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Labor Protest Wins Reduction in Bail

On the National Picket Line

Humanity lies stunned at the outbreak of the Second World War which began in Europe last Friday morning.

The war-makers in the United States are all set to drag us into this war. For twenty years the U. S. War Department has been perfecting its plans for the M-Day Military Dictatorship to be clamped down on us the day war is declared in the United States.

Just how thoroughly the War Department is prepared for our entry into the war was brought home to Minneapolis workers last week when the daily press published the fact that the U. S. War Department has already concluded its secret survey of 127 manufacturing plants in Minnesota and handed the employers sealed orders to go into effect when "the emergency" comes.

Read the press report: "At a moment's notice, under a vast plan prepared by the war department's allocation division (part of the M-Day Dictatorship Plan), thousands of plants in the country can swing into production of every conceivable need of the army and navy."

It is not true that modern war is unprofitable, as some folks argue. War is plenty profitable—for the bosses. During the first World War, as just one example, the profits of the U. S. Steel Corporation grew from a mere \$50,000,000 in 1914 to \$500,000,000 in 1918.

Yes, war is profitable for the bosses—but unprofitable for the workers. Only the workers, whether making munitions at home or killing other workers on foreign soil, stand to lose from war.

The bosses still cleverly keep alive myths about the high wages paid in the first World War. This fairy tale has been exploded a hundred times, but it won't hurt to expose it again. It is true that the wages of some workers rose from 1914 to 1918. But prices rose much faster, as is always the case, with the result that the REAL WAGES (what the worker can buy with his pay check) were much lower in 1918 than they were in 1914, a depression year.

The relation between the war in Europe and the kitchen of the Minneapolis housewife was unpleasantly revealed Wednesday, when it was reported that the profiteers are already beginning to coin money out of the flesh and blood of the workers and

William Green Defends Minneapolis Strikers, Praises CLU Defense

The American Federation of Labor is united in its support of the persecuted Minneapolis WPA workers, President William Green told George Murk Monday in Duluth.

Said Green: "It seems quite clear that the alleged prosecution of relief workers in Minneapolis is persecution. That is made clear in the wholesale arrests which have been made, the way in which the victims have been arrested, the manner in which they have been unnecessarily humiliated, and in the exorbitant bail which has been fixed."

"Working people everywhere protest against such a policy pursued by the government at a time when more than 10,000,000 are unemployed. It is bad enough for workers to suffer pain of unemployment. It is cruelty when the government adds to this suffering through persecution such as is being inflicted on workers in Minneapolis."

"The membership of the American Federation of Labor will extend to these persecuted people their sympathy and full measure of moral support. The work of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union in defending these persecuted workers is to be commended."

Felons to the Government—Heroes to Organized Labor!



Above are shown a group of arrested WPA strikers returning to the Hennepin county jail last Friday after pleading "Not Guilty" to the charges cooked up against them by Murphy's G-men, U. S. Attorney Victor Anderson and WPA Administrator Linus Grotzbach.

But Bail Asked for WPA Strike Prisoners Is Still Exorbitant—William Green Denounces Persecution of Relief Workers, Praises Work of WPA Defense Committee—Eleven Strikers Released on Personal Recognizance—Federal Jury Resumes Hearing—Defense Committee Accelerates Drive for Funds to Gain Quick Release of Prisoners and Prepare for Future—Boss Press Rapped by Chairman Murk

With both President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, and the Minnesota State Federation of Labor supporting the Central Labor Union's WPA Strike Committee in its protest against the exorbitant bail set for the arrested WPA strikers, Federal Judge Gunnar Nordbye on Tuesday filed an order calling for an approximate 75 per cent reduction in bail. Eleven of the 43 persons so far arrested were released on their personal recognizance without bail.

"Persecution Of Strikers Is Outrage"

"You may quote me as saying that this (the WPA indictments and the excessive bail requirements) is the most damnable outrage ever perpetrated in the history of Minnesota."

This is the statement made by State Senator S. A. Stockwell, one of the most respected citizens in Minnesota, when he appeared late last week before the Minneapolis Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee to offer his aid.

Few people are so thoroughly conversant with the history of this state as Senator Stockwell. He went through the dark days of the Public Safety Commission's wartime dictatorship in Minnesota from 1917-1918. The Senator's words should carry a lot of weight in judging the present repressive measures being taken against the WPA strikers by the federal government.

The total bail requirements are still outrageously high, however—amounting to over \$40,000 for those still imprisoned, with the likelihood that scores more will be arrested. The WPA Defense Committee of the Central Labor Union is therefore accelerating its drive for a defense fund adequate to care for the problems ahead, and urges every union that has not yet appropriated a generous sum for defense to do so at once.

Among those released Tuesday on R.P.R. are August Seeber, Harold Coleman, Clarence Grindland, Ben Palmer, Gordon Smith, John Speckan, Ralph Block, Leo Block, Leo Lahti and Edward Weill.

The WPA Defense Committee was greatly encouraged Monday by the statement of President William Green. Speaking in Duluth, Green denounced the persecution by the government of relief workers and praised the work of the Defense Committee.

Prisoners Cheered Last Friday WPA strike prisoners were brought in batches from the Hennepin and Ramsey County jails to the federal court building where they pleaded not guilty to the charges placed against them. At that time, defense attorneys for the Central Labor Union furnished Judge Nordbye with data on each prisoner as a basis for the request that the bail be reduced. The federal attorneys failed to bring into court similar material as promised, and the bail question was laid over to Tuesday.

Prisoners from the Hennepin County jail were manacled in pairs and marched through the streets from the jail to the federal court building, escorted by marshals. Sympathizers of the prisoners crowded into the small courtroom. As the last batch of strikers was being marched back to the jail, they were given three rousing cheers by their sympathizers.

The WPA Defense Committee kept in close touch with the arrested brothers over the week-end and arranged with the jail to serve them a turkey dinner on Labor Day, Monday.

Three More Surrender On Tuesday three more workers voluntarily surrendered to authorities. The three, all from Hopkins, were Alfred Christmann, Ernest Stark and Otto Valrath. Bail in each case was set at \$2,500.

That the federal government, flying in the face of public opinion, means to continue its repressive actions against the labor movement in Minneapolis was indicated by the reconvening of the federal grand jury Wednesday morning under the tutelage of U. S. Attorney Victor Anderson. A new cast of witnesses, totalling 46, was scheduled to appear before the jury. The jury will continue its present sitting through Friday. So far, more than 300 witnesses have been heard, with not one union man or woman among them.

Boss Press Rapped The raw deal handed the CLU's WPA Defense Committee by the Minneapolis Star-Journal was sharply condemned by George

544 Makes Gains In Grocery Pact

Last Thursday the General Drivers Union Local 544 signed a new two-year agreement with the wholesale grocery industry, covering 326 workers in 13 companies. The new agreement retains the principle of the same pay for shorter hours, a principle for which Local 544 has fought—and won—in all its new agreements.

The hours of most drivers will be reduced from 48 to 44 weekly between now and October 23rd, 1939, after which they will be cut to 42. But the same weekly wage will prevail. The exact number of hours worked is to be determined by the hourly schedule that was in effect in November, 1938.

A section stipulates that during those weeks with holidays, workers will be guaranteed at least 40 hours' work, which amounts to one-half pay for holidays. The text of the new grocery agreement will be published shortly. During the lengthy negotiations, Stassen had appointed a committee of three, but this committee never entered the negotiations. The agreement will run until May 31st, 1941.

Diamond Iron Joint Strike Still Solid

The strike of the Machinist Union Local 383 and the General Drivers Union Local 544 is 100 percent solid as the struggle entered its fourth week. Negotiations are continuing this week, with the vacation clause the big issue in dispute. The company is trying to shorten the vacation period for drivers.

The Diamond Iron management has agreed to the demands of the Machinists Union, hoping to drive a wedge between Local 383 and Local 544, but the machinist members of course didn't fall for the gag. They realize full well that if the company refuses the drivers' demands, that the management would then turn on the machinists and seek to break down their wages and conditions.

Local 544 and 383 have made a united front agreement that neither will go back to work until both unions are satisfied. Against this labor unity the company cannot succeed in its union-smashing plans, and will have to meet the demands of both the drivers and machinists. About 115 men are involved.

Local 359 Signs Pact With Butler

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 signed a two-year contract with Butler Brothers of Minneapolis last week, following weeks of negotiations. The new agreement provides for a 40-hour week the year around from Monday to Friday. All time worked on Saturdays will be paid for at the rate of time-and-a-half.

The agreement provides that the question of wages may be brought up for negotiation thirty days prior to June 1, 1940.

Moline Workers To Vote CIO or AFL Affiliation

Workers at the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement company of Hopkins, Minn., will vote September 14th to determine whether they shall affiliate to the AFL Machinists Local 1037 or to the CIO Machine Workers Union Local 1138.

The election will be held under the supervision of the 18th District, National Labor Relations Board.

544 Aids Creamette Strikers

As the seventh week of the strike of the Food and Candy Workers Union Local 20120 against the Creamette company approaches, there is an indication of a break in the front of this labor-fighting outfit.

The company has offered to negotiate a contract with Local 544, providing for the drivers of the firm, but the union has flatly rejected this proposal, informing the company that it must deal with Local 20120 before the Drivers Union negotiates.

Local 20120 is demanding wage increases of five cents an hour for the 52 men and women involved in the strike.

Strike headquarters and commissary of the union is located near the Creamette plant, and the pickets' morale is high. There is no

The New City Champs—Local 544



By defeating the North Side Motors 2-1 at the Parade Grounds last Sunday, the General Drivers Union Local 544 baseball team won the Minneapolis city championship. Local 544 is given an excellent chance to cop the state championship too, in the tournament to be played September 16-17 at Shakopee.

Back row: Manager Jack Herman, Syd Alford, Tony Pazik, George Masoligites, Tom Sirany, Joe Rusin, Howard McPartlin.

Seated: Clayton Becker, Norris Hanson, Harry Florey, Ed Palaski, Ed Crandall, Clifford (Lefty) Johnson, Johnny Sodd.

Kneeling: Chuck Martoccio, bat boy. The jackets worn by the players were presented by the union.

Strike of New York Building Trades Has WPA in Vise -- 20 Projects Closed

As the strike of the New York Building Trades Council against the scab wages of the new WPA set-up continued, WPA administrator Colonel Brehon Somervell of New York had to announce last Thursday that "a shortage of skilled labor will make it necessary for the WPA to suspend all

work on twenty or thirty building construction projects." Somervell, who has hitherto pretended that the strike was ineffective, admitted finally that he had so few construction workers that over a score of projects would have to be closed. What few scabs the Colonel can rally will be concentrated on the North

Beach Airport job, largest WPA project (\$40,000,000) in the nation. Study WPA Strike Possibility In an effort to still further intensify the effectiveness of the strike, New York building trades workers last week authorized the Building Trades Council to study the advisability of extending the

walkout to 45,000 non-relief employees on PWA and low-rent housing projects. Asserting the move was no idle threat, Thomas Murray, president of the Council, predicted that within ten days or so the organization would recommend a complete tie-up of all federal work.

1859 Collects Back Pay at Four City

Through the efforts of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, back pay totalling \$116.39 was collected Tuesday morning for six workers employed by the Flour City Box company. The company had chiseled on the wages of these unionists, and the union made the company come clean.

The six employees receiving back pay, ranging from a few dollars up to \$36, are Joe Rusin, Michael Ondango, Lewis Shopek, Nerec Nadeau, Al Novack and Edward Mortko.

The present agreement between Local 1859 and the Flour City company expires September 21st. The membership has elected a negotiating committee and negotiations for a new contract got under way Wednesday.

Drivers Gain in New Lumber Pact

Below is the text of the new working agreement signed recently between General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Minneapolis Retail Lumber Dealers, providing for the 45-hour week with overtime at the rate of time and one-half. Drivers will receive 70c hourly, regular yard labor, 60c, lumber graders and scalers, 70c, and hardwood graders, 80c. The contract covers the entire Minneapolis territory, including Richfield, Oxboro, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Robbinsdale, Columbia Heights and Golden Valley.

A rider to the lumber agreement, in the form of a letter to President Carl Skoglund from the committee for the lumbermen, provides that the pact will be extended a second year, from June 1, 1940, to May 1st, 1941. During the first year of the pact, the managements will choose whether the employees are to receive either paid vacations or pay for all holidays not worked. For the second year, the employees themselves by majority vote will make the decision.

The letter to Skoglund is appended to the text of the agreement.

The Minneapolis Retail Lumber Dealers, 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 be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions.

1. 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 or non-Union affiliation. This shall not be construed as a closed shop agreement.

2. The Employer recognizes the right of his union employees to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business as may from time to time arise.

3. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without pay and without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a labor convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business.

4. The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement. 5. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, overtime differentials, vacations now in effect, 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.

6. In the event that the Employer willfully violates the provisions of the foregoing paragraph or willfully violates any of the provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to seniority rights, wages, hours of work, overtime differentials and vacations, 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 and overtime rates, if ordered by negotiations under Article 7. No complaint will be acted upon unless filed within thirty (30) days of alleged violation.

7. Any controversy arising over the interpretation of or the adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be submitted to the Employer in writing by the Union and shall be adjusted by negotiation between the Union and the Employer. If the controversy cannot be settled, it shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration composed of two representatives of the Union, two representatives of the Employer, and a fifth neutral party selected by majority vote of the first four. The majority decision of this Board of Arbitration shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.

8. The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.

9. The Employer shall not request or instruct any employee to go through a picket line where an actual strike is in progress. However, the Union agrees that in the event 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.

10. The term "Individual Truck Owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a truck, motor cycle, passenger vehicle, two or four-wheel trailer, taxicab, horse-drawn vehicle, or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes.

11. Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of work, overtime differentials and general working conditions for Individual Truck Owners shall conform to the schedule which shall from time to time be announced by the Union, and the Employer, to prevent violations of the agreement.

12. The Individual Truck Owner shall have seniority standing only as a driver. The vehicle shall have no seniority standing. Only Individual Truck Owners certified by the Union shall be hired.

13. The Employer agrees that if any employee is required by the employer to wear any kind of uniform, same shall be furnished and

maintained by the employer free of charge.

14. The Employer shall not arbitrarily charge employees for any loss or damage.

15. Should the Employer require any employee to give bonds, the premium on same shall be paid by the Employer.

16. The Employer agrees to use his best efforts to secure prompt payment of injury compensation claims by their compensation insurance carriers, as required by the Minnesota Workmen's Compensation Act.

17. Seniority rights shall prevail. A list of the employees arranged in the order of their seniority shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the job.

18. Any controversy over seniority standing of an employee on this list shall be referred first to the steward before being referred to the Union.

19. 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.

(a) 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. Thirty (30) days shall be allowed for the employee to qualify on the new job or return to his former job. Any controversy over the qualifications of an employee to handle a job shall be settled as provided under Paragraph 7 of this agreement.

(b) 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 returning employees to work the last employee laid off shall be the first rehired, provided, however, that where a classification of work requires a special skill is involved any controversy over the application of this provision shall be settled as provided under Paragraph 7. The necessary reassignment of employees to the various classifications of work shall be made accordingly.

(c) 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 adjustments.

20. Any employee member of the Union desiring a Leave of Absence from the job shall secure written permission from both the Union and the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved. Inability to work because of proven sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights.

21. Proof of drunkenness or dishonesty shall be considered grounds for discharge. 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 7.

22. New employees shall be placed on the seniority list after having worked a total of thirty (30) work days. Seniority shall start from the first day of employment.

23. Where an employer absorbs the business of another company, the Union and the Employer agree that if the minimum wage, hour and working conditions of the company absorbed differ from the minimums set forth in this agreement, the agreement shall prevail and the employees of the business absorbed shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list in their various classifications.

24. The maximum work week shall not be in excess of 45 hours. Overtime at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid for all time worked in excess of 45 hours in any one week, and double time shall be paid for all time worked on Sundays, on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

25. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts. When called to work employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay.

26. The senior employees in their classifications shall be the first to work the full weekly regular hours except in cases of emergency or where it is clearly unavoidable. There shall be no favoritism shown to junior employees.

27. Except in cases of emergency or where it is clearly impractical, no employee shall work

Staff Dinner Announced for Next Friday

A steak dinner for all columnists, staff members and editorial board members of the Northwest Organizer will be held Friday evening, September 15th, 6:30 p. m. in a downtown cafe. Invitations will be mailed out late this week to all the guests.

So remember, you columnists and board members—reserve next Friday evening for the Northwest Organizer staff dinner.

overtime until all employees on the seniority list have worked the full quota of regular hours.

28. 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 include employees engaged in delivery service on foot or bicycle or by similar method.

29. All employees shall be paid in full each week.

30. The following shall be the minimum rates of pay in the various classifications of work.

Classifications Rates of Pay
Regular Drivers 70c per hour
Lumber Grader 70c per hour
Hardwood Graders 80c per hour
Regular Yard Labor 60c per hour

In the performance of their duties, no restrictions shall be placed on the handling of lumber and other materials because of above classifications.

31. No driver shall be permitted to allow anyone on his truck unless so authorized by the Employer.

32. Employees required to be available daily for a period of six (6) consecutive days for service and not employed shall be guaranteed a 40-hour minimum weekly wage at the rates set forth herein.

33. Lumber yards afoot to close at 1 o'clock P. M. on Saturdays. When for any legitimate reason it is necessary to carry on work beyond 1 o'clock, all labor employed after 1 o'clock shall be paid double the regular rate. Coal departments shall be exempt from the provisions of this clause.

34. The Employer shall pay the exchange rate charged for cashing out-of-town checks.

35. It is mutually understood that all the provisions of this contract shall apply throughout the Minneapolis retail lumber trading territory which includes the suburban districts of Richfield, Oxboro, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Robbinsdale, Columbia Heights, and Golden Valley.

This agreement shall be in full force and effect from June 1, 1939 to and including May 31, 1940.

August 8, 1939
Carl Skoglund, President
Union 544
Minneapolis

Dear Mr. Skoglund:
It is mutually agreed between the Committee representing the lumbermen and the Committee representing Union 544 that the following provisions in this letter shall operate as a supplement to the original contract between the lumbermen and Union 544 covering the period from June 1, 1939 to May 31, 1940.

First: That in response to the final demands of Union 544, for the period beginning June 1, 1939 and ending May 31, 1940, our dealers agree to the granting of vacations with pay for one week for all men who have been in the employ of their company for a period of one year or longer; or in lieu thereof pay for all holidays not worked. These holidays are as follows: Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Memorial Day. Those who elect to pay for holidays not worked will have to pay for July Fourth this year.

Each individual company is to have the right to select which option shall obtain, that is, whether it shall grant vacations or will pay for holidays not worked. Those companies now giving their employees vacations with pay shall continue this same practice.

Second: That for the year beginning June 1, 1940, and ending May 31, 1941, the decision regarding vacations of one week or pay for holidays not worked shall be made by vote of the men as employed by each individual company, the majority vote in all cases to govern. The company to have the right to assign the vacation time according to seniority right, provided however, that due consideration must be given to the practical operation of the individual business.

Inasmuch as this latter provision extends over the second year it is agreed that the entire contract be made to cover the same period.

Very truly yours,
COMMITTEE FOR THE LUMBERMEN

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COMMITTEE FOR THE LUMBERMEN

Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



War wouldn't be such a bad thing because it might help the unemployment situation.

Austin Labor Militant Jailed on Old Charge

Austin, Minn.—Joe Voorhees, militant labor leader of this city, was arrested Friday by the sheriff of Mower county and placed in the county jail at Austin.

The arrest came despite the fact that the United Packinghouse Workers Union, Local 9, has posted bond of \$500 to insure the appearance of Voorhees in court. Voorhees had been out on appeal from a four-month's jail sentence for having allegedly violated an anti-picketing injunction slapped against the Austin Union of All Workers while it was conducting a strike against the Stella Reid Beauty Shop two years ago.

The case being appealed to higher courts resulted in the court's finding for the state. The higher court's ruling was a weird one, to say the least. It said that while anti-picketing injunctions were plainly unconstitutional and that the judge had no right to issue one, Voorhees had no right to violate the injunction by picketing an unfair employer's place of business!

While the case of Voorhees was being appealed, he had been given a leave of absence to teach school in Kettle River, Minn. Upon his return this summer, Voorhees sought his old job at the Hormel Packing company, but the company, flouting the provision of the contract with the union, refused to rehire Voorhees.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bigelow went to Owatonna to see a relative get married.

Fair week is over and although we made a few more shekels we're glad it's over. We get so used to pulling "that flag" that driving around "straight up" feels guilty and foolish. . . Little incidents also take place, where people misconstrue the meaning of all these rates, routes, etc., and of course the driver is always the cheater because he won't go to Lake Street for two-bits when they know very well it isn't as far as the Fair Grounds.

Max Silver, one of our Cruiser car drivers, irked his good wife in the wee hours by mumbling in his sleep, "Fair Grounds twenty-five cents." That's O. K., Maxie, it's a good thing you don't talk about the silly drivers we mix with every Fair week.

A commentator over the radio says the Berlin taxis get only six litres of gasoline a day, so the drivers "gun" the motors and coast to save gas. For Gawd's sake don't sell Cy Passoit on this idea, as we think that of debbil "vapor lock" makes us coast enough as it is.

We are informed in some European cities the wives of drivers run the cabs while the men are at war. Just imagine our "better halves" going "cuckoo" trying to interpret some innocent address we jotted down in an unguarded moment, or worse, driving opposite a snus-chewing nite-driver. Another torture for the dear ladies, driving by a bargain sale a dozen times without being able to stop and shop. . . no, thanks, we don't want some.

Nope, there's no truth to the rumor that Tony "Smokestack"

Speaking of benefits, one of the conditions is that all dues, assessments and fines must be paid before the fifteenth of each month to make one eligible. We have quite a number of members who are paying their dues through stewards who have not paid their fines. To them let us say be sure not to get sick until at least thirty days after you pay the fines. The fact that the steward does not insist that they be paid ahead of your dues will not help you when you ask for the benefit, if the fines have not been paid. If you have reason to believe you should be excused from certain fines, come to the board and make your request.

School has opened. The fall season is here. There will be a little extra business for a while, so let's all make up our minds to get our share of it and put on a little extra spirit while the business is available.

They say the government can't do anything toward running any business, but they break their necks to see that it don't try.—WILL ROGERS.

With the Limousines

"Home James"
It is possible we will save a little money now that our bosses are going to move back in town from the lake.

A tip to the entertainment committee: We don't mind sitting and listening to a sales talk on tires or anti-freeze it after that we can indulge in a light lunch and refreshments.

We still don't know why some chauffeurs figure they can get along without the union. Maybe they will wake up some day and find out the union can get along without them.

It would be really tragic to find out the union didn't want them and the boss hired a union man. To all you finks, we say: Heed this warning. Get straight with the union now before it is too late.

From what I hear, there is going to be a limit set on the number of finks a day that will bet let into the union.

Maybe if we changed the name to "association" some of you scissorbills would like to come in.

A scoop: We have just seen the plans and blue prints for the new \$50,000 mortuary.

It is a pleasure to see all the members showing up for the last meeting. We saw W. D. Watson the other day, looking as good as ever.

Jerry Creemers returned from his vacation hale and hearty and wanting to see you all. Come on up.

Yes, Mel Johnson does attend meetings. So does John Hindler. Fred Kinchington says he still enjoys a good meeting. An old time chauffeur in Minneapolis died last week. It was too bad he was not a member of Local 912—his family would have derived the benefits of the union. Don't forget—the next meeting is September 19.

Alexander the Great, to the Pirate Diomedes: "Why should you desire to be a pirate?"

Diomedes: Why call me a pirate? Because you see me going about in a little galley? If I could arm myself like you, like you I would be an emperor.—FRANCOIS VILLON.

Manthsi and Ray "Whiskers" Landis are teaching George "precision driver" Langham and Allan McLeod how to do a "blackout."

To Otto Krinke: we welcome you into the L. B. Brigade but may we point out that the sack full of onions you had in your hack the other day isn't considered a well balanced lunch; to become a full fledged member it is also necessary to have a metal container (cockroach cheater) and vacuum coffee bottle.

Lost, strayed or stolen: The Irish half of this column can be found at State Federation of Labor convention at Duluth as a delegate, but where is he now?

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Unfair Mortuaries

Do Not Patronize—The following funeral homes are 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.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next meeting will be for the general membership, Thursday evening, September 22, 7:30 p. m. Come and win your next month's dues free. In fact, we have a double feature—there will also be the presentation of the cup won by Local 289's Diamondball team. Remember the date—Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p. m.

All right, you bowlers. Here's your chance. The local will support a bowling team this year again, as we did last year. The eliminations for the bowling team for the year will be held Sunday at the recreation alleys, 10 a. m. We should get a real turnout for this.

Society news: Cliff Boodli, who has been threatening to get married for some time, finally closed the deal last Saturday, September 2, and is now on his honeymoon visiting St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago and Cleveland.

Here's another: Kenneth Johnson, Zinsmaster, will take his vows next Saturday, September 9. We certainly wish the both of them plenty of luck and happiness and I haven't even got a cigar yet. That's real sincerity.

The boys at Zinsmaster are putting on a bang-up golf tournament next Sunday at Hawatha Golf Course. To date they have about a hundred entries and about a hundred and twenty-five prizes from golf bags and matched woods to water softener.

Oliver (Business) Johnson, Zinsmaster, came in last Saturday and reported that he had carburetor trouble but it turned out that he was merely out of gas. Imagine that! Maybe Ollie is trying to wean that Ford.

The WPA indictments have slowed up, mostly because the

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The new city baseball champions—General Drivers Union Local 544!

Norris Hanson's three-hit pitching combined with Tony Pazik's timely homer brought home the city championship trophy last Sunday afternoon in a hard-fought game with the North Side Motors team at the Parade Grounds.

After the Motors got one run in the first, the game settled down to a pitchers' duel between Hanson and Myles Larson. The Drivers' big chance came in the fifth inning when, with Masoligites on base, Pazik whipped one of Larson's slants for a circuit trip.

Masoligites and Pazik each got two hits and that's all the Teams' famed murderers' row could get off Larson. Hanson yielded only three hits to the opposition and Jerry Steward got two of these.

With the city trophy safe, Local 544 turned its attention to the state baseball tournament to be played Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th, at Shakopee. The Minneapolis Drivers have an excellent chance to cop the state trophy. Chief opposition is expected to come from the strong Kohms team of St. Paul.

Should Local 54 win at Shakopee, the Teams would then go to the national baseball tournament at Battle Creek, Michigan, late in September.

This represents the first time that organized labor will be represented by a team in the state baseball tournament.

Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. over Station WCCO, Charlie Johnson, sports writer, was interviewed by Jack Herman, manager of the Teams ball club. Syd Alford, 544 first baseman, had previously been interviewed by Johnson over his "Champs of the Week" broadcast.

800 Expected At State AFL Convention

About 800 delegates are expected to attend the 57th annual convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, according to Secretary George W. Lawson in a statement released last week.

The convention will be held next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Shrine auditorium in Duluth. A caucus of Minneapolis delegates to the convention was held last Wednesday night at the Central Labor Union to approve resolutions to be presented before the convention.

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Paul Rasmussen Addresses F-C-L Meet at Warroad

Warroad, Minn.—Speaking before 1,200 farmers of this area Sunday, Paul A. Rasmussen, executive secretary of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council, declared that "a sensible prosperity will never be realized in the agricultural northwest until the farmers are prosperous."

"Labor realizes this, as well as the farmer, and will stand shoulder to shoulder with the Minnesota farmers in supporting a permanent agricultural program. Both the farmer and the laboring man in the city are convinced that a permanent agricultural program is the greatest need of America today," Rasmussen said.

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:
Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.
Mrs. Flora Smith and family

We would like to give credit to Ralph Morstad for turning in the following report. This is a condensed paragraph taken from an article appearing in the Road Builders News, July, 1939. "Road building equipment and machinery will not be purchased by WPA in the future in any case where it can be rented at a reasonable rate. This restriction was provided in an amendment to the federal appropriations bill. The amendment will prevent WPA from expending relief appropriations for the purchase or acquisition of construction equipment which duplicates facilities already owned and available for construction work through the channels of private enterprise." We cannot resist passing comment from this column that this timely article just brings into the open another phase of the machine-age competitive race between operators and equipment manufacturers. And shows up the law for just what it is worth in its application right here in our own little Hennepin county to the peculiar situation which exists in dump truck operations. We suspect just who is to make the final decision. All we can see is a wide open field for political chicanery, bureaucratic stuffed shirts and pressure politics, and adds further proof to the simple fact that not even a fool could lose a case with his own judge and jury.

To Wally Raze, Ogren, et al.; pass the news around that arrangements are complete for that "get-acquainted" staff meeting. We want to see everybody there so the date will be set later to be sure everyone is free from meetings.

The Belt Line boys are going to turn out two hot-shot bowlers clubs. . . Zander has been getting the burn for making his appointments almost . . . Bergeron is back home again from his summer's vacation at International Falls on a \$1.60 contract. Reason: the local boys beat his pants off in the new bids. . . Z.'s collaboration with our regular hip-pressure reporting turned out to be a big bust. Doubling up on the dope and almost a cat-and-dog fight. . . Anybody left who isn't working for Swanson? . . . Gene pops for an automobile.

It would be very hard for those contract truckers on park board work who have a knowledge of the WPA financial setups to understand the park administration's attitude towards us, should it happen that we must lay idle this fall and winter and see the WPA furnish out-of-town truckers for park projects.

The state is asking for bids on rental of seven dump trucks for work on highway 74, three and one half miles north of St. Charles in Winona county.

North Dakota Labor Stands Against War

The North Dakota State Federation of Labor, holding its annual convention in Fargo on Labor Day, expressed itself unmistakably as resolutely opposed to this country's involvement in the second World War.

A resolution was passed calling upon President Roosevelt and Congress to so conduct themselves that IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES will this country be involved in the war. The discussion on the war question reflected the overwhelming desire for peace that has gripped the workers and their opposition to the boss war.

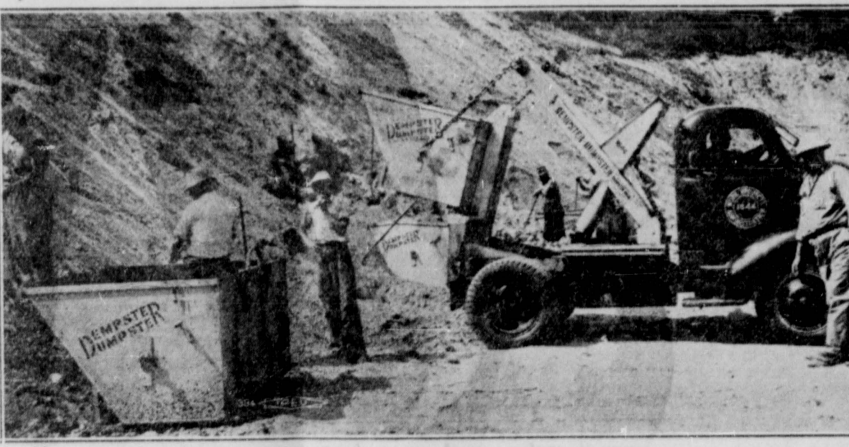
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New WPA Trucks Create Unemployment



Above is shown one of the new trucks purchased by WPA to replace the privately-owned trucks and jobs of members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544. These "Dempster-dumpster" trucks will service five boxes, each box loading two yards of dirt. Trucks almost automatically pick up and unload the boxes, with the result that there are fewer trucks, fewer drivers, fewer workers all around, and still more unemployment.

WPA is now competing with private industry in forcing technological unemployment. Workers throughout the country are warned to be on the watch for the new WPA equipment and to protest its introduction.

New Fall Schedule for Park Board Employees Is in Effect

To all Park Board Employees, Members of Local 664:
On Wednesday, September 6th, the fall schedule for park employees went into effect. This schedule will mean many things. The main body of park keepers, both junior and senior, will be taken from their parks and placed in crews. It is estimated there will be but 14 parks operated by park keepers, to be assigned according to seniority. There will be no change in rates.

Prior to putting the schedule into effect, a conference was held among C. A. Bossen, members of the Park Board staff, and the representative of City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664.

Discussion indicated that the extended recreational program outlined for the coming season will require a greater number of parks to be in use than can be manned by civil service park keepers.

The members of Local 664 have felt keenly on the subject of WPA men replacing them in the parks. Therefore, a compromise was agreed to whereby in those parks to be operated where there are no park keepers permanently assigned, a traveling crew of park keepers will act as park keepers. It is clearly understood by the superintendent and his assistants that under no circumstances will any regular maintenance work be performed by WPA workers. This compromise was agreed to in order that children and the general public should not be inconvenienced, and to enable our Park Board members to complete their vacation schedule.

All members are urged to cooperate. Report all violations of the above compromise plan on the part of WPA to this office immediately.

HAROLD SEAVEY
 Business Representative
 City and Sanitary
 Drivers Local 664

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze
Pardon last week's omission. Nothing to write about and didn't feel like it, anyhow.

Monday was Labor's national holiday. I wonder if there are any other nations in the world whose working people celebrate any such holiday as this. Perhaps, if the common people, the workers of every nation on earth, were to recognize each other as brothers with identical woes, ambitions, likes and dislikes, world wars would be a thing of the past. Why should the working class of one nation be pitted against the working class of another to the end that the financial giants and political madmen of both countries may fatten their fortunes and increase their power to further enslave the survivors of both armies? National hatreds and prejudices are taught in practically every school room in Europe and our own history books are, in many instances, so edited as to inflame the reader in much the same manner.

Let us beware of Nazism in this country. If it gains control of our government you may live to see wars between one state and another or between groups of states. It sounds ridiculous all right, but it could happen. Stick to your local union and take an active part in its activities. The unions of America hold the nation's destiny in their hands and it behooves every American to do his part toward maintaining our American freedom.

Looks like the German-Italian-Japanese axis lost a wheel somewhere. Hitler talked his people into another war. Wonder if he could talk his way out of this one. That dumb-looking Russian, Stalin, pulled a double play when he had dealings with Hitler. The Japs can't sleep nights since the pact was signed.

Brother, if you are a real union man, you won't spend your dough with the Erickson gas stations nor any other scab outfit in this town.

Brother Knight has originated a new adagio dance. He had the residents out on Stinson Boulevard agog when he put on an impromptu rendition of the most erratic dance yet seen on land or sea. His partner, a field mouse, insisted on staying in the background, however. We must also admit he has a unique way of catching field mice. Perhaps he has something that attracts them. Right Joe? Aw nutz.

Most of the grievances discussed at our last meeting have been smoothed out. One or two are still hanging fire but the outcome on these looks favorable.

Brother Parnell Larson and wife sojourned on the iron range over the weekend. No, I don't mean the one in the farmhouse kitchen.

Have been the recipient of much

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist
Lots of people are moving at this time of the year so there is an unusual amount of soliciting being done and quite a few of our members forget themselves and violate the by-laws. The Executive Board wishes to warn and caution every salesman against unfair solicitation of any kind. We feel certain that most members know right from wrong. Even if we have been "burnt" by some competition and carry a grudge against a certain dairy, let's keep our head and follow the straight and narrow path. This week the Board will have a long session because of many violations.

Where is your by-law book and have you read it lately? Possibly it is lost or worn out; if so, inform your steward or call Ge. 4695 and we will be glad to mail you a new copy.

The Superior Brothers had given up the case of Gus Nelson years ago. A certain lady turned the trick and now Gus is a married man. We haven't had any reports on the smokes.

All of the WPA strikers who are unable to get their freedom because of unjust and excessive bail are sent a pint of milk apiece each day. Thanks again to the Franklin Co-operative Creamery Association; they pay one-half the bill and Local 471 pays the balance.

We are openly advertising for someone who can teach Harold Hurrie how to stand at attention. "Suggestions are welcome from any member except Joe Bergman."

Things are getting easier for Tommy Ammerman; he was calling on sick brothers last week and found Bonin, Bartell and Needham all in the same hospital.

Per capita milk consumption is better in the larger cities than it is in rural areas. Cities average 0.77 pints against 0.62 pints for country districts. This is an outstanding difference because families in the cities have fewer children than those in outlying districts. The only thing we can figure out is that good milk salesmen account for the increased consumption of milk.

We are glad to see Vernon White (Whitey) up and around. He had an awful battle with the Streptos.

I have observed that there are few questions of which I ever took the trouble to investigate and study both sides but what I came to a conclusion totally opposite to the orthodox one which I always have been taught to believe. —HAVELOCK ELLIS.

ribbing from the wife and family on account of my moustache (?) At first, every time they would look at me, another wisecrack. Now they just look and say nothing and naturally I am beginning to have my doubts about the whole thing. Somebody's always taking the joy out of life.

There's a certain weeping willow out in Glenwood Park which has a fascination for large colored ladies. Nobody has it figured out yet, though some of us have our suspicions.

Brother Carl Erickson of Glenwood leaves on his vacation today.

Send in the news.

"The Good Ship PROGRESS"

CHAPTER V.
"The Fix We Is In"

In the previous chapters the owners of the Progress had practically eliminated all the wage earners and should now be in clover but something wasn't working out right.

Now go on with the story:
An attempt to break down the sales resistance of the public by wage-cutting and the firing of increasing numbers of public and private employes failed. So did the "Buy Now" and "Give a Job" campaigns.

And it came to pass that at every port of call the passengers found great stacks of telegrams and air mail containing such messages as the following:

"Father come home. Mother has a warrant for non-payment of alimony."

"Seven drafts this morning and not a cent in the bank. Advise."

"Store burned satisfactorily but you forgot to renew the insurance. What shall I do?"

"Dear Sugar Daddy: If you send me another cold check I will make it hot for you."

"Skipped pay roll again. Stop. This is the seventh. Stop. Employes threaten strike. Stop. Please cable money for injunction to stop them. Stop."

"The First National busted today. Stop. The Fourth, Third and Second went before as per rotation."

This one was sent Western Union canned code cable collect Series C No. 13, reading:

"The first shall be last and the last shall be first"

With the arrival of these doleful messages there came a noticeable shrinkage in the pay load of the good ship Progress. At first the passengers deserted one by one to return to their stricken creditors or to strike out in search of new ones. Later on they deserted in those and thence until in the end only the owners of the Progress and a lone night watchman remained on board.

According to an A.P.E. dispatch from the Port of Fallen Archangel where the Progress is held for non-payment of harbor dues the distracted owners have employed the world-renowned efficiency engineer, Herr Burt-Huber, who advised them to lay off the night watchman, install a burglar alarm and have more confidence in the ocean, which, as he aptly remarked, is as wide, as deep and as wet as ever.

Blackout
CONCLUSION

More Facts on AFL Erickson Strike

Though the Jacobson-Van Nordstrand leadership of the Minneapolis CIO continued to peddle bold-faced lies to justify their continued strike-breaking at the two Erickson gas stations against which the Filing Station Attendants Union Local 977 is striking, the Local 977 banners are proving most effective in informing workers of this city of the union-hating tactics of the Erickson oil company.

It has also been learned that the CIO labor fakers are getting plenty of kick-back in their own organization against their fink move against the AFL in the oil industry.

Jacobson last week dared to say that Local 544 is attempting "to force loyal CIO members into the Local 544-dominated union." As though Jacobson hadn't made a deal with Erickson whereby Erickson forced all his employees at these two stations into the CIO, upon pain of dismissal from their jobs if they didn't join the CIO company union setup.

Both the lessees and attendants at the remaining five Erickson stations, save for one man who has already signified his intention to withdraw from the CIO company union and join Local 977, are now members of Local 977.

The CIO is trying the same stunt at Erickson's that it tried against Local 977 in the Kunz Oil company, where it made a deal with the boss while a legitimate AFL strike was on.

Erickson Is Unfair
As far as the Minneapolis Central Labor Union is concerned, the CIO filling station union is a strike-breaking company union outfit in exactly the same class with the fink Associated Independent Union.

Speaking of Kunz
And while we are on the subject of the Kunz company, it is timely to point out that the CIO, because it wouldn't go to bat for its members at the Kunz company, today doesn't have a single member here. They are all loyal members of Local 977, which has really gone to bat for them.

Just this week Local 977 collected \$197 in back pay due a group of drivers and warehousemen at the Kunz company.

A maintenance man, Al Benz, received \$54 through the efforts of the union, and will tell you plenty about the company union tactics of the CIO. Jacobson is plenty hold when it comes to breaking strikes of the AFL, but he is a rabbit when it comes to forcing the company to treat its men decently. When Kunz made Benz work 48 hours weekly and refused to pay him any overtime after 44 hours, Benz took his grievance to the CIO, which did absolutely nothing for him. He then got in touch with Local 977 which straightened out the company in short order and got him \$54 back pay.

Fortunately for the filling station attendants and lessees of Minneapolis, the CIO fake oil union is on its last pins. No union whose primary policy is that of strike-breaking and scabbing on

New WPA Cut of 13,577 In Minnesota

The series of slashes in WPA which started immediately after the election last November are continuing unabated. Last Friday, September 1st, the WPA administration began putting into effect a new cut of several hundred thousand workers. In Minnesota the cut affected 4,221, of which Hennepin County received 831.

At the same time, state WPA Administrator Stolte announced that 13,577 WPA workers in the state will be dropped under the 18-months' clause.

Last Friday the new wage cut on WPA went into effect. Minnesota WPA workers received losses running as high as \$13 monthly. Unskilled workers in the more heavily populated counties were cut from \$59.80 per month to \$57.20. Many workers have received large slashes in wages through a reclassification. Bakers, barbers and cooks, for instance, formerly classified as skilled workers, were moved down to the intermediate class wage scale. Junior typists were lowered from the intermediate to the unskilled class.

Musicians were moved from the professional to the skilled group.

For almost a solid year now, all WPA workers have received is one kick in the face after another.

On April 23rd of this year, in his relief message to Congress, President Roosevelt had motivated his proposal to slash over one million workers off WPA by the argument that private industry would absorb those thrown off WPA.

Four Dropped for Every New Job
That it isn't working out that way is proved by a report of the Social Security Board, showing that for every worker who obtained a job in industry in July, 1939, four other workers were fired from WPA.

Since April 1st, 1939, WPA has dropped more than 1,000,000 workers; the suspensions will continue until by October 1st dismissals will total 1,500,000.

During July only 117,000 men and 95,000 women were placed in private industry, that is, only one out of every four dropped by WPA during the month.

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

They're Plotting a Military Dictatorship

"Men will be told if and when they are to fight.
"Those who do not fight will be told to find essential work.
"Their wages may be regulated.
"They will not be permitted to go from one place to another—as they did in the last war—in order to get higher wages.
"Women and children will be put to work in the places left by fighting men, so that industries essential to warfare may not suffer.
"Laws fixing minimum working hours and pay . . . will be brushed aside where government considers that necessary.
"The average man will find all his private financial transactions under constant scrutiny.
"His supply of electricity for light and heat in his home may be interrupted, rationed, or cut off at any time. His trips on railroad trains, buses and airplanes will be subject to cancellation by the government."

Blue-Print for U. S. Dictatorship

Reader, this is not consciously a description of life under the fascist dictatorships of Europe today, though it fits them accurately. This is a description of what life will be like in the United States of America if the federal government and big business succeed in putting over their plot for the M-Day Military Dictatorship in this country. The startling quotations given above are not from some labor paper exposing the M-Day (mobilization day) plans—they are from the boss Associated Press and were published last Sunday in papers throughout the country. That the boss papers would even dare begin to propagandize for the M-Day dictatorship is the sharp DANGER SIGNAL to the American people! The war-makers are preparing to drag us into the Second World War which began last Friday morning!

The Chief War-Makers

Leading the criminal war pack is the President himself, Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was Roosevelt and Farley who worked behind the scenes to prevent Congress from passing the war referendum proposal which would let the people vote on whether they wanted to fight another war for boss profits. It is Roosevelt's man, Louis Johnson, who has cooked up the M-Day dictatorship plot for the United States. And Roosevelt has just moved this man, a former national head of the American Legion, into the post of Secretary of War. It was Roosevelt who proposed, and a united Congress who adopted, the two-billion-dollar armament program in Washington this year.

With the publication of the M-Day Dictatorship plan, this reactionary plot is now out in the open. In succeeding issues of the Northwest Organizer we shall expose this plan which would crush all organizer labor, outlaw strikes, blot out all labor papers, push labor down into the mud as far as any fascist dictatorship has ever done.

Fascist Threat Is Here at Home

It isn't Germany that constitutes the threat to what democratic rights the American people still retain—it is big business and the M-Day backers right in this country of ours.

The second World War for Democracy is a fraud. The first victim of this war is democracy itself. There is no democracy in the England of Prime Minister Chamberlain or the France of Premier Daladier today. Both Chamberlain and Daladier—that is to say, Big Business—rule by decree laws, like the dictators they have become. If M-Day were to become a reality in the United States, the people of this country would be subjected to as brutal a dictatorship as was ever seen on the face of this globe.

The workers of this country don't want war and they don't want any part of the M-Day dictatorship.

Workers Have No Foreign Investments to Defend

The workers have no interests abroad to defend. No member of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union—or the General Drivers Union, or the City and Sanitary Drivers, or the Federal Workers Section, or the Electrical Workers Union or any other union—has any "interests" abroad to defend.

The Standard Oil company, General Motors, General Electric, Ford, J. P. Morgan have interests abroad to defend. We haven't. If the big boys want to go abroad to defend their investments, let them go.

J. P. Morgan has a gun. He has just returned from a sojourn in Scotland where he was shooting grouse. If he wants to defend his investments, let him take his gun and fight for them. But don't let him try to force us to fight for him. And don't let him try to lie about any fake "war for democracy." We can all see how much democracy came out of the first World War.

Down with boss war and all the boss war-makers! Down with the M-Day Plan for a Military Dictatorship in the United States!

Take the war-making powers away from Congress. Let the people vote on war through a popular referendum! All war funds to the unemployed!

Wichita Drivers Have 3 Strikes On the Bosses

The Drivers Union Local 795 of Wichita, Kansas, reported this week it had three strikes in progress—the union is striking the Vincent Truck Lines, the Wichita Cab company and the Coca-Cola bottling works.

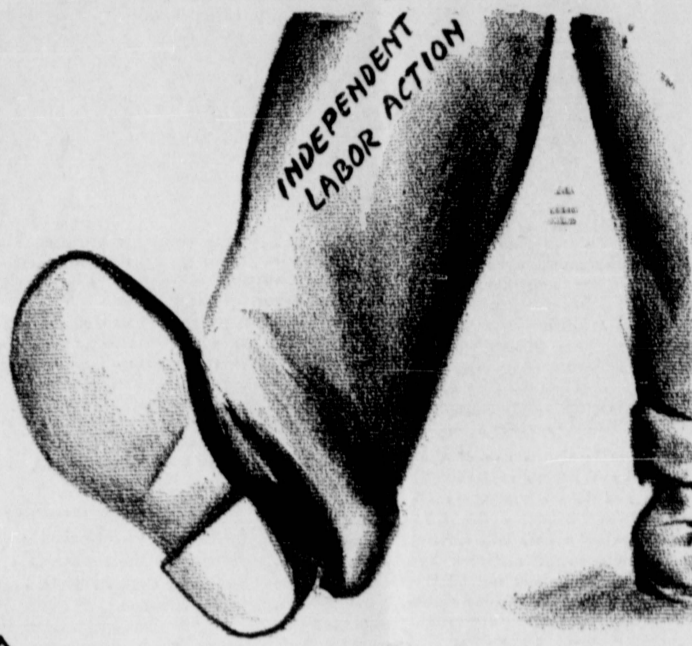
The Vincent Truck firm brought about the strike by refusing to sign with the union. The Wichita cab strike started two weeks ago when the company

turned down the very modest demands of the cab drivers.

Inside workers at the Wichita Coca-Cola company have been on strike since August 15th. Strikers are asking for a union agreement, higher wages and shorter hours.

They believed that human beings were distinguished from animals in having to toil terribly for a meager crust, but that their lot was lightened by the existence of a small and semi-divine class called rich people, who gave away what they did not want.—ISRAEL ZANGWILL

Time to Get Going!



Defense Committee Quickens Drive to Free WPA Strikers

(Continued from page 1)

Murk, chairman of the Defense Committee. Murk's statement, incidentally, was twisted and distorted by the Star.

Mr. Murk charged the Star with deliberately distorting the facts in order to discourage friends and relatives of the prisoners and to seek to relieve the federal authorities from the tremendous pressure of public opinion.

Murk also condemned the Star for "the entirely false impression given by your paper that a joint AFL-CIO defense committee has been formed or even arranged for. The facts are that our committee acts and speaks for the AFL. The CIO has its own committee . . ."

Murk asked that all communications intended for the WPA Defense Committee be sent to the Committee's secretary-treasurer, Clair Johnson, c/o Minneapolis Central Labor Union, 18 North 8th Street.

Protest to Murphy

With mass protest against the excessive bail asked continuing to grow, George Lawson and Robert Olson, secretary and president of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, sent a telegram to Attorney General Frank Murphy late last week charging that the bail asked was excessive and requesting that the bail be lowered.

Efforts on the part of the WPA Defense Committee to secure the property of the Minneapolis Labor Temple association as surety on the bail bonds are still being continued.

Committee Praised

In his public statement President William Green praised the defense committee of the Central Labor Union. The eight members of this committee—Chairman George Murk, Vice-chairman Peter Murck, Sec. Treas., Clair Johnson, Joe O'Hare, Walter Frank, Myrtle Harris, Ed O'Neil and Oscar Johnson—deserve unstinted praise for the able manner in which they are carrying out the defense tasks, and for the sacrifice in time and effort they are making for the larger good of the entire labor movement.

The material interests of every union worker in Minneapolis are directly related to the successful carrying out of the defense work for the arrested and indicted strikers, and the efforts being put forth by the members of the WPA Defense Committee merit the unanimous approval of their union memberships. If the federal government is able to get away with its raw deal and repression against those indicted in the WPA strike, a drive against the wages and living standards of all union workers, here and throughout the country, will follow just as surely as night follows day.

The lowered bail should be an

Gassing With 977

Negotiations for a new Working Agreement for the employees of eight Minneapolis Tire companies, were completed by the Local in the office of the State Labor Conciliator and will be signed by the employers this week.

Larry Davidson was elected official delegate to the State Federation of Labor Convention to be held in Duluth, beginning Monday, September 11th.

Arnold Melander was chosen by the men at Firestone Tire to be their official steward for the coming year.

The General Membership meeting of the Local will be held as per schedule on Monday, September 11th, at 9 o'clock. This is the last meeting before the Jamboree and a fine attendance is anticipated.

John Eidsvold will remain in the office during the week of September 11th, while the bookkeeper is away for one week of his vacation.

Dance to the music of Bobby Phillips and his orchestra at Costello's Grove, 92nd and Cedar Ave., on Monday evening, September 18th. The First Annual Jamboree of Local 977 will provide many forms of entertainment; bring your friends.

Jesse Ware, attendant at the Mobile station, 1319 3rd Ave. S., will receive a total of \$58.55 in overtime pay, back-pay and vacation pay, as a result of negotiations with his employer by 977 organizers.

In the French Chamber of Deputies at the time of the Revolution was a radical who had been a veterinary. One day during a bitter debate, a conservative sneeringly asked: "Is it actually true that you are a veterinary, my good man?" "It is, sir," replied the radical. "Are you ill?"

In the future may not labor hire capital, instead of what is done at present—capital hire labor?—JOHN RUSKIN.

added incentive to every union to make its contribution immediately to the WPA Defense Committee so that the early release of the imprisoned strikers may be secured, and the WPA Defense Committee placed in a position where it is able to cope with any arrests that may come in the future.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

1859-er's—read the conclusion of the Good Ship Progress elsewhere in this paper. This week's chapter deals with the Status Quo which, in plain English, means the fix we are in. Following the Good Ship Progress there will be a series of articles dealing with the materialistic conception of history, the position of 1859-er's in the class struggle and the accumulation of surplus profits. We promise you these will not be dry or uninteresting. Instead, Brothers, they will be juicy and easily digested.

Have you signed the petition to be sent to Capitol Hill requesting that a vote shall be put to the people of the United States before we enter into a war? If big business under one flag attempts to put the screws on big business under another flag, that is not the affair of the working class. The working class will have its hands full fighting its own battles without taking up the troubles of the Sixty Families in this or any other nation.

These guys live right:

Herman Bowers was the lucky winner of a fog light for his car at a festival given by the Robbinsdale gun club. The fog light is a honey and was donated for the occasion by Jack Pott's garage in Robbinsdale.

Richard Gilmore drew a fine big white hen raised on the goodly acres of Frank Gauke, Jr. Frank Junior is the farming son of the Clark warehouse. Now we know where Frank gets them big chicken sandwiches.

John (big fish) Erickson of the machine shop is conducting a class for young married men. Roll call includes Jim Slobogian, Dave Woods and Ed Grabow. Class daily from 12 to 12:30.

It always pays to keep your feet clean. Frank Englert had a close shave last Sunday while fishing on Lake Charlotte with his three sons. Frank was rowing across the lake when an airplane passing overhead had motor trouble and was forced down. The plane hit the lake about 50 feet from Frank's boat and sank to the bottom. The lake is so deep at this spot that at the time this was written the plane had not been located. So Frank had a very close call that time.

Everytime you hear war news on the radio or read it in the papers look for the Nickel Under the Foot. Great masses of people are not set in motion in a given direction just because somebody doesn't like their ruler or their religion. Wars are not fought to protect a moral principle or because people would rather have a red and blue flag instead of a black and white one.

When anybody talks about carrying the cross, the flag, freedom or civilization to other people you can bet your bottom dollar those people have got something the other fellow wants. When you are looking for the nickel under foot keep in mind this little illustrative story:

Once a little boy was fighting with a couple of street urchins in front of his father's store. When the old man noticed the scrap he yelled, "Hey, son! Cut out that fighting."

"I can't, Daddy," answered the struggling warrior, "they called me a crook."

"Never mind what they called you, you are a fool to take that beating," answered the old man.

"I can't quit; they called me a robber," yelled the kid between blows.

"What do you care what they called you?" shouted the old man.

"But Daddy, I can't quit. I've got my foot on a nickel," came from the boy's bloody lips.

That nickel under the boy's foot was the basic cause of the trouble and whether it's a boy or a nation the same thing applies. When the Big Boys whom us guys call "great men" talk about fighting for justice or saving democracy, eternal right, glory, the flag, the fatherland or protecting ourselves from possible invasion you are apt to find that the nickel under foot is there every time and when you understand this, all the war talk will be very easy to see through. The big boys are in trouble and they want the yaps, saps and yazz-hampers to shed blood and help get the nickel under foot—for whom? Well, who always gets the gravy? Not the yaps and saps and yazzooos!

Local 544 has a new whiskey named in its honor. It is said to be as powerful as its namesake. We hear rumors that the bosses will not drink this kind of firewater. It's too powerful for their delicate constitutions.

DEMAND UNION CLERKS

On the National Picket Line

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farmers who are fighting a bosses' war in Europe.

Wednesday's Times-Tribune relates that the wholesale price of sugar in the Twin Cities climbed 75c a hundred pounds on Tuesday. Fresh pork and the wholesale prices of fresh beef rose 15 per cent. Navy beans jumped from \$2.50 to \$4.50. The price of canned goods advanced 10 to 12 1/2 per cent.

Workers will do well to regard with absolute cynicism the newly-displayed "pacifism" of such false friends as the Minneapolis Tribune, with its campaign to mobilize the women to keep the United States out of foreign war. We remember exactly the same device used by the bosses in 1914. They take a pacifist attitude today, all the better to betray us into the hands of the warmakers tomorrow.

When the time comes that the bankers and industrialists and their political spokesmen decide to carry the people of this country into the war, all the boss pacifists will turn overnight into the most energetic flag-wavers and drum-beaters.

They can always find some fake excuse to justify their turning into rabid supporters of the war. "Our national honor has been besmirched"—"Our country is threatened"—"Democracy must be saved," etc.

There have never been so many pacifists as at this moment when men are once again slaying each other on all the highroads of the

world. Pacifism is helpless in fighting against the causes of war—the profit system, and the drive for profits being waged by the bosses of each country in the world.

When a worker says he is a pacifist, I believe him and know he hates war to the roots of his being. But when a boss proclaims his pacifism, I don't believe him, because I know he stands to gain from war in most cases.

One year ago the Minneapolis Central Labor Union passed a splendid resolution against war, which takes on new meaning with the recent developments in Europe.

One section of that resolution called for a national referendum on the question of war. It is fitting to recall this resolution and to press this demand for a popular referendum on war. If the war-making powers were taken away from the President and Congress and vested in the people, this country would never go to war. We can all show our hatred of war and the war-makers by pressing more resolutely than ever for a national war referendum. Let the people decide on war.

THE LEISURE CLASS

There was a little beggar maid, Who wed a king, long, long ago; The course that he displayed Was criticized by folks who know Just what formalities and things Are due to beggar maids and kings.

But straight the monarch made reply: "There is small difference, as I live. Between our stations! She and I Substist on what the people give. We do not toil with strength and skill, And, pleasing Heaven, never will (Cophetua and the Beggar Maid.)

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 — First and third Tuesdays each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section —Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)	LOCAL 160 — 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 221 — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section —Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 259 — Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 — Sept. 6—General Membership Sept. 12—Cafeteria Section Sept. 19—Box Industry Sept. 20—J. R. Clark, Keller Manufacturing Sept. 22—Warren Shade, America Excelsior, Trav-L-Eez and Kozekar, Air-Loc Seating, American Wicker Works Every Friday night—Executive Board 1st, 3rd Thursdays, 8 p. m.—Grievance Board Sept. 11th, 25th — Twin City Stewards October 4—General Membership
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 20481 — Oct. 4th—General Membership
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 SEPTEMBER — Friday, September 1 — Job Stewards Wednesday, September 6—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, September 7 — Greenhouse, ITO Friday, September 8—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, September 11—General Membership Meeting Tuesday, September 12—Lumber Wednesday, September 13 — Market, Wholesale Liquor Friday, September 15 — Job Stewards Sunday, September 17—Over-the-Road Drivers (10 A. M.) Monday, September 18—Furniture Stores, Coal, Printing Thursday, September 21—Excavating Drivers, Tent and Evening, Newspaper (10 A. M.) Friday, September 22 — Cold Storage Monday, September 25—Spring Water Tuesday, September 26—Sand and Gravel Wednesday, September 27 — Wholesale Paper Thursday, September 28 — Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Local 544 office The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated
LOCAL 977 — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards — Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	LOCAL 103 — Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.
FEDERAL WORKERS — Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS — The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 289 — Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. Grievance Membership — Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.	LOCAL 275 — Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 346 — Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 359 — Stewards — First and Third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.