**Fuel Industry Now Union**

**Local 131, Laundry Drivers, Will Stage Organizational Campaign**

Elections Will Be Held at Second Meeting in December

_**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING DRIVERS**_

A resolution was adopted by our membership at the last meeting in September, requiring membership of all who are delinquent in dues.

Members who were in arrears more than six months could be levied by the local.

The Executive Board of the Teamsters' Joint Council voted to call a joint meeting in the near future to discuss the question of the benefits from the joint agreement and to work towards a common goal.

Elections will be held December 10, 1956.

**Floral Workers On the Way to An Agreement**

_**Indications are that greenhouse owners as well as retail florists and growers are prepared to settle with the Drivers Union. Meetings have been held during the past week in which differences have been almost settled**_

The agreement presented to greenhouse employers provides substantial wage increases and reforms in working conditions for all greenhouse workers. The proposed contract has been presented to all greenhouse owners, florists and growers in Roseau.

The action was necessary for the reason that many greenhouses are located outside of the city limits.

**Coal Agreement Signed by Employers Will Cover All Drivers, Helpers, Yardmen**

New Contract Provides Wage Raises and Improved Working Conditions for Men

Drivers to Receive $85 Per Hour and Yardmen to Get $85c from August 1

A sweeping victory was scored by Local 544 this week when the coal employers signed a new contract with the Twin Cities Union covering the wages and working conditions of all coal workers employed by the companies for the current term.

The contract came as the result of negotiations that have been carried on since early last spring. It will be recalled that the last year's coal agreement expired, the coal employers refusing to renew the contract with the Drivers Union.

At the last time the Union felt, it was believed that the increased cost of living and aware of the fact that wages were advancing in other lines of work, a negotiation with the coal employers was justified. An agreement was drawn providing for wages ranging from $75 to $78 per hour. Other reforms in working conditions were specified. Independent haulers and yardmen had a salary advance proposed.

At this time Local 544 (then Local 1574) was engaged in a struggle to organize the American Petroleum of Labor. No meetings could be arranged with the coal employers at that time in the union considered it wise to defer the matter until later. When this union's coal business began to be active, the union again contacted the employers. This was done shortly after the ending of the strike and strike there was no doubt that the successful outcome of that struggle had a beneficial influence of the coal business when Local 544 scheduled its negotiations with them in September.

Only a few meetings elapsed before the contract was signed. The written contract was a possibility. The only difficulty is that the terms of the agreement would become known and that the terms of the agreement would become known and that the terms of the agreement would be known.

Several joint meetings of the business representatives from both cities have been held and all or some of them have come to a committee of 15 men from each city, which is charged with the responsibility of preparing a definite program to be followed out in realizing their aims and objectives.

The idea has met with great response from all sections of the Twin City movement and there is no doubt that real results will be accomplished.

**Make Minneapolis a Union Town**
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Bill Brown Says—

Striking reasons on both sides were given for the striking drivers, it was announced today, as the result of a new agreement between the drivers, employes and employers of the West Side of Minneapolis.

The term of the agreement, which was signed by the parties concerned, will expire in four years from today, and the agreement is the result of a series of meetings between the parties during the past few weeks.

"We are confident that this agreement will be a success," said Bill Brown, president of the West Side of Minneapolis. "We believe that it will be an agreement that will benefit all parties concerned, and we are looking forward to a prosperous future for our company."

MILK DRIVERS ARE PARTIES TO AGREEMENT

(November from 31)

The employer cannot make any changes in the provisions of the agreement without the consent of the drivers, and the drivers cannot make any changes without the consent of the employers. All changes must be in writing and signed by both parties.

The agreement also provides for a system of arbitration, which will be used to settle any disputes that may arise between the parties.

Local 160 News

The last regular membership meeting ended up in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere, with everyone expressing satisfaction with the work done during the past year.

The Entertainment committee as its last meeting before the new year was held recently, at which time the entertainment program for the coming year was discussed and plans made for its successful operation.

Fred Williams, chairman of the Entertainment committee, said that "we are all looking forward with great enthusiasm to the coming year, and we are sure that it will be a good one for the members of Local 160."
New Forces Join Dockmen in Strike Stop Shiplifts

Engineers, Masters, Mates and Pilots Vote for Walkout

The strike of the nation's sea workers assumed new and more menacing proportions yesterday as dock workers were joined by various other sea workers unions.

When the strike spread to new fronts at a complete shutdown, as a result of the stoppage, violence flared up in some areas. Attempts were made to attempt to move strike cargoes.

The strike does not mean only coast-to-coast shipping at a standstill, but the strike has now reached the point where everything traffic is seriously affected. The east coast is now developing plans during the past week. Saturday, William S. Brown, president of the Marine Engineers Beneficial association, announced that his organization would go out on strike in support of the deck workers and longshoremen.

On the heels of this supporting action by the Maritime Engineers came the news that a strike has been issued by the Master, Mates and Pilots, and that the A. F. of L. affiliates, his strike, called by James Delany, president of the Maiters and Pilots, will become effective Monday.

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Keepin' Step With 544

By Mickey Duane

Plans for a Northwest driver organization are proceeding apace.

Most raw drivers received a nice raise last week. They are now over the average.

City and statutory drivers stage a real blowout on the east side last night.

The coal thing is in the bag.

Laundry drivers are taking them in like nobody's business.

The Joint Council charter is being revised in St. Paul according to rumors.

If any of you are still offering a non-union milk driver infirm Bill Sin-
not at Milk Drivers office, 18 N. 46th St.

The greenhouse fight will soon be a thing of the past.

Staff members who took the drivers in this time are generally presumed to say that theirs are expensive.

The Council bowling league is in full operation. The boys are rounding into shape and some really good across are being turned in.

Why in hell doesn't someone organize the retail clerks. They are crying for it.

Casket workers are still on strike. It's an 1850 affair.

Differences between 544 and 221 over coal drivers have been adjusted by Joint Council officers.

Smith and Robgait are battling the most morons.

Corcoran reported at the Council meeting that ice cream workers are all in Local 471. Nice work.

A non-union building laborer was killed in an accident on the bus depot Job Tuesday. The pay-off is that this Job is located about 48 blocks from the office of the Building Laborers Union.

The wholesaler grocery thing is gathering momentum.

Contracts are giving out to the wholesalers this week.

Department store bosses are act-
ingen coy.

Don't be surprised if the Warehouse Union begins to move soon.

Heman was a Chicago visitor last week.

The Seventh Street pillar of truth missed the casket strike in a recent issue.

Wholesale drug workers would like a union agreement.

Office Workers Union is taking more courageous numbers.

Open shop employees in Min-
neapolis are getting a little hard to find.

I. G. Scott "tested" recently at the campaign at Wamsa Lake hide-
out.

City and statutory workers like the new short work week.


**L A B O R.**

Looks at the Press

By Carl Ottes

Kalamazoo news item: Mrs. A. Drape, a farmer's wife, got tired of looking after 200 sheep, so she ate it. The creditor asked Sheriff Burt to do something about it.

That's an idea. The Farm-Hall day might advise its members to get together and put an end to all such things.

And the unemployed could nab some of the sugar and grocery bills.

Let the creditors take the con-

sequences.

General Franco says: Bloodshed would never have come to pass had not the socialist government com-

mitted the terrible crime of arm-

ning the people against representa-

tives of the national will.

To capitalism and its representatives, he says, it is the same thing to arm the people. For them the people show "the representativeness of the people represented REALLY are.

Headline in the Catholic Work er: "In Kalamazoo Strike is Right—Strike is Wrong.

May we all, young boys. Maybe there are ways to get union recognition that we don't know about yet.

Letter in The Rotary: It must be plain to every thinking man that humanity is little victim to the forces which it has created and is now powerless to resist. The whole of the middle of plenty, millions starved. A common plan to bat the pure tariff wall blocks distribution.

I won't be surprised to find that even the stones have tongue.

From an ad for the Page Fence Association: We don't expect trouble at our plant but we consider it good business to be pre-

pared for emergencies. Page Fence gives you day and night protection.

I bet they're talking about union strikers.

From Berlin: The Reich food estate has warned the public against substituting substitutes for food. They substitute nothing. The warning bounds that sugar is to be made from wood.

If we were making shredded wheat out of prison fuel, I'd want to keep people from talking about it. The public worries so about silers.

**BELT LINE**

Starting Monday the Belt Line job will go for 119 hour month will be divided into two 54 hour pay periods. The new setup will allow the drivers to enjoy a 12 day vacation each month.

**COMPLIANT SCHEME OF MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS' UNION**

FWS Stewards, each Wed 7 p.m.

FWS membership meetings, each Wed 7 p.m.

Federal Workers Union No. 2 class 1, each Friday 2 p.m.

Federal Workers Union No. 2 class 2, each Saturday 10 a.m.

Direct response meetings, Monday, Wednesday and Fri-

day 10 to 12.

**MEETINGS—EACH WEDNESDAY**

Federal Workers Membership Meetings, each Wed 7 p.m.

Highways: Each Friday, at 8 p.m.

**IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE**

By Central Labor Union Educational Committee

GREETINGS:

Unions please appoint permanent delegates for following dates: 2nd and 4th Fridays at 8 p.m.

Meeting place: 222 South St. Paul Co-operative Cream-

ery, North Plant. Low Cost Housing in All Aspects, by:


By Mariam LeSueur.

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Minnesota Coops in Pictures. By Minnesota State Edu-

cational Dept.

Timely and important to have some of your group present. Meet your friends.

Erich G. Wachter, Chairman; Violet Johnson, Secretary; Morris Montain, Treasurer; Educational Committee, C. L. U.

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AFL at the Crossroads

Everyone interested in the welfare of organized labor, in the Crossroads, is watching anxiously the course of the present convention at Tampa of the American Federation of Labor.

The Building Trades and Railway Traders are hollering for the blood of the unions affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization, and "Green-Branch" of discontinued suspension for the CIO unions. The United Electrical Workers, on the other hand, has cited the Green-Branch, under its contracts, for trial.

Neither of these courses, if followed, will bring peace or growth.

A reading of the AFL's executive council report shows that the Crossroad's problems and needs and opportunity need a united labor movement, but not only a united movement, but one intelligent, carefully planned, progressively national and alive to the times in which it must function.