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On the National Picket Line

At the risk of being accused of being of a one tracked mind, we again call attention to the detrimental effects of the CIO-AFL fight to the entire organized labor movement.

Some time ago the United Auto Workers Union was split wide open, with the result that it is now divided into two warring camps. Homer Martin, ex-president of the union, took his minority group out of the set-up and applied for and got a charter under the American Federation of Labor. R. J. Thomas became the president of the CIO faction of the organization. The agreement with General Motors, the properties of the union - books, funds, office equipment, etc., remain in the possession of the CIO. Homer Martin has instituted suit against the CIO group for all of these things, as well as the right to the exclusive use of the name "United Auto Workers of America."

General Motors seized upon this situation to refuse to settle grievances with committees from either group, or to negotiate changes in the existing contract with anyone.

As a result of this, hundreds of grievances are lying idle, while everyday the company takes new advantage of its position.

Recently also, the National Labor Relations Act was newly interpreted to allow not only the workers but also the employers to petition the board for elections to determine who - if anyone - should represent the workers. Last week General Motors, faced with the strike of over 8,000 tool and die makers, so petitioned the NLRB and asked that the NLRB "assume jurisdiction in the existing controversy between the warring UAW factions to ward off a strike of tool makers threatened by the UAW-CIO faction."

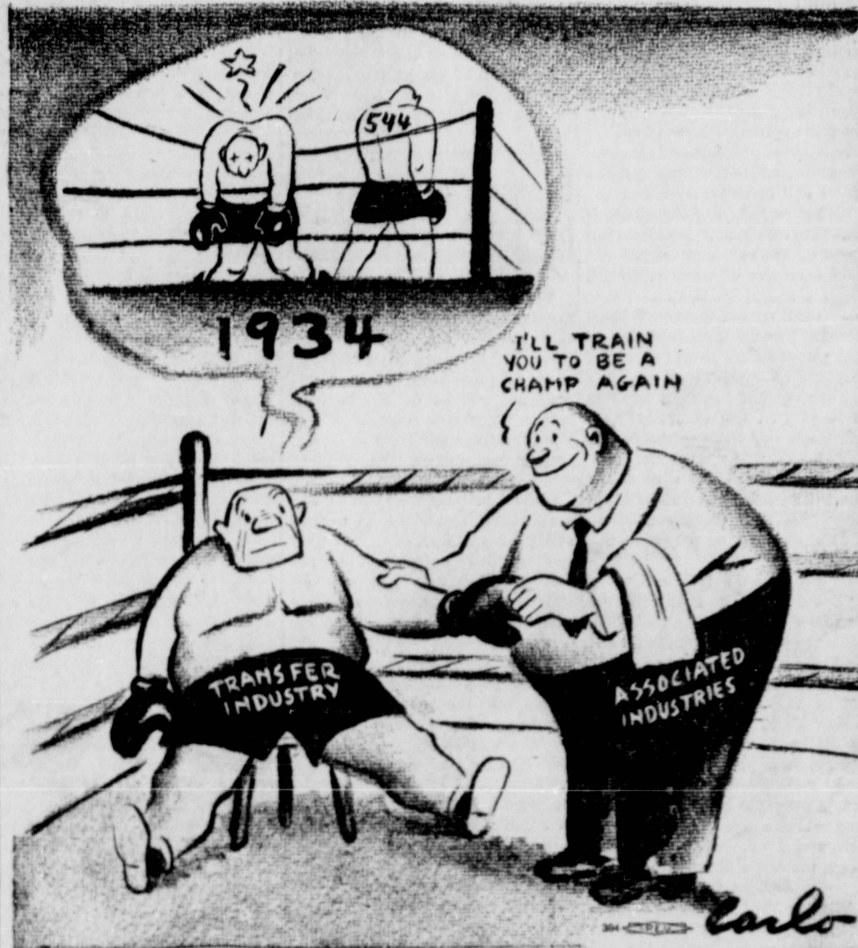
R. J. Thomas answered this move by charging that, even though the UAW-AFL group has no following among the tool and die makers, the corporation quotes "was using the AFL group's demands as a pretext for denying the General Motors employees their bargaining rights" and added that "no amount of stalling" would serve his union in its determination to obtain a supplementary agreement covering the eight thousand tool and die makers.

The strike vote has been taken. July 5th is the deadline. Incidentally, the UAW asked for this supplementary agreement last fall. It is imperative, according to Thomas' statement, that action take place without any further delay as the men are already at work on the dies and tools for the 1940 model cars, and will soon be through.

General Motors counters this statement with another to the effect that they now have a so-called "security plan" whereby their employees may borrow up to sixty percent of their future wages without interest, during lay-off periods. Thomas logically points out that as these men work on an average of eight weeks out of the year at their trade, it is hardly "security" for them to borrow on their future wages.

Meanwhile, Martin announces that his group has - or will - petition both the NLRB and the Department of Labor, asking that

They Never Come Back



IBT Backs 544 in Transfer Dispute

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Supports Local 544 in Transfer Controversy - Stassen Commission Joins Bosses in Attack on Union Wage Scale - Proposes New Wage Slashes - Strike Committee Meeting Wednesday Night - Special Meeting of 544 Transfer Section Called for Next Monday Night

On the heels of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters' granting of strike sanction to Local 544's Transfer Section, Governor Stassen's three-man commission submitted its report Wednesday morning on its hearing in the dispute between the Minneapolis General Drivers Union and the Minneapolis Transfermen's Association.

Last Saturday Local 544 received a letter from the international union containing a complete endorsement of any strike action Local 544 may take to win its wholly justifiable demands from the transfer employers.

Wednesday morning the union negotiating committee, consisting of Grant Dunne, George Frosg, Harold Haynes and Robert Sante, met in the state capitol where the three-man commission handed its written report to the union. The commission, after having been temporarily restrained by the union from conducting its hearings, held the hearing last week at the Nicolet Hotel from Monday to Thursday.

An Attack on Union
The commission's report was exactly the sort of report any union man would anticipate from such a Stassen-appointed body. As a whole, it distorts the union's position and omits important points made by 544 spokesmen at the hearing. Under the guise of being "impartial and above-the-battle," it throws a knife into the back of the transfer drivers. In its zeal to carry out the will of the organized employers, the Stassen commission

actually goes beyond the Minneapolis Transfermen's association in proposing an attack on wages.

Preparing for Action
An important meeting of the large Strike Committee elected by 544's Transfer Section was scheduled to be held tonight (Wednesday), where the commission report will be analyzed and final plans laid to win the union's demands.

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CLU Delegates—Attend Next Meet

All delegates to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union are urged to attend the next meeting Wednesday, July 12. A matter of considerable importance will be discussed at this meeting.

Letter From John Gillespie Endorsing Strike

Following are excerpts from the letter received June 30th by Kelly Postal, secretary-treasurer of Local 544, from John M. Gillespie, acting president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters:

"Dear Sir and Brother: The International Executive Board has endorsed your request for strike for 850 men. My understanding is that the contract runs out July 5th. As soon as the strike takes place, notify the International by telegram and send in the names of the men on strike to General Secretary - Treasurer Hughes. I am sending a copy of this letter to Farrell Dobbs and am requesting him to visit your city as soon as possible and do everything he can to reach a settlement."

Stassen Slave Act Roundly Condemned By St. Paul Trades & Labor Assembly

As it becomes progressively more apparent that the Stassen slave act is being used by anti-labor employer groupings to egg on the bosses to a war against organized labor, more and more sections of organized labor in Minnesota are stepping forward to condemn the Minnesota Labor Relations Law.

At its last meeting the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, a traditionally conservative section of the state union movement, passed a resolution roundly condemning the Stassen labor law and advising its affiliated unions to "utilize it only when all other means of adjusting disputes have failed."

Provokes War on Unions
Large sections of the St. Paul union movement have discovered

the same tendency that is apparent in Minneapolis and elsewhere - that the Stassen law is encouraging employers to resist union demands and to flout existing union agreements. About forty delegates signed the resolution before it was submitted to the Trades and Labor Assembly.

The St. Paul unions point out that the Stassen Labor Relations Act "has imposed new hardships on Labor in its efforts to bargain collectively for higher standards of living; that the Stassen Act 'has little or no relation to the original Labor relations proposal of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor'; that 'under the provisions of the present law many of the traditional rights of Labor are curtailed, namely the right to pick-

et and the right to strike in accordance with the desires of union members and at whatever time is most expedient or opportune."

"The so-called 10 and 30-day waiting period required by the act gives the offending employer time and opportunity to coerce and influence his or its employees," states the resolution.

"The act discriminates against Labor by making certain acts unlawful while similar acts on the part of the employer are classified as merely unfair, thus making the act a part of the penal code in so far as certain portions relate to Labor. . . . Under a recent interpretation of the act by the attorney general it is held that even when a party to a union contract violates the same that the union

Omaha Bakery Drivers' Pact Appears Near

Based itself on the results of negotiations to date, the Bakery Drivers Section of the Omaha Drivers Union Local 554 appeared confident this week that it would achieve a satisfactory agreement with the Omaha bakeries.

A final session will be held this Thursday between the companies and the union negotiating committee which is being aided by Harry DeBoer of Minneapolis, chairman of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council. The Thursday session will determine whether or not the Omaha bakery dispute will be settled peacefully.

A special meeting of the Bakery Drivers Section of Local 554 will be held Thursday evening, at which the proposed agreement will be accepted or rejected by the drivers.

Last Saturday the inside bakery workers voted to accept a proposal negotiated with the bakery employers.

Bakery Union in Boston Wins Strike

The four-day strike of fourteen hundred members of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 494 in Boston, Mass., ended June 29th when the Greater Boston Bakers association capitulated and granted the union's demands. Under the new agreement, ratified June 28th by the strikers, wage increases of \$3-\$5 were won.

Wholesale truck drivers secured a wage increase from 7 to 8 per cent commission on sales, retaining their \$16 guarantee. For the retail drivers, the weekly guaranteed wage was boosted from \$26 to \$28 and the commission advanced from 20 to 21 per cent. The transport drivers who take large shipments to outlying cities also received a raise.

Make Great Gains

Local 494 has only been organized for two years, but has already accomplished a great deal in the way of abolishing sweatshop conditions among local bakery drivers. During this period the union has established seniority rights, vacations, 100 per cent union shops, and has boosted wages.

This was the first strike Local 494 has conducted and its success has greatly enthused the members and other drivers in the area. The inside bakeries, members of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union Local 348, also won their three-day strike against the Ward Baking company.

The big three of the New England baking companies—Wards, General and Continental—are now covered by the drivers' agreement, along with practically every bakery operating a truck in the Boston area.

20,000 Expected at 544 Picnic Sunday

Over-Road Meeting Here This Sunday

Representatives of drivers unions in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, will meet in Minneapolis at the Drivers Hall at 10 a. m. this Sunday morning to discuss problems that have arisen in the enforcement of the area over-the-road agreement.

Letters have gone out from Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, to the drivers unions in St. Paul, Duluth, Sioux Falls, Fargo, Aberdeen, Watertown and Grand Forks, requesting that the unions send representatives to attend Sunday's meeting.

The meeting has been called at the request of Farrell Dobbs, International organizer, and is one of a series of regional meetings being held in preparation for the delegated conference of union representatives from the 11-state area to be held July 25th in Cincinnati.

544 Whips Angleseys In Thriller

In a thrilling 10-inning contest last Saturday afternoon at the Parade, the General Drivers nine hung a 5-4 defeat on the hitherto undefeated city championship Angleseys cafe team, putting 544 in second place in the Commercial Division.

The teamies got their win on extra-base hits. In the very first inning Sid Alford homered to bring in Masoligites. In the fourth Clay Becker homered to drive in Johnny Sodd. The game was put on ice in the tenth when Masoligites tripled to start the inning. Alford came up with a determination to end the game then and there. He fouled out two long ones and then singled sharply to deep center to bring in Masoligites and end the game.

Norrie Hanson struck out six and walked eight. Baker, Disch and Post starred for the losers.

This Saturday Local 544 will play the Ohlsen Dairy team at Sibley field at 3 p. m.

On Sunday Local 544 will play the Pepsi-Cola team in the feature game of the day at the Parade Grounds at 2:30. This game will celebrate the baseball centennial, and many old-timers will be presented to the crowd.

Many New and Novel Picnic Features Scheduled—Mammoth Fireworks Display in Evening Depicting "Spirit of '34"—Ferris Wheels and Chair-o-Planes, Races and Prizes, Baseball and Dancing—Union Defense Guards to Make First Public Appearance—V. R. Dunne to Deliver Memorial Address—Fun for All and All for Fun

Come rain or shine, strike or war, the General Drivers Union Local 544 will hold its Fourth Annual Picnic this Sunday, June 9th, at Webb's Place on Bass Lake. In expectation of a great crowd of twenty thousand persons, the picnic committee has spared no efforts to insure that the 1939 picnic will be the best ever. Every member of 544 and every friend of the union is being invited to attend and bring his family. The slogan Sunday will be Fun for All and All for Fun.

Ample and safe parking space will be provided for all cars. The union will maintain free Yellow Cab service from Lowry and West Broadway to and from the picnic grounds from 10 a. m. to closing. Picnickers can either bring their luncheons and use the ample picnic facilities on the grounds, or they can buy food at the park.

Many Novel Features
The day will be a panorama of laughter, races, merry-go-rounds, chair-o-planes, ferris wheels, kiddie rides, baseball, dancing and fireworks.

The picnic committee had the children especially in mind when planning the day's program. Starting around noon a series of races will be held for persons of all ages, from under six years to over 16 years. There will be shoe scrambles, egg races, sack races, wheelbarrow races, shoe-kicking contests, a melon eating contest and a labor quiz contest. First, second and third prizes will be offered for each event.

Lots of Fun Devices
This year the picnic committee had the good fortune to line up a merry-go-round, a chair-o-plane, a ferris wheel and kiddie rides for the union outing.

The annual tug-o-war will be held in the afternoon between the Transfer Section and the Independent Truck Owners. Around 4 p. m. the undefeated Local 544 Youth team will play a diamondball game with the Warehouse Union ten.

A special memorial address will be delivered by Vincent Dunne. "Spirit of 1934"

There will be dancing in the pavilion to the exhilarating strains of Dick Atherton's 544 band from 4 to 6 p. m. and from 7 to midnight.

At 6 p. m. there will be prize drawing.

A feature of the day will be the mammoth fireworks display depicting "The Spirit of 1934," to begin at 9 p. m.

Local 544's Union Defense Guard will present itself to the picnickers early in the day and will patrol the grounds during the outing.

If you haven't already bought your ticket for Local 544's annual picnic, do so immediately. Sunday's outing bids fair to outstrip any picnic ever held in these parts. Forward to Webb's Place at Bass Lake, and fun and frolic for all the family.

ers employed as of March 25, 1937, the day the two-year dispute began between the union and Lund.

Incidentally, even though Lund has lost every court and labor board case in his fight on the union, he still does not appear anxious to deal with Local 20481. But the union has worked to win justice for its members for 26 months now, and is going to continue the fight until it achieves a clear-cut victory.

Journal Lies About Report Of Comission

In its Wednesday edition, the Minneapolis Journal lies to its readers when it headlines that "Stassen Commission Urges Wage Increases in Some Brackets to Speed Settlement."

Far from endorsing wage increases, the Stassen Commission proposes wage cuts for all brackets.

The commission's proposal for a "wage increase" for the inside men is a fraud. Last fall the transfer bosses cut the wages of these men from \$28.80 to \$26.40 by reducing their weekly hours from 48 to 44.

The Stassen Commission now proposes that after October 24th the inside workers accept another wage cut. The commission suggests these men take another cut of two hours per week and accept an hourly wage rate of \$21.50 instead of the present 60c. This would give the inside men a weekly wage of only \$26.25, actually less than the men are receiving today. Figure it out for yourselves.

The Minneapolis Journal lies when it says the Stassen Commission proposes "wage increases."

Renew Drive For Labor Temple

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union and the Labor Temple Association are preparing for the final drive which is expected to culminate in the building of a new Minneapolis Labor Temple in the near future.

Our readers don't have to be told of the need for, nor the benefits of, such a Labor Temple that could house the local labor movement.

Briefly, here is the present status of the campaign for the new home for organized labor: The lot is paid for. The Labor Temple Association has \$10,000 in cash. Forty thousand dollars have been pledged by various unions. The Association will attempt to encourage enough pledges within the next few weeks to permit it to start building operations.

Tom Pierce is secretary of the Labor Temple Association. All Minneapolis AFL unions are urged to get in touch with the Association, and consider getting behind the drive for a new home for labor.

Victory Near in Lund Case

The Woodworkers Union Local 20481 has been negotiating for the past three weeks with the C. A. Lund companies through Maslon, Lund's attorney. Negotiations have progressed to the point where the union have drawn up its seniority lists for both the Lund and the Northland Ski plants. Local 20481's next step will be to seek reinstatement of all those work-

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Building Material Firms Renew Pact

On June 27th Local 544 renewed its working agreement with the building material industry in Minneapolis. The new contract is almost identical with last year's pact, a change being that overtime will be paid after 48 hours at the rate of time and one-half. The pact is retroactive to June 1st and will run for one year.

Following is the complete text of the new building materials agreement:

WORKING AGREEMENT

The undersigned firms, partnerships, and corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Employer and the General Drivers and Helpers Union Local No. 544, A. F. of L., hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to the terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions.

- The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.
- The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.
- The Employer agrees to grant reasonable time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business.
- The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with this agreement.
- The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials and general working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standards in effect at the time of the signing of this agreement and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvement are made elsewhere in this agreement.
- In the event that the Employer deliberately violates the provisions of the foregoing paragraph or deliberately violates any other provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to seniority, wages, hours of work and overtime differentials, any back pay owed to the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the rate of two times the standard straight time rate. Any violation either intentional or unintentional must be reported and acted upon within 30 days of the date of the original violation.
- Any controversy arising over the interpretation of the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiations between the Union and the Employer. In the event that such controversy cannot be settled, it shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration consisting of two (2) representatives of the Union and two (2) representatives of the Employer. In the event that these four (4) fail to reach an agreement within five (5) days, a fifth neutral member shall be selected by a majority vote of the first four (4). The majority decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled. The Union and the Employer shall each pay its own representatives on the Board and the fifth member's compensation shall be divided equally between the Employer and the Union.
- The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strikes or lockouts without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any grievances which might arise. All grievances and complaints or controversies over interpretations of this contract shall be referred for settlement to a committee of the Employers and the Union before the matter is referred to arbitration.
- The terms "Individual Truck Owners" shall be construed to mean owner-driver of a truck, motor-cycle, passenger vehicle, two or four-wheel trailer, taxicab, horse-drawn vehicle, or any kind of other vehicle used for transportation purposes.
- Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of work, overtime differentials and general working conditions for the Individual Truck Owners shall conform to the time to be agreed to by the Union and the Employer.
- The Individual Truck Owner shall have seniority standing only as a driver. The vehicle shall have no seniority standing. The Union agrees to submit a list of certified Individual Truck Owners to the Employer, and in the event the Employer requires the service of an Individual Truck Owner, agrees to select from said certified list one of the certified truck haulers on the list. It is agreed, however, that in the event the said certified hauler is a reasonable time that Employer shall be at liberty to employ whomever he wishes.
- The Employer shall not arbitrarily charge employees for any loss or damage. The Employer may prefer charges against any employee for alleged negligence, resulting in excessive loss or damage. The Union will make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under Paragraph 8 of this agreement.
- The Employer agrees that

if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform, same shall be furnished and maintained by the Employer free of charge and shall bear the union label.

- Should the Employer require any employee to give bonds, the premium shall be paid by the Employer.
- The Employer agrees to cooperate in securing prompt payment of injury compensation insurance carriers as required by the Minnesota Workmen's Compensation Act.
- Seniority rights shall prevail in all matters relating to employment. In the application of seniority, however, ability to do the work shall determine. A list of the employees arranged in the order of their seniority shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the job.
 - Any controversy over the seniority standing of any employee covered by this agreement shall be referred to the Employers' Committee and the Union for settlement.
 - New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after having worked a total of thirty (30) continuous work days. Seniority to start from the first day of employment.
 - Any employee desiring a leave of absence from the job shall secure written permission both from the Union and the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved.
 - Senior employees, unless it is unavoidable, shall be given the greatest amount of work available each week. No favoritism shall be shown to junior employees.
 - Employees covered by this agreement shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. When called or put to work employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours per day and if they work six consecutive days shall be guaranteed a minimum of forty (40) hours pay for that week. It is agreed, however, that in the event work is suspended on account of weather beyond the control of the Employer, the provisions set forth in this paragraph shall not apply.
 - Except in cases of emergency or where it is clearly unavoidable, no employee shall work overtime until all employees on the seniority list have worked forty-eight (48) hours.
- The senior employees shall have first preference on the job, provided, however, that the present assignment of employees in the various classifications of work shall not be disturbed in any manner other than that set forth below:
 - When a job becomes open for any reason in any classification of work covered by this agreement, it shall be bulletined by the Employer. All employees in the order of their seniority standing are eligible to accept or reject this job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing.
 - In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate reason, the last employee hired shall be the first laid off, and in re-hiring employees to work, the first employee laid off shall be the first rehired. The necessary reassignment of employees to the various classifications of work shall be made accordingly.
 - Where there is an obvious discrimination against a senior employee under the present assignments to the various classifications of work, the Employer shall make the necessary adjustment.
- The Employer shall not discharge any employee without just cause and the employee shall be given one warning notice before discharge, except in cases of drunkenness on the job, dishonesty and refusal to follow Employer's instructions where no notice is necessary before discharge. After one warning notice has been given, the employee may notify the Union and if no investigation is made by the Union, the employee may be discharged at any time if

his work continues to be unsatisfactory. Any controversy under this paragraph shall be settled in accordance with provisions of paragraph 8.

- The Employer may prefer charges against an employee for alleged violation of properly posted working rules which do not conflict with any of the terms and provisions of this agreement. The Union shall make immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided under paragraph 8.
- The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the following procedure on seniority in the event that the Employer absorbs the business of another company.
 - In the event that a company other than a contract hauler, which has previously operated its own trucks discontinues this method of operation and turns its hauling over to a contract trucking company, the employees of this company working on the trucks may transfer to the company taking the contract and be placed at the bottom of the seniority list of that company with first preference for all work done for their former employer.
 - In the event that a contract for hauling is transferred from one hauling contractor to another, the men employed at the company which is losing the contract may elect in accordance with their seniority rights at that company to transfer to the company receiving the contract where they shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list and shall have no preference in hauling other than that provided by their seniority standing at the company to which they transfer.
 - Overtime, at the rate of time and one-half, shall be paid for all time worked in excess of nine and one-half hours per day and forty-eight (48) hours per week. Sundays and the following holidays shall be paid at the double time rate: New Years Day, Decoration Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Overtime, at the rate of time and one-half shall also be paid after 12:30 p. m. on Saturdays. If it is necessary to deliver to a job where a continuous pour of twenty-four (24) hours is in progress the straight time rate shall be paid.
 - The Employer shall not request or instruct any employee to go through a picket line where a union is on strike. The Employer agrees that in the event that the Employer becomes involved in a controversy with any other union, the Union will do all in its power to help effect a fair settlement.
 - The term "driver" shall be construed to mean the operator of a truck, motor-cycle, passenger, horse-drawn vehicle or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes and shall also include employees engaged in delivery service on foot or bicycle or any similar methods.
 - All employees shall be paid in full each week.
 - The following shall be the minimum rates of pay in the various classifications of work:
 - Drivers, warehousemen and other labor shall be paid 75c per hour.
 - No driver shall be permitted to allow anyone on his truck unless so authorized by the Employer.
 - The Employer shall pay the exchange rate charged for cashing out-of-town checks.
 - It is understood and agreed that the work week shall begin on Monday.

THIS CONTRACT shall take effect from the first day of June, 1939, and be in full force and effect up to and including the 31st day of May, 1940.

Card of Thanks
To Local 544
Dear Brothers in the Union:
I am home from a month spent in the hospital. I have an injured knee and am doing fine but will be laid up for sometime yet. I'll be rolling again in a few weeks. Many thanks for the beautiful flowers and kind words of sympathy and check sent by 544.
Yours in union,
C. G. PAGE

Drivers in Toledo Out on Strike
Having failed to achieve a new working agreement, the Teamsters Union in Toledo, Ohio, voted unanimously to go out on strike last week.

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

The Negotiating Committee is pretty well through with its work except for the Land-o'-Lakes contract which has been in Mr. Haney's hands for some time. Last year it was necessary to call a strike at this plant. A meeting has been arranged for next Friday with Mr. Brandt in the conciliator's office at the capitol. We hope that this year the L. O. L. will see fit to deal fairly with their workers and avoid a costly strike such as they had last year. If the Friday meeting is of no avail the workers will be called together to make plans for the next move.

When we talk about Old Timers again, let's remember Otto Swanson at Northland. Brother Swanson joined our union back in 1902 as a teamster in Rhode Island. It was the same year Daniel J. Tobin became a member. Today, Tobin is president of our International. But we are proud of Brother Swanson who goes out each day on the route and does his stuff.

It has been quite a job to keep track of customers served under the sliding scale system. Abuses crept into the picture at some creameries because the drivers were asked to do too much book-keeping. Last Wednesday the board called all dealers together and agreed upon a uniform system to mark the number of units sold to cash or ticket stops. A blank means no service. On customers who charge in the Route Book, only the amount of purchase will be marked. Butter purchases are to be designated. It is hoped the new and uniform system will prove satisfactory.

Harold Hurlie is back from an interesting trip to Baltimore, Maryland. As a member of the Shrine patrol he attended the national convocation of the Shriners. Now that Harold is back, Andy Jensen is getting lots of heat for packing some unnecessary articles into his suit case. We want the facts; what are they used for and why were you forced to carry them on your shoulder up and down the aisles?

Miss Iverson is back on the job for which many of us are thankful. She had a fine trip but also managed to visit the officers of milk drivers union in the west. In Los Angeles they are about 70% organized; have 3,000 members, two dollars dues, earn about \$185 a month (\$150 plus commission), are off one day a week, one week of vacation, have three girls in the office and pay their secretary treasurer \$65 per week plus car expense. Talk to Bernice when you get a chance, she has lots of good information.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

There is promise of trouble at the Star Valet.

Brother Rubin Latz paid us a visit at the office today.

Your B. A. called at Glen Lake last week to see Brother Carle and he sent his regards to all of you. He would like to have you stop in and visit with him. Visiting hours are from 3:30 to 5 and from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

We know of four more customers that quit the DyDee Wash last week.

If any of you know of any customers that they serve stop in and tell them the true facts in this case.


We took in five new members in the last two weeks.

Dinty Turkington of Lawrence's is leaving his job July 1 to assume his new duties as traffic dispatcher at the Elsholz Tri-State transfer. We wish him lots of luck. His pleasant good nature and true Irish wit will be greatly missed by a lot of us.

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



I don't know why some of the boys can't work for nothing, like I do, instead of demanding overtime for every 15 minutes they put in. No wonder the company's going broke.

Finks Testify They Make Most Dough Robbing Boss

Admissions by former strike-breakers and boss stool pigeons that they made more money robbing the industrial tyrants that hired them than they made in wages, were made last week in Washington before the senate labor committee holding hearings on the proposed La Follette-Thomas oppressive labor practices bill which would outlaw industrial espionage, strike-breaking, private armies and employer arsenals.

"What interests finks most is what they can steal," testified Paul Meggett, veteran labor spy. As examples of what he meant, Meggett stated on the stand that "for months after the Willard Storage battery strike in Cleveland you could go down to the fink hangouts on Ninth street and buy new high-price batteries at from \$3 to \$5 . . . Old timers told me that when they were on the Joseph & Feiss Clothing manufacturers' strike job they used to wear one or two suits under their old clothes every time they came out. They sold these suits after the strike was over.

Robbing the Robbers
"Every time a fink left the Cleveland Worsteds mills, he bulged with cans from the company commissary—several dollars worth a day per man. The Bush Terminal strike job in New York, where I worked for the Railway Audit & Inspection Agency, was a fink's bonanza. Boxes were busted open and the contents grabbed by the finks. They sold fine straw hats, neckties, perfumes, food, candy and other things for what they could get."

Badger Game
Another fink, C. M. Kuhl, with 16 years practical experience in strikebreaking, told about the use of women in the old badger game, and other methods used to involve strike leaders in scandals. "Strikers' wives were often frightened by women who went from door to door selling face cream and saying they had to make a living that way because their husbands lost their jobs in a strike. Many other sordid tricks were played to demoralize union men and make strikes fold up, Kuhl testified.

Provocation
Strike-breaking witnesses further testified, naming names and places, how union men were trapped and beaten, factory windows were shot out with rifles so "the union would get the blame for violence," and how other jobs were pulled "to heat up the job and make it last."

"Laying injunction bait" was a trick one witness illustrated with actual examples, showing how fights were started on picket lines so court injunctions could be obtained against unions. The testimony of the finks provided new insight into what the bosses love to refer to as "the American way of life."

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Negotiations for a new working agreement between the Warehouse Union and the U. S. Rubber company are nearing completion. The employees involved will receive adjustments in wages and working conditions.

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bids are asked on an informal basis without advertising, from three or more applicants. Judging by the last two calls the bidders were made eligible only on a very select basis. Nonunion (scab) operators seemed to be the choice. For all calls for trucks involving more than two hundred dollars and up to five hundred, bids must be sent to every operator of suitable equipment who is registered in the locality where the job is to be done.

Those of you who follow the WPA bidding setup know by now that the results of the letting last week for the period from July to September were terrible. You fellows with your open cut-throat competition have broken down all the gains made by the ITO in the last four years. Even you fellows who were working at the time and would turn down a WPA order before October sent in unreasonably low bids. Two hundred bids up to \$1.24. Do you think the city and county and state officials are sleeping and not watching what is going on? What is the matter with you city and county and state truckers? Do you think you can keep on working for \$1.50 an hour and offer bids like that? What is the idea of a county man working for \$1.95 an hour putting in bids at such a price merely to make sure of a few weeks work in the winter when he is already working under a rate that is adjusted on a reasonable basis. What kind of a response do you think you will get when you seek work in private industry and run on to a chiseling contractor? Think these things over and look into the future. Where do you figure the bids are going in September? Low bids were 90 cents. How long can one work at such a wage and keep his head above the gasoline bill? We have July, August and September meetings to overcome this vicious program. Are you going to find other more important things to do, or will you find the time to come to meetings and help battle this thing down? It is your baby; you can take it and like it and lie down, or you can get wise to what it is all about and act now besides blaming yourself for not having enough of a brain working when you fell into this trap.

Gassing With 977

The general membership meeting on Monday night, July 10th, promises to be a lively meeting. Among the topics for discussion is that of a Hospitalization Service for the membership. There have been several calls to the office in regard to the local making hospitalization service available to the members. This can only be done by the members themselves, as there must be at least 10 or 15 fellows who are willing to start the ball rolling. Mr. Jacobson from the Group Health Mutual, will be present to again explain the set-up. If you desire hospitalization service, plan to be present Monday.

Diek Gettins of the Co-op Service Station, 22nd and Washington Ave. N., with Mrs. Gettins, attended the funeral services for Mrs. Gettins' mother in Mankato last Monday. The local extends its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Gettins.

Roy Sturdevant, president of the local, leaves Saturday, July 8th, for Madison, Wis., where he will attend the special labor school session at the University of Wisconsin.

Word from Larry Davidson, who with Mrs. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Nichols of Winona, are vacationing on the North Shore, says that he is enjoying the outing, despite the cold and rainy weather. Larry will be back Monday, July 10th.

There are seventy-five men on the park board list and it is doubtful if five of those have sense enough to realize that now is the time to plan and take action so there are some jobs on the park board program. Because you are now working for a few months on the city or county you are satisfied to remain inactive, but when winter comes the hall will be full of summer butterflies and all of you going through a first class moan and job act because you have no work. Sponsors' funds for WPA work are set up to correspond with the federal fiscal year beginning July 1. Looking for payroll dough on Thanksgiving day will be nerts!

Mr. H. G. Knight, the new labor member of the park board, is a very swell person to know . . . A lot of rain is holding up the county crews from getting good time . . . Ask Barker how much his June dues cost him . . . And if you are working out south at noon time try out the Nokomis Inn at 34th Avenue and 50th Street for a real dinner.

Where are all those boys who are looking for a six by eight dump box and hoist? You can call Ch. 8988.

In a recent economy move by the Surplus Commodities Corporation six out of eight drivers who have been working in that division of the relief program for over a year have been laid off. Plans are being made to set up a central bureau where surplus products will be handed out over the counter as called for.

One good reason why it pays to register on Thursday. Duane Paulson was called for work and is now driving a park board truck temporarily.

July 6, Thursday, is the regular membership meeting . . . Excavators in the ITO ranks should watch the Organizer for a call to consider a counter-proposal by employers for a contract covering a coming year. Our men have been too lax in the past in taking part in negotiations over wages. Because this business is taken up in special drivers meetings is no reason why it should be neglected by those men who work for the shovel contractors.

IMPORTANT. From now on you are going to hear plenty at meetings about re-registering for all men on the city list. This will come in August. There will be plenty of notices in this column also.

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Omaha Drivers Tighten Lines On Fink Furniture Haulers

For more than ten months now seven Omaha furniture moving companies have been holding out against signing a union contract with Local 554 to conform to the area contract. Originally the "strike" began as a lockout. Consistently these labor-hating bosses have refused to agree to pay their men the living wage and give them the decent working conditions which the union's contract would guarantee.

There are seven companies involved—Bekins Van, Central Van, I-Go Van, Knowles Van, Saratoga Van, Ford Bros. Van and Fidelity Van.

New Picketing System
This week Local 554 inaugurated a new picket system to keep as careful a check as possible on these companies. Six regular pickets will be on duty at all of the terminals and warehouses. They will carry large banners, three feet high and four feet wide, which will be plainly readable from 300 feet. The six men will be chosen from the union's work list.

On June 24 Local 554 addressed a letter to 500 local unions, naming the companies involved and asking for the cooperation of all local drivers' unions in keeping these fink rigs off the highways. The letter also warns the unions to make careful investigation of anyone from Omaha who applies for membership in their locals. Several finks have been found, carrying paid-up membership cards from far-distant locals.

One of the methods used by these companies was demonstrated here today when pickets from the union investigated a moving job being attempted by an Allied Van truck. Both the driver and the client had been assured by an out-of-town agent of the company involved that all of the trouble here had been cleared up and that this company was straight with the union. It would be well for all ever-the-road drivers to carefully check all Allied Van trucks coming out of the Gate City. They are manned by finks, no matter what union card they carry. Incidentally, whatever card they do carry was obtained by fraud.

The Omaha boys' strike is the strike of the entire area. It can only be won by the complete cooperation of all of the over-the-road drivers and local unions.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

So far there is hardly a union local in the state that hasn't either been hamstrung or definitely crippled by the Stassen Labor Relations Law, apply and fittingly named by some the "Minnesota Slave Act."

I will be away for the next two weeks on my vacation and at this writing I don't know who will keep up the "good work" of column writing. Between you and me I'm not worrying because I'm going so far away that I won't have time to worry about such trifles till I get back.

The boys at Wonder had a pretty tough time of it Monday, one of their wrappers breaking down (it would on a day like that, eh, boys?) so most of the boys were running a couple of hours late.

Mel Edstrom and Loren Johnson visited Costello's Grove last Sunday while a picnic was in progress and report that all the nice things we said about Costello's Grove are true. Lore and Mel made the final arrangements so we are all set. How about getting that money in for the books? Do it now while you think of it, and last but not least, for land sakes don't forget to get up a party and get out to the Picnic Sunday after next, July 16, at Costello's Grove at 92nd and Cedar.

The Roy Youngs (Purity South Plant) are expecting very soon. Not much of a column this week as they are kinda rushing me. We'll see you at the picnic.

This war will be followed by other wars, unless a series of successful revolutions takes place. The fable of "war to end war" is sheer, noxious myth. — LENIN, Nov., 1914.

Unfair Mortuaries

Do Not Patronize—The following funeral homes unfair to Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912: Rainville Funeral Home, 222 East Hennepin; Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park; Davies Mortuary, 1403 Harmon Place; Gill Brothers, 1414 Laurel Avenue; McDivitt Funeral Home, 2835 East Lake; Knaeble company, 513 Plymouth Avenue north; Welander Quist, Hennepin at Dupont, Chicago at 19th, West Broadway at Fremont; Albinson Mortuary, Chicago Avenue at 17th.

To All Friends of Organized Labor—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.

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

Arlo "Flying Dutchman" Liebler is rolling up "solo time" in the Piper Cubs and Taylorcrafts. This is a lot more fun than loggin' time on a "punkin'." Wally "Jimmy Crickets" Russell and Pat O'Connor from the Minnesota Cab unit are also flying this year.

Harold Walters and James Edholm are back on the job, just 30 and 35 days after the Docs snipped their appendix.

Among the plutocrats who are on vacation are Clyde Keady and Vern Falk.

Thought for the week-end—the biggest mistake a "Sunday driver" makes is driving too fast to prove he's not a "Sunday driver."

Oddities—Hired a hack to hound him at 4 a. m. One morning last week Donald Bain had the unusual experience of driving a log a little the worse for drink, out to the lakes from where the guy got out and had Don follow him "cause that's his cure for the "D. T.'s."

Fred Settrum, "the sage of Seventh street," is cheerful despite an attack of "leaditis" in his right foot. We all have it more or less through necessity but we all don't get caught.

In the war-ridden Orient they're using donkey carts to save gas. We could do the same so Ed Irving could sleep nights, but what a job that would be for Hank Waterbury, Ernie Hoffman and Wiggins.

Mr. and Mrs. James Huntington of East Lake street are celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary the first of July. "I owe it all to the little lady," says Jimmy.

Harvey Swenson is back on days after night driving for a couple months; it's a good way to find out how the other half lives.

Emil "Shipwreck" Kariger nearly had one again Tuesday, June 26. The Local 958 executive board members and their families—among the very socially prominent were Edgar Smith, Roy Brown, Emil Kariger, Howie Miller, Ed Harlan and William Warner. They rented one of the big power launches for the day and proceeded to do Mille Lacs. Howie caught the first fish, they don't come that big at Witt's. Fish came in so fast after a few hours it ceased to be exciting. Highlights

of the party was a young hurricane, one of the worst to hit the lake in years; waves as big as our governor's ideas came lashing over them; women and children and invalids were rushed toward the cabin while the men were out in the open taking copious quantities of the bounding main down their necks while singing hail, hail, the gang's all here. Took them five hours to dry out in a cottage after they docked, but everybody had a good time and plenty of fish. Kariger is organizing another fishing and picnic excursion out there some time this coming week; if interested (who isn't?) see him.

The little boss comes right out in the open and asserts that the Yellow Cab boys are the best drivers in the city. Of course we knew it all the time but we also appreciate the fact that someone who ought to know thinks so too.

Shorty Rollins has a large size baby's crib for sale. Smatter, Shorty, did you outgrow it?

See where Walt Pearson, the incorrigible, has gone into drydock at 15th and Chicago for the summer.

Notice the pocketful of cigars that Crying Willie is totting around? Heard he had his compensation raised.

Rosy Ryan and Tom O'Brien, a couple of irrepressible Fenians, have found a new place to fish, so now Rosy gets in on time these days.

Clyde Keady boarded out the goats for a month, and is taking a trip to the coast.

Carmichael McNeal had the run of the week—Milwaukee Station to the Federal Office Building.

Dr. Daly is going on his vacation next week. Hoo-ray! Now if he would only take Mr. Grapp and Mr. Knutson with him, that would be something.

Bill Baird had a very successful operation and is doing nicely, thank you.

1859 Seeks New Grain King Pact

For the past two weeks the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 has been conducting negotiations with the Grain King company for a new agreement, the old pact having expired July 1st.

The company has threatened to go out of business if the union persists in its demands. Local 1859 has taken a definite stand for wage increases and paid vacations. The present hourly minimum at Grain King's is 50c.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

Last week's business: Jimmy Styskal bought himself a '35 Plymouth in one of the better used car markets out on Lake street last Saturday.

When you just naturally guess that she's agonia say, why the boys on third floor take up a collection and a neat little sum they got, too. Guess who? Algot Ronquist.

And the mystery man's last words were: "Don't buy me a beer, just give me a nickel."

Dropped in to see Oscar Norgren last Tuesday. Oscar was sitting on the sun porch looking out the window. He says he is feeling lots better, has a fine nurse, and as soon as he gets rid of a few sore spots he will get back into the harness.

Andrew Hoffin is back home now recuperating after his long illness.

Nels Hagen of the lumber yard is on a 30-day leave. Nels is in Seattle, Washington, this week.

The wheels of industry almost didn't get greased one day last week. The radiator fell off Emil Carlson's car on the way to work but he managed to cool her down on air cooling. Nothin' seems to stop this guy.

Brother Andrew Bresny wishes to announce with very justified pride that there is a new baby girl at his residence. The new arrival weighed in at 7 pounds 8 ounces Saturday night. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bresny.

Willy Harry Raymond at Warren Shade, please get hot and pop with a little good gossip for this column? C'mon, Harry. You know how we love our gossip.

It's an ill rain that does nobody good. Local 1859's diamondball team was going great guns against 544 Youth Section on Parade 15 a week ago Tuesday. The woodenware men were leading 5 to 1. John Peterson had pounded out two hits, each good for a score. Nikolai (iron man) Masica had brought in a score. Boy, oh, boy. It looked like Custer's last stand for the Youth Section. Then it rained and the game was called with only one and one-half innings played. No contest unless four innings are completed.

The Red Top is the only union cab company in Indianapolis, just in case any of you go there on your vacation.

Ann Schuttenberg reports that she was bitten by a fish while on her vacation. No damage done, however. Heaven always protects the working girl.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Local 1859 convention call to all unions in Minnesota on September 11, in Duluth to last until all business is completed. The purpose will be to consider ways and means to prevent the Stassen Slave Act from grinding us into the dirt. More about it at the general meeting. Adios.

Vincent Truck Lines Struck by Wichita Drivers

Last Friday the Wichita Drivers Union Local 795 declared a strike against the Vincent Truck Lines which operates between Wichita and Topeka. Local 795 reported that all but two employees answered the strike call.

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CHAPTER IV—THE SLAVERY RACKET CONTINUES

By the Sage of the Mack Truck

From then on Runtus was raising meals for Bullius. Runtus was allowed enough of the eats raised to keep him in shape to do the work. The tie that tied Runtus to Bullius was a rope or chain around Runtus' neck and held by Bullius. Leading Runtus around his sundry chores, however, was tiresome business. Moreover, it dawned upon Bullius that two Runtuses on the job would produce twice as many meals as one Runtus. Following this hunch Bullius hired Big Stick to prevent Runtus from deserting the job while he got busy catching more Runtus. Big Stick, on his part, got his pay out of the meals Runtus raised for Bullius. And that, dear 1859'ers, is how the strong arm of the law originated.

But as the number of Runtus steadily increased, thanks to the enterprise, push, pep and club of Bullius, the control of the Runtus became increasingly difficult. Something more efficient was needed. The answer to that was the Written Law.

Don't miss Chapter V, the Written Law.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Many of the boys left town for four days of fishing and recreation. But I stayed home to try to scribble something, though pickings have been mighty slim.

I note that Stassen "the people's friend" has driven the entering wedge in his plan to cut wages throughout the state. The opulent WPA workers must now work 130 hours to earn their over-stuffed salary of \$60.50 per month. Harold is knocking all us overpaid guys off the gravy train and hooking on more private cars for his stooges. However, even circus trains get wrecked occasionally.

Keep your eyes and ears open after Wednesday when the new city council gets "organized" without buttons. Stormy weather ahead, probably.

The park department has hired four new drivers this summer and everybody is busy trying to keep the grass down to a foot in height. The heavy rains keep us humping. The city licks have all come up to the grass-line and even Tonka is rising steadfastly. Could be, we are entering one of those wet cycles I've heard about. No, I'm not talking about a flooded sidewalk.

Brother Frank Grasse says the new Toro mower is a pippin.

To "Home James"—I wish to apologize to the brothers of Local 912 for inadvertently offending them when I referred to employers and their methods of vote-getting. I had in mind only those domestic employees who are not organized and who, consequently, have no protection from the boss's personal attempts to dominate all his employees in political matters. Henry Ford used the same tactics trying to get votes for Hoover, though I doubt that he has the temerity to try it again. Personally, I consider Local 912 to be one of the best organizing jobs in the country inasmuch as there are only two such locals in the United States. The "insult" was unintentional and I ask your pardon for the oversight on my part.

While on the subject, I wish to inform all union readers of this column that any affront or annoyance to any union man or woman coming from me can be explained in one of the following ways: 1. Ignorance (mine). 2. Carelessness in erasing and punctuation. 3. A desire to rib somebody and 4. Ignorance on the reader's part; not probable, but could be.

I ain't a bad guy at heart.

Kenosha Drivers Sign 3 More Gas Stations

Three more filling stations were signed up last week by the Kenosha Drivers Union Local 95, bringing the number of union stations to eleven. The three recent signers are the Co-op Service, Kasten's "66" Service, and Don's Super-Service.

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On WPA Projects

By Blanche Albert

The workers on the Federal project at Fort Snelling did not believe us when we said a holiday demonstration was necessary. Now they have found out, too late, that the bosses are not to be trusted or believed. The Fort Snelling project was not well-organized, and over half of them were 403's less than a month after our demonstration. Other cuts are coming and will be felt in all branches of WPA.

Relief budgets are due to be slashed by the new Welfare Board.

The need for organized resistance to these cuts is very great. As the need grows, so must the union grow. Every member, by cooperating with his steward, will do his part in building a strong wall for our defense.

The government has chosen to build guns and planes for war, in preference to aid for the unemployed. In view of this situation, we face a critical period. As working members lose their jobs and relief authorities apply the pressure, we must be ready to face—and overcome—great difficulties. The union must have a willing army of workers to help with the fight. Do your part. Help build the Committee of Five Hundred.

Don't forget our next meeting on July 17, will be an open one. If you have a friend who doesn't belong, bring him and we will make him feel right at home.

Seen at a fashionable summer resort Sunday: Eddie F. and the old president himself. We wonder if them two young girls could have been their wives.

Here is a little item we found in grandpa's old chest in the attic. It was written by a practically unknown young feller by the name of Abraham Lincoln, and reads: "Capital is the fruit of labor, and could not exist if labor had not first existed. Labor, therefore, deserves much the higher consideration."

Them there words sure look pretty, and old grandpa must have thought a lot of that piece because it was neatly framed and now it's on the wall, right over our old work bench.

Thought for the day, or How to Get to Heaven in Good Shape: Be sure and go to a union mortuary when you die (we have a good many mortuaries signed) and old St. Peter will let you by easy. (Anyway, that is what I heard, and if the Organizer prints it, it's the truth.)

Sometimes the poor are praised for being thrifty. But to recommend thrift to the poor is both grotesque and insulting. It is like advising a man who is starving to eat less. For a town or country laborer to practice thrift would be absolutely immoral. Man should not be ready to show that he can live like a badly-fed animal. . . . A poor man who is ungrateful, unthrifty, discontented, rebellious, is probably a real personality, and has much in him. — OSCAR WILDE.

With the Limousines

"Home James"

My, we chauffeurs are a quiet bunch. No scandals to report this week, not even a wife beater. Well, as the old saying goes, Still Water Runs Deep.

Just the same, you guys could give us a lift by phoning in an item now and then, such as Junior swallowing the lawn mower, or how big the fish was that the old lady caught (we believe anything).

Anyway, here's a brother looking for a house or apartment with bedroom, in the price class of \$28 a month. If you know of such a place, call Jerry.

Vacation time seems to be here, and several of the brothers are fluttering hither and yon. Good old "Farmer Fitz" is on the road somewhere between Aldrich avenue and Norfolk, Va. I wonder if the old Chev will make it.

What's become of our old sidekick Gordon L. We heard he was back from California, but, of course, that's only hearsay.



What Club, Lou? Schmidt's City Club, of course, Tommy! It belongs with the home plate. My wife always has a case on hand.

(Elkhurst 4820)



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

What the New Relief Bill Means

On Thursday the United States Senate passed the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief bill, and on Friday Congress sent the bill to the White House. Saturday President Roosevelt signed the bill. He was sure to sign it—because he proposed it.

As the New York Times wrote on Sunday, "The WPA got \$1,477,000,000, which was the exact sum asked by the president."

The Republicans and Democrats in Congress joined in adding a number of important amendments to the relief bill which will result in intensifying the attack of the bosses on the unemployed and the union movement. One amendment calls for a 30-day lay-off period annually for all WPA workers. Another attacks the wages of skilled workers by knocking out the prevailing wage clause in previous WPA bills. The Federal Theater project has been scrapped. WPA participation in individual building projects was limited to \$52,000.

In cold figures, this is what the new Roosevelt-Woodrum bill means to the unemployed. Under the new program, WPA employment will be cut from about 2,900,000 to 2,047,000. A cut of about 200,000 will be made between now and July 31st. In August 300,000 will be laid off, and in September an additional 300,000 will be turned out to graze.

The hours of all WPA workers, skilled and unskilled, will be set at 130 monthly.

On August 31st a new WPA wage scale will go into effect, leveling down wages.

Also on August 31st WPA workers who have been on project work for more than 18 months must take a compulsory 30-day vacation. Actually, the "vacations" will be much longer. As the United Press cynically states, "These vacations . . . may last longer if no places are open on the rolls at the end of the 30-day period." Of course there will be no place on the rolls.

No wonder General Malin Craig, retiring Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, recommends "the establishment of five seasoned hard-hitting Army divisions and the creation of a reserve force large enough to expand existing land forces to an Army of a million men."

Exposing Themselves

Judges dispense even-handed justice, alike to the rich and the poor.

University presidents are men devoted to culture and truth and are "above the battle" between the exploiters and the exploited.

Men of the cloth preach and live according to the highest and purest morality.

These are some of the "sacred cows" that the bosses have always held up before the people, in order to blind the people to the reality of present-day life and to keep the people in mental and physical bondage. These are some of the lies that are held up before us.

Several weeks ago we commented on the case of Judge Manton, tenth ranking justice in the United States, who was caught selling justice over his bench like a shopkeeper sells wormy apples. For fifteen years Judge Manton had sold his judicial decisions to the highest bidder. In one period of less than twelve months, he accepted over a million dollars in bribes. But he had served the Sixty Families well and so they only gave him two years in prison. Starving men who steal loaves of bread have been sentenced to ten years in prison. The Sixty Families saw to it that none of the wealthy corporations caught bribing Judge Manton were brought to justice.

Last week the nation's press made a one-day sensation out of the flight of Dr. J. Monroe Smith, president of Louisiana State University. The Prexy's racket was speculating with other people's money. He put up several hundred thousand dollars worth of unauthorized university bonds as collateral for his account with his broker, at a time when he was trying to corner the wheat market. When the phony nature of the bonds was discovered, Smith borrowed \$500,000 from Louisiana banks on bogus copies of resolutions authorizing him to contract the obligations on behalf of the university.

That Smith isn't the only crook in high public office in the state of Louisiana is indicated by the resignation of Governor Leche. The New York Times cynically and ironically refers to the Governor's resignation as "one of those 'coincidences' common in Louisiana politics." You can be sure the investigators can uncover plenty more filth in that situation if they think it expedient to do so. If the Northwest Organizer didn't have more important things to comment upon than the revolting crookedness and hypocrisy of the bosses and their agents, we could literally fill our pages each week with current examples of how the righteous fat boys fleece the public.

It is well to remember that this is the very class of people who never tire of shouting "labor racketeer" at every trade unionist who has the courage to stand up for the rights of his fellow workers.

Big Business' Little Brother

(The following editorial analyzing "little business" appeared in the June 29th St. Paul Union Advocate. That paper's penetrating comments on the political attitude of "little business," its relation to organized labor, and the stupid attitude of the Farmer-Labor Party towards the Main Street bankers and merchants are heartily endorsed by the Northwest Organizer. We pass along the complete editorial to our readers.)

There appears to be a lot of weeping these days over "little business" and, strangely enough, a number of liberal political movements have joined in the wailing. Folks figure that all the economic wrongs of the world well from big business; that it is Wall Street and not Main Street that raises all the havoc; that the small, independent merchant and industrialist is the paragon of civic virtue, and that when he weeps—the common man should likewise weep. A year ago "little business" had its inning at Wash-

Sioux City Bosses Trying Frame-up On Union Leaders

Boss Jury Convicts Howard Fouts and Ralph Johnson, Officials of Drivers Union Local 383 — Conviction Made in Face of Testimony of Iowa Public Officials and Businessmen that Two Men Are Innocent — Frame-up Aimed at Over-Road Campaign and Unionism in Sioux City—Local 383 Plans to Launch Nationwide Drive to Mobilize Support Against Boss Trap

Today in Sioux City, Iowa, and in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the most outrageous labor frame-up since the celebrated Mooney-Billings case of 1916 is being attempted by a ruthless clique of anti-union employers.

The frame-up is already well nigh completed and only a mighty nation-wide protest on the part of organized labor can stop the frame-up machine and rescue its victims from the clutches of the boss courts.

Late last week in Sioux Falls, driver testified he was suspicious of the defendants "because I wondered how a couple of such rough-looking men could have such a good car."

A Sioux City detective, who has been on the force more than seven years, testified he thought Johnson and Fouts "were CIO'ers."

The most damaging evidence against the two drivers' officials was given by a Sioux Falls woman who testified positively she saw the two men in Sioux Falls the morning of the alleged attack on the truck. This woman's husband is a state employee who works next door to the Sioux Falls police department. For months a good share of the Sioux City detective and police force had been in Sioux Falls laying the basis for the frame-up machine.

Rejects Union Evidence
The jury apparently accepted this woman's testimony as good coin, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE DEFENSE WAS ABLE TO FURNISH EVIDENCE FROM MANY PROMINENT IOWA BUS-

ness men and public officials that Howard Fouts and Ralph Johnson were two hundred miles away, in Council Bluffs, at the same time as the alleged destruction of the truck.

Organized labor cannot begin to understand the significance of this frame-up until it knows the background of the case.

For the past two years, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has been carrying on a successful organizing campaign among over-road drivers in the North Central states. This campaign has resulted in the unionization of tens of thousands of over-road drivers, and the winning of union agreements which mean higher wages and shorter hours and better conditions for these workers.

A Blow Against Unionism
This campaign has met its stiffest resistance in two Middle West towns, Omaha and Sioux City, each town dominated by a die-hard clique going under the name of a Business Men's Association. These two boss associations have been mainly responsible for a lockout against the drivers, put into effect by the employers last September. Though Local 554 in Omaha and Local 383 in Sioux City have been able to smash the lockout and win union agreements for the majority of the drivers, the lockout is still in effect against the employees of several over-road and local transfer companies.

Drivers Are Vanguard
In each city the drivers' union has become the spearhead of organized labor. The victories of the drivers have inspired thousands of workers to join the unions of their trade.

The Sioux City Drivers Union has won outstanding successes and is looked up to by workers throughout Iowa. Local 383 has won the first victories over the Sioux City bosses that have been won by labor in many years.

The bosses in both Sioux City and Omaha have tried every foul trick but one in their attempt to stop the growth of the drivers' movement. The pages of the Northwest Organizer have recorded this anti-union campaign of the bosses and the way in which the organized drivers have triumphed.

Now the labor-haters in desperation are resorting to the most hideous trick of all—the frame-up—in their effort to discredit Local 383, to discourage the workers of Sioux City from pressing for decent wages and conditions, and to smear the organizing campaign of the drivers' movement in this area.

Once the reader understands this background, he will understand why the union-smashers of Sioux City, with the undoubted backing of other bosses in the area, are attempting to frame Johnson and Fouts for a crime they never committed.

Wide Protest Being Launched
The two victimized union officials are now out on bail furnished by their union. On Thursday, July 6th, they are to be sentenced by the county judge.

Attorney Muntl of Sioux City and Attorney C. I. McNutt of Des Moines, well-known labor lawyer, have been retained by the union to defend its two officials.

Local 383 has already made a motion to arrest the judgment of the jury. On Thursday, it will file a motion for a new trial and means to carry the case to the state supreme court.

At the same time, the Sioux City General Drivers Union is laying plans to launch a nation-wide campaign exposing the frame-up and mobilizing support for the fight to clear these two innocent men whose only "crime" is their devotion to unionism and their fellow workers.

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544 Transfer Men Backed By IBT

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The union has already scheduled a special meeting of the Transfer Section to be held next Monday night, July 10th, at the Drivers Hall. The Strike Committee will notify every transfer worker of this important meeting, and all men are to turn out without fail Monday night.

Union to Answer Commission
Local 544 is now drafting its reply to the report of the Stassen Commission. The Commission, incidentally, has no power to enforce its findings. In general, reports of this nature are only drawn for the effect they may have on innocent or unenlightened people in mobilizing support against the labor movement.

In anticipation of the union's answer, it is worth while to make several comments on the report of the three-man commission.

Despite the fact that an entire day was spent by union spokesmen in presenting its argument for paid vacations for the transfer drivers, and despite the further fact that the union had no difficulty in proving that practically all its sections now receive paid vacations, the commission's report ignores this important point.

In general, it can truthfully be said that the commission's report disregards the points made by the union, and goes out of its way to try to find arguments to bolster up the weak position of the Transfermen's association.

An Example of Squirming
In discussing the closed shop issue, the commission has to admit that part of the transfer industry, the Cold Storage Section, is already operating under the closed shop. It further has to admit that "essentially all employees in the classifications affected of the various firms involved belong to Local 544."

And yet it lightly dodges the point by deciding that the closed shop issue "is not properly within the purview of this report."

The Bosses' Friends
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role that such bodies are scheduled to play in Stassen's drive against the union movement.

Far from lowering wages, as the commission proposes, wages must be raised, hours must be cut, and more men must be employed.

This is the program of the American Federation of Labor, this is the program of Local 544, this is the program of every union in the country today. Every labor economist has endorsed this program, and even a large number of orthodox economists has admitted that this is the crux of the problem confronting the American people.

Let the commission try to "sell" its reports to the workers of this state. Reasonable people will conclude that Local 544 is thoroughly justified in its position that when weekly hours are cut, hourly wages must be adjusted to give the workers the same weekly wage as they received before.

In the meantime, the workers of the General Motors company are suffering as a result of this controversy between the AFL and the CIO. General Motors is taking unholy advantage of the situation. It would be smart if Martin and Thomas would lay aside their differences long enough to whip the corporation into line.

After all, the workers have but one enemy—and he is a common enemy—THE BOSS.

On July 1, 22,000 WPA workers were laid off in Chicago, as the result of the new WPA Appropriations Bill. This number represents one fourth of all those workers formerly employed on WPA. The Illinois state legislature recently cut the state's relief appropriation to \$72 million for the coming fiscal year. This cuts Chicago's state money considerably and allows only four million dollars to be spent per month for a relief load which exceeds 111,000 families.

With the addition of 22,000 heads of families to the present huge load it means, according to the New York Times, that the allotment per family will be cut sufficiently to allow the Chicago relief department to keep the monthly expenditure within the four million outlay."

The new Illinois Relief Law makes it mandatory that a relief applicant be a resident of the city, village or township three years before he is eligible for relief.

By the way—Business indices are still up.

And the Administration has its nice big armament appropriation to play with.

On the National Picket Line

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LOCAL 471 General Membership — First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 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 Grievance Board—July 10, 24 Casket Section—July 19, August 2 1859 Executive Board—Every Friday night Twin City Stewards—July 10 and 24
LOCAL 564 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 20481 Executive Board—July 10 General Membership—July 27
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 JULY Monday, July 3—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, July 5—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, July 6—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, July 7—Job Stewards Monday, July 10—General Membership Tuesday, July 11—Lumber Wednesday, July 12—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, July 14—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Sunday, July 16—Over-the-Road Drivers, 10 a. m. Monday, July 17—Furniture Stores, Coal Tuesday, July 18—Building Material Thursday, July 20—Tent and Awning, Printing, Newspaper—10 a. m. Friday, July 21—Job Stewards Monday, July 24—Spring Water Tuesday, July 25—Sand and Gr