FEDERALS ARE PREPARED FOR FRIDAY MEETING

Issue of Supplemental Relief Will Be Meeting Topic

"More Income for WPA Workers" is the slogan which will culminate in one of the year's biggest mass meetings on relief next Friday. The meeting will be held at the General Drive-In, hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North, under sponsorship of the Federal Workers section, Local 444.

The announcement that the Welfare Board supply the de-ficiency in wages actually received by workers in any employment, to bring total income up to a minimum of $127 a month for families of three and $88 for such additional dependency.

Friday evening's meeting is intended to consider the proposal that every family in which a WPA worker quits his job and goes back to straight direct relief until the full demand is granted by the Board.

Zimmerman Invited to Clarify Issues

L. F. Zimmerman, director of the State Relief Agency, has been requested to address the mass meeting and clarify his recommendation that supplemental relief be granted to keep relief cleaner on the job. He mentioned the flow of federal funds into this state and its requirements, a demand on local and state relief funds which would result if WPA workers return to straight direct relief.

Work and Stars at Same Time

A circular to Monday's meeting states: "We have no reason nor ex-cuse for starving. Our families must be provided for. Unless we get what we need we will stop work ing."

FLASH

Hoigaard Signs

As we go to press comes the news that the Hoigaard Tent and Awning Co. has signed union agreement with General Drivers Union, Local 544. This action ends a three week strike of the Workers at the Hoigaard company.

The contract just signed by this company is exactly the same as the original agreement presented three years ago.

This is the first Union contract between Local 544 and the Hoigaard company, providing security, wage raises and hour reform.

All workers there are members of General Drivers Union.

GAMBLE SKOGMO SIGN WITH 544

Victory!

Local Firm Agrees to Recognize Drivers Union; Contract Brings Wages

Signed Union Agreement Brings Many Reforms in Wages, Working Conditions for All Employees

Last week saw the signing of a union agreement between Local 544 and the Gamble Skogmo Company, Inc.

The contract resulted from over three weeks of negotiation between the union and the Gamble company.

This firm, which maintains a depot and warehouse at 615 S. 7th Street, and which is connected with Summit Stores, retails auto supplies and hardware, and employs a large number of people.

Drivers, helpers and warehousemen were taken into Local 544 some time ago. Due to the grocery strike, which occupied the entire attention of the staff for almost two months, no agreement was presented to the Gamble Skogmo Company until recently. The firm was willing to give drivers the first, to adjust wages to the union scale, barked when it came to recognizing the right of the union to represent the men.

They insisted that a committee of the employees could deal for all without a third party. The union stood to its right to be the representative of the union employees. On this question a break in the negotiations threatened several times.

The trouble, which threatened to hold-up for a union agreement, urged that the house be struck. On Thursday of last week the company indicated that they were willing to enter into a contract with the union.

Patronize Fair Milk Concerns

The Northwest Organizer publishes hereunder the correct list of milk companies that are fair to the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union. It is important that all members of organized labor patronize only those firms which have signed agreements with the Milk Drivers Union. Build the unions by buying from union concerns.


Stenos' Union Is Out for Members

The Stenos and Bookkeepers Union announces the beginning of an organizational campaign directed at uniting all Stenos workers in the city.

A full-time paid organizer has been put on the staff of the union and contact committees are being set up in various offices. Miss Strong, business agent of the union, points out that the union wage scale for stenos is $200 for a 5-hour week.

A wage survey indicates that this wage is not being received by 15 per cent of office workers. The union office is located at 14 N. 6th Street, Call B-2378 for information.

Coal Agreement Being Negotiated

Negotiations have been opened between representatives of Local 544 and the Coal Employees committee. The Union agreement under which the coal workers section of Local No. 544 operated last year expired in April of this year. Efforts to have a new agreement signed at that time proved futile.

Two weeks ago the coal employees committee began to meet with the Union for the purpose of discussing terms of a new contract for the remaining season. Negotiations are now under way.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town
Common Twin City Wage Scale Is Shown to Be Sound Practice
(Torchiel's to Head Parade on Saturday, Oct. 13)
HENNEPIN COUNTY FARMER LABOR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Greetings:
Saturday night, October 13th, will see the biggest political rally ever staged in the history of Minnesota, and the AFL local will, of the St. Paul local of Amalgamated Needlewomen, will take part in this historic event. The parade will start at the Civic Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock, proceed to the State Fair Grounds, and end at the St. Paul Arena, where an address will be given by President C. L. Dolliver, the head of the AFL.

Workers Are Enslaved by Brutal Employer With Threat of Poison

There are some employers who sign an agreement with their Union but have no intention of carrying out the terms of the agreement. We had one case last week where the employer refused to make the complaint required by the agreement for 60 hours. The man is on the job and the other men are afraid to picket. The men have to pay from the time the time the union signed the agreement and it all hinges on the regular contract. Let this be a warning to the strikers. Don't sign any contracts until you intend to live up to the terms agreed to.

Bill Brown says:—

BATTERY WORKERS STRIKE GOES INTO ITS THIRD WEEK

Combating Bill Brown's claims that the union wage scale was not properly paid throughout the Twin Cities area, the union's local posture was resolute.

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Local Firm Aims to Recognize Drivers Union; Contract Brings Wages

UNIONS MUST SEND NEWS TO ORGANIZER
Sister locals of the Drivers Analytical in Minneapolis have organized a local union under the name of the Northwest Organizer, complaint of the fact that little news of the local union appears in the edition of their paper. Lack of news of local organizers may appear in the future. Various local unions, whose leaders are members of the Organizer, have been requested to send news items to the office of the paper each week. All news items will be printed when they are received.

Signed Agreement For Liquor Drivers
All workers employed in wholesale liquor houses are now working under a signed union agreement. This agreement covers all drivers, helpers and platform men employed in liquor establishments. It provides for a 40-hour work week, time and one-half for over-time and scale for a wage range from 56 cents to 60 cents per hour. About 150 men are affected.

In the past two weeks we have asked our readers to send in the bad ones. Each one. First each of this Marshall outfit kicked over the fence. Then North, whom we picked, humiliated us by losing 27-8. And now this week we find South and West tangling. Try to finish off with another big twin and then washburn-rumous games. Try that on your pipes. It's tough. So we say, here, make it a stale at any.
Company Union

A classic example of the usefulness and futility of company unions is contained in the pages of a little organ of the Union Western Telegraph Company. The employee setup at this company is typical of all company-controlled was "union." The organization at the Western Union looks like a real union of the workers, but there the resemblance stops. They hold meetings once in a while. They have elections and select officers. They have a "committees" which meets with the boss and his agents.

A large portion of the bulletin is taken up with a report of the committees which recently met with company officials and looked, as the bulletin puts it, "the controversies that have arisen." Do these controversies have to do with workers' understanding of the "contract"? Of course not. Company unions do not deal with such matters.

Other vital issues were gone into. Such as, we quote from the bulletin, "Women employees who are required to work after midnight will be provided with messenger clothes and bathrobes if they are not available, they will be sent home in cases in necessary cases. No raise, but rice is paid.

Again, "The company agrees to make a survey of the lighting situation with the object of eliminating dark corners in various places in the operating room. No hour reforms but light in the dark places.

In the next paragraph the committee scores a real victory. Listen: "The company agreed to wash the chairs at definite intervals in every way that they may be kept reasonably clean and make the office more sanitary in general." Clean chairs and a "sanitary" office perhaps make up for the mess in workers' lives that are still un

The report closes with what may be a ringing declara

The Labor Vote

It is of extreme importance that every member of organized labor register and in a position to vote in the coming general election. In the ordinary course of events, workers are prone to take the "let George do it" attitude in regard to casting their ballot. On the other hand, many workers who are voting class over look no opportunity to get out the vote of those who are apt to follow the lead of the parties of political reaction.

The Farm Laborer, Party, and those who follow it, must be prepared to meet the attack that has been thrown down by the exploiters of labor. Big employers of labor, who make their laborers do the work, movement, or political party that is the tool of the organized laborers. A political party, to which labor unions are directly affiliated. One which recognizes the organized labor as a constituent part in making political appointments, is regarded as dangerous by the labor exploiters.

Raving and ranting against the old reactionary parties does NOT win elections. But voting and seeing that members of your family vote and getting out the vote of your fellow worker DOES decide the outcome. The first and most important step to take is to REGISTRATION. Find out of all your fellow workers is registered; if not, get him to do it. On election day go to the polls and vote. The outcome of the pending election will vitally affect economical welfare of every worker. The cause of the workers can be won, so far as the election is concerned, only when they register their opinions in the ballot box.

The Grocery Strike

The strike of the wholesale grocery workers, which lasted food month and cost a large sum of money and a loss of wages for those concerned, brought many contributions from an industry that is far from being known organization before. By this action over 400 workers were brought into the fold of organized labor. Workers who were brought into the fold were bemed in comparison to those received by workers in similar lines. Not only this, but to be received into the union, but also those who worked in the wholesale grocery industry are now working under union conditions. Seniority has been established and job protection exists.

The victory of the grocery workers will bring courage to many workers and encourage those who organized. The recently concluded action in the grocery industry has done far more towards the reorganized union than the Drivers since the 1924 strike. The opposition was determined that this would be just as long a lasting blow at the organized labor movement. The victory, although costly, will bring benefits to all organized labor,

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Damon

Battery Workers have been begging for a "no-strike" relief for weeks with no results. Now the new 34th Street ice cream parlor, Monday, October 24. Be on hand and help swell the strike strength of these men.

Meter readers at the Northern States Power don't like to be called "lunch robbers."

Gambol Gompos in the battle

Tuck Orgomo will dance on November 7.

Minneapolis driving crafts will very likely occupy the whole building soon.

Rainbows' cap was crushed by a drunken driver Saturday night. Heavy damages.

Casket workers are coming to life.

Every Independent Truck Owner was working Tuesday. Calls for truck work started early this morning.

Taunton Street Council made a nice donation to the grocery strike.

A lovely picture of the Independent Union of all Workers, who were striking the Johnston laundry in a dispute over the price. Both sides failed to the side of the building.

Furniture Workers Union signed a new contract last week.

Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Union are moving on the bosses for a direct signed agreement.

The Pig's Eye Island thing is a mess.

Buster Madigan lost a $15 court battle last week.

Battery Workers are still hanging tough.

Grocery workers were delighted with the new agreement.

Don't forget that all complaints must be made on regular complain cards.

Cool workers are flocking back to the yards in large numbers. The "impartial" men, promoted by the bosses, has made business very good.

A new transfer agreement is in the making.

The threat of war has made the junk business hot.

The workers are organizing too.

Departing workers drivers will soon get some attention.

Laundry drivers are Talk-It Over with the owners.

City and Sanitary Drivers the others hot.

The Monday membership meeting voted to march in the October 14 Farmer-Labor Torch Light parade.

We almost walked out on that Saturday touchdown.

F.L. Veterans Club Meeting Notice

The Minnesota County Veterans' Farm Labor Club will hold its next regular membership meeting on October 9th at 7:30 at the Home Owners' Building. All members are requested to be present at both the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Skaglund and Smith heard about the strike from Gruever Saffle was over.

The Sten's threat to organize every office in town.

Browns is still riding it.

Dark stories to begin to pour in. We want dark stories not stories.

A new coal agreement is being worked out.

The Federal government is going to do something about the strikers for long distance haulers.

Battery Workers rejected a pre approved agreement Saturday morning.

A Warehouse Workera charter will soon be in town.

Iron Workers are claiming some hard work from the Drivers.

Grocery Workers will hold a special meeting Friday, October 16.

There is going to be prises and events at the big Dairy meeting on Sunday.

The football team took It On the Chin Sunday to the Bears' home.

Look out for it!

Battery Workers Union

Battery Workers Union will hold a banquet in the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue, Saturday, October 16. There will be a number of prizes and special features. Those workers have been on strike for almost three weeks and are deserving of the support of all unionists. Tickets are 25 cents and can be purchased at the union office.

LABOR

Labor廟n the Press

By Carl O. Skaife

From Tampa Tribune, Tampa, Florida, October 9th.

The Department of Labor is faced with the most difficult question the laborer has ever been confronted with. By striking workers can win higher wages, shorter hours, better working conditions—they can even build an organization which can PRESERVE these gains—and if the unions have an honest and militant leadership, the unions can be a bulwark against war and fascism, the worst enemies of the working-class.

Salinas, Cal. News items: Paternalism and citizenship. yesterday destroyed all the red flags placed by highway employes to check traffic. The employers have been placed as signal markers for traffic control, and in the latter. strike.

Smart people, citizens andzap this step again.

Review of Reviews: A British army officer said, "If we had a few more of our men we could be taken as easily, we'd have done it ourselves."

Chace Darrow: I see what I have ever had to have work—a day a half of it—and

Federal Section

Stage Mass Meet

Federal Workers section of Local 544 will hold a memorial service and demonstration at 257 Plymouth Avenue, Friday, October 16, meeting will be on the --subject of supplemental relief. The meeting will be subject of cutting costs have risen sharply during the war and a new WPA wages is imperative. The meeting is open to the general public.

Liquor Dealer Is

Cought Chiseling

It is reliably reported that Philip Edens and Sons, liquor dealers, have been consistently violating the agreement recently signed with Local 544. Security is being set aside in that the men are not allowed to stay in a full week while younger men are working. The agreement provides that men with enough seniority must work 14 hour week.

Waterfront Truce

Is On In Frisco

San Francisco — War on the waterfront brought to a halt yesterday when a truce was signed under which the contract between the waterfront workers and the employers will be continued for fifteen days. It will be in effect for the next two months, a six hour day for longshoremen and an eight hour day for seamen.

I've never worked hard since. That taught me a lesson.

Hendays, France, news item: Refugees from Spain and others today that Madrid reds had executed 500 political prisoners and middle and upper class citizens.

This figure brings the number of red victims in Spain up to 5, 649.


And with the tremendous market forces in Europe, the American Republican and Demo
cratic politicians.

Revered Merle Anderson of the American Federation of Labor claims to be united with unions today that they have been in a high tide of prosperity and that époque for their members.

I do think the trouble with the unions is that they are simply a fighting organization.

Paris correspondent to the New Republic: Paris is excited over the latest idea of the Communist party to form a Front Farmer.

The object is to unite the French people against the danger of revolu
tion at home and the fascist menace abroad.

Did you ever read Marx or Lenin on the Paris Commune—I would suggest you try. This is the latest idea of the Communist union.

F.W.S. Stewart, each Wed 7

FWS membership meetings, each Monday evening of each month, 5 p.m.

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