legislature; and judgment that the Vance-Myre bill mittee will present its recommen as passed by the House, if acted into law, will be productive

The new pact will be the third of a new period of turmoil, unrest between the Sears management and discord; therefore be it and the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316. The sion of the Minnesota State Fedthe first in the United States to secure a pact with this large mail rederation of Labor Labor Relatiors bill; and be it further

## Warehousers To Dance on Wednesday

The Warehouse Workers Unio Local 20316 will hold its second annual spring dance at the Marigold ballroom next Wednesday evening, April 12th, with Cec Hurst and his orchestra playing the dancers' choice music. Tickets are 25c and plenty of door prizes are awaiting the lucky win-

# eration of Labor reiterates its in-dorsement of the Minnesota State

"Resolved, That this special con ention instruct and authorize its officers to press for amendments in the Senate which will elimnate such objectionable features and bring about enactment of an equitable labor relations act, etc.
(Continued on page 4)

#### Transfer Men-Come April 27th!

A very important meeting of the Transfer Section of Local 544 will be held Thursday, April 27th, 8 p. m., in the union hall. Ample advance notice is being given for this meeting so that all members can plan now to attend.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# Locals 289, 409 Sign New Contract

Following is the complete text of the new working agreement signed this week with the baking industry in the Twin Cities by Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 and St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union Local 409:

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into by and between the Saking Industry, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, coming under the jurisdiction of our Charter and the Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union, Local 289 of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen, and Helpers of America.

(48) hours have been completed at he rate of time and one-half.

Assistant Shipping and Receiving Clerks shall receive not less than \$31.50 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week. Overtime, however, shall not start until for ty-eight (48) hours have been completed at the rate of time and one-half.

All other men coming under this completed at the rate of time and one-half.

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ARTICLE I It is agreed and understood that all employes coming under this agreement shall adhere to the fol-lowing conditions:

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City Salesmen shall not report
for work before 6:00 a. m., and
shall have routes completed and be
in the plant not later than 3:00
p. m. and must be punched out at
3:15 p. m. week days, with the
exception of Saturday and days
before Holldays when one and onehelf (114) thours extra time will half (1½) hours extra time will be granted.

be granted.
Country Salesmen shall work ten hours per day, not to exceed 60 hours per week.
In the event that bakeries have salesmen working on a five (5) day week basis, such salesmen may work twelve (12) hours per day or less.

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Cake Salesmen shall not report for work before 7:00 a. m. and shall have routes completed and be in the plant not later than 4:00 p. m. and must be punched out not later than 4:15 p. m.

Restaurant Salesmen shall not report for work before 4:00 a. m. and shall have routes completed and be in the plant not later than 1:00 p. m. and must be punched out not later than 1:15 p. m.

It is agreed that all drivers, as soon as their routes are properly finished, shall be allowed to drive in, unload their goods, and settle their accounts without unnecessary delay.

Yeast Wagon Drivers — Nine (9) consecutive hours or less shall constitute a day's work.

constitute a day's work.

ARTICLE II.

Employers shall provide a satisfactory means of recording the starting time and the quitting time; the records of which shall be accessible to the Business Representatives of the Union at all times. The Union shall have the privilege of insisting that the employer provide a satisfactory time-keeping system.

ARTICLE III.

pius regular city salesmen's commission.

All cake salesmen's wages shall be not less than \$32.50 per week, plus 7% commission over \$225.00 sales per week.

Dougtnut salesmen's wages shall be \$25.00 per week and 5% commission on all sales.

Extra men and Student Salesmen shall be paid at the rate of \$25.00 per week for the first twelve (12) weeks and on salesmen's guarantee thereafter. Regular relief men shall receive regular salesmen's salary and commission after three (3) days when running a route and not to be paid commission while on vacation relief work.

commission while on vacation relief work.
Special Delivery Drivers shall receive \$26.50 per week for forty-four (44) hours per week with time and one-half for overtime.
Transport men shall receive not less than \$32.50 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week. Overtime, however, shall not start until forty-eight (48) hours have been completed at the rate of time and one-half.
Shipping and Receiving Clerks

one-half.
Shipping and Receiving Clerks shall receive not less than \$34.00 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week. Overtime, however, shall not start until forty-eight

agreement shall receive not less than \$25.50 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week and overtime at the rate of time and one-half.

any classification.

Overtime at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid after thirty-six (36) hours and forty (40) minutes in weeks where salesmen work five (5) days.

All salaries and commissions shall be paid once each week.

ARTICLE V. The employe senior in service in each department, in each plant, shall be given preference, if qualified, when a vacancy in a higher position occurs. In case of seasonal lay-offs, employes junior in service, in each department, shall be laid off first, and in the event of re-employment, employes senior in service shall be given preference. Whenever a route is open, only one change will be permitted. A list of employes arranged in the order of their seniority shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each plant.

When a job becomes open for any reason, in any classification of work covered by this agreement, it shall be posted on the bulletin board for a period of seventy-two (72) hours by the employer.

ARTICLE VI.

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After this date it is agreed that no product shall be sold for resale to peddlers or so-called independent breadmen and no member shall be permitted to furnish vehicles to be used in the delivery of goods in connection with his employment.

ARTICLE VII.

All employes coming under the jurisdiction of this Union shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days after this agreement is signed or thirty (30) days after employment.

ARTICLE VIII.

ARTICLE III.

All city bread salesmen's wages shall be not less than \$32.50 per week, plus 5% commission from \$275.00 to \$375.00 sales, 6% prom \$375.00 to \$475.00 sales, and 7% over \$475.00 sales.

Country salesmen shall receive not less than \$35.00 per week, plus regular city salesmen's commission.

ARTICLE VIII.

No member shall be discharged or temporarily laid off after working six (6) consecutive days without piven his position previous notice or pay for same. No member shall quit his position without giving his employer three (3) days' notice under penalty of plus regular city salesmen's commission. employe; such charges must be proven within a period of two (2) weeks.

ARTICLE IX

Salesmen shall have nothing to do with the filling of gas, oil, greasing or repair and washing of trucks or wagons or any inside

work.

ARTICLE X.

No member shall deliver goods without collecting for same unless his employer assumes full responsibility for such collection. Employers shall receipt a credit daily for all unsold goods and members shall not be responsible for any unsold goods left in vehicles at behest of employer. It is further understood and agreed that should the employer require the employes to give bonds, same shall be furnished, the employer to pay the premiums and any cash-bond now outstanding shall be returned at the employe's request.

ARTICLE XI. We aring apparel pre-scribed by employers shall bear the union label and the cost of the garment shall be borne equally by the employer and the em-ploye. (B) We aring apparel pre-scribed by the employer shall bear the union label and the cost and mainte-nance thereof shall be borne by the employer

ARTICLE XII.

It shall not be considered a vioation of this agreement for the
nembers working under this
greement to refuse to deliver pro
the where there is any labor ARTICLE XII.

ARTICLE XIII. be granted the following Holidays without reduction in pay: New Years Day, May 30th, July 4th, Labor Day, Hanksgiving Day, and Christmas. Also for Grocers Annual Picnic and there shall be no Sunday or Holiday deliveries in any classification, except for trains for out of city deliveries and when Holidays fall on Saturday or Monday, goods may be delivered to hotels and restaurants and like public places by Special Delivery only, on call. Drivers making such deliveries shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half. Also, no bread or cake deliveries shall be made on Sunday to stores or restaurants.

ARTICLE XIV.

All members shall be entitled to me (1) week's vacation each year with pay, plus commission for all members who have worked one 1) year. All salesmen, after hree (3) years' service, shall releive an additional week's vacation, at regular base pay. Prefernce in the matter of vacations hall be given according to seniority, and no member shall be called ack to work during his vacation it is further agreed that any emloye leaving the service of his ompany, except for dishonety and furnkenness, shall be paid ach portion of his vacation due im.

or stolen goods.
ARTICLE XVI.

It is further agreed by the employer that when a route is split, the man whose route is so divided, shall have first preference of the two routes with full commission, plus commission earned for the twelve (12) weeks following to be governed by the four (4) weeks' average sales previous to dividing said route. ARTICLE XVII.

are considered minimum vages and any employes receiving nore shall suffer no reduction, be ARTICLE XVIII.

Delegates to conventions shall e given time off for same without ARTICLE XIX.

pay.

ARTICLE XIX.

It is further agreed and understood by both parties to this agreement that should any controversy arise not provided for in this agreement, it shall be submitted to a committee of five (5) for arbitration; two (2) to be chosen by the Union and two (2) from the employer, and the fifth to be selected by the first four and this Board shall meet within five (5) days at place and date set by both parties. If for any reason either side fails to appear within a reasonable time set, those present shall render a decision to be handed down in ten (10) days. During the time the case is pending, there shall be no strike or lockout. The decision of this Board is final and binding on both parties.

Local 471 to Offer Prize At Meetings

The Tuesday membership meeting of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 approved the recommenda on of the executive board to offer a prize of one month's dues each meeting to the winner of a drawing to be held at the close of each membership meeting. In or der to win the prize, the membe

Local 471 has sent a copy of its proposal for a new working agreement to the International for the latter's approval.

## Turn or Go With Omaha 554

Through the generous thought-fulness of Farrell Dobbs and assowherewithal for a vacation was provided the good brother Tommy The board compelled him to go. He for comfort. Nobody's rum was safe from his teeth. Yes, he's feeling much better now, thanks be to Dobbs-Allah.

pangs. Now that we are facing our ARTICLE XV.

No member shall be held reponsible for damage accidentally ccurring to their vehicles and no mployes shall be charged for any squaged or stelen gods. who will ever forget his loyalty the cause of the workers who toil for their livlihood.

Aero Mayflower is operating but tot in the city of Omaha. Proud pickets parade before Fidelity Van & Storage, and the Mayflower men will not violate the principles ing the picket line. Fidelity Van is not moving any household goods out of Omaha. My, will they get shall rich quick!

> Bekins is not doing so well, ither. Shortly, it is expected that Allied Van Lines will be persuaded to insist that they do business with a company in Omaha that will pay deecnt wages and provide decent conditions of work to its men. Fritz and Love almost

wild-catting. But you can't change a union man's spots . . . unless you put him behind the bars and give him stripes. And they'll still be Union!

The bakery boys are getting radical! Hallelujah. More glory to them!

decision of this Board is final and binding on both parties.

ARTICLE XX.

This agreement shall go into effect February 15, 1939, and remain in effect until February 15, 1940, or any year thereafter.

UNION MADE

Crosby Square reproduce a

famous English shoe

this spring for

The British are very fussy about their

shoes-they must be comfortable, smart and be able to stand a lot of knocking

about. Crosby Square have taken some

of these best lasts and reproduced them

for you-at a fraction of the original costs. One is pictured here-with the smart new antique finish-it's a lot of sturdy shoe value for \$6.50 Other Crosby Square styles \$5.00 to \$6.50 1st floor

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Scissorbill Sam,

The Boss's Man

By R. F. Hornig

Now that all of the union truck ng to do is plan for the next nety days with the closest pos ible cooperation by all of us to whole tangle.

Perhaps we cannot blame the out-of-town locals too much be-cause the WPA truckers in their their membership. Strike action on this matter may be too big a nu to crack for their manpower and pocketbooks. Only Roff of Brainerd had realized the danger of the tuation and voted for us.

put the pressure on their represen stand as we thought necessary.

The difficulty of continuing roper program on our part lies in he natural letdown aur men are und to feel in being asked to orget the action they had been led to expect would be forthcom ing to settle this job stealing for

Toughest thing to explain to a roup of men in the mood of those at the Tuesday meeting was the necessity for the executive board nd the committee to have the con dence of the members to allow them to continue this fight in what ever manner they think best. For the men to accept this proposal when so few things could be said of just what actual work could be undertaken required a loyal and firm belief in the integrity of their

Despite all kinds of rumors the tate jobs are still holding up.

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CHOICE LIQUORS Cy. Putz, Prop.

MOLER BARBER COLLEGE

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eeks. And well may we wonder

words of "labor unity" are going

to start floating around our heads.

Our commissary department ha

been complimented mightily these

All this business is going to be

Gassing With

Archie Dean and Reis Beck have

their withdrawal cards to the Lo

The Independent Lessee section

of Local 977 is progressing rapidly in the organizational work.

About 25 lessees signed with the Union in the last few days.

The Lessee Executive Commit

Wednesday to discuss future plans

in regard to the oil industry as it

Stanley Dahlsted returned hi

withdrawal card to the office and

vent to work for the Freeman Oil

company in their station at 805

J. H. Smith, formerly an atten-

dant at the Phillips station at 2202 Lowry Avenue North, has entered

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effects them.

7th Street North.

ing of the Ways and Means.

I'm not opposed to certain kinds of unions. It's just the AFL and CIO unions that I don't like.

### Independent **Truck Chatter**

vners know the worst the next ork out the right answer to this

On the strength of reports by some of our men the members of has been promoted to the these smaller locals have a full of plant superintendent. knowledge of the consequences of competitive bidding system but have not yet been hit hard enough by this order for them to tatives to take such a positive

The county boys have a bill on

ity in the guise of civil service

Many of the statements made by most of the members on the floo at our last meeting seemed to m

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## Services for Engelbretson Held Monday

Engelbretson, 38, secretary of his nerves were unsuccessful. Sthe Furniture Workers Union urday morning he took his life. Local 1859 and secretary-treas-urer of the North Central Dis- "No sacrifice or expenditure of trict Council of Furniture and Monday at 2 p. m., at the Memorial Funeral Home. The union had ions expressed by union men that have been made during all these at noon on Monday to permit emhave been made during all these eries of meetings in the last few ployes to attend the funeral of like all who knew him intimately, their fellow worker and union offi-will honor his memory." whether or not those familiar cial.

The executive board of Local 1859 issued the following statement on the loss of its brother: Northwest. He is survive "The executive board of the wife, Gertrude, a daughter, Lu-Furniture Workers Union Local cille, 17, two brothers, three sisters 1859 feels the deepest sorrow and and his parents. regret at the death of its secre-

tary, William Engelbretson.
"Our late brother was one of the cause of some hot fires being started in the next regular meet the founders of this union. For the Increases Lead past year he served it as financial cretary. Finding him a capable and devoted man, the union movenent placed more and more responsibility upon him. He played a leading role in the creation of he North Central District Council Furniture and Wooden Ware Keneth Stennes is the new stew-Workers, of which he was secretary-treasurer. In that post he and Fuel. Kenneth has taken over made organizing trips frequently throughout Minnesota and Wisconthe work of Don Spaulding who has been promoted to the position

the Veterans Hospital for a major

eturned to work at the Apex Oil Curtis Lemberg returns to work Bulk plant and have turned in at the Western Oil and Fuel this 7

> The new By-Laws for Local 977 ill be off the press and available M to the membership by Wednesday

Don McCullough is a new mer er recently employed at Western Oil and Fuel.

tee met with the Teamsters Joint Council Executive Board last The Rustic Lodge Motor Inn, selling Globe products at 4737 Ni-collet Avenue, is now 100% union. Tuesday and met with the Gen-eral Drivers Local 544 Board on

Harold Holman, attendant at the Greening Standard Station at 822 3rd Avenue South, was initiated into the Local this week.

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sin. In recent weeks he made sevconsin, where he was helping to lead a strike and where the attacks on the union had greatly tacks on the union had greaty worried him. In his overworked condition, he fell prey to a fit of despondency. Attempts of his physician on Friday night to quiet

"No sacrifice or expenditure of energy was too great for our Wooden Ware Workers, were held brother to make in advancing the cause of unionism, and it was his willingness to accept responsibility arranged with the J. R. Clark com- that had unfortunately led his associates to overburden him with work. His fellow board members,

The late brother was well and favorably known to large sections Northwest. He is survived by his

# Soft Drink Team

The Soft Drink bowlers increased their lead by taking two games from Local 221. Hanson Department Store blanked the were Mascock with 560 and E.

The boys around the hall will near plenty from brother Ambrose as he led Local 544 with his first 620 to take the odd game from the Gold Bubble. Local 289 took a double from the Meat Drivers. Taylor rolled 689 and Gillespie

'eam '	Von	Lost
oft Drinks	45	33
ocal 221	43	35
fold Bubble	42	36
Ieat Drivers	38	40
ocal 289	38	40
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ocal 544	37	41
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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

mployes was unanimously accept-

sal provides for two weeks' vaca-

After the meeting last Thurs-

totalled \$42.47 and Loren Johnson

added an additional three cents to

make it \$42.50, which I think was

Have you seen those new ladies

hats? Woo! Woo! It used to be

that the ladies were requested to

remove their hats in a movie, but

now it's different. The movie

sex to leave them on because the

hats are funnier than the movies.

to sit up and take care of the pup

The delegates to the convention

n St. Paul Monday, April 3, re-

port there was an overflow crowd

vriting-been buried in commit-

the drivers and, if anything, is more vicious than the original so-

It is certain that if we could

er get the Federation bill up for

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alled Vance-Myre bill.

ache in the middle of the night.

ncise and workable.

tire local.

## Stevens Point Strike Ends-Joerns Agrees to Arbitrate

Stevens Point, Wis.—An agreement was reached here this week-end between the Joerns Brothers Furniture company and the Wooden Ware Workers Union Local 1805 to call off the strike which has been in progress since Bro. Seavey flew to Indianapolis March 17th. The strike was called because of the refusal recently. Make them furnish you of the company to negotiate fairly with the union, and the management's efforts to set up a company union.

ANOTHER LOAD

From City and

Sanitary Drivers

Local 664

By Wally Raze

As there has been no meeting

this week's column is mighty

blame in this connection because

kick in with information of any

kind. Guess I'll have to concen-

trate on politics and the weather,

ooth of which are always with us.

I see by the paper that our

ing that organized labor had ade-quate knowledge of that poisonous

tew, the Vance-Myre bill, our as

ute governor has substituted a

which he omitted the strychnine.

put in a double dose of laudunum.

arsenic, and death angel mush

rooms, which work more slowly

out, in the end, are just as effec-

tive as strychnine. This mess will

be set on the table in the near fu-

ing vapors drive everyone out of

get another cook in 1940 anyhow.

It seems the WPA officials of

These clothes will

keep their shape

and wear a long, long timel

\$4.85

DOWN

March 23rd, material for

The company agrees to post copies of the following notice on lines which had kept the plan its bulletin boards throughout the closed tight were withdrawn.

"1. This company has and does now recognize Local 1805 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America as the so collective bargaining agency of its production employees with respec to rates of pay, wages, hours of ployment. This company will at reasonable times bargain collec tively with the duly authorized representatives of its employees Local 1805.

"2. All employees of this con pany have the right to join and re

main members of Local 1805 . . "3. No employee or group of employees need fear discrimination of any character in connectio employment with thi company because of union men bership or activity.'

#### Rehire by Seniority

The company further agreed to rehire all its employees on the payroll prior to the strike according to seniority.

The union has agreed to petition the national labor relations board to withdraw its charges against the To counteract this omission, he

During the two-weeks' strike vultures from both the Wisconsin Labor Board and the national la bor relations board entered the sitand attempted to connive behind the back of the union and ture and here's hoping that the risadvance the company union which the company was support-the dining room, even though the cook's heart be broken. We will

The agreement ending the strike puts the company publicly on rec- The laboring man wants good ord as agreeing to bargain only cooking and, in a pinch, sh Local 1805. The manage- step into the kitchen and see that ment has intimated it will sign a he gets it. closed shop contract.

John Janasco, organizer for the North Central District Council of Hennepin county are somewhat ap-Furniture and Wooden Ware prehensive over the welfare of the Workers, returned to Stevens fink truckers on the park board Point this week to aid Local 1805 projects. I noticed a squad car in the negotiations.

Friday night the strikers met Lake Harriet last week. The cops and agreed to accept the agree- didn't seem very enthusiastic ment ending the strike. Picket either. The State Federation Con-

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the now defunct Vance-Myre bill but with the substitute bill passed last week. My guess is the latter will meet the same fate as the former, and here's hoping I'm no

I note, from the Organizer, that with a parachute, Harold. A dead business agent is no good to us and a gent of your avoirdupois sure es put a strain on a plane's floor boards. Besides, I don't like fu-

Brother Levi Foslein is serious ill in the hospital. No visitor ere allowed last week. Any Bro having knowledge of his present condition, kindly advise us when we may call on Bro. Levi.

Bro. Nels Lindquist was laid up few days in March but is back

on the job now.

Bro. Earl Ericson of Glenwood ek's column is mighty However, I assume no thing, the Ne plus Ultra, in tractors. Streamlined, spit light, a Herobody has taken the trouble to cules six engine, dual rear wheels, handsome does, sez I.

All park employees will be back on the job by April 14th. Some are due to report Monday, April wonder-child Stassen has pulled 3rd. unother grand-stand play. Know-

Believe it or not, brothers, large portion of the motoring public looks on the truck driver as the lowest form of animal life. It is my belief this impression is made by the numerous discourtesies, intentional or otherwise, inflicted on motorists by professional drivers. Double parking across the street from another truck already dou ble parked, blocking alley en-trances and private driveways, using center of through streets at 12 or 15 m.p.h., these are three of the most common nuisances. The Lord knows the average truck driver contends with ten times a many nuisances every day and we cannot expect any high degree of efficiency and intelligence from the average driver whose mind is usually on everything but his driving. However, let's try to do the right thing to those motorists who do show courtesy and consideration toward us, by being thought ful of the public in general. In times of stress you will find public

See you Thursday.

oodwill a valuable asset.

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Good Fights

Please note the time change to 4 A fast and interesting fight eard, that will feature Frankie The contract proposal of the Wolinsky, Golden Gloves champ ed at a special meeting held last Thursday, March 30. Said proponight, April 12th, in the third floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth Ave tion for salesmen who have worked for the company three years or nue North.

The boxing show which is being The inside workers receive \$1.30 raise per week while sponsored by the Youth Section of several clauses throughout the Local 544 will be referreed by entract were added. There were Britt Gorman, who will also funcalso several additions to existing tion as matchmaker. Jack Herman, clauses made to clarify and assist union athletic director, will superus in making the agreement more vise the show. Due to match ing difficulties the date of the box-All in all, the contract for '39 ing show has been advanced to is a clean-cut victory, moral as well as physical. Although many

Other interesting fights will pit members won't agree with me, un- Ted Morrison of Fort Snelling der existing conditions we should against Don Bruillard of Unity be satisfied that our negotiating committee — namely, Harry De-Boer, Joe O'Hare, Ed Esboldt, and eight-bout program will start promptly at 8 p. m.

All fight fans, all friends of All fight fans, all friends of the en-

labor, are urged to turn out for this All Star show. Tickets are only 25c general admission and day a collection was taken for 40c ringside, and can be purchased Merle Taylor of Continental who is seriously ill. The contribution Northwest Organizer.

#### Card of Thanks To Local 544:

a pretty good showing—an average of about 25 cents per person. Gratefully acknowledging your kind thought and expression of lis merchants mad: Cecil Cotton sympathy.

Mrs. William E. Sandberg

rote we could really smoke out the house managers are smart enough to get the fairer and weaker (?) are friendly to labor. Stassen and many of the members of both houses were actually put there by Joe has had an addition to his assist labor. I believe that we can amily. Em, his wife, stepped out now tell their true colors if they st Sunday and bought the cutest slip this bill over on us. By their rat terrier pup you ever saw. The rote you shall know them. first night I understand Em had

A new rule has been set up in regards to our office. From on the door will remain locked and all business will be transacted through the window. If you want a meeting with Joe, Harry board, we can always find a hall or oom for this purpose.

and that a resolution was passed against the recent Labor Bill The dance is progressing along (known as the Stassen bill) and icely and again I want to say, nachinery was set up for getting me action on the Federation Bill please, let your steward know how which has-up to the time of this on this now and get up your parees. This bill really ham-strings urday night. Loren assures us he will do the rest. All you have to do is get here Saturday night, April 22, at 257 Plymouth Ave. Did I mention the price of tickets? Only 50c per couple.

## Card of Thanks

the Federal Workers Section: We deeply appreciate the gen- a new bucket, one just like it. ther members of the FWS who 2825 E. Lake St. DR. 3621 olunteered to donate blood to ve a transfusion to Mrs. Olson. Sincerely.

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n contract. working at wages below the union scale, or working above the union scale of hours, is subject to a fine of \$25.

## TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde Keep the foot light on the gas-treadle; old John Law says, "not

ver thirty." Don't forget to come dance the fifteenth of April, floor show and good time assured; every Yellow Cab driver has tickets for sale at twenty-five cents a copy.

This is the time of the year then staid old night-drivers listen want to drive days, yea! For a week or so.

"Fire-ball" Edholm, like Hiavatha, lives close to the Father of Waters. He moved his new trailer house close to the "big drink" and lets the big City of Minneapolis worry along without him.

This might make the Minneap went to St. Paul and some "slicker store" sold him a new jacket, so he's hung up the "benny" 'til win

They're building the cars to fit the men these days: "Man Mountain" Hurley and the Cadillac 'Shorty" Rollins and his new Willys and now we have to get an Austin to fit "Midget" Wig-

Run of the week: Joe De Bear ad a run to Owatonna and return bet he smokes better stogies for a

Instructions to our East-side py: Find the uncouth knave that's taunting the members of the L.B.B. by calling their lunch-containers cockroach cheat

With the men who do things-Victor Severson reads the Atlanraises milch-goats . . . Chuck Younglove raises guinea pigs . ur golf fiends are vying with the fishing addicts at the gentle art of rives . . .

Bet the used-car dealers go for Cabbage McIsaac in a big way. He washed, polished, greased and changed oil in his old klunk, then next day saw Joe DeBeau driving a new bucket, so traded his car or

This here now parking lot strike a wonderful thing, the pickets and the finks with arm and arn and the lot.

One of the boys trying to sell dance tickets ran across a new angle. A girl said she would buy a couple of tickets if she were sure that "Alias O'Brien" would not attend. Now we don't know who this "Alias" person is, but there is his chance to promote a

Local 977 tells us that Joe Springer's Texaco station at 8th Street and 6th Avenue South is

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Ed Washtock, who is on with irawal at present, informs us that here are three in the family now -a girl born last Thursday. Congratulations, Ed.

There are a great many reports ming to the executive board that he hours are being violated both week nights and Saturdays by nunerous members. A thorough check is going to be made next week. Keep ten bucks handy if you plan on being out.

This is the last opportunity to et you know about our dance. We urge you to attend-next Tues ay, April 11th, at the Southside Auditorium, music by Ernest Bjorklund's orchestra.

The entertainment committee as very surprised to hear that mite a few members have signified inwillingness to purchase dance when staid old night-drivers listen to the siren call of spring and want to drive days yest For a an active part in our sports ties were among those who re fused. The general understandi at our last meeting seemed to be that the proceeds from this dance would help to maintain the various sports activities that have drained our treasury so heavily during the past year.

We only have one member on the sick list, which is good news. Last month we paid out \$281.65 in sick benefits

Marty Withrow and your R. A. ttended the convention of the State Federation last Monday. We don't know yet what effect it will have on the legislators.

Looks a little more rosy for the Fair Trades Bill right now. We are plugging as hard as we know

The Dy-Dee Wash still smells It can't be the nature of the business that makes all the people connected with it that way, because the Baby's Diaper Service is certainly 100 per cent O. K.

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Leif Andresen of the Minneapo-

lis Industrial Department got picked up for speeding last Monlay-he got socked \$20 and 10-day suspended sentence. And don't we feel bad.

## With the Limousines

By Home James

Word has been received by ou office that our president, Eskild N., is expected to be back home

There have been many inquiries n regard to our good member and away all winter, when he is to re-turn and also how much money he has won on all the horses he had bets on.

Joe F., a member of the Execu tive Board, is in Swedish hospital for a minor operation and it is the hope of all the members for a quick recovery.

You all ought to see the "crate' of oranges Fitz received from a fellow member, Eddie F. Fitz wishes to thank Ed for real oranges as some of the boys out there friends in "leaf" form.

All members of Local 912 have their senators and representatives

the Vance-Myre Bill.

The correct date for our next dance is May 23, 1939, officially labor bill which may pass.

announced by Mel J., chairman of the Entertainment Committee. The South Side Auditorium, 3rd St. and Twelfth Ave. S., is the dance hall that has been selected.

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## LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore

In memorium to Brother William "Bill" Engelbretson whom we laid to rest with loving hands last Monday afternoon, April 3, 1939.

No sacrifice or expenditure of energy was too for our brother to make in advancing the cause of unionism. His natural gift of leadership and unselfish spirit of devotion to the cause of his fellow workers led him to tax himself beyond the strength of the flesh.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

### With the **Dairy Workers** Local 471

By George Bergquist

The important business of our nion is always transacted prior to adjournment under the category of unfinished or new business. It so happens that by this time most of our members have gone home. For a long time the Executive Board has realized the weakness of this condition so herewith pre sent a recommendation which they feel will correct the situation Brother Ammerman's comprehen sive and thorough resolution fol-

WHEREAS, It is an established fact that before the important business of the Union has been transacted, that a large number of the members have left the meet-

WHEREAS, That it is under the order of new business that the policy and action to be pursue and the expenditures of the Union funds, are transacted, and

WHEREAS, It is the wish and desire of the Executive Board that all members at the meeting remain until all business of Union is comoleted, and in hopes of attaining that end, the Board recommends that the button number of each member be placed in a container and a drawing at each regular meeting be held until a m number, who is present, has been

THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, That Local 471, assemoled at a regular meeting this day, April 4, 1939, recognize the above entioned facts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the member present, whose number has been drawn, shall be credited with the following month's dues and assessments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this drawing shall commence as of the meeting of April 18, 1939, and continue for a period of six consecutive months

That the drawing shall take place

after adjournment of the meeting.

All of our delegates to the spe ial state convention were on hand promptly at Hotel Lowry in St. Paul. The resolutions committee brought in a recommendation to battle for certain changes in the Stassen-Vance-Myre bill oranges back here to some of their passed the house. The teaming unions attacked this program vic iously. They insisted on having en sending letters of protest to Upon approval of the resolution at the State Capitol in regard to to sustain the action of the Man-

> Laurance Christianson was about all set for a real fishing trip on the opening of the pike season. Occasionally he had been tucking away a few dollars into an old coat in the closet. There was \$32 in the clear; then spring came, his wife got the housecleaning fever and she made a "strike." She has a new Easter outfit and Laurence will fish "en budget."
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> We are delighted to know that

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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.



### Help the Refugees— Where? In Minnesota

The refugees we refer to are the 5,500 men of this state who, with their families, are being laid off WPA this week. About 1,600 of those hounded from WPA are in Hennepin County, of which about 1,360 will be from Minneapolis.

No one pretends these poor creatures are not needy. No one claims they aren't deserving. No one asserts there will be any reason or justice used in picking the victims.

over five thousand Minnesota families begin a nightmarish existence this week. They will be hounded from
pillar to post. They will be told by WPA to apply to the
local relief authorities. They will be told by the local
authorities that there is no money available. Weeks will
go by, and the red tape will spin its endless web. Some
of these people will fall ill and die, almost all will grow
weaker and weaker from lack of proper food. Some
families will be driven to live in shacks like that in which
the Jacques family of Minneapolis moved to early this
week. Huge rats came in and gnawed the fingers of the
Jacques children until they were torn and bleeding.

Jacques children until they were torn and bleeding.

On May 1st, th 5,500 families will be joined by another contingent of WPA "refugees." One June 1st, another contingent. You may be next.

It isn't Hitler who is responsible for these poor for-saken fellow-citizens of ours. The Brown Shirts, the Ges-tapo, German fascism, aren't driving these people to un-bearable conditions. It's the good American profit system. It's the good American bosses and their desire to be "appeased" and the willingness of the bosses' government to deliver "appeasement."

Throughout the country about 200,000 refugees like those in our city are facing the lash and the whip of starvation this week. There won't be less next month, there'll be more.

We don't have to go to Europe to fight for justice, to fight against fascism. Our main fight is right here at home—in the United States, in Minnesota, in this city.

Let's help our own refugees—the hounded people who are unemployed THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. Let us aid them in organizing in their unions and fighting for the right to live.

## He Looked and Talked Like Olson, But . . .

The following story about the man who was supposed to like Floyd Olson, talk like Olson, and act like Olson, is reprinted from the April 1st issue of the Minnesota Leader

Last Fall a young man by the name of Harold Stassen campaigned for the office of governor of Minnesota. His campaign was unusual. His campaign workers drove over highways and byways chanting the refran, "He looks like Olson, he talks like Olson—he will act like Olson!"

Young Harold . . . promised to "maintain and extend assistance and pensions to those aged men and women who, through their long lives have made a great contribution to the building of the state and nation." He de-clared that "a sound basis for improved relations between labor and capital can best be secured by full recognition of the rights of labor to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of its own choice."

Very cleverly and effectively, he ridiculed the com-paratively poorer pay of WPA workers as contrasted with workers in thriving private industry, and promised to end workers in thriving private industry, and promised to end unemployment in the state by giving private jobs, in industry which he would lead into the state, to the "men and women who want to get back on private jobs." "The State Capitol itself," he proclaimed, "must be made the clearing house and spark plug for the development of jobs..."

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what we need in Minnesota," he said, "is less taxes . . If I am Governor, we will spend less." With great feeling he condemned "the cruel and oppressive practices of loan sharks." With even greater feeling he spoke of the veterans of the World War and declared that "in conjunction with Civil Service we will respect both in letter and in spirit the veterans' preference laws."

You see, said his friends, "He looks like Olson, he talks like Olson—he'll act like Olson." We didn't see it, but his friends kept on saying it, and more and more people began believing it, and then . . .

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So there finally arrived the day when this alleged Olson II took the office of governor. On the same ticket with him had been elected tremendous Republican majorities in both houses of the legislature, and since most of these persons were hysterical apostles of "Olson II," the desks were surely clear for the enactment of the liberal majority of the strike is took up on tear and sickening gas and hand grenades, start a cambiant of an irrate Federation of Labor before him, he began trying to talk once more "like Olson" and trying to promote a labor measure which would take him off the spot and vet satisfy the big industrialists also . . .

30-Day Delay for Strikes in any in majority majority and the strike in a majority majorit

On January 3, 1939, every town, village, and hamlet in marvelous Minnesota was waiting with bated breath the actions of the man who "looked like Olson," and "talked like Olson." Now had arrived the moment when lked like Olson." Now had arrived the moment when "would act like Olson."

he "would act like Olson."

As the legislature passed through week after week, with nothing accomplished—nay, even proposed—in the way of liberal legislation, the chorus about "looks like Olson, etc.," began to die down to a murmur.

When the great "liberal" achievement of legalizing usury at a high rate at last came forth, the enthusiasm of the people began to wane . . . Perhaps he did look like Olson; maybe he even had talked like Olson; but not even the higgest imagination could picture Floyd B. Olson supthe biggest imagination could picture Floyd B. Olson supporting and signing any measure that extracted 36% interest from destitute toilers.

Then there were the people waiting expectantly for those jobs in private industry. They began to wonder. Where were those industries that Olson II had promised you wouldn't have been elected . . . they would nave told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

But then with those words in your campaign chant, bill makes it legal for the bosses, wouldn't have been elected . . .

## "The Man With the Hoe"



# Keeping Step With 544

eting in St. Paul. Monday. ed by 700 delegates. The size and militancy of the gathering demontrated the fact that the state laor movement is fully aware of he danger threatened by the so alled Labor Relations bill now efore the legislature.

SPRING IS HERE! The fact that spring is definitely here is contained in the reports submitted by a union member living on the north side. While raking his lawn Sunday, a reporter says, he un-covered 3 aldermanic candi-

dates and 2 mayoralty filings. Prospects for a large crop are excellent, says our informer.

DIRTY WORK Laundry drivers as well as the aside workers at the Dy-Dee Wash does that explain things) are engaged in a fight with the owner of his plant. Fink drivers and nonion laundry workers.

Farmer-Coop-Labor Council elected permanent officers at an all-day meeting Tuesday. The attendance was

Brother Skoglund has moved to Silver lake for the summer. the bride is with him.

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Look for more fireworks in the School Board.

The entire labor long with the local F.L.P. is holding a convention Saturday, 10 a. at East Side Eagles hall. Every labor union is invited to send delegates. A labor candidate for mayor is to be selected.

Ice drivers are preparing for their season which is just around the corner—we hope. I.T.O. trouble is at a min

T.J.C. delegates from rural

unions will attend their first council meeting, April 14. The new by-laws are out in

Local 544 will have a championship baseball team -if you listen to Jack Herman.

No privileged group has ever voluntarily divested itself of power without pressure from below. REINHOLD NIEBUR.

he was going to lead into marvelous Minnesota—a whole parade of them, he had said.

True, many corporations were coming into the state.

They bore in their names such homey words as "Household," "Domestic," "Beneficial," "Royal," and "Metropolitan"—a whole parade of these industries was indeed coming into the state, but they came not to employ workers, but to collect from them legalized 36% interest on small loans.

his men, worked up and brought to the point of passage in the House the most iniquitous anti-labor law ever introduced into a legislature in this state. troduced into a legislature in this state.

The man, of whom it was said "he looked like Olson,"

who tried "to talk like Olson," and whom everybody was to recruit members for a union told would "act like Olson,"—this man never lifted a finger to prevent the development of this anti-labor legisla-tion, until the State Federation of Labor issued a call for strike. This is just what the bosse

spot and yet satisfy the big industrialists also . . .

So now the governor goes blithely on, promises forgotten, pledges broken, all the while perhaps even kidding that the game is not yet up, that people are still interest, "He looks like Olson, he talks like Olson, he will dairies, saying "He locact like Olson,

There's just one point to remember, and it is this: food products — "AND TRANS Broken promises become annoying memories. Voters, too, portation or Delivery most annoyingly, have memories. If Harold Stassen I SERVICES"—a commission of (alias Olson II) does not yet realize this, let him write to three hand-picked by the governor

the man in whose footsteps he actually follows.

Governor, drop a card to Herbert Hoover, Palo Alto, California. He could tell you a lot about the people's volved. The union can't call a memories. He could, if he would, even tell you that if your campaign choristers had chanted, "He looks like Hoover, he talks like Hoover, he will act like Hoover," they would have told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

Governor is to conduct a hearing and make to conduct a he

## Labor Unites Vs. Bosses' Labor Bill

A second resolution carried, urging all out-of-town delegates to call upon their senators and repsentatives and acquaint then with labor's attitude toward the poss-inspired anti-labor measure.

Before Senate This Week

Debate on the Stassen bill was start in the senate this week. Last Friday the bill passed the house, 85-37. Representative W. Bennett, Farmer-Laborite, who has carried the burden of labor's ition to the bill in the House voted for the bill in order to be in deration.

When Bennett made such a mo on Monday, it lost. However, the vote on the motion was 72-53, indicating that pressure of union movement on the legislature was beginning to tell.

What Stassen's Bill Does

The revised anti-labor measure ike the original proposal, is aime to take the guts right out of the organized labor movement, and ave the working-class in such a weakened position that the bosses can really go to town on a wage cutting drive.

Here is what Stassen's bill would do:

ers, but to collect from them legalized 36% interest on small loans.

Then the man who was going to "act like Olson" the legislature to pass a law which would give the state a lien on the property of any aged person who received old-age assistance from the state!

The once popular refrain, "He looks like Olson, talks like Olson, and will act like Olson," died away and was heard no more from the lips of Minnesotans. It now seemed only a ribald ditty, remembered as something heard long ago in an unreal moment...

And then there's the state labor relations bill. This "Olson the Second" sat by in silence while the legislature unionist to attempt to compel another person to join a union. This

make unlawful almost any attemp

4. It would require a union to give twenty days notice before

dustry "affected with a public interest," such as public utilities food establishments plants, for processing perishabl

#### Oil Station Is Signed by 977 Another Standard Oil station ecame fair to organized labor this week when the station at 2705

Nicollet Avenue signed up with Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977.

The following Standard Oil sta tions are now in good standing with Local 977, both lessees and attendants being members of the

3601 Nicollet Avenue 1722 Central Avenue 1400 East Lake Street 702 10th Street South 2705 Nicollet Avenue

#### Grievance Committee Set up by 544 for Over-Road Drivers

Local 544 has set up a nev grievance board for over-the-road with the organization of an auxili-drivers, which is to meet each Tuesday from 1 to 3 p. m. The first meeting of the board will be held on April 11th.

## **Watt Notes**

Sanford (Call Me Pete) Han scom went off the deep end Tues day of this week. We understand the honeymoon has been slightly

Brother Teasdale is vacationing Minneapolis for one week (moving into his new home). H about throwing a party, Bud?

Byron Manthey is sporting a ew Studebaker. The boys in the Underground say it's a beauty.

The hall was packed at the State Federation of Labor Special Convention. Seven hundred delegates were present.

Don Roessel says he will be glad hen diamondball practice begins. He wants to reduce a little.

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The Dance Committee will meet

Wednesday, April 12th, at 8 p. m All members of this committee please note and arrange to attend this meeting.

Did you see the big smile "Far ner" Cox had Wednesday? "I rained Tuesday night."

Those wishing to attend the Amateur Boxing Show being spon-sored by the Youth Section of 544 championship basketball team Wednesday, April 12th, in the third floor hall, 257 Plymouth, can obtain tickets at the office. Tickets are forty cents.

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We extend heartfelt sympathy Brother and Mrs. Martin Day in the loss of their new born child.

We understand the St. Paul Utily Section membership meeting Monday night was a lively and interesting one.

Give the Sick Committee boost. Get your tickets dance Saturday, April 22. Get your tickets for the

Local 160 will have a diamond ball team entered in the league this year. Those wishing to try out for the team should get in touch with Jim Nevins, Granville 6680

What subsists today by violence continues tomorrow by acquies-cense, and is perpetuated by tra-dition till at last the hoary abuse shakes the grey hair of antiquity at us, and gives itself out as the of the ages.—EDWARD

subpoena "evidence," that is, the

Union Solidarity Unlawful

7. It would be unlawful for nion man to picket a struck plant nless the majority of persons en gaged in picketing are employes of the struck plant. "Union solidar-ity is unlawful," is what Stassen is This listing doesn't exhaust the

nany vicious sections of Stassen's bill, but it gives enough to permit one to make his own estimate of the intent of those who drafted the bill and are putting on the drive to get it passed.

Everything that the Organizer has said about the Vance-Myre bill, it repeats about Stassen's version of the Vance-Myre bill.

Bosses Are Responsible Again we say: "If the bosses in-ist on going through with their plans to put over such a vicious piece of class legislation, the conquences will be squarely on their shoulders. Labor won't take it ly-ing down. Labor won't permit itself to be enslaved without the

The labor press in the state and the special convention of the State Federation of Labor has unmis-takably testified to labor's attitude to the anti-labor bill and its fra-

RUY UNION LABEL GOODS

## Another Standard On the National Picket Line

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* company was passed.

Detailed plans for the organiza tion of the small parts plants were laid before the convention.

Another resolution sanc-tioned the membership's refusal to work on any tools, dies, and other parts manufactured in plants which are not covered by union agreements.

The CIO was petitioned to begin amediately the organization of ar ndustrial union for WPA workers Another resolution passed which uthorizes the board to go ahead with the organization of an auxili in the interim during which the CIO body is being set up.

The Stalinists intervened here-but weakly-trying to save for their own companyunion, the Workers Alliance -the unemployed Auto workers. They capitulated very easily. Again the fine Italian hand of the top leadership of this clique is seen. If they gain control of the Executive Board they can sabotage this

Another resolution called for re-establishment of the local inions' rights to publish their own periodicals and weekly new organs. This is an extremely important issue—one which can be considered a real victory.

> Another plan has been in troduced on the floor which will set up regular district quarterly meetings for all delegates representing General Motors workers. A yearly meeting of all delegates would also be held, and this

body would be the highest eral Motors workers. As this is written no news has come on the outcome of this plan, but judging from the general tone of the convention, there is little doubt that it will be adopted.

The auto workers have determined that their union is going foreward. They have expressed that determination by adopting almost all of the nine-point program proposed by the newly formed rank and file group, known as the Third Group. They have ex-pressed this determination by refusing to allow either the Stalinists or Lewis to steamroller the convention

The workers have definite-determined that they will not be pushed around any more—either by the corpora-tions or by the union leader-ship. It is difficult to imagine this newly vitalized group of rank and file workers ever again allowing the United Auto Workers to be saddled with a bureaucracy strong enough to dampen the fighting spirit of the union, or to dull its progressive vitality.

### COMING **EVENTS**

Laundry Drivers Dance Next Tuesday, April 11th, at

and eats, 25c per person.

Warehouse Union Dance—
Next Wednesday, April 12,
at the Marigold. Plenty of door prizes, 25c per person. Cab Drivers Dance—Next

Saturday, April 15th, at 257 Plymouth Avenue. Dick Atherton's orchestra, a floor show, plenty of prizes, 25c each Workers Sunday Foru

"The American Way-What Is It?" a lecture by W. W. Norris, Sunday, April 9th, 3 p. m., 919 Marquette Avenue.

## 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.

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

LOCAL 259

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 egular Membership Meeting— First Wednesday each month

LOCAL 977
General Membership — Second
Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Grievance and Seniority Boards
—Each Monday, 8 p. m.
Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9

p. m. Executive Board—Each Thurs day, 8 p. m. essee Section—Third Wednes day, 9 p. m.

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

LOCAL 289 rivers—First Thursday 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, 8:30 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 month.

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

LOCAL 20316 Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting— Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.

LOCAL 160
General Membership—First and third Thursday.
Seniority Board—Every Monday.
Executive Board—Every Tuesday. day.

Executive Board—Every Tuesday.

Stewards — Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.

LOCAL 275
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local
275, meets the first Friday
of every month.

LOCAL 1859
General Membership—April 5
Casket Section—April 11
Box Section—April 18
J. R. Clark Section—April 19
Puffer-Hubbard Section—April 20
Air-Loc Section—April 21
General Membership—May 3
Twin City Stewards—April 10
and 24, 8 p. m.
Grievance Board—Every Friday night, 7:30 to 9 p. m.
Executive Board—Every Friday night, 8 p. m.
LOCAL 20481
General Membership—April 5
Executive Board—May 6

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

LOCAL 544 APRIL Monday, April 3—Package De-livery; Department Store Wednesday, April 5—Sausage; Petroleum

Thursday, April 6-Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, April 7-Job Stewards Monday, April 10 — General Membership

Wednesday, April 12—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, April 14 — Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Sunday, April 16 — Over-the-Road, 10 a, m. Monday, April 17—Furniture Store; Coal Vednesday, April 19—Building Material

Thursday, April 20—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspa-per, 10 a. m. Friday, April 21—Job Stewards Monday, April 24—Spring Wa-

Tuesday, April 25—Sand and Gravel Thursday, April 27—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug

Friday, April 28—Cold Storage 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 Local 544 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 indi-cated.