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On the National Picket Line

Some 100,000 anthracite miners are now covered by a two-year agreement which was just signed two weeks after that which established the union shop in the bituminous industry. The new pact calls for a continuation of the same basic scale of wages and hours that prevailed before, and clinches the dominant position of the CIO union in the face of competition from its rival, the Progressive Mine Workers.

But the spotlight in the miners' struggle still remains focussed upon Harlan County where National Guard machine guns have been sent in against the union by Governor Chandler (Dem.) of Kentucky. Reports that troops and ambushed pickets had exchanged shots were followed by a union statement that this was a put-up job by the operators to justify National Guard terror.

"Our boys could hit a mosquito at fifty yards and nobody can tell me that they fired fifty shots (as the Guard claimed) without someone being hit," the union leaders said. This is true enough, as those who have faced the miners in shooting affairs in times past can well testify. The miners at one time prevented the National Guard from getting off at the station by warning them, "You better be sure to be shooting when you get off because we sure as hell are going to be."

Harlan County bosses reach an all-time high for arrogance and contempt for law in their union-smashing activity. Right now fourteen operators are under indictment for charges ranging from conspiracy and murder to the sluggings of union men. Nowhere else in the country have as many union organizers and men been murdered. But despite their flouting of all laws, these operators continue to get backing from state officials who aid them liberally with khaki-clad strike-breakers.

General Carter has instituted a military dictatorship in the county. Mass arrests upon any pretext, censorship, threats of terror against union meetings, and drawing bayonets upon peaceful pickets, and the invasion of homes—these have all been carried out by the general. Combat trucks, light artillery, and machine guns, paid for by "national defense" funds are being used against workers, not against any foreign enemy.

But such means never have stopped the miners of Harlan County. Having once worked under union conditions, these men are determined to keep them. Last week the miners showed their contempt for the National Guard terror by trying to picket at the mines despite the bayonets thrust at their stomachs. And when a machine gun was mounted, the unarmed pickets tried to surround it. Only the arrival of additional troops kept the miners back.

Another outstanding chapter in the coal industry centers around the hard coal "bootleg" miners in Pennsylvania. After being thrown out of work by the depression, and being denied decent relief for their families, these workers opened up their own pits working on company-owned property. Although mining under such conditions was less productive and more dangerous than ordinary op-

Skoglund and Murk Named CLU Trustees

In a special interim election in the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, caused by the death of John Lebkicker and the resignation of Walter Hackett, Carl Skoglund and George Murk were elected last Wednesday as trustees of the central body.

Skoglund, president of the General Drivers Union Local 544, will serve for a two-year term to take the place of Lebkicker.

Murk, who is president of the Musicians Union, will serve the one-year term caused by Hackett's resignation due to press of work.

Skoglund was the choice of the Central Labor Union by an overwhelming vote.

Two-Year Lund Strike Nears Close

The two-year dispute between the Woodworkers Union Local 20481 and C. A. Lund, owner of the Northland and Lund ski factories in St. Paul and Hastings, was apparently nearing its end this week. A short time ago the circuit court of appeals upheld the National Labor Relations Board in its ruling ordering the reinstatement of two workers with back pay, and the recognition of Local 20481 as sole collective bargaining agent in both the St. Paul and Hastings plants.

The circuit court suggested to the NLRB that it conduct a further investigation into the question of ordering back pay for the other workers involved.

Last Saturday morning officials of Local 20481 met with Lund in St. Paul and discussed terms of a union working agreement which Lund is apparently now reconciled to accepting. Another meeting is scheduled to be held this Thursday evening.

Everything The Same at Dy-Dee Wash

The deadlock between the reactionary Dy-Dee Wash company, 718 Washington avenue north, and the Laundry Workers and Laundry Drivers Unions, remained unchanged as the controversy entered its third month this week.

The company continued its refusal to sign union agreements, and also continued to lose what remaining business it had. The two unions continue to maintain pickets in front of the plant.

Johantgen Store Still on Labor's Unfair Listing

Another month has passed and the Johantgen Jewelry store at 1016 West Broadway continued its hostility to the Watchmakers Union Local 103. There is certainly no room in Minneapolis for any firm who refuses to deal squarely with the trade union movement, and all workers and friends of labor should, by patronizing only union jewelers, make Johantgen aware of this fact.

Local 160 Auxiliary Plans Wiener Roast Next Monday Night

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Utility Workers Union Local B-160 will give a wiener roast next Monday night, June 5th, at Glenwood avenue and the Beltline highway. All members of the union are asked to bring their wives and come out for a good time. Bring your own cats and let's have a big crowd.

TJC Delegation Remembers Labor's Martyred Dead



Above is pictured the delegation from the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council which visited the graves of the union's martyred dead last week-end to place appropriate wreaths over the resting places. The union delegation visited the graves of Pat Corcoran, Bill Brown, Henry Ness and John Belor.

Unemployed Called To March Friday

On Wednesday the Joint Action Committee which will lead the mammoth unemployed demonstration this Friday announced that all arrangements had been completed and checked to guarantee a successful Holiday Demonstration.

Though WPA officials have refused to declare June 2nd a holiday, the sentiment of 99 per cent of the WPA workers in the area made it clear that there would be a complete shutdown of all projects on Friday.

Thursday night the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 will meet to complete arrangements for furnishing three hundred trucks to carry the demonstrators.

At least one radio station, WTCN, has given the Federal Workers Section time on the air to explain why the WPA workers and the relief clients find it necessary to demonstrate. Thursday at 6:35 Karl Kuehn of the FWS will speak over WTCN on the Holiday Demonstration. A summary of his talk will be found on page four of this issue.

Line of March

The parade will assemble at three different points. Members and friends of the Federal Workers Section will assemble at 257 Plymouth Avenue at 9 a. m. Friday, as will members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544.

Workers Alliance members will assemble at Bridge Square at the same time.

The unemployed in Ramsey, Dakota and Washington counties will assemble at twelve o'clock noon at the Minneapolis-St. Paul city limits on University avenue.

At least five thousand unemployed workers are expected to

Unions in St. Paul Discuss Relief

The first conference on unemployment and relief sponsored by the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly was a success in every way, according to the committee on unemployment. Ninety-seven delegates representing 41 unions attended. Among the speakers were Frank M. Rarig, head of the Ramsey County welfare board, Frank Starkey of the state industrial commission, and John Barrett, state legislator. Ed Esboldt, head of the St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union, presided.

"The committee on unemployment will propose that another conference be held for the purpose of prosecuting a deeper study of the problems already discussed," stated Bernie Simmer, chairman of the Assembly's unemployment committee. "Our committee was able to make only a partial survey of the housing conditions in St. Paul. We feel that this one field should be explored to the point of ascertaining the rentals paid grasping landlords for the hovels which exist in practically every section of the city. That someone is commercializing these squalid tenements no one will deny."

"We also believe that publicity should be given the names of firms, corporations and individuals

Drivers in Wichita Win Big Victory

Wichita, Kans.—The three-week strike of 26 drivers against the Yellow Cab Transfer and Storage company came to an end last Thursday when the Teamsters Union Local 795 of Wichita won a working agreement providing for the closed shop, raise in wages, seniority rights and a guarantee of 40 hours per week.

One of the major points at issue was the lack of guaranteed hours of work. Formerly these men had no assurance any day that they would work. The pact guarantees them a minimum of 40 hours per week.

The new pact will run for one year to May 1, 1940.

Auto Workers Demonstrate Power By Strike Against Briggs Company

Replying to intolerable company provocations and contract violations, 15,000 auto workers of the Briggs Body corporation shut down the five plants of the corporation and struck last week under the banner of the United Auto Workers Local 212.

Union banners and militant slogans characterized the action of the Briggs local, headed by Emil Mazey. The pulling of the switches in the Briggs plant was immediately felt throughout the industry. Partial shutdowns, for lack of parts, have already hit the Dodge, Chrysler, DeSoto, Plymouth, Bohn

Aluminum and Lincoln plants. A grand total of more than 75,000 workers are affected by the strike. The importance of this militant action to labor is being felt throughout the country, despite efforts of the daily press to play it down.

At the beginning of the strike, there was not a scab to be seen anywhere. The Briggs company evidently did not believe the union could mobilize so quickly and efficiently against the company's provocations conducted over a series of months—such attacks on the union as firing leading stewards,

violating seniority, refusing to negotiate, etc.

Martin's Role

On Monday violence broke out when a gang of thugs assaulted U. A. W. members with guns and clubs. A union organizer named Ferris was shot and several other pickets were severely beaten. The union has charged that the strike-breakers were members of Homer Martin's group. Fourteen men were arrested after the assault, and three admitted they were followers of Martin.

James F. Dewey, federal mediator, flew to Detroit from Wash-

ington, and found the union ready to negotiate. The Briggs corporation, however, refused to meet with the union.

Latest reports on the strike indicate that the company has agreed to negotiations. With several weeks of production ahead, and with World's Fair models still to come off the production line, the strike appears to have been well-timed. Union councils stand ready to maintain a vigilant and powerful picket line in the auto district, in case the Chrysler company is planning a major showdown with the auto union.

Stassen's Reply to Eide Hurts Leach

Drug Clerks Win Strike Vs. Hatch

After a gruelling five-months strike, the Drug Clerks Union Local 1353 won a complete victory over the Hatch Drug company last week and paved the way for the rapid unionization of the remaining unorganized drug clerks in Minneapolis. The new working agreement stipulates wage raise—shorter hours, longer vacations, seniority rights and better working conditions.

The signing of the union agreement was as much of a victory over the Twin City Retail Drug association as it was over the Hatch company. Before the strike Hatch promised to sign the union agreement, but the Twin City Retail Drug association put the screws to him and forced him to start the fight against the union. The association had promised Hatch aid in fighting the union. After the strike was under way, Hatch was left holding the bag.

Union Progressing

The Drug Clerks Union has signed two more agreements since the end of the Hatch strike—with the Merwin Drug company at Lyndale and Broadway, and with the Butler Drug company at 26th and Nicollet. These stores have union store cards and Local 1353 would appreciate your patronizing such stores. All the stores that have signed up with Local 1353 have store cards, and the members wear union buttons. When purchasing at your neighborhood drug store, ask for the union store card and the union button.

Drug Clerks To Sponsor Variety Show

The Drug Clerks Union Local 1353 will sponsor a Variety Show and Dance on Wednesday, June 7th, at the southeast Eagles Hall. Following a snappy two-hour variety show starting at 8 p. m., Don Eilan's Dixieland Band will swing it until one o'clock. There will be plenty of prizes, refreshments and souvenirs. Tickets are only 35c and Local 1353 cordially invites all members of organized labor to attend.

who pay their employees such miserable wages that supplementary relief is necessary. These facts are available, but they have never been published.

"The committee on unemployment believes that Labor cannot afford to be indifferent toward the plight of St. Paul's unfortunates."

Large Last-Minute Registration Encourages Labor Campaigners—Stassen's Answer to Eide Both Dishonest and Evasive—Neither Leach nor Stassen Can Attack Eide Openly—Labor Campaign Committee Issues Urgent Call for More Volunteers

A hot exchange of letters between T. A. Eide and Governor Stassen, in which the governor came off a poor second-best, and an encouraging increase of registrations by four thousand voters, were the major developments in the city primary campaign.

Local 131 Team Has Heavy Schedule

The Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 diamondball team will face a heavy schedule during the next week, with no less than three games listed. This Friday Local 131 will take on the Citizens Club team at Bryn Mawr field 10. On Monday the Laundry Drivers will play the Progressive Italian club at Parade Grounds 19. On Tuesday, Local 131 will play the Furniture Workers Union at Parade Grounds 7. All union fans are urged to attend these games, which start at 6:15 p. m.

CLU O. K.'s Move for Union Burial

At its May 24th meeting, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union adopted a resolution calling upon all members of organized labor in Minneapolis who have the grievous misfortune to experience deaths in the family to get in touch with the four unions furnishing union goods and services for the burial ceremony.

The four unions are the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, who will furnish a list of union-made caskets; the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, who will furnish a list of mortuaries employing union drivers; the General Drivers Union Local 544, for florists employing union drivers; and the Cemetery Workers Union Local 20231, for cemeteries employing union help.

As the resolution stated, it is fitting that the lofty principles of organized labor be recognized in death as in life. We urge all our readers to avail themselves of the information furnished by the four unions. All can be reached at 257 Plymouth Avenue North; the phone number is Geneva 4691.

Local 359 Whips Oak Grove Dairy For Second Win

The Warehouse Union Local 359's diamondball team took its second game last Friday evening by whipping the Oak Grove Dairy team, 6 to 3, in a fast game. With Wigs Hanson, 359's ace pitcher, in top form, the warehousemen played alert ball to keep their string of victories intact. Local 359 wants to see a large crowd of union fans at the next game to be played this Friday evening, June 2nd, at Parade Grounds No. 25, with the Arabian Nites team.

Butler Workers To Meet Monday

The Butler Brothers Section of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 will meet next Monday evening, June 5th, at 257 Plymouth avenue to hear and discuss the report on negotiations with the management. All members are instructed to attend and take action on this important report.

Last Saturday over 1,300 persons registered, evidencing not only a pick-up of political interest but the coming over of hundreds of new people to the banner of the labor slate of candidates. During the past week the labor volunteer campaign committee, headed by Harold Seavey, made an energetic effort to induce all workers to register. The truly scandalous answer made by Stassen to Eide was believed to have impelled hundreds of Minneapolisians to register in order to strike a blow on June 12th against Stassen's candidate, Mayor Leach.

Stassen's "Answer" Following news items in the daily press, recording that "Governor Stassen's campaign organization has gone to work for Mayor George E. Leach," T. A. Eide, the liberal candidate for mayor, sent an open letter to the governor last week asking him if it was with his sanction that certain state employees were active in Leach's campaign.

Stassen's answer was nothing but an admission that his machine was backing Leach to defeat Eide, the candidate of the labor and liberal forces in Minneapolis.

While claiming that "it is the policy of our administration and also my personal policy as governor, not to interfere in any local election contest," Stassen wrote that "I am not surprised to hear from you that the people of Minnesota who supported me last fall to end the radical and corrupt control of the state capitol are now opposing you and supporting Mayor Leach, as your campaign appears to be conducted by the same group who were ousted from the capitol by the voters of the state."

This singular "answer" was remarkable both for what it said and what it failed to say. Stassen did not deny that state employees were working for Leach, in violation of state laws. For the first time, the "liberal" Stassen applied the term "radical" to the former Farmer-Labor movement.

A Dishonest Answer Stassen's attempt to identify Eide's campaign with the Farmer-Labor movement of last fall is a dishonest piece of political chicanery that will fool absolutely no one in Minneapolis. The Farmer-Labor movement is playing a very minor role in the campaign for Eide and the rest of the labor slate. It is the trade union movement of Minneapolis, together with its liberal friends, that is conducting the Eide campaign.

Can't Attack Eide Openly It is remarkable, also, that Eide's record is so spotlessly clean that neither Leach, Stassen, nor the whole pack of reactionary opponents to the labor candidate can find a single point at which to attack him publicly. Of course, behind the scenes a foul and lying whispering campaign is being conducted against Eide and all the liberal candidates.

In his reply to the governor, T. A. Eide had no difficulty in exposing the latter. "Your erroneous reference to the sponsors and supporters of my present campaign for mayor of Minneapolis I consider a direct challenge to the labor movement and all the other liberal and progressive elements," wrote Eide.

"It has been my desire to conduct a clean and constructive campaign. In my questions to Governor Stassen, I purposely omitted

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Duluth Unions Hear Rasmussen Expound F-C-L Council Plan

At the May 26th meeting of the Duluth Federated Trades Assembly, Paul Rasmussen, executive secretary of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council of Minnesota, outlined the ambitious educational program which the Council intends to sponsor during the remainder of the year.

According to Rasmussen: "The Council plans to present educational programs at the Colleges, Normal Schools and larger High Schools in the State, also at community and municipal gatherings, summer and fall picnics and at labor and farm meetings. A speakers bureau has been organized and a large number of outstanding men in the field of organized labor and the cooperative movement in Minnesota have volunteered their willingness to appear on such programs. Several presidents of Liberal Arts Colleges and Normal Schools and also some of the Superintendents of High Schools have indicated that they would appreciate having programs sponsored by the Council presented to their student body and faculty. At such programs one representative of organized labor will speak and also a representative of cooperatives, and an open forum discussion will be held following the talks.

"We often find that the public misjudges an entire movement because of some exception rather than by general policy of the organization concerned, and for that reason it is deemed advisable to present the objectives and program of organized labor and farm organizations in an honest and sincere manner in order that the public may appreciate the democratic philosophy of life and the altruistic purposes characteristic of these organizations.

Employers Attacking Unions, Co-ops

"It is becoming conspicuously evident that organizations like the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Minneapolis Citizens Alliance, the Associated Industries, and all similar organizations in the State and Nation, are conducting a sinister and vicious propaganda attack on both organized labor and farm cooperatives. They have singled out these two democratic agencies for the purpose of destroying them. They would perhaps be satisfied in crippling organized labor and farm cooperatives to such a degree that they could still exist as mere social organizations, but they certainly do not intend to tolerate them as competitive agencies in the business world.

"The recent Auto-Labor legislation passed in Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, is just an indication of what is forthcoming. The United States Chamber of Commerce has gone on record demanding the repeal of the Wage-Hour Act, they consider the Wagner Labor Relations Act 'the most harmful piece of legislation that has been passed by Congress in the history of the United States.' According to the selfish dollars and cents standards of the United States Chamber of Commerce, relief and aid of all kinds, whether for farm districts or city communities, are unnecessary and dangerous.

Co-ops Under Fire in Wisconsin
"Three Anti-Cooperative bills have already been presented to the Wisconsin legislature. The bills, if enacted into law, would materially retard the growth of the cooperative movement in Wisconsin, and exert a similar influence in other states. The bills propose to:

1. Repeal the present law providing for the teaching of cooperation in the public schools.
2. Repeal the statute granting authority to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets to promote cooperatives.
3. Repeal the law granting cooperatives exemption from the income tax. Under the proposed law cooperatives would be required to pay an income tax on their patronage dividends. According to this type of tax technique a privately-owned store, whenever it conducts a sale, should be compelled to pay an income tax on the total mark-down on all merchandise sold during the sale.

Goodwill Committees
"By means of an educational program, the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council of Minnesota intends to try to prevent any further

pitting of the farmer against the laboring man and the laboring man against the farmer. The Council is setting up Goodwill Contact Committees in all of the eighty-seven counties, for the purpose of assisting in this program and to aid in eliminating any unnecessary misunderstanding which might occur. The local committee consists of one representative of organized labor, one representative from cooperatives and one from farm organizations.

"The response so far to the work of the Council throughout the State has been decidedly encouraging."

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

Wally Raze
Oooh—My bunions hurt today. They are brand new ones that I acquired sitting in a boat all day, last Sunday. Guess I'm getting softer or boards are getting harder every year. What a guy won't do just to get a few fish. One of them was a big dogfish even homlier than a catfish, and twice as ornery. Many of the brothers spent the weekend fishing hither and yon, with varying degrees of luck. Brother "Brick" is definitely sour on Mille Laes at present, but I'll bet he is still a fisherman, as are the rest of us, for a long time to come.

The Park Board recently acquired a new stream-lined Toro cutter and Brother Otto Johnson has been herding it around through the grass the past week. All it lacks is a cab and radio to play "the grass is greener in the other fellow's yard."

Brother Bill "absent minded" Morrison is having a tough time of it lately trying to remember his dues book. Why not have it tattooed on your chest, Bill.

Don't let the lull in election campaigning these days make you forget, even momentarily, to support labor candidates in the next election. The easiest way to take a prized possession away from a kid is to go away and stay away 'til the brat goes to sleep. When he awakens he will be very surprised, but try for days to locate his treasure, yelling at the top of his voice. Yelling won't help us any should we allow the opposition to pull this trick on us.

Brother Butch has regained his slyph-like form this spring and gives all credit to his trusty past-mal.

Brother Joe Nyland reports that some low-down so-and-so busted his jackknife and set fire to his overalls last week. Joe and his pants were both burned up.

Haven't heard of any of the brothers being in the doghouse lately. Don't know for sure whether their conduct or luck has improved, but chances are their luck gets the nod. I'm a married man myself and know whereof I speak.

Brother "Gravy Davey," blossomed out in a nifty lavender uniform this A. M. It fits his svelte figure like the paper on the wall and matches his complexion, too. What more can one want?

Don't forget your duty and responsibility in the coming election. IF LABOR'S CANDIDATES LOSE THIS ELECTION, THE WORKING PEOPLE OF MINNEAPOLIS WILL LOSE ALL THE LITTLE GAINS THEY HAVE WON AFTER YEARS OF

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Strike Pends Vs. Austin Liquor Firms

At a meeting held last Wednesday evening, the bartenders in Austin, Minnesota, organized in Local 478, voted unanimously to strike rather than accept the proposed wage cut submitted by the liquor dealers.

When Local 478 sought to renew its last year's agreement, the Austin Retail Liquor Dealers association answered by submitting a counter-proposal which would cut wages \$5 weekly and would abolish seniority. The bosses quoted the Stassen anti-labor law as justification for their action.

In an analysis of the liquor dealers' actions, Frank Ellis, Austin union official, said that "the saloon keepers are either nuts or they have made so much profit that they're satisfied to retire and enjoy their wealth. If the saloon men were smart business men they would not attempt to cut wages in the face of county option unless they feel that more money can be made by bootlegging after saloons have been voted out. When we voted to bring back beer and light wines, it was done on the plea and theory that jobs would be provided for the unemployed at decent living standards."

Northland Signs Pact With 1859

The first working agreement was signed last week between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the Northland Manufacturing company, 137 East Island avenue. The new pact will run for one year to May 29th, 1940.

Among the gains won for the fifteen workers involved are the closed shop, a reduction in the work week from 44 to 40 hours, plant seniority, the eight-hour day, and wage increases ranging from 5 to 12c hourly. The hourly minimum wage is established at 50c for the first ninety days, after which it is 55c.

STRUGGLE, AND ALSO LOSE ANY CHANCE TO RECOUP THEIR LOSSES, FOR TWO YEARS, AT LEAST, PROBABLY MUCH LONGER THAN THAT.

Let us bear in mind, also, that Stinker Stassen, despite his denials, is pulling the strings, behind the scenes, as reaction attempts to wreck union wages and hours in Minneapolis. A blow on the head will kill an adversary much quicker than a multitude of kicks on the shins and Minneapolis, the head and brains of organized labor in Minnesota, is naturally the logical place for the enemy to strike first. So labor should not stick its neck out by assuming an indifferent attitude toward the election. Believe it or not, the future, perhaps for generations to come, of the workers of Minnesota, hangs on this election. Don't let yourselves and your children down. It's hard to get up again with the fat boys' feet on your necks.

The Park Board's boats and canoes are back on the lakes and the night pilots of the launches, with the aid of their searchlights, should have few dull moments this season. Tsk! Tsk! What yarns those boys could tell.

Attended a dance at 501 East Hennepin last night. The shindig was put on by Local 1915 Machinists A. F. of L. and everybody had a swell time. Quite a bunch of guys, these Machinists. Hope they throw another soon. By the way, Brothers, how about a regular dance for 664 and his wife? Somebody bring that up on the floor, under good and welfare, at our next meeting. I'll second the motion.

Going fishing, 5 a. m. tomorrow, so gotta get some shuteye. Everybody try to attend the meeting, June 8th. We need you there.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore
We ran short on local color this week so it's as good a time as any to try our hand on a little long distance stuff so here goes.

Imperialism or Japs, Spas, Yazahampers (no patent on this name) and yens.

Japan is a long slender island on the other side of the Pacific, populated by a yellow race that ain't yellow. The Japanese, believe it or not, had been asleep for about 1846 years until an American admiral by the name of Perry brought them the open door policy by the simple expedient of sailing in and firing a salute of 100 guns.

This woke up these queer people. I say queer advisedly, for in some ways the Japs are the queerest people in this queer world. For one thing, Japan wasn't created according to Genesis. It was piled up by a bunch of volcanoes with an eye to the real estate business. Now, there isn't anything wrong in paying rent on something God created, but to pay rent on land created by volcanoes just doesn't seem "kosher." However, that is just what these queer people did and by and by some of the Japs had more money than they knew what to do with while the most of the Saps, Yaps and Yazahampers, as poor Japs are called in Japanese, earned just enough to keep body and soul together 'til rent day and then start it all over again.

Well, Admiral Perry and the civilized people who followed in his wake soon taught the wealthy Japs that there was more money in factories, machines, mines, railroads and banking than there was in owning land. So these moneyed landlords, now wide awake, took their money, which they had earned by hard work, thrift and frugality, and invested it in civilized enterprises. It worked like this:

They'd say to the poor Yaps who owned nothing and knew nothing but hard work, "Here is a yen a day. Now dig us that coal mine." When the mine was dug the Saps had spent their yen for rice and the moneyed Japs owned the mine. That done, the owning Japs said to the working Yaps and Saps: "Now, we pay you a yen for every ton of coal you dig." Then by selling the coal for four yens a ton, they pocketed three yens for themselves.

This process of spending yens for mines, factories and so on and still having the yens is called "investment" in Japanese. While the thing of paying poor Yaps one yen for digging a ton of coal and selling it for four yens is called "profit" in that lingo.

Working this one-yen-for-four racket in all industries, it wasn't long before the owners, not only owned all the money, factories, mines, railroads and banks of the country, but they also had great piles of other handy things such as shoes, rice, clothes, pick axes, and shovels. These great piles had accumulated because the poor Saps, Yaps and Yazahampers that produced them had received only one yen for every four yens worth turned out. So it dawned on the yen men or "bosses," as they are called in Japanese, that there was no way of selling four yens worth of goods to one-yen men. And business was rotten on account of the great over-production of good things the one-yen men had turned out but couldn't buy back.

As the great teacher, Confucius, has said, "You can't squeeze four pounds of pumpkin pie out of a one-pound turnip."


That being so, the Japs shipped these good things to Manchuria and China which was populated by a backward people. But, you ask, why did the Jap bosses give

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I'm against these unemployed demonstrations. It only antagonizes people.

Warehouse Strike Pends at Buzza's

The deadlock between the Buzza section of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 359 and the management of the Buzza company remained unbroken last Friday after a futile merry-go-round meeting in the state capitol between union officials, Buzza representatives and one of Stassen's labor conciliators, a Mr. Clarke. Clarke substituted for Haney, who failed to appear.

Demands Are Moderate
The Buzza firm was originally presented with a contract calling for the 40-hour week without pay reduction; closed shop, and one week's vacation with pay. After first hinting at a compromise, the management refused to grant the union's demands. Confronted with this refusal, the Buzza section took a strike vote on Tuesday, May 16th, which carried overwhelmingly. The formalities of Stassen's labor law were observed, and the 10-day waiting period has now expired.

The Buzza workers involved, mostly young women, are the lowest paid workers in the factory. Many of them must support families on their meager wages. They have never had a paid vacation, although other categories of workers have received such vacations for many years.

In the capitol negotiations, James Bartlett, union business agent, stated that "the time should be forgotten when workers getting as little as seventeen dollars a week should be asked to work for less."

Strike Pends
Although the Buzza officials were quick to proclaim their sympathy for their underpaid employees, they closed up like clams at any mention of a small cut in hours for the same wage, and refused to cede a thing.

Buzza officials and the conciliator were both surprised to discover that if they press the union to strike, it will be for the original demands of the union and not for the compromise which the Buzza management refused to accept. A full report on the conference was given to a meeting of the Buzza section.

Watt Notes
Gerhart Flaskerd has some deluxe shorts. He says he's breaking them in for his vacation.

Being a reserve officer, Hanscomb takes his vacation in camp. Boy, oh, boy, what an alibi for leaving the ball and chain at home.

If you want the lowdown on fascism in this country, don't miss the article in last week's POST.

Kolinski from the Relay Section takes his vacation in three weeks, but he'll start his traveling in double harness.

We wonder about the truth of the Leach Lake trip—E. T. Scott says they caught fish. Stauffer sez it was a military reconnaissance because they left a lot of dead soldiers behind them.

Brother King leaves Riverside for Terminal Sub on June 10th, where he'll work vacation relief.

Watt a fish story we'll have in next week's WATT NOTES. Don't miss it! And they fam and fam and fam.

The laws? First anti-Christ robbed everybody, took all the earth, and all rights away from them—took them all for himself—and then wrote laws for bidding to rob and to kill.—Leo Tolstoy.

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Independent Truck Chatter
R. F. Hornig

It almost looks as if the Belt Line crew is getting ready to cry before the milk is spilt. However, they cannot be blamed for being a little curious as to what will happen to their jobs. A little looking ahead will make it possible to plan a proper program should anything go wrong, but it will be much safer to proceed on the basis that they let well enough alone.

Swanson, the 5-yard man, has quite a crew working for him, but we hear no news from the boys about the job. Bolander should be finished with that Third Avenue excavation now and ready for that University digging somebody told about. . . . Somebody reports that Mr. Westerdahl has St. Paul trucks working for him at the University. Get after him, boys; that ain't don't right by our Nell. . . . Stassen has five trucks in Hennepin county on maintenance—on bid, of course.

There will be some tall fishin' yarns going the rounds Wednesday. And while you're at it, talk up this demonstration for this Friday.

Farrell, back in town for a while and looking busy as ever, gave us a warm greeting.

Don't forget that you have a union doctor to take care of you when in need of medical service. Pay your dues by the fifteenth, present your dues book and think nothing of the bill. What could be easier? Gene says we have ninety-nine accounts with the hospital insurance association and most of us are in arrears.

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Only a few trucks out last week on jobs to be filled. Twenty-eight are registered out-of-work for the week. Not having any more WPA job to work on and furnish contacts with the boys who have news to peddle, your ITO chatter column runs the risk of becoming mighty dull.

Kenny Corbett has picked up a helper out on the Belt Line who

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544 to Play Superior Union This Sunday at Nicollet Park, First of Inter-Union Series

The first of a series of inter-city union games in celebration of Baseball's Centennial will be played Sunday, June 4th, at the Nicollet ball park, between the Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544 and the team from the Drivers Union Local 288 of Superior, Wisconsin.

This is the first in a series of inter-city games scheduled by Local 544. Later in the summer the Drivers will travel to Kansas City to play Local 41, and will go to Des Moines to play Local 90 in that city. On Labor Day Local 544's team will go to Detroit,

with either Dick Dubay or Johnny Sodd behind the plate. The infield will be composed of Syd Alford, first; Joe Rusin, shortstop; P. Paulaski, second, and Ed Crandall, third. Tony Pezik, Harry Florey, Bert Rogers, and Lefty Johnson will be drawn upon for the outfield. Jack Herman is manager of the Local 544 team, which plays in the Saturday Commercial division and the Sunday National division. The game will start promptly at 3 p. m. Admission is 40c for adults and 10c for children up to 15 years.

Among the unions and friends who have taken special boxes for the 544 game Sunday are the following: Local 958, two boxes; Local 471, one box; Local 289, three boxes; Local 544, three boxes; Local 977, two boxes; Lowe & Campbell, one box; Friedland's cafe, one box; Agnes' cafe, two boxes.

Michigan, to cross bats with the powerful Local 299 ball team. The game will be a feature of the Detroit Labor Day celebration.

This is the first time in the history of baseball that a union has scheduled such a series of inter-city union games. The Minneapolis Drivers have a young and fast ball team that possesses some outstanding pitchers and catchers. That the team has lots of color is shown by the crowd of five thousand attracted to the 544-Christians game last Sunday at the Parade Grounds.

Local 288 will bring to Minneapolis a very strong ball club. The first-string pitcher is George Farrell, the boy who beat 544 last year. In the Superior union lineup are Hank Padden and Russ McDonald, catchers; Leo Larson and Lorimer Peterson, pitchers; Ed Rehstrand at first; Hugh Tinkler at second; Irwin Berkowitz at short; Lowell Darst at third and Tug Backand, Joe Brizer and Steve Backand in the field.

Local 544's starting lineup will be Norris Hanson on the mound.

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With the Limousines

Home James
While away on business last week I had a very capable reporter, The Old Maestro, and I wish to thank him personally for his very interesting column.

Well, it's over but not forgotten—the dance of dances. Everyone surely had a grand time, according to reports.

The super-dance ticket salesman, Joe F., made a wonderful speech from the stage which was heartily approved by all.

There were many new faces at our dance. From reports, many of them will become members of Local 912, because, as one of them said, "This is certainly a fine bunch of real guys."

Who do you think won a quart of that stuff the Star won't advertise? Nobody but our good member, Roy B.

There was one outstanding fashion-plate on the dance floor, but don't worry, we won't say anymore, C. G.

Say Mute, did you get your friend all the way home o. k.?

The Entertainment Committee wishes to thank everyone and especially the sponsors of door prizes, etc., for the very fine cooperation given Local 912. We will publish a list of said sponsors in the next issue. We haven't all the names yet, but thanks to everyone.

They tell me the plans for the new \$50,000 all-union mortuary "have been seen." It will be a knockout, according to reports.

It looks like we will have at least one place where we will be assured a 100 per cent union funeral when we have parked our limousines for the last time.

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In case you have the misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list. Local 912 has sent out contracts to all mortuaries in the city, several of whom have signed with the union.

544 Comes Back, Wins Sunday, 3-1

Local 544's baseball team came up to pre-season expectations Sunday at the Parade Grounds to win from the Christians cafe team, 3 to 1. More than 5,000 fans cheered the pitchers' duel between Norris Hanson of the union team and Lefty Foell of Christians. Hanson struck out fifteen, while Foell fanned eight up to the seventh inning, when he was replaced by Brault, who kept the Drivers scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Joe Rusin, 544 shortstop, led the attack with four hits out of five, one a double. Johnny Sodd got the only triple of the game, the hits being confined mostly to the infield. Cyson, first base, starred for the losers.

Win or lose, 544 seems to draw the largest crowds in the Sunday league. The relatively huge crowd at the Parade last Sunday was a real tribute to the color and fight always displayed by the Drivers. Many more fans are expected to turn out this Sunday at the Nicollet ball park for the inter-union classic between Local 544 and Local 288, the Superior Drivers Union.

On Saturday 544 dropped a game to the Citizens Club, 12-4, in the mud at Brackett's field. Tony Pezik was heavy hitter, with two out of three, a double and a triple. Bruno Bernie, Charles Shaw and Sid Alford pitched for the losers.

The soliciting of homes for moving jobs by union companies has been so effective that in the month of June every furniture man should have steady work—if the signed companies have enough equipment!

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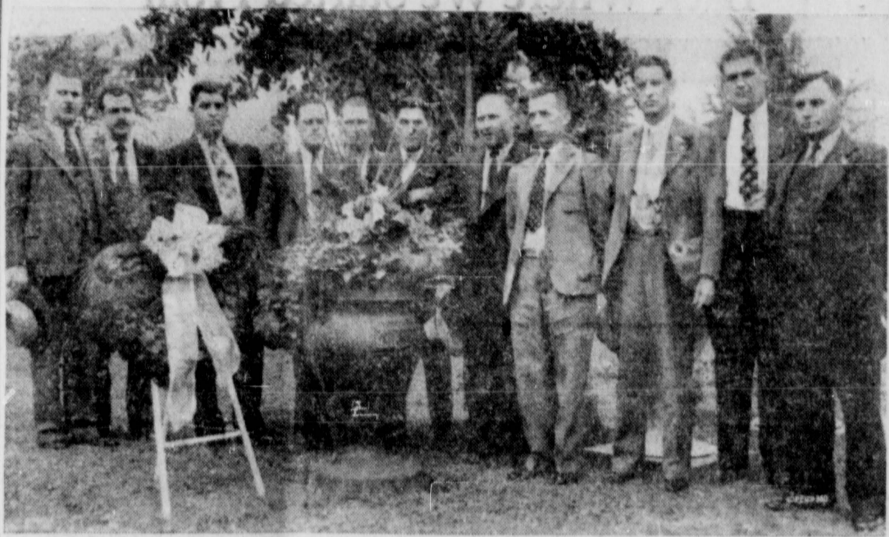
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TJC Delegation at Grave of Pat Corcoran



Above is seen the delegation from the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, placing a wreath on the grave of Pat Corcoran, martyred head of the Council who was shot down by unknown assailants in 1937. From left to right: L. Clair Johnson, Carlos Hudson, Emil Hanson, Walter Hagstrom, Leonard Hagen, William Sinnott, Moe Hork, Vincent Dunne, Joe O'Hare, Clarence Hamel, and Nick Wagner.

Turn or Go With Omaha 554

The good brother Lou discovered that there's more over here than there is over there! Apparently the west coast hath no charms for Lou. Guess he ain't feminine after all—seeing as how so many dames are nuts about the coast!

Small attendance at the special meeting last week kept Lou from being reinstated at that meeting. Matter comes up at regular membership meeting this Sunday.

Every union man, member of 554 — whether in the transfer, household goods, bakery, milk or meat sections of the union—should attend the regular membership meeting Sunday, June 4th. Important! 2 P. M.

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist
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Three of our brothers were down before the Board last Wednesday, charged with leaving milk at customers not their own. Such a trick is one of the lowest forms of chiseling and is absolutely contrary to the By-Law. Even when the federal government placed a "Milk Shed" over Minneapolis in 1934, the "drop milk" was listed as an offense and many of our brothers were forced to answer charges before Mr. Spencer, the AAA administrator. It is just about time that we stamp out this evil. One defendant last week had been a member of our union for 18 years with not one black mark against him. It hurts every board member a great deal to fine a brother member with such a record. Let's serve our own customers and let your brother take care of his.

In Mr. Haney's office last Wednesday, Mr. Newline of the Clover Leaf was taken to be one of the 471 Negotiating Committee. It didn't take him long to grab his chair and scam over on the other side of the room. After all, he shouldn't feel bad; at one time Newline was a member of Local 471.

Did you ever act as the "uninvited guest?" That is the roll, Mr. Mosirup, Mr. Leonard (Twin City) and Mr. Carlson (Ice Cream) played at the state capitol meeting. Now we are trying to find out who sent the invitations to them.

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Letters from Worker-Readers

To the N. W. Organizer Dear Sirs:

In my survey organized labor is against WPA and is against more money for relief purposes. I suggest that organized labor weed out well-to-do members who can afford to take care of themselves, by making jobs for those in dire need. Not only do we have to fight the banks and the wealthy Sixty Families, we have to curb laborers who have gone capitalist, who are earning more than \$200 monthly. Your body should demand united action from all organized labor in this matter. Organized labor benefitted through mass demands of the needy reliefers, but neglects to aid fully those who are forced to exist only on inadequate non-cash direct relief.

Equitably, Joe Rosenthal

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Pat Ansbury of Louisville Cites Need for Area Pact

The following description of Pat Ansbury, business agent of Drivers Union Local 89 and Dairy Workers Union Local 783 of Louisville, Ky., appeared in the weekly column "With Labor's Ranks" appearing in the Louisville Times. We pass it on to our readers both for its description of Brother Ansbury (who has always shown a warm interest in the progress of the Minneapolis movement) and for his lively analysis of the need for the standard over-road drivers' pact:

"Mr. Ansbury is a stocky broad-shouldered Irishman, well known to truck and taxi drivers in Louisville and rapidly gaining recognition as one of Kentucky's progressive labor leaders. He has a Celt's gift of fluent, vivid diction, and as he discusses his union's problems, one becomes gradually convinced of his ability and of the thoroughness of his knowledge of his own subject.

"It's terrible, the condition in the trucking industry," said Mr. Ansbury, "and it's due almost altogether to the cut-throat competition they're suffering from. The rules and regulations laid down by the Interstate Commerce Commission are seldom served and there's no enforcing them. Over-the-road uniform contracts will make enforcement possible.

Decrepit Trucks Sold
"You can see how it would be yourself," Mr. Ansbury explained. "A green youngster, off some farm like as not, goes into a truck company's office. He asks for a job. "Do you own a truck?" says the boss. "We could give you plenty of work if you did; and, by the way, there's a good second-hand truck down in our garage. If you could get enough money for a down payment, we could let you have it at a low price and can give you work enough so you can pay the installments."

"So the boy, with borrowed capital, starts to buy a broken down truck, so old that the running expenses are bigger than the company can afford. He agrees, like as not, to get oil, gas and repairs at the company garage and starts work. They pay him by the trip—nothing for layovers and break downs. He'll work for 70 or 80—sometimes as high as 110—hours a week trying to pay the installments. If he doesn't have a wreck, while half asleep, with the car in bad condition, it's the Lord's work that he doesn't.

"Now understand me, it's not every company that would stoop to the like of that," said Mr. Ansbury. "Plenty do, but they're not all bad by any means. Still the situation is bad. Whether some rascal has tricked them or not, half the men and boys in the country, it seems, are trying to start trucking companies of their own. It's the sweet dream of independence that leads them, and while they still have hope they'll not be joining the union and will be breaking all the regulations of the I.C.C. with the greatest enthusiasm. But they haven't a chance, not a chance! Once a large company starts to underbid a man with one or two trucks, he's gone. He has no reserve except his own strength and his own time for sleeping, and you can't overdraw on them long.

"So we're asking for over-the-road contracts—the same for a man that starts in Illinois and drives into Tennessee as for him that starts for Illinois from Tennessee—and we're after pay by the hour. A flat hourly wage rate for competing companies can be enforced. Trip rates, different in

every State, cannot. When we get time and a half for overtime, excessive overtime stops and the percentage of accidents is lowered quick."

"When cut-throat competition in pay for truck drivers is stopped, cut-throat underbidding among companies will be reduced," Mr. Ansbury prophesied. "Companies can't cut down much on interest, gas, oil and repairs and so bidding under their own costs will hurt when they can't reduce wages. The way things are now, they can cut wages way down. You can pay a man next to nothing if he's expecting to be your business rival in a year or two."

TAXI TOPICS
By Curly and Lunde
To all the brothers in sick-bay this week, we hope for a speedy recovery.

C. S. Masters, our Big Little Boss, is fast catching up on the fishing he missed last year.

Just words—Nick Ploumen rates fifty-eight pats on the back 'cause he's that old today—Curly had a birthday, a fish and a sunburn yesterday—Marty Stirrup was the favorite of fortune last week; he spent a few days with his family at Mille Lacs — Charles Bigelow and F. H. Lunde are migrating to their newly bought hacienda's this week.

Harvey Swenson, Jimmy Huntington and a lot of other gear-crashers can tell you late-riesters exactly what time the sun comes up 'cause they're working the "graveyard shift"; it's got compensations though, the boats and beaches aren't crowded during the day.

Believe it or not: "Lumber Jack" Bolander keeps a cow on his lawn, there's also squirrels up there, but they should feel at home.

George Langham made a big deal last week, trading his Plymouth for foldin' dough and a Jordan; but now it seems that old Jon J. remorse is riding with him so we see another trade in the offing.

Gossip: did you know that Russ Wenell and Pollack Leo of Seventh Street are keeping company, hickory dickory dock and something about the clock?
Us Moderns: Chuck Younglove has joined the converts and gets his pancakes done on an electric range.
The old gent from the south who hitch-hiked into these parts looking for a donkey, can have his choice if he looks under the steering wheel of about every fifth automobile in traffic and an occasional truck or taxi.

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Why the Jobless Are Demonstrating

Following is the text of a speech to be delivered over Radio Station WTCN on Thursday morning, June 1st, at 6:35 a. m. by Karl Kuehn of Local 544's Federal Workers Section:

I am speaking officially for Federal Workers Section of General Drivers Union Local 544, representing not only the 20 per cent of the total population of this area who are on some form of public relief, but also a good part of the organized labor movement, which recognizes and supports our authority in this field.

We want the public to know our causes for declaring tomorrow, June 2, to be a WPA Holiday and Relief Demonstration Day. Tomorrow morning thousands of WPA workers and relief clients—men and women, young and old—of Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington, Anoka and Dakota counties, will close down their WPA projects and parade in hundreds of trucks through Minneapolis and St. Paul to present their grievances and demands to local, state and federal relief authorities and to Governor Stassen. We will ask for redress of our unbearable burdens and privations and for a fairer share of the necessities and comforts of life, which we are both able and willing to produce.

We ask correction of our huge suffering and injustice which I will now describe. I have not time in this broadcast to give detailed individual cases of unwarranted suffering, but there are thousands of them and we'll gladly furnish the names and addresses.

Unemployment Near All Time High
The important facts today are that the unemployed are much worse off than they were at the beginning of last winter. This month a million more will finish school and search in vain for jobs that don't exist. Unemployment is increasing and stands near all-time highs. Yet 750,000 WPA workers were laid off since last October. Two hundred thousand more are scheduled for June lay-off. And if President Roosevelt's relief recommendations to Congress for the next fiscal year are adopted, still another 200,000 must be laid off by July 1st.

WPA Rolls Reduced 40%
Can you imagine what this means? A reduction of 40 per cent in WPA rolls from October to July. For Minnesota this means about 25,000 families or 100,000 persons deprived of their sole livelihood except the grossly inadequate, highly uncertain starvation handouts from direct relief. But this estimate presupposes that Congress will accept the president's WPA proposals for the next fiscal year. Experiences indicate, however, that Congress will cut far deeper than even President Roosevelt recommends, so he can again pose as champion of the unemployed. Republicans and Democrats alike in Congress have united in their attacks upon the unemployed—and on building a war machine to give us all jobs—as cannon fodder.

State Appropriation Slashed
In the face of this national catastrophe, to which our state legislators have evidently been blind, whether willfully or not, the last state relief appropriations lopped off nearly one-half the amounts actually spent for relief by the state in the corresponding period just past.

And as though this were not bad enough, the city relief authorities have whipped up a near panic among taxpayers for the unmistakable purpose of hammering down further the miserable relief standards that still exist.

What Would You Do?
If you were one of these needy unemployed and facing such conditions, what would you do? How would you discharge your duties to your family? You'd either take it

lying down—like some extinct species did—or you'd do just what we're doing, that is, put up the best fight you know how in order to obtain at least the necessities of life for your dear ones. That's what we are doing tomorrow.

Bad conditions and worse prospects have driven the needy workers to unite in making their modest demands. Most important of these is for our right to a decent job—to earn a decent living.

What sort of jobs? We want to produce the things that will give us a better living. We ask that either private industry operate at somewhere near such capacity or that the government fill in the gap. One way it can do this is by a 20 billion dollar Housing and Public Works program. We certainly need both the jobs and the housing. These are not denied us due to shortage of money. Sixty American families alone own more than 20 billion dollars of wealth. The pointed fact is that federal relief money is being diverted into the destructive channels of war. Roosevelt's war budget is just double what it is for WPA. He has no trouble getting appropriations for war. But the billions of dollars being spent on armaments is taking food directly out of the mouths of our children, to say nothing of the lives they'll be expected to sacrifice in a repetition of the World War's attempt to prop up big financial interests. We want jobs—not battleships. We want war funds diverted to unemployment relief.

The financial aspect of relief is so great that the whole national financial structure must be adapted to it. Only the federal government has the means for doing this. To "return relief to the states and communities," as so many selfish, physically comfortable reactionaries like U. S. Senator Byrnes have been advocating, is demonstrably impossible without huge liabilities of widespread starvation, social unrest and chaos.

Now Speaking for Ourselves
Many interests come out in the press and in frequent radio broadcasts trying to dictate the destinies of the unemployed, and usually to their detriment. But today, in these few short minutes, and in tomorrow's demonstration, we are speaking for ourselves. Here, more than elsewhere, the unemployed under leadership of Federal Workers Section, have learned the value and necessity of making themselves heard.

To meet the catastrophe facing the unemployed—the loss of jobs, state reductions, and apparent local crises—the Federal Workers Section has again taken the lead in uniting all the organized forces of the unemployed and enlisting the support of the organized labor movement for tomorrow's Holiday and Demonstration.

United Front Demonstration
In the Joint Action Committee for this occasion are representatives of not only Federal Workers Section but of the Workers Alliance of Hennepin and Ramsey counties, the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 (representing WPA truckers), the Workers Benefit Association of St. Paul, the White Bear Local of Minnesota Federal Workers Union, and relief organizations of Hastings, Cambridge, Anoka and Columbia Heights. In addition we are supported by both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. central bodies.

Line of March
The parade will assemble at three different places. If you live in Ramsey, Dakota or Washington county you will assemble at 12

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

ON THIS ELECTION DAY

Do not do as workers have done so many times in the past, that is, to neglect to go to the polls and vote. This same neglect on the part of union men and their families has again and again resulted in the defeat of labor and progressive candidates for political office. It seems that a spirit of "my vote won't count, anyway," takes hold of workers around election time.

JUST CONSIDER THIS

Worker, their families and those who depend upon the wages of workers for a livelihood constitute a vast majority of all of the voters in a city such as Minneapolis. Fifty-five thousand (55,000) members of organized labor reside in this city. That in itself is a huge block of votes. But that is not all. Figures reveal that there is an average of two and one-half votes to a family. This brings the vote total of union members and their families to the amazing figure of one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000), a block of votes of this size can win an election any time in Minneapolis.

BESIDES, THERE IS—

A great army of small business and professional men and women who must depend wholly upon the wages earned and spent by labor for their very existence. Your grocer, your butcher, your doctor, your dentist and a host of others with whom you spend your salary must be made to realize that your political interests are theirs. At a conservative estimate, over fifteen thousand (15,000) small business people would be unable to survive if organized labor withdrew its patronage.

WHAT ABOUT RELIEF CLIENTS?

WPA workers, relief clients and those on some form or other of madework and dole number, by official count, one hundred and twenty thousand (120,000). This does not take

o'clock noon at the Minneapolis-St. Paul city limits on University Avenue. All others will assemble at 9 o'clock Friday morning in Minneapolis, in TWO places: those of the Workers Alliance will assemble at Bridge Square. Members and friends of Federal Workers Section and of Independent Truck Owners Section of 544 will assemble at the union hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North, at 9 a. m.

The Joint Action Committee calls upon every WPA worker and relief client, non-members as well as members of organized groups, to participate actively in making tomorrow's WPA Holiday and Relief Demonstration, including the motorized parade, the largest affair of its kind that the United States has yet seen. Be there at 9 tomorrow.

into account those on county old-age pensions. Of this great number of persons, adults, aged and children, over forty thousand (40,000) are, or should be, voters. Their votes are labor votes.

WHEN WE CAST UP ACCOUNTS—

We find that there are, in Minneapolis between one hundred and seventy thousand (170,000) and one hundred and ninety thousand (190,000) votes that belong to labor, progressive and liberal candidates. With everyone voting, the elections could be decided in advance. Labor would win always. The only uncertainty in a municipal election is HOW MANY WORKERS WILL VOTE?

Your vote IS important.

So important that YOUR vote can decide the coming city election in favor of labor's candidates. WORK AND VOTE FOR VICTORY!

Local 1805 Hits NLRB Negligence

A resolution exposing and protesting against the unsavory role played by the National Labor Relations Board was recently adopted by the Furniture Workers Union Local 1805 of New London, Wisconsin, and ordered sent to Roosevelt, LaFollette, William Green and William Hutcheson.

The resolution after calling attention to the coercion and intimidation of the Lullabye Furniture company against its employees, points out that the failure of the Lullabye firm in Stevens Point to negotiate with the union has jeopardized the wages and conditions of other workers in the industry in nearby towns who now work under union pacts.

Board Backs Down

"When the Lullabye management refused to hear or grant the request of the three National Labor Relations Board representatives in Stevens Point attempting to mediate said dispute, the Board failed to exercise its power to enforce Section 1b of the National Labor Relations Act and retired from the case thus leaving the employees at the mercy of the employer. . . Furniture Workers Union Local 1805 goes on record protesting the negligence of the NLRB in failing to carry out the full intent and purpose of the Wagner Act. . ."

The lesson that can be drawn from the experiences of Local 1805 with the NLRB is that workers cannot depend upon government boards to win their battles, no matter what the law says. In a showdown, the boards won't move against the boss. Only the organized power of the workers can win them decent wages and conditions.

Stassen Answer to Eide Boomerangs

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any reference to the corrupt conditions existing in Minneapolis, as I sincerely believe that every police officer desires to perform his sworn duty. I am amazed at the inference contained in Governor Stassen's statement that good government and Mayor Leach's administration are synonymous. The governor need only refer to the press to learn of the corrupt conditions that exist in the city administration. . .

Stassen's Backers Alarmed
Minneapolis citizens reacted to Stassen's evasive letter by turning out in large numbers at the registration booths. The boss politicians in Minneapolis recognized correctly that the large last-minute registration was made up almost wholly of labor and liberal voters, because the conservatives in the city, being more class-conscious than the masses, were already registered.

The political advisors of Leach and Stassen realized that the exchange of letters between Eide and the governor was turning a large section of public opinion to the labor state and immediately advised Stassen to pull in his horns, which he lamely did, indicating that the discussion with Eide was ended.

Labor Campaign Grows
With but two weeks left until the elections, the Volunteer Trade Union and F.L. Campaign Committee is concentrating its efforts in strengthening the campaign machinery in all wards. Though scores of trade unionists turned out during the past week to report to their labor ward headquarters for volunteer work, many more campaigners are needed. The campaign committee again urges all union members to get in touch with their ward headquarters immediately and volunteer their services for the important work of distributing literature and interviewing voters.

Here are the addresses of the various labor campaign headquarters:
Third Ward—Plymouth and Logan.
Fourth Ward—Glenwood and Fremont.
Fifth Ward—1829 Fourth avenue south.
Ninth Ward—Twenty-sixth and Central.
Tenth Ward—2139 Lowry avenue north.
Eleventh Ward—2505 Bloomington.
Twelfth Ward—3500 Minnehaha.

The city campaign headquarters is located on the corner of Third avenue south and Fourth street. The phone number is Bridgeport 5562. If you wish information on the campaign, and the various ways in which you can work for the election of the labor-liberal candidates, go to your nearest labor campaign headquarters or phone the city headquarters.

N. Y. IBEW Union Wins 30-hour Week

As far as taking active steps towards a solution of the problem of unemployment, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is miles ahead of the rest of the union movement. The Organizer has already reported on the successful work of Local 3 of the I.B.E.W. in New York City, in winning the 30-hour week with no reduction in pay, thereby making jobs for thousands of its unemployed members.

Now the Electrical Workers in Milton, Washington, have won a similar victory that blazes the trail for the 6-hour work day and the 30-hour week in the utility field. Last week this I.B.E.W. union signed a contract with the municipal electrical plant in Milton, establishing the 30-hour 5-day week for all employees at wages equal to that formerly paid for 40 hours. The pact specifies that the 30-hour week is to be extended to any new utility properties acquired by the municipality.

The 30-hour week with no reduction in pay—this is labor's cure for unemployment, and to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers goes the honor of showing that it CAN BE WON.

As I.B.E.W. leaders state, simple arithmetic will show that if there are 30,000,000 workers employed 40 hours or longer, and 10,000,000 workers unemployed, the establishment of the 30-hour week at no reduction in pay will absorb the unemployed and will enormously increase mass purchasing power.

Bosses in Wis. Attack Cooperatives

The Midland Cooperator, semi-monthly organ of the Midland Co-operative Wholesale, tells in its April issue of the plans of the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce to hit at the growing cooperative movement in that state.

"Fresh from legislative efforts to pit farmers and city workers against each other—thereby making the exploitation of both easier—the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce last week acted to put the cooperative movement in its place. The Chamber caused to be introduced in the Wisconsin Senate a bill which would kill the law requiring the teaching of cooperation in the public schools of the state."

"It can be pointed out, of course, that chambers of commerce and similar organizations of Big Profit business have been dictating what public schools shall teach for a long, long time, until education in many cases has become so saturated with profit business ideas that it becomes nothing but training in how to get the other fellow's money before he gets yours."

"It is doubtful if even those co-operators who believe that cooperation should not 'attack the basic principles of the existing system' will hang back when the existing system attacks a basic principle of cooperation—education. The Chamber of Commerce bill should explode once and for all the argument that cooperation and capitalistic profit business really have nothing to fight about. They do have, and the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce knows it. All co-operators ought to know it. . ."

If there is anything in American traditions and policies to guide us, it is that a wider spread of economic calamity will culminate in a foreign war, rather than in a drastic reorganization of the domestic economy.—Charles A. Beard.

On the National Picket Line

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erations, it afforded the men a living.

Nearly communities supported the bootleggers who sold their coal cheaper and brought in an income that would otherwise be lost. . . It is interesting to note that the companies had stopped operations complaining that no profits could be made; yet the miners working under handicaps and selling the product cheaper could make a fair living.

The operators have tried to stop this bootlegging for years, but faced with determined miners and sympathetic communities, they have been unable to enforce the laws passed in their favor. They have charged the bootleggers with stealing their coal. The miners counter with asking the companies if they put the coal in the ground. The miners insist that if the operators are going to let the pits stay idle, they better get out of the way and let somebody else run them. The bosses are furious and realize that other idle workers may get the idea that it would be well to take over the idle factories and run them in their own behalf.

Now, the bootleg miners have descended, 10,000 strong, upon the Pennsylvania legislature sitting in Harrisburg where a company-sponsored Anthracite Control Bill is being urged to force the bootleggers out of existence. The demonstrators threatened to stay at the Capitol and "let them feed us" if the bill passed.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

Mason City Workers Face Boss Attack

The labor movement in Mason City is mobilizing to resist the attack being launched by labor-hating employers and the police. On Friday, May 19th, Joe Pease, business agent of the General Drivers Union Local 828 of Mason City, Iowa, was arrested and held for 24 hours on the phoney charge of beating up a driver of the Schermerhorn dairy company.

Dozens of workers testified that Pease, for two hours before and after the alleged attack, was at a truckers' gas station checking membership cards of over-road drivers.

Old Boss Trick

Local 828 has charged, in the Mason City News, that "certain reactionary interests, fearful of the drivers' steadily growing strength, desirous of returning Mason City to the old-time non-union basis and wishing to be able to exercise their old dictatorial power over their employees lives and what is more important—wages and hours—had this little job done. They knew that Local 828 would receive the blame. They knew Joe Pease would be suspected and they hoped that he would be without an alibi. . . It is an old trick of labor-hating groups to have acts of violence committed and laid to a union."

All members of the Drivers Union are being called to a special meeting next Sunday, June 4th, at 10 a. m. where plans will be laid to meet this latest threat. "This fight will be backed by all forces of Mason City locally and all drivers locals in the Eleven State Area," stated Local 828.

To the Unemployed To 544 Members—

And to other members of organized labor who wish cooperation and advice on the following—Get in touch with Ed Palmquist, Federal Workers Section of Local 544, second floor at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

- 1. You are having difficulty in getting relief, supplementary relief, unemployed compensation.
- 2. You are being subjected to replevin orders and face loss of your personal belongings.
- 3. You are considering buying goods on time.
- 4. You have received a 403 from WPA.

This government, in form and substance, was fashioned to stop the sweep of popular majorities.—Woodrow Wilson.

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—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—First Thursday
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 General Membership—May 3 Casket Section—May 9 Box Industry—May 16 J. H. Clark, Keller Mfg.—May 17 Puffer-Hubbard Mfg.—May 18 Kozekar, Air-Loc, American Excelsior, Cleland, Warren Shade Western Mineral Products—May 19 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Grievance Board—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m.
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 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 544 Greenhouse, June 1—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, June 2—Job Stewards Monday, June 5—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, June 7—Sausage; Petroleum Friday, June 9—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Monday, June 12—General Membership Wednesday, June 14—Market; Wholesale Liquor; Wholesale Paper Thursday, June 15—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, June 16—Job Stewards Sunday, June 18—Over-the-Road, 10 a. m. Monday, June 19—Furniture Store; Coal Wednesday, June 21—Building Material Thursday, June 22—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, June 23—Cold Storage Monday, June 26—Spring Water Tuesday, June 27—Sand and Gravel
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular 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 Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. 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—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.