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FBI Story of Union Defense Guard Proved False

Miners Strike Holds Despite FDR Threats

Roosevelt Deliberately Unleashes Lynch Spirit Campaign Against Striking Miners and CIO; But Undaunted Labor Stands Firm Behind UMW While Strikers Tie Up Mines

Despite the extensive antilabor propaganda campaign unleashed by the Steel Trust, President Roosevelt and the daily press, the scheduled strike of the 53,000 miners in the captive mines owned by the steel corporations was launched Monday morning, with complete effectiveness.

The immediate issue in the strike is the miners' demand for a union shop, already won by 400,000 commercial miners, but denied the 53,000 captive miners.

The broader and really fundamental issue in the strike, however, is the very right of labor to exercise its economic power, to strike. It is this fundamental issue, forced upon the United Mine Workers by the bosses and Roosevelt, that has won for the miners the unanimous support of the CIO convention and the nation's labor movement.

In the face of news that Roosevelt, commander - in chief of the United States Army, has mobilized 50,000 troops "prepared down to the last detail" to break the strike, miners marched out as one man on Mon-

Text of CIO Resolution Backing Miners to the End
One of the first acts of the five hundred dele-

gates to the national CIO convention in Detroit was to approve the resolution adopted unanimously by the CIO national executive board to "approve and pledge our unqualified support to the United Mine Workers of America in its logical effort to stabilize the mining industry on the basis of a union shop, uniform agreement, covering commercial and captive mines "

Excerpts from the resolution backing the miners in their fight against the Steel Trust follow:

"WHEREAS, 1, the United Mine Workers of America are engaged in a struggle with the captive mine owners composed principally of the large steel units in an effort to secure the application of a uniform union shop agreement; and

"2. Ninety-five per cent of the industry, including many captive mine operators, have accepted, signed and are operating under the terms of this standard agreement . . . and

"3. Over 95 per cent of the employees of these recalcitrant steel units in the coal industry are members of the United Mine Workers of America; and "4. The UMW in convention assembled has instructed its

officers to have the same uniform agreement applied to the entire industry; and "5. The attitude of these large steel units, where profits under the defense program are enormous, can be properly classi-

fied as un-American and not conducive to the best interests of the defence program: and '6. We believe that the cause of the UMW is just, fair and reasonable and the officers and members of this union are to be commended highly for their example of fortitude and fidelity

to the cause of labor; now, therefore, be it 'RESOLVED: By the executive board of the Congress of Industrial Organizations that we approve and pledge our unqualified support to the UMW in its logical effort to stabilize the mining industry on the basis of a union shop. . . .

rallied to their support by walk- and it is believed that by the ing out in sympathy strike. By week's end the 400,000 commer-

Frisco CIO

Council Brands

Trial Anti-Labor

Council last week joined the growing sections of the

labor movement supporting the Minneapolis "sedi-

tion" defendants, by adopting a vigorous resolution

of "full moral and financial support to these defen-

dants," voting a substantial donation to the defense

and requesting "all affiliated locals to do likewise."

Workers Union, which is the spear-head of the motor transport

workers movement of the Northwest, transferred its affiliation

by almost unanimous vote from the AFL Teamsters Interna-

tional into the CIO to free itself from the dictatorial, racketeer,

against the Minneapolis motor transport workers has been aided

by the Department of Justice, which has secured the indictment

on "seditious conspiracy" charges of 28 individuals including

the entire leadership of Local 544-CIO as well as members of

of the free trade union movement as well as of full civil liberties

is of the utmost importance to us in our efforts to get an edu-

cation now as well as to our future prospects of a fruitful and

United Auto Workers, the American Civil Liberties Union, Local

1-10 International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union,

and other labor and liberal organizations have condemned the

government prosecution as a serious threat to civil liberties and

Justice has put these men on trial in Minneapolis since October

tests against this attempt to deprive the Minneapolis motor

transport workers of their democratic right to join the union

of their choice, and we condemn the use of government agencies

to oppress and harass any labor or political organizations in the

Department of Justice to dismiss the indictments against the 28

ated locals to give full moral and financial support to these 28

tion be given the widest publicity in the labor press and that

they be sent to the National Office of the CIO, Local 544-CIO

pursuit of their legitimate activities, and

defendants in the Minnesota case, and

and Attorney-General Biddle.

craft-union setup of Daniel J. Tobin, and

the Socialist Workers Party, and

The text of the San Francisco CIO resolution

WHEREAS: Minneapolis Local 544-CIO, Motor Transport

WHEREAS! Daniel J. Tobin in his campaign of terror

WHEREAS, we are firmly convinced that the maintenance

WHEREAS: The CIO, Labor's Non-Partisan League, the

WHEREAS: Ignoring these protests, the Department of

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Our organization pro-

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we call upon the

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we request all affili-

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolu-

The powerful San Francisco CIO Industrial Union

As anti-labor pressure on the strikers mounted, their brothers

Thursday night over 100,000 mincial miners of the nation will be on strike to support the miners' demand for a union shop in the in the nation's commercial mines with the 53,000 captive miners, mines owned by the steel corpora

county, Pennsylvania.

Brass Hats Eager to

serve to unify the miners."

When informed of the Presi-

CIO Convention for Strike CIO President Philip Murray, speaking at the CIO national convention on the same subject, stated that "Naturally, the CIO is bound to make objection to the

strike was that of Michael Quill. who suggested that six CIO vicepresidents be sent by the convention to Washington to aid Roosevelt in ending the strike. Quill's motion was stepped on hard by CIO President Murray, who properly characterized the motion as designed to indicate that the convention was not united in support

Lewis Report Is Cheered The report of John L. Lewis president of the United Mine Workers, received a roar of cheers from the 200 members of the

" . . . Obviously the steel companies believed that all they had to do was to main-

demand for a union shop in the

Anti-labor violence against the strikers flamed into the open on the second day of the strike when two pickets were shot and wounded by company gunmen at Gary, West Virginia. Wednesday three more strikers were shot in Fayette

Break Strike

Thursday the Associated Press reported that "Army and navy officials are in favor of using troops immediately, but caution is being urged by some who believe employment of the army would only

dent's plans to use the army as a strike-breaking instrument, John L. Lewis calmly replied that "If the soldiers come, the mine workers will remain peacefully in their homes, conscious of the fact that bayonets in coal mines will not produce coal."

use of the army to shackle or force

The strike of the captive mines has received the unanimous apmittee and of the fourth convention of the CIO, meeting in Detroit. The position of the United Mine Workers is so obviously just that even the followers of Sidney Hillman and the Stalinists were forced to go along in approving the strike.

Only voice raised against the of the union-shop demand.

union Policy Committee as they unanimously approved the strike.

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Organizer Walter Hagstrom and Vice-President George Frosig of Local 544-CIO are seen discussing plans for the defense with Rose Seiler and Dorothy Schultz, wife labor movement for thirty years, of 544 Organizer Henry Schutz. These four and Nick Wagner were released for lack told the court that he had known of evidence and are now deviting themselves to the fight to free the other 23 de- of labor defense guards since fendants in the "sedition" trial. They fear that release of the five only means clear- 1911. ing the decks to railroad to jail the 23. But even if the 23 are found guilty, these and other union brothers will fight the case all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court.

IBT Area Committee Yields to NDMB

Packed With Incompared Tobin Agents, Area Committee Surren-ist organizations as the Silver ders Strike Weapon and Leans on Mediation Board; CIO Industrial Front, Mr. Cannon told how work-Unionism Is Needed by Over-Road Drivers

By FARRELL DOBBS

The Tobin-dominated 11-State Area Committee abdicated last Saturday all rights York unions, including a local of to leadership of the midwest over-the-road truck drivers. After having announced a the International Ladies' Garment offer to the employers on Wednesday with a call for strike action if an agreement was not signed by November 15 (the date the existing contract expired), the tion for guards, nad publicly discussed the need for union defense committee three days later surrendered the controversy to government arbitration.

Joseph L. Keenan, OPM representative, entered the negotiations after the Tobin 'ultimatum" and emerged a few hours later to announce that the union committee and the bosses had agreed to refer all unsettled issues of wages and working conditions to the National Defense Mediation Board AND TO ABIDE BY THE BOARD'S DECISION. Keenan said the drivers would continue work* under the present contract with the final terms decided as he is of the CIO. One sharp

sweep toward the CIO.

But Tobin could get absolutely

The dispute involves approximately 250,000 men em- quickly brought the strike of the ployed by 800 truck operators. The main demands of the union committee called for an increase in mileage rates machine is too deeply indebted to to 5 cents per mile and a raise in the pickup and delivery Roosevelt for the FBI attack on rate to \$1 per hour. The old scales were 3 cents per mile 544-CIO, and too dubious of its and 80 cents per hour respectively.

The employers refused to grant* only 21/2 cents per hour on the pickup and delivery scale.

The 11-State area includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska.

The official statement of the Tobin committee piously an sentiment among the drivers dues collections. nounced that it agreed to hold off any work stoppage "at the request of getting the men something ers will pay for this criminal manof government officials and in the spirit of aiding national defense." It added also that the union committee had been seeking federal

Bosses on Offensive

The chairman of the employers area committee, J. L. Keeshin, was not so timid as the Tobin agents. proval of the CIO executive com- "Let them strike," Keeshin told the newspaper reporters, "so that strikes may be ended forever."

This employer spokesman was not concerned with the "spirit of aiding national defense." He was thinking about North American Aircraft, Bendix, and the army spies being sent into the captive coal mine areas; he was thinking about getting Roosevelt to call out the army against the truck drivers "so that strikes may be ended forever." Keeshin was contemptuous of the timid union leadership which was begging him for concessions in order to save its face before the rank and file.

Drivers Press Tobin

The Tobin committee finds itself on the horns of a dilemma. The truck drivers are pressing hard for improvements in wages and working conditions. Sharply rising prices and heavy taxation are cutting deeply into the standard of living of the workers. It is imperative that they receive wage in-

by the Mediation Board to be retroactive to November 16. word from Roosevelt and Tobin Detroit railway express drivers to an ignominious end. The Tobin ability to lead a strike, to risk a

Therefore, the AFL Teamsters area committee could think of Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Minne- A decree from Tobin in Indianapo- the drivers' only economic weapon, sota, North and South Dakota and lis ordering the men to cease and the right to strike, in return for desist would not settle this ques- compulsory arbitration in a destion. There is already strong CIO perate attempt to maintain Tobin's

Failure to go through the motions The heavy price which the drivagents only insofar as it may cause revolt against their dictatorial no concessions from the employers, with a few crumbs for the drivers

fight with the over-the-road emany increase whatever on the mile-creases, and they cannot meet Tobin Banks on FDR their needs with small crumbs. The Tobin agents, already in bad odor among the drivers, were nothing except to lean on Roosethus put right up against the gun. velt. They and Tobin surrendered

would result in an immediate euver is of concern to the Tobin

Dobbs Led Road Drivers to Unions

EDITOR'S NOTE: No man in the country is better qualified to write on the problems of the overroad drivers than Farrell Dobbs. He was the leader of the North Central Drivers Council founded in 1937 to organize the over-road drivers, then almost entirely unorganized. He became the Secretary of the 11-state Area Committee of truck drivers unions which organized some 200,000 over-road drivers in the North Central Area. He successfully negotiated their first area-wide contract in 1938. His leading role among the over-road drivers was so unquestionable that Daniel J. Tobin had to appoint him as International Organizer in charge of this work, and Dobbs successfully negotiated the second area-wide contract on November 15, 1939-the contract which has just expired. Dobbs resigned that office in 1940, when Tobin tried to get him to sell out the Kansas City cab drivers. Now, as the story above tells, Tobin's nincompoops have gone far toward undermining the conditions which Dobbs and Local 544 won for the over-road drivers.

Use of Guard In '29 Shown By Defense

Defense Guard Existed 12 Years Ago To Save Meetings From Stalin Thugs; Three Union Men Freed By Defense Motion for Dismissal

The prosecution's efforts to paint Local 544's Union Defense Guard as a revolutionary conspiracy instigated by Leon Trotsky in 1938 to overthrow the government by force, exploded into a dozen pieces Wednesday under the testimony of the first defense witness, James P. Cannon.

Cannon, one of the defendants, and a participant in the militant

Then, while the prosecutors glumly watched, he read from a 1929 file of THE MILITANT, Trotskyist paper edited by him, a dozen news-stories reporting how workers' defense guards were formed in Minneapolis and in several Eastern cities twelve years ago, to defend workers' meetings against the attack of Stalinist hoodlums sent by the Communist Party to break up the meetings. Relating how the depression of 1937-38 had caused a sharp increase in the activity of such fasc-

Shirts, the Bund, and the Christian ers' groups in many parts of the country had found it necessary to form defense guards to defend their meetings against the fascists. He told how several New Workers, which passed a resolu

Unions Need Defense Guards

With the advent of the European war and the war boom, fascist activity subsided, and with it labor's immediate need to defend itself against the anti-labor vigilantes. Cannon explained.

While effectively exposing the prosecution's attempt to portray 544's Union Defense Guard as anything other than the guard actually was, Cannon contended that the American labor movement, to avoid the fate of the unions in Italy and Germany, will find it necessary to form union defense guards to defend labor's rights against the coming fascist movement in America.

The 51-year-old national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party testified Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday. Under examination and cross-examination, he frankly explained the basic ideas of the Marxist movement which he has led for many years.

Three Union Leaders Freed Ten More On motion by defense counsel,

fendants. Those freed were George Frosig, Walter Hagstrom, Nick Wagner, Dorothy Schultz and

Brother Frosig, vice-president of Local 544-CIO, has served the Minneapolis drivers' union as officer for twenty years. Wagner is trustee of 544-CIO, and Hagstrom is a 544-CIO organizer.

The released defendants immediately announced they would throw themselves into the fight to defend their fellow workers still on trial.

Among defendants to follow Cannon on the witness stand are V. R. Dunne, Farrell Dobbs, and Carl Skoglund, founders of the Minneapolis drivers movement and leaders of the 1934 drivers' strike PARTISAN REVIEW; that made Minneapolis a union

The government closed its case Monday without proving a single one of the charges made by Attorney General Biddle and his assisthe start of the trial. The prose- ucation; cution bases its case upon the testimony of two dozen Tobin-paid the duPont family; stoolpigeons; most of the government witnesses perjured them-(See other stories, pages 2 and 3) mittee.

Biddle Said He'd Prove Local 544 **Armed Workers!**

Now that the prosecution has completed presentation of its 'case" against Local 544-CIO and the Socialist Workers Party, let us recall what U. S. Attorney-General Biddle prom-

ised to prove: In answer to a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union, protesting against the trial as a prosecution of workclass opinions, Biddle wrote on Sept. 4 that the Union Defense Guard was an "overt act," was

indeed, "arming workers carry out the purpose to which the utterances are addressed" and therefore "is clearly sufficient to remove the case from one involving expression of

BUT WHAT DID THE PROSECUTION DO?

(1) Anderson, in his open ing statement, said no proof of an overt act was necessaryi.e., the opinions of the de fendants were enough;

(2) The prosecution "proved," what the defense had stated in advance, that the sole "arms" of the Union Defense Guard consisted of two target pistols and two target rifles - the prosecution didn't even try to claim anything (3) Assistant Attorney-Gen-

eral Schweinhaut, in opposing defense motion to dismiss the case, made no bones about it. he was prosecuting the defendants' opinions and nothing (4) Judge Joyce, denying

the defense motion, justified that solely by the "defendants" seditious writings." In short, Biddle's bunk about

'arming workers" was just a smokescreen to confuse labor and liberals, while his lieutenants were getting this frameup

the court Tuesday dropped charges against five of the 28 de-Committee

Showing their active support of the defense of the Minneapolis defendants in the Tobin-inspired "sedition" trial, ten more well-known labor leaders and liberals last week joined the national committee of the Civil Rights Defense Committee. The national committee now numbers 48 men and women. Latest to join the committee

Mark Starr, education director, International Ladies Garment

Workers Union, AFL; Margaret Marshall, editor of THE NATION;

Clement Greenberg, editor of John Chamberlain, author, editor

of FORTUNE; Franz Hoellering, author; Louis Raths, professor, Ohio

State University; Sarah T. Colvin, former memtant, Mr. Schweinhaut, prior to ber, Minnesota State Board of Ed-

Zara duPont, liberal member of Gorham Munson, author;

Mary W. Hillyer, secretary, selves, the defense hopes to show. Keep America Out of War ComFarrell Dobbs

Civil Rights Defense Meeting

Farrell Dobbs Reports on Trial

Pioneer Hall Meeting Of Union Men and Women Gets First-Hand Account Of What's Going On In Court

An enthusiastic audience of union men and women heard Farrell Dobbs, former general organizer for the IBT and now one of the defendants in the "sedition" trial, New Orleans give a graphic picture of the events leading up to the trial, Monday night. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Civil Rights Defense Committee in the Pioneer Hall at the Lumber Exchange.

Gilbert Carlson, one of the defense counsel, and Carlos Hudson, acting editor of the Industrial Organizer, also spoke. Arthur Stern-berg, treasurer of the Workers Defense League, was chairman.

Gilbert Carlson, who has long been attorney for 544-CIO, told of the farcical hearings before State union, Tobin "offered" to send in Labor Conciliator Blair on the union's petition for an election after the union had voted to go into the CIO in June. Carlson cited example after example of bias on the part of Blair who arbitrarily ruled that the AFL-"544" should have complete jurisdiction over all the truck drivers in Min-

Carlos Hudson sketched briefly the history of the Industrial Organizer since its birth as a small tabloid during the 1934 strike days decision handed more than 5,000 ers whose crime, in Tobin's eyes, to its present status as one of the truck drivers to the Tobin "544." is that they are smart enough to best labor papers published in this In conversations with drivers, see through his phoney boss-mindcountry. He asked the audience to Dobbs said, he had heard stories ed type of ineffective craft union take subscriptions to the paper in of crimes against unionism which order that they might keep up with never could have happened in the the events of the trial, especially union before the Tobin agents now that the prosecution has rested its case.

"Now that the prosecution has finished its case," he said, "the newspapers will bury the case as from the Committee of 99 that Neal deep as possible. Already several drew his new "leadership" for the of the out of town newspapers have withdrawn their men from the courtroom. The only way you can get the news of the trial, the real news, is by reading your own newspaper, The Industrial Organ-

Membership Rejected Quislings

Farrell Dobbs traced the history of the prosecution of the leaders of 544-CIO and the Socialist sented their case told them-Workers Party. After a small opposition group within 544 had failed to unseat the leadership in didn't you? What do you want to a democratic election, the "Committee of 100" was organized. ruptcy?" This group sought the assistance How Tobin Men Negotiate of the FBI in its efforts to take over the union early last spring. Area Committee. As it was orig- at them, these men will be in there kitchen, and washrooms. This was admitted in the cross ex- inally constructed the committee pitching to the very end, and no-

ness in the "sedition" trial. testified against the leaders of the New Orleans. a dictator-receiver to take over the union. When the membership of the union turned down this insult-

ing demand and voted almost unanimously to withdraw from the AFL and go into the CIO, Tobin turned to Roosevelt for aid. His appeal to the President preceded he Socialist Workers Party in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Dobbs drew a balance sheet, de-

were installed as dictators.

After June 9 Tobin sent his agent, T. T. Neal, into Minneapolis to take over the union. It was

Tobin Men Support Bosses At one of the transfer compa-

nies, covered by the Casey sell-out contract in which the men were given a miserable 6c per hour raise with a promise of back pay retroactive to June 1, no back pay was forthcoming. When the men took their grievance to the union the "official" to whom they pre

"Go back to your job and quit complaining. You got your raise do - drive your boss into bank-

Dobbs traced the history of the

Drivers in

An admission by Tobin's agent that the CIO has organized the The Committee of 99-renamed truck drivers of New Orleans, and -appealed also to Tobin, long an that this is only a first step by the enemy of the militant leaders of CIO in organizing drivers through-544. After two farcical "hear- out the Gulf Coast area, was made ings" called by Tobin, at which last week in an area meeting of members of the Committee of 99 the Tobin representatives held in

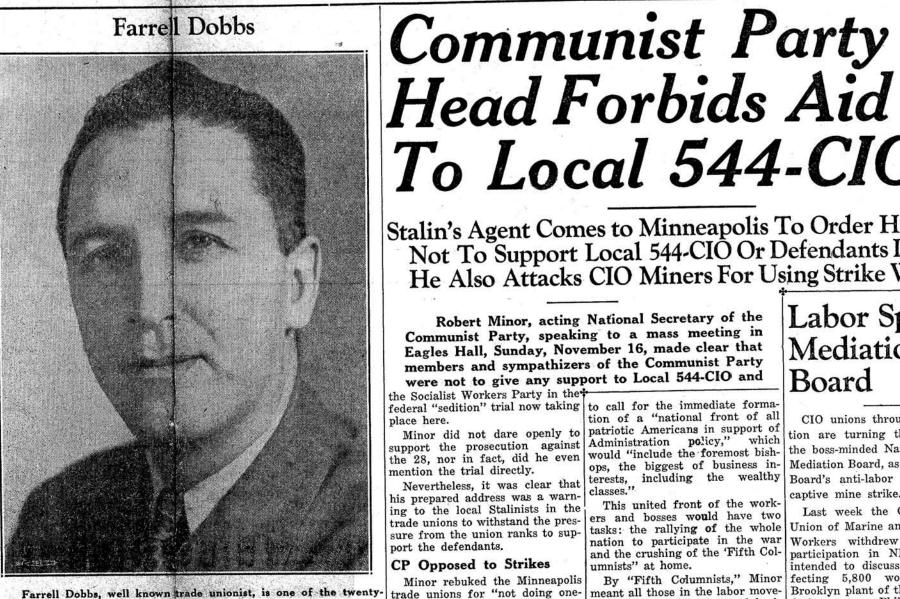
The conference was reported in the AFL Mobile Labor Journal. The Tobin outfit will make a desperate effort to force the driv ers back into the AFL, according to the story. A war chest of more than \$300,000 will be raised to 'eliminate the damnable CIO," the the raids on the headquarters of report said. Probably Tobin will follow the pattern of his activities in Minneapolis and Iowa, and send in an army of gangsters, gunmen scribing the union since the Blair and hopheads to attack union driv-

> The Mobile AFL sheet said that 'The CIO had succeeded in obtaining control of cartage to the docks, from the freight terminals."

local unions and were responsible to their membership. Today the committee is composed mainly of what shall or shall not be included in the contract and who are re-This Tobin Committee has just handed the fate of 250,000 over-

the truck drivers of the nation arly known as the "Southe t will be available to the union. The

romising for the leaders of 544- yet known. CIO who are now on trial in fed-



Farrell Dobbs, well known trade unionist, is one of the twentythree defendants in the "sedition" trial in federal court. He is probably best known throughout the nation for his work in organizing more than 250,000 over-the-road drivers. See story, page 1.

544-CIO Housed in Fine New Quarters

Last August, at the monthly membership meeting of ted that the United Mine Workers ed States should throw all of its Local 544-CIO, Brother V. R. Dunne promised the one mands and that President Murray men to have one thing to say about thousand drivers present that by late Autumn the union and Thomas Kennedy of the CIO munist Party was supporting the would be housed in a fine new quarters, superior to any sponsible to no one except Tobin. headquarters it had yet known.

Monday morning that prom the National Defense Mediation
Board.

will be realized. On that day Local parcony, seating eight states of the National Defense Mediation new quarters on the main floor of and showers.

The offices of Local 544-CIO are the building at 9th street and 12th.

The offices of Local 544-CIO are He said that the only road for avenue south, the building fam - on the main floor. Meeting halls

The first floor of the two-story eral court that "no matter what building contains four large ofthe odds, no matter what is thrown fices, a meeting hall, a diningroom,

will be realized. On that day Local balcony, seating eight hundred

was into the militant, democratic Neighborhood House."

Local 544-CIO's new half is the outright purchase of the Dobbs ended his speech by finest the Minneapolis drivers have building, which is so well-equipped building, which is so well-equipped building, which is so well-equipped building. of the workers to strike. to serve as a union headquarters. Not the least of its many advantages is the ample parking space

available. Members are warmly invited to drop in on the new union home even once.

support the prosecution against the 28, nor in fact, did he even would "include the foremost bishops, the biggest of business interests, including the wealthy Nevertheless, it was clear that classes. his prepared address was a warn-This united front of the working to the local Stalinists in the ers and bosses would have two trade unions to withstand the prestasks: the rallying of the whole sure from the union ranks to supnation to participate in the war and the crushing of the 'Fifth Col-

To Local 544-CIO

Robert Minor, acting National Secretary of the

Communist Party, speaking to a mass meeting in

Eagles Hall, Sunday, November 16, made clear that members and sympathizers of the Communist Party

were not to give any support to Local 544-CIO and

Minor did not dare openly to patriotic Americans in support of

the Socialist Workers Party in the

federal "sedition" trial now taking

mention the trial directly.

CP Opposed to Strikes

sition to the closed shop.

Talks Like Bosses

port the defendants.

Stalin's Agent Comes to Minneapolis To Order His Crew Not To Support Local 544-CIO Or Defendants In Trial; He Also Attacks CIO Miners For Using Strike Weapon

to call for the immediate forma-

tion of a "national front of all

umnists" at home. By "Fifth Columnists," Minor Minor rebuked the Minneapolis trade unions for "not doing one- meant all those in the labor movetenth of what they can do" for war ment who would insist on labor's production. He proclaimed to the right to organize and to strike. ocal C.P. members that strikes First in the rank of this kind of were out and, as he quoted from "Fifth Columnists," said Minor, were the Trotskyists in the Social-William Green, AFL President, the

workers "should stay on the job, keep producing." This is not the time, said Minor, for the workers All for Boss War

In addition to Roosevelt and to put forward their grievances, Green, Minor also quoted approv-Minor illustrated exactly what the jingo strike-breaking policy of the Communist Party is when he indicated the party's opposition to man. The Communist Party leader the coal miners' strike. He admitagreed with Wilkie that the Unitwere entirely justified in their de- resources into the war. Lest anyone should think that the Comwere correct in resigning from the war only because the USSR had of Production Management. strike-breaking National Defense been attacked, Minor hastened to Among those to resign from such correct the impression by giving posts are John Owens, president Mediation Board after the Board his approval to Willkie's statement supported the Steel Trust's oppothat "The United States is not in this war for the sake of Russia.'

In spite of this, Minor brazenly Every constitution and every declared, "The union must not be law naturally expires at the end provoked to stop defense producof the natural life. If it be ention." Like any representative of the National Manufacturers Asso-ciation. Minor attacked the right and not of right.—Thomas Jefferciation, Minor attacked the right

overthrow it .- Abraham Lincoln.

If there be any among us who

wish to dissolve this Union or to change its republican form, let

them stand undisturbed as monu-

ment of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated

where reason is left free to combat

ON NATIONAL UNITY...

Necessity is the argument of ty-

ants, and the creed of slaves .-

CY'S PLACE

5th and Plymouth

CHOICE LIQUORS

t.-Thomas Jefferson.

William Pitt.

Although Minor's announced topic was "The 24th Anniversary This country, with its instituof the USSR," he did not mention tions, belongs to the people who the Russian Revolution by name inhabit it. When they shall grow weary of existing government they Instead, he utilized the occasion can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or

Labor Spurns Mediation Board

CIO unions throughout the nation are turning their backs on the boss-minded National Defense Mediation Board, as a result of the Board's anti-labor stand in the captive mine strike.

Last week the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers withdrew from further participation in NDMB hearings ntended to discuss a dispute affecting 5,800 workers at the Brooklyn plant of the Robins Drydock company. Philip Van Gelder, secretary-treasurer of the union, said the union would not submit any future cases to the board.

All CIO representatives have now resigned from the mediation board. Emil Rieve, national CIO vice-president, in resigning said, "There is no place for me in the board unless the board tells unions they have the right to fight out the union shop issue on the economic battlefield without being called unpatriotic."

Other CIO officials are resigning from posts as "labor relations consultants" on the staff of Sidney Hillman, co-director of the Office of the Ohio district of the UMW. Van A. Bittner and Allan Hay-wood, also of the miners' union,

The United Auto Workers Union has withdrawn its case in the Bell Aircraft dispute from the Mediation Board. The CIO has also ternational Harvester dispute.

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JACOBSON FIXTURE **EXCHANGE**



voted to a large auditorium with and inspect its facilities. amination of a government wit- members were elected by their own body can intimidate them:" Area Committee Yields to NDMB CIO Industrial Unionism Is Needed By Over-The-Road Drivers Now

(Continued from page 1) with further assistance from strike.'
Roosevelt's FBI against oppositionists inside the union he will be able to perpetuate his rotten re-

Employers Licked Before

The belligerency evidenced by J. L. Keeshin, chairman of the employers' committee, is not new at all. The employers took the same attitude when the first area contract was negotiated in 1938 and again when the contract now expiring was signed in 1939. All but a few companies signed the 1938 contract without a fight. Those who did not were all brought to time, including the Omaha bosses who locked out their men in September, 1938 and fought the union until they were brought under the contract in February, 1939.

Before the second agreement was negotiated in 1939 there was the same bravado on the part of the employers as is now evidenced by Keeshin. But the committee they were dealing with then didn't scare so easily and all of the employers signed the contract without any fight at all.

Bosses Know Tobin

Keeshin now counts on the war program of the government and his connections in Washington (and they are many) to see him safely through. And, far from the least of his calculations, he knows the weakness of Tobin. Keeshin could not hold the em-

ployers ranks solid against a determined union stand. Even as Keeshin was making his threats, an

FOLLOW THE TRIAL

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anonymous employer was telling the Mediation Board and the reporters, "We don't want a Bosses in Weak Position

Those who are familiar with the over-the-road industry can readily understand this seeming contradiction. There are two main divisions in the industry: the fleet-operating companies which use their own equipment and the broker-operating companies which use hired equipment furnished by drivers owning (more often making payments on) their own truck. There is a fierce and mercenary competition between those two groups as well as within each individual group. A very high degree of economic cannibalism exists within the industry which perpetuates a state of complete anarchy on all

The drivers suffer heavily from this condition, but at the same time it helps mightily to prevent the employers from ganging up on the organized drivers, provided the drivers have competent leadership.

Even if the employers were lined up solidly against the organized drivers that does not at all mean that the drivers could not win a fight against them, despite Roosevelt. Three years of union organization have made great changes in the industry. The drivers have gone through rich experiences which taught them many Except for Tobin's cowardice, the value of the union and its power when properly led and widey supported by the rank and file

Such a force is fully capable of meeting Roosevelt, Keeshin and Co. in a showdown fight. There is just one element missing today: a fighting leadership with a correct program.

Why Union Is Slipping

Since the last area contract was signed in 1939 the union area cominternal change for the worse. The union membership.

The committee was origi-

nally composed of men elected to it by the local unions and who were loyal to the membership which elected them. Today the local unions not only have no voice in selecting the area committee, but are also denied the right to determine the policies of the committee. Everything is handled from above with direct orders from Tobin on all important questions, orders from which there is no medi-

um for appeal. The committee is now headed by Carl Keul, little men who have a than a profound ignorance and a

drivers' strike weapon and who jeans. are now packing their grips for a Tobin "Demands" Weak junket to Washington to appear like a flock of ambulance-chasing lawyers before the mediation board to beg a few minor concessions from the bosses. All this was done without giving the truck drivers any voice whatever in the decision. The drivers learned about t only from the daily papers.

Same Old Boss Talk Roosevelt, Keeshin asserted that valuable lessons. They understand dustry." That statement has a familiar ring to it. Every driver ditions. heard the same story in 1938 and again when the second contract came up in 1939. And it is not original with Keeshin. Every boss lets out the same plaintive wail whenever a worker asks for more

money in his pay envelope. Prior to the first area contract union scales called for a 2% gram is one of the most important tical solution. mittee has undergone a profound per hour for pickups and deliver- lems of long hours and sleeper committee has been packed with ies were affected by these rates. the road driver to work and live a paid agents working directly under They were rather a leveler which little more like a normal human Tobin's orders and who have no served to correct the worst wage being. responsibility to or regard for the situations and approach some degree of uniformity in the industry.

These same rates continued dur-

ing the year 1939 under the second contract and were increased to 3 cents per mile and 80 cents per hour on November 1, 1939. In other words the employers were given two years to prepare for the 3 cent-80 cent rates and another year to prepare for the increases now asked by the drivers.

Only those employers who were the worst chiselers on the men ample time to readjust their operasuch little men as T. T. Neal and ting methods so that they would the union if it is to be carried out be in a position to pay the drivers big job to do with no other tools a living wage under present condi- mittee to give leadership in this tions. They are also enjoying a deep streak of personal opportu- harvest of unusually good profits as a result of the war program but, This is the committee which has as usual, they want to salt all of surrendered the over-the-road these swollen profits in their own

As a matter of fact, the demands presented by the Tobin the drivers of the fleet-operating committee are far from a complete presentation of the needs of the over-the-road drivers. There is no reduce the weekly hours. Although the area committee has pracan improvement over past non- tically abandoned all consideration union conditions, the present 60 for owner-operators. hour work week is absolutely un- It is up to the union leadership Announcing that all pertinent necessary and requires reduction; information had been sent to especially must be reduced the drivers in mapping a program for the union demands would "result Interstate Commerce Commission membership up solidly behind this

per week under a number of conrestrict sleeper-cab operation. The ed by the chicanery of the operaproportionate pay and suffer great | wild-cat operation, etc., etc. physical hardship which ages them far beyond their years.

Enough progress has been made conditions in the industry were during the last three years on the cent rate per mile and 75 cents keys to the solution of the probies. Not all of the larger compan- cabs. Relay runs permit the over-

> The Denver-Chicago run is a good example of what a relay system can do for the

drivers. When the union insisted on relaying this run, the boss easily lined the men up against it. But after a few months' experience under the relay system the boss couldn't drive these same men back onto the old long-haul schedule. And that is only one example. The employers will never push

have had to give any substantial this program voluntarily. They increase up to the present time. are too short-sighted to visualize The others, and this includes most the logic of such an arrangement. of the large companies, have had It is the men on the trucks who must push this campaign through And it is the duty of the area com-

Owner-Operator Problem

What about the individual owner-operators? They represent a heavy percentage of the drivers in the industry and they have serious problems. It is in the interest of companies to assist the individual owner-operators just as the owneroperators must stand behind the indication of any effort to further fleet drivers. But since 1940 the

to cooperate with these owner-"emergency clause" set up by the them and then to line all the union in complete destruction of the in- to permit an excess of 60 hours program and put it over. Unless this is done experience has shown proper vehicle for effective strugthat wage rates established for gle toward a solution of their Further effort must be made to drivers are frequently circumventmen on these trucks work unber ting companies: fake leasing of lievably long hours for wholly dis- trucks to individuals, expansion of

Tobin Policy Fatal

The Tobin committee pays no heed to these important questions. indescribable. The pay was low, question of establishing relay runs It doesn't understand them, and the hours were long and the con- to prove the practicability of this even if it did, it is too feeble to ditions were very bad. The first method of operation. This pro- do anything about finding a prac-

Tobin and his agents on the area committee are today nothing more than pawns of Roosevelt. They depend so heavily upon Roosevelt to support their crumbling dictatorship over the drivers that they dare not move in any direction without his consent. strike action by the workers. He uses the FBI and other federal agencies to support such union dictators as Tobin because they support his war policy. But once Roosevelt extends this aid, the recipients, such as Tobin, are thereafter completely bound up with all of the anti-labor administration policies. Tobin has thus rendered the AFL Teamsters union impotent to serve the needs of the membership.

Roosevelt is going all-out for

war. He is against wage in-

creases, the union shop and

Tobin has turned to the National Defense Mediation Board at the very hour when the CIO miners are waging a heroic struggle against that anti-labor, unionwrecking body!

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In this clear contrast between CIO courage and Tobin cowardice lies the answer to the problems of the over-theroad drivers. They must leave the antiquated, dictatorial horse-and-buggy organization headed by Tobin and join the progressive ranks of a modern, democratic industrial union of the CIO.

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sisted of snatches of conversation, alleged to have been

held with the defendants in

saloons, parked automobiles,

overthrow the govrenment.

the record by the prosecution.

the 93-year-old Communist Mani-

Party books, pamphlets and ex-cerpts from articles written by

defendants, all of it to be read

in libraries or purchased in book-

All have been on public sale at

That's the case on which the

Twin Cities many years, and

Others are Socialist Workers

festo of Karl Marx.

still on sale there.

Federal Mediator Helps AFL

How a mediator of the National Defense Mediation

Employees Union in the union paper, BAGS & BAGGAGE.

Terrorize Negro Workers

22 Tobin Agents Were the "Sedition" Trial Witnesses

Tobin Payrollers and Stooges Perjured Themselves to Help Their Master and His Friends of the FBI Railroad Local 544-CIO Leaders to Sixteen-Year Prison Terms

Agents of AFL Teamsters President Tobin furnished the overwhelming bulk of the of the 22 Tobin payrollers, goons prosecution "evidence" in the "sedition" trial against leaders of Local 544-CIO and and stool pigeons. the Socialist Workers Party, study of the government case, now completed, reveals. For months, the INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZER has charged that Tobin and the FBI worked hand in hand to destroy 544-CIO. That contention has been proved to the

hilt by the very testimony of the government witnesses. Twenty-two Tobin payrollers and stooges were the witnesses the prosecution relied on to prove the government charge of "conspiracy to overthrow the govern-

ment by force." We list them:

1. James Bartlett—leader of Tobin's Committee of 99 which has fought the Local 544-CIO leaders all this year. Bartlett is, of course, on Tobin's payroll, as an employee of the anti-labor Assoorganizer. He was the main witness.

2. Eugene Williams—member of Committee of 99, which the old operates today. and on Tobin's payroll as organizer.

Tobin's payroll as a goon. 4. George O'Brien-member of Committee of 99, on Two Aided Defense

Tobin's payroll as organizer. 5. Roy Wienecke-member of Committee of 99, on witnesses, two-Thomas V. Smith

Tobin's payroll as organizer. 6. Tom McCue—member of Committee of 99, on 544-AFL—turned the tables on

Tobin's payroll as organizer.

7. Eddie Blixt-on Tobin's payroll as organizer. 7. Eddie Blixt—on Tobin's payroll as organizer.

8. Sidney Brennan—leader of Committee of 99, on Dobbs and the officers of Local Tobin's payroll as his appointee as secretary-treasurer of 544 in organizing and improving

"544"-AFL. 9. Henry Harris—member of Committee of 99, body- ers. As former members of the guard for Tobin organizer Bartlett.

10. Mrs. V. Williams-widow of Tom Williams, Committee of 99 organizer.

11. Joe Williams-brother of Tom Williams, and ernment by force. member of Committee of 99. 12. Elmer Buckingham-member of Committee of 99.

13. Emmanuel Holstein-member of Committee of 99.

14. John Novack-member of Committee of 99, bodyguard for Tom Williams, and Tobin goon-squad member. 15. John Majersky-member of Committee of 99.

16. Karl Bath-member of Committee of 99, friend of 17. Walter Stultz - former president of Omaha

Teamsters Local 554-AFL. He and his wife are admittedly on payroll of T. T. Neal, Tobin's receiver for Local 544-18. John J. Kenney-member of Committee of 99.

brother-in-law of Sidney Brennan. 19. William Henderscheid-member of Committee

20. Robert Bove-member of Committee of 99. 21. Helen Hanifan-Tobin receiver T. T. Neal's bookkeeper in Local "544"-AFL.

22. Harriet Karlen-"544"-AFL stenographer.

were FBI agents and one was an ciated Industries, the name under which the old Citizens' Alliance

That makes a total of 25 ob-3. Glenn Smith—member of Committee of 99, on viously prejudiced witnesses. They were all the government had in the way of a case.

Of the remaining government and Malcolm Love, former officers the prosecution by giving testimony favorable to the defendants. the conditions of hundreds of thousands of over-the-road driv-Socialist Workers Party, they categorically denied the government contention that the party advocated the overthrow of the gov-

The other nine prosecution witesses were of no importance, testifying to minor details in the gov-

As a result of the terror cam-

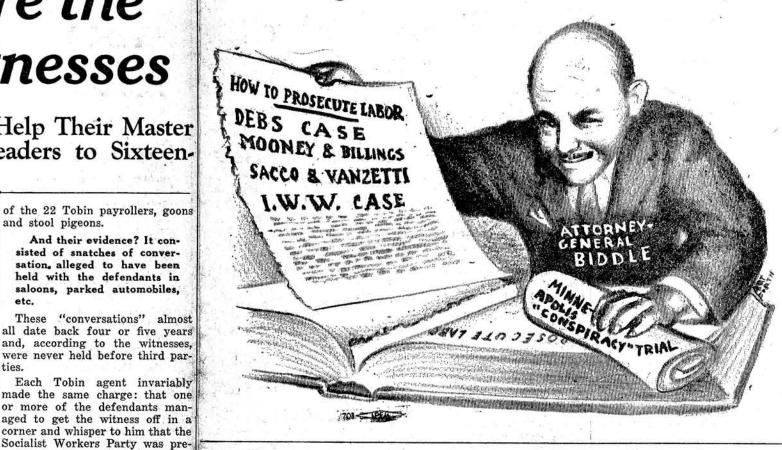
paign, the AFL won the 12-day

election over the UTSE, 410-325.

"This 90-vote majority of the AFL

Brotherhood represented one of

The bulk of the government providing up to sixteen-year priscase, then, rests on the testimony on terms!



A Page From Anti-Labor History

NLRB To Hear 544-CIO Claims At Watermans

The regional office of the National Labor Relations Board will hold a public hearing November 26th at 10 a.m. to de termine the collective bargaining agency for sixty workers at the Minneapolis plant of the Waterman-Waterbury company.

The men are solidly organized in Local 544-CIO and the CIO Machinists Union Local 1140, which conducted a successful joint organizing campaign at the plant last summer Contesting the right of 544-CIO and Local 1140-CIO to represent the men will be the Tobinized "544"-AFL and To-

bin's warehous union. In September the national labor board followed Stassen's labor conciliator, Blair, in denying democratic elections to the Minneapolis drivers. By accepting Local 544-CIO's petition at Waterman-Waterbury, the board has taken a step towards recognizing the democratic rights of the Waterman men to select their own union bargaining agent.

paring an "armed" revolution to Apart from the Tobin agents, he rest of the alleged conspiracy lists of the literature introduced into the rest of the alleged conspiracy is the literature introduced into Tale About Labor Violence Some of this literature are scientific works to be found in almost any public library throughout the country. Among these is

First Defense Witness, Explaining 100-Year-Old Doctrine of Workers and Farmers Government, Shows That Violence Is Bosses' Weapon Against All Sections of Labor

the SWP headquarters in the James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Friends of Defendants Workers Party, and leading defendant in the "sedition" trial of leaders of Local 544-CIO and the SWP, had been government would convict 23 loyon the witness stand for a day and a half by Wednesday al labor men and women on counts evening. His testimony is a complete refutation of the prosecution charge that the defendants plotted an armed revolution to overthrow the government.

Just as unions are always accused of violence, so the bosses have always charged that the socialists planned to use violence to attain their goal of a Workers' and Farmers' Government. But every worker in the court room knew better when Jim Cannon spoke out.

The dignified 51-year-old leader, veteran of thirty Board aided AFL officials to institute a reign of terror years in the workers' movement, gave the definitive anand intimidation against 600 Negro track workers on the swer to these boss slanders, repeated in this trial by the Florida East Coast Railroad was told recently by Presi-Pobin goons and stool-pigeons.

dent Willard Townsend of the United Transport Service Cannon pointed out during direct examination that. just as with most important strikes, so too revolutions are usually accompanied by violence. But as every worker the most open conspiracies to de- who has been in a strike knows, such violence is instigated solely by the bosses to prevent the workers from exercising their democratic rights.

> Asked by defense attorney Goldman who initiates such violence,

Cannon answered: "Always the ruling class; always the out-lived class that doesn't want to leave the stage when the time has come. They want to hang onto their privileges, to reinforce them by violent measures against

the rising majority." Cites the Civil War Cannon gave examples from American history to prove his conthat he was just holding us be- nority, the slave-holders, initiated Cannon explained that the Soerhood's observers because they cialist Workers Party would prefer peaceful transformation of society. He warned, however, that hood observers continued on after sures to destroy the workers' threat to the bosses "right" to exploit and enslave the workers. When asked to specify these anti-labor measures, he referred to discriminating legislation against labor, abrogation of elections, and servers from all parties concerned.) most important of all, the organ-

The role of the German and the he did not see the arrest. He also Italian capitalists, in financing the claimed that he was not responsi- fascist movements of Hitler and ble for anything that might hap- Mussolini to break up workers' pen to the UTSEA observers. He meetings, destroy the union halls claimed that he would continue on and murder the workers' leaders,

Prosecutor Schweinhaut did not

able historical facts. Cannon predicted the American osses would use fascist thugs against the workers, and said the SWP calls on the workers to be

repared to defend themselves.

"We advise the workers to bear in mind this use of violence by the bosses and prepare themselves, not to permit the reactionary out-lived minority to frustrate the will of the majority.' Cannon defined socialism as a

of class divisions in society." He defined a capitalist govern-

that is the support and confederate ment as "a government that is based on the private capitalist desired war. The statemen at the ties and unfairnesses that afflict ownership of the wealth of the head of governments have always the peoples—that is the one to country and the means of produc- been responsible for bringing throw bricks and sermons at tion, and representing in general about bloody conflicts. Dr. Karl the interests of that class." Von Lewinski,

Rally to Help Them

Every day workers come to the commissary at 919 Marquette where the defendants are being fed under the auspices of the Civil Rights Defense Committee armed with food and money they want to donate.

The entire Thanksgiving spread which was served vesterday was donated by willing friends and sympathizers. A florist even donated

James P. Cannon



vitness, proved that workers de-

James P. Cannon, first defense

flowers to make the festive table more decorative. Last Wednesday a worker, a driver at one of the largest department stores, came in with three pounds of coffee. In about an hour he was back, saying "The boys in

thing too, and want to know what you need most." With such support, coming from people whom we know can't afford and rising prices, the defendants

the garage want to give some

much, in these days of high taxes feel that they can't help but win their fight eventually.

> ON THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO

As good almost to kill a man as kill a good book; who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys a good book kills reason itself, kills the image of God, as it were, in the ye.-John Milton, Areopagitica.

CONVOYS OR PATROLS The chief business of statesmen ense guards have been in use, by is to find new names for old inmions and political minorities to stitutions, which, under their old protect them from boss-vigilantes names, have become odious to the public.-Talleyrand.

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Their fight against the prosecution must be won. That is why the CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE COM-MITTEE has been organized. Chairman of the Committee is James T. Farrell. Vice chairman is John Dos Passos. Secretary is George Novack. Scores of outstanding laborites, educators, civil liberty defenders, liberals have joined the national board of the CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE COMMITTEE.

The government prosecution has been denounced by the CIO, Labor's Non-Partisan League, the United Auto Workers, the American Civil Liberties Union, THE NATION, THE NEW REPUBLIC, etc.

The CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE COMMIT-TEE needs \$7,500 immediately to defray the heavy costs of fighting this case. Aid the 28 defendants by contributing promptly and generously to their Defense Fund. Mail all donations to the

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feat the letter and the spirit of the Railway Labor Act in an effort to cram Jim-Crow unionism down the throats of Negro work-ers," union officials charge.

Union Observers Jailed

State law enforcements aided the AFL by imprisoning election observers sent by the United Transport Service Employees to watch the balloting. Police at Ormond, Florida, held both union election observers without charge. One of the jailed UTSEA election observors, in an affidavit, testified that "The officer told me that he had no charges, but that he had received a telegram from tention. In 1861, the reactionary Jacksonville the day before, telling Southern slave-holding class, rethem the hour that we would be fusing to abide by majority vote, in Ormond and that they were to revolted against the election of pick us up and hold us. He said Abraham Lincoln. Thus the micause he could. After showing him the violence of the Civil War rathmy credentials, he told me that I er than submit to the decisions of had no business following behind the great majority of the people. the Mediator and the AFL Brothknew what they were doing. He to establish socialism through a said he would hold us until he got ready to turn us loose. Federal Mediator Noonan and the Brother- the boss class would take meaour arrest and took the votes at movement whenever it became a the Daytona and Ormond sections. We did not see them until Thursday morning at New Smyrna Beach. (Mediation Board instructions are that elections should be conducted in the presence of ob-Mediator Looked Other Way ization of fascist gangs.

"At New Smyrna Beach, Fed. Lessons of Europe eral Mediator Noonan claimed that with the election if the observers was described by Cannon. were not present. He also stated that the track laborers were get- dare to challenge these incontestting along all right until the

UTSEA started organizing them . . The police at Ormond held us up long enough for the Mediator to take the votes at Ormond and Daytona sections."

SO SAY OUR PEERLESS LEADERS

In these days of dictators we should use the iron fist to teach patriotism. Children should be taught to respect the flag, with whippings, if necessary.--CHES-TER CANNON, member of the California State Assembly, April,

ON CAPITALISM The silent collossal National lie of all the tyrannies and inequali-

MARK TWAIN,

Tobin Lies Nailed

The 22 Tobin payrollers and stooged who testified for the government had pictured the defendants as mysterious plotters, conspiring in dark corners to perfect the details of their alleged plan to overthrow the government. Cannon punctured this comic-

opera scenario. Marxian Socialists, he explained, have been legally established as political parties for nearly 100 years. They have always tried to win a majority of the people to their beliefs, as a precondition for the establishment of a Workers' and Farmers' Gov-

Truth About Russia Again the historical truth was brought out to support this contention. Cannon told how the Bolshevik Party of Lenin and Trotsky refused to try to take state power in Russia in 1917 until they had won the support of the people. Prosecutor Schweinhaut once again sat silent as the witness told of the repressions by the capitalist government against the workers' leaders in Russia when the Bolsheviks began to win the masses. Lenin was forced to go into hiding and Trotsky was jailed by the capitalist government in a frameup.

Only in November, 1917, after the Bolsheviks had won decisive majorities in the official organs of the people, the Workers and Soldiers Soviets, and the Peasant Soviets, did they take state power.

Far from hiding its ideas, Cannon explained, the Socialist Workers Party in the United States uses every possible means to publicize its views. Cannon testified that the SWP participated in elections wherever possible and cited a number of cities in which the SWP recently ran candidates for public office. The party publishes a weekly paper, a monthly magazine and has published and distributed dozens of pamphlets.

As defense attorney Goldman said, "A very peculiar kind of conspiracy, indeed!"

THEN AS NOW Successful crime is dignified by society that would be based on the name of virtue; the good bethe common ownership of the come the slaves of the impious; means of production, the abolition | might makes right; fear silences of the wage system, the abolition the power of the law.—SENECA.

> ADD BOSSES Nations themselves have never

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Traitor Hillman Attacks The Striking Miners

Mr. Sidney Hillman is still general president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, one of the unions which reverse the Stassen-Blair decision chief of the state guards that Ne founded the CIO. Despite his office in the union movement, Hillman also occupies the post of co-director of the Office of Production Management, a post for which before Judge Loevinger in Ramsey his devotion to Roosevelt and the administration's prowar policies qualified him. No man can serve two masters. As OPM co-director, Hillman is a captive of the government, using his union prestige to serve the antilabor program of the government.

For months, large sections of the CIO, disturbed and angry at the spectacle of Sidney Hillman acting as a cop for the government, have demanded Hillman resign his governmental post and get over on labor's side of the Teachers. fence. This Hillman has refused to do.

In recent weeks he has become increasingly bold in his treachery to labor. Last week he ordered labor to cease strikes. (Imagine either Hillman or his boss, Roosevelt, ordering the employers to cease denying labor its justifiable demands.)

Hillman's treachery to labor's cause has reached a new peak in the captive mine strike.

In an unsigned article in the November 15th issue the Minnesota Negro Defense of the ADVANCE, bi-monthly organ of the Amalgamated Committee, to fight for racial Clothing Workers, the striking miners and their leader, equality in the armed forces and John L. Lewis, are foully attacked.

After giving lip service to the labor movement ("We of the labor movement have no fault to find with the sought an audience with miners wishing to establish the union shop"), the article to meet the committee. It took launches into a vicious attack upon the United Mine Workers and a defense of the Steel Trust and Roosevelt's strikebreaking policies.

The Hillmanite article, after a devious and dishonest argument that carefully skirts the fundamental issue at informed the Minnesota Negro Delitol. stake—THE VERY RIGHT OF LABOR TO STRIKE asks: "What need is there in such circumstances for an interruption of work that cannot proceed in an environment of public understanding?"

Fancy a labor paper daring to question the right of a group of workers to exercise their economic power against the profiteering Steel Trust, to strike in behalf of the union shop and the defense of labor's chief weapon!

Instead of condemning Roosevelt for fronting for the Steel Trust against the miners, Hillman's paper defends the president, says "He wants uninterrupted production in a way that will in no wise violate any essential or material rights or advantages due to labor."

What an impossible formula! In the captive mine situation, there are only two sides-labor's side and capital's side. Labor's interests demand that the miners strike be won. Capital's interests demand that there be "uninter- Lenin, 26 years ago. rupted production," that is, that labor give up its right to strike and that the mine workers forfeit the union shop in the captive mines and thus pave the way for the advance of the Open Shop throughout American industry. There is no third position in this crucial issue. You

are either for the miners and their union, or you are for J. P. Morgan's Steel Trust. Hillman and Roosevelt are

Hillman's article says "This conflict involves the very continuity and security of the labor movement. . . . We must be clear about all this."

Hillman is clear, all right. He makes it clear that he is a traitor to labor. Every worker worth his salt, AFL he also admitted he had never or CIO or unorganized, will take his stand with the United | worked for the union prior to the Mine Workers in this crucial conflict.

Lawyer Joseph Padway Lies for His Client

Dictator Dan Tobin put another lie into circulation through the November issue of his personal organ, the official magazine of the AFL Teamsters. Tobin used his lawyer, Joseph Padway, to circulate the lie.

Under the title, "The Minnesota Labor Board Exposes Dunnes," Padway, general counsel for Tobin, writes that "The (Blair) decision is significant because all the divisions of the Teamster craft in the entire Minneapolis area have selected International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 544 as their bargaining agent."

But this is exactly what the Minneapolis drivers DID NOT DO. They DID NOT SELECT the AFL as their bargaining agent. Governor Stassen and his crooked labor conciliator, Blair, under prompting from Tobin and the bosses, REFUSED TO PERMIT THE MINNEAPOLIS DRIVERS TO EXPRESS THEIR DEMOCRATIC WILL THROUGH AN ELECTION. Instead, Blair certified the Tobin setup WITHOUT an election.

The Tobin outfit was NEVER chosen as bargaining agent for the Minneapolis drivers. On the contrary, the drivers demonstrated in a hundred ways, every day, that they wanted Local 544-CIO as their bargaining agent, that they have nothing but bitter contempt for Tobin's gangster outfit, that they will never be reconciled to being represented by a group of hop-heads and thugs forced upon them by Dictator Tobin, Stassen and the bosses.

The only "proof" that Tobin ever presented at the Blair hearing to support the lying claim that the drivers wanted the AFL was to lug in a number of ledgers on whose pages the Tobin hopheads had copied the names of the Minneapolis drivers, and the record of some dues collected at the barrel of a revolver and the point of a

When lawyer Padway claims the Minneapolis

Negro Sues Stassen Miner's For Race Prejudice Strike

Demands Halt of Governor's Barring Holds Negroes From State Home Guard

Governor Harold Stassen last Saturday received a new protest against his reactionary regime, when Lee Turpin, 30-year-old Negro worker, filed suit in federal court to enjoin Stassen as commander of the state home guard from discriminating against Negroes. Turpin's suit climaxes the year-old struggle of the Minnesota Negro Defense Committee to force the Minnesota governor to cease his fense Committee he was unable to

Jim Crow policies in the home accept Negro applicants into the

home guard because "it would be

custom, and demanded that he is

zens. This Stassen has stubbornly

Col. F. G. Stultz, executive of

ficer of the home guard, has told

a committee of Negro leaders that

"There is no place in the Minne-

sota Home Defense for members

of the Negro race." Stultz unques

Lee Turpin, who has filed suit

to force Stassen to cease his poli-

cies of racial discrimination, is a

clean-cut, popular and militant Ne-

gro, educated at Creighton high

Marshall, attorney for the Nation-

ment of Colored People; R. A.

Skinner, president of the Minne-

apolis branch of the NAACP; and

swer the suit by December 5th.

Catching Up With Stassen

crimes against labor, against lib-

eral education, and against the

Negro people, are coming home to

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tionably voiced Stassen's views.

"No Place for Negroes"

refused to do.

Is Third Suit Facing Stassen a violation of the C. S. Allings military code." The committee Turpin's suit represents the told the governor the "code" was

third legal challenge now pending not a law but only a reactionary against the Stassen regime. The suit of Local 544-CIO to sue an order as commander-indenying democratic elections to groes be enlisted just as other citthe Minneapolis drivers will be heard Saturday, November 29th, County district court.

The state supreme court will shortly review the actions of the Stassen-dominated state board of education in ousting Dr. John Rockwell, liberal educator, from the office of state commissioner of education. This legal action on behalf of Rockwell is being backed

Governor Opposes Negro Rights

Back in December, 1940, when it became apparent that Governor Stassen was going to uphold the reactionary custom of the U.S. Army in denying Negroes admit-tance to the home guard, a group of prominent Negroes established in industry.

For months the committee itol to induce the governor, grudgingly, to move. He appointed a hand-picked committee to "study reactionary regime of the war-

(Continued from page 1) tain their attitude while the government broke any proworkers and established nation-wide the principle of the Open Shop in industrial relations in America," Lewis told the Policy Committee in reporting on the breakdown of negotiations.

"The steel executives obviously elieved that the military estabshment of the United States was to be placed behind them in their attitude of resisting collective bargaining contracts based upon a union shop relationship.

Bosses Plan With Army "Mr. Fairless of U. S. Steel

revealed in the conference that a week ago last Saturday night, at midnight, two days before the Mediation Board had rendered its decision, that he was awakened from his sleep to receive a demand from the military organization of the government for maps of the steel corporation's mining properties and other data having to do with possible military strategy in the mining communities of this nation.

"Mr. Purnell, president of school and the University of Min- Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, stated that he had received His attorneys include Thurgood the same request under the same circumstances on the same date as al Association for the Advance affecting his company. It was, therefore, a natural assumption upon their part that President Roosevelt's statement could be Jonas Schwartz. Stassen must an- construed by them as the government's intention to break any possible strike in a manner most ad-

"During the sessions Mr. Fair- ers. less and his associates made it clear that they believed that the the boss-minded newspaper colroost. The three law suits con- Army would march into the min- umnists seek to imply, that the the threat of a march on the cap- fronting the Stassen machine are a ing communities equipped with all miners insisted the National Dereflection of the fast-spreading their paraphernalia of war and fense Mediation Board grant them their paraphernalia of war and union shop.
undertake methodically and with a union shop.
What the miners seek, and through the utilization of artillery and machine guns, terrifying, in-

timidating and breaking the morale of the mine workers, to crush the strike, with accompanying bloodshed . . . All this because these great steel companies, now making tremendous profits as a result of their government contracts for munitions of war, were so arrogant in their attitude that they refused to accept the same agreement that had been accepted by 10,000 other coal companies in America . . . '

Roosevelt's Strategy Clear

Tuesday President Roosevelt continued his intervention on behalf of the Steel Trust by telling the miners they must not only call off the strike, but must submit to the Open Shop "for the duration of the national emergency," that is, for an indefinite period of

Actually, Roosevelt hardly dares send troops against the strike while the CIO convention is still in session. It is obvious that any such threat would find the workers in the nation's basic industries n action immediately in sympathy with the miners.

For the same reason, Roose velt's spokesman in the House of Representatives, Speaker Rayburn, is waiting until the CIO convention adjourns and until the coal mine strike is settled, before unleashing the administration's flood of strike-breaking and unionsmashing bills. Monday Rayburn grimly promised his poll-tax colleagues in the House that antilabor legislation would be considered "at the earliest opportuntiy," that is, as soon as the tense mine strike is over and the powerful CIO is no longer in session in Detroit, prepared to act immediately in defense of labor's rights.

Roosevelt Acts for Bosses

On the basis of his record in the captive mine strike, President Roosevelt appears as a political strike-breaker who has misinterpreted the miners' dispute to the nation, and has used his office to try to deny to the miners their fundamental right to strike.

All of Roosevelt's intervention has been on behalf of the Steel Slowly but surely, Stassen's foul vantageous to the steel companies. Trust, and AGAINST the work-

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are defending, is their right to use their own economic

544-CIO WIRES SUPPORT TO LEWIS RESOLUTION AGAINST TRAITOR HILLMAN

As the powerful CIO began its national convention Monday in Detroit, Local 544-CIO wired Chairman A. D. Lewis of the United Construction Workers that his resolution against the anti-labor policies of Sidney Hillman has the "whole-hearted support and endorsement" of Local 544.

The text of 544-CIO's wire to A. D. Lewis follows: "YOUR RESOLUTION AGAINST HILLMAN AND HIS ANTI-LABOR POSITION HAS OUR WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT. FIFTEEN OF OUR BROTH-ERS ARE NOW STANDING TRIAL IN FEDERAL COURT HERE BECAUSE TOBIN, WHO SUPPORTS HILLMAN'S POLICIES, RECEIVES SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME MEA-SURE OF SUPPORT FROM ROOSEVELT THAT THE STEEL BOSSES ARE NOW RECEIVING FROM THE ADMINISTRA-TION IN THEIR ATTACK UPON THE MINERS' UNION. BEST WISHES FOR COMPLETE VICTORY IN YOUR FIGHT TO PRESERVE TRADE UNION RIGHTS.

> (Signed) Kelly Postal, Sec.-Treas. Motor Transport & Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

power to wrest the union shop from the Steel Trust. This is exactly what Roosevelt is trying to deny them. The President, while telling the workers that "The government will not order, nor will Congress pass legislation ordering a so-called closed shop," also told the miners that they dare not use their own economic power to fight for their demand. Roosevelt, through the labor mediation board, refused the miners their demand, and then he seeks to deny them the right to strike for their demand.

The CIO is 100 per cent right in taking its stand with the miners and bracing its feet against Roosevelt on this issue. If the Steel Trust wins this fight, the future of organized labor won't be worth a plugged nickel. A union that is denied its right to strike, and thus to protect the interests of its members, is useless to labor.

Negroes Play Major Role in Mine Strike

A large proportion of the striking "captive" miners are Negroes, the PITTSBURGH

Penn Drivers Get Charter From CIO

UNIONTOWN, PA. - Dump truckers had an opportunity to see their new CIO charter at the meeting held last Tuesday night. Michael Honus, United Mine Workers international representative, brought greetings from the district office of the UMW, giving assurance of the full support of the district to the truckers in their effort to build a strong CIO union.

President Franz told the CIO Reporter that "The United Mine Workers are in back of us 100 percent and are giving us the financial aid to carry on our organization drive. Since the UMWA is with us, there is no reason why any of the truck drivers who work around the mines should remain outside the union.'

Gerald Fagan, representative of the CIO regional office at Pittsburgh, installed a new CIO charter for gasoline station attendants of Uniontown a few days ago.

15th states in calling attention to the racial angle of the dispute between the miners and the Steel Trust.

"In the Birmingham area, dominated by the powerful U. S. Steel Corporation, Negross constitute over half the miners. Moreover nearly 25 out of every 100 miners in Kentucky and West Virginia are Negro and practically all of these men are organized and provide a large percentage of John L. Lewis' leaders in local areas like Birmingham," the COURIER reports.

FLASHES from the Courtroom

Highlights in the Minneapolis "Sedition" Trial

1939 Socialist Appeal, to the two radio talks delivered by Dr. jury, Defense Attorney Albert Grace Carlson, is remembered by tion to a little fact unmentioned for his strike-breaking efforts on by Anderson-that the article in behalf of WLOL when that staquestion had been written by V. I.

Eugene Williams, brother of Tom, leader of the Tobin "Committee of 99," testified he had purchased a pamphlet at 919 Marquette. Sure, it was the "Communist Manifesto," the 93-year-old world labor classic which the government seems determined to

Williams, like so many other Tobin stoolpigeons, admitted talking to the FBI early last spring; time Tobin's receiver, Raw Deal Neal, appointed him as organizer. On cross-examination, Williams said "The defendants walked out of their jobs in 544."

That's the Tobin description of the June 9th membership meeting which voted overwhelmingly to leave the AFL and join the CIO, and ordered its officers to take all necessary steps to affect the transfer.

Tobin agent Elmer Buckingham testified the second time he talked to an FBI agent was at a "Committee of 99" meeting at Tom Williams' house, where the agent club. "It's high time those wowas present. He signed one affidavit for the FBI and one for Tobin, Buckingham testified.

The Tobin stoolpigeon, Eddie Blixt, said Tobin's receiver appointed him organizer two days after the general membership had voted to go CIO. He admitted he had a controversy with V. R. Dunne and Local 544's board, starting in March, 1940, regarding his peculiar practice of charging out-of-town truckers enormous fees to unload

After District Attorney had | The Mr. Shurick, radio consult-jouter wraps of the defendants. read an article on war, from the ant who identified manuscripts of Goldman called the court's atten-the Minneapolis union movement tion was being struck by the Electrical Workers Union.

> At one point Monday morning, District Attorney Anderson blurted out: "I don't know Karl Marx from the editor of the Fourth International.'

One difference is that Marx shaved less often than Felix Morrow.

During the argument on the various defense motions Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, the jury was excused.

Two of the defendants who have been most critical of others coming late to the courtroom, themselves just got under the wire Tuesday morning. They were greeted with pointed coughs from their fellow defendants.

Every day members of the famlies of various defendants are in the courtroom. One of the regular visitors is a former high school teacher now studying law. Ant chants and cafe owners. other regular patron is a prominent Minneapolis clubwoman who seems absorbed in the trial. Wednesday she observed to a neighbor that she was going to invite one of the defendants to address her men found out about life and what the future holds for America," she said.

With the first five of the 28 defendants acquitted, one of the three rows of chairs seating the defendants has now been removed from the courtroom. Serious and quiet, the defendants are absorbed in the proceedings, especially as defense witnesses take the stand.

Coatracks have now been provided in the courtroom for the

drivers "selected" Tobinism to represent them, he is slandering the drivers and he is lying. He is lying at the orders of his master who has made a profession of lying to the American workers in the interests of the employing class.

The Minneapolis drivers have not yet had the democratic election to which they are entitled. One of the steps to secure that election will materialize November 29th when Local 544-CIO goes into district court to demand the setting aside of the Blair decision. The Minneapolis drivers will in the end speak the last word to Tobin, Stassen, and the bosses.

The jury during the fine long group walks through the loop before coming to the jurors are rigidly confined,

testimony of James Cannon, first defense witness, he almost broke out into a speech in the courtroom. This occurred when the witness, with deep feeling, was discussing the inhuman results of the horrible Versailles Treaty on the German people, at the end of the First World War - which paved the way for World War II.

Only woman left among the defendants, with Rose Seiler and Dorothy Schultz now freed, is Grace Carlson. Twenty-two men and one woman now sit across from the

With contributions of food and money continuing to flow into the defense commissary, the cuisine for the defendants remains excellent. On Thanksgiving it was positively elegant, what with the turkeys and other holiday delicacies donated by friendly farmers, mer-

War Profits Rise Another 25 Percent The combined net profits of the

manufacturing industries of the United States show an increase of 25 per cent for the first half of 1941 over the same period last year, the N. Y. Times financial section reported October 12th. "A compilation of 458 princi-

pal enterprises, representing virtually every field of manufacture, shows combined profits of \$902, 083,978 for the first six months of this year. This compared with \$719,550,677 earned in the first half of 1940, a gain of more than 25 per cent." War Profits Swell

war profits flowing into the coffers of the owners of industry is shown when one discovers that profits for the year 1940 were themselves 25 per cent above profits in 1939. All Roosevelt's fake talk about "preventing a new crop of war millionaires" has been just talk-the longer the war continues, the higher are the profits of

those who own the means of pro-

The true extent of the golden

On Thanksgiving motion pictures were taken of the defendants and their families and friends, dining at the

commissary. The pictures will shortly be toured around the country, by the Civil Rights Defense Committee.

At one point during the earlier estimony of James Cannon, first

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