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"Mayor Shields of Johnstown and

Citizens' Committee Heads to Testify This Week—In the three sessions already held the board directed its attack on the company on the score of its alleged domination of the employes representational plan. The board attorneys brought out through the testimony of mill employes that they received regular wages while attending meetings, that the company prepared minutes of the meetings, etc."-New York Times.

derful thing-for the bosses. "The Research Tax Institute of America," a confidential bulle tin sent out to its members, has this to recommend to the bosses: "The company union can be divorced from the company and incorporated. It can then logically curry public support, em-ployee approval and employers' blessings by pointing out that by incorporating, it has accepted liability for its contracts, whereas other unions may be finan-cially irresponsible." Just one big happy family.

"The activities of the Trotskyists in the various trade unions in the United States such as Minnesota, the Marine Workers Union on the West Marine Workers Union on the West Coast and in Toledo and other places were always of a treacherous charac-ter, resulting in either weakening of the strike or an attempt at betrayal of the workers."-Daily Worker.

While the Stalinists have been occupied trying to build People's Fronts, people's lobbies and peace organizations, the progressive unions in Minneapolis have not only made Minneapolis a union town, but the best union town in the United States and that in spite of all the Stalinists that have been imported into the city to break up these unions.

"The new-born Democratic organ "The new-born Democratic organization headed by Franklin Roosevelt has been gradually becoming all that the third-party forces, the Farmer-Laorites and the progressives, could hope for—and their increasingly close identification with it indicates that they beam its real significance. It they know its real significance. can assure labor far more than labor could hope for in a party of its own. If it marches in closed ranks with these natural allies the danger of a fascist movement arising will remain remote."—Common Sense.

Yes, yes, yes, the Popular Front in Spain definitely prevented a fascist movement from arising. The sad truth is that third-party forces could hope for -that is, in every crisis it has stabbed labor in the back, as every party in power, Democratic or Labor Party, is bound to do under capitalism. The New Deal governor in Pennsylvania was a od enough "friend" of labor to turn the troops into scab herders in the recent steel strike The New Deal governor of Michigan was a good enough "friend" of labor to draft a law curbing mass picketing, every strike's main weapon. The New Deal Democrats of Chicago were "friendly" enough to order their cops out for a special massacre to celebrate Memorial Day.

HARK! COAL DRIVERS!
All coal drivers and yard men
must report to their respective
companies before November 1, to
inform the companies as to whether they plan to work during the
coal season. If this is not done,
coal workers will lose their seniority rights. Attend to this, without
fail, before November 1.

North Central Drivers Council WOODWORKERS Work Progresses into Iowa

Marshalltown Local of 150 Members Receives Charter; Mankato Wins Pact With Gas Line

Though the quarterly conference of the North Central Drivers Council occupies the center of the stage, organization work is going on right up to the eve of the meeting. Marshalltown, Mankato, Albert Lea, St. Cloud and Winona were visited by Council representatives. Last Sunday Karl Skoglund spoke to the Drivers local in Marshalltown, Iowa. This unit, which already has about 150 members, got its charter from the Internal already has about 150 members, got its charter from the International last week. It will be represented by a delegate to the NCDDC meeting. News has come that the Drivers union in Des Moines has increased its member.

ship from 200 to 1,500 in the last year. Winona reports about 700 members, Mankato, 300, Red Wing, 150, and Waseca, 100. RELIEF PROGRAM

Pat Corcoran met with the Man-Justice McCooey, of the Appelate Division, granted an injunction restraining picketing around the restaurant of Joseph Sartori. As the result of this injunction and its "violation" 32 members of the Wijoseph Sartori. kato unit Monday night. This local now has signed 31 contracts. Its lat-

Tom Barden of Waseca reported 27 why he should not be permanently enjoined from punishing strikers progress of union work there. Barto the Mankato meeting on the steady den, together with one more driver, will represent Waseca in Hibbing.

the Great American Tea company may be extended into southern Min-nesota and Iowa within the near fu-

Watertown, South Dakota, has sent word that it will be represented in Hibbing with at least 2 delegates.

The Winona local is now negotia-ting with the wholesale grocers. If a settlement is not forthcoming immediately, there may be a strike on there before this appears in print.

Electrical Workers To Hold Skeet Shoot

The entertainment committee of Electrical Workers Local 292 invites all union members and their friends Gun Club. The club is located two miles outside of Robbinsdale on the new highway.

So that all who attend may participate, there will be three skeet and straightaway ranges, and one monkey skeet range. The management of the club will have a professional trap shooter on the grounds to give instruction and pointers to those shooters new to the game.

257 Dressed Up With Drapes an' Everything

The Radio Section of Electrical dows, which greatly improve the ap-Workers Local 292 wiped the slate pearance of the huge room. The stage three of the nation's battles WDGY strike is concerned. George the same material, a brown plaid de-Jacobsen, chief engineer, went back sign.

Is also now framed in curtains of the same material, a brown plaid de-Militant pickets continues. Militant pickets continue to take the Workers Union, Local 21,291, an A.

Jacobsen received \$45 weekly for hallway adjacent to the door has been \$1 or one day in jail, on September \$1 for special roasters. Average waseven weeks he was out. Effect added to the office occupied jointly 10. They chose to serve the one day. ges now range between 55c and 75c. tive last Saturday, he will receive the \$15 weekly increase won by the radio and Warehouse & Inside Workers Local 1859 Seven others were arrested the same and Warehouse & Inside Workers Local 1859 Seven others were arrested the same day. All are charged with disorderly

CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST LUND

Mass Meeting of Northland Ski Workers Called for Saturday

Realizing that the favorable decision of the National Labor Relations Board by itself is no guarantee of union victory, Lund workers in both St. Paul and Hastings have moved into action during the past few days to renew their struggle to win union agreements in the two Lund

The strike and negotiating com-nittees of the Northland Ski comany met Saturday noon at 257 Plyouth Avenue to discuss the National Labor Board decision and to plan a new unionization program. Another mass meeting of all employees of the Northland plant has been called for 2:30 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at 257 Plymouth, for the purpose of further

workers in this town received the NLRB enthusiastically, and are sup-

workers in Hastings was held Tues-day night at the union hall.

Lund
United Garment Workers, the I. L. G.
W. U., the Bakery Workers Auxil-

Lund has already shown his con-tempt for the NLRB decision by blandly disregarding its findings. Northland Ski workers reported that on Saturday he was back to his old trick of circulating petitions around the plant asking workers if they were satisfied with their conditions, etc. It appears as though he wants to build a new company union and start

Campaign for Private

NCDDC Meeting Will Mark First Year of Organization

Seventeen Cities, Over 20,000 Workers to Be Represented; Five Locals Added Since Last Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the North Central District Drivers Council will open this Saturday afternoon, Sept. 18, at 1 p. m. The conference will be held in the Hotel Androy in Hibbing, Minnesota, and will continue through the following day. It is anticipated that over 100 delegates from drivers' locals throughout the Northwest will attend the meeting. As a result of the growth of the NCDDC since the last quarterly meeting in Duluth, several new locals — Winona, Waseca, Brainerd, Willmar and Mason City (Iowa)—will have delegates in attendance at Hibbing.

Flash News

80,000 March in

Labor Day Parade

the Warehousemen Auxiliary

Flash News
Winona, Minn.—On Wednesday morning, the wholesale grocery section of the General Drivers
Union here went out on strike for higher wages. About forty men are involved. The Union is demanding 55c an hour, whereas the bosses are holding out for 40c.
The North Central District Council has sent word that its representatives, G. Dunne and M. Dunne, will leave for Winona Wednesday to assist the Union in its fight.

Reports from each local will be given at the meeting. A general report on the present strength of the Council and the work before it will be delivered, after which a discussion will take place on ways of yet. sion will take place on ways of yet further improving the organizational machinery, of insuring adequate fi-nancial support to this necessary work, etc.

Among the towns to be represent-Among the towns to be represented at the Council meeting are Austin, Albert Lea, Brainerd, Duluth, Eau Claire, Fargo, Grand Forks, Mankato, Mason City, Minneapolis, Minot, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Superior, Waseca, Willmar and Winona.

ing, and subsequently adopted.

1. Obtain enactment of a CITY ORDINANCE requiring that all special and adjourned meetings of the Welfare Board, and the purposes thereof, must have at least 48 hours advance public notice.

2. See that relief is given all the recent decision; Bill Engelbrether rec advance public notice.

2. See that relief is given all needy Minneapolis residents as required by law, and that relief officials who violate such laws be removed from office.

torney in the Labor act and the Hospital Workers for "best appearance." The following are now under way to unionize every worker in Hastings, and a joint commoved from office.

Painters, and the Hospital Workers for "best appearance." The following unions were honored for having the largest percentage of members in the parade. Longshoremen, Warehousemen, General Laborers, Boilermakers, with union working agreements who a year ago did not know the blessings of unionism. Over twenty thousand workers will be represented at the Hibbing gathering, and hundreds more are being enlisted weekly in the various Council unions.

and the Waitresses had the most women. The Department Store work-Many Council delegates from driv-ers' unions in Minnesota will stay over in Hibbing for the Minnesota State Federation of Labor convention, ers and the Carpenters had the most handsome floats, the Electrical workers had the most original float, and the Street Car men won the award which opens Monday, Sept. 20. Reservations have been made in advance The parade took several hours to with the Hotel Androy to house all pass. It was the greatest Labor Day monstration in the history of San

Son of 544 Driver Dies of Paralysis

for the best marching unit.

for the present vicious policies of the Welfare Board, which has dealt one blow after another to the unit will be held Tuesday, Sept. In months. Union representatives at the sweepers and seven tow-pickers, the sweepers and the unit will be held Tuesday, Sept. tended the funeral

Upholsterers Back to Work With Increase

As the result of a short "holiday" ers, who won an increase of 5c hour ly. The new agreement also calls for a week's vacation with pay for all employees who have worked for over two years.

Between 600 and 700 workers are covered by the contract. About fifteen companies are involved. The union had asked for hourly increases

St. Croix NSP Workers Win New Wage Rate

Last Friday a committee of Northern States Power Union workers from St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, toweek, Heigel of the Utility Section of Local double time for overtime, and job 292, met in Stillwater with Mr. Lund and Mr. Miller of the NSP, to deter-In Washington, D. C., the NLRB mine working conditions in St. Croix

Job classifications were established, On September 8, the Alteration, the company. Charges made by the SWOC against for all the men. About 36 workers the company. Charges made by the new wage rates as of Sept. 1.

N Y Plumbers Out; Teamsters, Longshoremen Are Still Fighting; British Unions Convene

Labor continues its fight for better to the effect that they block sidewalk a strike against the Greater City Masworking conditions, higher wages, traffic. The redecoration of the third-floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth was no large, spectacular strikes to re-

is also now framed in curtains of week. The strike against the Horn ers are out. They are demanding On the main floor, the side door facing on Third Street has been blocked up and the area forming the light of those arrested were fined to take the workers Union, Local 21,291, an A. F. of L. affiliate, \$1 per hour for police can pick up marching pickets. coffee handlers, \$1.10 for checkers, 75c for mixers, 90c for roasters, and

Maxwell House Coffee advertises no large, spectacular strikes to re- its product as being "Good to the floor auditorium at which merit attention.

New York city plant have floor on the scene of three of the nation's battles this on strike. All but forty of the work-

N. Y. Plumbers Out conduct, and testimony by police is Steamfitters and Helpers Union called

ter Plumbers Association. The strike involves approximately 2,500 men, most of the mechanics and helpers from the heating section of the union. Two hundred jobs in Manhattan and the Bronx are being picketed. Demands include a minimum \$10 day for mechanics, \$6 for helpers, a seven-hour day, and a five-day security.

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denied the plea of the Bethlehem Falls. Steel Corporation to delay the hearings by a trial examiner of the char- and standard wage rates agreed to,

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

NCDDC Meets in Hibbing LAW PASSED BY

N Y LEGISLATURE New Measure Keeps Two Justices from Passing Sen-tence on Pickets Under the new anti-injunc

tion law passed recently by the New York State legislature certain proceedings must be fol-lowed in trying pickets arrested for and charged with vio-lating an injunction. They can ask for and be granted trial by jury. Last week two New York City justices saw their orders reversed and found themselves restrained. from passing sentences restrained from passing sentence upon convicted pickets.

straining picketing around the restaurant of Joseph Sartori. As the result of this injunction and its "violation" 32 members of the Waiters and Waitresses' Union, Local 2 of Brooklyn were arrested, charged with contempt of court and convicted. Justice McCooey refused the prisoners trial by jury and set their sentences up for September 8. An attences up for September 8. An attence up for September 8. A torney for the union applied for a writ of habeas corpus. Justice Taylor, who "ranks" with McCooey in the Appelate Division, declared a restraining order against McCooey, stopping him from declaring sentences. McCooey must show cause on September

without a jury trial.

In the testimony brought out in the hearing for the writ union members related that "Justice" McCooey the hearing for the writ union members related that "Justice" McCooey was a close friend of the restaurant owner, that he nor any member of his family was ever billed for any food eaten at the restaurant, and

that after the judge's father died the owner, Sartori, staged a three-day wake for the dead man's friends at which hundreds of dollars of food (Continued on page 4)

NSP Arbitration **Board Reinstates** John F. Williams

The Utility Section of Electrical Workers Local 292 won an important victory Tuesday night when the for the Minneapolis General Electric

Company, finally came to arbitration. Williams was discharged May 12, 1937. The company claimed it was for insubordination and disobeying rules. The union claimed the case one of discrimination against an active union member.

On Tuesday, the arbitration board agreed that Williams shall be reinstated on his former job as of September 16. He shall be allowed two weeks' vacation with pay; in other words, placed on the payroll as of September 1.

Representing the union in the arbitration were G. P. Phillips, E. J. Conway, and K. G. Gerdin. The company representatives were H. Watson, James A. Colvin, and G. E. Loughland.

Radio Section Puts WDGY Operator Back

lean this week as far as the recent to work this Monday, Sept. 13, without his case having gone through

operators.

The following Relief Program of abor, drawn up by the Federal diately. The three delegates from the Mankato General Drivers Union to the Council meeting are Brothers Gundrom, Lawrence Adams and Bob Bares. These men will also represent the local at the State Federation of Labor consider.

OF FWS ADOPTED

BY CENTRAL BODY

Groups to Direct Program

Committee from Both

clients from the city.
5. Press the national administration for bigger WPA quotas and raising of WPA monthly wage maxi-

6. Avoid relief financing methods which would place the load on the

workers (sales tax, wheelage tax, 7. Re-establish standardized relief

supplements for WPA workers.

8. Establish at once an authorita-OF LABOR, to obtain public funds and begin construction that will genuinely relieve the housing situation for the production.

for the needy.

The execution of this program was placed in the hands of a Joint Comall union members and their friends to participate in a trap shooting event Sunday morning, Sept. 19, beginning and the Federal Workers Section. In order to preserve union standards in the city, the labor movement must get omiles outside of Robbinsdale on the sunday morning of Robbinsdale on the city, the labor movement must get behind this program and substitute it week checking up on the membership of the Private Chauffeurs

The sympathies of all members of General Drivers Local 544 are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edgar, work early this week with a new contribution of the private Chauffeurs of the campaign to increase the membership of the Private Chauffeurs of the sympathies of all members of General Drivers Local 544 are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edgar, work early this week with a new contribution of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of all members of the sympathies of the s

ig union organization.

The entire labor movement of Hastings, Minn., met in the armory Sunday afternoon to discuss the new turn in the Lund situation. The Lund

Chauffeurs Continues

behind this program and substitute it week checking up on the membership for the present vicious policies of and dues records of members and from infantile paralysis on Sept. 8,

N. Y. PLUMBERS ARE OUT; BRITISH UNIONS CONVENE

(Continued from page 1) SWOC include intimidation of work ers by the companies, maintainance of an arsenal, discrimination against union members and their discharge, the company's apport of the ERP (Employees Representation Plan) and Bethlehem Steel Corporation officials' acting in collusion with Mayor Daniel Shields in forming the Citizens Committee which worked against the steel workers' strike last winter.

Among the witnesses was a forme member of the ERP, oJhn Zemas, who joined the SWOC and went on strike with the rest of the workers. told of a banquet tendered ERP representatives on company time, where Eugene Grace, president of the cor-poration, spoke. He also told of how Mayor Shields personally conducted strikebreakers within the Cambria plant at Johnstown.

A hearing into the activities of the Weirton ESL, known as the Employ ees Security League, is being conducted at New Cumberland, W. Va. A sharp rebuke was tendered the tria examiner by a corporation's attorney when the judge asked a representa tive of the company union how the latter was financed.

"A Fight to the Finish"

drivers and longshoremen still goes on. Docks are said to be loaded to near capacity with a ten-day accumulation of freight.

This strike, termed "a fight to the finish" by President Tobin of the Teamster International, involves a jurisdictional dispute between driv ers and the C. I. O. longshoremen as to whom shall have jurisdiction over the inland warehouse workers. The International Longshoremens' and Warehousemens' Union, lately gone C. I. O. but still officially in the A F. of L., have always had jurisdiction over those workers who are employed in the warehouses on the water front Likewise the jurisdiction over those men employed in inland warehouse always been the Teamsters Lately Harry Bridges, leader of the longshoremens' union, has begun a march inland and has attempted to wrest control over the inland ware housemen from the teamsters. He has even gone so far as to attempt to organize the truck drivers into hi

The Drivers Local of San Francis co called a strike on September 1, to put a stop to this invasion. Support of the full Executive Council of the A. F. of L. was pledged last week Likewise the longshoremen received pledged support from the East Coast Maritime Workers Union, the C. I. O. they leave the A. F. of L.

Days Beck, international vice president of the Teamsters, an

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Vigilante Formed To Fight Unions

Washington, D. C .- The latest vig nte group to come out "against aw-defying labor unions" is the Pa-riot Guard, recently organized in his city "by a group of ex-service fficers and others."

The Patriot Guard aims "to rally ne 100,000 military reserve officers f the country, and the millions of loyal American Legionnaires," acording to the pamphlet sent out by Captain Edward Page Gaston, nationl commander.

The Patriot Guard is "a staunch friend of legitimate labor unions," according to the pamphlet, which bears no union label. "Many of our Guard," says the Captain, "already carry arms and others will do so.
If police services break down any where large numbers of our special oot and mounted constabulary and other armed patrols will be required o guard life and property.'

We note that the Communist Party has opened up another Stalinist School of Falsification across from the Minneapolis library.

from every drivers' local on the West coast would convene on Saturday, September 11. This meeting was exected to lay plans for the immediate preading of the strike to all west coast ports should any cargo designated for San Francisco or Oakland,

appear in other ports.

According to the New York Times The strike in San Francisco and Harry Bridges has appealed to the Oakland, California, involving truck NLRB to hold a consent election mong the disputed workers, to setle the controversy. No report was nade as to the Teamsters' attitude toward this measure, but it was not expected to be received favorably.

A Real Labor Party The unions of Great Britain held their sixty-ninth annual congress in Norwich, England, last week. Delerates approved American labor standards and passed resolutions urging the government to enact legislation n favor of the forty-hour week, and better workmen's compensation. A resolution, condemning the govern-ment for its 1,500,000 pound re-armopening the way "for open debate on a joint statement of the National ouncil of Labor and the Labor Party Executive Committee that approved rearmament, until the international rituation appears less dangerous," occording to the Times. In other words, thus pledging labor to support

of a new world war. From Geneva, Switzerland come the report, quoted from the Inter-national Labor Year Book that there were 29,264,848 work days lost in trikes, during 1936. These figures ave been compiled from twenty-on countries, and represent 6,684 strikes, involving 24,233,430 workers. United States leads the rest with 2,172 disputes involving 788,648 men, and representing 13,901,956 days of idleness. No mention was of the millions of dollars of wages increases, the shorter hours, or the improved working conditions gained during these "lost" days.

Chowderhead Cohen, professional strike breaker, arrested last week for hiseling relief authorities out of \$700, received an indeterminate term in the penitentiary, his wife receiving a suspended sentence. Said Chow-derhead: "I never was a strike-break er. I worked as a guard and night watchman. I'm two months behind in my rent now and all I am trying to do is to make an honest living."

the Pacific Northwest, a considerable number of lumber camps and sawmills have been closed down, and still more face the necessity of losing, as the intra-union struggle for supremacy between the Carpenters International and the Woodworkers Federation (C. I. O.) continued. Carpenters, building trades workers, and teamsters (all A. F. of L.) say they will not handle C. I. O. lumber.

Mothers-Attention! Children Eat a Lot of BREAD

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For Sale
A good 2-yard hydraulic dump Call Frank Wilehardt, Geneva 6894.

Want to buy Curt's water wagon? He will let it go for \$350.

This Week's Hero Cully Anderson hit the city lis for nine trucks.

People in glass houses don't throw stones. Neither do real union mer make undercover deals to get on pri rate jobs. Such action is a direct at tack on union principles and inevit ably results in serious trouble. It is to be hoped the five who burned their ingers on the Swanson deal will benefit from that experience.

Maybe It's the Mileage Week's problem in mathematics: 5 yards x 1.50 load????? 2 yards x 1.50 hour????

Wanted: four trucks for Phillipp at Kimball. Curt hopes he won't have to advertise. Those who know think it is a golden opportunity to give St. Paul a break.

State Fair "Cowboy" Charlie Quick operated a pony ride concession at the State Fair last week. If he shows up bowlegged now you know who was hi

best customer. Steward Bill Camp had his hands full running a hamburger stand on Machinery Hill. Mrs. Camp pitched in 100% on the job too. Nice team

Wonder if the office fair ones mis their messenger boy . . . Mostly quiet this week-Bovey and Toohey must be working.

Note to E. T.: Noticed some anels in the hall last Friday.

Who is Going to See the Mayor Next Week?

A special meeting of coal haulers scheduled for 8 p. m. Thursday, Sept. 16, to go over the new scale.

Extra stuff by Zander
The boys at Minn. Sand & Gravel
an't get together. Come on, Rudy.

Last Straw Some member thought he could sell his membership in the Union. The moral of the story is "Carry your own Card and Button, Brother!

To the Wife of the WPA'er. You were right when you replied. (My man has only a part time job, you know).

Before October 10th vant-to-know. Who's going to be laid off on WPA, and who's going back on the 11th. Marie-Mariewill you answer me?

(George) You must keep A. J. Mc, Ray, Burt, and "Gale" away from "The La Chateau," especially the owner of that Pontiac, and by the way, have they pulled that culvert back in place

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miles from Court House. 3 1/2 c per square yard when mileage is over

Dump truck drivers to go out of town. Leave your name with Zander. 30 to 40 hours per week. 70c and

up, usual scale. Is Your Employer? Paying unemployment compensa-tion? Ask him. The law says— Wherever more than one employee

s hired it shall be paid. White Bear News

The famous green car has been remodeled. \$15 will sure do won-

Senator Copeland: 'John L. Lewis a big bully."

Royal is ma-a-a-d, Royal is m-a-a-a-d.

ATTENTION, BOWLERS Any member of Local No. 20316 wishing to bowl for the coming season, please get in touch with Boney Selinsky this week for sure. The season is about to start and we need sever mem. we need seven men.

What about it? Let's see how many are interested.

After 6 p. m. call BR. 3820.

Bill Brown Says-

During the next few days, Hibbing is going see quite a contract in conventions.



Solution to Housing Problem Through Better Living, Unions

By Ralph Morstead

The nation's futile efforts in the direction of low cost housing and slum clearance is a sad spectacle. Crude experiments in housing by polished professors has shown that they have no solution for the housing problem. Records of the Federal Housing Administration and the Resettlement Administration proves that no bureau has found a way to rebuild slum areas at a reasonable cost that can be defrayed by the renter.

Obviously people live in slum districts because they can't afford any-thing better. Of what avail is it to build new homes that are too expensive for the previous occupants to live in? Housing projects in other cities find that rents of \$35 and \$40 per month would have to be charged to keep the investment on an equitable basis. Those people that reside in slum districts: the lowly paid workers, the spasmodically employed, zer. those on WPA and direct relief, can't pay such high rents, so it means that the difference must be made up through subsidy As long as it is necessary to subsidize the low cost housing developments for their full existence, no extensive reform can be expected.

have already been spent were merely projected for their publicity value rather than any true social motive. If people can be shown that much uselessly) what more can they ask?

rebuilt to any appreciable extent; of wage and hour provisions. The even so the present work should be next meeting is scheduled for Sept kept up, but under different ideas.

At no cost to the city, uninhabitable areas can be razed by police order. Instead of rebuilding in this locality turn the place into a park and playground for the underprivileged that still remain in the district. fore a membership meeting of this Cheaper lots can be purchased in less unit on Oct. 10 at 8 p. m. congested areas that have more wholesome living conditions. Why tors at a high price, then by the new has been accepted by both the union construction enhance the value of and the management, and is being

Slums and the living conditions of slums are not the fault of the in-habitants. They will disappear when unemployment, job insecurity, long hours, and man-killing jobs are abolished. Then people will have time, energy and the money to work around and take a pride in their homes.

The one definite solution to the slum problem is by raising the standard of living of these people through steady employment, improvement in wages and working conditions.

This cannot be done completely as long as the greed of capitalism prevails in the land. The only immediate hope for the underpaid is to join a union of workers to force self betterment. The out-of-work should affiliate with the local unemployed organization and volunteer your time

D(Drivers, 75c). Hauling sod by equare yard, 3c per square yard, 25 niles from Court House. 3½c per square yard when mileage is over YOUR UNION.

Our Own Little Quiz-of-the-Week. The next time the government tries to draft you in a war to make the World Safe from Fascism, or something, you should:

-Join the army and get killed fighting for Wall Street? -Tell the sergeant, "I don't want to fight?"

-Try to flee to Mexico? -Try to flee to Canada?
-Take a gun—but turn it against the bosses at the proper time?

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Wine and Liquor, **Department Store** Contracts Expire

To save both members and officers of the General Drivers Local 544 a lot of trouble, precise last-minute news of the status of negotiations for ta is granted, the F. W. S. of 544 all contracts will henceforth be carried weekly in the Northwest Organi-

This week we report on negotiations revolving around contracts for four of the sections. The department store contract expired Sept. 1. Three meetings between the union negotia-ting committee and the employers have so far been held, and a counterproposal made. The last meeting was This means that the millions which held Sept. 15. A meeting of the union men involved will be arranged for the near future.

The Wine and Liquor Institute If people can be shown that much contract expired Sept. 14. Two meet money and effort is being expended ings have been held between the employers' committee and a joint committee made up of officials of Local Until the grasping profit motive 544, Warehouse Local 20316, St. that hamstrings all social endeavor is Paul Local 120 and St. Paul Local abolished from the nation, whole 20297. The contract has been pracslum areas cannot be expected to be tically agreed on, with the exception 16, after which a meeting of the union membership will be held.

The present contract with the Wholesale Grocers expires Nov. 1. A new contract has already been drawn up and will be presented be

As to the newspapers, the Tribunc and Journal have already signed with obtain lots from financials and real- the union. The contract at the Star construction enhance the value of the surrounding property to the benths same tax dodgers?

and the management, and is congretely to the benths same tax dodgers?

Yellow Notes

The Nine Old Men of the Yellov Cab baseball team defeated the 544 ball team Sunday afternoon with a score of 6 to 3. The star pitcher Russ Wenell, allowed only four hits and scored 14 strikeouts.

The mechanics in the Yellow Cab hop participated in a picnic last Sunday at Art Heath's place near Excelsior. Jake was the bartender and dished out 16 gallons of beer during the course of the picnic. Otto wa We repeat—the only way to aboling to reports received. Drake of-ficiated as pitcher for the kittenball game on the women's team and succeeded in losing the game for them. A grand and glorious outing was re ported by all.

> If all the boys who went fishing the first part of the week succeed in catching the limit, there ought to be plenty of free fish around the ga-

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Did you know that the city pay 50c per day, per man, for the keep of those relief clients sent to the "Mission Farm."

Rumor has it that the merchants in rural Hennepin County towns are not so hot on having carloads of surplus commodities shipped in for the relief clients.

After a conference with officials of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation on Saturday, a thorough learn if deliberate attempts have been nade to prevent relief clients from obtaining commodities, by failure to notify and allowing commodities to

They say that the Workers Alliance has joined Leach's "Build Minneapo lis" movement. When that extra quo will organize them.

And how many saw the leaflet sent out by the Workers Alliance? We'll wager that no one had the courage to distribute them on proj Better show leaflets to the Unity ommittee first, Watson. And by the

way, what's become of all your Minneapolis officials?

Jack Novack is smiling again.

* * *

Forms with stewards' names are ing printed. These are to be posted on project bulletin boards so that all may know who the steward is. You won't be able to keep it a secret from

Max Geldman and wife are the roud parents of a baby girl. From the People's Weekly:

Taffy

"The Workers' Alliance, the so-alled union of WPA workers, organized a "bonus march" to Washington last week. President Roosevelt, a shrewder politician in every respect than Herbert Hoover, instead of receiving the marchers with fire and shot, sent them a honeyed letter signed by a secretary. In this he assured the marchers that it appeared sary-except for cause, and that temporary private employment would be honored. And so the marchers, who had gone so bravely up Capitol Hill, 'went down again,' like the king of France, pleased with the nice reception and the 'partial victory,' and for got all about their main demandthat all those who have been laid off in the recent curtailment be instant-

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Labor Spy Hired to Work in Strutwear

Gordon Hopkins, author of a series of articles on the "Labor Spy," re-vealed in "The Progressive" that Schetzline, an operator of the Bell Detective Agency, was hired by Bell to work in the plant of the Strutwear Hosiery company in Min-neapolis. "Schetzline was given \$100 a week and expenses to convince the orkers, who were earning \$15 weekly, that their wages were as high as any in the eastern mills and that they could not get higher wages even through the union.

Spies are often hired by plants where wages are low, to convince the men that their wages are as high as any in the industry. The idea is that if dissatisfied workers get the "facts" about wages from a fellow worker, they will believe him, be pacified, and forget about the union.

Watt Notes

It is hoped, now with the cooler weather about to hit us, that all Stewards will seriously consider attending the meetings regularly.

* * * * Remember the Stewards' meetings are held on Wednesday preceding the first and third Thursdays.

Brother George Phillips, our resi dent, is back on the job after vaca tioning.

St. Cloud and St. Anthony Agree ments are being signed.

A letter has been mailed to all stewards-Let's watch the results.

To some worrying Brother: The contract reads "There will be no reduction in pay."

The various department meetings are progressing favorably.

BAKERY BLAB

Pat Corcoran very proudly took us up to the third floor hall the other night. He wanted to show us the new drapes. And are they honeys, Cost something like \$165. So, you'll see them at the next general membership meeting Thursday night, Sept. 23.

Don't forget, if you quit working for a bakery and go into some other line, tell your steward about it so he can take your name off the books. That is, should you wish to be in good standing if and when you might return to the business again. Also, in regard to transfer cards: notify the office immediately. Otherwise, it might cause difficulties that could

just as easily be avoided.

Cy Schlosser at Excelsior Bakery says that checking in has become a problem, since they took away the chairs and put in high tables. Most of the boys are too tired, he says, and aren't able to stand when they stumble in. Why don't they, I wonder check in lying on the floor.

The boys at Zinsmaster had a golf tournament last Sunday at Superior with 66 players competing. Jack Aultman won a genuine leather bag with a zipper. To Clarence Kohler went three matched woods worth \$40. Charley N. Neitzel snared a beautiful golf bag and he doesn't even play

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On the Route With the Milk Man

The regular meeting of Local 471 will be held Tuesday night, Sept. 21.

Art Ebert, employed at Ewald's,

was involved in an accident Sunday norning, which resulted in serious in juries to this union brother. Members who have the time ought to drop in to see him. He's at the Swedish hospital.

The Milk Drivers will have 8 delegates to the Council meeting in Hib-bing, and 5 to the State Federation of Labor get-together.

* * * * At the next meeting, the 50c as essment for failure to attend meetngs (unless otherwise excused) will be levied.

All members are hereby asked to ssist the union office in seeing that all addresses are correct. This is necessary so that the future mailing list will be accurate.

Make no dates for October 16th.

Warehouse Union at Work on Liquor Firms

Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316 has settled one dispute, signed up one more company, and is negotiating with the liquor industry

The strike of two members agains the U. S. Radiator company, called last week, was settled in a few hours when the company agreed to the terms of the union contract.

A contract was signed with Farn ham Printing a few days ago, covering the twelve eligible workers in that

Negotiations between the affected ons and the Minnesota Wine and Spirits Institute were in progress early this week, with some chance that a settlement covering all workers would be made before press time.

Local 20316 will send five delegates-Bartlett, Tibbetts, Holstein, and two from the alternates listto the convention in Hibbing next

The following patents were issued to Minnesota inventors Aug. 24, 1937, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON Patent Attorneys, 925 Met. Life Bidg., Minneapolis, Minn.: Beehik, Miehael, St. Paul Minn., mattreas and cushion button; Gustafson, Nester H., Minneapolis, Minn., device on, Nester H., Minneapolis, Minn., device and truing wheels and brake drums Nellon, Mary D., Minneapolis, Minn., undergarment; Sivyer, Christine, Minneapolis, Minn., undergarment for women.

The following patents were issued to Minnesota inventors Aug. 31, 1937, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAM SON, 925 Met. Life Bidg., Minneapolis, Minn. : Hamalaine, Lillian, Virginia, Minn. hair fastener; Innes, James A., Kimbali, Minn. air conditions, hair fastener; Innes, James Minn., air conditioning apparatus for mobiles; Klug , Abel, St. Paul, Minn.

over the head and drag him out. were about 20 other prizes, from hams to golf balls.

Ralph (hole-in-one) Anderson says that he doesn't play golf much be-cause he drives the ball so far that he gets tired walking out for his second shot. Oh Yeah.

By the way, how about you bowlers. There are several teams being organized—get in touch with the

away with something. Talk to him and if he doesn't quit, there is only one thing to do—see Joe O'Hara or your steward about it. Keep your own nose clean.

Ah ha, another marriage. Homer McAuliffe at Gladness being the new husband, since Saturday, Aug. 28.

Did you ever hear about the golfer who, after taking 4 or 5 swings at the ball on the first tee and, missing every one, turned to his caddy and said: "Tough course, ain't it?"

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Imperialism and the Worker By Tex Norris V.

Many liberals have opposed imperialism, but without understanding and attacking its real causes. Therefore, many of their conclusions have been false and their attacks have been weak. It is profitable, however, to study and criticize their

The Liberal Arguments Against Imperialism

sell to foreign markets, these sales are often made outside of the areas Switzerland which fall under the imperialist con-trol of the United States. The Netherlands buys more than Cuba; Engand buys more than all of South Sweden America and China put together. Americans even sell millions of dol- (Statistical Year Book of the League ar's worth to the colonies of other of Nations, 1935/36) nations. Therefore, it is said, imperialist control is not necessary to have

Japan, very few people from these its both at home and abroad. gone to the colonies in Africa, Persia, India, or Manchuria. Seldiers, gentina, they do not want to go to Ethiopa or Somaliland. Thus surplus fered. It will acquire naval bases in purposes.

The liberal also feels that imperialsm is not necessary in order to get aw materials such as rubber and tin. An Akron manufacturer has to pay for his rubber whether it comes from an American Colony, a British colony, or Brazil. American steel manufacturers could get Cuban man-ganese without the American imperialist control over Cuban politics.

Therefore, the liberal says, imper-

alism is not necessary for foreign narkets, for raw material sources, for for population outlests. It is really worthless to the imperialist nation, yet costs a great deal. Imperialist nations have the expense of governing colonies, of maintaining arge armies and navies, and they become entangled in international disputes at war. Furthermore, imperialism has resulted in great injusices to the colonial people who are denied freedom and independence. Imperialism has been engaged in only

Criticism of the liberal argument The liberal fails to see that it is npossible to attack imperialism proad without attacking capitalism at home. Imperialism is merely a special type of capitalism, and results as a natural development in any nighly developed capitalist country. When a nation is built up, new capital cannot be invested at a good rate of profit at home. So foreign investnents are made in backward counries. Foreign investments, NOT foreign markets, are the basis of imper-ialism. The liberals usually overlook the effect of such investments com-

pletely. When such investments are made in backward regions, labor is needed. But cheap native labor is used wherever possible, so colonies naturally absorb very few of the workers and farmers from the imperialist nation.

It is true, as the liberal says, that aw materials can be obtained from a foreign area without having control over it. But the liberal overlooks office if you can roll a bowling ball monopoly. At one time a British without breaking your thumb. Don't break union rules because me chiseler thinks he's getting plantations under their own control. The control of the contro Monopoly control makes larger profits possible. And the principle of monopoly is to get as complete a control over some industry as possible. Such control does not stop at the nation borders, but attempts to reach into

all quarters of the world. It is not true, as the liberal thinks, that nobody profits from imperialism. Those who own foreign investment. profit handsomely. Diplomats, military officers, and others also build their careers as they have success in pushing imperialist policies.

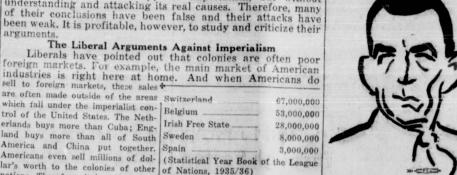
The following figures show the

profits of imperialism for the year 1929. They represent net favorable balances of international payments of interest and dividends.

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The liberal says that a nation does foreign markets.

The liberal has also shown, correctly enough, that colonies do not offer much relief for a crowded populawhile workers and parmers up to be much relief for a crowded population at home. In spite of dense population at home. In spite of dense population at home at home and parmers up to be making class profit by it and depend Dunne is definitely NOT the Holly-wood type. much relief for a crowded population at home. In spite of dense populations in Great Britain, Italy, or lations in Great Britain, Italy, or upon it increasingly to maintain profunctions.

And while capitalism exists in a nation, the government will follow an government officials, merchants, and imperialist policy. Its state departmissionaries may go, but they are ment will have consuls searching for small in numbers. While Italian foreign investment opportunities. It workers and peasants may wish to will advise prospective foreign in-leave for the United States or Ar- vestors by showing where diplomatic population is a false reason for imperialism, used only for propaganda are concentrated. It will crush trade Stalinists can receive an enlargement unions and break strikes in colonial try with the army to collect taxes and customs in order to guarantee payment on loans which have been made there.

The imperialist can truly refer to The imperialist can truly refer to "his" government. The worker can not so easily say "our" government. It was not "our" government which crushed Cuban trade unions. It was not "our" government which made Nicaragua safe for the United Fruit Corporation's profits.

International working class solidarity

The profits of American imperialsm have been made at the expense of American workers, and at the expense of the workers in foreign countries where imperialist investments have been made. The products of American workers were taken away from Imperialism has been engaged in only because of a foolish patriotic pride in seeing the nation's flag planted. This capital is now used to employ labor in other countries when great labor in other countries when great exists here. Furtherunemployment exists here. Further ore, the foreign labor is paid starvation wages, and then the products are often brought back here to sell in

competition with products made here. American workers have been enisted in the army and navy to act as strikebreakers in Cuba, Haiti, Nicar agua, the Phillippines, and elsewhere Now American workers face the dan ger of a future war against some power such as Japan so that Amer-ican imperialists can go even further in foreign fields. Imperialism is like the fisherman who asks the fish to bait the hook before biting, like the executioner who forces the condemned to dig his grave before being shot.

To fight against imperialism, workers need to fight against the capitalism of which it is a part. In addition it is necessary for American workers to reach across the national boundar-ies and clasp the hands of workers in other countries in a grip of inter national working class solidarity.

Just as a Minneapolis truck driver protects his union conditions by help ing drivers in other cities to organize, just as coal miners protect their into organize, so American workers car protect themselves by aiding the organization of workers in Cuba, China, France, or any other country. The End

Bowlers Form League; Eight Teams Expected

A large and enthusiastic group of nion bowlers turned out at the September 9th meeting at which a unio bowling league for the coming year was organized. The following teams will probaby make up the League: Teamsters Joint Council, Meats, Warehouse Workers, Coca-Cola, Consolidated, National Tea, Laundry Drivers, and Liberty Cab. The last two teams, while considering joining, have not yet taken final action. Captains for the various teams were chosen by the meeting.

The bowlers will take to the alleys at 9 p. m. Monday, Sept. 20, for the opening of the season. All games will be bowled at the Lincoln alleys. At that time, a secretary and president of the League for the coming season will be elected. Everything points to a very successful year for union de-votees of the alley sport. For years union movements in other cities have sponsored highly successful bowling leagues. The Akron labor movement boarts that it will have 30 teams bowling in the league this winter.



Made a name for himself in 1934 by hollering for 421/2c an hour. This year he bellowed for 75c. God alone knows what he will scream for in 1940.

Dunne is obsessed with the idea that the world belongs to those who toil, and that the way for the work-ers to win the world is to organize and fight for it.

By sending ten cents in stamps, members of the Citizens Alliance and countries. It will move into a small ing their offspring into eating their semi-colonial country with the counof the above portrait, useful in scar-

TIMES WRITER TELLS OF NAZI **BIG BUSINESS**

(The Northwest Organizer reprints in condensed form an article entitled "Big Business Aided by Nasi Economics" by Otto Tolischus appearing in the K. Y. Times of last Sunday. From time to time, we shall publish such informational articles of interest to workers, without editorial comment.)

"Germany's military and economic construction carried the National Socialist regime to the peak of power and prestige and thereby gave a boost to the national morale . . The national morale, however, depends not only on the heart and the head but also on the stomach, and this raises the question: What did the German people as individuals get out of their economic recovery? To Nazis the State, the regime and the people are one and inseparable, but the German hausfrau must still make a distinction between the national budget and her own household bodget, and the distinction is often painful because of the vastness of the first and the slenderness of the second.

"According to official estimates, the national income rose from 45 bil-lion marks in 1932 to 66 billion marks in the current year—an in-crease of 47 per cent. But the cost of the government has risen at an even faster pace. The Government and its agencies now preempt be-tween 42 and 47 per cent of the national income for its own purposes, compared with 20 to 25 per cent before Hitler's rise to power. Tax col-lections have virtually doubled since 1933, and to taxes have been added many additional levies that pinch ev-

ery private purse. began to expand after the blood-let-ting of war and inflation, is shrinking again, and the nominal per capita

"According to official figures, the composite balance sheets of more than 2,600 principal German stock companies showed a net loss of al-most 1,900 million marks for 1931-32, but then capital returns began to rise steeply. According to the latest figures, 1,500 stock companies, em-bracing half the total of German capital stock, made a profit of 600 mil-lion marks during 1936, which is an increase from 48 millions for 1935, and their dividends rose from 4.7 per cent to 5.1 per cent. In addition they have been able to set aside large amounts for depreciation to make up for the years of depression.

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By turning down the request of e City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 for union wages, the Minneapolis Park Board has definitely shown it self to be a body unfair and hostile to the local labor movement.

Drivers for the Park Board are at present receiving \$5.68 daily. are requesting \$150 monthly. request was made before the Park Board at its meeting on Wednesday at 2:30, when officials of the loca appeared to present the union's de-

Only three board members-Chalgren, Miller and Wallace-voted to approve the union scale. All other members voted against, including Armitage, Gross, McRae, Pillsbury, Quist, Stacey, Ward, Yale, and Mayor Leach, of course. Those opposed to meeting the union's demands gave as a reason "insufficient funds."

ss; they have been favored in the allotment of orders, raw materials and foreign exchange, and their profits are so large that they are expanding rapidly at the expense of the less-favored smaller concerns and in-dividual shops. I. G. Farben, the Germany dye trust, for instance, already controls about half of the German chemical production, compared with only one-third in 1933, and O Wolff, the Rhenish industrialist, and Otto buying up factories so rapidly that he begins to give the impression of being another Hugo Stinnes.

"German industry is undergoing process of 'concentration,' tends to concentrate industrial con-

trol into a few mammoth concerns.
"One of the first acts of the Nazi regime was to 'save' the German peasant. It did so by raising the prices of agricultural products and re ducing interest on agrarian debts. Agricultural sales rose from 6,400 million marks in 1932-33 to 8,800 nillion marks in 1935-36 . . . Despite this, dissatisfaction is spreading among the peasants to such an extent that elaborate precautions have been taken to prevent passive resistance and sabotage, and the reason for this is in part the fact that the peasant is no longer master of his own land and must take orders from the local peasant leader as to what to plant and what to do with the harvest. Moreover, however high the State may have raised his prices, they are still fixed, and they are far below what he could get in a free market in view

of Germany's shortage of food.
"The greatest absolute and relative ncrease has taken place in from wages and salaries, which rose from 26 billion marks in 1932 to an estimated 38 billions in 1937. This was despite the Nazi principle of 'stable wages' which stabilized wage rates at the lowest level of the de pression. The explanation is: First, the total number of workers has been increased by 7,500,000; second, the total number of work hours has al-most doubled since 1933, and third, a considerable percentage of workers is being shifted to a higher wage class, for the developing labor short age is forcing employers to compet for labor, and since they are not permitted to exceed the wage scale, they pay 'bait' wages by shifting workers to higher brackets and add 'loyalty'

"The class that has fared the wors so far is the great middle class-officials, small shopkeepers and arti-sans—who were Hitler's first enthusiastic followers. Officials, unlike pri vate employees, have had no improv ment in their nominal earnings. The shopkeeper, who hoped to get rich "The class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which heren to the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor), which is the class of German capitalists (including the small investor) (including the small inves the difference wholesale prices and fixed retail prices, and small artisans are being crowded to the wall for lack of raw profits of the remaining capitalists have risen much faster than labor income.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick, But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik I'm Labor.

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One Year of the N.C.D.D.C.

Just one year has passed since the first small group of drivers' unions came together to form the nucleus for what is today the North Central District Drivers Council. When the roll call is intoned in Hibbing this weekend, many a delegate will answer who today represents a local that one year ago was non-existent save in the hopes of the then-unorganized drivers.

Albert Lea, Fargo, Grand Forks, Mankato, Mason City, Minot, St. Cloud, Waseca, Willmar and Winona can today boast of General Drivers locals that have yet to celebrate their first birthday. Locals in several other communities have been revived under the impetus of Council work. Of the older locals, there is not a SINGLE ONE that has not been greatly strengthened due to its adherence to the Council, and the power flowing from that relationship. ing from that relationship.

If it benefits the drivers of a community to unite and fight the bosses for better working conditions, then it still further benefits the drivers if workers in this industry over a large area band together in one body for mutual protection. That is the logic of the Council's organizational set-up, and it is good logic That it is good is shown by the fact that practically every local union in the Council has carried on a strike action during the past year, and the bosses have yet to record a single victory over a Council local. The support of the NCDDC, and the stiffening of morale due to that support, has spelled Victory in every instance. If it benefits the drivers of a community to unite and fight

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The "chain" corporations, with branches in a number of Council towns, could, one year ago, treat with impunity the approaches of a single local, unconnected with other Drivers' locals. Today, through the Council, such firms have been "surrounded" and brought up short.

A year ago, those older locals who had won some measure of benefits for their members, were in a precarious position due to the extremely low wags paid in the open-shop area which surrounded them. Now that the sunlight of unionism has lighted up the shadows, such locals are threatened to a much lesser degree from this danger, though it must be said that the danger still exists.

much lesser degree from this danger, though it must be said that the danger still exists.

Just in the past few weeks, the Council has penetrated into the last two remaining states in the district, Iowa and South Dakota. Both Watertown and Mason City will be represented by delegates at Hibbing on Saturday. In their respective states, these two locals can each be a nucleus of a rapidly growing drivers' movement.

From the workers' viewpoint, the driving industry in the Northwest is today in immeasurably better circumstances than ni 1936. Wages have been raised, hours shortened, vacations granted, union contracts won for thousands of workers. But a great deal of work yet remains before the Drivers of the Northwest can boast that the highways in this section are Union Highways as far as commercial traffic is concerned. Union Highways as far as commercial traffic is concerned. The wand of unionism has yet to point to scores of communities. The wand of unionism has yet to point to scores of communities. Contracts have yet to be won for many union members. The solid education of hosts of new members in the principles of progressive unionism based on a fighting philosophy has yet to be attained. The anniversary meeting of the Council in Hibbing will mark out the steps to be made in the next period towards the achievement of these goals.

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One of the more comical episodes of the past few days has been the fury expressed by certain reactionary rapscallions over the evidence tending to show that Hugo Black, recently chosen to sit on the Supreme Court bench, is a life-time member of that mongrel organization, the Ku Klux Klan. It wasn't so long ago that these same clowns were hollering their heads off because they thought Black too liberal for the court. The fact that they howl with equal vehemence over Black's liberalism and over Black's Klanism indicates that their opposition is based mainly on partisan grounds, and is part of the campaign of the Republican "outs" to discredit the New Deal "ins."

The sight of such a scamp as Royal Copeland getting indignant because Black subscribes to the reactionary principles of the Klan is really good for a brace of belly-laughs. The truth is, of course, that Copeland and the Republicans are just as reactionary and anti-labor, just as vile in their incitation to racial prejudice (though not so blatant), as any Kleagle.

To the working-class, this whole outburst about Black's Klanism, and about the whole Supreme Court issue, is after all, relatively unimportant. For us, it doesn't make a great deal of difference whether Black, or any other supreme court justice, is a hooded Kleagle or an Eagle, an Elk, a Meson

deal of difference whether Black, or any other supreme court justice, is a hooded Kleagle or an Eagle, an Elk, a Mason, a Rotarian, a Kiwanis, a Seventh Day Adventist, a Republican, a Mugwump, a Democrat—or a Communist, a Farmer-Laborite,

a Mugwump, a Democrat—or a Communist, a Farmer-Laborite, a Socialist, for that matter.

The truth is that in a class society, the government will always act to protect the interests of that class that owns the means of production. Up to recently, the Supreme Court has been one of the more important watchdogs of property. But should the Supreme Court have a liberal majority, the center of power would merely shift to some other branch of government—the legislative, the executive etc.

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An interesting example of this process was seen during An interesting example of this process was seen during the recently-ended congressional session. Because the Supreme Court had made a few liberal decisions, the big shots weren't taking any chances on any liberal legislation (even such a puny affair as the wage-and-hour bill) from even reaching the court. Their golden-fingered lobbyists, backed by industry and the press gapaged up on Congress and turned engaged. and the press, ganged up on Congress and turned an over-whelming liberal majority into an indecent pack of jackals screaming for the carcass of anyone who even looked like he might want to introduce some bill that might be of a bit of

benefit to the masses.

To those workers who think the answer lies in getting liberals in all branches of government and thus legislating away the capitalist evils, we point to Spain—or to Austria yesterday, or to France tomorrow. The reactionaries of the world have shown they know how to deal with such a situation. They don't give one thought to those illusions about "democracy" which innocents cling to. They get down to business in a workmanlike manner, finance their Fascist bands and, in the name of "God and the people," smash up the trade unions and all opposition parties and institute the totalitarian dictatorship, the naked rule of capital, in place of the masked dictatorship of capital that we know as "Democracy." benefit to the masses.

Their Idea of Building Minneapolis



Workers should not give another thought to the Black-Klan hodge-podge. Our job at present is to build the union movement yet stronger, to be concerned more with democracy inside the unions than "democracy" outside, and to see that the unions follow out those progressive policies of struggle which alone can defend our jobs and advance our interests. Build, build, build the union movement!

fight for good old 300% Americanism like the Ku Klux Klan.

By the time they get ready to ride, John L. Lewis will have unionized the horses. And no self-respecting union horse would let a Klansman come within a half will be the self-respection.

Bishop William Manning says

Workers will recall that on April 20, 1914, Mr. Rockefeller

removed 45 striking men, women and children from the life of our country. He had them burned

alive, in an incident that has be-

come known as the Ludlow mas-

. . .

From the Weekly People: "If Pro

essor Mallock is remembered at all in

the happy days to come, it will be be-cause . . . of Daniel DeLeon's devas-tating criticism of Mallock."

From the September ROTARIAN

"A man stands in an assembly line, screwing a nut on a bolt. It is his first

day, and the eight tense hours of it tire him. Five days of it, six

seven . . . until his mind is not needed to tell his hands what to do. His muscles relax, contract, relax, con-

a question that employers haven't thought much about, but one that I

am sure is going to claim most of their attention in the future."

The man on the assembly line,

doing his monotonous work, is going to think just what you and I would think—that it's a hell of a job, that the boss is a parasite and the system a fraud, and that

the first task is to build a mili-tant union and begin to change

Harry Lundeberg, militant leader of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific: "We don't want Federal Government

was the government anxious to 'help

who's got the government pegged right. These "Labor Board"

unionists are sure playing a dirty

trick on the workers. The Feder-

al Government is anxious to help

the unions-like the executioner

seat in the electric chair.

your feelings."

corporation."

sphere rocket.

is anxious to help the victim to a

But what if, instead of that,

ou are forced to accept a job on

Ford's assembly line. Then the

passing of the years makes a

heck of a big "impression upon your feelings."

Bolton Hall says: "Wages climb the

And profits travel on a strato-

There's a hard-headed unionist

the world.

Daniel who-did-you-say?

within a half mile.

country.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

headline: ESTATE OF ROCKEFELLER IN-CREASING \$1,000,000 A YEAR— FIFTY MILLIONS LEFT IN 1922 NOW \$63,713,889.

The world has reached a stage where a dead man can earn more in one year than one hundred live men can earn in ten years.

New York news item: "Patrolman McCann denied having struck Buroan, insisting the striker injured himself when he threw himself from a chair in the Hamilton Avenue police

If that guy isn't careful, some day he's going to beat himself over the konk until he becomes unconscious,

Montreal news item: "Just before olice were scheduled to bring scabs nto the plant, pickets broke two boxes of angry bees at the cops' feet and retreated.

So did the cops.

Moscow news item: "Soviet news-papers disclosed today the drive against Trotskyite wreckers has ex-tended into Soviet children's organi-

Little Mary, aged six, was stood against a wall and shot-for conniving with Hitler agents, and reading a copy of Grimm's

From the National Republic: "David Lasser, the wild-eyed ultra radical socialist, delivered the opening address at the Workers Alliance con-

Well, I guess you have to know the guy to appreciate

From preface to latest National Association of Manufacturers book-let: "... The N. A. of M. has compiled this group of clippings by let: nationally known writers of all had assented his economic strength shades of opinion."

was the government anxious to 'help'

Guess who their writers are: Hugh S. Johnson, Frank R. Kent. David Lawrence, Walter Lipp-man, Westbrook Pegler, and

Dorothy Thompson. The National Association of Manufacturers, the arch enemy of organized labor in America, likes the work of these writers so well that it spends thousands to broadcast their propaganda

throughout the country.
Which should give us an idea of what WE should think of Hugh S. Johnon, David Lawrence, Westbrook Pegler, et al.

Our own little quiz of the week: When a policeman clubs you on ne picket line, you should:

-Turn the other cheek. —Say, "Pardon me for living." —Call a cop.

-Write a letter to the Journal. -Hand him a bunch of fives on

Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans of the Ku Klux Klan: "The Klan will not sit idly by and allow the CIO to stairs; prices go up in the elevator; destroy our social order without rents get an airplane." swift punishment."

There is nothing that can

old fascists.

are sticking up for the common peo

papers and ask him questions to show or unity of labor in Minneapolis?

-Aunt Sally

STEEL WORKER LIKES PAPER

I received a copy of the Northwest Organizer and I felt a great inspira-tion after reading it. It is by far the best union paper that I have yet seen am almost sure that if we steel workers had had a similar one during Mr. Rockefeller's death removes a the recent strike, the outcome would striking figure from the life of our have been a much more favorable one . . . I shall see about the possibility of securing regular bundle orders for distribution among local steel-

Fraternally yours, East Chicago, Indiana

cal No. 292 bargaining rights for the majority of Northern States Power employees. While this was a tremendous victory for the Union and for organized labor as a whole, it was an even greater one for each individual covered. It gave them the strength to attain through the privilege of collective bargaining, those things that to them were heretofore impossible. The rugged individualists are slowly but surely coming to the

tract in monotonous rhythm. Mean-while, what does his mind do? That's At the present time and ever since the strike was settled, the opinion seems to be prevalent among the members, to some extent at least, that progress has been rather slow. If this is true, and it is if we wish to mini-mize all the energy expended in building the foundation from which all future progress emanates, let us approach the problem and with an analytical mind, correct, as many as we can, the mistakes that have retarded

> that any organization founded on for the promotion of the welfare of the masses, never encounters smooth seas to sail. The privileged classes are fighting both an vent any encroachments upon their

LAW PASSED BY N Y LEGISLATURE

and liquor was consumed but never

Also in New York, Supreme Court Justice Pecora declared void an injunction granted by Justice Lewis L. Fawcett restraining the CIO affili-ated shipbuilding workers' union from picketing the Wheeler Shipyards Corporation. Justice Pecora stated in his decision that Fawcett had exceeded his authority in granting the injunction and had violated the terms of the Anti-injunction law by refusing to grant Sydney Sandes a trial by jury. Sandes, business agent for the union, had been sentenced to and had begun serving a thirty-day term for contempt of court. His sentence was revoked and he was immediately released from jail. As a result of this ruling 350

SHE'S OUT AGAIN

Letters from

Worker - Readers

To the Editor I declare, I suppose I am just an old snoopy woman sticking my big nose in, but I thought it would just be a splendid thing for Minneapolis if you boys from the Drivers would just shake hands with Hilliard Smith and William Mauseth and sort of make up. Then we could all get together in a great big People's Front and save capitalism from those nasty

I declare to goodness, I think it would be a wonderful thing if the Northwest Organizer would print pic-tures of Mr. Mauseth and Mr. Hilliard Smith, so that everyone could see what clean Americans who are making a fight for labor really look like. Both these men are just too lovely for words. They are home owners and tax payers, and good to their

Also, I think the Northwest Organizer ought to print more speeches made by our splendid Governor Benson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, who ple against Mr. Hearst and the other

To the ladies, I just want to say, you should read your husband's labor you are interested in unions—ques-tions like, How did the People's Front win the petroleum strike, and How loes the expulsion of the CIO unions from the Central Labor Union make

If this is worth a little space I will ry to be with you again next week.

o the Northwest Organizer

MANUEL TRBOVICH

To the Members of Local 292 (Utility Section)

On the third day of March, 1937, an agreement was signed giving Loconclusion that, as bargaining agents for themselves, they have not been successful.

We must bear in mind the fact

ANTI-INJUNCTION

paid for.

Henry Ford says: "If you eat right, leep right, work right, the passing of the years makes little impression upon Howard Scott says: "A criminal is person with predatory instincts who has not sufficient capital to form a other members of the union were removed from jeopardy on contempt charges pending against them.

NOT by Edgar Guest MONOPOLISTIC MONOLOGUE

Let us corner up the sunbeams Lying all around our path; Get a trust on wheat and roses, Give the poor the thorns and chaff. us find our chiefest pleasure

Hoarding bounties of the day, So the poor will have scant measure, And high prices have to pay.

Yes, we'll reservoir the rivers, And we'll levy on the lakes, And we'll lay a trifling poll-tax On each poor man that partakes; We'll brand his number on him, That he'll carry through his life, We'll apprentice all his children Get a mortgage on his wife.

We will capture e'en the wind-god, And confine him in a cave. Then through our patent process We the atmosphere will save; Thus we'll squeeze our little brother When he tries his lungs to fill, Put a meter on his wind-pipe, And present our little bill.

We will syndicate the starlight And monopolize the moon, Claim royalty on rest days, A proprietary noon, For right of way through ocean's spray We'll charge just what it's worth, We'll drive our stakes around the lakes; In fact, we'll own the earth.

-E. Bradshaw

ill-gotten and stolen gains. They constantly place stumbling blocks and obstacles in the paths of any such organization for the sole purpose of retarding progress. The means used have been varied and many, but should be apparent to anyone who has concerned himself with the welfare of our organization. We may as well realize at this time, that this battle will continue until we have removed the last vestige of greed from Capitalism.

There is another factor to be con idered. It concerns each individual member of the Local. Bear this point in mind always, "No organization ever will be any stronger or better than its members make it." We must fight with all the zeal and ardor dis played by our opponent if we are to win this battle. Let us ask a few questions of some of the older mem-

1. To what extent have you devoted your time, energy, pa-tience, and persistence in teaching the new members the fundamentally sound principles of collective bargaining?

Have you at all times treated these new members with the respect due brothers of your organization?

Have you refrained from calling them names that per-haps were, in the majority of cases, misnomers, if you had stopped to reflect that they were not members until after the strike? Are you aware of the fact

that a man does not neces-sarily think and believe as we do just because he wears our button and has taken our oath?

5. Have you guarded against

every word, thought, and deed that would tend to re-tard the new members in their adoption of our beliefs? Have you stressed the importance of attending meetings to the new members by attending yourself, even to the point of sacrifice on your part? "Remember, no sacrifice is too great for the rich man to make if by so doing he can realize a sufficient

monetary return."

To the new members: We welcome ou into our organization, knowing from past experience, that if you will cooperate with us, we will be able to produce results as your bargaining agents that will meet with your ap-proval. Your union can only proceed as fast as you, its members, indicate strength and solidarity. You have no doubt observed that certain departnents in the company have realized tangible benefits in excess of others. Investigation proves these departments to be the ones most solidly organized. It is true that much less resistance is encountered in the set-tlement of grievances, wage adjust-ments, etc., if the employer is aware of the fact that every member stands solidly, one hundred per cent behind heir organization.

Let us all go forward together. We can if we will attend meetings reg-ularly and take part in them. Let us offer constructive instead of destruc-tive criticism. Even now great gains have been made. In the future, with every member's support and wholehearted cooperation, we can force if necessary, our employer to share at least a part of the profits of our labor with us.

Fraternally yours, N. S. P. CO. WORKER Member Local 292

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Petroleum Drivers

The Petroleum Drivers will mee each month.

Federal Workers

Regular Membership Meeting: Second Friday in each month Stewards' Meeting—Every Wonesday, 8 p. m.

Local 1859

General Membership—Sept. 1 Casket Industry—Sept. 14 Clark Company—Sept. 15 Puffer-Hubbard—Sept. 17 Box Industry—Sept. 21 St. Paul Section—Sept. 27. Executive Board—Every Friday

Local 20316

Stewards-First and third Tues-Aday,
Regular Membership Meeting—
fourth Tuesday
Executive Roard—Regularly every
Monday.

Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.

Retail Drivers-First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers - Second

Local 289

Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.

Private Chauffeur The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Local 292 Inside Section—First Tuesday Utility Section—First Thursday Full Membership — Third Thurs

Full Membership
day
General Executive Board — Mondays preceding first and third
Thursdays
Advisory Board—Every Tuesday

Local 131

LAUNDRY DRIVERS
The Laundry and Dry Cleaning
Drivers Local 131 meets the first
and third Wednesdays of each

Local 544

Local 544

Thursday, Sept. 16—Tent and Awning; Print Drivers
Friday, Sept. 17—Job Stewards
Thursday, Sept. 23—Transfer;
Wholesale Drug
Tuesday, Sept. 28—Taxi Drivers;
Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day
Drivers, 7 p. m.
Seniority Committee meets each
Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each
Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.
Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.