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Kelly Postal's Conviction Must Be Appealed

He is Victim of Tobin "Embezzlement" Frame-Up

Tobin Dictatorship Is Facing Revolt

Cincinnati Drivers Fight Way Out of Tobin Receivership - Showdown Pending Between Tobin and Goudie in Chicago — Tobin Receiver Locks Door on Dubuque Drivers

The hammer blows dealt the Tobin dictatorship last nmer by the Minneapolis drivers are just now beginning take full effect on the structure of the AFL Teamsters mational. From Cincinnati, from Chicago, from vari-Mid-Western points and from the West Coast comes of the widening fissures in the Tobin empire.

The Cincinnati situation

franght with even greater danger

The story, just as it was run

"CINCINNATI, OHIO-After

in many eastern papers (but not

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William Green, members took

their grievances to court.

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at present expresses itself ruggle between Internationby Dictator Tobin.

NE for May 2, 1942, on Members of the Chicago amsters Joint Council, it as disclosed yesterday, have

presented a strangly worded request that Daniel J. Tobin rescind his recent ousting of este J. Goudie as international organizer for the union Tobin late in March in-

med Goudie that he was d as organizer "for the your health, the ortake effect April 1. ie's only comment on ife within the union don't feel sick."

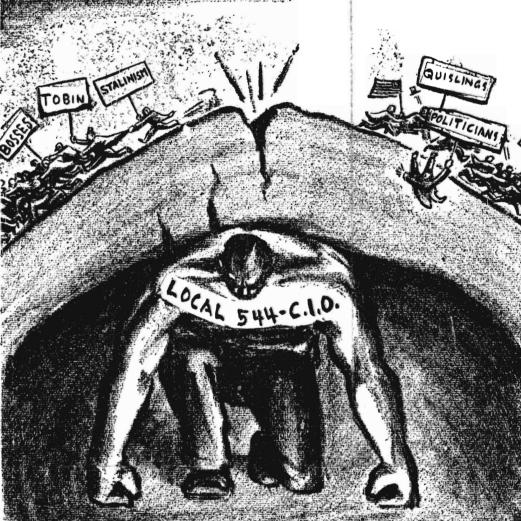
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self is a typical T. ie comes from a small ese, Butter and Egg on, local 772, of which een secretary-treasurer He has built his pow-



Coming Up!

N. Y. Railroad Council Votes V. R. Dunne the Cincinnati unions, had refused to budge from his role of authori-

Support for the 18 leaders of Local 544-CIO and the West Coast Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) Socialist Workers Party convicted under the Smith Gag Law has come from the powerful Rochester Railroad "Members who brought suit charged that they had no voice in Council, a delegated council from the 21 railroad unions the spending of \$5,000,000 to in the Rochester, New York, area.

The Rochester progressive council is one of the hunand his appointed helpers. They dreds of CIO and AFL councils supporting the 18. Fol- mittee, was so successful that the also said they had no knowledge lowing is the resolution adopted + by the Bailroad Council at its therefore a fight that all labor

"Dues were raised from \$2 to April meeting: WHEREAS, the Smith Gag Law, passed in 1940 by Congress, is a direct attack on freedom of Rocchester Railroad Council goes speech, the press and labor in on record condemning these congeneral; and

"The lawsuit brought Joseph WHEREAS, 18 leaders of Local Padway, attorney for both the Teamsters and the Federation, to 544-CIO of Minneapolis and the Socialist Workers Party have been Cincinati to pronounce Farrell a victims of a vicious frame-up as a 'true friend of labor.' Snickers result of this law; and greeted the reading of this view

before the union members. "Provided for in the agreement (1) An election of officers for the first time in 24 years;

carrying this case to the United cal 544-CIO of Minneapolis; and States Supreme Court to test the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

must rally to: BE IT RESOLVED, that the

victions of workers under this law,

that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Roosevelt, WHEREAS, these workers are Attorney General Biddle and Lo-

WHEREAS, we recognize this Committee as a contribution to de-

the Civil Rights Defense Com- dustrial Union Council; St. Louis union leader to prison.

along the West Coast. Dunne has been speaking on behalf of the 18 members of the Socialist Workers Party and Lopledges its aid in helping to fight cal 544-CIO who were convicted the case to the Supreme Court; and in the Minneapolis labor trial last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, December of violating Poll-Tax Smith's "Gag" Law.

Quarters

Local 544

In New

The Motor Transport & Alied Workers Industrial Union, Local 544-CIO, has moved into its new headquarters at 406 East Hennepin avenue. The union offices occupy Rooms 12-14 on the second floor. The offices are open Monday eve-ning and each day from 9 to 5

There are numerous halls and auditoriums in the immediate neighborhood, available for

union membership meetings. Local 544-CIO retains its old

Labor Bodies Support 18

The list of central labor bodies n various cities who have adopted resolutions pledging moral and financial support to the 18 deendants in the Minneapolis "selition" trial is growing more imressive week by week.

Among the CIO councils and AFL central bodies wh have supported the defense are the follow-

Jersey State Industrial Union Council; Steel City Industrial Union Council (Pitts-Joint Council No. 13, New York Industrial Union Council; Interna-CRDC is now touring Brother Joint Board, AFL, Baltimore; St. tional Ladies Garment Workers Dunne, Local 544-CIO organizer, Louis Joint Advisory Council, U. throughout the Middle West and R. & W. Employees; Dress & Waistmakers Joint Board, ILGWU, AFL, New York City.

Among the local unions to contribute to the Civil Rights Defense Committee in secent weeks are the following: United Auto Work ers, Goodyear Aircraft local, Akron, \$50; Newton Tile Local No. 75, New Jersey, \$10: United Rub-Everywhere trade union, labor ber Workers Local 107, Trenton, and liberal groups of all kinds \$25; Doll & Toy Workers Indushave welcomed Brother Dunne's trial Union Local 224, Trenton, tour and extended support to the \$25; Textile Workers Union Loconstitutionality of such an anti-labor law; and that we donate \$5 to be forward-labor law; and that we donate \$5 to be forward-ed to the Civil Rights Defense Committee cal 277, Newark, \$25; United Rubber Workers Local 205, Tren-Brother Dunne will return to ton, \$10; AFL Amalgamated Lithographers Local 1, New York City, \$10; Brewery Workers Local 4 Buffalo, \$5.

Record Is Filed For Appeal in Sedition' Case

Defense attorneys for the 18 sell-out contracts. members of Local 544-ClO and Tobin's receivers here pressed fown, and raised the wages of the Socialist Workers party convicted of violating the "Gag" Law have until July to cal judge would accept the case. The drivers themselves honored file briefs. The government will An out-of-town judge was brought Kelly Postal by electing him to have until September to file its to Minneapolis and assigned the union office, year after year. Kel-

the appeal will take place before Sciover accepted the second "em- fice only at the sufferance of Dicthe Circuit Court sometime in Oc- bezzlement" case against Postal. tator Tobin. tober. A decision can be expected Judge Selover's conduct of the Local 544-CIO is mailing a feesoon after the oral argument. Union is aiding the defendants and charges, the evidence, everything, appealing for financial aid to corthe CRDC in carrying the appeal was practically identical with the to the higher courts. The defense first trial.

is also being supported by the

An Innocent Union Leader Must Not Be Sacrificed to Tobin's Despotism; Kelly's Only 'Crime' Is His Belief in Honest Democratic Unionism

Under pressure of the instructions of Judge Arthur W. Selover, the district court jury on April 24th returned a verdict of guilty against Secretary-Treasurer Kelly Postal of Local 544-CIO, elected official of the Minneapolis drivers. Brother Postal was charged with "first degree grand larceny" in a case growing out of the revely of the Minneapolis drivers against the dictatorship of President Tobin of the AFL Teamsters. On May 1st Judge Selover sentenced Postal to serve up to five years in Stillwater penitentiary.

apolis drivers to contribute to the appeal. It is estimated that \$1,500 will be required to obtain a printed transcript of the trial record and to carry the case to the higher court. Local 544-CIO is undertaking to raise this sum.

union voted to disaffiliate from stitution, denying the right of a the AFL and join the CIO last local union to disaffiliate if seven

Drivers, Who Know Him Best,

Asked to Support His Appeal

embezzlement" against Postal, involving \$1,000 of the same union property, was dismissed last February by District Court Judge Levi criminal intent in the case.

The tour of 22 eastern cities CIO Council No. 2 of Bucks Coun- the Tobin frame-up machine which by V. R. Dunne, sponsored by ty, Quakertown; San Francisco In- is trying to railroad an innocent tions, the jurors retired and came

> Judge Hall told the jury, in the first trial, that: "By a resolution of a majority of the (Local 544) membership, he (Kelly Postal) was directed to turn over all of the moneys of the union to the Union Defense Committee. That this resolution directing him to turn over these monies was open and avowed can not be disputed, as it was heard, according to state's witnesses. through the loudspeaker system even by those assembled outside the building. The membership of the union must have believed they had a right to transfer these monies by resolution as they attempted to do. Postal, the defendant, was the agent and steward of this membership and turned over their monies at their direction . . ."

Tobin's case against Kelly Posthrew it out of court.

forces in Minneapolis have be- Tobin frame-up, come desperate as Local 544-CIO The drivers The record of the Minneapolis first Labor Board election it was ord as secretary-treasurer of Local sedition case" was filed with the given the opportunity to partici- 544 over a number of years speaks clerk of the Circuit Court of Appare in and signing a union confor itself. The drivers remember peals in St. Louis, Mo., in the tract at a wage scale of 9c-14c Kelly's role in the leadership of

Smith tal to trial again. At first no lo- hundreds of dollars annually, reply briefs.

Case. Local 544-ClO attorneys by Postal is the elected official of the drivers; he is no appointed mittee expects oral arguments on against the judge. Finally Judge stumble burn who holds union of

Workers Defense Lezgue and many lary was practically an instruction his confidence in Brother Portal's labor and liberal defense groups, to find Postal guilty. In effect, innocease and integrity by conclude leaders, and unions from Judge Selves fold the jury that a tributing to the defense fund to union's membership, by a demo- appeal his case.

Local 544-CIO is appealing Kelly Postal's conviction

to the Minnesota Supreme Court, and is asking the Minne-

Many Central The conviction of Kelly Postal+ is a frame-up through and through | cratic majority vote does not have The \$5,000 which he is alleged to the right to decide what interna-have embezzled from Tobin is part tional union they shall belong to, of the union treasury which the and what disposition shall be made Local 544 membership instructed of funds contributed by them to Postal to turn over to the Union their own local union treasury. Defense Committee in order to According to Judge Seloyer, keep the union's property out of union democracy is a crime. He Dictator Tobin's hands, when the ruled that a clause in Tobin's con-

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> An almost identical charge of than the rights of a majority of union members to determine what union they shall belong to or how their money shall be spent. The jury refused even then to Hall after presentation of state testimony in a trial. Judge Hall the case at 4:45 p. m. Friday, ruled the state had not established April 25. Seven hours later it

was deadlocked. Members of the jury appeared before the judge burgh); United Shoe Workers Judge Hall vs. Judge Selover and he instructed them in sub-Judge Hall's instructions to the stance that if Kelly Postal and the City; Bridgeport Industrial Union jury in that first trial present a union membership had violated To-Council; United Auto Workers true picture of the situation, and bin's constitution, they must find Dstrict Council, Lockport, N. Y.; constitute a fitting exposure of Postal guilty.

Under pressure of such instrucin with a verdict of guilty. Judge Selover virtually forced

the jury to convict Kelly Postal, and then he imposed a prison sentence of up to five years on as honest and militant a union leader as can be found.

Kelly Postal's only crime is his uncompromising fight for democracy in the union movement. His poverty is a badge of his innocence and honesty. Not even Judge Selover or Tobin's receivers dare pretend that Kelly Postal took one penny of the union's funds for

In the Postal trials, Recording Secretary Ray Rainbolt, head of the Union Defense Committee, took the stand to testify, and ac counted for every penny of Local 44's funds. Local 544-CIO has not yet per-

mitted a single union leader to be sacrificed to Tobin's unlimited greed and despotism, Local \$44-CIO asks the Minneapolis drivers al is so raw that Judge Hall to support the fight to see that Kelly Postal, an innocent man, In recent months the Tobin is not sent to prison on this foul

The drivers of Minneapolis began to forge ahead, winning the know Kelly Postal well. His recan hour higher than the Tobin the great 1934 drivers' strikes which made Minneapolis a union

case was far different from that ter to each driver, outlining the The American Civil Liberties of Judge Hall's, though the facts in the Kelly Postal case, and Judge Selover's charge to the his respect for Kelly Portal and

(2) Resignation of Farrell as a general attack on labor and fend these workers. Local 544-CIO Contract \$1-a-Day Better Than Tobin AFL Contract

Better than Tobin's contract by one dollar a day-by twenty-five dollars a month-by three hundred dollars a year!

That is the contract signed by Local 544-CIO with the Waterman-Waterbury company, covering a dozen drivers, helpers and warehousemen at that

Yes, \$300 a year! That is what it is costing the Minneapolis drivers because Stassen's crooked labor conciliator, Blair, helped Tobin and the bosses shove the Casey sell-out contracts down your throats.

Had Stassen, Blair and the bosses permitted you to express your true will, to be represented by Local 544-CIO, each of you would be receiving at least \$25 more monthly than you were forced to accept in the sell-out contracts negotiated behind your backs by Tobin, Casey and Stassen.

Local 544-CIO's contract with Waterman-Waterbury is the first union working agreement signed by the union since the Minneapolis drivers revolted against the dictatorship of Daniel Tobin last summer. The contract provides for hourly wages of 85c for rdivers, 80c for helpers, and 75c for warehouse-

This is from 9c to 14c more per hour than Tobin has secured for the drivers in Minneapolis.

In short, Local 544-CIO is worth over 10c an hour more to the drivers and warehousemen of Minneapolis than is Tobin's gangster-ridden and dicta-

The Local 544-CIO contract contains many other advantages over the sell-out Tobin contracts negotiated by Casey and his goons.

The Waterman-Waterbury agreement provides for plantwide seniority. The agreement is a joint one with the CIO Machinists Local 1149. Should a driver or warehouseman work at least half of each week at a higher-paid job in the machine shop, he will receive a full week's wage at the higher scale. Workers doing night work will receive an additional

The contract calls for a week's paid vacation, and a military clause protects a man's seniority if he is called into the armed services.

The agreement is retroactive to February 1.

1942, and runs for one year.

man, 15,000 members of 11 truck drivers unions here finally fought their way out of trusteeship. "It took a lawsuit to produce an ternational representative agreement which was presented to members for a vote-and approved unanimously. Thomas J. Farrel, trustee for Indianapolis dictator. Gou- ty over them since he was first appointed by the International

rganizer Leslie Goudie and president of the Chicago sters Joint Council since and third vice president of in 1918. nternational, was recently

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Democracy Is the Issue

Does the membership of Local 544 have the right, by a democratic majority vote, to decide what international union they shall belong to and what disposition shall be made of funds contributed from their own pockets to their own union treasury?

That was and is the only issue in the "embezzlement" trial of Secretary-Treasurer Kelly Postal. Kelly's crime is that he obeyed the motion passed unanimously by the union membership at the June 9th meeting to turn the funds and property of the union over to the Union Defense Committee, in order to keep it out of the hands of Dictator Tobin and other union enemies.

Judge Selover has decided that union democracy is a "crime." He told the jury that a clause in Tobin's fantastic constitution, denying the right of a local union to disaffiliate if seven members oppose it, stands higher than the rights of the overwhelming majority of the union membership to determine WHAT union they want to belong to and HOW their own money shall be spent. Through his instructions to the jury, Judge Selover virtually forced the jurors to convict Kelly Postal. Then the judge imposed a prison sentence of up to five years on Kelly Postal, an honest, loyal and militant union leader.

All the democracy in this case is on the side of Kelly Postal and Local 544-CIO. Kelly Postal was convicted because he fought uncompromisingly for democracy in the

the jury, was no more democratic than was Stassen's Blair program. in derying elections to the Minneapolis drivers. Judge Selover was no more democratic than was Roosevelt in local unions ordering them to crash ALL picket lines. initiating the FBI witch-hunt against the leaders of Local 544-CIO, which resulted in the "sedition conspiracy" trial the UNION MOVEMENT LAST IF STRIKEBREAKERS in Minneapolis.

cheap hypocrisy, when workingmen are denied the right their members if they cannot use the strike weapon? And to join a union of their own choice, to dispose of their if the union movement disappears, who, then, will defend own money as they see fit.

We shall never cease defending Kelly Postal. We democratic vote of those who elected them to office.

Brother Postal's poverty is a badge of his honesty and innocence. Not even Judge Selover or the county attorney or Tobin's payrollers dared to suggest that Kelly Postal took one penny of the union's funds for his own use.

Kelly Postal must not be sent to prison for the "crime" of practicing union democracy.

The drivers of Minneapolis have known Kelly Postal Local 544, and by re-electing him, year after year, to 1939.

office. Kelly Postal is no stumble-bum appointed to union office by Tobin. Kelly Postal is the elected official of the the amount of these things that are available. There is a drivers. The drivers must see to it that Selover's decision is appealed to the higher courts. The drivers must see that justice and democracy are observed in the Postal case.

Tobin, Strikebreaker

you have been ordered by Dictator Tobin to become a strikebreaker and to break picket lines, whether that picket line be a CIO picket line, an AFL picket line, or even a picket line of an AFL Teamsters Union.

personal organ, the INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER for May, 1942, are the following instructions from Tobin:

The general president calls the attention of all local anions to his confidential letter of April 3. He again strongly cautions all local unions to continue work and to DISRE-GARD PICKET LINES. If you are requested by the repreremtative of some other union to refuse to cross picket lines, tell him to take it up with his international union, and that when you get orders from your international union you will act."

This order from Tobin to his membership to break all strikes is probably unique in the annals of the American labor movement. Not even in the First World War did the they want. But the worker, whose wages have been frozen labor bureaucrais dare to lay down such brazen blanket instructions to union workers.

Has a chiseling boss forced his workers out on strike? BREAK THE STRUKE, orders Tobin. Has some war profiteer refused demands of his workers for an upward adjustment of wages? BREAK THE STRIKE, orders Tobin. Has some employer, emboldened by the national administration's anti-labor drive, launched a drive to smash the union? BREAK THE STRIKE, orders Tobin.

In his mad thirst after the political favor of the administration, Daniel J. Tobin would discard even the fundamental tenets of unionism. It is a short step indeed from such a strike-breaking order to the point where there is its demand for wage increases. no union movement at all!

Tobin, like the bosses and the politicians, is utilizing the war situation to amuggle in a vicious and reactionary

We point out to our readers that Tobin's hatred of strikes and picket lines is nothing new. Can we in Minneapolis forget how, in 1934, Tobin lined up with the Chiners Alliance and Bloody Mike Johannes in an effort to break our strikes?

In those pre-war years. Tobia didn't yet dare send out letters to his local unions, not even confidential letters, instructing them to serve the bosses by furthing the rest. of the union movement. But now in the war situation Tabin dares anything. He sees Roosevelt blantly veto the mion's demands for general wage increases to thee the gap between the soaming prices of the past morths and the last year's wage scale. He sees Rossevelt intervene

Recent Developments In Fight for Unionism

The last time Local 544-CIO addressed the Minneapolis drivers through the columns of the INDUS-TRIAL ORGANIZER was on February 3rd, following the 544-CIO victory over Tobin's AFL in the National Labor Relations Board election at the Waterman-Waterbury plant.

To bring drivers up to date on the struggle for democratic industrial unionism, we briefly list developments that have occurred since February 3rd:

1. February 11-Secretary-Treasurer Kelly Postal acquitted on charge of "embezzling" \$1,000 from Tobin. District Judge Levi Hall orders jury to find Postal innocent.

2. February 17-District Judge McNally in Ramsey County court denies Tobin motion to quash Local 544-CIO's writ of certiorari seeking a review of Blair's decision denying elections to Minneapolis drivers.

3. February 20-Three Tobin gunmen, armed with revolvers, attack Local 544-CIO headquarters, beat Harry DeBoer. The Local 544-CIO executive board issues a public statement holding Daniel J. Tobin responsible for the gangster attack.

4. March 20-Local 544-CIO signs its first union contract, with the Waterman-Waterbury company, winning from 9c to 14c more per hour than the AFL "544" obtained in the Casey sell-out contracts of last summer.

5. March 24-District Judge McNally rules that the Blair decision denying elections should be reviewed.

6. April 24-Under pressure of the instructions from Judge Selover, the district court jury returns a verdict of guilty against Kelly Postal, charged with embezzling \$5,000 from Tobin. The \$5,000 was part of Local 544's treasury which the 544 membership unanimously instructed Postal to turn over to the Union Defense Committee, at the June 9th membership meeting. A week later Kelly Postal was sentenced by Judge Selover to serve up to five years in Stillwater. The Local 544-CIO executive board announced it will of course appeal the case to the state

Judge Selover, in his ruling and his instructions to in the shipyards' negotiations to order a wage-freezing

So Tobin dares send out a confidential letter to his

Think this over, fellow workers. HOW LONG WILL LIKE TOBIN ARE PERMITTED TO LEAD THE MOVE-Fine talk of a "war for democracy" is nothing but MENT? How much longer can unions continue to defend the interests of the workers?

For thinking workers this latest anti-union order of shall never agree that it is right that honest union leaders Tobin's should be a final warning that workingmen can the job of secretary for the Area should be framed up and sent to jail for abiding by the no longer protect and advance their interests within the council. framework of the AFL Teamsters.

The Cause of Inflation

Will President Roosevelt's wage-freezing program halt inflation, as the President and his advisers claim? for many years. They know his brave role in the great A study of the real cause of the present inflation reveals 1934 drivers' strikes. The drivers themselves honored Kelly Postal by electing him Secretary-Treasurer of

Inflation has been caused by the ever-widening gap between the people's demand for things they need, and shortage of consumers' goods and services because the government has curtailed production of consumers' goods.

In 1942, according to the OPA, the American people will have 86 billion dollars to spend, but there will be only 69 billion dollars worth of things to buy. As the war continues, the suppy of consumers' goods and services will be further curtailed. The demand for these things, how-If you are a member of Tobin's AFL Teamsters, then ever, will increase as household goods, clothing, etc., wear

Is it not obvious that this problem is not going to be solved by freezing wages, or by fixing of maximum prices on all commodities? These measures will not increase the Featured in a large box on the front cover of Tobin's supply of things, or diminish the need for things. Hence Roosevelt's program will not halt inflation.

The same thing that has happened in England will probably happen here. An illegal "Black Market" will be formed to which scarce commodities will be diverted and sold at tremendously high prices.

The price-fixing order may result in maintaining prices at their highest March, 1942, level on the legal market, but it will not prevent the rise of an illegal "Black Market."

Naturally, the wealthy who have plenty of money to spare can patronize the Black Market and get everything trying to get a law passed to on the basis that prices have been frozen, will find himself forced to go to the Black Market too, but only at the cost of greatly reduced living standards.

Price-fixing and wage-freezing, in brief, will result in a Black Market, where things can be purchased at the inflated prices which are supposed to be abolished by price fixing.

It is clear that organized labor needs its own program to protect its own interests in this situation.

The auto workers and the steel workers are correct in pushing their demands for wage increases to meet the past rises in the cost of Eving. Labor should not surrender

In addition vicions must demand a rising scale of wages adjusted according to rising prices. If the government actually believes that it has stabilized the cost of living, it can have no valid objection to this demand.

Scissorbill Sam, the Boss's Man-Scintorbill Says:

The Minnesota Teamster is my idea of a wonderful labor paper. I like it because it reads just like the daily gapers. It understands that the employer is our best friend. and that us workers must do the main sacrifixing in order to win this war,



Keeping Step With 544

tories. It is a milestone along prove their economic strength. the road to rebuilding our union into the great and powerful workers' organization that it was.

From friends in Washington we learn that Daniel J. Tobin is just about the most unpopular man in the city, despite his willingness to sacrifice the workers' interests. Attorney General Biddle makes a sour face whenever Tobin's name is mentioned. Tobin, you remember, promised Biddle that the AFL Teamsters could furnish witthe 544 Union Defense Guard nesses who would prove that was a subversive organization. On the strength of Tobin's promise, Biddle sought to de-fend the 'sedition" trial to the American Civil Liberties union and other liberal and lebor groups. But raither Tobin nor his payrollers came through. The jury rejected their testimony as the perjured stuff it was, and refused to convict a single defendant on the first charge of the indictment. Which made Tobin look awfuly silly and made Biddle's face red indeed

The White House, for its part, is reported to be very dissatisfied with the stupid way in which Tobin is trying to oppose the rubber rationing program. Tobin's suggestion that every passenger car be put up before one truck is taken off the streets was just about the last straw.

We see that Art Hudson, who was dumped by the St. Paul drivers, has been placed by Tobin in

Dexter Lewis, head man in the Area Over-Road council, is a Beck man.

You can look for things to pop any day now in Chicago between Fobin and Goudie.

We are always amused by the monthly assurances from Tobin Agent Carl Keul that "insurrection" among the Iowa teamsters has vanished and that everything is like one

By the way, when IS the AFL-544" going to permit an election? It took the Cincinnati teamsters 28 years to get out from under a Tobin receivership.

Stassen and the bosses must have laughed themselves sick at the editorial in the April 9th MINNESOTA TEAM-STER demanding - don't laugh-"repeal of the Minnesota State Labor Relations Law." Last summer the Tobin agents ... couldn't praise Stassen, Blair, and the Stassen Labor Law highly enough. After all, if it weren't for the Stassen law Tobin wouldn't have anything in Minesota. Remembering that, no one is obliged to take seriously the TEAMSTER'S suggestion that the Stassen Slave Law be repealed.

The lawyers of Minnesota, or ranized in the Bar association, are make membership in their organigation compulsory. These are naving a closed shop.

We note that the bankrupts in the local labor movement are forming a mutual protection society, to defend tham elves against the union membership. In short, L. Clair Johnson (the Technocrat cracipant) and Vern Buck of the AFL Teamsters have joined hands with the Stalinist leadership of Mauseth & Co. Mauseth has already had one union revolt on him and leave the CO; and the Tabin agents know only too well how insecure is then boid on the grivers. The Topinites and the Stalinists hope to remain upright by leaning on one another.

And by the way-for years aver me in the local union morement, from Gene Larson to Rob- the 544-CIO claims, the case will art Wishart, her hollered about then be appealed to the course the mad for unity between the Local \$44-C10 believes it is imworkers and farmer. And get, portant to labor to min these ad Mine Warkers start out to do actionary precedent from being something concrete about the established, which would promit farmers into a much seeded mion, insulance to workers.

Almost one year has passed the misleaders of labor in this

and accept a charter in the CIO. succeed in organizing the farm-Tobin has not yet ceased his ers in the Middle West, as it has struggle to override the will of the already in the East. For years membership and force the Min- the farmers have been abused by neapolis drivers to remain in the company-union organizations, AFL. But Tobin's powers are dominated by the government and growing weaker each day. And the big corporation "farmers." Local 544-C10 is growing strong- The farmers have been sold evelection victory over the AFL, still their position grows worse. the forerunner of many more vic- turn to genuine unionism to im-

And one gets you ten that Harold Stassen is one naval officer who will come back safe and sound from the war.

Twenty-nine locals of the United Auto Workers have contributed funds to the Civil Rights De fense Committee, which is appealing the convictions of the 18 in the Minneapolis labor trial to the higher courts.

The law under which the 18 544-CIO leaders were convicted is the Smith Gag Law, introduced in Congress Representative Howard W Smith of Virginia. "Poll Tax" Smith is the same felow who is leading the barrage against the Wage-Hour Law in Wash-

He's quite a guy. Smith is president of the Alexandria National Bank of Virginia, a landlord farmer, and an important Virginia dairyman. Like all the other poll-tax congressmen, Smith goes to Washington AGAINST the will of the majority of the people.

Between 900 and 1,000 persons attended the "Labor Victory Rally" at the Minneapolis Auditorium, sponsored by the Central Labor Union, the Hennepin County CIO Council, and the Railroad Brother-

There are many drivers' contracts that will be reopened for negotiations within the next few weeks. Drivers interested in preventing another sell-out like Casey-Stassen-Tobin put over on them last summer are urged to get in touch with their union, Local 544-CIO.

Local 544-CIO was fighting fascism long before "anti-fascism" became popular with the bosses, the politicians and the Johnny-come-lately labor "leaders." When the fascist Silver Shirts threatened to atin 1938 and launched its vile anti-Semitic campaign, Local 544 was the only organization in town that DID something about it. Local 544-CIO will be in the vanguard of every fight against fascism, with a labor program that can really smash fascism.

Raw Deal Neal, who doesn't isn't going over so good in Kansas City, either. Drivers from there Dubuque LEADER, AFL labor report that Raw Deal gets booed at his own union meetigs.

The daily press describes the national leaders of the trade unions as "dismaeyd" and "overwhemed" by Roosevelt's wage-freezing order. It is high time the union movement stopped retreating before the pressure of the bosses

and the government.

Labor leaders have already given away the right to strike, standard double-time pay for week-ends and holidays, and union oposition to speed-up. It is high time for the workers to demand "No More Re-

Jobless Pay Case Is Appealed

know that the staff members of with International President Danocal 544-CIO have appealed iel J. Tobin, 12 members of the their claim for unemployment in local had decided that it was parance to Victor Christens, head time the centiment of the drivers of the state unemployment com- was expressed in a vote. Presipensation department—and that dent John Sherman of Local 421. hard seases and Thomas Kachel who holds office by appointment macher appeared to argue that the and not by election of the meminsurance should not be paid. By continuing to protest these meeting.

workers' claim; the Tobin agents are acting to establish a dangerous precedent which would deny urea ployment insurance to worken entitled to such payment. No chieling employer ever

fought hander against a worker's claim for unemployment in urance than the Tobin machine has fought against daims of 544-CIO lead-

Should Christgau's office derry when, for the first time, the Unit- dains, in order to prevent a reproblem, by organizing; the dairy employers to deny unemployment

Mine Workers Hit Wage-Freeze Plan

since the Local 544 membership state squawk to the heavens.

voted to disafflikate from the AFL It is our bet that the UMW will District 50 Denounces "Shameful A tempt to Chain Labor to University Standard of Living"

District 50 of the United Mine Workers, through resolution adopted at a recent meeting of its region The Waterman-Waterbury ery variety of bose program, and directors, has gone on record as "unalterably oppose, the freezing of wages as a permicious and shameful and the resulting contract, is just In desperation they will have to tempt to chain labor to an inequitable and unjust stand of living incompatible with our American life. Big Business, the I

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Chamber of Comm Blair's more recently. Presi velt-are trying to put acr general wage-freezing Decision In Review

Rejecting arguments by at-torneys for Tobin and AFL-"544," District Judge McNally ruled in Mairch that he would review the Blair decision denying democratic elections to the drivers.

Attorneys for Tobin and for the Stassen Slave Labor Law both argued before Judge Mc-Nally that the Blair decision should not be reviewed.

The entire record of the case, including the testimony of hundreds of Minneapolis drivers as to the hoodlum tactics used by Tobin's imported thugs to force them back into the AFL, is in the hands of Judge McNally.

Judge McNally has had the record before him for two months, and a decision is expecial to be rendered shortly. In case he decides that the Blair decision is not binding, it is probable that the Tobin receivers will appeal the decision to the higher courts in an effort to stave off defeat.

Tobin's Rule Is Facing Wide Revolt

(Continued from page 1) soon as officers are elected to replace him and his appointed help-

(3) An accounting of funds; (4) Direction of teamster offairs by a committee from the

unions pending election of regular officers; (5) Withdrawal of charges made by members that Farrell had converted funds to his own use

or committed illegal acts." Just like gangsters take care of their own cronies when the latter get into trouble, so Tobin is "laking care" of Farrell by keeping him on the payroil as Internation al organizer, at £1,000 per month Locked Door on Drivers

The latest episode in the fight between the membership of the ome up to Minneapolis any more, Dubuque drivers and Tobin's agents is reported in the April 3 paper in that city:

"The American right to free dom of assembly wasn't worth the paper it's writen on Sunday afternoon for members of Truck Drivers Local 421 who gathered for an opportunity to vote on taking the union out from under trusteeship.

"One year ago they had voted their business agent out of office, only to have him appointed back in by the man who now legally runs the union, Karl Keul of Des Moines. Sunday that sauce business agent, Ray Blankenshop. demonstrated his power to stop democratic processes by having the members denied use of a half which had previously been granted and paid for.

"When the drivers gathered for These men were Earl Pfo the meeting in room 300 of the Henkels, Eddie Renk. metal trade building, the hall was 'Happy' Hancork. We locked. After consulting with Prank Parr, 'Dutch' Blankenship, a committee from Harold Tony Madles the metal trade; hall informed the drivens they would not be permit and Leo Dodge. ted to use room 300.

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This Is a Special Issue

To inform all union drivers of the true facts behind the unjust conviction of Kelly Postal, Local 544 CO's Executive Board has issued this Special Edition of the MDUSTRIAL ORGAN ZER. It is not planned to resume templar publication of the INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZER at this time.

Within a day or two you will receive a latter from Re cording Secretary Ray Readwilt, asking you to sid in appealing Brother Postal's case to the state sustame court.