

Father and Two Tiny Children Shanghaied to Duluth by Minneapolis Police

Is the assault of the federal government upon the Minneapolis unemployed, typified by the recent relief bill and the court trials of the WPA strikers, encouraging Minneapolis public officials to resort to new methods of intimidation and violence against the unfortunate jobless of this city?

The sensational case of Leon Berthiaume and his two small children, recently shanghaied out of Minneapolis by the police, suggests that such is the case.

Leon, a slim young father of two little tots, 3 and 8, moved to Minneapolis fifteen months ago, in September, 1938. Born on a farm in Wisconsin, he had moved to Duluth early in life and lived

there until 1938. He worked as an insurance salesman, later on the assembly line at the Coolerator plant in Duluth, he moved with his family to Minneapolis, where his wife's family and friends reside.

Odd jobs finally gave out, and on October 5, 1939, Leon applied to the Minneapolis relief office. They gave him a grocery order for \$5.55, a milk order for \$1, and told him to come back in a week.

On October 17th a relief investigator visited the Berthiaume family at 2546 Hiawatha avenue. Leon was out looking for work. The investigator told Mrs. Berthiaume she would receive a 2-day grocery order, and that she must pack her things immediately. The authorities were

going to ship the family back to Duluth.

The following day Leon appeared at the relief office and was told the same thing. He refused the grocery order and stated his family did not want to return to Duluth. The city attorney's office told him he had no legal residence here until he had been in this city for two years.

On Friday, October 20th, city detectives arrived at the Berthiaume house, bearing a paper signed by Mayor Leach and the city attorney, stating that Leon had not established legal residence. At the request of the detectives, Mr. and Mrs. Berthiaume signed the paper.

On Wednesday, November 8th, two cops came to the

Berthiaume house and told Leon's wife the family was going to be taken to Duluth almost immediately. When Leon returned home at 6 p. m., his wife told him of the cops' plans. He sent his wife away to spend the night with friends.

Early the next morning before 8 p. m. a police squad car drew up outside the Berthiaume house. The cops entered and ordered Leon and the two children to prepare immediately to leave for Duluth. Leon protested. He asked permission to use the phone to call friends and his wife. The cops refused to let him phone. He said his little 3-year-old girl had a severely-burned leg and was in no condition to make the trip.

The cops agreed the burn was severe but said they would stop at the General hospital and have it bandaged.

Just as the cops were preparing to take the Berthiaumes away, Leon's father and mother-in-law drove up. The father-in-law is a Spanish-American war veteran. They protested against the shanghaiing, and the cops promised them to stay with the Berthiaumes in Duluth until the family had found a place to stay.

Kidnaped by Cops
Leon pointed out that he had some unemployment insurance coming but the cops were adamant and said they had their orders. The father and the two children were

bundled into the squad car minus their clothes and belongings. After stopping at the hospital, the car sped to Duluth. The family was taken directly to the St. Louis County's sheriff office. The sheriff was absent so the Minneapolis cops took Leon across the hall to the Poor Commissioner, and left immediately.

When the Duluth relief director learned the facts in the case, he said, "I have never heard of a case like this in all my life."

The Duluth relief office got the Berthiaumes a room and a grocery order. A few days later Mrs. Berthiaume was driven to Duluth by friends to join her family. The Du-

luth authorities then got in touch with the Minneapolis authorities and got the agreement of the latter to take the Berthiaume family back. On Thursday, November 16th, Leon was given bus fare in Duluth and the whole family returned to their home in Minneapolis.

Today the family is back home, still upset and bewildered by the shanghai at the hands of the Minneapolis cops who undoubtedly carried out the orders of the welfare board and the mayor.

"I don't think the cops had any right to shanghai us like that," Leon stated Friday. "If there is a law that I and my family had to get out of town, WHY DID THE MINNEAPOLIS RELIEF AUTHORI-

TIES TAKE US BACK? I have unemployment insurance coming for sixteen weeks. They didn't have any right to do this to us."

Since returning to Minneapolis, Leon Berthiaume has joined the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, the unemployed organization that fights to defend the interests of the jobless in this city.

No one knows how many more Leon Berthiaumes are being shamefully shanghaied out of Minneapolis by the relief authorities and the police.

We say: STOP THIS SHANGHAI GAME! The needs of a destitute family, not length of residence, ought to be the only determining factor in allocating relief.

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As from this hour you use your power, The World must follow you

Stand all as one Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

... One Woman To Another ...
By Marvel Scholl

M-Day. It's not Mothers' Day. Nor is it Maids' Day Out. It is M-plus Thirty. The DAY. Thirty days after the United States enters World War II. The day that this country goes under a strict military dictatorship for the duration of the war, and as long afterwards as it is deemed feasible (By whom?) to "slow down the vast war machine not too abruptly." Mobilization Day.

If you are over sixteen, MALE OR FEMALE, able-bodied, employed or unemployed, housewife and mother, writer, labor leader, executive, you have your little dot on the vast blue print now ready in the War Department. Your job to make the Wheels of War go around has been picked out for you. Being an overworked mother with a large brood of children to take care of won't "defer" your service for the War God.

For many months the War Department has been busy, taking a quiet census of the population. Every person, over sixteen, has been allotted his task. Every industry has been assigned its particular type of product. All "unproductive" industries and occupations have been slated to be closed for the "duration of the war." All employers who refuse to comply, who put private orders ahead of government orders, will find themselves under such pressure that they will either capitulate or go to jail.

Prices will be regulated (?) so that "no profiteering can take place. (IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THE WORKER TO IMAGINE THAT THIS PROVISION WILL BE VERY RIGIDLY ENFORCED.) Wages will be regulated. Trade unions will be strictly under the supervision of the War Labor Board. The President has the power and WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REVOKE the 40-hour-week, eight-hour-day laws. (IT IS EASILY POSSIBLE FOR THE WORKER TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE RIGIDLY ENFORCED.) Transportation will be under government regulation.

Communication will be controlled. Censorship of the radio, movies, newspapers, telephone, mails. All who dare protest will find themselves in jail. It will be a crime to protest against the killing of thousands of American soldiers, the mutilation and permanent disabling of more thousands. It will be heresy to be against the war.

If your husband is between 21 and 30, he will be in the first draft. His "deferment" from active service will not depend on you and your children as dependents, but upon whether or not his occupation is "productive." If he is over 30 but under 45, he will be

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Many Will Win Turkeys At Union Guard Dance This Saturday Evening

All those people who attended the Union Defense Guard Turkey Round-up last year, and remember the huge amount of plump dressed poultry given away, are clamoring for tickets to the Guard's Dance and Turkey Round-up, to be given this Saturday evening, November 25th, in the third-floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth avenue north.

Union Defense guardsmen reported at press time that hundreds of tickets have been sold, at 25c a couple, for the big evening. The Guard promises the same pleasurable sort of round-up it presented last year. Pete Snappo's union orchestra will play for dancing, and games, including Bingo, will be played. Doors open at 8 o'clock and the program will get under way promptly at 9. You've a chance to win your big Thanksgiving turkey, and to meet your best friends at the Union Guard dance. We'll be seein' you Saturday eve.

St. Paul Battery Workers Set Up New IBEW Union—Hold Open Meet Thursday

About a month ago the "Independent Battery Workers Union" at the St. Paul plant of the National Battery company disbanded to form a unit of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The new union local is known as Local B-1166 of the I.B.E.W. Henry Schultz, international representative of the I.B.E.W., was instrumental in aiding the 110 workers at this plant to find their way to the bona fide union movement where they join hands with other organized workers in the industry.

On November 17th Local B-1166 held its election and chose the following officers: D. Plahn, president; Steve Walsh, vice-president; A. Brown, recording secretary; Edmond Granger, financial secretary; L. Campbell, treasurer.

The union already at work drafting an agreement to be presented to the company in the near future.

This Thursday evening, November 23rd, Local B-1166 will sponsor an open meeting at the Woodruff Hall, Prior and St. Anthony, where prominent trade union leaders of the Twin Cities will speak. All National Battery workers are urged to attend. Following the speaking program, refreshments will be served.

Dance Friday With the Pulp Workers Union

All those who had such a swell time at the dance last April given by the Minneapolis Pulp, Sulphide and Paper Mill Workers Union Local 259 are putting on their dancing shoes in preparation for the dance and party to be given tonight, Friday, November 24th, at the Northside auditorium, 23rd and Washington avenue north. Local 259 cordially invites all members of organized labor to attend the dance and contribute to the fun. Admission is only 25c. Cards will be played, tasty refreshments served, and a bang-up union orchestra will play for dancing. George Zelenak, chairman of Local 259's dance committee, promises those who attend will have the time of their lives.

Wrestling At Drivers Hall Friday

The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will present a wrestling card Friday night, November 24th, 8:30 p. m. at the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth avenue north. This is the first sports affair of this nature to be sponsored by the Council and to insure its success a series of first-rate matches have been secured.

In the main event of the evening, Swede Oberg of Minneapolis will take on the husky Young Dusek of Chicago. Oberg wrestles at 173 pounds, Dusek at 175. This match will have a one-hour time limit.

The noted Dr. Peppers of Dallas, Texas, 183 pounds, will trade holds with Swede Olson of Minneapolis, 187 pounds, in the semi-windup, which will be limited to one fall or thirty minutes.

Pat O'Brien of Waterloo, 160, will wrestle Jack Riley of Kansas City, 165, in the opener, a thirty-minute affair.

Admission is 40c, children, 25c. A wrestling ring will be erected in the third-floor auditorium for the bouts.

Local 289 Inside Bakery Workers Meet Saturday Afternoon

The inside bakery section of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 will meet this Saturday afternoon, 3 o'clock, at the union hall to discuss terms of the new contract. A contract committee will be set up at this meeting and every member should attend.

Warehouse Workers to Elect Officers This Friday and Saturday

First affiliate of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council to ballot on officers for the coming year will be the Warehouse & Inside Workers Local 359, which votes this Friday and Saturday, November 24-25. Balloting will be done in the main-floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue N., from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. each day. The three election judges chosen by Local 359 at its meeting October 24th are George Jensen, Jerry Richter and Jack Gridley.

The following persons have been nominated and will stand for office. For president: James Bartlett, Joe Howard. For vice-president: Don Penwell (unopposed).

For recording secretary: Fred Tepilo (unopposed). For secretary-treasurer: Robert Tibbets (unopposed).

For trustees (three to be elected): George Cooper, Axel Jensen, Erling Nelson, Phil Snyder.

For sergeant-at-arms: Raymond Lind, Donald Rock.

Cast Your Ballot
Every member of the Warehouse Workers Union is urged to show his or her interest in the union by voting this week in the annual union election. The trade union movement is the best school for democracy. Indicate your faith in the union by voting Friday or Saturday.

Laundry Drivers in Twin Cities Near Strike Showdown

Bosses Refuse to Concede Drivers' Demands—St. Paul Teamsters Council Give Unanimous Approval to Strike Action—Local 131 Writes International for Approval, To Meet Friday with Policy Committee—Strike Would Be Twin City Affair

The conflict between laundry drivers and employers in Minneapolis and St. Paul moved several stages closer to a strike during the past week as Minneapolis bosses continued their refusal to grant the demands of the union. Last Sunday the St. Paul Teamsters Joint Council unanimously approved the program of the St. Paul Laundry Drivers Union Local 319 to strike unless its demands are met.

Monday night a meeting was held in Minneapolis between Lloyd McAloon, negotiator for the employers, and the joint Twin City union committee of Sol Jutten, Clair Johnson, Burnham and Miles Dunne. McAloon announced the employers refused to make any concessions, and that was that. Wednesday morning in a conversation with Clair Johnson, business agent of the Minneapolis Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, McAloon said "It's no use, the employers have conceded as much as they will."

Bosses Will Concede Nothing
Johnson pointed out that up to now the employers have failed to concede a single thing; further, that they have tried to take away from the union what it now has.

Local 131 is demanding that the wage scale for dry cleaning, linen supply and commercial drivers be raised to coincide with the prevailing scale in other cities. The union is also demanding a change in the working hours, in route divisions, and minor improvements in working conditions. When the first contract in the industry was signed here in November, 1936, the relative scale for dry cleaning drivers and others was way out of line with comparable work in other cities and with common justice in this

St. Cloud Drivers Donate \$20 for WPA Defense

A check for twenty dollars was received Monday by L. Clair Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis AFL-WPA Defense Committee, from the St. Cloud General Drivers Union Local 329. The expenses of the Defense Committee are very heavy and other out-of-town unions are urged to follow the splendid example of solidarity set by the St. Cloud drivers, and by the other organizations who have contributed to this fight.

Defense Testimony Shatters 'Conspiracy' Case in WPA Trial

AFL Local Union Officers And Delegates Summoned to Special Meeting Monday Eve

Third Trial in Fourth Week, Defendants Take the Stand in Own Behalf—Palmquist, Geldman and Alberts Testify—Tom Davis Makes Masterly Opening Statement to Jury—Points Out That "Conspiracy" is Only Issue in Case, and that Government Has Not Proved Accusations—Anderson Fails to Shake Defense Testimony, Has Connoption Fit, Called to Order by Davis

Late last Wednesday the parade of 158 government witnesses in the third WPA strike trial finally came to a halt. Thursday morning, after Judge Joyce had rejected a motion by defense to dismiss the case, there was a one-day recess, and on Friday morning Defense Attorney Tom Davis made his initial address to the jury, outlining what the defense intended to prove in the trial. Up to press time, three of the defendants—Ed Palmquist, Max Geldman and Eddie Alberts, all active in the Federal Workers Section of Local 544—have been on the stand to tell of events leading up to the July strike and the facts about the strike.

Thursday morning Davis moved for dismissal of the entire case, on thirty-five separate grounds. Among other things, he cited that the federal government had failed to prove conspiracy accusations against a single defendant, despite the fact that 158 government witnesses appeared before the court; that penal clauses in the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief law are invalid; that trial of 25 defendants together is a mass trial which is prejudicial to and deprives each defendant of a fair and impartial trial by jury; that the jury, on the basis of government evidence, would have to base its findings on presumptions, suspicion and conjecture to find defendants guilty of conspiracy, etc.

'Conspiracy is Only Issue'
Judge Joyce denied the six-page motion for dismissal and recessed the court to Friday morning, where, at 9:30, Tom Davis began his initial speech to the jury. Davis spoke for almost an hour, defining the issues of the case. It was an impressive presentation.

"The government has indicted ninety workers on grounds they entered into a conspiracy to do a certain thing. The issue is whether or not there was an agreement between defendants to do acts it is claimed they have done," began Davis quietly.

"I am not defending these 25 defendants for 25 different offenses. I am here defending the 90 indicted persons against the charge of conspiracy. This is the issue in this trial. These people were not guilty of conspiracy. The strike was simply the protest of working people against an unfair law that threatened their security. We will show to the jury that the only con-

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All Union Officers Called to Meeting Next Monday Night

The AFL-WPA Defense Committee and the executive board of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, after canvassing the circumstances surrounding the WPA trials, has called a special meeting of all officers of local AFL unions and all Central Labor Union delegates, to be held next Monday evening.

In a letter addressed to all AFL unions, Jewell Flaherty, secretary of the Central Labor Union, has issued a call for a special meeting "of your officers and C.L.U. delegates on Monday evening, November 27th, eight o'clock at 18 North 8th Street, for the purpose of having a report of the Defense Committee on the local WPA situation. It is of serious importance and vital to the interest of organized labor to participate; assistance is needed to solve this very grave and important problem. We urgently request your officers and delegates to be present at this meeting."

Only 30 More Days to TJC Xmas Party

In all parts of Minneapolis children of members of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council are anxiously checking off on calendars the number of days until their Christmas Party, to be given Saturday afternoon, December 23rd, in the Minneapolis armory.

The Council Christmas Party Committee has taken over the armory for the day, and from 2 to 5 p. m. will present a whirlwind of colorful entertainment for union boys and girls. The Teamsters Joint Council Christmas Party this year will be the largest party of its kind ever to be presented in the Northwest.

Free gifts will be presented to all the kids. Plan now to take your children to this mammoth party.

Joe O'Hare Aids In Eau Claire

Joe O'Hare of the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 left Wednesday for Eau Claire to meet with the bakery drivers in that city on contract negotiations. O'Hare journeyed to Eau Claire last week to advise with the Bakery Drivers Union on their new contract.

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Farmer-Coop-Labor Council Hailed at Blue Earth Meeting

About one hundred union, cooperative and farmer leaders gathered in the community hall at Blue Earth, Minnesota, Monday night for the latest in the series of successful supper meetings sponsored by the Minnesota Farm-Coop-Labor Council. Main speakers were John Wisdorf of Fulda, farmer and chairman of the Council, who acted as master of ceremonies; Paul Rasmussen, executive secretary; Ray Wentz, organizer of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly; Andrew Jensen, director of the Council and director of the Midland Co-op Oil company; Mr. Vikingstock, dirt farmer from Faribault County; Gene Larson and William Gydesen, dairy union leaders; Robley Cramer of the Minneapolis Labor Review; Josiah Baker, Mankato labor attorney; Mr. Putnam, mayor of Blue Earth; and Ole Ogg of Local 471.

Dy-dee Wash and Star Valet Are Still Unfair

Attention of our readers is called to the anti-labor attitude which the Dy-dee Wash, 718 Washington avenue north, continues to maintain against both the Laundry Workers Union Local 30 and the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131. The two unions are still maintaining their picket line before this unfair company.

The Star Valet Cleaners, 2744 Lyndale avenue south, is also unfair to the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, and remains on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. Union people, take note.

It is fear of want that makes any of the whole race of animals sither greedy or ravenous.—SIR THOMAS MORE.

out that "every time the prosecution scores, you read it in headlines. Every time the defense scores, you read it in the back pages." His appeal for justice for the defendants deeply moved those present.

Josiah Baker of Mankato, and Mayor Putnam of Blue Earth expressed their pleasure at attending the meeting.

The last speaker, Ole Ogg, speaking as a rank-and-file union member, told of what a worker receives in return for his union dues — job protection, seniority, higher wages, etc. "Isn't that the finest investment you could think of?" Ogg asked.

Many participate in Forum. A sort of running-fire open forum discussion prevailed during the evening, with many persons rising to pose or answer questions. Not the least of the reasons for the success of the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council is the relief with which farmers and trade unionists, at supper and in the open forum, listen to the every-day problems confronting one another.

Among those union men attending the Blue Earth meeting from Minneapolis were James Bartlett, William Heigel, Harry Leonard (who is really a farmer-cooperative-labor council rolled into one), Loren Johnson, Leonidas Boerbach, Tom Pierce, Rubin Latz, and others. Many union leaders from St. Paul, Mankato and St. Peter were also in attendance.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

No meeting Thursday, November 30, as it is the fifth Thursday of the month. November may have only 30 days but it has five Wednesdays and five Thursdays, whatever that means.

The bowling team took the 544 five into camp Monday night, beating their two games. Phil Knobloch topped the 289 quint with a 571. The score is now 24 wins against only 6 losses.

The Wholesale Cake drivers' meeting held last Thursday turned out to be nothing more nor less than a sales meeting for Hostess, as every last man was a Hostess cake man and no other bakeries were represented. Oh, yes. The boys all had their 3-pound route books with them.

Loren Johnson represented our local at the Farmer-Labor Co-operative meeting held last Monday night at Blue Earth, Minnesota.

In looking over the register of drivers' locals in our International I noted that there are approximately 900 drivers' locals of various sorts in this country and Canada, including one in Balboa, Canal Zone, Local 189 is a bakery drivers' local in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Announcements as to details and date of the Joint Council Christmas party for the kiddies are soon forthcoming. This year, as you no

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

The seniority list for the operators has gone in to the company. The Seniority Board report shows that about half of those who appeared and asked for a change in date came from one station.

Talk about control. Has anyone ever heard this—"Come, Gus, I think we go home."

Hey, Flakerd, how about the accident? All fixed up?

This column asks for the return of the column "On the National Picket Line." It was a fine piece of work, and we miss it.

The classified section of this paper is for your convenience. Use it.

Anybody interested in steam baths? Read the classified this week.

The Farm - Cooperative - Labor meeting at Blue Earth on the evening of the 20th was inspiring and cleared up a number of problems.

Guess Heigel is about the only one that can drive the "Swooper." When anyone else gets behind the wheel of the union car, it's on both sides of the road.

That clean-up drive at Riverside culminated Monday evening in the visit of two hundred engineers who inspected the plant from side to side, end to end and top to bottom. They really found out something about super-power.

Leonard Lindberg likes his meals a lot.

Don't forget the dance in St. Paul this Friday night, November 24th, at the Pioneer Hall being put on by Local 110. Turkeys for door prizes.

Who is the chief operator who bought a nice new second-hand Pontiac and enriched the City Treasury around twenty dollars just to see how fast it would go?

Brother Caldwell celebrated his 60th birthday anniversary and his wedding anniversary last week. We understand some of the boys helped him do his celebrating.

Five of the ten door prizes passed out at the last membership meeting were won by members of the Meter Department. The meter boys must be attending the meetings.

We regret to report that the father of Edward J. Miller of Robbinsdale passed away last week. The union extends most sincere sympathy.

Ed J. Miller of Robbinsdale wishes to express his appreciation to brothers of Local 160 for the kind expressions of sympathy and the floral offering received at his recent bereavement, the death of his father.

When a nation mobilizes for war, the first group to be mobilized is the nation's liars.—CLARENCE DARROW.

doubt all know, it will be held in the Minneapolis Armory. All children of members of all drivers unions in the city and friends of the kiddies are invited. They will be most royally entertained by many novelty acts, circus acts, animals and what not, and sent home each with a bag of candy, nuts and fruit.

What's in a name? In a vote as to numbers, the Smiths of the United States would get first place; the Johnsons, second, and the Browns, third.

To the ladies: a word to the wise is sufficient. Men live on vast, sweeping generalizations. Women live on a word of praise.

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



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Do You Know—LINGO OF THE TRUCK DRIVER

More than any other social group in America, the working class contributes towards enriching and making more colorful the American language. The teamios that roll over the nation's highways have been particularly inventive in concocting new words and phrases having to do with the day's work. Below we list some choice bits

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson

Somebody is rocking the boat and there is no question but that the water is deep enough so that if the boat tips over there will be some casualties. Maybe all will perish. The union members of the ship's crew are trying to keep the craft on an even keel and when the waves are as high as at present, it is certainly no time for part of the crew to get playful. Judging from the uneven distribution of the rations it is not difficult to determine who has charge and control of the commissary on the ship during the voyage. The trouble is arising from the fact that union members of the crew, realizing how unfair some of the rules are, desire to change them so as to make them fair for all and also to insist on a more equitable distribution of the rations. The boss members of the crew, realizing that the water is deep and the going rough, think that by rocking the boat the union members of the crew will become so terror stricken that they will forget the unjust state of affairs. The boss members seem so intent on this that they do not realize how close the boat is to capsizing and that if it does, the poorest swimmers are not necessarily the union members of the crew.

Armstrong Starter—the crank handle.

Balloon Freight — light, bulky merchandise.

Barreling—running with throbbing open.

Been Around the Horn—truck with high mileage on speedometer.

Belly Up—a truck over on side or on its back.

Bicycle Tires—undersize tires. Bug Juice—gasoline.

Candy Wagon—a light truck. Cog Stripper — driver who makes noise when shifting gears.

Commencer—electric starter. Cop Caller—truck with squeaking brakes.

Emerjenson—emergency brake. Fairweather Truck—engine that will die out or skip during rain or snow storm.

Floorboarding—same as barreling.

Foot in the Carburetor—reference to a speeding driver.

Gear Fighter — same as cog stripper.

Goose It—feed gas in irregular spurts.

Got Marbles in the Oil—noisy engine.

Gunnysacked—a badly abused truck.

Johnson Bar—emergency brake lever.

Kidney Buster — hard-riding truck.

Killer—a truck with no brakes. Lifen Beds—dump bodies.

No Anchors—same as killer. On the Button—crankcase oil up to level; also truck going full speed.

Pension Run—a short, easy regular haul.

Picker-Upper—service car with crane.

Pride of the Fleet—an old rattle trap truck that's hard to handle.

Riding a Firebug—one rear tire on dual wheels flat causing fire hazard.

Rubber Bands—same as bicycle tires.

Shaking Down the Ashes — cranking a truck.

Shotgun Herder — an inexperienced driver.

Skin—tire casing.

Snub Snoot — cab-over-engine truck.

Soft Coal Burner—diesel-powered truck.

Spook — insurance or safety spotter.

Sweat Shop — bullet-proof cab with little ventilation.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Folks, I beg your permission this week to tell you only this little story. We, here in Minneapolis, have never before witnessed so generous and unselfish a response to an appeal to help someone in tragic circumstances.

Two weeks ago a brave little fellow just eleven years old had the whole world of his future taken from him in the slight fraction of a second that it took for the wheels of a passing freight car to cut off his legs. From a normal, happy progression of kid days to manhood, this youngster was condemned by the foul blow of this tragic accident to the sidelines, a minor spectator during most of life's adventures.

Financially unable to command the services necessary to help bear the burden of suffering, his family was helpless with grief, stunned by the swiftness of the loss they had to face. Then it was that human minds and hearts, both shamed and spurred on by the courage of the lad, released that tremendous force which can be achieved by man's cooperation though seldom seen in this cold and greedy world. The daily papers have given you the complete history of this case and the benefit performance inspired by the Minneapolis columnist, Cedric Adams, and staged and produced at the Minnesota theatre a week ago Wednesday. The audience deserves no praise for attendance at the show for they were given their admission fee many times over by every unit on that stage whose regular performances command a higher price than the pitifully inadequate twenty-five cents charged for the benefit.

This departure from our regular weekly routine has been done with a point in view: this story has a moral I believe we should null over. This little boy's father is a truck driver, a member of Local 544. These entertainers and their helpers, the backstage workers and the theatre management's employees are all union members and by their efforts did for a total stranger a hundred times more than we could do for our brother member and his boy. I attended that show, boys and girls, and it carried on from 12:30 to nearly 4:00 a. m. More talent was available back stage from shows all over the city than could be shown. Most of the actors and musicians were total strangers to this city and some may not even appear again in Minneapolis. Despite all this I have never seen entertainers from the best to the least, high and low, work so hard to please and respond so graciously and generously to the audience.

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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.

Columnists—Paper to Press Early Next Week

We call attention of all our columnists to the fact that next week, due to Thanksgiving, the Northwest Organizer will go to press on Tuesday, one day earlier than usual. This change will permit the paper to reach subscribers on the regular day. Please cooperate by getting your columns in not later than 9 a. m. Tuesday morning.

which calls for leaving a better world than when we came in. Certainly, I'm sure none of us want to fall so far that only holidays like Christmas = Thanksgiving serve as a reminder, that we are developing a sour pattern for living.

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How Boss Press Lies About Trial

Numbers of well-meaning people are often at a loss to understand why the poor feel so bitterly about the boss papers. Let these people but go through the experience of a strike, or a labor trial such as the present WPA trial, and they would know what the term "boss press" signifies.

Take the present series of WPA trials. Every tiny point the prosecution scores is usually played up in headlines as the gospel truth. Every refutation by the defense, every point scored by the defense, is more apt to be found buried in the back pages.

How They Lie

An apt illustration of the handling of the present WPA trial is provided by the late Friday edition of the Times-Tribune for November 10th. Headlined is a story that Ed Palmquist, Federal Workers Section leader, threatened Mrs. Lena Keen, a scab, with the words "You should have bullets for emblems instead of buttons."

Mrs. Keen's testimony was exactly the contrary, that SHE threatened Palmquist by saying to HIM: "You should have bullets for emblems instead of buttons." Every person who attended the trial that Friday knows that this is the truth, and the transcript verifies it.

But what's the truth to the Times-Tribune when it sees a chance to smear the poor victims of this frame-up trial?

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

The attention of all 471 drivers is called to a city amendment approved June 12, 1939, by the city council: "Every employee who in the course of his employment operates upon the streets or highways a truck, tractor or truck-tractor belonging to another... (must carry a chauffeur's badge.)"

Some milk drivers are still driving their trucks on drivers' licenses, which are insufficient. It is the advice of your Executive Board that you apply for a chauffeur's license if you do not already have one.

On Friday afternoon the board and negotiating committee met with the dealers to get some action on the making out of reports. One dealer has been making out driver's reports for the past month, other companies have conducted some fine experiments, while a few employers have failed to do a thing on this issue. A combination load sheet report seems to have the most points in its favor and is expected by the first of January these will be worked out successfully.

Congratulations to George Melby on that fine Armistice Day baby girl. We know you wanted a boy so we will be nice and skip the cigars this time.

Since November first the new loading schedule has been in operation and for the great majority the system has worked out fine. It took a few days to get the "early" routes in the proper lineup but the "drop back" has been eliminated and we will work the same throughout the entire year. One hundred per cent wholesale routes plus Lake Routes are permitted to load at 4 a. m. Trucks loaded the afternoon before cannot leave their garage until 5:15. Should this system cause any hardship on certain routes, we suggest you appear before the board for consideration and help.

Brother Carl A. Anderson (Franklin) passed away and was

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359 Gets Go-Ahead Signal At Donaldson

Having received full approval from the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, the Central Labor Union and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for its demands, the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 is ready to go into action against the Donaldson department store.

All sections of organized labor have agreed with Local 359 that its demands are just and should be met by the company. The union is only insisting that the wage scale being paid by the Dayton company be met by the Donaldson store, and that seniority be strictly lived up to.

Though Donaldson's have on several occasions agreed to meet the union's demands, each time they back away. Local 359 intends to win its demands.

Local 289 Will Hear Iowa Men Speak Thursday

Ray Mills, head of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 356 in Des Moines, Iowa, and Jim Murphy, head of the Sioux City Bakery Drivers Union, will speak Thursday evening before the membership meeting of the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289.

Mills and Murphy will comment on the growth and influence of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council.

buried last Thursday. He last worked on January 11, 1934, and since that time had been ill. The organization sends its sympathy to Brother Anderson's relatives and many friends. It is gratifying to know he went on card in good standing.

In the future you will find Jiggs Donaghue and family at 203 E. 19th Street. It surprised most of us that married life so quickly calls for increased living quarters.

We have a committee set up (Fred Thompson, Connie Ordeman and the writer); at some future membership meeting they are to bring up under Good and Welfare, the topic; "Signing notes for the other fellow." To our knowledge this matter has never been discussed on the floor; every member is entitled to all available information on the subject. The committee has first hand information; Mike Lavery will serve as alternate.

Because they are a friend in need, because they are a distinct credit to our Union and because they are always willing to serve we hope Local 471 can in some way express its appreciation to the Franklin Male Chorus.

To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such insurance, that the Federal Workers Section has set up a special department to deal with this problem.

All workers seeking unemployment insurance are asked to get in touch immediately with Ed Palmquist before applying for such insurance. Palmquist will be in the office of the Federal Workers Section from 8:30-10:30 daily except Saturday and Sunday.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Some sixty park board men were laid off Friday for two weeks—quite a few less than were laid off last year. However, it's my belief that with a sincere regard for the welfare of the park employees, the commissioners could easily avoid any lay-off of the men. Any violation of seniority in the lay-off should be reported at once.

I am in receipt of a communication from a brother who is evidently very envious of Brother Joe "Mayor of West Broadway" Knight. The brother wants to know "what is this strange power Joe has over the ladies, especially 'red-heads with 1940 sedans'?"

Frankly, at this stage of my life, I don't know. There was a time, long ago, when possibly I could have enlightened him. At present, I have no power at all over my own household and can't even explain that. My guess, as to Joe's power, is that he is dark, handsome, a single man and doubtless has plenty of oomph. Which makes any man fair prey to the opposite sex.

Nature has a way of evening things up, though. On the day a man says "I do" the power is transferred to the lady and for all time to come. And I'm not speaking from hearsay!

Brother Paul Sharp handed me a little article the other day dealing with the general lack of tolerance and good will among people in general. As far as the working-man's relations with his fellow-workers is concerned, we could all do well to think the best of the boys with whom we associate and labor daily. No two humans are cast in the same mold and it's a darn good thing, too.

The most thorough education a man can acquire is in studying and understanding all types of men, learning to appreciate the good qualities of each and overlooking as far as possible the weaknesses—not forgetting in the meantime that he himself is far from perfect. The most widespread weakness in the genus homo is the instinct to distrust, dislike and scorn all others who differ from him in speech or politics, religion or color. By retaining this attitude, a man

1859 Strikers Draft Answer To Boss

Following meetings between a committee representing the Puffer-Hubbard strikers and the management on Friday and Saturday, the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 received a counter-proposal from the company. This counter-offer might be described as "the boss's dream of what a union contract should be."

The company has come down from its former demand for a 6 1/2c hourly wage cut to "only" a 2 1/2c wage cut. Whereas formerly the company refused to grant the right of foremen to join the union, now it "merely" wants the right to hire and fire the foremen at its will. Accompanying the unsatisfactory proposal was the company threat it would job out the bottle-cooler department unless an agreement was reached immediately.

Strikers are now drafting a reply to the boss offer.

Rattling around in the struck plant is Ernest Aarseth, lone fink, who lives at 1613 Clinton avenue, and the managerial staff. For the benefit of the pickets, these party-waists are demonstratively dismantling some equipment in the box department, taking elaborated pains to let the pickets understand what they are doing. Strikers are highly amused at the performance.

A meeting was held Wednesday morning between union representatives, Charles Horn, and Mr. Stiles, attorney for the receiver. Results of the meeting were not known at press time.

544 Signs Package Delivery

On Tuesday this week the General Drivers Union Local 544 signed a new working agreement with the local package delivery firms. The contract provides for the same wage scale as last year, with the over-road scale prevailing outside a stipulated metropolitan area.

A standard clause provides that if weekly hours are cut by legislative action, the wage clause can be reopened for negotiation.

About one hundred men are covered by the new pact. With the package delivery industry signed, Local 544 practically ends its 1939 negotiations.

Who will allow personal grudges and dislikes to hinder the progress or welfare of himself, his family, his community, his fellow-workers and his country is a fool, 100 per cent. He is also a nuisance, due to the fact that he usually has some influence over a few who, left to their own devices, would doubtless string along with the majority.

I reply to the correspondent who broached the subject of "the Torch, foamy brew and Dagwood sandwiches" last pay-day night. I can only excuse my omission of comment on the above-mentioned doin's by saying that my column is written on Sundays and pay-day came on Monday. However, I plead guilty to all counts, but, believe me, it wasn't a one-man job. I wasn't alone.

It had always pleased me to think I could recognize any emotion visible on the human physiognomy but what I saw that evening at the Torch still has me stumped. I refer to the look on Brother Maurice Halvorson's puss, just before a burp. Boy, you wouldn't believe it possible. However, I shall not despair. The time will come when I shall have an opportunity to really study this phenomenon.

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Answer: 1 1/2%—Never heard of them fellers.

2 1/4%—Where is Europe? 96 1/4%—Think it's all the same to them who rules Europe, and also that old Gallop ought to keep his nose out of foreign affairs.

Imagine the indignation of the old man of the world Gallop. (He has a friend who is manufacturing slingshots.)

Anyhow we still claim that old G. G. is a wonderful help to the party.

It has come to our attention that some private chauffeurs hog the cabstands in the vicinity of 9th St. and Nicollet Ave. Now in the first place, it's against the law; and in the second place you fellows are making a living whether you are going around the block or just sitting; and in the third place you may be depriving some good union cab driver of a run by chiseling on their curb space.

ATTENTION Milk Drivers: It has come to our ears, that a fellow by the name of Julius Hilstad who drives for Wakefield of the First National bank, is passing himself off as a good union man to a member of local 471. So as general information we want to tell you that the guy is a 1000% FINK, and if you hear of any other person imposing on local 912, please let us know so that we can expose them.

Speaking about imposing, a good union man had the bad fortune of losing his father this week. The body was taken to the Welander-Quist mortuary where the assurance was given that the firm was 100% union.

Right here and now we want to tell all union members and their friends, that the firm of WELANDER QUIST has refused for over half a year to even consider a contract with local 912, and that they are still on our unfair list.

Which brings to mind our last will and testament, wherein we include that we want to be taken to a union mortuary when the time comes. (Why don't you all do the same now?)

To Bill Hines' mother and Carl Gustafson's father, we extend our wishes for an early recovery and to Ernie down at D X, we wish to offer our sympathy for the loss of his father.

For his size it's remarkable what he can consume. We're talking about Fitz, the farmer. We saw him stoving away roast turkey last Sunday out at 77 and ploughed ground.

When you're too busy to tend to your furnace, ask Carl about the new free service, providing you are a good union man. (How about the ashes?)

Anyway, we're not mad at anybody. In fact, we love peace and the best way to insure it is to let the people vote on all wars.

National Minorities Sunday Forum Subject

"National Minorities and the War" will be the subject at the Sunday Forum next Sunday, November 26th, at 3 p. m. An able speaker has been secured for this subject and the talk will be followed by questions and discussions. The forum is held regularly at 919 Marquette. Admission is 10c.

TRUER THAN HE KNEW

In an examination paper a schoolboy wrote: The Armistice was signed on the 11th of November, 1918, and since then every year there has been Two Minutes of Peace.

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Erickson Oil Attendants Vote Strike

Last Thursday evening a special meeting of all Erickson Oil station attendants and lessees was held in the Filling Station Attendants Local 977 hall. A report was given on the unsatisfactory relations existing between the union and the Erickson company, and the membership voted overwhelmingly to strike all company-operated stations. Local 977 has notified Haney's office of the union's intention to strike unless its demands are met.

Local 977 has for months been on strike against two of the Erickson stations—at 1301 Emerson Avenue N., and at East Hennepin and Central—and will maintain pickets at both these stations.

Company Swings Vote

In an election conducted last Thursday by the state labor board, six employees at these two Erickson stations voted, 4-2, against Local 977 as the exclusive bargaining agent. Erickson and Jacobsen, CIO commissar, influenced the vote against Local 977. Jim Devaney, under the influence of the company and Jacobsen, cast the deciding ballot.

The CIO has been around town claiming that it won out in the election, which is of course untrue. The CIO did not appear on the ballot. When Erickson sought an injunction against Local 977, the Filling Station Attendants Union was able to prove in court that the company was aiding and encouraging the CIO strike-breakers against the legitimate union.

A meeting has been set for this Friday with Local 977 representatives, Haney and Erickson. The 10-day waiting period will expire next week.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. E. Gilmore

Warning: Read this at your own risk.

We read in the paper that labor shouldn't do this, that they shouldn't do that. We hear over the radio that labor better be careful or the big shots will take our blocks away from us and we can't have any more fun. And a lot of us who hear these things wonder who these speakers and writers are talking about. Who and what constitutes labor? As you all know, the press is no college graduate. In fact, the press has a very meagre education most of which was acquired in the little red schoolhouse. So we went to see the people who know what's what and here is what we found out:

Workers are all those who employ their physical and mental powers converting raw materials, that is free gifts of nature, into objects of usefulness and enjoyment to human beings and all those who serve these workers and farmers by making their lives richer, easier, sweeter, healthier and more pleasant. They are, according to their historic development and importance, farmers, miners, craftsmen, so-called common laborers, scientists, healers, teachers, artists, writers, painters, musicians and dispensers of hope for a future world. Between them they create all that makes man's life on earth possible. They are the creators of all that is seen on earth outside of nature itself. They are the creators of all wealth, the all-doers, the all-givers from whom all blessings flow. Destroy these categories and there is nothing left but the jungle and its beasts.

However, very few workers know these things and most of them consider themselves lucky to get a few crumbs from the horn of plenty which they labor to fill and a few crumbs to tide them over when they are on the city. These are unpleasant things and even to think about them disturbs the calm and even tenure of a worker's life, so if you read this and don't like it, remember! You were warned!

George Cary is seriously considering raising a mustachio of the wing type.

Deploy and Forage, Squad 3

Oscar S. Olson, he owns the trailer. Knute Karlson, he owns the machine. Oscar Bakke, he does the work.

Hjalmer Carlson's last words: "How about a sniff of snuff, brother?"

Al Thomas is breaking in a new Cus buggy.

Brother Benny Johnson of P. H. was suddenly taken very ill Monday, November 13, and had to be rushed to the hospital.

7th Ward F-L Club to Hold Party Saturday

The Seventh Ward Farmer-Labor club will give a combined supper, dance and card party Saturday night, November 25th, at 6:30. The affair will be held at the Mar-rig hall, 3002 27th avenue south. Cash prizes will be given. Tickets are 35c, and the public is invited.

Economics, History Class Meets Every Tuesday Evening

Abraham Ziegler, national secretary of the Socialist Union Party, is the instructor for a Marxian economics and history study class which meets at 8 p. m. every Tuesday night at the I.O.G.T. hall, 1416 Second street south. The November 28th class will discuss the cooperative movement. Admission is free.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Novak wish to announce a blessed event. A 7 1/2 pound baby girl. Congratulations from 1859.

Another blessed event took place at the Emil Carlson home-stead last week. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson have a new 8 1/2 pound baby girl. Congratulations from 1859.

The boys on second floor presented the press with a stepladder last week. Gosh, we don't deserve it.

Just a Couple of Cream Puffs

Gordie Bishop and Ed Norgren couldn't take it. Even the plumbing fixtures felt the strain. Yes, verily. He who looks upon the juice of the grape when it is red shall live to rue it.

Local lad engages in vehicular vagaries: Monday night John Josephson backed his car around a Lake street corner and the long arm of the law was long enough. John couldn't talk himself out of a \$5 fine.

The Battle of Nerves is on at the Puffer-Hubbard plant. That's what they got plenty of, baby!

Jake says to tell you the Cleland manufacturing company contract for 1940 is in the making.

The Clark section is busy hammering the 1940 contract together. Let us forget who Goetzman is—he is the benevolent individual who bent every effort to stop the unemployment checks and relief of the wealth producers and workers he lives on at the Puffer-Hubbard plant. As Brother Vern Eastman aptly puts it: "The noise this baby made at one time sounded like the road of a lion, but turned out to be the bray of an ass."

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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.

We Vote NO CONFIDENCE In Cunningham's Program

In the past few days the city of Minneapolis has been flooded with leaflets calling the citizenry to attend a meeting sponsored by Mr. Owen Cunningham and to organize on his program. The Cunningham leaflet presents a six-point program which is completely muddled and demagogic and in our opinion offers not the slightest hope to the common people to alleviate their present horrible insecurity. A cursory examination of this program is enough to indicate its reactionary character.

Point Number Two calls for a pension of \$50 monthly to each man and woman over the age of 64. Well, is there anything wrong with a decent pension for the aged, you ask. Of course not. The American labor movement has always fought for decent pensions for the aged. For our part, we believe the aged should receive a good deal more than \$50 monthly, which is a starvation standard.

The Rich Must Pay the Pension Bill

The point is, HOW WILL THE PENSION BE FINANCED? On this score, Cunningham has not one word to say. From the point of view of the poor—and it is only the poor who need and are entitled to a public pension—the ONLY good pension plan is a plan that is paid for by taxing the rich, the Sixty Families. We have good reason to believe that Cunningham is presenting quite a different method of financing his pension scheme, and that is his reason for keeping silent on this score. Any pension plan that proposes to finance pensions through a sales tax or some similar device deserves to be fought by every enlightened person. Through such plans the burden of supporting the poor is placed on the shoulders of the poor, instead of on the rich who can well afford to disgorge their swollen profits.

Point Number Three in the Cunningham program is the give-away as to its fundamentally reactionary character. It proposes to bar married women whose husbands work from holding jobs and intimates that once this is done it will "give our young men and women and our unemployed a chance to make a living."

For the Right of All to Work

Statistical surveys have established conclusively that the reason the overwhelming majority of wives seek employment is because their husbands do not receive enough wages to support the family. We defend the right of every married woman to a job, exactly as we defend the right of everyone, young and old, man and woman, black and white, foreigner and native, to a job.

The Scapegoat Theory

What Cunningham is proposing to do is to set up a scapegoat (married women who work) and turn the wrath of the unemployed against this scapegoat instead of on the profit system that denies the right to work to tens of millions of the people. The "scapegoat" theory has been slyly utilized by demagogues in all countries and with 100 percent reactionary results. Sometimes it is the Jews, sometimes the Negroes, sometimes the aged, sometimes the "foreigners" who are designated as scapegoats. Cunningham has designated married women with jobs as his scapegoat.

Would Not Solve Problem

It is NOT married women who bar the unemployed from jobs. Every single married woman could be fired and the lot of the masses would not be improved a whit. The burden of poverty would merely be shifted from one set of shoulders to another. The magnitude of the unemployment problem in this country has long ago passed the stage where it could be solved by barring a certain class of people from employment.

The only correct program to fight against unemployment is to fight for the right of EVERYONE to a job at living wages. This cannot be accomplished by denying work to one section of the population.

We believe Mr. Cunningham has studied the growing and healthy demand of the people for decent pensions and security, and for his own reasons is seeking to divert this demand into reactionary channels.

To Mr. Cunningham's program we counterpose the program of organized labor: For the 30-hour week with no reduction in weekly pay!

All war funds to the unemployed! For a twenty billion dollar housing and public works program!

For the right of every person to a job at union wages!

Bosses Use Blacklist vs. WPA Strikers

(Continued from page 1) found guilty by a hand-picked federal jury—and then find you are blacklisted by the Minneapolis bosses and refused even the possibility of work.

Blacklist Is Citywide

Desperately in need of work, any work, Connell and Phillips then went to another factory, a candy manufacturing establishment. There on the bulletin board they saw the same pictures and stories, and there they received the same cold answer from the employment office. There is no doubt that the Associated Industries is behind this dirty blacklist, and that hundreds of Minneapolis firms

have been ordered to deny work to the WPA defendants.

WPA Striker Is Fired

Another of the WPA strikers, George Bistodeau, after being fired off WPA with millions of other workers as a result of the Roosevelt-Woodrum relief law, finally landed a job in private industry. He had been working only a few days when his indictment was made public. As soon as the company learned he was one of the strikers, they fired him on the spot.

With no jobs on WPA, denied jobs in private industry, the 160 Minneapolis strike defendants seem doomed to slow death on home relief, if they are even able to get that. "It's the American Way!"

The church is the central power plant, feeding all the parties of law and order. — LLOYD GEORGE.

Having Their Fling



The above cartoon is one for which Art Young, famous labor cartoonist, was indicted by the United States government during the first World War. This was exhibit F in the trial as will be seen by the stamp in the upper right hand corner of the drawing. The jury failed to agree and the judge called it a mistrial.

WPA Defendants on Stand, Shatter Government Case

(Continued from page 1) spiracy in this case is the conspiracy of the district attorney, the FBI, and WPA officials against the people.

'Is Historic Case'

Terming the trial an historic case, and one of the strangest in the annals of American jurisprudence, Davis said he would show that prior to July 1, 1939, on June 2 there was a demonstration of the unemployed in Minneapolis and St. Paul to call attention of the authorities to the unfair treatment being given men and women prior to the passage of the relief law. "We will show that from January, 1938, to July, 1939, WPA officials had invariably followed the practice of closing down projects whenever there was a dispute. We will show that Palmquist conferred with Christgau, Glotzbach and Stolte (WPA officials) to seek to avoid strikes.

"The indictment charges violation of Section 23 of the Woodrum relief law. The government must not only prove that Section 23 was violated, but that the defendants CONSPIRED to violate it.

Protest Was Nationwide

"The testimony will show that on the night of June 30th the Woodrum law was passed and that immediately afterward, all over the country, strikes broke out. On July 5th in Minneapolis the Building Trades Council voted to strike in protest against this law.

"Maybe some of you jurors think you can't strike against the government. The court will tell you you CAN STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT and you can picket."

Davis then proceeded to describe how—following the Building Trades Council, the CIO, the Workers Alliance—the Federal Workers Section of the General Drivers Union voted to strike.

Defense counsel bitterly condemned the relief law as showing a total disregard of the entire wage structure of the country, and that the act made the government a scab.

To show the ridiculousness of the charge of conspiracy, Davis mentioned that in St. Paul at the fair grounds, practically every worker walked out on strike, yet the Federal Workers Section did not have a single member at the fair grounds.

Defendants Are FWS Members Almost all of the 25 defendants in the present trial are members of the Federal Workers Section.

Then describing the events surrounding the strike at the WPA sewing project, Davis said he would show that on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 11-13, the project was closed down and that cops at the door told WPA

workers it was closed down. "On Friday, July 14th, the government phoned workers and told them to come to work or they would get 403's. Some women who went to work said unpleasant things to the pickets. This led to hair-pulling contests. But this is certainly not a conspiracy."

Davis indicated he would place every one of the 25 defendants on the stand and closed by stating to the jury. "After our evidence is presented, you cannot find them guilty."

Riddles Government Case

After a short recess Ed Palmquist related the background of the strike and gave an hour-by-hour and day-by-day account of the strike itself. Readers of the Northwest Organizer are familiar with the story.

Palmquist's simple presentation tore gaping holes in the structure of lies so painfully constructed by District Attorney Anderson. He told how McKinnon, WPA superintendent at the sewing project, refused to close down the project, or phone the state WPA office for instructions. As Anderson toyed nervously with a photograph, Palmquist told of the murderer police attack on pickets the Friday night of July 14th—of how the cops no sooner opened the doors of the sewing project than they directed a hail of tear gas and bullets at the pickets standing across the street. "I saw a man fall. It was Emil Bergstrom. He was killed. Armored cars were running into the crowd, coming from all directions, shooting. I saw Fred Johnson shot full in the face with a tear gas shell. I caught him and helped guide him to safety, when I saw Pat Roselle of the Federal Workers Section, shot through the arm with a bullet. I got some aid and took them to the hospital. Dr. McCrimmon (Local 544's physician) extracted the bullet from Roselle's arm and I asked for it. Just then, two detectives came in and asked: "Where's that bullet?" I said I had it, and they demanded it. When they promised to return it, I gave the bullet to them. I have not seen the bullet to this day."

Denies All Charges

Palmquist firmly denied he had been guilty of a single act as charged in the indictment. A grilling cross-examination by Anderson failed to shake a single word of Palmquist's testimony which presented an entirely different picture of the strike than the weird affair cooked up by the G-men, Anderson and the fink witnesses.

Saturday morning and again on Monday morning, Max Goldman of the Federal Workers Section, was placed on the stand by Davis,

Geldman substantiated the story of the strike as told by Palmquist and was able to show the nationwide character of the protest, a fact which alone precluded the absurd "conspiracy" charged against the Minneapolis unemployed by the federal government.

Anderson Puts on Act

Again Anderson failed to shake the testimony of the defendants. Tuesday morning the District Attorney, obviously rattled at the way his case was falling to pieces, put on an act while cross-examining Geldman. Like a ham actor, he barked, shook his head and fists, and rolled his eyes Heavenward as though to call upon God Himself to witness the infamy of these mere WPA workers who dare stand up for their rights against the United States government.

Davis Calms Him Down

While those in attendance at the trial had difficulty in smothering their laughter, Tom Davis sharply called Anderson to account for his insulting and slurring behaviour, charging him with being guilty of misconduct.

Anderson immediately quieted down and excused his actions by saying that persons sometimes act that way "in moments of righteous indignation."

Davis persisted in questioning him and made Anderson admit he was not "righteously indignant," in fine, that he was just putting on an act. The government attorney was much more subdued as he continued his cross-examination.

Among documents introduced by the defense were a wire from Senator Shipstead advising the Minneapolis Central Labor Union that bills were being drafted in Congress to modify the relief act; a wire to President Roosevelt from the Minneapolis WPA Strike Committee; a certificate on the inquest into the death of Patrolman John Gearty, showing he died of a heart attack and not of a pummeling he is alleged to have received at the sewing project; typewritten copies of minutes of the Strike Committee; telegrams from organized labor in other cities on the development of strike sentiment, etc.

Tuesday Eddie Alberts, third defendant and a steward of the Federal Workers Section, was placed on the stand. Like Goldman and Palmquist, Alberts flatly denied all of the charges on which he was indicted.

Other defendants were ready to take the stand Wednesday in their own defense.

I thank God there are no free schools nor printing, and I hope we shall not have these, for learning has brought disobedience, and heresy, and sects into the world, and printing has divulged them, and libels against the best government. God keep us from both.— SIR WILLIAM BERKELY, Governor of Virginia, 1619.

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

"The Dog" De Garmo has won the additional title of "setter" since his luck ran out on the famous Hennepin-Lake stand.

First in the news, "Kingfish" Krogfuss would've caught a hit-skip driver if his hack hadn't of dropped a coupla' cylinders in the chase.

Unsung heroes of the night: Ed "Cabbage" Melsaac and William "Pussyfoot" Johnson chased and nearly caught a jewelry thief at 27th and Lake last week.

Something's gotta' be done—The aristocrats of dog-dom jump into our hacks every time we open the doors when we're in the vicinity of a west Minneapolis district. We like their faith in our driving, but taking them home is like hauling a Second St. bar-fly, they have no dough.

The Y. Cab aviators have been warned by "Double - Sawbuck" Tony that a barrel-roll can be dangerous.

Poems . . .

A fella' named Marty; Went to a party He sampled the vintage so damp. He made an error, a sad one Now he's just like Aladdin, He's rubbin' a shiny black "Lamp."

Well what do you know? The winter's awful slow The middle of November And we ain't got no snow.

Brother Danielson kinda' rushed the season on this here now vacation. He took three days and the contract hasn't been signed yet.

Ernie Cloutier (the Frog) was a welcome visitor at the Y. C. garage one day last week. We're all glad you're on the avenue again, Ernie.

We have received many suggestions from members of the well known L. B. Brigade—Roy Jellings wants bids on a time-clock to control the latch on his kit so it won't open till at least eleven a.m. . . C. Keddy "The Country Squire" thinks an alarm clock (not too big) set to go off at your favorite eating time would be an improvement . . . answer to question No. 958, no it is not considered good form to carry beer in thermos bottle (besides it doesn't hold enough) . . . We also admonish the garlic and limberger addicts that they must procure airtight kits before their membership in the L.L.B. is validated . . . Hillie Holmberg took all the rattles out of his kit with pliers and passes this tip along.

Clyde K., now knows the gnawing worries of international bankers and the fluctuations of monies since he unwittingly accepted a Swede krona for a short run; he wails, "Swedes everywhere and I can't get rid of a Krona."

Gassing With 977

Reino Jokinen of the Midland Coop Wholesale won the door prize of a month's dues at the last general membership.

Remember that nomination of officers for the coming year takes place at the general membership meeting, December 11th. Cards will be mailed to all members in good standing, but you might start planning now to have that night free from work.

S. W. Harrington, employed at the Erickson station, 1028 7th St. N., is ill at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul.

Your dues book will be picked up by the collector in December. This is necessary since a new ledger will be set up in the office, and the new page numbers will be entered in the dues books. Kindly cooperate by having your dues book at hand when the collector calls.

Many members seem to be of the opinion that when they leave a job, they automatically become a member on withdrawal from the union. We have repeatedly informed you that this is not the case. It is necessary to report to the office and get a withdrawal card. This is the only method recognized by the International, by which members are not active and paying dues.

If you have moved, or if your mailing address is not correct, please call the office and notify us. This will assure the prompt delivery of your paper, as well as notices from the Local.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS

. . . One Woman To Another . . .

By Marvel Scholl

(Continued from page 1) drafted ahead of the younger men if he is not working at an industry which the war department considers essential to the perpetration of the war. In case he is drafted, it will be up to you, no matter what your home conditions, so long as an army doctor considers you fit, to go to work at some "productive" occupation, not only to support your family, but also to step up Death's wheels of industry.

289, City ITO'ers Lead Union Bowlers

Local 289 took two games from Local 544. P. Knoblauch had 571. Turbin had 506. Kenizes took the odd game from Oasis Bar. Curran had 531. Soft Drinks are creeping to the top. They dumped Local 359 for three games. Rudell had 515. Local 221 took a pair from Meat Drivers. B. Vincent went to town with 579. Gillespie had 525.

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For nearly a year, military training has been compulsory for members of the Mexican Federation of Labor. It has not been forgotten that Spanish leaders of the

republic declared that their great mistake was not drilling and arming the labor unions to fight the fascists.—AMERICAN GUARDIAN.

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UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Table listing various union meetings including Local 471, Local 160, Local 131, Local 259, Local 664, Local 1086, Petroleum Drivers, Local 977, Federal Workers, Local 289, Local 346, Local 103, and Local 275, with details on dates and times.