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## CIO Motor Transport Campaign Sweeps Nation; Tobin Dictatorship Cracked Open in Detroit

### On the National Ticket Line

Marvel Schell

During this period, it might be for us to take time out to look the problems of our South Latin American brothers and who live under the pall of "paternalism"—i.e. imperial-

The Federated Press reports on the strike of telephone workers in Mexico City, and the Mexican Telephone Co. "believed to be a subsidiary of international telephone and Telegraph" workers, organized into National Telephone Workers Union, affiliated to the Mexican Workers Federation (MWF) went on strike after two telephone systems—Ericsson and the Mexican and their rates to subscribers. The Ericsson system also raised employees, but the Mexican refused this demand.

Striking workers are demanding a 35% increase in wages, the dismissal of an official, and the reinstatement of a union official.

There are two distinct telephone systems in Mexico City, which means that anyone who telephone service must be both kinds. Both of these systems are owned by American capital. Federated Press says it this way—"It is fairly certain that the banking community behind both companies is identical."

For a long time, the Mexican government has been trying to a merger of the two rival companies, and has imposed a fine of \$200 a day (pesos) against Apparently business must be good because these companies prefer to pay the fine rather than merge.

So much for the telephone company affairs. As yet no other news as to the progress of the strike has come. The FP dispatch also has some other news. The Mexican labor movement's Living Wage Committee points out that there is an absolute need for increased minimum wages among all Mexican workers because of the rapidly advancing cost of living. A year ago, "bare minimum needs" of a family of three was calculated at \$3.50 (pesos) a week. Today those same "minimum needs" cost a family of three \$8.50 (pesos).

Years ago, under the Mexican, unskilled labor received a minimum of \$2.50—pesos—a week. Skilled labor, between \$4.50 and \$5.00. At that time the rate of change was 6 pesos for one dollar.

The Mexican workers, in referring to "minimum needs" of a family of three speaking only of the national diet for Mexican workers—beans and tortillas. One Mexican worker told a story about his diet. He said "For breakfast we have beans and tortillas, for lunch, beans and tortillas, and then for a treat, supper we have—beans and tortillas."

Prices are based on the Mexican dollar. For instance, a pair of clothing which here in the United States, would cost \$16.00 of those "walk a flight and \$10.00" places, costs the Mexican about 100 pesos—or week's salary. A pair of shoes such as we can buy (Continued on page 4)

### CIO Tidal Wave Engulfing Tobin

DETROIT

CIO opens its nationwide campaign to organize motor transport and allied workers. Five thousand AFL drivers come to CIO headquarters to join up. CIO United Construction Workers organizes all drive-away operations at auto factories. Detroit over-road drivers leave Tobin for CIO. Campaign backed by 400,000 CIO members in Michigan. President R. J. Thomas of United Auto Workers pledges all-out aid to CIO campaign among drivers. Powerful CIO Dairy Workers Union behind campaign. Head of Detroit Joint Board of Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, pledges aid to drivers and all workers seeking to escape from domination of AFL racketeers.

### FLINT, MICHIGAN

Membership of AFL Drivers votes to come over in a body to CIO. Now united in same progressive movement with Auto Workers.

### LANSING, MICHIGAN

Drivers union revolts against Tobin dictatorship, ready to join CIO. Michigan State Industrial Union Council, CIO, adopts resolution pledging active support to CIO United Construction Workers.

### PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

Tobin union in receivership. Denied right to meet, drivers coming over individually and in groups to CIO.

### MONROE, MICHIGAN

Drivers inform CIO they want to join. Suggest slogan "Every driver in Michigan a CIO member."

### OTTUMWA, IOWA

Large delegation of CIO motor transport drivers comes to Minneapolis Saturday to confer with Local 544-CIO on extending the CIO campaign to other Iowa cities. Iowa CIO men laugh heartily at claim of Tobin agent Keul that he has stemmed CIO tide with his fifty Tobin goons. "Ottumwa is a CIO fortress," they report to Local 544-CIO. CIO Packinghouse Workers pledge \$200 monthly to their sister CIO Drivers Local in Ottumwa to expand the movement.

### WATERLOO, IOWA

Last Friday Waterloo drivers forward application to United Construction Workers for CIO charter. Confident that whole union will come over to CIO, drivers are fed up with Tobin receivership.

### OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Local 554 has been going down hill rapidly under Raw Deal Neal's receivership, drivers getting fed up, are turning to CIO. CIO sentiment sweeping whole city, every industry. Streetcar men, too, seeking affiliation to CIO.

### LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Drivers' group phones Local 544-CIO, asks for aid in organizing CIO Motor Transport Drivers Union in Lincoln and surrounding territory.

### The Broom and the Tide!



### Tobin Lawyers Fight Hotel Workers Here

Padway and Goldberg, the Tobin lawyers who fought to deny the Minneapolis transport drivers their democratic rights, have now hired themselves out to help the bureaucrats of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers International shove a sellout contract down the throats of the Minneapolis hotel workers of Local 458.

Last July the International vice-president, A. J. Kilday, sold the membership down the river by forcing them to accept a sellout contract cooked up by Governor Stassen. In an effort to hold down the angry membership, Kilday had himself appointed dictator-receiver of Local 458 and then forced the executive board of the union to resign.

As soon as Kilday had his receivership, he began to ride roughshod over the rights of the membership. He refused to hold membership meetings. He stopped the proposed election of officers to the vacancies on the executive board. While the hotel bosses were violating the contract with impunity, Kilday spent his time tracking down the best members of the union and connived with the bosses to have them thrown off their jobs.

Fed up with Kilday's dictatorship, the membership raised funds to go before Judge Rue of District Court and obtain a temporary restraining order against Kilday. The restraining order, granted on Monday, September 8th, holds up the receivership temporarily and gives the rank and file a brief breathing spell in which to elect their officers and consolidate their forces for the showdown battle with the International.

Kilday will appear in court next week to answer the restraining order. The Hotel Workers International is proceeding against these Minneapolis workers in much

### 350 Members Of CIO 1140 On Strike

After receiving the run-around from the company and the Stassen fact-finding commission, the CIO United Electrical Workers Union Local 1140 called a strike of its 350 members at the two plants of the Electric Machinery Manufacturing company Tuesday night. A skeleton crew began picketing at once, and will continue picketing both shifts, though the company has announced it will make no attempt to operate.

The strike vote was carried almost unanimously, Arlye Glynn, union business agent, said. The men are demanding hourly wage increases of 18c to bring them up to the prevailing scale paid by competing plants and to permit them to meet the rising costs of living. Last April the big competitor plants such as Westinghouse and General Electric conceded a 10c hourly increase to employees, an increase which was never met by the Minneapolis company.

The so-called fact-finding commission appointed by Governor Stassen made no recommendation on wages except to claim the company was paying high wages. The company made a counter-proposal to the union, offering last year's contract including the closed-shop clause, plus a nickel an hour. Stassen's commission didn't even recommend the closed shop.

Sam Levy, Associated Industries lawyer who is conniving with Tobin and Blair to shove sellout contracts down the throats of the Minneapolis drivers, represented the Electrical Machinery company in negotiations with Local 1140. "We stand solid on our demand for an 18c hourly wage boost," strikers said Wednesday morning. "With the rising cost of living, we need that wage increase to support our families."

### Drivers in Flint, Pontiac, Lansing, Monroe, Waterloo, Omaha, Kansas Revolt Against Tobinism, Join Modern CIO Union

"Last week in Detroit, Michigan, the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee launched its nationwide drive to bring all teamsters under the banner of the CIO," C. Russell Turner, assistant to UCWOC Chairman A. D. Lewis, told a cheering audience of one thousand Minneapolis drivers who braved the rainy night to attend the September membership meeting of Local 544-CIO.

Brother Turner told of the prairie fire of revolt against Tobin's dictatorship which is sweeping through Michigan on the heels of the news that the United Construction Workers, with the backing of the entire 400,000 CIO members in that state, is going to organize the nation's drivers and will see that they are protected from the thuggery of the Tobin goon squads.

"Five thousand Detroit drivers have come up to CIO headquarters to join," Turner declared. "We already have the drive-away operations from the auto factories organized and are making huge inroads in the over-road operations. Entire AFL Drivers' locals throughout Michigan—in Flint, Pontiac, Lansing, Monroe and other centers—are joining the march into the CIO."

### Waterloo Asks CIO Charter

Harry DeBoer, 544-CIO organizer just returned from a trip through Iowa and Nebraska, told of the success of the Ottumwa Drivers Union Local 388-CIO in defending itself against the Tobin goons, and of the aid rendered by the CIO Packinghouse Workers. He told the audience of the action of the Waterloo drivers in applying for a CIO charter, and of the CIO sentiment sweeping through Omaha, Lincoln and other Nebraska towns.

Other speakers were attorney David Shama, Ray Rainbolt and Farrell Dobbs. Frank Barnhart, UCWOC regional director who has fought so militantly on behalf of the Minneapolis drivers, was chairman of the meeting.

### 400,000 Back Drive

"Detroit was selected as the place to launch our nationwide organizing drive because in Michigan there are fifty thousand teamsters, the large majority of whom are now unorganized or who are eager to escape from the ruthless domination of the AFL Teamsters bosses," Brother Turner said.

"Today there are approximately 400,000 CIO members in Michigan who are willing and able to give the teamsters the protection they need and desire. . . . The officers of the CIO United Auto Workers under the leadership of R. J. Thomas have decided that a stop must be put to the raiding tactics and gangsterism of the AFL Teamsters officials in Michigan. . . ."

"And numerous members of the AFL Brewery Workers Union also are happy to know that the CIO executive council has opened the doors of the CIO for teamsters. They too have been made the victims of raids and attacks by the AFL Teamsters bosses. And they stand behind us in our organizing drive."

"We expect a bitter fight with the AFL teamster bosses. . . . but the Michigan teamsters are prepared to fight for their democracy and freedom and the UCWOC is standing 100 per cent behind them."

### Auto Workers Pledge Support

Turner told of the pledges of support to the CIO campaign among the motor transport drivers given by R. J. Thomas of the Auto Workers, Director Roy Scoggins of the CIO Dairy Workers, Jack Ellstein, acting manager of the Detroit Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the Michigan CIO State Industrial Council, etc.

He praised the men of Local 544-CIO for accepting Tobin's

### Flood Stassen With Letters Demanding Vote

Following 544-CIO's membership meeting Monday, motor transport and allied workers from every section of the industry began flooding Governor Stassen's office with letters and post cards demanding he grant them their democratic right to an election.

In response to an appeal from Local 544-CIO's staff for this action, drivers are eagerly writing the governor, telling him just what they think of the stalling tactics followed by him and Blair in holding up the elections, and demanding their right to vote.

If you haven't already written Governor Stassen, State Capitol, St. Paul, on this matter, sit down right now and tell him in your own words how you feel. If you aren't a member of 544-CIO but feel that the drivers are entitled to their right to vote on their union, tell Governor Stassen the facts and demand that he order Blair to grant an election. Act now!

challenge and standing up in defense of union democracy.

"You started something in Minneapolis which has the AFL racketeers trembling in their boots," Turner concluded. "Another blow like that—and the organization of the Michigan teamsters will be such a blow—will mean the crumbling of the AFL Teamsters Union as a national organization. You have made trade union history. Workers all over the United States are grateful to you. In days to come I am certain that Minneapolis will be celebrated as the birthplace of a great new industrial union."

Turner was applauded vigorously as he described the sweep of the CIO drive among the workers of Michigan and the nation.

The full text of Turner's report to Local 544-CIO's membership is printed on page two of this issue.

"Public sentiment here is swinging strongly to Local 544-CIO and its proposal for a democratic settlement of this dispute through elections," Chairman Barnhart told the meeting. "For a good many weeks we have sought to get Governor Stassen and his labor conciliator to grant us the election to which we are legally entitled. Hundreds of witnesses, under oath, testified to the hoodlum tactics of Tobin in attempting to force the Minneapolis drivers back into the AFL. The drivers want an election, and are entitled to it. So strong is public sentiment behind 544-CIO's election demand that I don't think Stassen and Blair can longer deny us our democratic rights."

David Shama, who with Gilbert Carlson is a legal representative of the union, lauded Blair for his delay in granting the elections. "For months Blair has had before him your straightforward proposal to cut through the red tape and settle this through an election. Now Blair has climbed on his next to hatch out something. Men Back on Jobs

"With three or four exceptions, all the men forced off the job by Tobin's hoodlums are now back to work," Shama reported. "The re-

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## We Made Minneapolis a Union Town - - - Let's KEEP IT That Way

# Draftees Have No Faith in Roosevelt's War

### LIFE Magazine Interviews Hundreds of Soldiers, Admits Morale Is Nonexistent—Draftees Resent Dictatorship of Brass Hats, Don't Want to Fight for Big Business

Napoleon, rightfully credited with being one of the world's military geniuses, once said "Morale is to materiel as three is to one."

The officials of the United States Army have many reasons these days to ponder and to study those words. For it is no longer a military secret that the morale of the draftee army of the United States is not good.

There are several very good reasons for this lack of morale. Lieutenant General Ben (Yoo Hoo!) Lear recently made this statement:

"... if the morale is not high, it is through no fault of our own. We have done everything within reason to promote the welfare and comfort of the trainees. If morale is poor, it is only because the morale of the people is poor."

General Lear means that the people of the United States—at least 75% of them—do not want to go to war. Neither, by the way, do the soldiers in the selectee army.

Witness the overwhelming dissatisfaction with which the draftees received news of the debate and the passage of the bill which lengthened their terms of service from one year to thirty months. One soldier, writing to a labor paper, says—

"During the period when congress was voting on the 18 month extension, the draftees were very tense. You get an idea how strong their feelings are about that bill if I tell you the fact that at least 50% of the soldiers in my company were talking about deserting after their year was up."

War Department Backs Up The War department hurriedly changed their plans, once they realized how strongly the soldiers themselves feel about the matter, by announcing that 200,000 draftees would be released in time for Christmas, and that all others could apply for release at the end of from fourteen to eighteen months.

Pearson and Allen, Washington correspondents who have a syndicated column "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" commented on August 8 an one of the crucial reasons for the low state of morale in the army. They said:

"... the War department has given the boys no conception of what is happening in the world, has made no attempt to show them why they are called upon to serve. It has fallen down on the one big weapon which makes a modern army fight."

Warriors will fight for any cause which they believe to be right. But the workers and the farmers in Uncle Sam's draftee army aren't very excited about the cause which the president and the other war-mongers have put forward as the reasons this country must go to war. They, or their fathers, went through the First "War to save the world for democracy." And they, and their fathers, have lived through the twenty odd years since that war ended. There is no belief in the "holy crusade" of Roosevelt, Churchill and Co.

### LIFE Admits Facts

Life Magazine had an article in its August 18th issue, an interview with hundreds of soldiers in a large, typical training camp. Life lists two important reasons for the low morale in the army.

"Not more than 5% of the men in this division believe that the emergency is as serious as President Roosevelt insists. They do not want to fight because they do not see any reason for fighting."

"A second reason for trouble is that the men have no faith in the officers who are commanding them... the men complain about junior and senior officers indiscriminately. They say most of them do not know their jobs. The officers argue with noncoms on tactical points and are frequently out-argued, losing the respect of the men."

Another draftee, also writing to a labor paper, says of this— "Because the soldiers realize what faces them in the future they are worried about the inadequacy of training, the incompetence of the officers and the lack of war equipment."

He also says that recently he had read an article dealing with the streamlining of the American army, i. e. the elimination of the close order drill, parade maneuvers, etc., and the replacement of these outmoded methods with modern "blitz" methods. He says—

"This elimination of close order drill may have taken place in some sections of the army—but it still goes in my company."

"We spend many, many hours learning the manual of arms, parade maneuvers, and going through the close order drill... the soldiers realize that this instruction has no relation to the efficiency in modern "blitz" warfare and they consider it a criminal waste of time."

"Most of the officers who give us instructions have only recently left civilian life and are not qualified for their jobs. The bulk of them come from the ROTC and

## 544-CIO Stewards Demand Stassen Grant Elections

"Labor never won anything in its life from the boss politicians," Regional UGWOC Director Frank Barnhart told the 125 job stewards who attended the 544-CIO stewards' meeting last Friday night. "Labor only gets the justice it organizes and fights for. State Labor Conciliator Blair is stalling our petition for elections because Blair knows the AFL hasn't a leg to stand on, and that the workers, once they are given their voice, will vote right to speak out, will roll up a huge victory for 544-CIO."

Barnhart told how the drivers in Detroit are tearing up their AFL cards and signing up with the CIO as fast as they can. He told how the drivers in Flint and Pontiac were flocking to the CIO and predicted 20,000 drivers in Michigan would be inside the CIO shortly.

Other speakers at the stewards' meeting were Harry DeBoer, Walter Brock and Farrell Dobbs. Brother DeBoer, who has been active for years in over-road work in the Middle West, gave the stewards the background of the situation in Iowa where today local after local is revolting against Tobin and joining the CIO United Construction Workers.

"You are going to be told that you're subject to court martial or death sentence you speak or think during the next year," he said. "When the Articles of War were first read, most of the fellows were literally thrown. There was a clause which forbids saying anything against the president. For weeks the soldiers at the mention of the President's name, would swear under their breaths. Then, one by one, they started to talk out loud."

"We're learning a lot about how to break strikes. Here's what one old sergeant told us in an introductory lesson on strike breaking—

"Well, men, now you're going to learn riot breaking. You'll learn certain formations for it. None of us like this task but it's something we've got to do. With all these strikes breaking out every day you can never tell when you'll be called for."

"Then he went on. 'Now you hold your rifle in this position with your largest hand, the bayonet is always aimed at an opponent's neck. When in this formation you march forward. Don't lunge at anybody... but if you're marching straight ahead and somebody bumps into your bayonet, it's not your fault.'

"(Continued next week)

## In Akron Indictments Here Hit by Labor Group

AKRON, OHIO—The Labor Institute, an organization composed of trade unionists and persons interested in the educational and development of the labor movement, is sponsoring a mass meeting protesting the arrest and indictment of twenty-nine workers in Minneapolis, the majority of them members and leaders of Local 544-CIO. The meeting will be held at the Institute headquarters, 84 West Market Street, Akron, on Friday, September 22nd, 8 p. m.

Martin Robbins, a representative of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, will speak on the history of Local 544 and its role in making Minneapolis a union town. The Labor Institute believes these arrests were made as a blow to labor, in an effort to smash one of the most militant and powerful unions in the country.

## David Clendenin Killed in Accident

David Clendenin, national secretary of the Workers Defense League, who had spoken several times in Minneapolis in connection with various labor defense cases and on behalf of the Southern sharecroppers, was killed last week in an auto accident near Phillipsburg, Kansas, while en route to the annual conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Clendenin, a graduate of Yale university, was active in the fight for civil liberties against Mayor Hague of Jersey City. Four years ago he chaired the first labor mass meeting held in Jersey City in defiance of Mayor Hague's ban on the CIO.

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## Two Danish Sailors Win Freedom

Christian Vindom and Kjeld Goth, the two young Danish sailors whom Carl Skoglund met while being held in the county jail by the immigration authorities, were finally released last Friday in the custody of Dr. and Mrs. Silas Andersen, a Danish couple living in Edina. The sailors plan to go to New York shortly to seek ship berths there.

The Minneapolis chapter of the National American Denmark association will furnish the two funds for subsistence and fare. Vindom and Goth were aboard a Polish vessel torpedoed by the Nazis. In England they signed aboard a British vessel bound for Halifax. They quit the ship in disgust and worked their way across Canada, being apprehended by immigration authorities at Noyes, Minnesota.

They have been held in the Hennepin county jail for three months. Carl Skoglund met them there, discovered they were good union men, and Local 544-CIO took up their cause. Brother ELM Hansen interested the local Danish community in the sailors' case, and the two finally won their release from jail.

This week they are seeing the sights of Minneapolis and being visited and aided by local Danes. Vindom and Goth look forward to returning to the sea on American vessels. Through their membership in the Scandinavian Seamen's Union, they will become members of the CIO National Maritime Union.

## Rents Rise 100% in Many Areas

Since March 30, 1940, steadily landlords in all parts of the United States have raised rents. In half of the communities surveyed, the average increase is more than 30 per cent.

This is a summary of the rent survey just completed by WFA. "In a number of cases," declared WFA Commissioner Howard Hunter, "the rent increases have been truly startling. THEY ARE HARBORING, THEREFORE, ON THE FAMILIES WHO ARE LEAST ABLE TO PAY. BECAUSE IN MOST INSTANCES THE INCREASES HAVE BEEN GREATEST ON THE POOREST AND CHEAPEST DWELLINGS."

In Washington, Iowa, the study showed, more than half the rents had been raised, with an average increase of 33 per cent. In Louisville, Kentucky, almost three-fourths were increased, THE AVERAGE INCREASE BEING 50 PER CENT.

In the small town of Swale, Florida, near Camp Meade, seven-tenths of the rents had been raised an average of 100 per cent. More than three-fourths of the rents in Houston, Texas, were up and the average was 67 per cent. In Leesville, Louisiana, almost three-fourths of the rents had been raised, the average amounting to 109 per cent. Rent increases were smaller and affected fewer dwellings in the New England and Eastern Atlantic states, and were larger and covered more dwellings in the Middle West and South.

## Tobin Rag Gets Cold Shoulder From Auto U

Clair Johnson, the Technocrat who is the secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis AFL Teamsters Council, has apparently been sending around to the labor paper posing an exchange with Tobin rag being published by Johnson's letter, in which he claims the Minnesota Teamster successor to the N.O.A. Organizer!

One of Johnson's letters mailed to the CIO Union Workers paper. Brother Raessler wrote across the letter, "NO SOAP mailed Johnson's letter to Industrial Organizer, with the suggestion we return it to the sender."

What puzzles us is why the Minnesota Teamster wants change with LABOR PAPER. The Tobin machine should be to its own field and exchange with the bosses. But the same red-baiting politician attitude to honest unionism.

## Union Demands Removal of Postmaster

The CIO National Union has demanded of the postmaster general J. G. Thomas, postmaster Charleston, S. C., be removed starting a blacklist of getting the union paper out of their hands.

Thomas recently ordered office clerks to compile a list of all people receiving union paper.

"Here, on the one hand, the government pledged defeat of fascism in Europe on the other hand, government officials carrying on fascist activities in this country. Spying readers by postoffice employes is an insult to the membership NMB and direct threats against the activities of Mr. Thomas are comparable only to those of the Gestapo," the union charged.

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## Revises the Spirit of 1914

WFA's Minneapolis Town—Let's Keep It From Being the Spirit of 1914

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# Detroit Drivers Swinging to CIO

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 going has been, the ONLY ROAD for you men, the ONLY ROAD for the drivers of this nation, is to get out of the clutches of Tobin. There is no other path to follow whereby you can defend your jobs and your working conditions, and receive wages that will permit you to cope with the rising cost of living.

"Your only other alternative would be to knuckle under to Tobin. Tobin means to lead you back down the long road to conditions as they existed in 1933—to long hours and starvation wages. Step by step, if they could get away with it, Tobin and Casey would force you backward, would join with the bosses in taking away from you what you have gained by militant struggle. This retrogression would continue at an ever faster pace.

"THE ONLY ANSWER TO TOBIN, THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE DRIVERS' PROBLEMS, IS TO BUILD THE CIO.

Dobbs described the resolution adopted by the last 544-CIO stewards' meeting placing all blame for whatever occurs in the Minneapolis transport industry squarely on the shoulders of Governor Stassen, and demanding of Stassen that he order Blair to grant an immediate election. He told of similar resolutions directed by the stewards to Mayor Kline and the Minneapolis aldermen.

Dobbs charged each member of the union with the responsibility to write a letter to Stassen demanding that he grant immediately the demand of Local 544-CIO for a democratic election.

The meeting, inspired by the progressive reports of the great CIO campaign among the nation's drivers, came to an enthusiastic close.

DAMN SMART PEOPLE, THESE CHINESE

In Shanghai transport workers once organized a strike in an unusual way. They went on running all trams and buses as usual—but simply refused to collect fares from the passengers. They thereby forced the owner, if they wished to avoid heavy losses, to incur the odium of stopping all transport themselves, while the employees remained ready to continue service.

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ing few cases are now before the Stassen of the National Labor Relations Board, who promises to act . . .

Stassen commission say you have no respect for Stassen labor law. I want to you that I have no respect for administration of that law. (The Stassen commission in their unfair reports don't one word about the fact that AFL filed dozens of strike notices FOR YOUR PETITIONS, FOR CERTIFICATION BUT ELECTIONS, WERE PENDING.)

**Its TJC Committee**

The audience hugely enjoyed the Ray Rainbolt's recital of personal histories of AFL To- officials Clair Johnson, Joe are, Larry Davidson, and Gene recently appointed by the in Teamsters Council to help "544"-AFL on its feet.

The last speaker, Brother Far- Dobbs, summarized the inspir- developments of the week. CIO in Michigan has the es and the experience in battle take Tobin to town in short " he said. "The action of Detroit drivers in joining the will have an immediate effect throughout the Middle West. This campaign will sweep like a prairie through Tobin's deceit and moded union . . .

Dobbs called the membership's tion to the fact that no soon had the CIO launched its na- wide campaign in Michigan a Tobin called a special meet- of all his goons in Chicago, try to figure out what to do.

referring to Shama's reference Blair, Dobbs said that "Biddy is sitting on his nest, trying hatch out a miscarriage called bin union."

**O Is Only Answer**  
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# Aid to 544-CIO Backed By St. Louis CIO Unions

A strong resolution calling for financial aid to Local 544-CIO in its fight for democratic industrial unionism, and protesting the use of the FBI against labor, has been adopted by the powerful CIO St. Louis Industrial Union Council.

Following is the text of the resolution adopted by the CIO in St. Louis at its meeting August 27th:

WHEREAS, Minneapolis Local 544-CIO Motor Transport Workers Union, representing approximately 5,000 members, voted on June 9th to transfer its affiliation from the AFL Teamsters International Union into the CIO, and

WHEREAS, the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, as a result of the request made by these workers, issued a charter to them, and

WHEREAS, the AFL Teamsters, under the direction of President Dan Tobin, has imported a large number of representatives into the city of Minneapolis for the purpose of intimidating these workers who have joined the CIO, and

WHEREAS, the employers involved have joined with the AFL in a campaign of intimidation and coercion designed to deny such workers the right of selecting a union of their own choosing, and

WHEREAS, Local 544-CIO is desperately in need of financial aid to continue their struggle for a strong democratic industrial union,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the St. Louis Industrial Union Council, and all CIO affiliates in the St. Louis district, go on record in favor of rendering financial assistance to Local 544-CIO in their attempt to select a collective bargaining agency of their own free choice,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we protest the use of any government agencies and particularly the FBI, to be used to oppress or harass any labor organization in the pursuit of their legitimate activities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all CIO Unions respond liberally to such appeal and immediately forward their contribution to the CIO Council office—325 Title Guaranty Building,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Local 544-CIO, to the chairman of the UCWOC and to Mr. Philip Murray, President of the CIO and the press.

# Michigan Drivers Stream Into CIO; 544-CIO Membership Cheers Report

Following is the text of the report made to 544-CIO's membership meeting Monday by C. Russell Turner, assistant to UCWOC Chairman A. D. Lewis. Brother Turner flew to Minneapolis from Detroit to bring a first-hand report of the thousands of drivers throughout Michigan who are cracking Tobin's craft-union dictatorship and joining up with the CIO:

I am very happy to be able to speak to you tonight. I have just come from Detroit, Michigan, where the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee last week launched a nationwide drive to bring all teamsters under the banner of the CIO and it was principally your action in riding yourselves of the shackles of the American Federation of Labor that caused this organizing drive to be launched.

Teamsters throughout the United States are sick and tired of the racketeering methods and dictatorship of the AFL, and your courage and success in breaking this domination has been an inspiration that is sweeping across the country. Teamsters everywhere look toward Minneapolis and you men for leadership. You have set an example which they all desire to follow.

And let me tell you that the CIO stands solidly behind you and your democratically elected officers and will support you in all your endeavors.

And the CIO stands solidly behind the drive we have launched to organize all the teamsters in the United States in the Motor Transport Division of the UCWOC. You have shown that it can be done, it will be done. When you workers decided to join the CIO you sounded the death knell of the old AFL Teamsters Union.

Already several thousands of teamsters throughout the United States have swung over to the CIO because you gave them the courage to cut loose from the shackles of the AFL, and many more thousands will be taken into the CIO within the very near future.

**Nationwide Drive Launched**

Detroit, Michigan, was selected as the place to launch our nationwide organizing drive because in Michigan there are fifty thousand teamsters, the large majority of whom are now unorganized or who are eager to escape from the ruthless domination of the AFL teamsters bosses.

The Michigan Teamsters who belong to the AFL have little to say about the way their union is run. And if they rise on the union floor to express their opinion they are called out of order or are shouted down or are thrown bodily out of their own union meeting by AFL hoodlums.

Michigan Teamsters are soaked in exorbitant initiation fees and are plattered with assessments whenever the AFL Teamsters bosses want more money to play with.

And whenever they step out of line and defy the AFL teamster dictators they are attacked by mobs or sluggers. In the past they have remained AFL only because they had no protection from these vicious assaults.

**Drivers Want CIO**

Today there are approximately 100,000 CIO members in Michigan who are willing and able to give the teamsters the protection they need and desire. And as a consequence our Michigan offices have been visited by almost 5,000 Teamsters who begged to be taken into the CIO and who urged the CIO to organize all Michigan teamsters.

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domination of the AFL racketeers.

We have the solid support of the UAW-CIO Locals throughout the state and many of them are giving us assistance in organizing the Teamsters.

The workers in the automobile plants who make the cars all belong to the CIO. The CIO is rapidly organizing automobile dealers throughout the nation. And the workers are asking why the men who drive the cars away are covered by AFL contracts when the large majority of them wish to belong to the CIO. Now that we are able to provide them with protection they are rapidly signing CIO membership cards and should the AFL Teamsters bosses send out their hoodlums to interfere with these workers peacefully carrying on their duties the flying squadrons of the UAW-CIO automobile locals will be on hand to take care of these paid sluggers. Joseph F. Pagano, National assistant welfare director of the Auto Workers Union and Secretary of the Detroit and Wayne County CIO industrial union council already has warned the AFL Teamsters officials that the UAW and the CIO in Michigan will not tolerate any gangsterism that may be used to interfere with the UCWOC organizing drive.

Already there has been a great response on the part of the Michigan teamsters in this section of the CIO to organize teamsters throughout the nation.

**Campaign Sweeps Michigan**

In Detroit several thousand teamsters have indicated their desire to belong to the CIO.

In Lansing, Michigan, capital of the state, where the Oldsmobile plant is located, we also have made considerable gains.

And teamsters in Flint, Pontiac and Monroe have informed us that they would like join the CIO.

There are so many teamsters throughout the nation who have grown weary of the oppression of the AFL leaders that we could no longer turn our back upon them and forbid them from entering that great home of the working people, the CIO, along with six million other workers of our country. That is why the CIO Executive Board about two months ago approved issuing CIO charters to teamster groups. And the full resources of the UCWOC to make our drive successful to organize the teamsters throughout the country have been pledged by A. D. Lewis, Chairman of the Construction Workers Organization.

**AFL Crumbling**

This nation-wide drive which we have launched in Michigan will break the backbone of the AFL racketeers and will end sell-outs and back door agreements which have been inflicted upon so many teamsters.

Your affiliation with the CIO was a terrible blow to the AFL.

You started something which they stand trembling in their boots.

Another blow like that—and the organization of the Michigan teamsters will be such a blow—will mean the crumbling of the AFL teamsters union as a national organization and will weaken all AFL unions in our country.

That is why we expect a fight to the bitter end, and that is why we know we will not be fighting only against the AFL teamsters officials in Michigan but against the AFL executive council as a whole.

But we are prepared and we will be victorious in the end. Of this I am very confident.

In truth, we did not ask for this battle. We stand for the unity of all the working people of this country. But we cannot stand by and permit a few greedy and power-hungry men to exploit hundreds of thousands of workers for their own personal gain. When our brothers come to us and ask our assistance we cannot turn them away from our door and let them continue a life of oppression and suffering. That cannot be the way of the CIO.

As I understand it, we are not fighting another trade union, when we accept members of the AFL teamsters into the CIO, because the AFL teamsters organization has become more of a racket to exploit the workers than it has a union organization. And we cannot leave hundreds of thousands of workers to the mercy of a crowd of racketeers.

The teamsters are workers and the CIO is an organization of working people and the CIO will give its benefits and its protection to any worker who desires to sign a CIO membership card. This is a free country and certainly an American worker should be permitted to belong to the organization of his choice.

**AFL Can't Win**

The AFL leaders can and

probably will throw everything they have into this struggle to prevent the Michigan teamsters from coming into the CIO but they can't win because the workers want the CIO. The AFL has maddened along too long and has not provided the teamsters with those things which every good and honest trade union should offer. These workers are going to obtain these things which they need through the CIO.

To show you just how our announcement has united all the forces of the AFL against the UCWOC organizing drive I want to read you what the AFL teamsters a short time ago said of Frank X. Martel, President of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, who today is their sweetheart and chief protector in Detroit. What I am going to read you is from a leaflet issued by the AFL teamsters during their fight with the Brewery Workers Union.

"Frank X Martel has put a new smudge on his already tarnished reputation by rendering a so-called honest arbitration decision—All underhanded and irresponsible actions falling, the unfair employers and the lawless workers union officials pulled their marked card out of a sacked deck—Frank X Martel—Local 271 refuses to be browbeaten by dishonest arbitration and underhanded actions . . ."

Today Frank X. Martel is the chief spokesman for the very men who wrote this leaflet concerning him. So you see that not only the AFL teamsters but the entire AFL is very frightened by this organizing drive which was launched as a result of your coming into the CIO.

**Greatest CIO Drive Since Auto**

This organizing drive which we launched last week in the city of Detroit is the greatest union drive since the CIO automobile workers union was started. It was really born here in Minneapolis by you men who formerly were members of Local 544 of the AFL. And your action will go down in labor history as the deed which really started the downfall of the American Federation of Labor.

And another matter I want to speak to you about—What's the matter with this man Blair who is supposed to be the labor conciliator for the state? CIO councils all over the United States have their eyes upon the outcome of this election and still with all the pressure that has been brought to bear upon the state and Blair especially, acting as an agent of the State, Local 544 has been unable to have an election yet. Why is Blair stalling? Is he paid by the AFL? Or has he received instructions from some higher ups not to permit the CIO elections? Or is he afraid that the CIO will win the election if and when he permits it?

We have undertaken a big task. We are prepared to do the job. Six million organized workers stand behind us. The Teamsters throughout the country are looking toward us for their freedom. We cannot let them down. We will not let them down. We are going full speed ahead and I am sure that we will be victorious.

When I return to Detroit I am going to bring your greetings to those workers who are just starting the battle which you already have won. And I am going to tell them that you stand behind them and will support them so that they may at last enjoy the benefits of a democratic union under the banner of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

I am confident that the next time I come to Minneapolis we can celebrate together some great victories that will be won with your support in the near future.

**Praises Men of 544**

I am proud that you workers are a part of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee. And I am glad that I have had the privilege of speaking to you tonight.

You have made trade union history. Workers all over the United States are grateful to you.

In the days to come I am certain that Minneapolis will be celebrated as the birthplace of a great Industrial Union.

One hundred and forty-eight years ago 11 of the 14 states then in the Union ratified the Bill of Rights embodying the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. Only recently did Massachusetts ratify the Bill of Rights, followed by Georgia. When Connecticut was called upon to do the same the Republicans blocked a move to make it unanimous. "If we've waited all these years," mused Rep. George E. Jones of West Hartford, "what's the hurry now?"

# Soak-the-Poor Tax Program Opposed by Labor Editors

Lowering of the federal income tax base to include \$15-a-week unmarried workers is strongly opposed by labor, the latest Federated Press Monthly Poll of Labor Editors reveals. Only 7% of the participating editors favored lower exemptions, while 54% call for higher exemptions, with the difference in revenue to be made up by "increased taxes on corporate profits and personal incomes above \$10,000."

Roosevelt's program of new excise or special sales taxes was disapproved by a vote of 4 to 1.

Typical of the expressions from labor editors on the soak-the-rich tax program are the following:

"No further taxes on lower-income groups should be levied until all excess profits of monopolies and war industries have been taken by the government."—AFL Union Gazette, San Jose, Calif.

"Lowered tax exemptions fall on working people. They didn't start this war and will not benefit from it."—W. W. Britton, AFL Metal Polisher Buffer and Plater.

"Democracy in taxation means raising the money from those best able to pay—rather than from those least able to squawk. Let's practice democracy while we defend it."—Sam Hall, Southern News Almanac.

"Any war the present government enters would be an imperialist war, fought on behalf of the wealthy. Let them pay for it."—Carlos Hudson, Industrial Organizer, CIO.

"Soak the rich, tax the corporations."—Dick Engler, Buffalo Union Leader, CIO.

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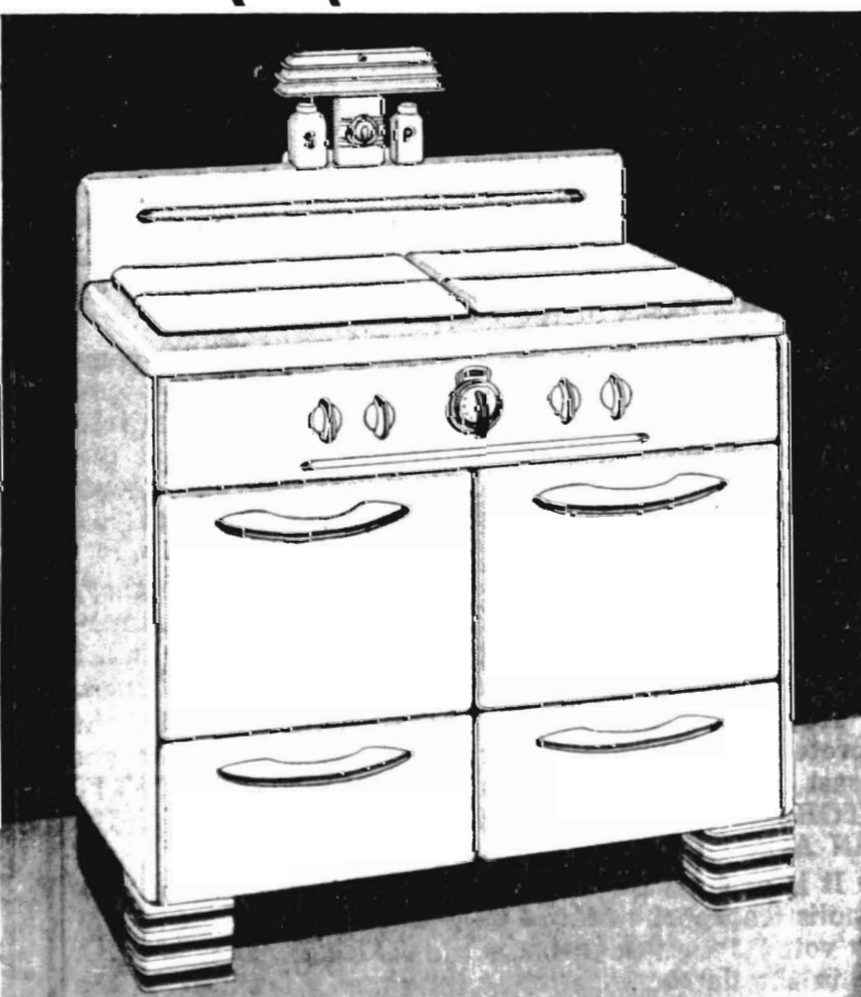
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# CIO Tidal Wave Engulfing Tobin

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**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

CIO Drivers Union, started several months ago, gaining membership and strength daily. CIO sentiment strong among drivers throughout Texas.

**AUSTIN, MINNESOTA**

CIO Drivers Union grown by 300% in past two months. Tobin's goon squad campaign fails to drive men back into AFL. Dozen transfer drivers forced to pay dues to Tobin, now coming into CIO. Austin will be the first 100% town in the nation. Workers fed up to the teeth with AFL craft union corruption and denial of democracy to workers.

**SAN FRANCISCO**

Storm clouds of revolt gathering within AFL Drivers movement. Inquiries come to CIO headquarters for aid in breaking out of Tobin straitjacket. Drivers hope Sellout Casey stays away from Frisco indefinitely.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

CIO Drivers Union of several thousand members consolidating its gains after winning recent strike. Drivers hauling timbers to mines in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland continue to flock to CIO. Set goal of 20,000 CIO drivers in this area within year. Two fulltime organizers on job.

**EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY**

CIO Sanitary Drivers win new contract calling for \$3 weekly wage increase. Affiliated with CIO Motor Transport Workers Local 127.

**NEW YORK CITY**

Ranks of Tobin unions seething with resentment against craft union corruption. CIO sentiment gaining ground daily. Ground being laid for big breakaway to CIO.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**

CIO Industrial Union Council votes full support to Local 544-CIO, to CIO campaign among motor transport drivers. St. Louis drivers send delegation to CIO for advice and aid.

**COFFEENVILLE, KANSAS**

Entire AFL local swings over to CIO. Despite desperate moves of Tobin goon squads and ref-baiting squeals from the Indianapolis Dictator, the Coffeenville drivers hang tight with the CIO. Coffeenville move starts CIO mountain drive throughout Kansas which is destined to bury Tobinism in that state and area. "Tobin is done here. The day has passed when the craft-union inefficiency and racketeering symbolized by the Tobin brand of unionism will be tolerated by the American drivers. Those braying you still hear from Indianapolis constitute Tobin's swan song."

## CIO Is the Only Road

Under Local 544's fighting leadership, the Minneapolis motor transport and allied workers have traveled a long way from the Open Shop days of 1933. The ONLY ROAD along which the great gains made can be defended and consolidated and new gains won is through the road Local 544 which is today a part of the great modern industrial union movement of the CIO.

If anything has become clear in the past two years, it is that Tobin (and the whole AFL bureaucracy, for that matter) is willing to subordinate EVERYTHING in the labor movement to support of Roosevelt's war program. Not only is Tobin willing, he INSISTS that the vital membership of the AFL Teamsters subordinate their needs and demands to the war machine.

Tobin takes this reactionary stand despite the rising tide of prices, the crushing new taxes imposed upon the workers, and in the face of the swollen war profits lining the coffers of Big Business throughout the nation. Scores of big corporations are today making more profits than ever before in their history, and could show big profits if they doubled and tripled the wages of their workers. All this means nothing to Tobin. He still insists that the workers accept an ever-lowering standard of living as they grind out war profits for the bosses.

John L. Lewis, on the other hand, symbolizes the determination of the CIO to build the union movement in spite of war, in spite of the government.

This aim to protect the workers was exemplified in the Labor Day message of Chairman A. D. Lewis of the United Construction Workers: "Members of the UCWOC pledge themselves anew on this Labor Day to energetically carry on in the great CIO tradition until all American workers have the opportunity to join the union of their own choosing and to protect and advance their welfare. WE SHALL CONTINUE THIS DRIVE FOR AN AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL DE-

# Famed Novelist Warns Proposed Frame-up Of 544-CIO, SWP Mocks Democracy

"Already, before we've even started shooting at the enemy, the Administration... has committed a number of acts that tend to put the bases of self-government in jeopardy. The prosecution of the Minnesota truck drivers is far the outstanding example."

So writes John Dos Passos, famous American novelist, in his lengthy letter in the September 6th NATION. "To a Liberal in Office"—obviously to Roosevelt's new Attorney General, Francis Biddle.

After citing the facts behind the federal indictment of the leaders and active members of Local 544-CIO, and of the Socialist Workers Party, Dos Passos asks if this is not "a situation in which the government undermines at home those very freedoms for which it is asking the British to make every sacrifice abroad?"

"You must remember the Palmer raids, the deportation deliriums, the crushing of the I.W.O., the Sacco-Vanzetti case, all the terrible pervasions of justice after the last war that made American democracy a mockery to a whole generation of young men. Is it all going to happen again? Is the same lack of whole-hearted principle that wrecked Woodrow Wilson's crusade to set the world straight going to destroy the present Administration too?"

**Much Depends Upon Case**  
"A great deal of the history of the next few years depends on whether the Administration will recognize that it has made a mistake in this case. If it is allowed to go ahead, the prestige of government will become involved in getting these men in jail and keeping them there. And a precedent will have been set that bodes ill for this country's liberties. . . . The conviction of these union leaders in St. Paul where even the language of the indictment has the peculiar wist of Stalin's famous frame-ups in Moscow will be a severe moral blow to the American cause. . . . The effects will snow-bell."

**Is Famed Novelist**  
John Dos Passos, author of the above open letter, has been one of the leading American novelists for a score of years. His books helped teach a whole generation of Americans to distrust the shams and fakery of the bosses' First World War and of Big Business and the governments that carried on that war.

Informed workers will have far less confidence in the good intentions of the Department of Justice since Dos Passos today has. Though today a mild liberal who supports the bosses' Second World War, Dos Passos recognizes in the government's prosecution of Local 544-CIO and the Socialist Workers Party a frame-up, and it is to his credit that he openly opposes the injustice that threatens.

## California Auto Workers Back CIO Aid to 544-CIO

A resolution that the "national CIO leaders give full support to Local 544-CIO" in its fight against the Tobin hoodlums has been adopted by the big Chrysler Local 330 of the United Auto Workers in California.

Text of the resolution, adopted August 21, follows:

WHEREAS, the AFL Teamsters Local 544 of Minneapolis, known nationally for its record of militancy and solidarity, has recently affiliated with the CIO and has received a charter from A. D. Lewis to start a new CIO organizing drive among the motor transport and allied workers throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, President Philip Murray has stated that the action taken by the membership of Local 544 and the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee in chartering this union is in complete accord with the policies of the national CIO; and

WHEREAS, the AFL has concentrated hundreds of hoodlums in Minneapolis and is conducting a campaign of violence and goon squads to deprive the membership of Local 544 the right to decide for themselves, in a free and democratic manner, the right to choose a union of their own choosing; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council, CIO, go on record welcoming Local 544 into the CIO and request the national CIO leaders to give full support to these new members in their fight against the desperate AFL craft unionists; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Philip Murray, President, CIO, and to A. D. Lewis, Chairman, UCWOC.

## SPLIT CRAFT UNION BACKWARDNESS OR EMPLOYER OPPOSITION?

Only a fool or a crack will pretend that it is possible today to remain in Tobin's organization and deny the unionism and union goals. Tobin, one of the heads of the Democratic Party and a prominent member of the hypocritically named "Fight for Freedom Committee," is part and parcel of the boss war machine. Tobin long ago made his choice between the union movement and the boss war machine. He has shown unionism to the winds and all the power and prestige of his position in the AFL is thrown AGAINST the workers. Just like the bosses, Tobin is determined to be the workers' enemy to deprive them of their right to strike, to force them to accept, without compensating wage increases, the rising costs of living and the growing tax burden that will soon weigh like an Alp upon the backs of the toilers.

THIS is why Tobin tried to force through his compulsory arbitration program at the last NLT convention. Defeated by the convention, Tobin put his program through by arbitrary decree. THIS is why Tobin has launched a plague of new strikes throughout his organization. THIS is why Tobin declared war on Local 544 and the Minneapolis drivers.

Tobin, together with the whole AFL bureaucracy, is seeking to destroy all possibilities by which the American workers might be free to defend themselves against the encroachments of the war and the boss war machine.

How can a worker stay in Tobin's union and fight to protect his union conditions, fight to keep his wages above the zooming cost of living? HE CAN'T DO IT IN TOBIN'S UNION ANY MORE THAN HE COULD DO IT IN A BOMB.

It is because the overwhelming majority of the Minneapolis transport workers understand Tobin's game that they voted June 9th to leave the AFL and join the CIO. Within the democratic industrial union movement of the CIO, with its more progressive ideas, workers can still find the freedom to organize and fight for the things they and their families need to live decent lives.

To remain in Tobin's union is to condemn oneself and one's family to a shrinking pay envelope and to gradual starvation and pauperism. As a cog in the boss war machine, Tobin is determined to force the workers into industrial slavery.

THERE IS NO OTHER ROAD TODAY FOR THE DRIVERS OF AMERICA THAN TO LEAVE TOBIN'S ORGANIZATION AND TO JOIN THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT OF THE CIO. A growing realization of this truth explains the mass exodus from Tobin's set-up today, and the sweeping success of the CIO in organizing the nation's motor transport drivers.

# NLRB Election at Honeywell For 1,800 Production Men

The National Labor Relations Board will conduct election this Thursday, September 11th, among the production workers of the Minneapolis Honeywell plant. The granting of an election comes as a hard blow to company-dominated AFL craft unions, which have played an unsavory and reactionary role at Honeywell.

A year and a half ago the United Electrical Workers, a successful organization pained at Honeywell. A CIO last spring won substantial for the workers.

The AFL, which had stood by for years and permitted company to exploit mercenary Honeywell workers, recently peddled into the Honeywell situation the basis of an all-out baiting campaign and with help of the management, the sought to organize the plant AFL charter was issued to company union. Like various various AFL craft unions and the picture and started small groups of employees. The Printing Pressmen and Typers are claiming individual workers. By their actions give the workers a foretaste of fate in store for them should AFL succeed in disrupting CIO campaign. The AFL split the Honeywell workers a en ways and leave them helpless before the boss.

**CIO Has 78%**  
Fortunately for the welfare the Honeywell workers, the is making little progress in craft-union raids. The CIO 1145 represents 70% of the ers and is gaining recruits daily.

William Wright, aided by ter Slaughter and Sellout Joeey, led the AFL splitting paign.

Local 544-CIO, in a letter Local 1145, has pledged com solidarity "to meet this outal of the AFL which is becom more and more violent in its petate attempts to preserve discredited and antiquated union system."

All Honeywell workers urged to vote CIO in the el August 14th.

These were 500,000 unemployed in Mexico during the winter of 1933—in a population of one million. There was and is no form of relief for these starving workers. They beg for their miserable subsistence on the streets. And they sleep on these same streets—literally on the streets. During the early part of the night it is dangerous to drive in the city because of the unemployed who lay down on the sidewalk to seek up some of the warmth left by the sun. When that heat is exhausted, they retreat to the sides of the buildings where they huddle in their blankets until morning.

One of the United States' colonial possessions, Porto Rico, reflects even more graphically the signs of imperialism. This island has been robbed of its natural wealth, its inhabitants exploited into direct poverty. A sailor who has been on a coasts-ship runs for the past seven months, and who has visited most of the principal ports of Porto Rico, tells of the conditions he has seen:

"Whole families live together in one-room shack crowded on muddy streets, that are foul with sewage, refuse and pools of stagnant water. Swarms of children play amidst this filth or hang around the garbage begging 'give a penny' of American tourists. . . . longshoremen who come aboard the ship were all barefooted. They hung around the galley for left-over scraps from the crew's table. These longshoremen are among the highest paid workers on the island. . . . Hundreds of prostitutes row the water and 'night clubs' on the water front. This is one of the few means of making a living open to most folk. The water industry which employs women is a segment industry, which pays \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour. There is widespread unemployment in this industry."

They hate the Americans, especially the tourists. They have realistic outlook on the boom in employment caused the erection of a series of dromes circling the island. They do not thank Uncle Sam this "benevolence." They do want to serve in the Army or the Navy. They have no home for which to fight, nor any dom.

These workers have the granted the "vote" but be found it useful only for their own. They see the want to the person who promises the most, hope that somebody they will not be a man who keeps from them—hoping, but expecting.

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Never judge a book by movie.—J. W. EGAN.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE	Thursday, September 18—Test and Answering Newspaper, 10 a. m.
Monday, September 1—Labor Day	Friday, September 19—Job Stewards
Wednesday, September 3—Sausage Party	Monday, September 22—Spring
Thursday, September 4—Greenhouse: Independent Truck Owners	Tuesday, September 23—Building Material
Friday, September 5—Job Stewards	Thursday, September 25—Transfer and Warehouse: Wholesale Drug
Monday, September 8—General Membership	Friday, September 26—Cold Storage and Produce
Tuesday, September 9—Lumber	Seniority Committee meets Tuesday at 7 p. m. Greenhouse
Wednesday, September 10—Market: Wholesale Liquor	Friday at 7 p. m. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
Friday, September 12—Wholesale Grocery	Ice Drivers—2nd Monday, September 23, Day Laborers
Sunday, September 14—Over-the-road city pickup, dockmen and road drivers who come under the area contract, 2 p. m.	Warehousemen—2nd Tuesday, September 23, Stevedores, 4th Street, day, September 23
Monday, September 15—Furniture Store; Coal; Paper and Printing	

## That Casey Contract

Shamefacedly, eighteen days after Local 544-CIO had published and exposed the sellout contract Casey and the grocery bosses are trying to shove down the men's throats, the Minnesota Teamster finally prints at the bottom of page six of their last issue the Casey grocery contract.

Casey claims the contract isn't such a sellout as we claimed, and asks the drivers to compare it with our version. By all means, we urge every driver and warehouseman to compare the two contracts. A comparison will only convince you we told the exact truth about Casey's contract and the way in which it sold the men down the river.

In an attempt to win back the drivers who threw the sellout contract in his face, Casey's sheet now publishes it, with a fine pretense at "democracy." In an effort to make the sellout more palatable, the carpetbaggers have suckholed around the bosses and got their agreement to change the contract in unimportant particulars, and in such a way that the bosses don't give anything away and the men's demands are still unmet. Brief sections dealing with seniority and with weekly hours have been modified since the original contract (which 544-CIO published) was signed. Left untouched, however, are the main sections of the sellout contract, the vile compulsory arbitration clause, the striking wage clause, the bulk of the seniority clause, etc. Tobin's publication of the contract only reinforces our criticism of the sellout.

With a hypocritical air of democratic virtue, the Minnesota Teamster says it will publish other contracts too—"as time and space permit."

Maybe. But this belated pretense at democracy does not erase the fact that the Tobin machine tried to shove the Casey sellout contracts down the throats of the men, and that the contracts were signed behind the men's backs and without their consent.

**Tobin's Sleight-of-Hand**  
In a desperate effort to take the men's minds off the sellout contracts, "544"-AFL called a meeting the other night to discuss "sick and death benefits," which is always Tobin's answer to the demand of the workers for decent wages and conditions. After a long and extremely disorderly discussion, during which drivers frequently attempted to bring up the question of Casey's sellout contracts, the whole matter of sick and death benefits was referred to Raw Deal Neal and his hand-picked executive board.

The Minneapolis drivers and warehousemen understand the meaning of this bluster about sick and death benefits. They have already named it "Tobin's Bank Night." They know very well it is only a device to trick them into paying higher dues and more frequent assessments, to try to divert them from the main business of securing decent contracts. "Tobin is trying to make us think he is going to put on a Bank Night. He thinks he can make us forget the sellout contracts," many workers said after the AFL meeting Monday. More than one AFL steward said he was turning in his AFL bit and coming back to the real 544.

Incidentally, the fact that the AFL meetings are invariably disorderly is no accident. Disorder is deliberately provoked by the quislings and carpetbaggers as a method to prevent the membership from asking embarrassing questions and from expressing themselves on the substantial and convincing policies of Tobin and his agents.

Seeing that their "sick-and-death benefit" rackets didn't go over at Monday's meeting, the Tobin hoodlums are now circulating rumors that Tobin is going to permit "544"-AFL to have an election in the near future. This is nothing but sucker-bait. The whole sordid history of Tobin receiverships shows that a Tobinized union never is permitted the right to elect its own officials. This talk about elections in the AFL is just another fake proposal to take the men's minds off the sellout contracts.

The drivers are not fooled by Neal's smug promises to print the contracts, by the sick-and-death benefit device, or by the lie that Tobin is going to permit the Minneapolis drivers some democracy. These things are only calculated as a cover-up for the sellout contracts. What the Minneapolis drivers need are decent contracts and substantial wage boosts. They'll never get them from Tobin. Only through Local 544-CIO can the motor transport drivers and allied workers obtain their demands.

## Eighty-three Days

Eighty-three days ago, on June 20th, Local 544-CIO filed its petitions for democratic elections with Stassen's labor conciliator, Blair. As we go to press, Stassen and Blair have STILL refused to grant the motor transport drivers and allied workers of Minneapolis their democratic right to an election.

Only a month ago, the Minneapolis Honeywell workers, through their union, the CIO United Electrical Workers Local 1145, filed a petition for an election with the National Labor Relations Board. Over the objections of the AFL craft-union skates, the NLRB has correctly granted the workers' demand for an election, and today that election is taking place.

No clearer evidence is needed to brand Stassen-Blair as guilty of a foul conspiracy to deprive the Minneapolis drivers of their legal rights and to aid Tobin to drive the motor transport workers with club and gun back into the AFL.