

# Fight With the AFL for the 30-Hour Week With No Reduction in Weekly Pay

## California Congressman Protests Persecution Of Minneapolis WPA'ers

When even a congressman can't stomach the assault of the federal government upon the unemployed workers of Minneapolis, that is news! Yet early in November Congressman Lee E. Geyer of California took the floor in the House of Representatives to protest the persecution of the local WPA workers. Even more, Geyer named names. "I protest it to the Congress . . . I protest it to the Attorney General . . . I protest it to the President of the United States; and I invite every man present who believes in the fundamental rights of the people to join me in this protest so the people in Minneapolis and elsewhere in the country may know that there are men on the floor of Congress who refuse to allow such flagrant attacks upon their and our civil liberties to go unchallenged," Geyer said.

The California solon started his talk by saying he believed the members of the House "should know how, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a law recently passed by this body is being used in an attempt to destroy the civil rights of labor, to persecute American citizens, and to further the political advantage of certain individuals and groups.

"The basis of this vicious attempt is the Minneapolis WPA strike and the present mass trials of 163 defendants charged with criminal conspiracy as a result of participating in that strike."

Geyer then briefly listed the details of the strike, known to workers throughout the nation; that the strike was a spontaneous protest against the new relief law, that it was led in Minneapolis by the unions, that strike leaders asked Goltzback to close the projects, that the papers lied upon a Minneapolis cop being killed in the strike, and that the strike ended when the cops attacked the picket line at the sewing project, wounding scores and killing one man.

"Why Only in Minneapolis?" Geyer denounced, among other phases of the government's conduct of the case, the excessive bail requirements and "the inept manner in which public officials handled the situation.

"I am putting myself on record," he stated, "in protest against permitting under the name of 'prosecution of lawlessness' the persecution of scores of decent, law-abiding fellow citizens. I am maintaining that under the cloak of bringing the guilty to justice we should not permit an attack upon labor's hard-won rights to organize and a further attack upon the basic rights of citizens generally . . . If some strikers become hot-headed and get into fist fights, why were they not dealt with as police-court cases, which is customary? Why were they, instead, charged with conspiracy and faced with penitentiary terms? Is this awful consequence of strike participation a threat to intimidate labor? Why was there such a wholesale round-up of Minneapolis people whose crimes were no greater than mere presence where a fist fight occurred, or who were not even present but were simply officers of a group agreeing to leave their project when the picketing began, WHILE IN NO OTHER CITY IN THE COUNTRY WHERE WPA EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATED IN THE NATION-WIDE STRIKE WERE STRIKERS PERSECUTED?"

Needless to say, not a single boss paper printed the Californian's remarks. The boss press is too interested in joining in the frame-up.

And needless to say, neither Roosevelt nor Attorney General Frank Murphy and his G-men, nor Victor Anderson, nor Stassen, nor Leach, has answered Congressman Geyer's pointed questions.

## Iowa Bakery Drivers Preparing to Strike Pfaff Baking Company

Last Friday the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council met at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where a thorough discussion was held on the relations between the Pfaff Baking company, operating in Fort Dodge, Mason City and Estherville, Iowa, and the firm's drivers. Pfaff's drivers in these communities are now organized in the drivers' unions in each town and are demanding a union agreement giving them the same benefits the union movement has been able to win from other baking companies.

In negotiations between Pfaff and the union company, Mr. Pfaff has refused pointblank to accede to the demands of his drivers, and has proposed instead that they accept a wage scale from \$5-\$10 a week less than other union bakery drivers in Iowa are receiving. Pfaff has as much as told union negotiators that if the men insist on the union wage scale, they will have to fight to get it.

Bakery drivers throughout Iowa are very well organized and enjoy uniformly good conditions, largely due to the strength and cooperation obtained through the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council. The stand of the Pfaff management confronts the Bakery Drivers Council with a threat to the wage scale and conditions that have been so painstakingly built up throughout this area by the drivers' unions.

At its meeting Friday the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council voted unanimously to support to the hilt the drive of the Pfaff drivers to secure the existing wage scale in the industry.

Strike Votes Scheduled Meetings of the bakery drivers in each of the three communities are scheduled to be held during the next few days, at which strike votes will be taken. It is almost certain that the strike will be

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## Defense Ready to Bat in 3rd Trial of WPA Defendants

Government Rests Case After Presenting Scores of Witnesses — All 25 Defendants Identified — Surprises Looked for in Defense Testimony — Government Witnesses Appear Frightened, Cowed — Defendants Shift Chairs, Cross Up Witnesses

Wednesday afternoon the United States government rested its case in federal court against the 14 women and 11 men charged with "conspiracy" in the third WPA strike trial. During the past week District Attorney Anderson has placed scores of government witnesses on the stand who have identified all defendants as having been present at the WPA sewing project during the week of July 10-14.

"Watch for some surprises when Defense Attorney Tom Davis places defendants and their witnesses on the stand," was the admonition of union leaders this week. Defendants are confident they can explode the lurid lies told about them by the FBI-coached government witnesses.

Among the dozens of people to take the stand against the strikers during the past week are Phillip Leach, Mrs. Dessie Graham, Roy Fleischman, Mrs. Ragna Lane, Mrs. Bessie M. Nelson, Mrs. Daisy Olney, Mary E. Lovely, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Ackland, Mrs. Theresa E. Hopkins, Mrs. Frances Douglas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thom, Frank Elzea, Mrs. Molden, Mrs. Landis, Grace McPherson, Mildred Gustafson, Bernice Peterson, Deana Doyle, Mr. Blunt, Bertha Ring, Evelyn Dixon, Mr. Charles Carlson, Mrs. Pearl Gaitke, Mrs. Bailey, Blanche Gross, Mrs. Mary Hubbs, Julia Mulden, Ann Landis, Carl Lenander, Sr., Thomas Finn, Frank Klutz, Harry Westberg, Andre Nielson, Magle Segerstrom, Harriet Peters, Hazel Johnson, Sarah Brinestead, Ethel Gellison, Elva Williams, Christine Sibly, Anna Burns, Sarah Walker, August Brustead, Unita Bates, Dorothy Rice, Fred Hogan, Mrs. Herman, Nell Finn, Annette Robb, Walter Mooney, Gene Oakly, Dorothy Shoemaker, Ann Pagel, Eunice Anderson, Mrs. Secora, Marge Smith, Mr. Sperry, Roy Connors, Emma Hougher and Louise Welch.

Mrs. Agnes Kollar, Elizabeth Hunt, Margaret Krueger, Lena Kuehl, Mrs. Mabel Skoggs, Mrs. Nellie Lindseth, Lillian Price, Julia Fleming, Minnie Newmann, Agnes Neary and Mrs. Lillian Peterson.

Revolting Spectacle To sit in court and watch the parade of witnesses, well-coached by the FBI agents, spew out their fantastic lies against the defendants, is a revolting experience. That the government witnesses, most of them WPA workers, are being made goats of by the G-men is obvious. So cowed that District Attorney Anderson constantly has to ask them to raise their voices to be heard, they reel off with the most astonishing detail stories about the strike which transpired four months ago. The stories are all too good, too pat, too well-rehearsed. They simply fail to carry conviction.

Four hours, sometimes for days, the government takes the witnesses off their WPA jobs and bring them over to the federal building, where they sit outside the courtroom in the corridor conversing (Continued on page 4)

## Negotiations For Twin City Rider Continue

Tuesday morning in the Nicolet hotel negotiations were resumed between representatives of Drivers Union Locals 120 and 544 and a sub-committee of the Minneapolis and St. Paul over-road operators for a rider to the new area over-road pact.

Representing the drivers were Carl Skoglund, Miles Dunne, and Curt Zander of Minneapolis, and Art Hudson of St. Paul. Some progress was made. A third meeting was scheduled for this Friday.

## Witnesses Backfire on FBI, Attorney

It would be a miracle if at least one of the long string of docile well-coached government witnesses in the current WPA trial didn't backfire on the G-men and District Attorney Victor Anderson. Tuesday not one but two witnesses failed to give Anderson the answers he expected.

Mrs. Harriet Conley, WPA sewing project worker, was on the stand. She had testified she went to work Monday, July 10th, but didn't work the rest of the week, though she went down to the project on Wednesday and Friday of that week.

"Weren't you struck (by pickets)?" Anderson asked from his chair in front of the witness stand. "No, I wasn't," Mrs. Conley replied.

A little nettled, Anderson reminded her she was sworn to testify. "Weren't you pushed?" he persisted. "No, I wasn't," the witness retorted firmly.

Angered, Anderson then leaned forward and asked Mrs. Conley if she knew Pearl Richards, one of the defendants. Upon an affirmative answer, Anderson asked, "What did she say to you?"

Mrs. Conley said Mrs. Richards asked her to leave. "Did she swear?" triumphantly asked Anderson.

"No, Mrs. Richards was very polite about it all," Mrs. Conley replied.

Her testimony, coming like a breath of fresh air after all the lurid lies and fantastic tales related by other witnesses, seemed to take not only Anderson but the jury with surprise. On Tuesday another government witness threw cold water on the government's game by relating that everything was peaceful at the project.

## CLU Policy Committee Backs 359

In the discussions between the policy committee of the Central Labor Union and Mr. MacAloon representing the Donaldson company, the policy committee agreed with the representatives present from the Warehouse Workers Union that Local 359's demands were justified and that the union should get them from the company.

At the meeting the union pointed out it was attempting to get wage increases for all its members employed at Donaldson's, especially those in the lower-paid brackets. The union also wants a clarification of seniority. The company has attempted in the past to enforce a departmental seniority, while the union, of course, insists on company-wide seniority. Further negotiations will be held with the company.

## Latest Victims of G-Men



Above are Louis Miller, organizer, and Walter K. Stultz, president, of the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554, two of the seven drivers' union officials found guilty last week in federal court in Sioux City and sentenced to two years. The G-men, working under Attorney General Frank Murphy, spent 15 months building the frame-up against the heads of the drivers' unions in Omaha, Sioux City and Des Moines. All defendants are out on bail and the case will be appealed.

Members of the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383, meeting in special session last Sunday, adopted a statement reading in part: "These persecuted men have been victimized because they are officials of a labor union . . . We feel these men were not given a fair trial. We are especially convinced that the FBI did everything possible to make the charges severe beyond all rules of decency in an effort to publicly brand these union officials as criminals. It is a matter of record that the accused men were not given a reasonable opportunity to prepare their defense . . ."

Central labor bodies in Omaha and Council Bluffs have also adopted similar resolutions, demanding the FBI cease its attacks upon organized labor throughout the country.

## Showdown Due in Dispute With Erickson Oil Company

For the last ten months, since January, 1939, the AFL Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 has been carrying on a struggle against the Erickson Brothers Oil company and the CIO finks. Local 977 has sought a union agreement covering all Erickson oil station attendants. Local 977 has won its fight on the picket line. It has whipped Erickson and the CIO strike-breakers in court. On November 8th, last Wednesday, Local 977 won its case before the state department of labor, when Lloyd J. Haney, state labor conciliator, ordered an employee

its name shall not appear on the ballot. The election is to be held Tuesday, November 14th, at the public library at Central and University avenues.

Only those employees working at the two Erickson stations on August 10, 1939, are eligible to vote in the election. This excludes the imported CIO scabs from voting, and practically insures an AFL victory.

Should the Erickson company still persist in fighting Local 977 even after the latter wins the election, the Filling Station Attendants Union will continue with more vigor than ever its fight for its just demands.

FLASH! Tuesday morning the Erickson Oil company, in behalf of the CIO, went before Judge LaRue and moved to change his decision that the company was guilty of an unfair labor practice during the strike. The judge rejected the motion, and the elections were moved ahead from Tuesday to Thursday this week.

Thursday at 9 p. m. Local 977 will hold a meeting of all attendants and lesses of the Erickson company. Unless the company indicates it will sign a pact immediately with Local 977 covering all stations, a strike will undoubtedly be called.

election November 14th in two of the Erickson stations. Later, the election was set for this Thursday, November 16th. Local 977 has already won a contract covering employees in the other Erickson stations. Attendants eligible to vote in the two remaining stations have signified to Local 977 representatives they intend to vote unanimously for the AFL.

Boss Aided CIO In his decision, Haney pointed out that "the court, in the case of Joseph Erickson vs. Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977, found evidence that the employer encouraged employees into the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Haney motivated his decision for an election on the following grounds: that because of the unity of control of the Erickson station at East Hennepin and Central, and the Emerson and Plymouth station, these two stations shall constitute one unit; that "pursuant to the findings of the Court, the affiliated union of the CIO shall not be a determining factor in choosing the representative for collective bargaining, and

## Laundry Drivers Strike Looms in St. Paul, Minneapolis

Members of Locals 131, 319 Vote Overwhelmingly to Strike When Employers Reject Demands—Bosses Aim to Tear Down Working Conditions in Industry—Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council Ratifies Strike Action

A strike of laundry drivers in the Twin Cities loomed this week as Laundry Drivers Unions in both Minneapolis and St. Paul reported their memberships had voted overwhelmingly to reject the bosses' counter-proposals and to strike unless the unions' demands are met.

## 1859 Pickets Hold Firm At Puffer's

Despite three attempts to run scabs into the struck Puffer-Hubbard plant, striking workers still held the upper hand at prestime, officials of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 announced. Last Friday the picket line turned back over a dozen scabs. With the company becoming more aggressive in efforts to break the 9-week strike, the union dispatched all its pickets from the union hall to the plant.

Monday morning the picket line again held firm, turning back no less than a hundred strike-breakers.

Tuesday morning before 7 o'clock a gun squad of copper-managed to sneak two finks into the plant. They were the only ones who got inside. The finks stayed inside the plant all day and were whisked out the back way at 5:30 p. m. by a gang of cops.

NW Bank Directing Fight The Puffer-Hubbard strike is more taking on the aspects of a war between the bloodsucking Northwestern National bank (receivers for the struck firm) and the Minneapolis trade union movement. It has been several years since the bank and the old Citizens Alliance crowd have dared to test the strength of organized labor in this city. In cooperation with Governor Stassen and federal officials, the labor-haters ganged up on the WPA strikers this summer. Now they feel arrogant enough to take a further swing at the union movement by trying to smash the Furniture Workers Union.

Organized labor is not going to stand idly by and watch the bosses and the cops gang up on the Puffer-Hubbard strikers. The strikers are firm in their determination to battle it out to victory if it takes all winter. And they have the full support of the rest of the union movement.

Two other proposals from the employers—for peak seasons in the spring and fall, and for lengthening the six workdays before and after each holiday—would actually abolish for ten months out of the year the limitations now applying to the length of the workday.

Apparently out to take away from their workers all the conditions that the Laundry Drivers Unions have painstakingly built up in the industry, the bosses even propose to hold two sales meetings a month on the workers' own time.

Other proposals by the bosses altering the working conditions were equally objectionable to the memberships of Locals 131 and 319, who have signified by overwhelming majorities their intention to strike unless their demands are met.

The old contract expired November 1st.

## 359 Pact With Berg Is Near

Negotiations between the Berg Sales company and the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union have progressed to the extent that the company has agreed to pay the inside scale of 65¢ per hour, with a weekly work week of 42 hours.

The one major point still in dispute is a starting date for the agreement. The union expects to settle this matter before the week is over.

J. R. Clark Men Meet on Contract Wednesday evening the J. R. Clark Section of the Furniture Workers Union met to consider terms of the new agreement drafted by the sub-committee set up some weeks ago. The contract will be presented in the near future.

A great Turkey Round-Up and Dance will be held the Saturday night before Thanksgiving, November 25th, in the third floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue north. The Round-Up is sponsored by the Union Defense Guard who last year staged a very successful similar affair just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Tickets are now selling for 25¢ a couple, entitling holders to refreshments, dancing and prizes. A whole barnyard of turkeys will be on hand, to be given away to the lucky winners. All those who remember the hilarious time held last year will want to attend the Round-Up next Saturday. Buy your tickets early. Win a nice fat turkey.

## Union Guard Plans Turkey Round-Up

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# History of Dispute Over Beer Drivers Recited by Tobin

In Lengthy Speech to Recent AFL Convention, President of International Brotherhood of Teamsters Reports on Long-Standing Dispute With Brewery Workers Union—Condemns Rival Union for Dragging Case Into Courts and Before Government Labor Boards—Relates Behavior of Injunction Judge Goldsborough—Asks Why Brewery Union Has Not Organized Wine or Whiskey Inside Workers—Convention Votes Overwhelmingly to Uphold 1933 Decision Giving Jurisdiction Over Beer Drivers to Brotherhood of Teamsters

Union men and women who desire an insight of the long-standing dispute between the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Brewery Workers Union will do well to read the lengthy article by President Daniel Tobin in the November issue of the monthly official magazine of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Only lack of space prevents our reproducing the article in full. Because this matter is of national importance, and contains important lessons for organized labor, the story is briefly told here.

President Tobin sketches the whole history of the dispute as to which union should have jurisdiction over brewery drivers, and the incredible lengths to which the Brewery Workers Union has gone to violate the decisions of Labor and drag the dispute into the boss courts and various government boards.

Before the war most of the beer hauling in this country was done by horse-drawn vehicles and the dispute had not attained the importance to the Teamsters Union that it reached in the 1930's. During the period when the Eighteenth Amendment was in effect, of course, there were no beer drivers and the Brewery Workers Union was practically on the rocks.

Helps Rival Union Maintain Itself In order to help the Brewery Union maintain itself during prohibition, Tobin stated, "We let them have some ice drivers as members of their union in order not to break up their union altogether. . . . I remember them coming to us (in 1921 or 1922) and pleading with us to save their organization by granting them jurisdiction over flour mill and cereal workers. In order to help them I voted with the other members of the Executive Council (of the AFL) to grant them this extended jurisdiction. They made a statement or a promise that it would be possible to organize all the flour mills and the other cereal plants, and after five years they were unsuccessful in organizing any of them."

"Joe Obergfell (head of the Brewery Workers Union) and I worked together in the campaign of 1932 in trying to get rid of the Eighteenth Amendment, because we felt the Federation was right when it said it destroyed the freedom of men and women. . . . In the early part of 1933 the Eighteenth Amendment was practically abolished."

After Prohibition, Problem Becomes Acute "Just after prohibition was over I asked Joe Obergfell to come over to Indianapolis and see what we could do about organizing the brewery industry. . . . He did come over and I said, 'Now, Joe, after years and years the brewery business is coming back to life again. We might as well have a plain, distinct understanding that we will work together, to the end that we will organize the industry.' And he said, 'No, Dan, that's not going to go. We want the same jurisdiction we always had.' I said, 'That's unfair, that's impossible. Truck drivers belong to us.'"

AFL Decides for Teamsters Union With the Brewery Workers Union refusing to turn over beer drivers to the union in the driving industry, Tobin relates, the matter was taken up by the 1933 convention of the American Federation of Labor in Washington, D. C., where the executive council reported that:

"In the case of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America vs. the International Union of the United Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers of America, the Executive Council is of the opinion and decides that the teamsters and chauffeurs in the brewery industry properly belong to and come under the jurisdiction of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs."

The 1933 convention delegates voted on a roll call vote, 14,000 to 5,869—about two and a half to one—in favor of the executive council's recommendation. The decision was not put into

effect during the coming year, however, and in 1934 the AFL convention directed the executive council to continue their efforts to get the 1933 decision observed. **Brewery Workers Run to Court** Rather than abide by the decision of the convention, however, the Brewery Workers Union applied for an injunction in the federal court of the District of Columbia against the American Federation of Labor and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Justice Bailey, who heard the application for the injunction, dismissed the case, taking the position that the AFL had a right to discipline members of the organization and decide jurisdiction. The Brewery Workers Union, still refusing to abide by the AFL decision, again applied to the courts for an injunction. This time the case came up before Justice Goldsborough.

**Judge Refuses to Hear AFL** Goldsborough's handling of the injunction case has been peculiar, to say the least. This judge has refused to hear a representative of the American Federation of Labor. When Tobin was in Europe this summer, Goldsborough set the hearing for August 2nd, whereupon the president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters had to rush back to Washington. When Tobin arrived in the capitol, Goldsborough decided to postpone the case until October 9th, setting it at a time when the American Federation of Labor convention would be on.

Because of the necessary work at the convention, combined with the fact that the IBT had at least forty strikes in progress, Tobin asked for a continuance to October 16th. The Brewery Workers Union protested and the judge finally set the case for October 2nd, when it got under way. **Obergfell Lies to Judge** Despite the fact that just prior to the 1939 convention, Obergfell had appeared before the Committee on the Executive Council's Report to have his say about the AFL decision in the dispute, Obergfell told his attorney he was refused a hearing by the committee, and appeared in court to testify against the decision of the American Federation of Labor.

**Spies on AFL Convention** The head of the Brewery Workers Union did this, said Tobin in his speech to the 1939 convention of the AFL, "at the same time that we were opening our convention here in the city of Cincinnati, and sending forth a message of courage and solidarity to the toilers of America. Well, gentlemen, if you call that trade unionism, it is not the kind that I was taught, and that I was brought up to fight for. First we get the private conversations in our committee transmitted to Washington, with a lying statement that they were denied the right to present their evidence. Then we get a misinterpretation of my statement. Then, no doubt, before I rise tomorrow morning, Judge Goldsborough will have their version of what I am saying now, and perhaps an order of contempt will be issued against me for my statements. . . . We must, when we assume the office of leadership of our organization, be willing to pay the price of either unjust persecution by the courts or by the employers, but it is difficult to stand the unjust persecution of your own fellow associates in this convention."

Among the many important angles on the dispute brought out by Tobin in his speech to the 1939 convention were the following:

1. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters drivers hauled every ounce of material that went into the erection of the Empire State building and there was no dispute with any of the unions involved over drivers. The Teamsters haul every pound of paper that goes into every newspaper shop and there is no dispute over drivers with any of the 12 or 13 printing trades unions. In those jurisdictional disputes which have involved the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, all have been settled within the framework of the AFL; none has been taken into a boss court.

2. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters can no more stand for three or four kinds of union men driving trucks than the Pressmen can stand for four unions in the pressroom, or the Carpenters four unions in the carpenter shop, etc. **Brewery Workers Work With Boss** 3. The Anheuser-Busch brewery in St. Louis has worked with the Brewery Workers Union to get an unlimited injunction against the Brotherhood of Teamsters in St. Louis.

4. Though the Brewery Workers Union heads claim that to give the Drivers jurisdiction over the brewery drivers would destroy the Brewery Workers Union, the record indicates something quite different. In Chicago there are about 1,600 brewery drivers who are members of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, and the working conditions of the inside brewery workers were never better in Chicago than they are today. The same is true in Cleveland and other cities.

5. Tobin has pledged to Obergfell of the Brewery Workers that wherever that union had a signed agreement for inside workers in breweries and had any sort of dispute with the employer, the drivers who are members of the Teamsters would not only cease work but would halt all deliveries of materials to the brewery affected. **Fail to Organize Wine Workers** 6. Because wine is a competitive drink to beer and the brewery owners don't want the wine workers organized, the Brewery Workers Union has refused to organize the thousands of inside winery workers in the United States, as they have refused to organize the inside workers in the whiskey distilleries. The Brotherhood of Teamsters has almost completely organized the wine and whiskey drivers.

7. Contrary to what the Brewery Workers Union claim, for them to cede the brewery drivers to the Drivers International would have no bearing on the industrial form of organization inside the brewery. The drivers only work off the platform. Drivers don't make beer; they don't go inside the brewery. They back up for the beer load to the platform, just as they back up for a load of coal or lumber or iron pipe.


**Seek Injunctions in Many States** 8. In Portland, Oregon, the Brewery Workers Union has also applied to the courts for an injunction against the Brotherhood of Teamsters, as it has in California, too. In Detroit, Michigan, where 800 brewery drivers came over to the Teamsters, the Brewery Workers joined with the bosses to get out an injunction against the Detroit Drivers. They also tried to throw the case into the labor board. Tobin protested on the very good grounds that it did not come within the province of a government board to try to adjust a jurisdictional dispute within the organized labor movement.

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### With the Limousines

By Home James Here we are back again with the old master of opinions. THE GALLOPING POLL Chauffeurs Institute of Public Opinion, Galloping Gallop, (ND) Director Question: Do you believe the Senate defeat of the LaFollette War referendum proposal (73 to 17) indicates representative government? Realizing the seriousness of the question, old Nail-on-the-head Gallop brings you back this extra special accurate result: 14% NO. 54% HELL NO. (such language). 93 3/4% Thinks that those 73 votes will get what's coming to them, at election time.

We ask you, ain't it wonderful? and we join in the chorus of the millions with a Hail Gallop! The 20th century's gift to the party. (What party do you want?)

And so to more local matters. Last meeting was really a success, both in attendance and accomplishment, it just goes to show that when anything important is on the carpet, the membership is plenty interested in the welfare of this local.

A pat on the back to the Executive Board for their splendid work on the by-laws, and now that you all have adopted those laws, let's live up to them 100%.

All in all, it's beginning to look like a much brighter future for this young baby called 912, what with three more mortuaries signed, and several new members this

9. When the CIO unions were suspended, not one of them ever took the AFL into court. Yet the Brewery Workers Union have done it in state after state.

**Convention Upholds Tobin** Tobin ended his speech by recommending that the convention uphold the Executive Committee recommendation to suspend the charter of the Brewery Workers for their failure to abide by the decisions of the AFL and for dragging the Federation into federal court. Tobin warned the convention that if it failed to sustain the executive committee, it would write the death knell of the Federation.

The Executive Committee's recommendation was upheld almost unanimously, out of a total vote of 35,370, only six voting against. A committee of three trade unionists has been appointed by President William Green to try to bring about a settlement, and failing that, to suspend the charter of the Brewery Workers Union. If there is no agreement during the coming two months, the Brewery Workers Union will probably be suspended early in 1940.

**Soft Drinks Beat 289 Bowlers, 2-1** The Bakery Driver redhats lost their first series of the year on the bowling alleys Monday when the Soft Drinks copped two out of three. Taylor came through with 347. Kenzies took three games from Local 359. L. Rothenbrand's 550 helped to set a new single high of 1015 and a new three-game high of 2792. E. Gillespie's 532 led the Meat Drivers into taking a double from the last-place 544 team. Turbin had 611. Oasis Bar took the odd game from Local 221. J. Haugh had 552.

Team	Won	Lost
Local 289	22	5
Kenzies	15	12
Oasis Bar	14	13
Meat Drivers	13	14
Local 359	12	15
Soft Drinks	12	15
Local 221	11	16
Local 544	9	18

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### The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren Next meeting — General Membership Thursday evening, November 23rd, 7:30 p. m. At this meeting nominations will be held for the coming year, followed by the election in December. All out for this next meeting.

Since the meeting held last Thursday, the entire membership seems closer than ever before; and, with this spirit it is doubtful if anybody can harm our union. As you all know cooperation and cohesion are what is necessary to any successful union, and I think we've got it. Seen at the meeting last Thursday were Bill Pattie also Nesser Saba of Continental and many other members we haven't seen for a long time.

Sam Ash, Purity, somehow is always coming up with the unusual. He parades into the office the other day and asked everybody he saw, "How would you like to buy a barrel of whiskey?" He's really got one, too.

Joe found out that the City of Minneapolis really means it when they say every dog must have a license, as he had to go to the dog pound the other day and get his pouch out of hock which cost him three dollars; now, he's got a pretty little license hanging from the dog's collar.

I never dreamed so many people read my column until it failed to appear last week, although I turned one in; letters, telephone calls, and telegrams poured into the office which reminds me, I must thank them three guys, my public.

Earl Hatcher, Monahans, is seriously ill in the hospital. He was taken off the truck a week ago Saturday and rushed to the hospital and operated on, and he is still in pretty tough shape.

"Andy" Anderson, Gedneys, has been barred from the now famous 38th and Grand noon meeting of bakery drivers. Those new Gedney truck colors got the rest of the boys jealous. I still haven't been told what the big attraction is out there though. I'll have to drive out some noon and investigate.

Harry De Boer back from the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council meeting at Fort Dodge, Iowa, reports that no less than fifteen cities in our area set up now have the same conditions and wages that our contract provides for. This is great progress when you consider that last year there were only about three or four.

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### Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson Ray Krueger of the Vogue Cleaners injured the cartilage in his knee getting out of bed Monday morning. He is laid up from work; in fact, he is in the Swedish hospital and will no doubt be off for some time.

We have notified Mr. MacAloon, the boss negotiator, that we are awaiting his call for any further meeting on our contract negotiations.

We are meeting with the St. Paul bosses today. There ought to be some real developments by this time next week.

Our bowling team slipped just a little last Monday night, losing two games and winning one. The standings now are 22 wins as against 5 losses which is still some accomplishment. Again I want to remind you to come down and root for the boys, 8:30 on Monday nights in the Recreation basement. Next Monday they expect to knock off three games so let's get a crowd down there.

To the Ladies—If you want to please your husband (and what wife doesn't) serve him some of either Gedney's or Reiner's products which to mention a few are Gedney's Zestive Salad Dressing and pickles and Reiner's Blue Moon Cheeses in many tempting and delicious varieties. This section of our union deserves your continued support. Give it a whiz will you?

Even though the contract has technically expired, the hours of delivery are being checked. We'll see some of you violators at the board meeting this week.

Be sure to have yourself in good standing when election rolls around so you will be eligible to vote. When you become sick, it is also nice to be in good standing.

### Sears, Roebuck Workers to Meet

A special meeting of the Sears Section of the Warehouse Workers Union will be held Friday, November 17th, in the union hall. All members are urged to attend as matters of importance will be discussed.

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## Local Drivers Unions Preparing to Vote on Officers for New Year

With the end of the year approaching, affiliates of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council are preparing for nominations and elections of officers for the coming year. Besides the local by-laws dealing with the elections, certain minimum requirements are outlined in the constitution of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, page 6: "To be eligible for election to any office of Local Union or International Union a member must be in continuous good standing for a period of one year prior to nomination for said office. This does not apply to newly organized local unions except as follows: Local Unions organized for less than one year an individual must be a member and in continuous good standing for at least half of the period of time since local union was chartered by International Union . . ."

The Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 will nominate at its general membership meeting Monday, December 11th, and tentatively set Friday, January 5th, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. as the hours of balloting. Bakery Drivers Nominate Nov. 23 The Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 will nominate on Thursday, November 23rd at 7:30 p. m. Arrangements for balloting have not yet been set. The Cab Drivers Union Local 958 will hold nominations on December 21st, at which time a date will be set for elections. Nominations for officers of the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 will be made at the meeting Thursday, December 14th, and elections will be held from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. on January 11th. The Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 will nominate on Tuesday, December 5th, and ballot on Tuesday, December 19th. Other locals and affiliates have not yet set dates.

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 359 has already held its nominations and will ballot for two days, Friday and Saturday, November 24th and 25th, from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. Balloting in practically all the elections will take place in the large hall on the main floor at 257 Plymouth avenue north. Voting is by the Australian secret ballot familiar to all voters. Local 664 Nominates Dec. 14th The City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 will hold nominations Thursday, December 14th, and will ballot on Thursday, December 28th, from 7:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. The Milk Drivers Union Local 471 will nominate at its meeting Tuesday, December 5th, and will elect on Tuesday, December 19th, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Nominations for office in the General Drivers Union Local 544 will be held Monday evening, December 11th at the general membership meeting. The date for elections has not yet been set.

The Card and Label Group Plans Open House

An open house where refreshments will be served and door prizes given will be held Saturday evening, December 9th, at the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. The Card and Label Council is sponsoring the affair and cordially invites all friends of organized labor to attend. Several unions have arranged to have a display of goods bearing their label. A short speaking program will be presented. Admission is free.

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## Another Load From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze  
By an anonymous contributor: We commend our scribe, Brother Raze, for his worthy bit of effort in the Steward's Lament in last week's Organizer. But we see no mention therein of the "Torch" or mugs of foamy brew and Dagwood sandwiches mingled with the collection of dues on payday night.

Last Thursday's meeting was unusually well attended and rather long drawn out. However, several important matters were taken care of following a fine talk by Paul Rasmussen on the Cooperative movement in Minnesota. Believe me, this co-op business should be given some thought by every worker and farmer in America. The figures quoted by Mr. Rasmussen were unbelievable but absolutely accurate. Every worker and farmer should support this work by investing what he can in some co-operative undertaking. His bread, cast on the waters, will return to him a hundred-fold and in a short time, too. Think it over.

I wonder what Judge Joyce's decision to delay sentencing the already-convicted WPA'ers means. Brother Fisher has been rising quite frequently late, to object to most everything. He gets put out over the way we do business and Thursday's business got him put out. Very much so.

The educators did a very good job out at 38th and Bryant south last week. Several of the brothers were wised up, we hope. Brother Einar "Matchless" Nygaard says that "Just because I work like a horse, you can't make one out of me—nor any part of one."

Einar indulged in a first-class gloat on the way to last week's meeting. Here's the lowdown—as confided to your correspondent. It seems Einar, a bachelor, lives in a rooming house which also shelters several of the weaker (?) sex, who invariably beat the brother to the bathroom. This had been going on for ages, but Einar got there first Thursday evening. He bathed, shaved, washed his hair, trimmed his nails (all twenty of 'em) to the accompaniment of continuous knocks at the door. "Then," said he, "I sat down and smoked a couple of cigarettes, real slow."

Keep in mind the date of the coming pension board election and the names of labor's candidates. If you want a decent pension on retirement, don't fail to get out and vote and VOTE RIGHT.  
Greetings to you, R. F.  
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The Sunday Forum has arranged a debate on the question: "Resolved: That a Workers' State Is Necessary to Establish Socialism in the United States." Carlos Hudson, representing the Socialist Workers Party, will speak for the affirmative; Abraham Ziegler, national secretary of the Socialist Union Party, for the negative. The debate will be at 3 p. m. Sunday, November 19th, at 919 Marquette avenue.

## LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. B. Gilmore  
Brother Rolf Nordquist has been confined to his home with a bad cold for several days.

Oscar Bakke is a real good fireman. When Oscar fires up in the trailer at Puffer-Hubard he gets it so hot he has to go outside until the fire dies down.  
Wally turned out to be quite an artist. Some of his latest work is now on exhibition at P. H. travelling headquarters.  
Ed Palmquist and George Mecklenberg are the guys that know how to do things "according to Hoyle."

Brother John Janosco and Fred Dierick gave the P. H. boys a masterly exhibition of adroitness and skill and showed a fertility of resource that gave the local 500 players food for thought a week ago come Sunday.  
News filtered in by extra that a couple of the boys on second floor at J. R. Clark are all set to get "hitchee." Those wedding bells are breaking up that old gang of mine!

Hi ho! Hi ho! It's off to Osseo! Two or three times a week the citizens of Osseo have the privilege of viewing Willard Warner and Norman Hartman as they drive into town. There are lots of nice things in Osseo.  
Frank Gavere thought it was raining milk last Thursday morning. Frank was sitting in his car waiting for the wheels of industry to start when milk began to fly onto his windshield and all over the side of his car. Frank looked around to see what the matter was but it was only Clarence Englert vigorously wiping out a quart of milk he had spilled in his car which was parked next to Gavere's.

What's this we hear about some of the brothers taking up constructive work? Joe Bednarski, Joe Gurek and Joe Novak are crocheting dollies and other useful and expensive articles. Joe says he is making a bedspread worth \$25 for only \$2. The boys also make hope chest covers. Get your order in early, girls.

From the Norgren family:  
"We cannot express our thanks for the kindness which prompted you to send us this kind remembrance."  
Ray Hanson claims good luck is just doggin' him around. Ray won the jackpot in the warehouse again last Saturday.  
Dave Hunkla must have been holding out on us. Who are all those kids who hang around Dave and call him "grandpaw"? Dave says the kids all think he is Santa Claus.  
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## Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig  
The union has finally established a supervised hiring hall. Results tabulated so far indicate its complete success as a new department. Opened the third last day of September, it filed the applications of 90 men in its first three days of operations and succeeded in securing 75 placements. All help engaged for the Olson Memorial Highway job will be called out through this agency, although, Milt informs me that only a second shift of drivers and later on a few hired trucks will be used. . . . No time is being lost on this job, and already mountains of dirt are forming on the right-of-way out the west end of the job.

With the winter buying season starting out in full swing just at this time I would like to call your attention to the advertisers who seek your business through their ads in our paper. Remember, this is one way for you to return to other union brothers that same treatment we ask of them in contacting our industry. Furthermore, the advertising business is very sensitive to the demands of the buying public, and would quickly respond with patronage in a paper such as ours when it could demonstrate its ability to produce customer contacts. If our limited income could be increased somewhat we would enlarge our paper and try to give you more and better service. How about it, boys; would not a Buy-Through-the-Organizer Week be a step in the right direction?

Red Hohenstein, that high-flyin' youngster from the Belt-Line, is readying a 30 day leave of absence for a trip to California. Red has a one-way ticket to an assembly job in one of the aircraft factories there and if everything is on the up and up we may as well kiss him goodbye for keeps.  
Once he is settled in that sunny clime, his West Wall friends predict it won't be long before Red will promote himself a flying job. Evidently from stories afloat here the only thing that kept this ITO'er grounded in Gressa's Acres was Ford's lack of wing equipment. Well, flying or no, Minnesota or California, we all wish him well.

A Meadowbrook WPA driver put one of Chamberlain's tubsters neatly on its back this Tuesday. General opinion of the crews on this job about these toys is "phooey." Our best guess (most ITO's) Roy, is that you have laid down the law for kid glove handling of these fakes by all foremen on the job for the very purpose of building up some fancy production figures to make yourself a reputation.

WPA is becoming too costly for some of the sponsors. . . . There is the cause for your present city contract recession. . . . Look for a change for the better in the next 30 days (all around). . . . County boys are wasting a good deal for the winter in their sponsor's WPA funds. . . . Please, you bowlers watch your schedule more closely. . . . Very interesting rumors coming from the Road of Picnic Parks. . . . Time to think about committee nominations. . . . Too many ITO working on withdrawal cards. Just a case of riding behind the eight ball.  
Dr. McCrimmon, rounding out a year of service with Local 544, opened January with sixteen cases. In August the high point was reached with 52 cases and 102 calls. For the nine months period 365 cases and 788 calls were registered, including hospital, home and office calls, operations and X-ray services. The average cost approximately was \$2.30. This record looks impressive and I believe should be continued. Some of our ITO members have availed themselves of this service, others

have not. We should at least all give it a try should the occasion require.  
Local 544 is the third largest general drivers union in the U.S.A. Chicago leads in size and wage rates also. San Francisco follows.  
Ralph Mengelkoch rolled out a nice 524 in last Friday's bowling. Otherwise the whole league slumped badly and a few absentees are spoiling the fun. We would like to hear from one or two men who can bowl out the rest of the season.

**Watt Notes**  
By Amps and Volts  
We regret to report that Brother Gus Frederick's wife passed away last week. The union extends heartfelt sympathy.  
Leonard says the operators had a department meeting that was a knockout and established a record for the rest to shoot at.  
Muller must like to eat at home on Tuesdays. They don't always have fish at the Greasy Spoon.  
Ever hear of the coffee rush? Hamscom can tell you about it. It's something like this: when it's time to put on the coffee, everyone rushes to do just that. Does Hamscom ever win?  
The Co-op Coal Association offers substantial savings if you order in advance, pay cash and take delivery from the car.  
You oughta see Mid trying to wrangle a shovelful of spaghetti and meatballs. He says he can handle most any kind of fish bait, but on this, he's gonna take lessons from a canary.  
A number of requests have been received from unions throughout the country for copies of our agreement. "If you build a better mouse trap, the world will beat a path to your door."  
The Labor Temple, instead of being something to talk about, will soon be an actuality, we hope.  
Hats off to the Underground Department. Their department meeting was nearly onehundred percent attended.  
Don't forget the dance being put on over in St. Paul on November 24, by our brother Local 110—turkeys for door prizes.  
All out to the membership meetings from now on. You cannot expect to get things settled to your satisfaction by sitting at home.

**Card of Thanks**  
To Local 544:  
Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express.  
Maurice Furrro and family  
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick  
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But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik  
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## AFL Demands 30-Hour Week, Same Weekly Pay

(Reprinted from American Federationist, November, 1939)

After taking stock of economic conditions and the results of various legislative proposals that have been tried to provide employment within our economic structure for all who depend upon employment for incomes, the American Federation of Labor returned to its proposal of 1932—THE 30-HOUR WEEK WITH NO REDUCTION IN WEEKLY INCOMES. Since the bank crisis unemployment has never fallen below 8,000,000 and within the past few weeks has declined from over 10,000,000 to approximately 9 1/2 millions. The present business activity and consequent increase in employment was due to war orders and speculative demands for inventories. The gain is on a very insecure basis.

During this depression period technological progress has steadily increased productivity and decreased the number of workers needed without decided increases in output. Organized labor has made determined efforts to lengthen hours and inaugurate wage cuts in the depression. First we made the 40-hour, 5-day week generally in industry, and then key groups moved on to the 35 and 30 hour week.

### Progress Already Made

The report of the Executive Council that 95 per cent of union workers in the construction and printing industries have a 40-hour or less week; that 26 per cent of the workers in the construction industry have a 35-hour or less week, 10 per cent in the building trades already have the 30-hour week; while 30 per cent of union workers in printing work a 37 1/2-hour week or less. So with the help of legislation in addition to union leadership, organized workers have gained more leisure in this depression period. This shortening of the work week saved jobs for many workers who would otherwise have been laid off as a result of technological improvement increasing output per worker. Though this has been a substantial gain there has not been that substantial increase in business activity necessary to provide employment for all and to make available the things necessary for standards of living for all in keeping with our capacity to produce. For this increase in business activity Labor believes that higher wage rates and the 30-hour week are essential conditions. We do not need to look outside our own boundaries to find a market for a greatly increased output for factories, mines, mills, and service industries. All that is needed is to increase the incomes of that third of all our families who live on \$780 a year or less, as well as that other third whose incomes fall between \$780 and \$1,450. All of these families have less to live on than the \$2,500 necessary for minimum health and efficiency standards.

THE 30-HOUR WEEK GOAL IS THE ONE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL WHICH UNIONS MAY URGE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF WAGE EARNERS, THE INDUSTRY, AND THE WHOLE INTERDEPENDENT BUSINESS STRUCTURE.

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Each time you roar. Your flame is fed  
With twenty thousand loaves of bread.  
Silence! A million hungry men  
Seek bread to fill their mouths again.

(This poem, author unknown, came to the New York World office on a crumpled piece of paper. The author's address was given as Fourth Beach, City Hall Park.)

## Gassing With 977

Since nominations for officers of the Local for the coming year will be held at the December general membership meeting, it might be well to call to mind Section 8 of Article III of the By-Laws: "No member shall be eligible to hold office in the Union who has not been in consecutive good standing for one year. No member shall be allowed to make nominations or vote in the election of officers unless he is in good standing in the Union." Just a word to the wise!

Any member who has difficulty in securing his unemployment compensation should call the office of the local immediately. We have some vital information that will assist in securing your unemployment compensation.

To clarify our statement of last week to those members who are drivers and warehousemen, if you come under the Major Oil Company contract, we ask that you meet with the Petroleum Drivers Section of Local 544 on the first Wednesday of each month. This will be in addition to your own local's regular meeting on the second Monday of the month.

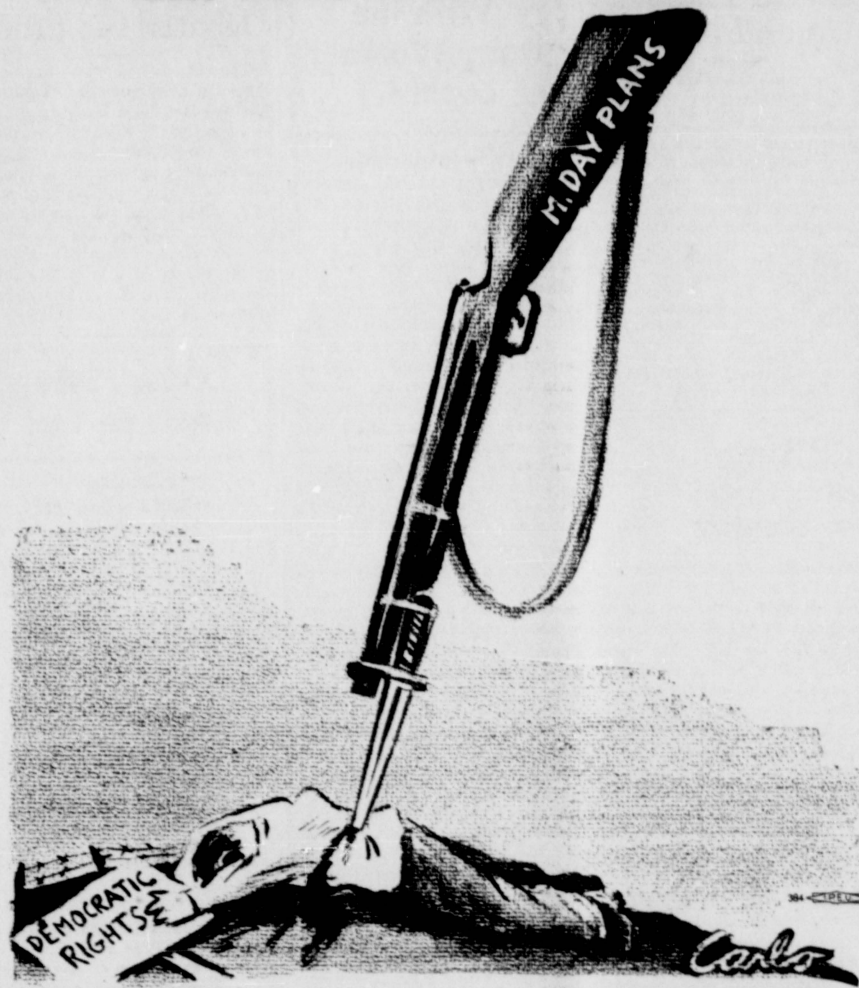
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Moos, who have a new baby daughter born last Saturday. The sympathy of the members is extended John Nelson of the Kunz station at Colfax and Lake streets, whose father passed away last Monday afternoon.

Important: The Executive Board of the Local is calling in all dues books of the membership during the month of December. Therefore, it is important to have your dues book with you at the station, so the collector may pick it up when he calls on you. This action is made necessary since a new ledger will have to be opened in the office and new account page numbers assigned to you. At the same time, your dues books will be checked and stamped to date, if stamps are missing.

Anyone interested in attending the Minneapolis Labor School night classes, should call the office of the Local and register. Among the classes open to you are: Business Arithmetic, Public Speaking, English, Economics, Current Events, Retail Selling, Dramatic, etc. And there is the newly organized Coop-Labor Male chorus—how about improving your leisure time?

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## The Final Stab in the Back!



## WPA Defense To Get Innings

(Continued from page 3)  
with the G-men, waiting to go into court and recite their piece.

Some of the witnesses appear to have the psychology of abject slaves. They relate how, day after day, while the strike was on at the sewing project, they would come down to loiter near the entrance, hoping to evade the picket line and get in to earn their miserable pittance. "I wouldn't bite the hand that feeds me," some of them actually testify in a doglike manner from the witness stand.

In comparison with some of the witnesses seen on the witness stand during the past week, Scisbille Sam the Boss's Man is a paragon of manhood.

Other witnesses give every evidence of being under a strain, as though they were testifying under intimidation and threat of losing their jobs. Still other government witnesses show all the characteristics of being outright stool pigeons and paid strike-breakers.

Minneapolis union leaders are particularly interested in the testimony of a Mrs. Elizabeth Thom, power machine operator at the WPA sewing project. Anderson had this woman on the stand for about five hours on Thursday and Friday. In 1934 she was a WPA supervisor in Nobles County. She came to Minneapolis and for fourteen months was actually a member of the Federal Workers Section and attended its meetings up to and even after the strike.

Sees All, Hears All, Tells All  
Altogether, Mrs. Thom identified 17 of the 25 defendants as being at the scene of the strike. Every day of the strike she faithfully came down to observe the picket line, but made no attempt to enter the project. Instead, she loitered among the pickets, observing in minute detail everything that transpired. What she didn't observe, she invented. She also attended mass meetings at the Parade Grounds.

She would go among the pickets asking them: "Haven't you a wife and child. Don't those WPA wages look pretty good to you? Don't you think you ought to be inside there working? etc."

A "Missionary"  
In the language of the professional strike-breakers who testified before the LaFollette Senate Committee, this sort of thing is known as "missionary work"—going among strikers seeking to convince them they should go back to work.

Mrs. Thom called most of the defendants by their first names and insisted she "liked the girls," at the same time she presented the most damaging evidence against them.

Once she claimed she heard Max Goldman say that Governor Stassen and President Roosevelt were rats. Once could see the jurors, all Republicans or Democrats, stiffen at this lie.

She actually claimed she attended a meeting of the General Drivers Union in June, 1939. Like

many other witnesses, she admitted telling her tales to FBI agents.

Definition of Rat, Scab  
Immediately after she left the stand Friday morning, government attorneys introduced two huge dictionaries from which they presented a glossary of the terms "rat" and "scab."

Reading from the Webster dictionary, Anderson's assistant quoted: "RAT—one who deserts his party or association, especially from interested motives. To forsake one's association for one's advantage. In the trades, to work as a rat, or scab."  
"No objections to that definition," said Tom Davis, smiling.

Cross Up Witnesses  
To amuse themselves, the defendants every so often exchange seats in the double row of chairs allotted them. New witnesses, who have evidently been told by G-men just where a certain person is sitting, will often be caught and identify one defendant as another. In this fashion, several witnesses exposed themselves by identifying Vic Nicholas as Wachter, or Max Goldman as some other defendant, etc. This is the only relief to the monotony of the case so far. When the government closed its case Wednesday, all the 25 defendants had been identified.

With the defense ready to present its testimony, the trial is expected to take on new interest.

## World's Best Driver Wins Title Again

Chicago, Ill. — Edson Smith, handsome 33-year-old driver for the Kirk Transportation company of Detroit, and member of the Detroit Drivers Union Local 299, successfully defended his title as world's champion truck driver in the finals of the truck rodeo staged in Chicago recently in connection with the annual convention of the American Trucking Assn.

Smith, who has driven trucks for 12 years, has piloted bottoms more than 720,000 miles, with only two accidents. He received the Evans trophy, symbolic of world supremacy in truck driving. Smith first won his title in 1938.

Frank Steed of Atlanta was second; Charles Zimmerman of Chicago, third; Lee Kirkland of Portland, Oregon, fourth; A. F. Allison of Denver, fifth. All winners are members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The bayonet is an instrument fashioned by the working class, sharpened by the working class, wielded by the working class, to pierce the breast of the working class.—Kirkpatrick.

I can quite understand a man accepting laws that protect private property and admit of its accumulation, as long as he himself is able under these conditions to realize some form of beautiful and intellectual life. But it is almost incredible to me how a man whose life is marred and made hideous by such laws can possibly acquiesce in their continuance.—OSCAR WILDE.

## ... One Woman To Another ...

By Marvel Scholl

A sidelight on the war which should be of especial interest to women is the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of children from the crowded English cities into country which many of them never knew existed. In London there is a section called the Isle of the Dogs. According to Frank Gervasi, who has an interesting article in the current Colliers on the "evacuees," the Isle of the Dogs is "in plain American, a slum . . . by comparison Hell's Kitchen is a health resort." From this "overpopulated area" many thousands of children and young expectant mothers were transported into the English countryside. They created a problem.

'Ennery 'Awkins and his mates found themselves suddenly transported from the sooty brick tenement, the sidewalk playground, the wharves where they listened to the tales of the sailors, to the placid rural estate of Milford Gotmoney. 'Ennery found that his clothes were too dirty for contact with Milady, so they were burned. He discovered that nice children don't harbor fleas on their bodies nor lice in their hair. Yet to 'Ennery, these were natural companions, pests, it is true, but something without which he had never been. He discovered that his vocabulary was vulgar, his stories rotten. He found that the cows which he must attend gave the milk which he had always thought came out of bottles; that apples grew on trees, and were not the product of a factory. He slept between sheets, probably for the first time in his life. Had a bath regularly. And to 'Ennery it was all a bore.

And what of his host? When the first wave of hysteria swept the country, royalty and the industrial barony came forth with true magnanimity, to do their bit. They opened their homes to the children (for a price). Once, however, the patriotic fervor which had motivated them wore off, and the threatened air raids did not materialize, they began to regret their generosity. The government pays one shilling sixpence per day per child, and Milord and Milady discovered that this was not enough board. Some solved the serious domestic problem of having from six to a dozen children on their hands, by putting them to work to replace the farmhands who had been conscripted by the war. Others turned them loose each morning with lunch baskets, with orders not to return until bedtime. The British Broadcasting System tried to help the situation by having half-hour broadcasts, instructing the children in the fundamental facts of rural life—where milk came from, wheat for bread, etc. School teachers corralled the wild little things and tried to bring order to chaos. Late reports via radio indicate that about fifty per cent of the evacuees have already returned to their city homes.

Some of the boys from the B. & W. are also air-minded; who said we want to drive hacks forever?—anyway it is good training for the slippery streets of winter.

"Big Joe" Nelson might abdicate the Curtis stand and play "wild" with all these "sign ups" except for the fact we all claim squatters-rights on the Lake St. stands . . .

Do not forget your hospitalization insurance renewal blanks must be filled out right now. Get them at the Y. C. office.

Benny Rosen is a recent convert from nights to days to take advantage of the salubrious effect of the sun's rays.

Attend the next meeting: get the facts and forget about curbstone musings.

Doesn't the average American working class man look ridiculous shouting "Hurrah for our country—our land of the free?" He has no voice in the control of the factory where he works; has no voice as to the use of the militia and the soldiers; has no right to demand a job and thus defend his life; he could not have the service of one petty village marshal, to open up a shut-down factory, even though the opening of the factory would have him and five thousand other men and their 25,000 women and children from starvation.—George Kirkpatrick.

Ministers of religion do not as a body denounce the unjust aggression we continually commit on weaker societies.—Herbert Spencer.

## MW Bakery Drivers Hit FBI Work

Last Friday in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the regular meeting of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council, together with the Iowa State Council of Truck Drivers, adopted a joint resolution bitterly condemning the FBI persecution of union men.

Referring specifically to the frame-up of drivers officials in Iowa and Omaha, the resolution states: ". . . Whatever the rules of court procedure may be, we feel that these men were not given a fair trial. We are convinced the Federal Bureau of Investigation did everything possible to make the charges severe beyond all rules of common decency . . . It is a matter of fact that all motions by the defense counsel for continuance, severance, and postponement were over-ruled by the court. "We'll Redouble Fight" "Therefore, the Midwest Bakery Drivers Conference and the Iowa State Council of Truck Drivers remain convinced that its accused and convicted brothers are innocent, and we shall use every resource at our command in carrying the fight in their defense to the highest courts in the land. "We answer this attack upon our unions by our determination to redouble our efforts in our fight for a decent standard of living."

Dr. Sylvester M. Lambert is campaigning to restore health to the islands of the South Seas and make them again the paradise they were 100 years ago—before the white man came with his syphilization.

conditions, we should not forget that we have slums of our own which need clearing.

We have a national emergency. One third of the nation is "ill-housed, ill-fed, ill clothed." Let's do something about it.

A conservative is a guy who is satisfied with hell here on earth so long as someone else shovels the coal.—M. M. 1192, Kansas penitentiary.

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## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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  
Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.

LOCAL 977  
General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m.  
Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Thursday, 7 p. m.  
Stewards—Fourth Thursday, 9 p. m.  
Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.  
Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS  
Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month.  
Stewards Meeting—First and third Mondays, 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.  
Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.

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

LOCAL 103  
Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.

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

LOCAL 275  
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.

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

LOCAL 160  
General Membership—First and third Thursdays  
Seniority Board—Every Monday  
Executive Board—Every Tuesday  
Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays

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

LOCAL 1859  
November 15—J. R. Clark  
November 20—Casket Industry  
November 21—Box Industry  
December 6—General Membership  
Nov. 16, Dec. 7—Grievance Board  
Nov. 27, Dec. 11—Twin City Stewards  
Every Friday night—Executive Board

LOCAL 20481  
December 6—General Membership

LOCAL 958  
Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month.  
Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.

LOCAL 544

Wednesday, November 1—Sausage, Petroleum  
Thursday, Nov. 2—Greenhouse, ITO

Friday, Nov. 3—Jock Stewards  
Monday, Nov. 6—Package Delivery, Department Store

Wednesday, Nov. 8—Market, Wholesale Liquor, Excavating Drivers, Wholesale Paper

Friday, Nov. 10—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers

Monday, Nov. 13—General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 14—Lumber  
Thursday, Nov. 16—Tent and Awning, Newspaper (10 a. m.)

Friday, Nov. 17—Job Stewards  
Monday, Nov. 20—Furniture Stores, Coal, Printing

Tuesday, Nov. 21—Building Material

Thursday, Nov. 23—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug

Friday, Nov. 24—Cold Storage  
Monday, Nov. 27—Spring Water  
Tuesday, Nov. 28—Sand and Gravel  
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.