

Members and Friends of the Minneapolis Trade Union Movement - Support the Industrial Exposition and Harvest Festival at the Minneapolis Auditorium, from November 19-27! For the Minneapolis union movement to be housed together in one Labor Temple would be a progressive move. ALL OUT to the HARVEST FESTIVAL!

As from this hour You use your power, The World must follow You

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and... ON THE Other Hand  
... By the Cynic

"None of the experts seem to know just what cause or combination of causes account for the recent demoralization of the stock market."  
—Social Justice

That's easy: Just determine why there are more sellers than buyers of stocks, why the warehouses are full and why a billion dollars in assets have been put in the vaults of Wall Street during the last 30 days because it is not profitable to invest them. Just now there is an increasing national and international market restriction that is propelling us heading into a depression that neither the New Deal of the currency cranks nor any other panacea will correct as long as the profit system exists. When the workers produce too much the rich become richer and the poor become poorer. It's a great system—for the big shots.

"Within one week world opinion has so crystallized against Japan's barbaric brutality in China that fifty nations through the League of Nations assembly have approved an international conference to act on this Far Eastern menace to peace."  
—New Leader

Opinion among the ruling classes of the capitalist nations throughout the world is such that they are so enthusiastic over the idea of peace that they are not only willing but anxious to fight for it. War in the interest of peace today will have much the same results as the war to make the world safe for democracy did 20 years ago. Such slogans are merely a smoke screen to hide the real aims of imperialism. It is so much easier to get the workers of the world to fight for democracy and peace than for the investments and capital of their nations.

"Recent declines in shoe and textile activity and prices have led some manufacturers to seek wage scale reductions from their employee groups or from unions, but in few instances have such proposals been accepted, reports in the New York market last week indicated."  
—N. Y. Times.

It is highly significant that the drive for wage cuts is only successful where industries have been able to maintain their employer-controlled company unions, or in places where the workers are as yet unorganized. In New England, especially at Lynn, Mass., most of the giant shoe manufacturers have "influenced" their "independent" unions to grant wage reduction concessions. Unsuccessfully, the textile employers in the South have attempted similar wage-cutting measures, but have been stopped cold due to the resistance of the unions. Workers may be sure that the company unions will be the very first to fall before the barrage of the bosses in the approaching new economic crisis. Only strong militant unions can hold the line against the bosses from now on.

**SPECIAL NOTICE!**  
A general membership meeting of Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316 will be held Tuesday night, November 23, at 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue.  
The meeting is called to take up the question of supporting the organizational campaign in the retail store of Sears, Roebuck; to give the obligation to new members; and to plan the organizational drive throughout the city for the coming year. All union members are expected to attend.  
Miles Bernard (Micky to you) Dunne will speak at the meeting. Executive Board, Local 20316

## Grand Forks Drivers Sign Bosses

### WARD WORKERS MOVE TO SHOW-DOWN WITH FIRM

M-W Organization Committee Drafts Agreement; Date to Be Set

Gaining momentum each day, the organizational campaign of the St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union in the Montgomery-Ward plant is now building up rapidly to a show-down with the company. The M-W organization committee met last Friday at the Hamlin Hotel in St. Paul to draft a contract for presentation to the Ward management.

On Tuesday night, at a special meeting of Montgomery-Ward workers held at 347 University Ave., a large and enthusiastic membership ratified the proposed working agreement. A committee was chosen with the power to call other meetings, to set a date for and to present the agreement to Montgomery-Ward's.

The committee consists of Bernie Simmer, Ethel Carlson, Lela Smith, Cliff Thompson, George Door, Frank Duprey, James Bartlett, and Ted Dostal. This committee will probably present the agreement to the Ward management within the next ten days.

### Mauseth Leaders Irresponsible in Use of Strikes

"Strike" seems to be the first and about the only thing the Mauseth-Smith wrecking crew can think of when they are confronted with an employer who does not immediately say "yes" to all of their fancies.

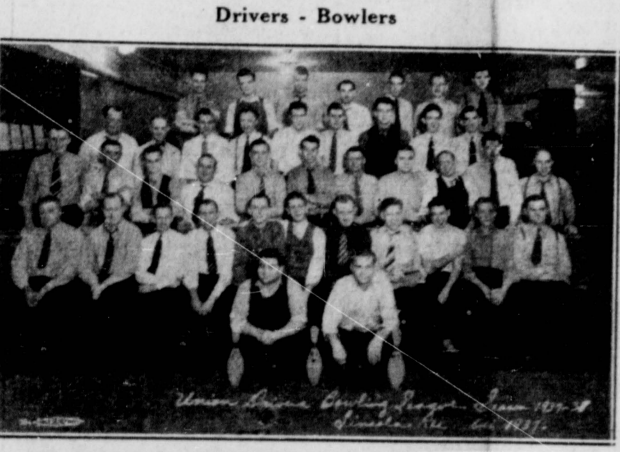
Take the incident at the North Star Specialty as one example of ludicrous labor leadership on the part of the splitters. They claimed some CIO members were working in this shop, and they popped in upon the management and presented demands and with little further ado called a strike.

Grand Lodge Organizer Heath of the International Association of Machinists, confident of the attitude of the men in the shop, called for an election to determine who shall represent the employees. In the meantime the "strike" had fizzled out for lack of sufficient grounds, and the management agreed with the union that work would be available to the employees without discrimination on the basis of seniority.

There then arose some differences on points regarding the election, and the representatives of the I. A. of M., Lodge 382, carried the matter to the N. L. R. B. for ironing out. In the meantime, the men are working on the basis of seniority rights and at a five-cents an hour increase in pay by agreement between the A. F. of L. union and the management, the entire matter of wages and working conditions to be reopened for determination later.

This is a reasonable method of handling this particular situation and in accordance with sound labor practice. The strike weapon is still available, but it is unlikely that it will be necessary to use it in obtaining a satisfactory final settlement.

The employees are well pleased with the manner in which the representatives of the legitimate machinists union have handled this matter. The Mauseth-Smith campaign of misrepresentation can last only so long; then it must collapse from becoming entangled in its own meshes. They are not even prospering briefly on their campaign of shameful untruths.



Drivers - Bowlers  
For the most part, the union movement in Minneapolis finds an outlet for its athletic talents on the picket lines. However, for the second year in succession, a Drivers Bowling League is actively functioning. Above are the workers who make up the teams in the Drivers League; each Monday night the league bowls at the Lincoln alleys.

### O'Neil Co. Fires Men Who Join Electrical Workers

"Friend of Labor" Attempts to Intimidate Workers, Union Officers

A show-down in Anoka is rapidly approaching between the J. P. O'Neil company, road contracting firm, and the trade union movement whose members are involved in the Rural Electrification job which O'Neil is bossing. A short time ago, O'Neil secured a contract for this work, binding himself to get the necessary workers through the County Reemployment Office, and to give preference to workers from Anoka County. By bringing in most of his workers from outside the county, O'Neil has thus broken a clause in the contract. A few weeks ago, the Electrical Workers Local 292 began organizing the workers on the job who came within its jurisdiction. O'Neil, who for years has boasted that he is a "union concern and friendly to organized labor," answered by firing six or seven men who had joined the union.

On Wednesday, November 3, Local 292 officials called on O'Neil, told him that his actions constituted coercion and intimidation, and that the union meant to organize the job. He assured the union officers that he had no objections. It was then proposed that he reinstate the fired men, and negotiate a working agreement. O'Neil stalled, promising to give his answer the following day.

Instead, he called in his attorney, Walsh, and together they approached the Drivers Union, attempting to provoke a jurisdictional dispute between the electrical workers and the drivers. (O'Neil has his headquarters in Faribault, where he employs half a dozen drivers who are members of General Drivers Union Local 458, and who, incidentally are NOT being paid the union scale). Drivers Local (Continued on page 3)

### St. Paul Warehouse Workers Thank 120

Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297 wishes to render its wholehearted thanks to Art Hudson of General Drivers Local 120, for the assistance he rendered the Sommers workers in their recent strike, and for the valuable aid he rendered Local 20297 in negotiating a settlement with the Sommers management.

### 544 Wins One-Day Creamette Strike

Last Thursday a short strike was called by General Drivers Local 544 against the Creamette company, involving a driver and one shipping clerk. The union had submitted a contract over a month ago to this firm, and had received no answer. Thursday, the men were pulled off the job and the management notified that beginning Friday no workers would go in. At 5 p. m. Thursday the manager met with the union committee and shortly thereafter signed a union working agreement.

Several other firms employing drivers, helpers and inside men have signed up with Local 544 during the past two weeks. Among them are: Marshall Wells; F. E. Satterlee; J. Gruan & Son; General Metal Ware; Western Alloyed Steel; Belden-Porter; and Northwest Duco Corp. Kelly Postal and Walter Hagstrom represented the union in the negotiations. The prevailing wages and conditions in the industry were specified in each case in the new working agreements.

### VOORHEES CASE A STRUGGLE FOR UNION PICKETS

Conviction of Workers Will Nullify Anti-Injunction Law

A labor defense case of the greatest importance to the future of the Minnesota trade union movement is now being fought through the courts. It is the case of Joseph Voorhees, Austin union leader.

On Sept. 24, 1936, Judge Norman E. Peterson of the District Court of Mower County issued an injunction against the banning of the Stella Reid Beauty Shop in Austin for refusing to sign a working agreement with the Union of Beauty Operators.

The court found that the dispute between the union and the employer over wages, hours and working conditions did not constitute a labor dispute, and denied the union the benefits of the anti-injunction law.

The anti-injunction law (Ch. 416 Laws of Minnesota for 1933) prohibits injunctions in labor disputes. This law is a re-enactment of the Norris-LaGuardia Act. The legislatures of sixteen states, in addition to the U. S. Congress, have declared by this law that the courts shall not have authority to issue an injunction in a labor dispute except after a (Continued on page 2)

### Woodenware Pickets Win All But One Case

The trials of the union pickets arrested last week at the Northland Ski plant in St. Paul have now been held. On Friday, Lawrence Himle and C. James were tried on charges of tampering with a car. The case was dismissed for lack of evidence. The woodenware workers were defended in court by Hyman Edelman and Herbert Wolner. Eddie Shibuska received a sentence of 15 days and damages on the same charge.

On Monday Robert Bagno was tried before Judge Parks in St. Paul and found not guilty of disorderly conduct. The prosecution sought to find him guilty under an old ordinance passed back in the 1890's concerning the use of "insulting language" but got all tied up and failed to carry its point.

Union representatives John Janasco and Bill Engelbreton are now meeting with Lund to discuss the contract. Lund still takes the position that the union does not represent the majority of his workers, and for this reason balks at discussing seniority and wages. Negotiations continued this week.

### Grand Forks Union Signs Up 11 Firms, 60 Workers

NCDDC Representatives Aid Drivers in Rochester, St. Cloud, Hutchinson

For this week, the North Central District Drivers Council points the baton at the Grand Forks General Drivers Local 581, which last Thursday signed up eleven employers in the transfer and wholesale fruit and grocery sections in that city. Strikes against these firms had been in effect for periods ranging from a few days to three weeks. The union working agreement wins for about 60 men wage increases up to 12½c hourly, a reduction in hours, a week's vacation with pay, sick leave, seniority, etc. Assisting the Local 581 committee in the settlement negotiations was Bill Brown, Council representative.

### Harvest Festival Opens on Nov. 19

The Industrial Exposition and Harvest Festival at the Minneapolis Auditorium, commencing Friday, November 19, and running eight days, will be the greatest show ever put on by the Minneapolis Labor Temple Association, according to its sponsors. The affair is being staged to raise funds for the erection of a labor temple on the property at Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street.

The main floor of the auditorium will be occupied by the exposition proper, including displays of both machinery and products of local industry. A feature of the radio display will be the television exhibit. The parade of women's wear will bring the latest fashions, and forecast style trends of the coming year.

The Fun department in the basement of the auditorium includes many forms of entertainment, together with several novel inventions calculated to thrill, instruct and amuse. Plenty of enthusiasm on tap, for sale at a modest sum.

Monday night, November 22, has been designated Transportation Night, set aside for drivers, street railway, bus and taxi employees.

Tickets in book form are being sold by 60 Minneapolis unions, and are also on sale at the Association Headquarters at 18 South Eighth Street. The tickets, selling for 30c, admit to both floors of the exposition. There will be a drawing for a prize of \$50 each night during the Festival. On the closing night, Saturday, November 27, an automobile will be given away.

### Baby Boy Born to Wendall Phillips

A candidate for a 544 steward by the year 1958 arrived in Minneapolis Friday evening, October 29, when a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Phillips. Phillips is Local 544's steward at the La Belle transfer. The kid weighs 7½ pounds, he says.

### CIO-AFL Peace Appears Possible; Windsor Ducks U. S. Labor; Chaplin Quits 'Voice'

Peace between the CIO and AFL seemed just a bit more possible after the respective committees met for six hours on two successive days last week. The preliminary exploration of the industries where the industrial form of organization may best be introduced appears to embrace the steel, automotive, rubber, cement and aluminum industries.

Both the Federation and the CIO have unions in the electrical and radio industry, and among the shoe workers, telegraph operators, packing house workers, Federal, State, county and municipal workers, transport workers, wood workers, and retail clerks. The United Auto Workers and the Steel Workers have no counter-part in the AFL. The United Mine Workers faces only the Progressive Miners of America, and no difficulty would stand in the way of settling this problem. Two tasks—that of merging the United Radio and Electrical Workers and the I. B. of E. W., and of achieving peace between the CIO Wood Workers and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters in the Pacific Northwest—are among the knottiest facing the negotiating committees, should the basis be reached for a realistic discussion of unity.

Philip Murray of the CIO intimated during the negotiations that the CIO might drop its demand for an autonomous place in the AFL, and Harrison of the Federation indicated the principle of industrial organization might be extended to more industries. Both sides are maneuvering for a truce that would bar raids on each other's membership while a permanent solution is sought.

On Tuesday night, the conference recessed, to meet again on Thursday, Nov. 18. According to reports, the negotiators have divided the nation's industries into three categories:

### News Flash!

With George Froisig of Local 544 and Harold Middicot of Local 120 running interference, three drivers for the Service & Storage company of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, received a check for back pay amounting to over three hundred dollars this week. F. Bennington, member of LaCrosse General Drivers Local 199, received a check for \$18; R. Genesewick, also of the LaCrosse Local, received a check for \$150; and C. Pellard, Local 544 member, also got \$150. The Service & Storage company has thus straightened itself out with the union movement, and is entitled to patronage from the union movement.

ence Schwab, representing the Council, were present. Officers for the coming period are: L. Krausert, president; George Schultz, vice-president; Donald Smutka, secretary-treasurer; Henry Mahts, recording secretary; trustees, Donald Davis, Russell Jull, and Dick Hansen, for three, two and one years, respectively. Over 60 members attended the meeting.

The NCDDC units in South Dakota have registered particularly great strides forward during the past few days. On Monday afternoon at 2:30 a hearing was held before the National Labor Relations Board in Minneapolis on the situation existing at the North American Creamery plant in Watertown, South Dakota. Readers of the Northwest Organizer will recall that a few weeks ago this firm had locked out 87 members of the General Drivers Union Local 277.

Pat Corcoran was spokesman for the large delegation from Local 227 which had come to town for the hearing. As a result of the evidence submitted, an agreement was reached to re-open the plant, recognize the (Continued on page 4)

### Standard Oil Unfair to 544

Attention of all members of the driving crafts, and of the general union movement, is called to the fact that the Standard Oil company is unfair to General Drivers Local 544. All Standard Oil products are to be spurned because they are delivered by non-union drivers.

The union is continuing to ban Standard stations in many parts of the city who are accepting deliveries from fink drivers.

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