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## 544 Slaps Restraining Order on Stassen's Haney

On the National Picket Line

### 471 Blocks Wage Cut, Signs Pact

Settlement is Victory for Milk Drivers Union — Make Important Gains in Working Conditions — Split Shifts for Inside Men Abolished — Companies to Make Out Route Books, Experiment with Daily Sales Reports

After the membership of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 had met in a special meeting last Friday night to ratify the proposed agreement, a new contract was signed Monday, June 12th, between the union and the fluid milk industry of this city.

The new pact embodies important gains in working conditions for both drivers and inside workers.

Beginning in August, the companies will make out the route books. Up to now, the drivers have been burdened with this bookkeeping job. Starting immediately, the companies will experiment on making out the daily sales reports. Around September 1st, a meeting between the union and the companies will be held to survey the results of the experiment and to reach a final settlement on this point.

In the past, drivers at a few companies did not get credit slips for returned bottles each day, nor did they get proper credit for such bottles. These drivers will now receive credit for all returned bottles before cashing in at the end of the day.

**No Split Shifts**  
The inside workers won a settlement of a long-standing grievance, that of split shifts. For years, the men had to work separate shifts in the plants, such as reporting at 2 a. m., leaving at 6 a. m., returning at 11 a. m. and ending finally at 3 p. m. By terms of the new agreement, this truly horrible split shift schedule is now abolished and all inside workers will work consecutive hours.

The former unsatisfactory lunch hour schedule has been abolished by a new rule that no employee shall work less than four nor more than five hours without receiving time-out for lunch.

**Resist Wage Cut**  
In the negotiations this year, Local 471 was confronted with a vigorous drive on the part of the companies to reduce the guaranteed weekly wages by two dollars. If the Milk Drivers Union had been able to accomplish nothing more than blocking this drive, labor could have considered this an important victory for Local 471. That the union was able not only to resist the wage-slashing plan of the companies but to make important gains in working conditions, gains that will lighten the daily burdens of all drivers and inside workers, constitutes a real triumph for the Milk Drivers Union and for organized labor.

### Wheeling Co. Receives Strike Notice from 359

The Warehouse Union Local 359 has notified the management of the Wheeling Corrugating company and the labor conciliator that a strike will be called within ten days, unless the demands of the union are met.

### Janney Semple Workers to Meet

After all attempts of the Warehouse Workers Union to negotiate a settlement with the Janney, Semple, Hill company have failed, Local 359 is calling a special meeting of these employees to lay plans for action against the company.

### 977 Seeks Pact with Midland

The Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 is now negotiating with the Midland Co-operative for a pact covering the 13 employees, all of whom are organized in Local 977. These men at one time were members of the short-lived CIO union. The CIO had a contract here, only the contract didn't say anything about wages, hours and a few other things.

All filling station attendants at the Co-op gas stations are already covered by Local 977 agreements.

### Butler Firm Turns Down 359 Demands

With the management of the Butler Brothers plant rejecting the union's demands for a new agreement and a preferential shop, the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 is calling a special meeting of the Butler men at which plans will be laid to take drastic action against the company.

The Butler workers feel their demands are moderate and justified, and are determined that the company grant them.

### Bakery Drivers in Duluth Present Standard Contract

Early this week the Bakery Drivers Section of the Duluth Drivers Union Local 346 presented demands to the Duluth bakery employers. The union's demands parallel those embodied in the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union contract, which are contained in a standard pact drawn up by the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council.

The Bakery Drivers Section of the St. Cloud Drivers Union Local 329 is negotiating with the companies. Joe O'Hare of Minneapolis Local 289 is aiding the two out-of-town unions in negotiations.

### Notice: Local 544 Members Special Meeting Monday

A special membership meeting of the General Drivers Union has been called for Monday, June 19th, 8 p. m., 257 Plymouth avenue north.

It is necessary that you attend and take part in making an important decision which vitally affects every member of our union.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, Local 544  
CARL SKOGLUND, President  
KELLY POSTAL, Sec.-Treas.

### Mason City Bakery Drivers Win Strike

After being deadlocked for eight days, the strike of forty-five drivers and inside workers against the Mason City branch of the Regan Brothers Bakery company was settled last Friday, June 9th. Under terms of the new working agreement, drivers will receive weekly wage increases of \$6-\$9 and a reduction in hours. Inside workers gained a 23 per cent wage increase. The one-year contract will run to June 1st, 1940.

The strike not only brought gains to the Mason City Bakery Drivers Union Local 828, but represented an advance for the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council in its campaign to equalize wages and conditions in this area. The Mason City strikers had the complete support of the Council in its fight.

**Omaha Is Next**  
With the settlement in Mason City, the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council turned its attention immediately to Omaha, where it will aid the Omaha Drivers Union Local 554 to obtain agreements from four chain bakeries—the Continental, General, Peterson, and Schultz companies.

Omaha bakery bosses signed their first union agreements a year ago when a general drivers' strike threatened. Now the larger chain bakery companies are balking about signing agreements.

Bakery drivers throughout the area are now in a position to apply pressure to each chain through the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council. This Council already involves five states—Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota—and is expected to expand to take in all bakery drivers in eleven states. A meeting of the Council in Dubuque ten days ago was attended by representatives of bakery drivers in twelve cities. Harry DeBoer of Minneapolis is chairman of the Council, and Ray Mills of Des Moines is secretary.

### Bakery Drivers Council to Meet At Mason City

A full meeting of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council will be held this Saturday, June 17th, in Mason City. The Council will take up the question of the settlement of the Mason City strike, the problem of the Omaha bakery drivers' agreement, and the work of extending organization in this area.

### Boulevard Frock Signs With 359

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 359 signed a new working agreement this week with Boulevard Frocks, Inc. The pact, which has been hanging fire since April 1st, calls for the 42-hour week after October 1st, with wage adjustments and back pay to April 1st in important classifications. The signing of this contract is the latest chapter in Local 359's drive to consolidate its position in the industry in Minneapolis.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

## St. Paul Assembly Demands Stassen Call Special Session of Legislature

A special session of the Minnesota legislature this fall to consider the whole problem of relief and housing was demanded by the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly at its last meeting, in a resolution concurring in the proposals adopted at the recent conference on unemployment held under the sponsorship of the central labor body.

The resolution points out the presence of tens of thousands of unemployed, the relief crisis precipitated by the cut in relief appropriations engineered by the 1939 state legislature, and the need for safe, sanitary and comfortable housing.

Following is the full text of the resolution:

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of Minnesota workers continue to remain unemployed through the inability or refusal of private industry to absorb them, and

WHEREAS, The 1939 legislature, through slashing relief appropriations, cutting WPA sponsoring funds, defeating the housing bills, etc., have precipitated a relief crisis in St. Paul, and

WHEREAS, The men, materials and machinery exist to carry through a much-needed housing program in St. Paul and other Minnesota communities which would provide safe, sanitary, and comfortable housing for Minnesota's underprivileged; supply thousands of building trades and other

workers with employment, stimulate the mining and timber industry of the state, increase the purchasing power of Minnesotans to the benefit of the farmers and independent merchants, and

Funds Are Available  
WHEREAS, The funds for such housing projects are available from the Federal government provided that enabling legislation is passed by the state legislature,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly go on record as requesting:

1. A special session of the Minnesota Legislature this fall to consider the whole problem of relief and housing, and

2. Passage at this session of the legislature the necessary enabling acts to make it possible for St. Paul and other Minnesota communities to have access to Federal funds provided for Slum Clearance and Low Cost Housing Projects and to help combat the present relief crisis.

Horrible Housing Conditions  
A recent survey made by the St. Paul labor movement has substantiated the findings of a survey by Fortune magazine two years ago: that St. Paul has one of the three worst slum areas in the entire nation. Thousands of people in St. Paul live in squalid tenements, hundreds without modern sanitation, poorly lighted and poorly ventilated.

Temporary Restraining Order Also Issued Against Stassen's Hand-picked 3-Man Commission — General Drivers Contends Stassen's Actions in Transfer Dispute Violate "Public Welfare" Clause of Anti-Labor Law — Judge Youngdahl Issues Order

Transfer Drivers Hear Report of Negotiations, Approve Organization of Strike Committee — Union Scores Stassen Appointees to 3-Man Commission

Eight hundred men attended the special meeting of the transfer section of Local 544 last Thursday night to hear the reports of Grant Dunne on negotiations to date, and the report of George Frosig on the organization of the recently-elected strike committee into sub-committees such as picket, commissary, hospital, direction, publicity, and so forth.

Grant gave a detailed picture of the negotiations to date, reading at length from the exchange of letters between the union and the Transfer Men's Association. He told of the attempt on the part of the Association to invoke the wage-and-hour bill as an excuse for cutting the weekly wage, and the refusal of the Association to come to terms with the union.

Frosig, chairman of the meeting, reported on the organizational meeting of the strike committee the night before, at which the necessary sub-committees were set up. Both reports were accepted.

Stassen Pulls Fast One

Though the ten-day period was not up until last Friday, on Thursday Stassen and Haney did the expected by announcing to the press the appointment of a Stassen three-man commission which is to sit for 30 days and mull over the dispute between the

Grant Dunne union and the bosses.

This action of Stassen's is important both because of the appointment of the commission in a situation of this sort, and because of the personnel of the commission.

Stassen's own labor law says that if the dispute between a union and the employers is in any industry "affected with a public interest," the governor shall appoint a commission of three, etc.

Local 544, and the union movement of this state, would certainly like Stassen to explain exactly how a transfer dispute is "affected with a public interest." Transfer drivers haven't a thing to do with public utilities, or dairies, or food establishments, etc.

In appointing his commission, Stassen is breaking his own labor law.

Workers can learn even more from studying the personnel of the Stassen commission in the transfer dispute. It throws a revealing light both on the governor's idea of fair-play and justice, and on

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### 160 Team Seeks Sunday Games at Union Picnics

The Utility Workers Union Local 160 diamondball team would like to line up Sunday games with other union teams. Local 160's team is anxious to play other teams at union picnics and outings. If your union team wants to arrange games, get in touch with Nevens, care of Local 160, 257 Plymouth avenue north.

It was an interesting scene that transpired Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in parlour G at the Nicollet Hotel, where the three-man commission appointed by Governor Stassen to conduct a hearing in the present transfer dispute had summoned representatives of Local 544 and the Minneapolis Transfermen's Association to appear.

All the principals were there—Gurree, McCabe and Blair of the commission, the employers' committee headed by Ferris Martin, and Grant Dunne and George Frosig representing Local 544. Also present was lawyer Sam (Citizens Alliance) Levy. It was not clear whether he was representing the employers or the governor.

The meeting was just about to start.

Suddenly attorneys John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson entered the room together with a process server, and quickly served an order on the commission restraining it from conducting a hearing in the transfer dispute. The action threw great consternation into the commission, and the employers, and the most agitated of all appeared to be Mr. Levy.

The restraining order had been secured by the union's attorneys following a hearing early Wednesday morning in Judge Luther Youngdahl's chambers. The order is aimed not only at the three-man commission, but at Lloyd Haney, labor law administrator, who is restrained from referring the dispute to the governor on the alleged excuse that it comes under Section 7 of the Stassen Labor Law. Later in St. Paul, Haney himself was served with the order. Challenge "Public Welfare" Angle

In its argument, Local 544 points out that "the aforesaid labor dispute between the plaintiff and the said association is not in any industry or business affected with a public interest, is not in any industry or business supplying the necessities of life, safety or health so that a temporary suspension thereof would endanger the life, safety, health or wellbeing of a substantial number of the members of the community as provided in Section 7 of said Minnesota Labor Relations Act; that by reason thereof, said Labor Conciliator was and is without jurisdiction or authority to refer said labor dispute to the governor of the state of Minnesota for the purpose of appointing the aforesaid commission and said commission is without authority or jurisdiction to conduct hearings or in any other way, to perform services as provided by Section 7 of the aforesaid act."

The union further points out that "there are approximately 100 members (of the transfer employers) engaged in the general transfer business in the city of Minneapolis of which number approximately 35 are involved in the labor dispute hereinafter referred to; that approximately 65 of said 100 employers are now under collective bargaining agreements with plaintiff and maintain sufficient equipment to perform all of the usual services in said transfer industry."

By terms of Judge Youngdahl's order, a hearing will be held in his court Thursday morning, June 15th at 9 a. m., where the commission and Stassen's man Haney will have the opportunity to show cause, if any, why the restraining order should not apply.

# 3 Unions Demand End to Lockout

The lockout instituted by the Master Plasterers association against the Lathers, Plasterers, and Plaster Tenders Unions continued this week with important splits taking place in the ranks of the boss association. According to Walter Frank, head of the Lathers Union, "the number of contractors who are opposed to the lockout and are maintaining the present agreement, is increasing each day."

The three unions involved, together with the Minneapolis labor movement, repeated their charge this week that the boss association is guilty of wholesale violation of the existing agreement, and has misinformed the building material dealers as to the truth about the present dispute.

### Demand Withdrawal of Lockout

The unions are demanding the immediate withdrawal of the lockout and the return of the men to their jobs, after which the unions are ready to discuss the validity of the employers' contention that the union agreement can be re-opened. Tuesday afternoon union representatives met with spokesmen of the Master Plasterers association. The employers refused to call off the lockout, and the unions took the position that any further negotiations will be of no value until the lockout is withdrawn.

The ranks of the three unions—Lathers Local 190, Plasterers Local 65, and Plasterer Tenders Local 11—are solid. The morale of the men is high. With the bosses' ranks splitting wider each day, it appears that the unions will shortly gain a decisive victory against the anti-laborites who engineered the lockout.

Plastering union officials pointed out Wednesday that under the Stassen labor law the employers are now doing exactly what the union movement was falsely accused of—tying up work, using intimidation and threats to prevent people from working, and violating union agreements.

### Bulletin Issued

The Plastering trades unions have published a bulletin which has been widely distributed, exposing the motives of the Master Plasterers association and placing full blame for the lockout on their shoulders.

"Our three unions are ready to furnish men to all owners, builders, general contractors, lathing and plastering employers upon the basis of our present agreements," stated the bulletin.

"This lock-out was called in violation of union agreements, and in violation of Section No. 12 subsection (a) of the Minnesota Labor Relations Act, herewith quoted: 'It shall be an unfair labor practice for an employer: To institute any lock-out of his employees in violation of any valid collective agreement between the employer and his employees or labor organization if the employees at the time are in good faith complying with the provisions of the Agreement.'"

The bulletin points out that the three unions have the support of the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union which has informed the boss association that the Minneapolis labor movement supports the Lathers, Plasterers and Plasterer Tenders in the continuance and enforcement of their prevailing agreement.

## N. Y. Warehouse Workers Win Shorter Week

Following a four-day strike, more than one thousand members of the Inland Warehousemen's Union Local 818 of the I. B. T. in New York City returned to work last Tuesday with a complete victory. The work week has been reduced from 44 to 40 hours with no reduction in the weekly pay of \$35; a one week's vacation with pay was won, as was the closed shop and time and one-half for overtime on Saturdays.

With Local 818 demanding a one-year contract and the employers holding out for a three-year pact, a compromise was reached for a two-year pact.

The idea of reducing the work week and maintaining the weekly wage is gaining ground among unions all over the country. It not only provides more leisure to workers but provides more jobs for those now unemployed.

Though some employers are opposed to this trend towards shorter hours with no reduction in weekly pay, such objectors stand

## 544 Accepts Challenge From 958

In a formal statement to the press on Monday, Jack Herman, manager of Local 544's ball team, said his nine "accepts the challenge of Local 958 to an inter-

On Saturday at 3 p. m. Local 544 will play the Ohlendorf Dairy team in the feature game at Parade Grounds 6.

On Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Local 544 will play the Twelfth Wards in the feature game at Parade Grounds 6.

### TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

A. J. "Augie" Johnson, the popular train-caller at the Milwaukee station, has handed several of our drivers pleasant surprises by informing them of loads, etc., when the boys have been away from their cabs for a minute or two. While "Broadway Jack" Penrith was dunking a hurried doughnut in the depot restaurant the loud-speaker called his hack number and a second later Jack was rolling with his flag pulled, marvelling at these modern aids to travel.

Run of the week: Ira Bingham had a trip to Starbuck, Minnesota. He was the boy that went to Superior a year or so ago and rolled the punkin through fog all the way back. Curly was all set for a trip to the big village of Willmar when things beyond control caused the trip to go phfft, and Bill only waited fifteen years for an out-of-town run, tsk!

"Pinch Penny" Passolt (the watch-dog of the treasury) went for another of those bargains . . . flags that lasted one day . . . Probably knows we are all turn-coats and will carry another flag when some other big-shots come . . . speaking of flags, Benny Rosen has faithfully carried Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, but when the Big Rabbi comes, Bro. Benny is gonna match another flag with the good old stars and stripes.

Coming events . . . Cecil "Lucky" Cotton has planned a vacation this summer, he claims that some time in July he will check in two hours early and go to Loring park and maybe farther.

Lots of fun in the big wind last week, phone-stands out of comish and debris to dodge all over . . . it gave "Lumber Jack" Bolander nostalgia for the old swamping days to see the fallen timber . . . Curly paid insurance on trees for twenty-two years, just after his moving, down they went in the wind . . .

Cecil "Fresh Eggs" Duncan, the prairie oyster merchant and broker from Brooklyn Center, has broken out with a new racket, Pekinese pups. You aren't going to let the egg business go to the dogs, are you, Dunc?

"The Frawg" has been in the dog-house so much lately he is seriously considering the muzzle and license.

Buck Chambers, the ace fisherman, has agreed to go fishing with "Big Noise" Tripp providing he keeps quiet. That would be torture, not fishing.

News . . . The little moonbeams have affected "First up" Reed so that he doesn't need his radio to keep from being lonesome . . . The seven corners crew are happy, the bridge is fixed . . . The rainy days put foldin' money in circulation on my mile-mongers . . .

If war breaks out it will be a duel between wounded or dying giants. There will be nothing to recall 1914. In 1914 giants full of accumulative vigor faced each other. Tomorrow it would be states all more or less threatened with bankruptcy and revolution who would descend into the arena with a sombre presentiment of death in their hearts.—Guglielmo Ferraro, Italian exile.

on very insecure ground. Business is well able to grant this demand of the union movement. According to the figures of the National City Bank for the first quarter in 1939, profits of the 305 leading manufacturing, mining and trading corporations were \$206,000,000 compared to \$94,000,000 in 1938. With profits like this, industry is actually well able to shorten hours and increase pay.

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union baseball game. This game will be played at the next open date on the 544 schedule if this is satisfactory to the Cab Drivers."

Last week Local 958 had issued an official challenge to Local 544 to engage in a ball game—anytime, anyplace.

"I hate to have the Local 544 team humiliate Local 958's team and its mentor, Ray Rainbolt," stated Herman in a confidential mood. "But as long as they asked for it, we will take the wind out of their sails. They should really be playing in intermediate competition."

Herman shrugged aside 958's sneering remark of last week that "we win our games on the ball field."

"The cab drivers have a nice little team," he said. "But they're going way over their heads when they tackle us. We'll slaughter 'em. They've got about as much chance as a belch in a whirlwind."

### The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting: Special Membership Meeting, Wednesday, June 21st, 7:30 p. m. This is a very special meeting so make arrangements to be there.

It was the unpleasant duty of the Board to fine a member for conduct unbecoming a unionist. This is one of the most serious offenses, and it is important that we all follow our rules and contract to the letter.

July 1st is the deadline for turning in money for the picnic tickets. No books will be accepted according to a vote of the stewards and picnic committee—only cash.

Joe spent last Thursday and Friday in Duluth assisting the local there on the bakery drivers' contract. He tells of a couple of men at Zinsmasters who refused to pay dues because they said "the new Labor Relations Bill says we don't have to." Isn't that a laugh? So, of course you know what happened. They were naturally just politely and firmly taken off the truck until they paid up.

Further activities of the Board last week—fining several men for pulling out late, also for loading before punching in, and for making deliveries on Decoration Day. Another holiday is approaching, and any man who breaks the by-laws in regards to holiday deliveries is liable to a \$50 fine and I don't mean perhaps. Why can't you guys go fishing or something when you get a holiday, instead of hanging around trying to sell a loaf or two of bread.

Joe tells me that the Gedney contract and Jones Reiners contract will be in the bag by the time you read this.

### Card of Thanks

To Local 544:  
Your kindness and sympathy at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

Mrs. Henry Huebner and daughter

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## ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

As I write this my mind is occupied mainly by thoughts of the outcome of tomorrow's election. As you read this, we all know whether the working people of Minneapolis are going ahead with Eide or are stuck with a reactionary mayor and council. I hope my optimism at the moment is justified. However, should we lose, there's another election coming in two years and perhaps by that time the common people will have learned their lesson more thoroughly.

Last week's windstorm certainly did more tree pruning in thirty minutes than the tree trimmers have in about thirty years. Many of the fine old trees which were destroyed could have been saved, had their tops been properly cut back last year. Practically every tree in our city is much too top heavy, regardless of size and something should be done about it, pronto. Our public spirited (?) majority of park commissioners would much rather cut wages, whether top heavy or not, and can be relied upon to concentrate on that job to the exclusion of everything else. Am hoping the park commissioner line-up will have undergone some drastic changes by Tuesday A. M.

Thursday's meeting was rather lightly attended and most of the allotted time was devoted to matters pertaining to the welfare of all us working people in Minneapolis. Brother Seavy has been devoting about twenty hours a day to the job and appeared rather tired and no doubt he was. If the rank and file of organized labor would contribute just about 1/19 the effort and enthusiasm that Brother Seavy puts out, nobody could win against us.

Brother Al Anderson of Meadbrook is back on the job, looking a little the worse for wear after a long illness. Glad to see you up and around again, Al.

Saw Brother Dahl at the park warehouse a week ago. He's still on crutches but says the busted gam is healing up O. K. and that he will be back in our midst in a month or so.

Brother Larson reports the recent rains only made a bad situation worse on the river road job. It seems that even the big white whale couldn't navigate for sour apples for a couple of days.

Herded park tractor No. 31 for a day and can now understand the somewhat erratic behavior of some of its previous drivers who stuck in the saddle for a much longer time. Can also understand the sardonic smile with which Big Louie surveyed me as I pulled out that morning. Yeah man! A heck of a brother, he is.

Gravy Davey has been wondering why I hung the appellation "Gravy" on him. No, it wasn't on account of appearance of his vest—he doesn't wear one. I culled the adjective from many more objectionable ones directed at him by sundry fellow-workers the past couple years. But, so help me, I didn't originate the title.

Ain't feeling so perky tonight on account of I've been the target of my better half's hard looks and even harder words. Guess I must have done or said something not according to Hoyle. If so it won't be the first and possibly the last time. It breaks the monotony anyhow and I'm a guy who likes a change occasionally, so no harm done. It's also good training in

## Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



I voted for Leach like my employer told me to. I think we should always listen to the business men in political matters. They know what's good for us.

—Thanks to "Nib"

## Popular Education Receives Deadly Blows in New York

Popular education, one of the great cornerstones of American democracy as we have known it for the past century, has received shattering blows during the ten depression years. Monday of last week in the largest city in the country popular education received another drastic blow when the new budget of the Board of Education of the city of New York was made public. Announcing the

budget they prepared as "a terrible blow to the city's schools," the Board proposes: to dismiss 984 regular teachers; to eliminate 200 supervisory teachers; to leave unfilled 600 anticipated vacancies; to cut the budget of the elementary schools by three million dollars; to abolish kindergartens; to eliminate evening high schools; to eliminate day classes for adults in English and citizenship; to eliminate evening trade schools; to abolish community and recreational centers; to eliminate summer play schools, etc.

The new budget smashing to bits the city's educational system is the result of a cut of \$8,000,000 in the city's educational budget by the LaGuardia administration, plus a cut of \$5,300,000 by the state legislature.

### Teachers Mobilize

In a large ad entitled SAVE OUR SCHOOLS the Joint Committee of Teachers Organizations in New York City appealed to the public Monday to write various city and state officials and to demand a special session of the state legislature in order to vote full state aid for education.

In their advertisement appearing in the New York papers, the teachers warn that "these cuts mean that classes in our city schools will be increased to 50 or more . . . Cultural classes in large part will be abandoned . . . Supplies and equipment—clean textbooks, paper, ink—will be withheld from our children . . . Recreation centers and playgrounds, baths and pools, will close . . . EVERY FORM OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITY WILL BE REDUCED, IMPAIRED AND INJURED."

### Save in Rest of Nation

The same trend to cripple popular education is observed in all parts of the country. In Ohio the state school fund is \$17,000,000 in the red and several cities are facing a complete shutdown of their schools. School funds are low in Colorado, Michigan, Illinois and the Dakotas. The state of Georgia owes its school teachers \$5,000,000 and sees no way of paying them.

The days are drawing to a close when the poor man or the ambitious youth could still hope that by dint of study and education he could better the lot of himself or his children. This opportunity, fragile as it was, is being withdrawn.

becoming one of those "strong silent" fellows you read about. Right now I can be as silent as an unconscious oyster, probably won't recover my voice 'til after election.

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## Iowa Dairies Get Caught Chiseling

Des Moines—Two Des Moines dairies last week paid \$1,784 to six employees defrauded of wages and commissions after the Milk Drivers Union Local 387 had caught the bosses chiseling on their union agreement.

The Highland dairy paid \$1,210 to three drivers and the Morley dairy paid \$664 to another three workers.

Late in April the union officials first heard reports of the chiseling. Fearing reprisals from the bosses, the six workers first refused to confirm the reports but finally acknowledged to union leaders that the two companies were underpaying them.

## Johantgen Firm Unfair to Labor

Once upon a time a union man was seen going into the Johantgen Jewelry store at 1016 Broadway. But that was long ago, before this company began violating its union agreement and fighting the Watchmakers Union Local 103 with the weapon of intimidation.

In view of the anti-labor attitude shown by Johantgen, Local 103 is making a special appeal to all workers to patronize only those jewelry firms which have signed up with the union.

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## With the Limousines

By "Home James"

Well, boys, I've just been informed Leach won the election, but the big surprise is the best man lost. I was just wondering how some of you so-called good union men can look some of your fellow brothers in the face and say you voted for labor. Oh, let's drop it.

Do you know we have all been wondering what has become of our good friend and race track follower, Eddie F., out in California, we hope to hear or see you real soon. You know we have another picnic June 25, 1939, to be held at Excelsior so you want to be sure and try to be here for that event as you know you were one of the first prize winners last year. Say hello to the Mrs.

Did you know that Homer T., was at the last meeting but due to the fact that Homer had to work he couldn't stay for the entire meeting. Hope to see you at the next meeting, Homer. By the way, don't forget to drop in and see Homer and the Mrs. at 1210 Marquette avenue when you want a good cup of coffee and a sandwich.

Last Wednesday Joe F., and George L., and a couple of chauffeur friends took a trip to Fairbault and they tell me they sure were treated to one of the BEST of chicken dinners, but here is the pay off; while they were dining Joe F.'s main discussion was how to become good members in Local 912 and also stressed the fact that there was another Local in New York City, Local 800, who would be willing to give them any help or information they would need if they should travel in the eastern city.

Last Sunday, June 11, Joe F., and the Local Pres. were dining in St. Paul and while dining they met up with the chauffeurs who were driving the Royal Party from Chicago and of course they immediately became acquainted and

they presented said chauffeurs with Local 912 cards and a good time was had by all.

Attention, Larry Davidson of Local 977, here is a little tip, from one good brother to another, you go to the Gas Station at 1210 LaSalle Ave., and see our good member C. G., and tell him to be sure we want him to be 100% union and if he doesn't sign up report to us at once, how's that, C. G.?

We were just wondering if Local 890 has got one of our Ex. Board members in their Local now as we have not heard a word from Ted G., since he went to New York. Send us some news, Mute.

Remember, June 25 is the date of the picnic and you members who can get prizes be sure and get in touch with one of the Entertainment Committee or Jerry Cremers so we can check up on some of the prizes, so as not to have too many of the same kind of prizes.

Well, Bill, we all hope you will come out O. K. Thursday with your meeting, but if you should have to begin weeding onions, beets and other garden vegetables we advise you not to work too hard, because the weather forecast for the next few weeks is VERY HOT WEATHER. (Don't get discouraged, Bill, we're only kidding).

Did you all see the society section of the Tribune Sunday, June 11? Well, we want you all to know that you really are associating with the best of people. Congratulations to you ladies for your very fine work in your communities, those pictures of you are fine.

C. G., did you know that Bill H. wants a new battery for the old one you sold him not so long ago? The old bus won't start, run or coast since you put that battery in his car, get busy now, C. G.

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# Leach Wins Despite Great Political Comeback by Labor

### Minneapolis Labor Campaign Gives Forces of Reaction the Fight of Their Lives — Leach's Majority Only 7,257 Votes — Hanson, Knight, Larson, Cunningham Elected — Charter Amendment Defeated — Blosky, Bastis, Anderson, Nelson Elected as Aldermen — Eide Carries Seven Wards — Communist Party Knives Labor Campaign — Labor Showing Spurs Move to Rebuild Labor Party Movement in State and Nation

The forces of reaction won another election victory in the Minneapolis municipal campaign Monday—but not without receiving the fight of their lives from a trade union movement that registered the most rapid and powerful political comeback ever seen in this section of the country.

When the dust from the battle settled, it was found that Mayor George Leach, after a see-saw battle that lasted until early Tuesday morning, squeezed out a victory by only 7,257 votes over T. A. Eide, the labor majority candidate.

The charter amendment, number 10, sought by the reactionaries, was voted down 69,753 to 66,108.

**Blosky Wins**  
In the aldermanic race, Syl Blosky, member of the Milk Drivers Union and a labor-indorsed candidate, upset the incumbent, Sullivan. Incidentally, Eide carried this ward, the first labor candidate ever to win a First ward majority over Leach.

In the Sixth, Al Bastis, old-time laborite, smothered his opponent, 4,203 to 1,851.

A. K. Gieslen, for many years a labor mainstay from the Ninth ward, lost by 161 votes to his opponent, Swanson.

**Tenth Ward Split**  
The situation in the Tenth ward, where both long-term and short-term aldermen were running, was surprising, to say the least. Stanley Anderson, endorsed by labor, won over his opponent by 9,106 to 5,521. Yet, Morris Olson, member of Local 544 and supported by a large trade union committee, lost to the Stassenite, Oscar Lund, by 582 votes. Incidentally, Eide carried the Tenth by more than 2,500 votes.

The conservatives poured more money into Land's campaign against Olson than they did for any other campaign run but that of Leach's.

John Nelson, laborite, carried the Eleventh ward over Wittich, and in the Twelfth, Mike Foley, laborite, lost to the reactionary Irgens by only 221 votes.

**Eide Carries Most Wards**  
Returning to the contest for mayor, the returns show that Eide actually carried a majority of the city's thirteen wards. Eide won out in the First, Third, Sixth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth.

It was here the little colonel won his sixth term as mayor.

Labor campaigners pointed out Tuesday that the unions had been able to break down several of the border wards. The Second, always reactionary, was carried by Leach by less than one thousand votes. In the Fifth, Leach got less than an 800 majority.

**Labor's Magnificent Comeback**  
The amazing thing about the election was the stunning comeback made by organized labor after the crushing victory of Stassen and his machine in the state elections last fall.

When the Farmer-Labor movement took it on the chin last November, political commentators predicted that the PLP—and by implication, all labor party movements—would be dead for years in Minnesota.

Yet, a scant eight months later, the trade union movement of Minneapolis was able to reform labor's political ranks and put up a last-ditch fight that has won the admiration of workers throughout the country.

Stassen and the Republicans and Democrats will find little to console them in Monday's returns. Indeed, the results present the governor with the unhappy prospect of being a one-term governor. If the labor movement in the rest of Minnesota is able to dress ranks and come back along the trail being blazed in Minneapolis, 1940 will yet see a labor party candidate in the state capital next year. And the labor party will be a lot different than was Benson's party of 1938.

**Why Didn't Labor Win?**  
Labor circles all over town Tuesday were carefully analyzing the election results and asking themselves, why didn't labor go over the top?

1. Literally hundreds of trade unionists, including those who played leading roles in the campaign, men like Harold Seavey and Ole Ogg, answered in one word: "Stalinism."

The answer, and all it implies, was certainly a major reason for the failure of Eide and other labor candidates to go all the way to victory.

Once again, the Communist Party played the treacherous part that one is accustomed to look for from that source.

The Saturday before the election the Communist Party distributed 100,000 election leaflets which blustered forth, in typical Stalinist distortions, their support (Continued on page 5)

### With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist  
John Matula, number 1249, of the Isles Dairy, was the lucky brother at the last meeting. He gets free dues and assessments for July. We have had a fine and healthy attendance ever since the drawings began. Numbers 1541, 652, 872, 1254, 1220, 1069 could have won, had they been at the meeting. Possibly they will be on hand next time. We know some members who never miss a meeting, yet they cannot be lucky; the board members and business agents are ruled out.

Some members always have a squawk to make. Aagge Koldberg and Axel Williams just found out that over a period of years they have been chiseled out of their money's worth in haircuts. They are organizing and want new members so they can get a special rate. Clarence Schwab, Dutch Hurrie and about a hundred more are prospective members. We will try to get them together July 19 so their picture can be taken. Meanwhile, let's try and find a barber that will charge according to "space covered."

Mike Rusinko has taken up fishing. We know lots of things Mike can do better.

During negotiations we heard over and over again the expression "He is a good boy." At Ewald's there must be only two kinds; it seems only proper that Dewey should go into detail and explain a "good boy."

We have over-production in this area because the 1938 cream shipment east (1,935 carloads) has dwindled to 48 cars for 1939. Someone has stolen our markets.

### Watt Notes

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rosell who are the proud parents of a baby girl born on June 5th.

We understand the 225 pressure boilers are still in service at Riverside.

Overheard at Riverside: "Lendore he got bad eye. Bee ketchum and swell up lik hell."

I wonder if F. Konkel's granddaughter will ever grow up. Anyway, we never tire of hearing about her.

Herman Schmidt has been doing some extensive experimenting with the fish barometer and contends that it really works. It makes fishing easy, says he. When the barometer is up, the fish jump in the boat, and when it's down, you might as well stay home.

Must be swarming time again. Leonard showed up at work at Riverside with a half-moon face, but he says he saved the bees. What an alibi. Heh! Heh! Heh!

The wife of Dell Campbell of Nevens company passed away about two weeks ago. Her remains were taken to Canada for interment and Dell is not back to work yet. The membership sympathizes with you in your bereavement, Dell.

Our picnic will be held jointly with the Warehouse Workers Local 359 at Webb's Place at Bass lake on July 30. A real good time is assured to all those who attend.

The Diamondball team will play the Oak Grove Dairy Friday, June 16, on Parade 24. The rest of the

### To All Workers And Friends . . .

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.

### Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

The situation at the Dydec wash remains unchanged.

Roland Riebe is handling the vacation routes at the Model.

Cliff Wentworth of the Hennepin cleaning and dyeing left last week and took a position with the Steel DeSoto ice cream company. He transferred into the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, Local 471. Chris Bachman has replaced him at the Hennepin.

One of our old timers, Theodore Bergquist, formerly with Meyer's cleaners and who worked a few weeks with Darling Curtain Cleaners this spring has found steady employment at the Minneapolis brewery.

Emmett Carlson, who left the Royal this spring, is taking Verne Wold's route at Eagle cleaners this week while Verne is on his vacation.

E. J. Roger of Model is on his vacation this week.

James Sorenson who used to work for Congdon's before Local 131 was organized went to work last week for Garber cleaners.

One of our members decided a couple of weeks ago that two can live as cheaply as one—rush a sweetheart.

Norman Carle who used to be our columnist and who was the steward at the Mill City—and who was also one of the first drivers in the industry to become a Union member, at a time when it was very unpopular to be known as such—had the great misfortune to contract tuberculosis and must spend a couple of years at Glen Lake. The writer of this column is very pleased that the membership at its last meeting unanimously and with fine spirit voted an assessment of \$1 for July for Norman and his family. It is a fine thing to know that even though we may differ with each other at times, when misfortune strikes us the fraternal spirit becomes dominant and we rush to each other's aid.

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### History of Civilization

(The following History of Civilization is translated from an old Icelandic Saga by the Sage of the Mack Truck, otherwise known as Richard Gilmore. This History is only for members of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, but others may read by sending in a small fee to the Northwest Organizer.)

#### CHAPTER I

Most people will agree that the main job of a man is getting a living. Of course there are other jobs of a more or less pleasant nature too, but the main job for most people boils down to getting a living one way or another. After trying different ways and means, primitive man found the easiest way to get a living was to get it off the other fellow. The primitive, or stone age, method of applying this idea of living off the other fellow was to eat him. This is what we in this later age call cannibalism.

Next Week—Don't miss chapter 2, in which the erudite Mr. Gilmore will show how cannibalism had so many drawbacks it was finally abandoned.

### Gassing With 977

Bill Zdenek from General Tire was the lucky man at the general membership meeting last Monday night; Bill won the door prize of a month's dues.

The regular monthly meeting of the Independent Lessee Section of night, June 21st, at 9 o'clock. This promises to be a very lively meeting; all Lessees are urged to attend.

The contract has been signed by Mr. Kodadek to cover his employees at the Cy & Ed's Pure Oil station at 50th and Xerxes Ave. S., and the local is in the process of collecting back wages for these men. Other contracts are being negotiated for men at the Standard station, 3551 Lyndale Ave. S., with Mr. McHugh the lessee, and also with Mr. Mattson, at the Standard station at Fremont and W. Broadway. Negotiations for the contract at Midland Cooperative Wholesale may have to go before the state labor conciliator; we'll have further news in regard to that next week. The Dayton Company and Foshy contracts are being negotiated at the present time, and particulars will be ready soon.

Important reminders: Secure an honorary withdrawal card if you are leaving the city or become unemployed. The office is closed on Saturdays. The by-laws were effective May 1st—read them carefully. Members who fail to appear when called before the board, are learning the full meaning of a fine.

bakery worker to come to the aid of his union. Now is the time to fight. Better wages. Shorter hours. Job security. Against the incompetency clause. Better to fight now than be fired later.

Ever since Roberts Dairy became friendly with Local 554 their business picked up about five to six hundred cases a day. Within a period of four months.

Interstate Van of Council Bluffs, the Mayflower agent who signed up with Local 554, and Ferrin Van of Grey Van Lines, also signed, are doing more business now than they ever thought existed. Mr. Ford of Interstate is still tickled about that \$800 moving job to Washington, D. C., the union got for him because he is FAIR. Local 554 proves to all, we will play ball with anyone that plays ball with us. P. S. Allied Van Lines lost 65 per cent of their business in Omaha, because the local Hitler's won't pay a decent wage.

Despite all our attempts to get the work list working on as fair a basis as possible, there are still plenty of squawks. Anybody who thinks it's easy to please everybody is welcome to the job of keeping the work list straight. For our part, here is a genuine working-class orchid to Carl Jacobs, as hardworking and straightforward a union man as any in the country. Bender and Bigley still are going to town as the best team of solicitors in the Midwest.

#### DEMAND UNION CLERKS

The American Association of Social Workers has made public a survey of relief conditions which call attention to "shocking human misery" among the unemployed. In January, 1939, 23,000,000 people were dependent on relief. This ain't in China either, it is right here in the good old U.S.A. Take a trip out to Savage or Shakopee and see the transient camps where worn-out workers are dumped. Keep your union strong and hang on to your seniority rights. Jobs are hard to find.

How Come?  
All wealthy people are "beautiful, witty and refined."  
All poor folks are "gawky, illiterate and boorish."

### Local 221 Mourns Death of H. Skog

The Ice Drivers Union membership heard with sorrow of the death of Hjelmer Skog, 3137 Harriet avenue, who passed away Sunday, June 4th. This union brother is survived by his wife, Lena, and two daughters, Gladys and Mrs. Peterson of Hopkins.

The burial was at Crystal Lake cemetery last Thursday.

### LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore  
The wheels of progress grind ahead in 1859, the latest step being the granting of the union label to the Air-Loc seating company. This should help business there as the union label is commanding a growing respect all over the U.S.A.

Oscar Norgren is confined at home under a doctor's care. Take good care of yourself, brother Norgren, we hope to see you back on the job soon.

Tarzan Takes a Mate — Herb "Sluggers" Lenners of the Air-Loc took the vows of holy matrimony last Friday. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lenners. P. S. Make the boys pop for a present, Herb.

At the last general meeting we were fortunate to have Mr. Ray Dunne as a guest speaker. Mr. Dunne called our attention to the reactionary trend that started back in 1937, and to the fact that through the last few years of a deepening depression we have been able to maintain our present wage levels only through our union. However, if we can gain some legislative advantages it would be very helpful and it is our logical duty to ourselves as union men and women to support labor's candidates.

The 1937 biennial census of manufacturers showed that 30,877 workers in 1,000 plants received \$37,402,891 in wages. The product of their labor was valued at \$263,877,781. If the workers would try to buy back the product of their labor they would be short \$226,474,890, which is quite a shortage. Tak, tak.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bie-nick, a baby boy weighing in at 8 pounds, 12 oz. June 6, 11:30 p. m. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bie-nick.

Ain't this the bride's biscuits. Hank Lunde had a couple teeth pulled last week.

Wally Fern likes things clean, but when he tried to sweep up last Saturday, he ran into complications.

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



## The Case of Judge Manton—Its Meaning for Labor

Don't be surprised if you haven't read the details of the recent trial of Judge Martin T. Manton, senior judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and the tenth ranking justice of the country's judiciary — the bosses and their press don't like to talk about it. It throws too blinding a light on the racketeering and corruption of those on the nation's benches.

No radical trade unionist could ever draw a worse picture of judicial corruption than Judge Manton himself portrayed in his testimony. "A merchant of justice" he was called by the prosecution, and they proved it to the hilt.

Only the nine Supreme Court justices are above Manton in ranking. For fourteen years this man sat on the bench as senior judge of the Circuit Court, participating in 2,500 cases. During this period the judge took so many bribes it's impossible to trace them all. Indeed, the government is seriously considering re-hearing all the 2,500 cases.

He used his judicial office for personal gain and benefit, approaching litigants to find out "what could be done in their cases," carrying on negotiations until gifts or loans satisfactory to all concerned were agreed upon. In short, he sold his decisions for cash.

In a period of only eleven months, from June, 1934, to May, 1935, he increased his financial worth by \$1,250,000—all on a yearly salary of \$12,500.

Plenty of big shots are involved in the rotten atmosphere of the Manton case. While hearing a case involving Warner Brothers, Manton testified he negotiated a "loan" of \$50,000 from Warners. Afterward, he handed down a decision favorable to Warners.

While hearing a case involving the American Tobacco company, Manton negotiated a "loan" of \$250,000 from the Lord & Thomas advertising agency which is interested in the American Tobacco company. Manton's decision, needless to say, was in favor of his tobacco cronies.

From 1934 to 1936 Manton testified he "borrowed" \$171,795 from a number of small fry companies.

He got a present of \$30,000 from the Dictograph Products company for handling down a decision in their favor. Altogether, he got \$59,000 for this little job.

He got \$240,000 from the Aldean company, and never returned it. He took \$15,000 from the Evans company—\$300,00 for a favorable decision for the P. & P. Mfg. company—\$25,000 cash from the Preferred Electric & Wire company—\$69,000 for a favorable decision from Almon B. Hall, Connecticut chicken hatcher, etc., etc.

Dozens of big shots, America's Sixty Families, were involved in his racket and knew about it for years. Of course they never let on. Even Manton himself had "an air of being injured while on the stand," according to the N. Y. Times. The putrid smell that arose from his corrupt dealings was so bad that, during his testimony, "Manton's attorney was on the verge of collapse and hastily asked for a ten-minute adjournment."

Well, there it is. One of the country's ten ranking judges, caught red-handed, for sale to the highest bidder. Other, lesser judges, involved in the case as bribe-takers. The latest example of what "justice" means to the rich today in this country.

Does any reader wonder why the trade unions of America speak contemptuously of "boss justice," why they know that the courts are stacked against the working-man every time in cases involving organized labor?

## Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Well, the election is over, the votes have been counted and the die is cast for the next two years.

For most of us, the results were far from being what we wished. Many in the labor movement who had built their hopes too high, only to have them dashed, feel that all has been lost. The thought has been expressed that the struggle of the workers on the political field is futile. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As a matter of fact, while the results of the recent city elections were disappointing, the tremendous vote rolled up by the labor movement is something that should warm the hearts of every member of organized labor in Minneapolis. Encouraging rather than discouraging was the evidence of solidarity displayed by the working class.

We must recall that Eide was unknown to at least ninety per cent of organized labor. The labor committee that was charged with the responsibility of choosing a candidate for labor selected Eide. He was a newcomer on the political field and was absolutely unknown in labor cir-

cles. It is a splendid tribute to members of the labor movement that they accepted, without question, the decisions of their committee and of the convention. The labor movement was one solid unit behind its candidate in the primary as well as in the general election.

The final outcome of the contest indicates that the vote of organized labor in Minneapolis is a power that must be reckoned with in every future election. It has been demonstrated that labor can be welded into a block behind a working class program and for a working class candidate.

A salute to the voting power of Minneapolis labor! Eyes to the future!

A louse is a louse irrespective of the country it's born in. What I'm mildly complaining about is people so lousy that they actually work and vote for the lice. These cooties have just about bled the great American underdog white. Their only function in the scheme of things is to give doggy an incentive to scratch. If I had my way, I'd install a national delousing station and boil, steam, or gas these parasites out of the nation's system.—Oscar Ameringer.

# Labor Makes Great Political Comeback In City Campaign

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for Eide. The distribution was made in direct violation of a promise made by the Stalinists to the Trade Union Volunteer Campaign Committee.

The sections covered by the leaflet were even more revealing than the leaflet itself. The leaflet, allegedly issued in the interests of Eide, was distributed door to door in the Eighth and Thirteenth wards and was blanketed throughout the principal Catholic parishes, and in the Prospect Park corner of the Second ward. None were distributed in the Sixth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth, and it will be no surprise to learn that these are the very wards Eide carried.

Confronted with this tarring from the C. P., Eide took the radio Sunday to charge publicly that the Communist party, by its distribution, gave direct aid to the Leach machine against the labor forces, and pertinently asked where did the money come from to print these leaflets.

Fortunately, many leading laborites from throughout the state were in Minneapolis as observers during the closing days of the campaign, and did not fail to observe either the leading role played by the trade unions in the Minneapolis race, nor the treacherous maneuvers of the Communist Party. Let us hope these lessons are not lost in the reorganization of the Farmer-Labor movement that is bound to occur at the coming state F-L educational conference which meets this Saturday in Minneapolis.

2. A second reason brought forward for the defeat of Eide was the revolving role played by the church leaders. In the primaries, the city's religious mentors were unanimous in condemning Leach for the gangsterism and vice that abounds in Minneapolis. Yet, when the choice finally narrowed down to Leach and the candidate of the labor movement, the preachers led their sheep back to the Leach fold.

3. Many leading unionists blamed the boss daily press for contributing its full share to labor's defeat, by distorting and suppressing important campaign news and presenting a completely biased picture of the real campaign issues to readers.

4. The fact that Leach had a dollar for every dime behind Eide's campaign naturally was a factor in the victory of reaction, though by no means a decisive one. Organized labor has won elections in Minneapolis before on a shoestring, and it can do it again. Altogether, the unions contributed approximately \$4,000 to the main campaign headquarters, and this was all the Trade Union Campaign Committee had to spend in the campaign — for headquarters

rentals, radio talks, campaign literature, etc.

5. The readers of the Organizer are not children and they know that corrupt election practices played a part in Monday's vote. From many that have come to our attention, we adduce one: In the Ninth and Twelfth precincts in the Third ward, which voted at the Grant school, Leach men patrolled the streets outside the school for hours during the day, openly following voters to the school and soliciting support for Leach and other candidates. Three times the watchers from the trade unions protested, but the protest went unanswered.

### Where Do We Go From Here?

Eight months ago, directly after the November defeat, the Northwest Organizer wrote that "only the trade unions can reform the ranks for the sort of political movement that alone will play a role in the future: A movement for real independent labor political action, controlled by the unions, with its policies and leadership shaped by the unions. The labor party movement in Minnesota, when it comes back, will come back as . . . a party with a democratic regime, a party that has broken cleanly with both old parties, a party that will have the sort of bold answers to the needs of the masses that will win and hold the support of the workers, the farmers, the youth and the lower middle classes."

That still hold good. Everything that has happened since November—both the experiences of the Minneapolis unions in the municipal election, on the one hand, and the record of the remnants of the Farmer-Labor movement on the other, verify our prediction.

The comeback of labor in the municipal campaign should fill us with optimism. Minneapolis is on the right track. We must go yet deeper into the unions and the unemployed organizations with the labor party idea, we must sharpen our program and differentiate ourselves more clearly from the two old boss parties. This is the road to success.

How to Handle the C. P. Every trade unionist, every Farmer-Laborite is asking the question, What to do to steer clear of the Communist Party?

Many people favor taking organizational steps to insure that the trade unions get and retain control of the Farmer-Labor movement. This is an important progressive task and it must be accomplished, but it is not enough.

Our experiences in this state show that mere organizational steps are not enough to exclude the Communist Party from oozing in and establishing its bureaucratic control.

There is only ONE method to

avoid the dirty embrace of the C. P. and that is to adopt a Farmer-Labor program which the Communist Party cannot accept.

The thing is very simple. There are two major questions of policy upon which the C. P. cannot yield—support of the New Deal, and, bound up with this, support of the war.

The moment the Farmer-Labor movement here clarifies its opposition to the party of Roosevelt as well as to the party of Stassen and Hoover, the moment the Farmer-Labor movement expresses the will of the majority of the people by opposing the war, that moment the Farmer-Labor movement will cease to be cursed by Stalinism. They will leave it like vermin leave a house at cleaning time.

They will bellow to the house-tops that the unionists and Farmer-Laborites are agents of Hitler and the Mikado, they will accuse us of being stooges of Stassen and Landon, they will call us every foul name in their rich vocabulary of abuse—but they will leave the Farmer-Labor movement and the public will know that their ways and ideas are not the ways and ideas of organized labor.

Let the Farmer-Labor movement adopt these two simple planks, let it reinforce them by taking the necessary organizational steps to insure trade union control, and our troubles with the Communist Party will have reached the irreducible minimum. That is the way, and the only way, to rid ourselves of the curse of Stalinism. Unless this step is taken, though we curse the C. P. a million times over, they will continue to embrace the Farmer-Labor movement, like a boorish sailor embraces an outraged girl.

The Next Steps There are already some indications that steps will be taken at the statewide Farmer-Labor educational conference Saturday to revoke the charter of the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor executive committee, and reorganize the movement here by calling an open democratic convention in the same way that the April 8th conference was called, at which time a new central committee will be chosen. If this move is made Saturday, it is all to the good, a step in the right direction.

Another move to clinch and extend the progress made in the recent campaign is to preserve the trade union committees that arose in various labor wards. The union campaign committees in the 4th, 5th and 10th wards are to be organized on a permanent basis, to constitute the nucleus for the next political campaign in 1940. This, too, is a progressive move.

An idea which was expressed from several sources Tuesday should also be carried out by all trade unions in the state. That is,

## 3 Gentlemen Appointed by Governor

(Continued from page 1) the way in which he is bound by political considerations.

All members of the commission are persons to whom Stassen is indebted for aid in the last campaign.

The man who is to represent the employers on the commission is Thomas McCabe of Duluth, a lawyer. From 1934 to 1937 McCabe served as state chairman of the Republican Party.

The man who is to represent the union—don't laugh—is A. P. Blair of Duluth. Who is Blair? For years he was secretary-treasurer of the Brewery Workers Union. Now it can hardly have escaped the governor's attention that for a period of over thirty years there has been a dispute on between the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Brewery Workers Union. In some parts of the country, this dispute has reached the point of open warfare between the two unions, regrettable as this is. It is undoubtedly a fact that Stassen is attempting here to stir up this inner-union jurisdictional dispute for his own political reason. He serves the bosses in many ways!

The third member of the commission is also a representative of the employers, only he is called a representative of the "public." For this post, Stassen chose Walter Michelson of New Ulm. When Michelson turned down the offer, William Gurnee of St. Paul was appointed in his place. Gurnee is secretary of the St. Paul College of Law and apparently the governor deems this sufficient reason to have him represent the "public" in this dispute. Gurnee is the same guy as Dr. Prosser, head of the Minneapolis Dunwoody Institute, another well-known representative of "the public."

## Janasco Leaves For Indianapolis Conventions

On Monday John Janasco, business agent of the Minneapolis Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and an active union organizer in the woodware industry in this area, left by car for Indianapolis where he will be a delegate to the national furniture conference called by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

The Midwest Advisory Council of Furniture, Woodware and Kindred Product Workers, and the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodware Workers will also meet in Indianapolis this week.

Janasco stopped in New Richmond to pick up John Thorson, president of the Woodworkers Union Local 17043, who will also attend the important Indianapolis conferences.

## Tickets for 544 Picnic Selling Fast

Many tickets for the annual 544 picnic were sold Monday night at the membership meeting of the General Drivers Union. The tickets sell for 25c and will be redeemed at the picnic grounds with 25c worth of refreshment tickets. The Picnic Committee asks all members to help in the preparations for the picnic by buying your tickets early, from your steward or at the union hall.

The picnic will be held Sunday, July 9th at Webb's Place on Bass Lake. In addition to a more colorful assortment of amusements and fun devices, a special added feature of the 1939 annual picnic will be a sensational fireworks pageant depicting "The Battle of Deputies Run" from the 1934 truck strike.

to aim to get in all future union agreements a clause permitting employees to receive at least one hour off on the days when city and state elections are held, permitting these workers to go to the polls and vote. This is a democratic demand which an employer can hardly refuse, and it is an important demand for the labor movement.

There is no doubt that literally thousands of workers do not vote on election day because they do not have the time. They may go to the polls before or after work, but they see a long line of voters there and go away without having voted. An hour off on election day will bring thousands of new workers onto the political scene. Both James Bartlett and Ole Ogg proposed this step Tuesday, and we think it is a good idea which every union should seriously try to carry out.

## On the National Picket Line

(Continued from page 1) battleships, submarines, destroyers. The beautiful cadence of marching feet at West Point and Annapolis will be music to their royal ears.

All these things which are good for royalty, they will hear and see. But will they see, will they hear, and will they care about:

The angry rumblings of the unemployed. The plaintive cries of hungry children?

The army of unemployed youth—millions of them, newly graduated from the schools and colleges into a world which has no place for them—except on the battlefield?

The slums—in every city—which rival their own in London and Liverpool. The hundreds and thousands of puny little children who will grow to maturity without ever seeing a real tree, knowing the feel of real grass between their barefoot toes?

Will their Royal Highnesses visit the deep south and see there the miserable conditions among the share-croppers? Will they believe—if they are told—that the Ku Klux Klan still operates, spreading terror among those workers militant enough to join a labor organization?

Will they realize that even now every trade union in the country is faced with the possibility that 1939 will be another 1934? That unless the organized labor movement puts up the fight of its life, the employers are prepared to slash wages and lengthen

working hours back to where they were in 1933 and '34?

No—their Royal Highnesses will neither see nor hear any of these things. They do not care to. They want to see only such things as are directly connected with the coming war—the real purpose of their tour.

They will be interested to note that more and more munitions plants are operating overtime. It will be of special interest to them and their entourage to know that for more than six months now the Army has had the country laid out in sections, and that all the machinery necessary can be put into operation at a moment's notice to draft a million men in three months WHEN THE WAR BREAKS OUT.

If they are shown the plans for the new giant plane which has been built for the Navy department, it will gladden their hearts to know that a hundred of these planes could transport the entire United States Army across the Atlantic in a month.

The Royal train sweeps across Canada and the United States. The tour is a complete success. The King and Queen of Britain are here to promote good will.

Good Will—for the War. Good Will for the awful carnage which is to come. Good Will for the sadly empty coffers of Great Britain. Good Will so that the vast hordes of our youth who were born to die will get that glorious chance in the very near future.

Unless . . .

COOK COFFEE UNFAIR The St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union Local 409, through its representative, Ed Esboldt, announced Wednesday that the Cook Coffee company is unfair to Local 409. The union is asking the support of organized labor in its drive to complete organization of the industry.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE	
<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership — Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—First Thursday
<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	<b>LOCAL 275</b> Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> Casket Section—June 13th Puffer — Hubbard, Northland Mfg.—June 15th American Wicker, American Excelsior, Warren Shade, Cleland Mfg, Kozekar, Travel-ez, Air-Loc—June 16th Box Industry—June 20th J. R. Clark, Keller Mfg.—June 21st Grievance Board—June 12th and 26th Stewards—June 12th and 26th Executive Board—Every Friday night General Membership—July 5th
<b>LOCAL 664</b> 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.	<b>Local 20481</b> General Membership—July 5th Executive Board—July 10th Grievance Board — July 12th and 26th
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m. third Thursday each month.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> JUNE, 1939 Thursday, 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 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. The Over-the-Road Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday at 2 p. m. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
<b>LOCAL 977</b> 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.	<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.	<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.