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WPA Projects Closed as Strikers Press Demands

On the **National** Picket Line

The workers of America ar Alive again.

Witness: Hundreds of thousands of WPA workers open ly challenging the govern-ment's move to legislate them back into even more miserable poverty than they have been

Witness: Hundreds of thousands of packing house workers waiting fer dispute.
the word that will send them into nation-wide strike against the biggest of the Big Four Packers-Armour and Company.

stly

Witness: Bloody Harlan where the striking coal min-ers clashed with the National Guard last week.

Last week in Chicago a conver tion of the Packing House Workers Organizing Committee-CIOvoted unanimously to give the Executive Board the power to call strikes in any or all of the Armour by the NLRB to the PWOC for sole bargaining right. They also gave the Board power to call strikes against the others of the Big Four-le., Wilson, Cudahy and Swift, if they continue to refuse to sign agreements with the

Carl Van Bittner, chairman of the PWOC, announced, immediately after strike authorit had been granted, that an appeal had been made to President Roosevelt, asking him to intervene and force the packers to enter into negotiations with the PWOC. Also, Tuesday's paper an-nounced that the union had appealed to the Chicago City Council Committee on Labor and that that body had called a meeting with representathe Armour Com-

The PWOC claims certification as sole bargaining agency in Ar-mour plants in Chicago, Kansas City, Kans., St. Joseph, Mo., Sioux City, and Mason City, Ia., South St. Paul, West Fargo, Denver, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, and National City, Ill., as well as in the Armour soap factories in Chicago, Birmingham and Milwaukee.

of the Armour Company claims that both the PWOC and the Employes Protective (two guesses what that is) claims a majorit of the workers. In the recent NLRB hearings it was proven, according to the Oma-PWOC, that the CIO affiliate has a dues paying membership of 728 out of a pos-sible 11 or 12 hundred eli-

Formal notice of the conven company on Tuesday, July 17.

Carl Van Bittner promised the delegates either "a joint working agreement or the dammedest strike you ever saw in this great industry." John L. Lewis also pledged the full support of the national CIO.

vicious and horrible labor history. vacation with pay in advance." Backed by the millions which they have squeezed from the veins of their workers, the Big Four are (Continued on page 4)

The new union agreement in the transfer industry constitutes a brilliant victory for Local 544.

Transfer Pact is Smashing Triumph for Local 544 All Projects Closed After Tension Following Police Attack on Picket Lines Friday Night—Mass Funeral Given Emil Bergstrom, Murdered Picket—Joint Action Committee Demands 5-Day Dismissal Clause Be

Maintains Weekly Wages With Cut in Hours—Win Paid Vacations—Stassen Commission Had Recommended Wage Cuts and No Vacation—Local 544 Maintains Principle that Weekly Wages Will Be Preserved Des-pite Cut in Hours

Wednesday morning Local 544's Negotiating Committee reported that the new agreement with the Minne-apolis Transfermen's Association is all ready to sign save for editorial revision on a few clauses. The agreement constitutes a smashing triumph for the General Drivers Union, and is in glaring contrast to the settlement proposal advanced by Stassen's three-man commission.

The merits of a union negotiating committee versus a

shown than in the present trans- 359 Spars

holding its hearings in the dispute, had advised Local 544 to accept a Barnes Firm wage decrease and to forget about paid vacations for the union mem-

As the result of direct nego-544 not only defeated the wage for the coming year. cut but obtained paid vacations for

Weekly Wage Maintained

Under terms of the new agreeent, weekly hours for all classifications effected by the Wages and Hour law are set as follows: From June 1st, 1939, to October 23rd, 1939: 44 hours at straight time, plus 2 2/3 hours at vertime (time and one-half).

From October 24, 1939 to October 23rd, 1940: 42 hours at straight time, plus 4 hours at over-

From October 24th, 1940, to be action. June 1st, 1941: 40 hours at straight time, plus 5 1/3 hours at

hours, from 46 2/3 to 46, to within the next few days.

The shortening of hourse not affect the weekly wage, how-ever; this was the major point at dispute between the union and the ransfer bosses.

The weekly wage for warehousemen, for instance, will re-main constant at \$28.80 during all three periods.

mendation would have had the unon continue to accept a wage cut until October 24th, 1939, after which another wage cut, bringing the scale for warehousemen down to \$26.25 would have gone into

A Matter of \$265.20

The difference between what the the employers amounts to \$2.55 a week, or \$132.60 a year, or \$265.20 for the two-year period.

Back Pay

In addition to this, the men are receive back pay from June 1st. 1939, to the present, the con-

Paid Vacations

Whereas the Stassen commis sion tried to argue against paid vacations for the union members, the new transfer agreement pro-vides for a week's paid vacation for all employees of 2 years' standing. The exact wording of the

lause, section 38, is as follows: "All employees on the seniority list for two years or longer who have been employed for 40 full weeks or the equivalent in hours, The packing industry has a long, shall be given six consecutive days'

The Stassen commission, after With Wheeler

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 has informed the Wheel er Barnes company that the union tiations between the union and will not tolerate any stalling on the employers' association, Local the negotiations for an agreement the color of the coming year. Members have reported to Local 359 officials that the company is delib erately holding back the granting of vacations, on the grounds the contract has not yet been completely settled.

This is just a device the co pany is using to force its en ployees to agree to the company terms. Employees of the Wheele Barnes firm have many times den onstrated their loyalty to the unio indicating, through the union offi cials, that unless a satisfactory set tlement is reached, the result will

The demands of the union are certainly moderate. The scale of ages being paid these workers is below that paid elsewhere in Min riod covered by the contract, there will be a progressive, though slight, shortening of the weekly pany is due to come to a climax

Teamsters Joint Council to Meet In St. Cloud

The next meeting of the Minwill be held in St. Cloud on Friday evening, August 11th. The drivers in St. Cloud, Brainerd and Willmar are now affiliated with the Minneapolis Council. Out of cour-



citizens of Minneapolis a taste of tear gas and hot lead at the WPA sewing project Friday night. Six armored cars spewing forth tear gas and bullets charged the unarmed picket line repeatedly and when the smoke cleared away, one picket was dead and seventeen were seriously enough injured to re quire hospitalization, including a small boy and girl. Leach isn't the only one who must bear the

This is just Mayor Leach's police giving the | Attorney General Murphy and President Ro with their "You can't strike" talk and the inflammatory statements about "racketeering" must share up by Harrington and supported the blame, as must the WPA administrators, Glotzbach and Harrington, who asked for the police and and Roosevelt against the strike complained because the police were not severe

Police Sergeant John Albright, infamous for leading the murderous attack in 1934 which resulted in the deaths of Ness and Belor, was in

State Over Road Locals WPA Strike Name Dunne Chairman

Delegates from General Drivers unions throughout the state met Sunday morning in Local 120's hall in St. Paul to draft proposals for changes in the new area overroad pact and to elect a state chairman and delegates to the area conference scheduled to be held in Cincinatti

on Tuesday, July 25th.

John Geary, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, was present at Sunday's meeting.

Tuesday the strike will be 100 per Arthur Hudson of St. Paul pre-

neapolis acted as secretary. pact were discussed and agreed upon. A straight 75c hourly wage of the scales proposed. It was voted to he A number of changes in the area on all runs outside of the subur-ban areas, plus lodging, was voted ban areas, plus lodging, was voted next meeting wil be held in Wicity is to decide where the city scale will end and the over-road eapolis Teamsters Joint Council the the city and road zones and noscale will begin. Locals are to settify the state chairman of the de-

Higher Scale for ITO

The Sunday conference agreed tesy and friendship for the new that a higher scale was due in- Joint Councils in the state-St. structed to turn them into headaffiliates the Minneapolis Joint Council will meet from time to time in the three out-state cities. dependent truck owners operating Paul, Duluth and Minneapolis—quarters where they will be pasted will elect its own delegate to the on placards and carried in a patient of the pauling pa

state chairman is to be notified rons, are the inspiration for the

It was voted to hold regular nona on Sunday, August 27th, at strike headquarters has been set 11 a. m. The September meeting will be held in St. Cloud.

Labor News. The mayor and the

Miles Dunne Named Chairman In the balloting for state chairurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters and Congress Joint Council was elected.

Each of the three Teamsters

Continues In Illinois

Lasalle County, Ill. Monday-Over a thousand out of 1,700 WPA workers are striking and

Labor News. The mayor and the city council have officially endorsed the strike and have sent man, Miles Dunne, secretary-treas- telegrams of protest to Roosevelt

Seven hundred 403's are expect-

Revoked—Presses Demands for Relief on Welfare Board, City Council—Leach Calls for U. S. Army, Gets Turned Down

Against the background of a growing international war crisis and the open hostility of the administration towards the nation-wide WPA strike, WPA workers in Minneapolis continued to hold their lines firm during the past seven-day period, a period marked by the murderous relice attack on the right lines let Finder in the triple of the control of the police attack on the picket lines last Friday night at the WPA sewing project, the opening of negotiations between

rade Grounds.

Friday noon a handful of women finks, misled by boss prop-aganda, were escorted through the picket line at the WPA sewing pro-jects upon which the Joint Action Committee had concentrated its forces. In a provocative move licking the boots of the national administration. tear gas against the unarmed picket line

Friday night at 7 p. m. when the second shift came out of the project Police Sergeant Strike leaders estimate by John Albright was in charge of the finks issued forth from the build-Arthur Hudson of St. Paul pre-Streator, with their flying squad-rons, are the inspiration for the with riot guns and bullets. When entire county. The AFL Trades the gas cleared away, one picket, and Labor Assembly of Streator Emil Bergstrom, was found dead, monthly meetings of all General and the Lasalle County CIO have shot through the forehead, and seventeen others seriously enough wounded to require hospitaliza-

> attack have testified that the po-lice behaved like madmen. Insane ice behaved like madmen. with fear they fired blindly into the crowd, wounding a little boy and little girl. Some of the testi-

ed elsewhere in this issue.

esponsible head of the Minneapo-s police, Mayor Leach rushed strike until they receive union

the police and the WPA adminis- Monday morning and again Tuestration swept the city at news of day evening. the murderous attack of the poice on unarmed pickets and peaceful bystanders, Glotzbach ounced all WPA projects in Mineapolis would remain closed in- to the above demands.

assen ventured to dabble in the Boerbach and Peter Murck. trike to the extent of broadcastng an invitation to labor leaders on meet with him at the capitol. FBI, and condemned "Mayor The strike's Joint Action Commit- Leach's stupid brutal policies." He tee met at the Minneapolis Central lashed out at Harrington and "his Labor Union early Saturday and superior" for their provocative designated a committee of six to attitude, and presented the prosee Stassen. On the committee were Roy Weir, Walter Frank, Peter Murck, Max Geldman, Joe Watson gave as his opinion that van Nordstrand and Chester Wat- "the WPA administration has lost

the Joint Strike Committee and Glotzbach, and the mass funeral gates from the AFL, CIO and un-Glotzbach, and the mass runeral Tuesday afternoon of Emil Bergstrom, 60-year-old worker murber movement of Minneapolis, dered by the police.

neeting Monday night at the Pa-ade Grounds. wounding and killing Friday— Leach and his police.

Last Thursday and Friday WPA appealed to Minneapolis police to keep the projects open. Despite headlines in the boss press that the mained that almost no projects vere operating in Minneapolis.

Ruling Class Violence

Leach Howls for Army

he was staying and spoke over the ed labor to remain closed until radio, stating the WPA strike was the prevailing wage clause is rethe affair of the national adminis- introduced; the Building Trades ration and that they should send to retain the right to picket pron federal troops to preserve "law jects using fink labor.

dered by the police.

Other developments during the Joint Action Committee, and pass hectic week were the strike-break-ing threats of Attorney General bility for the present WPA situa-Murphy's G-men against the Min-neapolis unemployed, the hyster-Projects Administration, national, ical call by Mayor Leach for federal troops, and the gigantic mass the immediate perpetrators of the

> The week-end, cold and rainy, was not without its comic inter-ludes. Leach wired Colonel Harrington, national WPA administra tor, that Minneapolis was "rapidly approaching a revolution." reminded one of the Citizens Alliance in 1934 who kept repeating that the General Drivers Union's

vided by David Lasser, president of the Workers Alliance of America, the man who has developed an 18-inch tongue by constantly

of dust Sunday, issuing press statements right and left that the Minneapolis strike should be ended. Lasser even proposed that the Workers Alliance nationally call off its one-day protest called for July 20th, more than two weeks after the strike started. It is understood that both Chester Watson and Kristen Svanum, Workers Alliance heads in Minnesota, voted against Lasser's plans. Lasser left Minneapolis as hur-

riedly as he arrived. A pouring rain halted Sunday night's scheduled mass meetings at the Parade Grounds in Minneapolis and the capitol steps in St.

ittee from the Joint Action Committee met Glotzbach and discussed terms upon which the walk-out might end. The strike leaders rescinding of all 403's; no reprisals against any striker; the Build-ing Trades unions to remain on

wages; all projects requiring skill-

This is the program around As a wave of resentment against which the negotiations revolved

Monday night a mass meeting attended by five thousand was an- held at the Parade Grounds and on a voice vote the strikers agreed included Walter Frank, Watson Saturday morning Governor Max Geldman, van Nordstrand,

Frank warned against framegram on which negotiations are be-

its head in this situation."

Stassen commission recommended and what the union won through its independent negotiators with the employers amounts to \$2.55 a WPA Strike Firm Throughout U. S. Despite the most wholesale campaign of lies that the boss press has undertaken in the memory of oldtime labor leaders, the fact remains that the nation-wide WPA director, Herzog, has worked with the nation-wide WPA strike began its third week Wednesday with more men out on strike than at any time since the strike and frighten strikers. New York City—The Building Trades Council states it is "a strike began July 5. The few small defections from the ranks in some communities was more than wiped out by the heavy battalions that marched on the battlefield in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Jects closed down as a result of militant picketing. The upstate WPA administration claims that the project was operating at 75 per cent efficiency, the tour of inspection found the place almost deserted, only 87 men were on the job and that only after WPA administrator Colonel Somervell denied the walkout was effective, the unions accepted the gauge of battle and issued an invitation to the entire press for a tour of the the strike and frighten strikes. The Unemployed and Project was operating at the projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. Ten other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects are also closed. The other projects are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects are also closed. The other projects are also closed. The other projects in the suburbs of St. Louis are also closed. The other projects are also closed. The other projects are also closed. The

pute was the North Beach Alport.

Briefly here is the picture from

Description project in the country, employing 23,000 in the country The new union agreement in the a few scattered points as it pre- a liar out of Somervell, for the walkout growing.

the entire press for a tour of the projects. The chief spot in dispote, strike lines were holding pute was the North Beach Airport, proposed in the entire press for a tour of the mendous mass demonstration in front of the WPA office for Thurs-WPA to strike and STAY OUT unsupervised by the entire press for a tour of the mendous mass demonstration in front of the WPA office for Thurs-WPA to strike and STAY OUT unsupervised by the entire press for a tour of the mendous mass demonstration in front of the WPA office for Thurs-WPA to strike and STAY OUT unsupervised by the entire press for a tour of the mendous mass demonstration in front of the WPA office for Thurs-WPA to strike and STAY OUT unsupervised by the entire press for a tour of the mendous mass demonstration in front of the WPA office for Thurs-WPA to strike and STAY OUT unsupervised by the strike and STAY OUT unsuperv til Congress repeals the provisions

Akron-Fifteen thousand mem bers of the Tri-County Building sented itself at press time:

Rochester, New York—All prothe project was almost completely Scott Field project is completely is going strong.

Trades Council out and the strike
Place Responsibility for Shooting advocated that five million more
(Continued on page 2)

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

A 50-year old relief client who

"didn't move fast enough" and got clubbed by police Friday night,

vas further victimized in Judge

Wright's court Tuesday morning by being sentenced to the work-

house for 30 days. When Peterson

was clubbed by the police, he grab-

bed blindly for support and clutched Patrolmen Edward Knut-

The cops dragged Peterson by

he feet to the patrol wagon, and

jailed him. Knutson later came into his cell, forced Peterson to

give him a dollar, then tore Pe-

Another picket, Sidney A. Paul-

on, 22 years old, unemployed

ainter, was sentenced to 90 days

n the workhouse when police tes-ified they saw him throw rocks

through the windows of the sewing

The sentence that should be

st alarming to all those inter-

sted in the preservation of civil

berties and freedom of the pres

Federal Workers Section strike

25 each. They were charged with

This is a clear infringement of

reedom of the press, and, if left

nchallenged, would pave the way

for the suppression of all labor papers. The bulletin charged the

ops with the murder of Emil Berg-

strom, which was nothing but the

truth. If the police have the right

to arrest people for telling the

truth, the state of civil liberties

Local 544's Federal Workers Sec

tion is calling this case to the at-

committed to the defense of civil

FREE

liberties and workers' rights.

sorderly conduct.

that passed against George and

Slyter for distributing the

The Slyters were fined

erson's shirt and struck him.

on's shirt, tearing it

project.

Victimized

By Courts

5 More Contracts Won by Local 544 Shooting

While continuing to bear down on the transfer bosses, the General Drivers Union Local 544 negotiators made gains in many sectors during the past week. New working agreements were signed with the sand and gravel industry, the wholesale plumbing supply houses, and the lumber industry, and contracts were ready for signatures in the crete block section. Turn in 544

Picnic Tickets

icnic tickets out are requested

by the Picnic Committee to turn

them in immediately to Helen in

show this week. He didn't tell us

Have a heart, wives of county

truckers. Every husband was pres

ent and accounted for July 12. Un-

ion business is sometimes much

How many remember the go

old days when calls came into the union for not 20 or 30 but 50

and 60 at a time. Do you re-

nember when Myron Anderson

and Frank Hall were the chief

gravel haulers? And just a year

ago when everybody was working

Wanted: Cat-skinners - fine

Truckers in the Over-the-Road

written in the contract for you.

ers regarding seniority and union

operation which was expressed

personally contact groups where

there are now no stewards as

Duluth bids for state highway

work were let last Monday and

Only a few our our ITO mem

bers working on city paving and

few smaller jobs ar still moving The tieup has caught up with all

thers working with WPA labor

straight county work, our state

crew on the Greasa picnic park

PWA trucks (if any) and those

where no WPA paid labor is work

ing. To straighten out any mis understanding by our men or

WPA contracts it must be state

emphatically that you cannot cros

any picket lines on struck job

operating with WPA funds. How

ever, no truckers are on strike and may work on jobs with any

Of course, the Independents

won the tug-o'-war contest at the 544 picnic Sunday. And the one

inch rope Rudy Novey brought out

for the pull had one strand torn

loose in the argument. To be sure, twenty-eight hefties to a side

tearing away on one piece of rope

should produce some sort of strain

ed slight delay due to a misun

regarding this column's rave last week on the results of bidding

trends on the WPA. All were com

nendatory. There is no doubt that more than just those who

made known their opinions agree with our statements. Our next

im should be to increase our at-

endance at our meetings all sum-

help of everyone to lay out a

program of real worth to get back all the gains we had won up to

thing to do would be to pledge as

nany of those who are in a more

favorable position to refuse to

work for the WPA at rates less

than our scale. A more lasting effect could be obtained by a vig-

prous campaign carrying to the sponsors of projects our demands

that they retain control of truck rentals with the money they now

furnish the WPA for that purpose

Office Furniture

Files - Safes - Store Fixtures Immense Stocks - New and Used WE BUY - SELL - RENT EXCHANGE

JACOBSON FIXTURE

EXCHANGE

Perhaps, the first and best

er long so we can enlist the

all the low bidders came from

July 12, 1939.

ration should attend next meet-

It is anticipated some real

We hope that the co

and satisfied?

anyway, I got the cigar.

The new Sand and Gravel pact, covering over one hundred men, guarantees a minimum of three nours of work to all men who start work any day.

The Wholesale Plumbing contract embodies a section calling for the same pay for 42, and later, 40 hours of work that the men for merly received for 44 hours. From 1st to October 24th the world week is cut to 42 hours with the same weekly pay maintained; after October 24th the work week will be cut to 40 hours, still with the

ame weekly pay.

About two hundred men are covered by the Lumber contract, which is similar to last year's pact. The matter of paid vacations it to be arbitrated. Some improve ments in conditions, and the clarification of some clauses, are to be noted in the new Lumber pact.

By the time the Organize ments covering the concrete block try should have been signed.

Turn or Go With Omaha 554

Puzzle-take one truck loaded with electric ice boxes which was sent where it had no business to go, two bosses attorneys, and one on lawyer, one union leader them all up and what have you?

Answer—forty-nine hours pay the last meeting will continue in for four truck drivers for NOT this section of the union. Milt will working.

Sullivans, Star Van, and Hutch- signed. fson's truck lines are three impor tant Lincoln transfer companies who signed the union's contract last week. This is expected to clear up a bad situation which clear up a bad situation which has existed in the western part of the state and will undoubtedly bid under \$1.50 for two-yard make for better relations all shovel loading. Incidentally, Neilsen-Pe-Woods and Gordons truck lines are expected to crack

The Bakery boys are jubilant Unhampered by the strike, the over their new contract with its \$32.50 guarantee and much improved working conditions. WPA trucks working on job

Organizational meetings among the milk drivers are continuing.

The Cuttings were caught chis-

Pollack Miller has just returned from Kansas City where he attended the Midwest Bakery Confer-Tom Smith and Farrell Dobbs are down there now for the labor that is not paid by the Kansas-Nebraska Over-the-Road Works Progress Administration. Area meeting.

Looks as though the Armour and Co. country trucking is approaching a showdown. Word is expected shortly from Thorstein, Armour country-trucking manager. Very few of these boys are not paid up in full.

Tom Smith, in an effort to conserve union funds and despairing Park board negotiations receivabout the high cost of modern air to Jupiter Pluvius. It worked. Several remarks have been made

By the way the headquaters air conditioning system has been revamped. No more does Dorothy have to bring her ice-pick to work order to insure her entry into the offices.

Independent Truck Chatter

By Curt Zander

If you have any complaints the next Ways and Means Committee meeting is Thursday, July 20. Free dues to some lucky perso

attending the next regular meeting August 3.

The Sixth Avenue North Pro ject, according to Mr. Palen of the Bureau of Public Roads, is held up because of unsettled right-ofway conditions.

All those who resent the ITO's not getting cigars for the valiant victory won in the Tug-of-War contest at the picnic should form a committee to protest to Walt Hagstrom, Picnic Committee. Let's not let him get away with that.

Ray Nelson takes the center of the stage in the Blessed Event

Picket Gives Version of

George Slyter, one of the WPA pickets gassed so badly he had to be treated at General Hospital,

t. The pickets hadn't made a nove. It would have been different if we had been carrying clubs or guns like they were. But when a person is standing empty-hand-All persons who still have 544 ed, I can't see it. I can't see why they had to fire at us and throw hose tear gas bombs.

"I don't know what this country is coming to. They'll have us all slaves in another six months.

"A bomb went off right in my face. I was standing just across the street from the sewing proct. I'd been there since 5 o'clock n the morning. The WPA laid me off June 20. I was just stand-ing there with the others when the ussed over a round table. Catch bullets started flying around me so fast I couldn't tell what was

telling you there was no excuse

"Before the women came out of shooting. It was just when they stated the doors to let them out on Saturday 544 plays the Angthat the cops started shooting and

Monday morning in the Organizer office, Brother Slyter said that the Minneapolis Star lied when the they wrote he said, "They can have their job. I've got another one any time I want to start."

rage scales and conditions will be Star just made that up," lyter. "I haven't any job said Slyter. There is a better understanding at all. I did get a reassignm slip from WPA but I'm not going on the part of the County Truck-

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

The diamond ball team has me scheduled this Friday night n Parade No. 2.

The picnic is a week nearer, a fact it is only a week from this unday. It will be held on Bass Lake the 30th. There will be free those without cars. The commit-

The Star Valet Cleaners smell been deputized, but he carries a sawed-off shotgun in the truck cisco with him at all times. It is said Tire. nmentary on justice when unns have the right to strike to nable us to adjust our grievances and raise our living standards, while the government permits its aw enforcement agencies to place earms in the hands of this kind of chiseler who violates his uncontract, and does his utmost o break down the conditions tablished by the unions with fairinded employers.

Don't forget-there is the \$1 sessment this month for Norman Carle, which must be paid before he dues. Next month there is 25c assessment for J. H. Schmidt.

We are in the midst of the va cation season and we hope every-one is having a swell time. There have been a few fish stories that have come in—the biggest to date is the 12-pound northern claimed by Bill Hoffman, steward at the Troy. He caught it last week from Horseshoe lake near Pine

Your executive board feels that our union as an employer has agent, the employee, in that we have been granting him only one week's vacation each year while the employees of other unions practically without exception are granted two weeks off. Of course are many employers, in their renot want Local 131 to be in that

We regret that when the matter

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



The insolent WPA strikers are biting the hand that feeds them. They ought to be down on their knees thank-ing God that Congress gave them what it did. Don't they know times are hard?

544 Mops Up Citizen Club To Take Lead

Every so often Local 544's nin clicks on all cylinders and looks a out of place in the city league as the Yankees look in a world series The Teamios had one of those days Saturday, mopped the field with the Citizens Club, 27-1, and won undisputed leadership in the Comnercial League.

While Hanson and Crandall were holding the Citizens to four 544's murderers' row was knocking the cover off the ball The first six men on the drivers' batting order each got at least There was no call for it. I'm three hits, with Masologites and Sodd getting four.

Friday night Jack Herman took the Teamios to Mankato for their the sewing project they started first game under the lights, and

> lesey Cafe team at the Chicago Field, 39th and Chicago, at 3 p. m. On Sunday the Teamios will tangle with the Twelfth Wards at Bracket Field, 36th Ave. S. and 28th St., at 2:30 p. m.

Gassing With

Roy Sturdevant, who is attending Labor School at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, in effect hat he is taking two classes, one n public speaking and one in labor conomics. Roy says he studies until 10:30 at night. From Madison, Roy and Mrs. Sturdevant will spend a week vacationing in northern Minnesota.

Some of the members have been wondering why James Scriven, atndant at the Texas station at ab service to and from the end Twenty-fifth and Hennepin aveof the Robbinsdale car line for nue, has been staying so close at home. The local's detective solved sometime in August.

Lee Carroll, with the Mrs. flew just as bad as the Dydee Wash. We don't know if the boss has cation. While in the West, the cation. While in the West, the Carroll's will visit the San Francisco Fair. Lee works at Diamond

> We understand that Charles Morer, who was the attendant at the Tydol station at Tenth and La Salle, is now employed by the

> Robert Harvey, formerly with from Local 977 to Local 471, and goes on the Milk route.

was brought up by one of the members at the last meeting, it was disposed of without discussion and a mandate from the member

The membership has been taking ractically no action on any mat ter without the board's recommendation, and almost without exception has accepted the board's recommendations. It will be necessary vacation before the next meeting because the contract is com-ing up soon. Therefore we have nsisted and instructed him to take the next two weeks. This was he unanimous decision of the

Exexutive Board, Local 131,



Al. Friedlund's Cafe and Bar 1231 Washington Ave. N.

Dairy Workers Local 471

With the

By George Bergquist

It has always been hard to unluced one member of Local 471 to teal the customers of his brother At times the By-law ommittee has been pressed hard curtail this continuous battle er stops. The evil has grown ith the industry and therefore mnot be eliminated at once. At ast we can work along ode of ethics which will better onditions. First, when you are after new customers, get them from the fellow who has a big oute, instead of your brother who s barely able to hold his own. See nd, never stoop so low as to steal ops from a driver who is of ets his accumulated days off, by all means leave his route intac until he gets back on the job Perhaps, if we all co-operate bit, and practice the Golden Rule, t will not be necessary to elin

We should all make ourselve miliar with the drivers of other ilk trucks on our route. It was ain former member was deliver ng milk with no connections in cal 471. He had been on the b about three weeks before we ight up with him. The employer it knows that the next step this case was also guilty of

Gene Larson is entitled to our mpathy this week. Last Saturday evening his gave his daughter ising young man by the ne of Gustafson. Gene says is tough to have the children all gone from home.

Ray Mitchel figures somebody has to be the goat, so when he lost a record-making wall-eye at noon to continue the strike," Boer se without cars. The committed is sparing no effort to make the case: Mrs. Scriven will pre-Rainy Lake, Carl Olson got all bach informed the crowd. "For this picnic the outstanding one of sent Jim with a bouncing bundle of the heat because he didn't hanfifty years we have sacrified to dle the motor just so. We are glad Brother Olson was along to

Louis Hall has a double duty o perform these days. He must care for a baby boy and in addiion produce a mustache of such significance that the world will ecognize him as a father.

It is gratifying news to our nembers and officers every time we know that an employer hires a on or daughter of a member of our union. It is a good sound play on the part of the boss and makes for perfect co-operation. Our members are always glad to see that these beginners do the right thing on the job. Throughout the years, most of our brothers have always given the best in them to further the employer's business and actually are deserving of con-

ideration. We were asked a question the other day and being unable to an swer same, will pass it on to you Which driver in Local 471 has the most valuable milk route? If you don't know we will have to pass question on to the dealers.

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WPA Projects Shut Tight in WPA Strikers City as Strikers Negotiate

and his police, and then laid the plame for the WPA situation diectly at the dooor of Colonel Harngton and the WPA policy. "Leach's police, frenzied and in-

shot crazily into the crowd. How did they expect to end the strike by shooting little boys and girls? . . . Both Richards and Glotzbach asked for this police protection, remember, and com-plained because the cops weren't brutal enough . . . Harrington has not criticized Glotzbach . . . Imagine Attorney General Murphy pretending that this is a racket. Look \$60.50 a month be in on a racket?

The loudest applause of the eveng greeted Geldman when he the plight of the unemployed. "Roosevelt it was who helped Murphy 'outlaw' the strike. He helped set the stage for the scene of iolence Friday by his statements How can a strike for human rights be outlawed? The real outlaws are the bankers, the industrialists, the Sixty Families who control indus try and control congress and have frozen us out of our livelihoo We are the people and the people an't be wrong.'

Geldman suggested that Glotzbach was "touched in the head' and ought to go to a sanitarium and get well. He closed by observing that all projects in Henne pin County would remain shut down, and urged the strikers to maintain unity, to keep in constant touch with strike headquarters and o maintain the right to demo strate, strike and picket

No Applause for New Deal CIO said that the CIO has very lit tle direct interest in WPA but the a be for private industry to slash wages and that the CIO was so behind the strike. When he said that "the hope of the American people is to extend the New Deal," there was absolute silence, not one person applauding.

Boerbach told of the personal history of Emil Bergstrom, the murdered picket, whose brother is a member of the Painters union "By unanimous vote the Buildin

build up our present wages ar Anyone who tries tear down what we have built w face a fight. This is not a strike it is a lockout against us by t federal government. Maybe Rcos velt made a mistake. The worker can 'rectify' this by striking."

Peter Murck, chairman, clos the meeting by announcir er meeting would be held Wed-nesday night, 7:30, at the Parade Impressive Rights for Bergstrom Tuesday afternoon over 2,500 strikers and sympathizers turned out at the Central Labor Union

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letters and postcards be sent to
Washington, and blamed the relief mess on "Tory Democrats
and Republicans."

to pay their last respects to the
fallen Bergstrom. Following funeral orations both inside the hall
and outside in the street, the corand Republicans."

Max Geldman in his talk placed responsibility for the Friday police attacks directly upon Leach and bis police, and then laid the police, then past the Drivers hall and bis police.

and out to Crystal Lake ceme tery. Bergstrom is survived by his brother Sol, in Minneapolis and a brother and sister in Sweden. All he ever got from the ruling class was exploitation, and finally, a bullet in the head.

Tuesday night the sub-commit

with Stassen. Little progress to wards a settlement was made Stassen is to communicate the strikers' demands to Harrington and "possibly the president." Building Trades representative that no skilled workers would ever work on WPA contruction jobs at the present wage They also stated, how ever, willingness to support also placed Roosevelt to blame for unskilled workers. The Joint Action Committee has made rein statement of the strikers the first onsideration, before settling any

> At last reports, the Action Com nittee was awaiting word from Washington on the reinstatement

The Joint Action Committee will appear before the Welfare Board mand adequate relief for all those

Friday morning the Committee vill appear before the city coun il to press its demand for relief mands that the Roosevelt-Wood-

U.S. Deputy, Drunk, Fires Into Crowd

The Organizer has the names and addresses of eight witnesse who saw the drunken United States deputy marshal draw his gun and fire crazily into the crowd Friday night at the WPA sewing project. It was with the greater difficulty that a group of coo headed pickets got the marshal ray from the crowd.

Local 544's Federal Workers ection is filing a protest with the government against the incredibly stupid and murderous behav-

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That is what the Vox Populi, weekly paper published Extended to

in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, states about the recent frameup of Howard Fouts and Ralph Johnson, officials of the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383, who face fourar sentences in the state peni-

as a gangster.

Defense Fund Being Raised

for donations to the Fouts-Johnson

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By Curly and Lunde

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Despite overwhelming evidence fink truck in Sioux Falls on March

Commenting upon the failure of Union Local 383 continued its Drivers Union Local 823.

Judge Wall to meet the request of efforts to raise a Special Defense The contract is retroactive to

It seems to us that the motion for new trial should have been disposed of before judgment was pronounced. In the application for new trial, the attorneys for the defendants claim that the verdict is not supported by the evidence; that the verdict is contrary to law; that the judge misdirected the jury in matters of law; that the judge erred in his rulings, and there was misconduct by the state's attorney which prejudiced the defendants."

Fakery in Testimony

painted his whole barn. witness, the owner of a transfer company in Grand Island, Neb., troubles he had in 1937 and that his testimony was permitted by Judge Wall to become part of the records over the objections of the lefendant's attorney.

whatever to do with 1937 labor Hastings to admire the structural Two Ton Taylor bore up swell troubles and those troubles had nothing whatsoever to do with the beerstubels with the result that restaurant.

Union Men Barred from Jury would succeed, the frame-up ar tists who cooked up the case esting things always happen to against the two union officials saw Bill "Pussyfoot" Johnson . . . iger. to it that no union men or women while filling his boat with choice were permitted on the jury. Ac- specimens of one of our northern cording to the Sioux Falls paper lakes he found he had to jettison above mentioned, "every juryman some "dry ice" to make room for was asked if he was a union man more fish, now Bill wasn't told from the list. Or in other words, cooling agent so he says he was the defendants were denied their real surprised when the lake froze over so he had to walk to shore.

Russ Wenell is apprehensive about these pigeons getting under the whole when had to walk to shore. being refused the right to serve and the reflection that action cast upon the defendants . . . The contention is made that the positio taken by the state's attorney so

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About 700 drivers from Spring field and Joplin, Mo., now re the benefits of the 11-state over of innocence, Fouts and Johnson As sentiment against the Foutswere convicted of destroying a Johnson frame-up grows throughagreements signed early this out labor circles in the Middle West, the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 245 and the Joplin

defense attorneys that sentence be deferred until the motion for a new trial was presented, Vox Popare new out on bail furnished by of 2%c per mile for long distance runs. Road drivers will re-The general executive board of ceive 75c per hour for loading and the International Brotherhood of unloading. The maximum work Teamsters has sanctioned the apweek is to be 10 hours daily and

peal being sent out by Local 383 60 hours weekly. Farrell Dobbs, international representative, T. T. Neal of Kansas City, William Ryan of St. Louis, and Floyd Webb of Joplin assisted Joe Barrett, Local 245 business agent, in the negotiations

fish and a good time with perfect weather besides. C. "Smitty" Smith and his mascot "Penny" did as jumping off the top deck into Vox Populi points out that "one he went them one better and to get this lug back on the boat was to threaten to use his dog for Who is the "ace starter" at the bait. but depot that tries for long min-utes to whistle his own No. 72 hack up? the day by getting a nine pound pike . . . It's a good thing our "hiker" got the first pull or the fish woulda' had Wiggens . When on their way home from a while it looked like Kenny Bron-"These defendants had nothing the "Curtis Connivers" stopped at boat but his luck changed . . details and contents of several albeit so for from his favorite

> their fish made good eating-for another big boat fishing trip to It's funny how all these inter- Mille Lacs, for further inform

> > "I was first up at the Milwaukee Depot for an hour n' got a 'cricket' to the Nicollet." Huh! First one

"skid row" claim they help bal-ance the meat budget when and if he deserves. Lacs was a complete success, big they can catch them.

> Miles "sun tan" Dann and Kenack flipping the flags during the

Walter "Ole" Olson claims the ck on the door of the "crying coom" is so worn you don't need always room for one more "weep."

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Murdered by Minneapolis Police



This is Emil August Bergstrom, sixty-year old worker, murdered by the berserk Minneapolis police who opened gunfire on the unarmed ets Friday night at the WPA sewing project.

Those who viewed the last remains of our fallen brother could generally AGAINST progressive pickets Friday night at the WPA sewing project.

still see the bullet hole in the forehead and the bruises on the head. Emil Bergstrom was given an appropriate mass funeral Tuesday afternoon by the working class of Minneapolis. He was laid to in Crystal Lake Cemetery near the graves of Henry Ness and John Belor. Together with Ness and Belor, Emil Bergstrom will ever be enshrined in our hearts as a labor militant who fell a martyr to

Watt Notes

lumn, wishes to extend deepest railroad. ympathy to President Baldus Haggquist—Dredging outfit in whose mother passed away Satur-Florida and Louisiana.

Brother Carl Wiertz is in Room an have visitors and would-appreciate chewing the rag with some of the "buddies."

Berman i metal man.

Rockney—

John Sch

Brother "Lenny" Therrien of the Overhead Department is put-ting on weight again. Friend wife home from the hospital and neur. "Lenny" is eating regularly again.

Local 160 finally lost a diamond Northern. ball game. The sad part of it is that they were leading by one run going into the last inning, and clerk three errors in the infield quickly. Art Minall-An Englishman. turned victory to defeat.

160's ace twirler, if not the best, is one of the best chuckers in the league. It is a pleasure to apprentice. watch him work, and now that the infielders have that "panicky" game out of their systems, we hope Bruce will get the support

Brother Henry Thomas of the Miles "sun tan" Dann and Ken-Swenson were among the boys take this opportunity to thank the brothers for the kindness shown him during his recent stay in the

> What??? Scotty, the machinist claims that that big job he is working on is a set of wooder pistons for Haggquist's Plymouth

Operator "Gumshoe" Carlson sez the coolest place on company property in this hot weather is the wheel-pit and tailrace at Main Street Sub, fifty-five feet down into solid rock in the river bed. "Paddy" Carlson must be an ex avy man. He certainly likes his ttleships, and likes them big

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to make an operator, for instance: censed undertaker.

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golden age. Prout—Telephone man. Sherman is a journeyman sheet-

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Leonard-Happy bachelor. Enock Erickson - Shipping

Brother Bruce Fehling, Local ber, pastry cook, prospector in Alaska, machine operator for Minneapolis Steel and an engravers'

the "figger," too. Better get back with rayalty, Bill, and start cuttin' wood again. The Franklin milkman has spent

fruitless month trying to con-ince "Wrong-Way" that butter-

Brother Ward claims that his big Studebaker makes 23 miles Looks like dirty foot a work. per gallon at fifty—wonder if he also fishes.

"Popeye" Konkle still maintains that there never was another grandaughter like Mary. But remember, Popeye, bets are still

Editor's nomination for a wide-Munchausen J. Robertson.

U.S. Rubber Workers Vote To Strike Workers at the U. S. Rubber

mpany instructed officials the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 to notify the company and the conciliator that a strike vote has been taken to enforce the union's demands.

The conference with the coniliator ended with neither side giving ground. The union will that its demands be met before the exploration of the ten-day period. Failing this, a strike pends at this company.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

ethical and spiritual policemen of the Runts; or what in later days was called the State Church and Scholastic Institutions. Their main Sweet Tooth-The folks at the NW Casket were treated to candy for the girls and cigars for the men by Clarence Randal in honor both tremendously for the Man Who Is Bound in the Head is Bound of his recent marriage which took All Over. place in South Dakota during his vacation. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Randal and thanks for and spurs and some to sore ribs and saddle sores. Therefore obey

There are 131,000,000 dollars of American money invested in hook some of the eats you raised, or steal a nap between sunrise and sunset and not be found out. But there is "One" who sees all things and keeps records of all sins, and though your body may what we gotta do is build more escape punishment here below, the minute your soul leaves your body, the Devil will stick it on a pitchfork and cast it into eternal fire." battleships to protect this investfunny ideas every now and then like thinking China belongs to the Don't miss Chapter VII—The Invention of the Landlord. Chinese. Tsk, tsk.

An 80-page book named "The Bill of Rights—150 Years After" based on a survey of 36 states declared that a surge of anti-demo cratic propaganda, "aimed alleg edly at the communists and in part

The American Civil Liberties ites five states-Minnesota, Wisnsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Oregon—as having adopted measures for the legal control of trade union activities and said acts restricting picketing were passed in a number of states and cities

Jack "Smith" Foltynski has to eat his own cooking now as his wife is very ill at St. Andrews hos

We now pull up the venetian blinds at Warren Shade — Who blew the bottom out of Barney's waterpail? They say Charlie was seen around there with cherry bombs. My my.

If any of the brothers want to catch bigger and better fish-Al Vernon of Warren Shade. He

oved out on the farm near Co- The two companies have been nolumbia Heights and does he raise tified that their counter-proposals things. Now we know where that steam shovel is going.

We have been requested to make informed of important developan announcement to the members The list also includes a for-mer gyp artist in a carnival, bar-west Organizer. For reasons of 1859 in regard to the Northeconomy it will not be possible to continue sending the NWO to embers who are out on withdraw mighty woodsman, burned coal last winter. Kinda shows up on the "figger," too. Better a withdrawal card. Subscriptions there'll be no Blab this week of this kind should be paid at the Watch the column next week for Organizer office, 253 Plymouth a survey of the picnic and stuff. Avenue North-Signed, Stewards

> Brother Gust Zinsmark feels, and not with reason, that he was the victim of untoward events which transpired on upper Nicol let during Fourth of July week.

> Among our Memories 'He had a way so mild and mel

That it cheered and warmed fellow. Just Plain Bill."

Andrew Hoflin was a visitor the Clark plant Wednesday.

* The Theodore Stein family was

presented with a bouncing baby boy July 3rd, just ahead of the firecrackers. When he stopped bouncing, he weighed in at nine pounds seven ounces on the Fair-view hospital scales. Congratula-tions to the Stein family on a bumper crop. Keep up the good work,

Thanking brother Alvin Smith that area they haven't received a and our assurance that your cent, even those whose homes and are giving a house-warming soon, friends got a wonderful "kick" out livestock were completely wiped Of course we only heard. out. The C. L. U. has been colof a thoughtful remembrance. lecting funds, from Minneapolis

Irving Nelson is back after a locals, to be donated to these unionth's illness. Under the inspiring mentorship

f Manager Joe Bednarski, Local 1859's diamondball team defeated the Youth Section of Local 544, 7-2 last Tuesday at the parade. The brilliant pitching of Nick Macharles Hoffman and Joe Gurak tory will be ready for business ing about the cut in WPA and the tax exemptions on undistributed ere the highlights of the game Masica pitched an air-tight gam allowing but seven hits and strikng out 14 men.

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Thus even the religions of the Runts were prostituted into servers nent. Those Chinese fellows get of slavery and this in spite of the fact that their founders were invar-

History of Civilization

CHAPTER VI-BOUND IN THE HEAD In their new position the Voodoo Doctors became

"Brother," the soothsayer would say to the Runts: "The posi-

your masters in all things and great will be your reward beyond the clouds. But if you are disobedient to his wishes, if you steal his time

664 Members—

Two matters of extreme im

portance will be taken up at the

portance will be taken up at the
next membership meeting
Thursday night, July 27th. At
9 p. m. a special order of business will be the election of delegates to the annual convention
of the State Federation of
Labor on September 11th. Another matter concerning the
labor press will also come up
for discussion and action.
All members of the City and
Sanitary Drivers Union Local
664 are urged to attend this
meeting.

Dep't. Store

Workers Firm

Monday night employees of the

Dayton and Donaldson stores who are members of the Ware-

thority to the executive board of

steps to win the union's demands.

are entirely unsatisfactory to the

called to keep the membership

The 289 Blab

With Ogren still on his vacation

ANOTHER LOAD

From City and

Sanitary Drivers

Local 664

By Wally Raze

than usual were discussed.

The last regular meeting was

business agent gave a lengthy re-

port on his activities and also on those of would-be union raiders.

really enjoyed himself. His ap-

pearance bears out that statement.

far as Red Cross relief is con-

cerned. From reliable reports from

fortunates. Hope this gesture im-

Brothers Peterson, Moslett,

Coash and Anderson are on vaca-

dine and Austin make a remark-

Both ex-

early in September.

able cribbage team.

tremes are represented.

Further meetings will be

For Demands

Attention!

TWOC, 10 to 5 After losing its first game of the season to the Furniture Workers Local 1859 sharks, the 544 Youth team came back last week to upset the TWOC, 10 to 5. Simso, Hagermeister and Scholl each rang up two hits apiece for the winners. Lyle Flaherty pitched a 5-hit game. Through its victory, the Youth went into a three-way tie for first place with the TWOC and 1859.

544 Youth Beat

The 544 Youth diamondball team is still seeking practice games with other teams. Inter-ested parties are asked to phone Lyle Flaherty, 1016 Fifth street North, at Atlantic 5050.

With the Limousines

The open meeting was a s house Workers Union Local 359 cess, and we don't mean maybe, voted to stand firm on their de-

We thought the moving pictures cially the part where Jack K. dumps in a heap.

Didn't realize we had so many good-looking girl friends and wives until we saw those pictures.

And there was nothing wr with the shots from the roller coaster. Such expressions.

To top off the evening there vere eats and refreshments. Yes, sir, leave it to our Entertainment Committee. They sure know their

What was that bad odor out on Lyndale avenue last week? Tell us about it, won't you, Jerry?

Did anyone else notice how smooth traffic got along down town a couple of days last week. Wonder why?

Ask Nick Wagner how the cops can tell a private chauffeur.

Rumor has it that Minnesota chauffeurs who visit New York are getting and glad hand and all sorts The last regular more subjects of assistance from the factorized attended and more subjects Local 800 (providing, of course, of assistance from the members of the chauffeurs from here wear s certain little button.)

Brother Seavey had just finished a you see a New York brother in our well earned vacation and says he town. One good turn always deserves a couple of others.

Heard that Carl's station made It seems that the new city coun-It seems that the new city coun-cil isn't quite as conservative as you don't believe it, ask Larry Da-

Another day, another couple of The farmer victims of the Ano- undertakers signed; so you see old ka tornado seem to be S. O. L. as 912 is right in there pitching.

> Could that be right what we heard, that Eddie F. and the Mrs. Lo and behold, old Farmer Fitz

is back from his expedition. You ought to hear him tell of fish and mountains that the old Chev climb proves, still more, the farmers' ed. There is a scent of tar and oninion of his city cousin, the unthe sea in the stories he tells. Latest trend in our government There will be no double-shift-

ng on the garbage routes this (just an old one revived) is to summer unless it becomes absolutely necessary. The new cremator to those that have. We're talk-While we're on the subject.

ion at the moment. Brothers Ro- don't you think our famous Mayor could have prevented some killing and bloodshed if he had "discovered" a little sooner that he could not assume any responsibilities in All you brothers who have for the WPA situation.

lo, these many years, considered yourselves helpers, have been demoted to laborers. "Oh, yeah?" sez you? O. K., just ask Todd.

Theme song of the unfair undertakers (when they think about Local 912): "I'll be glad when you're dead, you rascal you." Theme song of the unfair un-

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HAROLD SEAVEY

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.



On Guard Against FBI Frame-ups

Organized labor in Minneapolis must put its guard up immediately against possible frame-ups which may be attempted by Attorney General Frank Murphy's stool pigeons, formally known as the Federal Bureau of In-

The role of Murphy and the FBI in the WPA strike to date has indeed been an utterly contemptible one, as Thomas Murray, head of the New York Building Trades Council, has pointed out. Murphy has issued several slanderous and inflammatory statements about "labor racketeering" and "criminal conspiracies against the nation's relief program." relief program.

Murphy isn't the first labor-hater to talk loosely of labor gangsterism in Minneapolis. Readers will recall that at the time of the murder of Pat Corcoran the Associated Industries and their daily press, shamefully aided by the Communist Party, tried to brand the union movement with the label of "labor racketeering." Only the solid front of organized labor shut the mouths of the enemies of union-

So many rumors have been afoot that the FBI is up to much more than just an investigation of the WPA strike in Minneapolis that labor should be on the alert to resist the first hostile move against the union movement. Watch the FBI and Murphy. On guard against frame-

Roosevelt's Doublecross

The blunt statement of President Roosevelt Tuesday he was not opposed to the so-called "security wage and is definitely opposed to the restoration of the pre-vailing wage relieves Labor of the necessity of trying to place responsibility for the recent enactment of Congress on political interests outside the White House. Labor now knows that it was Mr. Roosevelt's wish that the prevailing wage scale for skilled workers on WPA projects be abol-

At first there was a disposition on the part of many labor leaders to believe that it was Congress—that reactionary Congress—which undertook to establish a federal yardstick of wages by which private industry could gauge its wage scales. Some leaders believed that Col. F. C. Harrington, head of the WPA, was in league with the economy bloc. They forgot that Harrington was a personal appointee of Mr. Roosevelt; that Mr. Roosevelt has seldom blundered by appointing executives out of sympathy with his own policies. They evidently forgot that not once during the hearings on the WPA measure did Mr. Roosevelt as much as shake a finger at Mr. Harrington as he argued against the prevailing wage scale and demanded the substitution of the so-called security wage.

Now Labor knows that it has suffered another po litical doublecross; that the President is definitely aligned against Labor; that it was his wish and his will that prompted Congress to completely reverse the administra-tion's Labor policy—and that from now on Labor can look for few crumbs under the table of the New Deal . . .

Labor knows that governmental blessing on starvation wages raises havoc with the established standards of living. During the NRA—when Mr. Roosevelt permitted the various industries to establish their own codes—the minimum wage became the maximum wage. The present wage and hour law has established a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour—and that is the maximum wage in many industries. If the New Deal can make the "security wage" the prevailing wage, then private industry will take full advantage of its opportunity to destroy the established standards of organized labor.

The New Transfer Agreement

The clear-cut superiority of the agreement just reached between Local 544 and the Minneapolis Transfermen's Association, over the proposed settlement which Stassen's three-man commission tried to put over on the union, should give every worker pause for deep thought.

The Stassen commission had proposed that the union accept a wage cut. Instead, the union won a shortening of weekly hours and the maintenance of the weekly wage

The Stassen commission had recommended that the union go back without paid vacations. Instead, the union has won a week's vacation with pay in advance for every worker with two year's seniority

The Stassen commission had recommended that the union forget about the wage cut some of its members had Instead, the union won back pay for its members from June 1st.

Joseph Ball, columnist on the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Stassen's mouthpiece, tried to argue Tuesday that the agreement won by the union "was substantially the same" as that recommended by Stasens's commission. Not quite so fast, Mr. Ball. There is the small matter of \$265.20 for each worker, plus paid vacations, plus the fact that the union was able to maintain the principle that weekly wages will be maintained despite a cut in weekly hours, that you have exploded. that you have overlooked.

The valuable lesson to learn from this experience is that a strong progressive union can ALWAYS get a better when it depends only upon its own strength, than it could if it accepted the recommendation of any commission appointed by a governor or any other boss-minded individual. Such a commission will ALWAYS bat against the



The Joker in the Deck

On the Minnesota WPA Picket Line

More than twenty-five hundred vices for our fallen brother. Emil Bergstrom, Tuesday afternoon at the Central Labor Union. It was a fitting tribute to this 60-year-old worker who fell a martyr to police brutality. He was buried at Crystal Lake cemetery, where lie Ness and Belor with whom he will be forever enshrined in the hearts of the toilers.

Strikers took over traffic duties in front of the CLU hall on Eighth street during the funeral.

Despite the damp weather 5,000 WPA strikers and sympathizers showed up for Monday night's mass meeting at the Parade Grounds. A better loud-speaking system together with light on the speakers' stand made the program more enjoyable.

In Sunday's pouring rain over one hundred cars full of strikers came down to the Parade for the meeting. At 7:30 word came from the Building Trades Council that the meeting had been post-poned to Monday.

The fascist Silver Shirts have rganized a group among WPA workers on the University of Min-nesota campus. Last Wednesday when WPA pickets went over to the U, Phillip Slaughter, one of the fascists, pulled a 14-inch hunt-ing knife and stabbed two pickets, Myron Phillips and Lester Wachter. You can bet your boots the G-men won't investigate this offense, because it was against the

How true was labor's in-stincts when it raised the cry, at the time the G-men were formed, that some day they would be used against organized labor. Today on a nationwide scale this very thing is happening in the WPA strike. The FBI is being sent into all communities where the strike is effective.

For the first time since 1933 he St. Paul Pioneer Press, traditional reactionary sheet, finds it self praising the President for hi "firm stand" against the unem

Hearst's financial editor attributes the rise in the stock market to the glee with which big business is welcoming the administration's new openly anti-labor stand.

Thursday morning at 8:30 op came up to a group of pickets at Everett school, pulled gun and started waving it at the pickets, yelling: "I'm going to kill a couple of you. I hate WPA vorkers anyway. And I haven' forgotten what you did in 1934. The cops' number is 470. s the fourth cop known to have hreatened WPA strikers with

As is their custom, none of the boss papers told WHY the pickets were outraged at the behavior of the fink Frank Fischer last Wednesday.

death.

Fischer tried to stab a pick et with a sharp, heavy screw-driver. The pickets were unarmed and naturally they retempt. . . .

Believe it or not, there's a Com unist Party WPA striker in St. Paul who still says, "I don't believe those stories in the paper that President Roosevelt is against our strike." A small crowd around him almost laughed themselves sick at the man's credulity.

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Fully 7,000 attended the mass meeting last Wednesday at the Parade.

The North Central District Council of Federal Workers Sec tions has got all of western Wisconsin tied up tight. * * * It sure sounded good to

hear Karl Kuehn's voice come over KSTP last Tuesday night advocating that Congress enact new legislation giving every able-bodied unemployed person a job at union wages, hours and conditions - that the idle factories be opened and operated under control-that all war funds be turned over to the unem ployed - and that Congress enact a twenty billion dollar public works and housing program.

The Organizer received many quests for strike bulletins as a ult of Kuehn's announcemen that they were available.

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Orchids to drummers Sherman and Steinhauser, who refused to play with the WPA symphonic band at the concert at Lake Harriet last week. The papers tell us Colonel Har

"hard as nails." Colonel's been in the army too long, we think. He isn't used to having the rank and file in a posi tion to talk back. But this is one time he's going to get told off. His friends call him Pinky but the

WPA Adult Education teachers voted not to strike. So the Workers Education teachers, which voted to strike, picketed the Adult Education teachers last week.
And three Adult Education teachers refused to go through the line.

Squads of youth and took to the streets last Friday with the Special WPA Strike Bulletin ssued by the Northwest Organizer Over \$100 was raised by the sale

G-MEN GET INVESTIGATED When the Gmen came to town with a lot of fanfare about "investigating the WPA strike," the Joint Action Com-mittee accused the FBI of conducting a campaign of intimidation against WPA workers. The Committee immediately appointed a subommittee to investigate the

The WPA administration and the cops sure flopped last Thursday and Friday when they announced they would use the West River job in Minneapolis "as a key

n bringing the Minneapolis work cops and eight motorcycle patrol nen made a great show of "pro ecting the workers," only 34 finks through the picket line. At that rate, the West River job will be almost finished in 1998.

A fink at the sewing pro ject threw glass at one of the pickets Friday morning in an attempt to slash the picket.

The WPA administration and the boss press has told so many lies about the strike, they began to believe the lies themselves. For instance, they still pretend tha the strikers are being kept away from the projects through fear of the pickets. The truth is that the strikers can be found at any time around the various strike head quarters and at the mass meeting nd on the picket lines.

Ask yourself this question: "Why does Roosevelt sudden ly turn on the unemployed and the union movement so viciously when it would have been possible for him to continue his pretense that it was all Congress's fault about the new relief bill?"

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Many leading union heads be

eve that the explanation lies in the closeness of war. That Roose velt knows war is so near that he no longer thinks it necessary to maintain the pretense that he is a friend of Labor. That he knows he'll have the country under a military dictatorship in a short time and then it won't make any difference what organized labor thinks of him.

By September 1st, according to Harrington, 31 per cent of the WPA workers will be fired anyway.

In addition 650,000 are to be dropped under the 18-months' pro-

Also on September 1st an other provision of the Roosevelt-Woodrum bill will go into effect: the ending of the differential in wages North and South. The average monthly WPA wage in the South is \$19. The same starvation standard, or something close to it, will be trans-erred to the North. It it not a pretty prospect to face.

A reading of the nation's labor indicates that the entire union movement, AFL and CIO, is now thoroughly aroused at the threat against living standards which the new relief bill constitutes.

About a dozen workers sent in clippings of David Lasser's press statement that the Workers Alliance membership "is composed of men and wo-men who love and admire our great president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and when we speak, it is not as enemies but as friends of the new

A typical comment came from one striker: "Prostitute David Lasser is on his way to Minnesota on orders from

Mortuaries Begin to Sign up

Apparently members of the Minneapolis Undertakers Association are beginning to see the justice of the Private Chaffeurs Union ign with the union.

stated Tuesday that more than a ozen mortuaries have signed up during the past few weeks, and that many more are expected to ign before the end of the month.

Many working class families have phoned Local 912 for the list of union mortuaries.

Teamsters Council In Toledo to Hold Huge Celebration

The Teamsters Joint Council No. 44 of Toledo will hold a huge festival September 2nd at the Trianon ballroom in commemm tion of the achievements of organized labor since 1934. Prize ranging from watches to autos will be given away. All the unions of the Council are joining together in the celebration.

the President to put a damper on the WPA strike cannot understand why AFL and CIO labor leaders allo themselves to associate with a mongrel like Lasser."

Other comments were unprintable but funny.

When is a 403 not a 403? Work ers on Thursday and Friday re-ceived the following typewritten notice with their 403s: "Any man wishing to work, whether 403'd or not, may report at Franklin Aveoue and West River Road . . ring your slip.'

This invitation from Glotzbach vas NOT accepted by any of the

You've missed something in boss journalism if you haven't read the Chicago Tribune's descriptions of the WPA strike in Minneapolis. In its insane drivel against the Minneapolis strikers, the Chicago Trib has even gone so far as to get a Chicago doctor to issue a statement that Gearty, the cop, couldn't have died of coronary sclerosis but was killed by pickets. This is what you call diagnosis-by-longdistance.

Here is the testimony of a wo an who says "I have never been ear anything like this before. in a parked car a block and a half from the sewing center. An old man was slowly walking home from work. He didn't have any thing to do with the strike and wasn't apparently interested in it. An armored car drove up behind the old man and cornered him against a car. Then they hurled a tear gas bomb at him, smashing it against his temple. The bomb went off, the man's face was covered with white powder, his eyes were all red and closed and he was dazed and staggering around. It was horrible. I never saw anything like it. I called the radio station WDGY and told them about it but they told me they only took news from the newspa pers.

Here is the testimony from another woman: "I and my n-in-law were right in front of this old man when the cop shot him. All the police seemed wild that night. The old man didn't have a club or a gun, of course. None of the pickets did. He wasn't doing anything, only standing there. The policeman looked at him quite a while, pulled out his gun, levelled it at his head and fired. The bullet went right in the forehead. My son-in-law ran up to help. When he saw the man was badly hurt, he called to the cop to stop and help him. The cop only started aiming at my son-in-law, and would have shot him too only we both ran. The old man must have died right away." Here is the testimony of a by

tander who saw the 14-year-old oy Lynn Thompson, who was shot in the hand: "Right in the middle of the shooting this little boy started screaming and holding his hand. Blood was running down his finof his lungs, running around terrified. Several of us appealed to the police to stop shooting and take him to the hospital, but they only swore and told us to get the hell out of there.'

On the National **Picket** Line

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Local 912's insistence that they prepared, without any doubt, to again bring all the forces of op-Latest to sign was the Henry Anderson Mortuary at 1839 East Lake street. Jerry Cremers, of the Armours, the Swifts, the busines agent of Locsal 912, Wilsons and the Cudahy's are founded on the living death of their workers.

> Until now the workers have not found a vehicle on which they could ride to victory. It is different today—they are organized industrially and THEY CAN WIN IF-

They realize that it is only their wn united, organized strength upon which they can depend.

They watch carefully lest their leadership-shot through with Stalinists — does not scuttle the strike by depending upon the "beloved presi-dent" and his fake boards and agencies to win for them what actually only the united invincible strength of the workers themselves can win.

THE WORKERS HAVE THE TRENGTH TO WIN THIS strikers, immediately notified SIGHT. THEY MUST USE Lund's attorneys the company's FIGHT. THAT STRENGTH.

Liner Anderson, ITO Member, Killed

Members of 544's Independent Truck Owners Section sorrowed Wednesday morning when they learned that Liner Anderson, ITO ember, had been killed in an auto accident at Richfield. The ccident happened Tuesday night. Anderson lived at 2000 East 34th street, and was a conscientious unon member.

2-Year-Old **Lund Strike** May End

Two years and four months is a long time for a union to wait for justice, and yet it appeared likely today that the struggle of the Woodenware Workers Union Local 20481 against the C. A. Lund company and the Northland Ski company was finally approaching a measure of justice for some of the workers who went out on

Lund, wrote to Local 20481 informing the union that Lund neant to comply with the Na-cional Labor Relations Board order state those of his employees who were involved in the strike, without prejudice to their seniority or

out letters to ten of the strikers at the C. A. Lund company in Hastings, Minnesota, offering them mployment in their former posiions if they accept within ten

nem their old positions.

John Janosco, secretary-treasur-er of Local 20481, who has carried on such a stubborn fight for the strikers, immediately notified reasons for refusing employment to five of the strikers were unsatisfactory to the union and asked that these five cases be taken up individually. The union has notified the ten workers receiving offers of employment to report to work immediately.

Card of Thanks

ation and gratitude for your xpression of sympathy.

LOCAL 471
General Membership — First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m.
Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.

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

LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.

LOCAL 664

The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee — Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.

LOCAL 1086
The Retail Clerks Local 1086
will meet on the first and
third Tuesdays of each
month.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS egular Membership Meeting-First Wednesday each month

LOCAL 977
General Membership — Second
Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Grievance and Seniority Boards
—Each Monday, 8 p. m.
Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. xecutive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. day, 8 p. m. Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.

LOCAL 346
Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:39 p. m. 4th Monday each month 1:30 p. m.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS
The Private Chauffeurs and
Helpers Local 912 meets the
first and third Tuesdays of each
month.

strike March 25th, 1937. On July 12th attorneys Brill and Maslon, acting for C. A. to the extent of offering to rein-

The company has already sent

For eleven other strikers, however, the company for one reason or another is refusing to offer

To Local 544:

Words cannot express our ap-

MRS. BIERBAUM and family

General Membership — Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Mon-

Stewards-First Thursday

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

day Executive Board—Every Tues-

LOCAL 275
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local
275, meets the first Friday
of every month. Grievance Board—July 10, 24 Casket Section—July 11 General Membership—July 19,

FEDERAL WORKERS
Regular Membership Meeting—
Second Frida yeach month.
Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.
Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers — Second
Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership — Fourth
Thursday.

Regular Membership Meeting-First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting On call.

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

LOCAL 359
Stewards — First and third
Tuesday.
Regular Membership Meeting—
Fourth Tuesday.
Executive Board — Regularly
every Monday.

LOCAL 359
The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor.
All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.

LOCAL 20481 Executive Board—July 10 General Membership—July 27

August 2 1859 Executive Board—Every Friday night. Twin City Stewards—July 10 and 24

LOCAL 958

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

LOCAL 544 JULY

Monday, July 3—Package De-livery, 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 Liquor Friday, July 14—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Sunday, July 16—Over-the-Road Drivers, 10 a.m.

onday, July 17—Furniture Stores, Coal Tuesday, July 18—Building Material

Material
Thursday, July 20—Tent and
Awning, Printing, Newspaper—10 a. m.
Friday, July 21—Job Stewards Ionday, July 24-Spring Water Tuesday, July 25—Sand and Gravel

Thursday, July 27 — Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale and Drug

Friday, July 28—Cold Storage. Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall Grievance Committee meets

each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office.