Full Report of Gathering by Secretary

Minutes of N. C. C. Meets Request for Program

Accord Reached on Unity of Action by Northwestern Members

North Central District Drivers Council

Minutes of Conference Sunday, Jan. 10, 1937
Chairman, F. J. Cecerean; Secretary, Harold Swab.

Call to Unions present: Duluth Milk Drivers Local No. 32; R. C. Rooney, Mina Bennington, CNA Picketers, Duluth General Drivers Local No. 346; George Lyons, William Ives, Superintendents, Minneapolis Milk Drivers Local No. 471; Paul J. Schaw, Bay Swans, William Smith; Moe Levy, Carl Johnson, Minneapolis General Drivers Local No. 544; Carl Blagden, Nick Wagner, William Brown, Farrel Dodds, E. Scott, Grant Dunmore, Minneapolis Laundry Drivers Local No. 120; Charles Johnson, Minneapolis Ice and Coal Drivers Local No. 211; A. P. Ebel, Robert Vincent, Richard Wilson, Minneapolis All-City Drivers Local No. 644; Harold Swab.

Motion that delegates from Austin, Tex., Minneapolis Ice and Coal Drivers Local No. 211, and Minneapolis Laundry Drivers Local No. 120, be seated as fraternal delegates and that, pending the report of the committee, these delegates be seated.

Chairman of the Committee:

On Top of the Heap

Wright County Workers Obtain Relief Increase

The Wright county locals of the Federal Workers Section obtained concessions for direct relief checks and supplemental aid for WPA workers, both of which were granted by the newly elected county commitees. The former was secured by a 15 per cent increase in direct relief aid to a grand total of $1,400 ($1,000 from the state and $400 from the county) as supplemental aid to WPA workers.

The action followed a demonstration and meeting in front of the county seat at Buffalo, Minn., on January 4 in which some 200 PW2 members participated. Many of these workers walked eight to ten miles in -15 degree weather to voice their desperate need.

The increase, but a drop in the bucket of real need, WPA workers obtaining only $2 to $8 according to size of family, which does not even approach the ex- tent of the needs of Wright county WPA workers. The 15 per cent direct relief increase, based upon the $10 monthly average relief in Wright county, is also but a small beginning.

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Showdown Near as Thousands Strike in General Motors Plants

Auto Workers Buck Bosses, Injunction and Threats of Craft Union Scabbery as Exact Struggle Unfolds

The struggle between the United Automobile Workers' Union and the General Motors Company is rapidly approaching a showdown with thousands of workers on strike in many plants and with the vital "feeder" industries being tied up by strikes.

Violence has already broken out in Flint, and labor spies, thugs, and Pinkerton agents are being imported into the affected areas in wholesale num-

bers. General Motors has obtained a restraining injunction against the strike, and the workers and the union are less than a few days away from a direct battle with the police. The union has appealed the court decision to the United Automobile Workers' Union, and the issue is one of labor and capital.

1. A national conference be- tween representatives of General Motors and the union to discuss the problem.
2. Abolition of all piece work systems of pay and the adoption of a straight hourly rate.
3. Thirty hour week and five hour day with time and one-half for overtime on the basic work day and work week.
4. Establishment of a minimum rate of pay, with the right to earn more if the work warrants it.
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PNEUMONIA
Dr. H. W. Shelton, M. D.
Of the many diseases, the most widespread and fatal of all acute diseases is the "Oat of the Men of Death." If people are not careful, pneumonia is more important than property damage. Overwork, lack of sleep, indulgence in alcohol, exposure to cold and wet increase the susceptibility to this disease.

"Of every five per cent sick with pneumonia, one will die. Yet the most urgent message of modern medicine is this: Out of every four who die of pneumonia, three die of the disease.

A serum is available, for the treatment of pernicious pneumonia, which is definitely curative in 95 per cent of cases. The physicians of the Catholic University in this city will develop all pneumonia cases are treated. Think of this. Cases treated on the fifth day of the disease have only a death rate of 19.5 per cent, almost equal to a case of scarlet fever. Cases treated on the fourth day have a death rate of only 8.6 per cent, and those receiving serum before the disease has lasted 24 hours have a death rate of 1.4 per cent.

Most persons threatened with pneumonia have no idea. The symptoms are slight. The patient has a chill, or one or two days, and then recovers, only to collapse over 105 degrees, cough, shaly pain in the chest, rapid breathing and, almost always, when the suction is blood tinged, in the greater splanchnic nerve is sent to the laboratory for verification. This can be made on less than an hour.

The treatment of pneumonia may be complicated as the doctor must decide whether the patient should or should not be put in hospital. If hospital treatment is necessary, the patient should be made as soon as the onset of the disease is noted. If the disease is very abrupt, the patient is infirm, and the pneumonia is developing rapidly, the patient must be desirably sick. It is important that the patient be given rest, plenty of nourishment, the onset, not even getting up to exercise.

The nursing causing pneumonia are: Type I is the most common type, and Type II is less specific, but still indisposable. The effectiveness of either type is still doubtful.

The death-dealing properties of the pneumococcus are not "dreaming" or "drowning" from water in the lungs, but from a chemical destruction of the lungs.

MEETING SCHEDULE
Jan. 5—Stewards and Executives
Jan. 6—Regular Membership
Jan. 12—Executive Board
Jan. 18—Regular Membership
Jan. 24—Executive Board

MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION
FWS Leadership—first and third Friday of each month.
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Railroad Track Teller Institute—meets at 9:00 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month.

Notice
The schedule has been rearranged to give all sections of the West the same amount of opportunity. The ITO Section will meet the first Tuesday of each month and the Independent Section is on the fourth Tuesday of each month. January 4, is the date of the next meeting.

A communication from Washington shows that the delegation is making any arrangements which will be forthcoming upon the return of the latter part of the month.

Can never get too many letters the kind printed in last week's edition from Mr. H. W. Shelton of the G. Tcilem school for information regarding WPA track appreciation.

Acknowledgments of Creations from presents and telegrams are still being received by the Independent.

Rolling Stock
Preparatory for likely labor difficulties in 1937 the fire manufactur¬ers hastened to stack their warehouses so that there should be more than seven months supply of rolling stock. At the time of union trouble they could be ready to close the Altoona and shift production to such districts as the rolling stock might have been, if the auto strikers continue they can make up with the end of the year.

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TO LOCAL 131
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Doctor McRimmin Writes On Winter Care of Health

Albert Goldman, prominent Chicago Socialist and one of the editors of the revolutionary socialist theoretical organ, will lecture this afternoon at the Twin City Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky on the Memory of the 1st anniversary of the Stalinist bureaucracy liquidation of the "international" of the old bolsheviks, in the Twin City Community in the Octobre Revolution of 1917.

The meeting will be held in the Pioneer Hall, Luther Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Friday, January 22, at 8 p.m. All are welcome and admission will be 15 cents. Especially invited are all Socialists and Socialists, who will no doubt hear the truth concerning the trials for the first time.

Albert Goldman is well known for his splendid service in the 1934 Truck Strike as a member of the labor lawyer for the local 714, new Local 444. Goldman delivered the fa¬tally ill woman, who died of pernicious pneumonia, who fell under a fist of that by the syndicate. The woman died slowly during the strike, and many were considered to be at this time to be fussy as that de¬livered by the Reverence for the dead. The trial that will hear Goldman will, therefore, be treated to an example of the outstanding standards of the So¬ciety to which he belongs on a subject that is of utmost impor¬tance to all classes and classes in the world. Goldman, whose enthusiasm for socialist clarity through the medium of the Socialist machine.

Bowlers Battle in Second Hour

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With the Laundry Workers Union
The Unemployment benefits are still held by Local 183 and a splendid amount of work was had by all. However, a pack of clowns was cast over the people throng at the class of the dane when. James Halverson, in some manner but his balance at the head of the chair and ploughed on feet that were at the basement. He died shortly thereafter.

Mr. Halverson, though not a member of our union family, was well known to some of our members and his tragic and untimely death was a shock.

Mrs. Jennie Lott, member of the Union, died in St. Paul last week. Mrs. Lott was a pleasant and had been ill for some time. Local 183 extended of the death and the family on this occasion.

From time to time in the past there have been sporadic efforts on the part of our union for subscriptions to local newspapers. This has been done to encourage the workers to read the news and to use the newspapers in so far as the may have beneficial and reliable information on their right extending their world of labor.

At present we are safe in saying that the great majority of our members are either subscribers or read the Northwest Labor News, while many also read the Minne¬sota Labor Review, official organ of the Central Labor Union. These members whose subscriptions to the Organizers are about to expire are urged to see our Organizers for subscriptions reapplied for, so that for the Organizers for the subscriptions. Information on the matter for other labor papers may be ob¬tained at the Union Office.

For information of those who have not yet applied for the results of the union elections, we take this means to give the members the "Non-Statesmen" in most cities defined as a group of workers of the news, but it is good margin particularly for the officers.

For board members the "Non-Statesmen" didn't do as well and were defeated in many instances. In the election of officers this year the workers wrote in the name of the candidates and added "the" to the candidates. The candidates who have been charged on the ballot of the name as safeguarded the sacred ar¬eas from pilfering and alien hands. Now, with this nonline, all is again in main and a return to the more mundane routine getting numbers, bettering their cer¬tainties and bas-balting are in re¬turn.

Now that the post mortems have been taken it's let's get back to the job of keeping and building.

OBERON

Labour School Will Hold Open Forums
As part of the service to the Min¬nesotan Labor Movement, the Minneapolis Labor School will con¬duct a couple of Open Forums at 250 Transpor¬tation Building Annex, and 2nd Ave. So. The Open Forums will be on Tuesday evening, January 26, at 8 or 9 o'clock. The labor authority on Co-operatives and Trade Unions will be on hand. Mr. Gilbertson has written a series of articles on co-operatives which will be released to the partment of Education. His sub¬ject will be Co-operatives and Labor.

The purpose of this forum is to make available to workers correct information and opinions on social and economic problems. This forum is open to the public.

For further information, call the Minneapolis Labor School, 249 Transportation Building Annex, Telephone, Geneva 1464.

Liquor Warehouse Workers Organize
All inside workers employed at the H. F. Lenox Company, are new members of the Local 131. The workers of house and Inside Workers Union. Local 131, have adopted the platform, men, are members of the Lutheran Church. All employees are covered by a clerical shop agreement.

NOTICE TO LOCAL 131
Any member of the Local 131, who wish to pay his dues for the month of January, may see their local shop stewards to attend to this. The amount will be $2.00 for the current month. The dues must be stamped for the month of January to get the latest union button.
Two Important Decisions

Two decisions, one by an arbitration board, the other by a New York Supreme Court justice, establish precedents of far-reaching importance to organized labor and give valuable tactical leads to unions for current and future battles. They are, in effect, the stretchout and speed-up and run-away chiseling of employers.

The international tribunal of Electrical Workers employing the 7-hour dispute with the Illinois Power and Light Co. when a joint arbitration board ruled that in cases where labor-displacing machinery is installed working hours must be cut with corresponding pay raises, to provide extra employment. The decision affects 1,200 men employed by the company, at a retroactive to June 1.

Members of the arbitration board included Secretary Victor Olander of the Illinois Federation of Labor, Vice President B. E. B., Mayor John Gray of Urbana, Ill., and representatives of the employers. Board members claimed their decision was the first actual mechanical recognition of balance between manpower and labor-saving machinery, while Mayor Gray touted it as "the most important precedent ever established in the battle against machines."

Officers of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and other labor bodies are rightfully jubilant over a court decision on an economic issue, a run-away factory which had sought to evade a union agreement to return to New York. The judge will appoint a referee to compute damages including back rent. The ruling was handed down by Supreme Court Justice Philip J. McCarthy in a breach of contract suit brought by President Dave Buskirk of the union and Philip Kapp, treasurer of the dress and whisker makers' joint board, against Blue Dress Co. and the Blue Fox Co., which locked out its employees and moved to Archbald, Pa., to get away from the union.

The court found the companies had participated in a three-year contract covering wages, conditions and peaceful adjustment of disputes and prohibiting removal of factories beyond the five cent fare limit. It ruled that "economic necessity, of itself, is insufficient justification for a company to evict its employees." The woolen strike agreement would soon be in the bag.

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Supplemental Coal Is On Again

VOP coal supplements which were tied up for the last month by legal red tape, while needy families froze, was resumed by the Welfare Board at its meeting on Tuesday, January 19. The Board's latest motion on the coal controversy reads as follows:

The Board of Public Welfare after an investigation of WPA employees earning $60.50 and having three or more in the family finds that an emergency does exist and to meet the need in these families it is moved that a supplemental order for fuel equivalent to one ton of coal monthly be disbursed to the above WPA workers in the $60.50 group.

The Federal Workers Section contends that the original WPA coal action was a legally proper act in the right direction but the Board was bluffed by threats of a couple of reactionary tax dodgers. In its statement, the sectional, recognizing this and now concedes, that families of a given size have definite minimum needs. Years of the depression and the worker's struggles have emphasized this. The Board was fully aware that WPA workers were fully "investigated" every three months as a condition of their continued employment. From a legal point of view this constitutes a "proper investigation" by the agency. The Board had once recognized the need of WPA workers and has again authorized the Board to make the investigation. It is, in effect, the utmost vigilance be exercised by the organized unemployed if they are to retain even this little realization of the principles of the Social Demands and standardized budgets.

The Federal Workers Section is determined to maintain present relief standards, and to fight determinedly against any move which is calculated to thereby erode investigator constantly harries each needy family to turn over a sharpie to live in, whether they will accept clothing, and how little it will eat, without resorting to violence.