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Answer The Boss Offensive; Attend Labor's Rally

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

Stand all as one Till right is done! Believe and dare and do!

University of Wisconsin Madison, Wis. WISCONSIN N-M

On the National Picket Line

Hard upon the heels of the enactment of the Naval Appropriations Bill, calling for the expenditure of over one billion dollars for a building program designed to make the United States Navy second to none comes news that for the second time within the last twelve months the United States Navy is engaged in secret war games. The scene of the present "games" stretches from Alaska, all down the Pacific Coast and into the Hawaiian Islands group.

Strict secrecy is attached to these maneuvers. At the University of Hawaii all R.O.T.C. students have been canvassed to determine how many of them, predominantly Japanese, have taken out their United States citizenship papers. Those known to be sympathetic toward the land of their birth are being very closely watched. Significantly, sites for new prison camps for the army are being selected on the islands.

A New York Correspondent, writing on March 16 on the situation which has arisen on the island of Oahu following the inauguration of the war games, said: "... Both army and navy here have become publicity shy. No news outside the routine personnel matters... is given out by anyone but the authorized chiefs of intelligence of both services..."

From Tokyo, according to a United Press dispatch, comes a statement from Rear-Admiral Kiyoshi Noda, chief of the Japanese information bureau that "... the United States naval expansion program 'of which Japan is obviously one object' is unnecessary unless the American government contemplates overseas operations."

Twenty-one years ago last fall Woodrow Wilson was elected president on the slogan "Keep America out of the War." Twenty-one years ago this week the congress of the United States, acting upon a message from Woodrow Wilson, declared war on the central powers.

Today, all over this land are broken homes, orphans, widows dependent upon relief to replace the support of the man they so patriotically sent away to "make the world safe for democracy." There are hundreds of veterans hospitals, where human wrecks lie in everlasting pain and agony awaiting the blessed relief that only death can bring because they too were fired with a desire to "make the world safe for democracy—to fight a war to end all wars."

The situation in the rubber industry remains at stalemate as the NLRB considers a plan to set up (Continued on page 4)



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

Strike Pends vs. Open-Shop Land o' Lakes

Following a completely unsatisfactory series of negotiations with the management of the Land o' Lakes creamery, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Union Local 471 has called a special meeting of all Land o' Lakes employees for Thursday night, 7:30, at the union hall to prepare for action to win its demands.

The contract between Local 471 and the Land o' Lakes was opened for negotiations on March 1. Having reached no agreement, the old contract expired April 1. Last Thursday negotiations were broken off following the company's steadfast refusal to grant the closed shop, or wages and hours prevailing in the rest of the industry. The company offered a 5 per cent wage increase, which would still be a long ways from the prevailing wage paid by the other creameries. Land o' Lakes refused to concede the 44-hour week.

Following the stubborn refusal of Land o' Lakes, which is the only remaining open-shop dairy plant in Minneapolis, to grant the reasonable demands of the union, Local 471 wired the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, requesting authority to strike. On Monday this authority was granted.

In the hope of averting a strike, Local 471 asked for another meeting with the company, which took place Tuesday morning. As in previous meetings, Brothers Ole Ogg, Tom Ammerman and Gene Larson represented the union, and Mr. Brandt, with several board members, represented the company. Finding the company's former stand unchanged, the union committee withdrew from the meeting, offering to meet with the company within 48-hours should its policy change.

On March 28 the Land o' Lakes workers had voted overwhelmingly to place strike authority in the hands of Local 471's executive board. About 150 men and women are employed by this firm. At press time it appeared certain that the union would be forced to strike in order to win its moderate and just demands.

Tent, Awning Men Strike Monday A.M.

Following refusal of local tent and awning companies to sign new contracts with General Drivers Local 544, a strike was called in this industry early Monday morning. The union is demanding a new working agreement calling for a 40-hour week and minimum wages of from 60c to 75c hourly.

The Wolmer L. Mammen company has already signed up with the union, agreeing late Monday to meet its demands.

About 40 drivers and inside men are on strike against the following firms: Hoigard, Minneapolis Tent and Awning, Canvas Supply, Acme Awning, Home Awning, and Uptown Awning. The men will stay on strike until their reasonable demands are met.

In an outrageous violation of the basic principles of unionism, Pete Warhol of the Upholsterers Union stuck his nose into the strike immediately, and has sought to recruit some of the awning men into the Upholsterers Union. This is but a continuation of the policy of Warhol's faction in the (Continued on page 4)

B. A.'s Name Large Unemployment Body

After hearing Max Goldman of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 make a report on present conditions of the unemployed in Minneapolis, the Union Board of Business Agents at its meeting last Friday, March 29, set up a committee to cooperate with the unemployed for the purpose of maintaining adequate relief standards.

Serving on the committee are Bob Cramer, editor of the Labor Review; Ray Sawyer, organizer for the Teamsters Joint Council; Bill Rathbone, of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Local 346; Walter Smedburg, Building Service Local 26; and Pete Warhol, Upholsterers Local 61.

This committee will interview liberal members of the Welfare Board, and ask them to live up to their obligations to the labor movement by acting to maintain adequate relief standards for the unemployed.

Special Meeting ALL COAL WORKERS

To Discuss the New Contract TUESDAY, APRIL 12 8 o'clock DRIVERS HALL

Chamberlin Strike Won by Drivers

Over four hundred dollars—that's what unionism brought to three drivers of the Chamberlain Metal Stripping company, 2400 Hennepin Avenue, last week. The drivers were owed back pay to August 3, 1937. On Thursday morning a strike was called. Friday noon a settlement was reached whereby the drivers received \$402. Walter Hagstrom of Local 544 represented the union in the negotiations.

Omaha Bakery Drivers After New Contract

Omaha, Neb.—Following a visit from Harry De Boer and Ray Rainbolt, drivers' union officials from Minneapolis, the Bakery Drivers Section of Local 554 is now well on the way to a new contract. Negotiations were begun with the employers Monday and are to be resumed Wednesday. Bakery drivers in Omaha have been organized almost 100 per cent in the union during the past few months.

Brothers DeBoer and Rainbolt also paid visits to the drivers' union locals in Lincoln and Grand Island, Nebraska.

General Drivers Union Local 554 won a small strike last week against the Service Exchange, a pick-up outfit. As a result of the strike, three men received back pay due them, and one man who had been fired out of seniority was returned to the job. All strikers were paid for the time spent on strike.

Local 544 Baseball Team Working Out

Tuesday at 5:30 twenty-one candidates for the baseball team to represent the General Drivers Union Local 544 turned up at the Parade Grounds and had a spirited practice session. The team will play in the fast American league of the Park Board. According to Manager Jack Herman, the boys looked very good in the initial workout. All Local 544 members wishing to try out for the team are urged to report at the Parade Grounds each Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p. m., and each Sunday at 10 a. m.

Unemployed ITO'ers Should Register

Due to a spurt in WPA work, all Independent Truck Owners, members of General Drivers Local 544, are now employed. Unemployed members of the ITO section of Local 544 are asked to register Thursday with Curt Zander at 257 Plymouth Avenue, in order to be in line for any new jobs which come up.

Anti-Union Bosses Raising War Chest

Interest in the giant union rally to be held next Monday night at the Municipal Auditorium reached a crescendo this week with the announcement in the daily press that business and industrial groups in the city had formed a united front and were raising a war fund of \$385,000 to put over their anti-labor program.

Many unions have notified their members to let nothing stand in the way of their attendance at Monday night's meeting, to demonstrate their firm support of the objectives to be presented to the union audience.

Leach's Gang In New Move Against 544

A new move to seize the books and records of Local 544 was made this week by the anti-union clique which has filed an "accounting" suit against the union.

Having no hope of being able to substantiate their charges in a regular court trial of the issues, and particularly fearing the result of cross-examination by the attorneys for the Drivers Union and the Central Labor Union, Mayor Leach's stooges moved to secure immediate access to the union's records. On the grounds that they cannot prepare their case without examination of the union's books, documents, correspondence with the International, etc., the clique's attorney, Arthur H. Anderson, filed a motion in the Special Term of District Court, asking Judge Frank Reed to give them the union's files immediately.

The motion is an implicit admission of the fact that the stooges cannot prove their many charges. But boss law provides opportunities for just such moves.

The motion is designed to give the stooges precisely what is at issue in the suit already scheduled for trial, namely the question of whether enemies of the union should be allowed to go on a fishing expedition to provide the anti-labor forces with a complete survey of the union's membership and other records.

In the ordinary course of the regular suit coming to trial, it might come up before any one of eight judges. By filing this motion, however, the clique knew in advance that such motions go before the Special Term, over which Judge Reed is at present presiding. Reed is an active figure in National Guard circles.

292-N. S. P. Relations Move Slowly

Since Local 292 and the Northern States Power Company resumed relations on March 21st proceedings have been moving along slowly.

As a result of three of four conferences and a bountiful exchange of letters the work week of two employees in the Meter Department has been definitely established in accordance with the terms of the Contract, that is eight hours per day and five days per week, and the company has promised to make the Trouble Department and Underground Department adjustments on the April 5th pay checks. Agreement has also been reached to dispose of a grievance involving overtime for three troublemen, although the pay adjustments have not yet been made.

Many Grievances Pend The union has addressed a number of letters to the company which take up the matter of an (Continued on page 2)

Forced Into Open Knowing their union-smashing plans would be exposed before the masses of Minneapolis workers on April 11, the bosses were forced out into the open this week. On Monday night they met in a downtown hotel, and launched their fund-raising campaign under the leadership of O. J. Arnold, well-known open-shopper.

According to press reports, "Mr. Arnold stressed the importance of promotion of better relations between employers and employees." Every worker knows what this phrase means when it falls from the lips of a spokesman of the employers' association.

Broad Drive Against Labor Arnold also confessed the local campaign "is typical of a movement under way all over the nation." He refers to the nationwide drive against organized labor and the living standards of the masses, being organized by the National Association of Manufacturers.

The mass meeting Monday is being called by expose and prepare to smash the anti-union drive and to adopt a program to put Minneapolis back to work at union wages. The union movement will insist that unemployment relief at trade union standards be provided all those whom private industry cannot employ. Speakers will demand that the present disgraceful relief system be replaced with adequate unemployment and social insurance. Spokesmen will also present demands for a raise in relief standards and supplemental aid for part-time workers.

The trade union rally is being sponsored by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, the Teamsters Joint Council, the Building Trades Council and the Allied Printing Trades Council.

Attractive List of Speakers John B. Boscoe, president of the Allied Printing Trades Council, will act as chairman at Monday's meeting. Other speakers will be Governor Elmer Benson, Roy Weir, Walter Frank, Robley Cramer, and Miles B. Dunne, together with a speaker from the Railroad Brotherhoods.

In order to handle the immense throng attending this mass meeting, doors of the auditorium will be thrown open to the public at 6:30 p. m. A program of organ music will be played until 8 p. m., at which time the speaking program will immediately get under way.

Besides the plans of the laborers to smash the union movement in Minneapolis, other pressing problems will be discussed Monday night, including the significance of the new economic depression for the union movement, and the danger of a new imperialist war "to save democracy."

All Workers Welcomed On Friday and Saturday of this week the Bill Distributors Union will carry 100,000 invitations to every workingclass home in the city, urging attendance at the meeting. All friends of labor, employed and unemployed, organized and unorganized, are urged to attend the rally.

DANGER AHEAD!

Trade Unionists: SMASH the Anti-Union Drive!

Mass Trade Union Rally

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM MONDAY, APRIL 11th

at 8 P. M.

Sponsored by

Minneapolis Central Labor Union Building Trades Council

Teamsters Joint Council Allied Printing Trades Council

OUR DEMANDS:

- Put Minneapolis back to work at Union Wages, or provide unemployment relief at Trade Union Standards until employed!
- Replacement of present disgraceful relief system with adequate unemployment and social insurance!
- Raise in relief standards and supplemental aid for part time workers. End victimization of the unemployed!

SPEAKERS:

JOHN B. BOSCOE—President, Allied Printing Trades Council (Chairman)

GOVERNOR ELMER BENSON

ROY WEIR—Organizer, Central Labor Union

WALTER FRANK—Vice-President, Building Trades Council

ROBLEY CRAMER—Editor, Labor Review

MILES B. DUNNE, Sec.-Treasurer Teamsters Joint Council

And a qualified speaker from the Railroad Brotherhoods

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Doors open at 6:30

(Over)

Program begins at 8 P. M.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Text of Twin Cities Bakery Drivers Pact

Inside Workers Receive \$24.20 Minimum for 44-Hour Week—Commissions Raised—One Year Pact Retroactive to Feb. 15—Over One Thousand Workers Covered

ARTICLE I
It is agreed and understood that all driver salesmen coming under this agreement shall adhere to the following conditions:
City salesmen shall not report for work before 6:00 A. M. and shall have routes completed and be in the plant not later than 3:00 P. M. and must be punched out at 3:15 P. M. week days with the exception of Saturday and days before holidays when one and one-half (1 1/2) hours extra time will be granted.

Country Salesmen shall work ten hours per day, not to exceed 60 hours per week.
Cake salesmen shall not report for work before 7:00 A. M. and shall have routes completed and be in the plant not later than 4:00 P. M. and must be punched out not later than 4:15 P. M.

Restaurant Salesmen shall not report for work before 4:00 A. M. and shall have routes completed and be in the plant not later than 1:00 P. M. and must be punched out not later than 1:15 P. M.
Yeast Wagon Drivers—nine consecutive hours, or less, shall constitute a day's work.

ARTICLE II
Employers shall provide a satisfactory means of recording the starting time and the quitting; the records of which shall be accessible to the Business Representative of the Union at all times. The Union shall have the privilege of insisting that the employer provide a satisfactory time-keeping system.

ARTICLE III
All City Bread Salesmen's wages shall be not less than \$32.50 per week plus 5% commission from \$275.00 to \$375.00 sales, 6% from \$375.00 to \$475.00 sales and 7% over \$475.00 sales.
Country Salesmen shall receive not less than \$35.00 per week plus city Salesmen's regular Commission.

All cake salesmen's wages shall be not less than \$32.50 per week and 7% commission over \$225.00.
Doughnut Salesmen's wages shall be \$25.00 per week and 5% commission on all sales.

Extra men and Student Salesmen shall be paid at the rate of \$25.00 per week for the first twelve (12) weeks and on salesmen's guarantee thereafter.
Special Delivery Drivers shall receive \$26.50 per week for forty-four (44) hours per week with time and one-third for overtime.

Transport men shall receive not less than \$32.50 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week. Overtime, however, shall not start until forty-eight (48) hours have been completed at the rate of time and one-third.

Shipping and Receiving Clerks shall receive not less than \$34.00 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week. Overtime, however, shall not start until forty-eight (48) hours have been completed at the rate of time and one-third.

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Assistant Shipping and Receiving Clerks shall receive not less than \$31.50 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week. Overtime, however, shall not start until forty-eight (48) hours have been completed at the rate of time and one-third.

All other men coming under this agreement shall receive not less than \$24.20 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week and overtime at the rate of time and one-third.

ARTICLE IV
All salaries and commissions shall be paid once each week.

ARTICLE V
The employee senior in service in each department shall be given preference, if qualified, when a vacancy in a higher position occurs. In case of seasonal lay-offs, employees junior in service shall be laid off first and in the event of reemployment, employees senior in service shall be given preference. Whenever a route is open, only one change will be permitted.

ARTICLE VI
After this date it is agreed that no product shall be sold for resale to peddlers or so-called independent breadmen and no member shall be permitted to furnish vehicles to be used in the delivery of goods in connection with his employment.

ARTICLE VII
No member shall be discharged or temporarily laid off after working six (6) consecutive days without being given three (3) days previous notice or pay for same. No member shall quit his position without giving his employer three (3) days notice under penalty of fine by the Union. Dishonesty or drunkenness or insubordination shall be reason for discharging an employee; such charges must be proven within a period of two (2) weeks.

ARTICLE VIII
All employees coming under the jurisdiction of this Union shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days after this agreement is signed or thirty (30) days after employment.

ARTICLE IX
Salesmen shall have nothing to do with the filling of gas, oil, greasing or repair and washing of trucks or wagons or any inside work.

ARTICLE X
No member shall deliver goods without collecting for same unless his employer assumes full responsibility for such collection. Employers shall receipt a credit daily for all unsold goods and members shall not be responsible for any unsold goods left in vehicles at best of employer. It is further understood and agreed that should the employer require the employees to give bonds, same shall be furnished, the employer to pay the premium and any cash bond now outstanding shall be returned at the employee's request.

ARTICLE XI
A. Wearing apparel prescribed by employers shall bear the union label and the cost of the garment shall be borne equally by the employer and the employee.
B. Wearing apparel prescribed by the employer shall bear the union label and the cost and maintenance thereof shall be borne by the employer only.

ARTICLE XII
It shall not be considered a violation of this agreement for the members working under this agreement to refuse to deliver products where there is any labor trouble.

ARTICLE XIII
All employees coming under the jurisdiction of this contract shall be granted the following holidays

without reduction in pay: New Years Day, May 30th, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Also for Grocers Annual Picnic and there shall be no Sunday or holiday deliveries in any classification, except for trains for out of city deliveries and when holidays fall on Saturday or Monday goods may be delivered to hotels and restaurants and like public places by special delivery only, on call. Drivers making such deliveries shall be paid at the rate of time and one-third. Also, no bread, or cake deliveries shall be made on Sunday to stores or restaurants.

ARTICLE XIV
All members shall be entitled to one week's vacation each year with pay, plus commission, for all members who have worked one year or longer. Preference in the matter of vacations shall be given according to seniority.

ARTICLE XV
No member shall be held responsible for damage accidentally occurring to their vehicles and no employees shall be charged for any damaged or stolen goods.

ARTICLE XVI
It is further agreed by the employer that when a route is split, the man whose route is so divided shall have first preference of the two routes with full commission plus commission earned for the twelve (12) weeks following to be governed by the thirty (30) days average sales previous to dividing said route.

ARTICLE XVII
Wages mentioned in the above sections are considered minimum wages and any employees receiving more shall suffer no reduction because of this agreement.

ARTICLE XVIII
Delegates to conventions shall be given time off for same without pay.

ARTICLE XIX
It is further agreed and understood by both parties to this agreement that should any controversy arise not provided for in this agreement, it shall be submitted to a committee of five for arbitration; two to be chosen by the Union and two from the employer, and the fifth to be selected by the first four and this Board shall meet within five (5) days at place and date set by both parties. If for any reason either side fails to appear within a reasonable time set, those present shall render a decision to be handed down in ten days. During the time the case is pending there shall be no strike or lockout. The decision of this Board is final and binding on both parties.

ARTICLE XX
This agreement shall be into effect February 15, 1938, and remain in effect until February 15, 1939, and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter, unless thirty (30) days notice is given by either party prior to February 15, 1939, or any year thereafter.

ARTICLE XXI
Now that the wholesale bakers contract is signed (such as it is) we must live up to it to the letter as all employers have agreed to co-operation on their part, in seeing that their own men live up to every part and parcel of it. After all, this is a contract and is therefore binding on all parties concerned.

Boy, oh boy! What a turnout we had for the wholesale bakery drivers and helpers contract meeting. But where in the name of Hamah is everybody the rest of the year? Boys, we must have everybody out for every meeting as time after time we've had vastly important things come up and members afterward have complained of not knowing anything about it.

We come up with a belated birth item. Russel Fahrendorf of Raifers reports that his wife presented him with the cutest baby girl.

Phil Hubert, Continental, is back to work after quite a sojourn in the hospital. Feeling pretty chipper, too.

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Bill Brown Says—

The bosses are out in the open with their union-smashing drive. Labor MUST give its resounding answer. The place is the Municipal Auditorium, the time is next Monday night, April 11.

BILL BROWN
President of 544

292-N. S. P. Relations Move Slowly

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overtime grievance in the Municipal Lighting Department; failure of the company to make an agreed adjustment for Angus Black of the Land and Tax Department; an overtime grievance in the Generation Department; submitting a proposal on the final two items in the Special Construction Agreement and asking for a conference to close this Agreement; a grievance regarding holiday pay for monthly paid Underground Department men; a verification of the pay rates agreed upon for St. Croix; a list of corrections on the Overhead Department seniority list and the request for posting of this list; pay adjustment for one man at Excelsior who was omitted in the general adjustment; the payment of overtime to the Overhead Department foremen or the immediate arbitration of this case; and a request for a July 1st effective date for the coal conveyor men agreed wage rate.

Other Issues Raised
The union has also written the company requesting in writing the company's full proposal for the Kelvintor Department and has called the company's attention to safety meetings being continued

At last it's out and he has finally bowed to the inevitable. "Ralphey Dalphey" Anderson, Zinsmasters, commonly known as the King of Snus Boulevard, is being married on Saturday night, the 18th of June.

We will have initiation of members at the next General Membership meeting. All members who have not as yet been initiated be here on that night, April 28.

Ray Ferguson, Purity North Plant, who has been crippled up for quite some time will be back to work real soon.

Bob McVeety is making some awful wild statements in regard to pistol shooting at 18 paces.

Bill Huber, Independent Grocery Baking company, is one man who carries out a detail. Brings the message to Garcia, so to speak, no matter what the obstacles are. Harry De Boer appointed Bill a committee of one to see that we had some calendars around the auditorium and last meeting up pops Bill with three of the finest calendars you ever laid eyes on. One in particular was a honey, although it was last year's. Bill, having an eye for art, brought it anyway.

During this recent cold snap, Harvey Zimmerman woke up and found his false teeth frozen in the glass. Maybe you better keep them in a little alcohol, Harvey. But still, I guess that wouldn't work so well, as you would probably show up for work with quite a bun on. You know, alcohol is bad on an empty stomach.

Our slogan for the coming year is, "Get Out to Meetings and Find Out What Is Going On."

Harry De Boer and the Indian Chief Ray Rainbolt have been in Omaha the last week winding up the bakers' contract in the drivers' unions. And they're some wind-uppers, too.

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Watt Notes

Once again the cigars were passed out in the Meter Department. Brother Don Rossell took unto himself a wife.

Again we say congratulations to the groom—condolences to the bride.

Remember, Don, keep the first and third Thursday as your nights out and meet the boys at the Union meetings.

Hold everything—A big time ahead—Keep Saturday, May 7, open and follow the procession from Minneapolis to St. Cloud, where our St. Cloud brothers are holding their Local 292 first anniversary dance. More about this later.

Universal Electric is again paying the scale on the Sumner Field Housing Project by decision of the Arbitration Board.

Brother Ed Hein is still in Northwestern Hospital. Let's go up and visit our brother.

The meter installers and service crews report the union label appearing on jobs more and more as the weeks go by.

Let's hope before long all jobs will have the label on them.

Brother John Williams is still idle.

Brother Stein was on the sick list last week.

This column would appreciate it if members would report any social or news events as they happen.

All stewards should report if any members in their crews or departments are on the sick list or layed up in any way.

Brothers Heigel and John Williams attended the regular meeting of the St. Cloud branch Friday, April 1. Very, very good meeting.

Brother Schultz met with the St. Croix Committee at St. Croix Saturday afternoon. A lay-off in the line crews was discussed as well as the past grievances which the company has not yet settled.

Morrow Answers Browder Speech
"The Communist Party's Pro-War Position—An Answer to Earl Browder" will be the subject of Felix Morrow's lecture at the Socialist Public Forum, 669 Second Avenue North, 3 p. m. Sunday.

The forum is a regular Sunday afternoon feature. All friends of labor are invited to attend.

Three articles of faith for trade unionists: do not trust the bosses; control the leaders; rely only on your own force.

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Iowa Drivers Make Gains in Gamble Strike

(Special to Northwest Organizer)
Waterloo, Iowa—The eight-day strike of the Waterloo Drivers Union Local 650 against the Gamble-Robinson firm here was settled Saturday, March 26, with a substantial victory for the union. A similar settlement was reached in Mason City.

Under terms of the new contract, wage scales will range from \$21.50 to \$25.50 weekly. The 48-hour week, with time and one-third for overtime, was won. Formerly, hours ranged from 54 upwards. Wages were as low as \$65 a month.

The union has entered a stiff protest to the county attorney's office, following the issuance of a subpoena for, and the subsequent fining, of L. E. Huggert, Local 650's business agent, for assault and battery against Curtis Ives, strikebreaker. The union points out that no subpoena was issued for Phil Riggs, a fink strikebreaker, whose truck struck a union picket.

"If a subpoena was issued in one case it should have been issued in the other in fairness to all parties concerned," read the union statement. "If the county attorney's office fails in its performance of a duty one time it is a perfectly honest assumption that it will fail again in the performance of its duties. Organized labor will be heard."

In general, no people are more superstitious than skeptics.

DEMAND UNION CLERKS

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We had quite a few new members that attend the meeting. I want to see all new members up so they can take the obligation.

Elmer Hanson is waiting for me to finish this column, so we can go get a drink. He is going to buy. It is now almost 1 a. m. Thanks for the drink I didn't get.

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Labor School Party On Friday, April 25

Hundreds of friends of the Minneapolis Labor School have already purchased tickets for the second annual Spring Party, to be held in the school headquarters on Friday eve, April 25, according to Mr. Jack Hughes, chairman of the arrangements committee.

A program of fun for all will include dancing, refreshments, card playing, games, slide shows, skits, community singing, and a number of popular entertainment acts. A \$10 door prize, as well as many other prizes, will be offered. Tickets are 25c.

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Twin Ports Unions Seek Joint Action

Representatives of all the local unions in the Twin Ports, Duluth and Superior, from the range cities and the surrounding territory, took part in a dinner sponsored by the Twin Ports Teamsters Joint Council on March 30. Clarification of drivers' policy and cementing and strengthening of cooperation among the local unions was the purpose of the affair.

R. E. Rooney of Local 32, Duluth Milk Wagon Drivers, was toastmaster. Among the speakers were E. J. Slaughter of the International Longshoremen's Association, A. P. Blair of the Brewery Workers Union, S. Sanders, president of Superior General Drivers Local, Philip De More, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Leslie Sinton, International Representative of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, H. A. Schultz of the Minneapolis Electrical Workers Local 292, Fred Smith, of Duluth General Drivers Local 346, and Farrell Dobbs, secretary-treasurer of the North Central District Drivers Council.

Speakers from the various locals praised the drivers' unions for their assistance in times of strife and pledged their own locals to continued cooperation.

Fred Smith emphasized the necessity of a militant rank and file membership backing correct leadership. "A union is only as strong as its rank and file," he declared. He warned against the growing menace of reaction in the form of Citizens Alliances and their ilk. Smith closed with an earnest plea for cooperation in a militant campaign to bring the unorganized into the fold of unionism.

Warns Against War Danger
Farrell Dobbs reported briefly on the progress of the NCDCC in the over-the-road organization drive and negotiations for a contract covering drivers on an area scale. Stressing the growing menace to the labor movement of the war danger, he warned that when the employing class decides to fight for world markets, everyone who opposes them will be labeled pro-Japanese, German, Italian, or whatever other country is to be fought. Labor leaders who fight against war will be hounded by the police. A campaign of propaganda designed to create a war hysteria will be launched. Every known facility for propaganda is in the hands of the employers and they will make full use of them. A militant campaign of action by the organized labor movement is needed to fight against the war preparations.

Union Cooperation
Dobbs closed his speech with a pledge that the drivers' unions continue ready to aid other unions. He pointed to several recent experiences to demonstrate how the drivers could be even more helpful if locals in conflict with the employers would contact the drivers

Bakers Union Holds Mass Meeting Saturday

A special mass meeting for all bakery workers, organized and unorganized, will be held this Saturday afternoon, April 9, at 3 p. m. in the Eastside Eagles Hall by the Bakery Workers Union Local 222. The meeting will acquaint non-union bakery workers with the benefits and achievements which Local 222 has won in the industry. Guest speakers will be Roy Weir, organizer of the Central Labor Union, and Robley Cramer. Refreshments will be served, and every bakery worker is cordially invited to attend.

Mason City Drivers Reach Pact With Brady Truck Lines

General Drivers Local 828 of Mason City, after three months of negotiations, finally has reached an agreement with the Brady Truck Lines. Under this agreement, Brady will put the four men to work who formerly hauled butter for the Iowa State Brand Creameries during the November trucking strike in this town.

Billman, who had the contract for butter-hauling, ceased to operate. The Union has contended that the men were to go with the butter contract. The union won its point, and the four men are back to work. Another victory for Local 828.

Local 20316's Band Now in Rehearsals

Fifteen musicians, members of Local 20316, turned out for the initial practice session held by the Warehouse Union Band. Under the able direction of Ted Helland, the players held a long practice session last Thursday night in the downstairs clubroom at 257 Plymouth Avenue, much to the annoyance of the dogs in the neighborhood.

Rehearsals will be held each Thursday evening in the same hall. Local 20316 plans to make the band available to the trade union movement of Minneapolis at all appropriate occasions. A special concert for the unions in this city is being tentatively planned for a later date.

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at an early period in the controversy. Many times strike action can be avoided if the employer knows he will have to fight against a solid front of all the unions. And in any event, if strike action must be taken, it can be conducted on a more efficient basis if all unions involved are early given a picture of the entire problem.

"The rest of the movement needs the help of the drivers and we need the help of the rest of the movement. We pledge you the fullest measure of support, and we are sure that we will receive the same loyal support from you."

Eau Claire Unionists Visit 292

On Monday of this week Brother S. H. Preston, Business Manager, and Brother Davis, President, of Local 953 I. B. E. W. of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, visited the headquarters of Local 292, Local 953, according to the reports of Brothers Preston and Davis, is slowly forging ahead. They are at the present time in the midst of a wage review program.

It was very interesting to learn that apparently all local unions, in attempting to better the conditions for their membership, have about the same difficulties. According to recent rumors it was only Local 292, or at least certain portions of 292, that were "so unreasonable." Local 953 reports that the same rumors are also persistent in their locality regarding Local 953.

The conclusions to be drawn seem very obvious—close cooperation between local unions is the sure road to solving this problem.

On the Route With the Milk Man

George Berquist looks just like Clark Gable in his new suit. Conny Ordman comes in second and Mike La Vary also ran.

Slats Scrapper Buck and Squirt Capone Russell still predominate as the great shag and apple dancers.

Tom Ammerman is the only non-union pilot flying a crate; if you don't believe it, ask Gust Anderson. He won't take a ride with him until Tom can produce a card.

Sparky "Ab" Swanson, the spark shooter, is still thinking of the great deeds he pulled off last summer on the diamond ball field.

Some of the fugitives from the ball and chain gang are John Dodson, Screw Hopko, Cannon Ball Road and we can't just think of the other unfortunate birds.

"Pea" Hughes enjoyed a surprise birthday party Friday night and also the new flivver.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig
It seems that quite a few of our members are taking too great an advantage of a good thing. Checking on the books reveals an astonishing number on withdrawal cards. As all the truck owners are working now, there must be many who are abusing a privilege and working right merrily along without paying any dues.

Both Mickey Dunne and Ray Sawyer gave excellent little talks at a recent meeting of WPA truckers. It was too bad some more of Local No. 1 men were not there to listen and learn.

The regular monthly meeting comes around again this week.

Lud Swanson, city excavating contractor, has started work already with three or four independents on the pay-roll.

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Two ITO Members In Accident Monday

Two members of the Independent Truck Owners section of Local 544, Nick Nelson and Charles Buchanan, were injured Monday afternoon in a freak accident on Como avenue while working on a city street job. The two union members were on the ground examining Buchanan's truck, when Nelson's truck, parked to the rear, rolled down and pinned them between the two vehicles.

Both men were taken to the hospital. Buchanan is now home, and it is reported Nelson suffered no serious injuries.

With Shovel and Tongs

Our bowling team won three Monday night. They're going good now, but they started too late. The Taximen from Local 125 have first place pretty well cinched.

Did you see that nice green special rig that Marks is driving. He's the catch-as-catch-can at Sanitary now.

Oakes is back on the ice route again. Don't you wish you could have stayed in the coal yard.

This cold weather gives the icemen the chills. Not even good weather for highballs.

Slim Eberl is driving a new Chev—must have been a federal loan.

Have you seen the new paint job the Cedar Lake boys have on their trucks. Pretty nifty, says we.

A fink has no room on an ice rig. Be sure he has a button. If he doesn't, it makes you a fink, too. (Two finks on one truck not allowed.)

Next Tuesday night, April 12, is our regular meeting night. You all know what's transpired the last two meetings. The committee appointed at our last meeting has appointed William Nichols chairman, and they have some very interesting recommendations to make. Let's all be there for this report.

Say, Skog don't drink beer anymore. He likes the better stuff.

I saw a new driver on No. 19 this week. What's up, Walt, get demoted?

When you look at Ward and Streeter you would think the depression over. The scales aren't big enough to weigh both of them.

Lloyd Weise is still on the sick list. Here's hoping for an early recovery.

Attend your meetings.

A new liquor store opened up across the street from the union hall this week.

has the lumber wagon on the 5-ton list?

A special letter is being sent to all paid up members. The committee requests that all cooperate with us and carry out its instructions as quickly as possible.

Many who have registered as unemployed every Thursday night have thought last week's call an April First prank. Curt had a call from the state and used every truck on the list!

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Negotiations Under Way in Groff Strike

The strike of the 25 employees of the Groff Paper company in St. Paul neared the end of the second week today with the union, Pulp and Sulphite Workers Local 264, having the situation well under control. Picket-lines continued to be maintained around the plant on a 24-hour basis.

The union is demanding strict seniority, the closed shop, wage increases and improvements in working conditions.

On Tuesday a meeting was held between the committee representing the union and the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, and Mr. Dahl, the employer, together with Carling and France, two attorneys for the St. Paul Citizens Alliance.

Dahl stated he would not pay higher wages. Agreement was generally reached on other provisions, such as the right of the union to designate job stewards; strict seniority; length of the working day; no split shifts, etc. After three hours of negotiations, the meeting was adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The present wage minimums are 42c hourly for women employees, and 51c for men. The union is demanding a minimum hourly wage of 50c for women and 55c for men. Local 264 is determined to stand by its demands, which it considers just and reasonable.

Mr. Sullivan, international representative, is now in St. Paul assisting the union in its negotiations.

Unionism Pays—But United Press Doesn't Tell

The weekly Guild Reporter, issued by the American Newspaper Guild, in its current issue contains an exposure of the way in which the United Press backed water on a story crediting unionism with preventing wage cuts at the General Motors plants.

On February 25, this year, the U. P. broadcasted the announcement that "GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION TODAY ANNOUNCED SALARY REDUCTIONS FOR ALL EXECUTIVES AND EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY UNION CONTRACTS."

Two hours later, this press association caught up with itself and rushed through a substitute bulletin reading "GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION TODAY ANNOUNCED PAY REDUCTIONS FOR ALL EXECUTIVES AND SALARY EMPLOYEES."

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By Mabel Freer Loveridge
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Someone is planning stouter planes
For Death to ride the skies.
While I am dressing you, my son,
In little boyish suits,
Someone is making uniforms
And sturdy soldier boots.

While you are chasing butterflies
Amid the tangled grass,
Someone is testing chemicals
To make a deadlier gas.
And while you eat your simple fare,
Perhaps the war lords sit,
To start again the bugle notes
That only call the fit.

While I would build a splendid man
So fine and strong, my son,
Someone, in secret, tries to make
A farther-reaching gun—
A gun that on some distant day,
When drums of battle roll,
May leave me with a golden star
And iron in my soul.

FWS Presses Anoka Co. Relief Fight

As related previously in this paper a fight is now being waged by the Federal Workers Section Local 544 to better conditions among the direct relief clients and WPA workers of Anoka County.

On March 17, a state investigator, accompanied by a union representative, made ten home calls in Columbia Heights. Every case was a worthy one, every family visited proved to be greatly in need. After the report from the State Relief Agency came in representatives of the FWS went to a scheduled meeting of the Anoka County Welfare Board at Anoka City, on April 4.

After the state investigator had made her home calls the Columbia Heights visitor made several visits and some of the families were granted things they had been asking for a long time.

On Tuesday evening the Columbia Heights section of the FWS met to take action on the rent strike now in progress. A committee was organized to prevent eviction.

Those sent to Anoka were Ed Palmquist, Roy Organ and Marvel Dobbs. They requested a hearing before the board to ask what dis-

position was to be made of these cases. The union representatives were refused a hearing. Instead they were told that the board had voted to supplement WPA workers after the clients had made individual complaints, had been investigated by Anoka's own visitors who were to decide if need existed.

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

The Trickle Theory

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation was established by Hoover in 1930. More or less openly, it was operated on the theory that if the government gave a lot of money to ailing corporations, some of the money might eventually trickle down to the workers. This was called a "relief measure." It was swell relief—for the big fellows. And very little trickled down to the needy workers.

One of Roosevelt's chief claims to superiority over Hoover was that he dropped Hoover's method of priming the pump in favor of priming the pump by giving some money directly to the workers in the form of WPA and relief funds.

Today, however, we are back to the trickle theory. Huge funds are provided for the steel, shipyard and munitions corporations through the war-armsament appropriations, while the WPA and relief program is being sharply curtailed.

Now comes another move back to the trickle theory, this time in exactly the way Hoover did it. One and a half billions of dollars has just been allocated to the still-functioning Reconstruction Finance Corporation, with the authority to "lend" it to big business. Just what "lend" means is indicated by the fact that the House eliminated from the bill a provision empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to veto any projected loans to railroads. In plain English, bankrupt roads are to be permitted to borrow, despite the "detail" that they can never repay the funds.

As a sugar-coating for the RFC loan bill, it includes a provision permitting states and municipalities to borrow from the billion and a half fund and use the money for public works projects. We think this provision is just what we say it is: sugar-coating. But in order to take advantage of any possibilities, Governor Benson ought to immediately apply for a fifty-million dollar loan for a public works program. Likewise the Minneapolis City Council should apply for a twenty-million dollar loan for the same purpose. And the attitude of the state and city toward this money should be governed by the attitude of Congress, namely, use the money with no expectation of paying it back.

The Reorganization Bill

The basic issue involved in the fight around the Reorganization Bill can be stated simply. Some individuals and groups went fishing in the troubled waters for various specific reasons and objectives. But the main issue, the one of primary interest to organized labor, was clear enough. That was: shall the President have the power to reorganize branches of the government without Congress having the right to approve or disapprove? The Reorganization Bill gave the President that power.

It was on this main issue that the Executive Board of Local 544 urged Senators Lundeen and Shipstead to vote against the Reorganization Bill. It stated the issue succinctly: "Every consistent believer in democratic rights must defend legislative supremacy against the inroads of the executive. Congress distorts and often directly opposes the will of the people but is nevertheless more directly amenable to the people than is the President." The Farmer-Labor senators correctly voted against the Reorganization Bill, but it scraped through the Senate.

Now, apparently, Roosevelt and his lieutenants have finally agreed to re-write the bill so that a majority vote of Congress shall determine whether the reorganization orders of the President will stand. The widespread demand for leaving the final say to Congress has at last been acceded to. The President yielded only when it was clear that otherwise the House would never pass the bill.

Curiously enough, while the Farmer-Labor delegation in Congress correctly voted against the original bill for the reasons adduced, the Minnesota Leader of April 2 published a lengthy editorial defense of the original bill against the charges of dictatorship. By the none-too-admirable trick of saying not a word about the main issue—whether Congress shall have final say—the Leader concluded that "When you ask the persons who are using the cry of 'dictatorship' as a magic word to rouse the people's fear and stir opposition to the President's Reorganization Bill . . . [to state] the specific things the bill does which set up a dictatorship, then their charges begin to fade away."

If Mr. A. I. Harris, editor of the Leader, still doesn't understand, then we will tell him once more, in the words of the Executive Board of Local 544: "We believe extension of the power of the executive is a deadly blow against democratic rights. Congress has been so reduced in authority that further delegation of power to the executive tends to create a dictatorship. The President's war armsament plans and his opposition to extension of relief and WPA reveal how dangerous further extension of his power can be."

Notes From Mason City

McCoid on Air

Art McCoid, business agent of Drivers Union Local 828, was on the air over Station KGLD last Monday night. For a driver, Art did exceptionally well, except he showed up three minutes late and forced the station to throw on a phonograph record and stall for time. We think Art must have stopped to take on some Dutch courage.

Picket Pickets

After 20 hours on the picket

line at Stacy Fruit, Rollie Jeffries rebelled and picketed Local 828's office with a sign reading "This Union Unfair to Jeff." McCoid capitulated at once and settled for chili and coffee.

It's reported that Syd Wilson is camera shy—especially when the camera is in the hands of Hershey, bookkeeper at Stacy Fruit.

Who Threw Brick?

Local police and union officials are cooperating in an attempt to uncover the dastardly vandal who violently hurled a brick through the window of Grant Hunt's home. Hunt is one of Mason City's most popular scabs. All the boys are anxious to meet him.

Making Ends Meet



Carlo

Over-Road Unions Win In First Test

A victory for the over-the-road unions was the inspiring result of the first attempt of the highway transportation employers to test the strength of the cooperating unions in the North Central trade area.

In Sioux City, Iowa, on Saturday, March 26, the Holdcroft Transportation Company began a campaign of discharging members of General Drivers Local 383. The union immediately reported the matter to the North Central drivers unions and plans were made to block this employer attack.

On Monday, March 28, the union committee called on the management of the company and demanded that the discharged men be reinstated and compensated for the time lost. The employer refused and at six p. m. Tuesday, the Holdcroft Transportation Company was completely tied up at Sioux City, Chicago, Marshalltown, Sioux Falls, Omaha, and Denver.

A picket patrol covered the entire main trade route of the company on the Lincoln Highway. The splendid response of the local unions in these cities together with the cooperation of Local 90 of Des Moines which aided in the picketing of the Lincoln Highway throughout all of Iowa made clear to the employers that their campaign of intimidation could not be carried out.

The tie-up continued through Wednesday and on Thursday morning the Sioux City Commercial Truckers Association asked for a meeting with Local 383. At this meeting the Association signed a rider to the existing contract, which expires on June 21, providing for strict observance of seniority rights, by all companies in Sioux City.

Later in the day the union committee met with the management of the Holdcroft Transportation Company and at 4 p. m. on Thursday, March 31, the forty-six hour strike was terminated with the reinstatement of the union men and pay collected for time lost. The settlement also provided corrective measures to eliminate many bad working conditions.

As a result of this prompt action by the unions it has become completely obvious to the employers that the over-the-road unions in the North Central trade area are a powerful and well organized force which must be recognized.

Kozekar Workers Sign With Local 1859

On Monday night the fifteen employees of the Kozekar Carriage company signed up in Furniture Workers Union Local 1859. A union contract was approved by these workers, calling for the closed shop, the 8-hour day, and a 55c hourly minimum wage. The present minimum wage is 32c hourly. The contract will be presented shortly to the management.

Twin Cities Drivers Locals Win Pacts

Working in close cooperation and harmony, the Bakery Drivers and Inside Workers Union Locals 289 of Minneapolis and 409 of St. Paul on Tuesday morning, April 5, signed identical new contracts with bakers in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The new pacts cover over one thousand workers in the Twin Cities.

Under the 1938 agreements, inside workers will receive a minimum weekly wage of \$24.20 for a 44-hour week, which is a substantial improvement over last year's wage. Bread salesmen will receive slight improvements in the percentage of commission allowed.

Meetings of the union membership in both cities were held last week, at which terms of the agreement were ratified. William Gydeson of the St. Paul Teamsters Joint Council and Ed Estvold, business agent of Local 409, represented the St. Paul bakery drivers in the joint negotiations. Harry DeBoer and Joe O'Hare, president and business agent of Local 289, represented Minneapolis.

The new contract is retroactive to February 15, 1938, and will run one year to Feb. 15, 1939. Other provisions in the agreement were identical with those in effect under the previous contract.

The complete text of the new agreement for bakery drivers and inside workers in the Twin Cities is published on page two of this issue.

Local 20316 Plans Dance, Picnic

Any entertainers who wish to volunteer for the Vaudeville and Dance being sponsored by Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316, are asked to get in touch with Fred Tepilo at the union office.

This affair will be presented at the Plamor Ballroom, 724 4th Avenue South, on Friday evening, April 22nd. Music is by Joe Jung's orchestra, and many prizes will be given out. Tickets are 35 cents.

Local 20316 has announced its annual picnic will be held Sunday, July 31, at Webb's Place on Bass Lake.

Drivers Win Higher Pay In Carlton

Duluth, Minn.—Despite attempts of the Carlton County Board to organize a lynch spirit among the farmers against the union movement, the General Drivers Local 346 of Duluth has been able to win hourly increases from \$1.25 to \$1.50 for union owner-operators in this area.

During the past month, Local 346 has organized about 70 drivers in Carlton County. Heretofore the county scale for truck owners has been \$1.00 hourly. When the union campaign got under way, the scale was boosted to \$1.25. The union demanded \$1.50, the state minimum for special maintenance work.

Instead of granting the union demand, the County Board representatives agitated the surrounding farmers, telling them they would lose their farms through high taxes if the union demands were met. On March 29, 250 farmers assembled and voiced the most bitter anti-union sentiment.

County officials played upon the ignorance of the farmers, and of course failed to tell them that the large corporations—the Weyerhaeuser interests, pulp mills, and match factory—pay 85 per cent of the county's taxes, the farmers paying only 15 per cent.

On Wednesday, March 30, the union struck all jobs in Carlton County. Officers of the union met with the County Board and with a representative of the U. S. Treasury Department, and the Board signified it would meet the union's demands.

As a result of this victory, won through the organized strength of the drivers, the union is stronger than ever. R. J. Goodman, union business agent, is organizing three days weekly in the county, and this area should soon be 100 per cent unionized.

20316 Renews B. F. Nelson Pact

On Monday afternoon the union agreement between Warehouse & Inside Workers Local 20316 and the B. F. Nelson company was renewed for another year. Several points on working conditions were clarified and improved upon in the new contract. A few questions, such as vacations and weekly pay days, have been left open for discussion, the management agreeing to negotiate on these matters later.

A committee of six union employees at the B. F. Nelson company carried on the negotiations, with the assistance of the staff of Local 20316.

Tent, Awning Men Strike Monday A.M.

(Continued from page 1) union movement to "Disorganize the Organized." What is particularly rotten about Warhol's actions is that they come right in the midst of a strike battle, when the very existence of unionism in the industry is at stake. Strikers bluntly stated that Warhol would get nowhere in his latest foul move.

Nick Wagner has been placed in charge of the strike by Local 544's Executive Board. Pickets are being maintained at all struck plants, and no work will be done until the employers meet the just demands of their workers.

Local 20316 Wins Lasher Carpet Strike

Following a three-day strike last week against the Lasher Carpet & Linoleum company, the five workers involved, members of Warehouse & Inside Workers Local 20316, went back to work Friday. The point in dispute, that of enforcing strict seniority, was settled to the union's satisfaction. The men received full pay for the time lost during the strike.

Yellow Notes

By Curly and Lunde

Can you see now why the milk drivers get good wages? How do you like to get up in the middle of the night? We gotta get the 4:41 ante meridian owl car which leaves us just fifty-five minutes early. Oh, well it's better than five minutes late. Oh! Yea?

Maybe someone should tell the "Old Man" that a little publicity judiciously applied wouldn't do any harm to the business.

Speed cop to "Broadway Jack": "Can't you see that sign, it says '30.'" "Sure, I see it," retorted Jack, "but that sign over by the filling station says '66'. How'm I to know which is right?"

Judging by the number of tags given to drivers for very trifling violations, looks to us like the genedarnes are going to keep in training at our expense.

Al Williams says, "Man Mountain" Hurley evidently didn't get the "Cad" into high gear. He missed the time-clock deadline by one minute. Well, Pat, you see that leaves only five hundred and ninety-nine minutes to work.

Earl Seelye stretched a half hour lunch period to forty minutes and his hack vanished. Now he's going to copy Mahatma Ghandi's portable lunch system; a bag of nuts and a shot of goat's milk.

Cal Seguin isn't so sure that liver is boneless. At our last serving of this delicacy friend Cal lost a tooth from his denture.

The "snake room" is filled to capacity and again is being used as a forum for daily problems, assignments and all around wailing wall.

This may sound like we're "jumping the gun" but since we missed out on our annual dance we should discuss the merits of having a picnic this summer. Our baseball players and carnival men could plan an event for a sunny summer day a lot of us could enjoy.

Our old-time night drivers were appalled at the traffic when they were unexpectedly assigned to a day shift for the change-over period. They no doubt will have many a head-ache before going on their regular shift.

The "OLD MAN'S" letter relative to courtesy and thoughtfulness on all occasions was in our opinion very timely and a much needed lesson to all of us. We must use every advantage to regain business that was lost during the period when people really forgot what Yellow Cabs looked like.

A full measure of thanks to our strike committee for their untiring efforts and firm support of our principles. We also owe a vote of appreciation to the boys that stayed out with us, knowing they were at the bottom of the seniority list or had no immediate gain from this struggle.

That shaggy appearance of Pat Seelye towards the last days of the strike was due to an agreement between him and the Hill-Billy, not to have a haircut 'til the strike ended. The Arkansas H. B. weakened but Pat held out until it was over.

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

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an arbitration board, headed by a national coordinator, as a possible solution to the present wage dispute between the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company and the United Rubber Workers Union.

It is also considered likely that the plan now being studied by the NLRB would include a guaranteed annual wage set up, for a guaranteed number of workers, with a set number of hours, etc.

Obviously this plan would work to the advantage of the workers. Actually it is a prediction of the further extension of the present administration's "management capitalism" into the labor relations field in rubber and all other basic industries.

Only militant union action has ever gained for the workers and their organizations. Government control and management, bent on replacing labor unions, would mean, as it did for the workers in Germany, Austria, and Italy, stagnation if not actual death to all organized labor.

Last Friday CIO utility workers employed by the Consumers Power Company in Saginaw Valley, Michigan, seized control of the plants in protest against the company's failure to sign a new union pact. The workers held the plants until Tuesday morning when they finally evacuated, after achieving a 4-month's extension of their contract.

An NLRB election will be held by the company within 60 days. Both the AFL union and a company union, the Independent Power Employees Association, claim jurisdiction over the workers. Governor Murphy, who hurried home from Florida to attempt to settle the strike, denounced seizure of the plants by the workers.

A strike of the Northern California Newspaper Guild against five newspapers in San Francisco and Oakland will be called this Friday at 6 p. m. unless the publishers meet the union's demands. Negotiations have been in progress since December, with the publishers continuing to stall off the Guild. Should the strike be called,

it would be the largest action yet sponsored by the Guild.

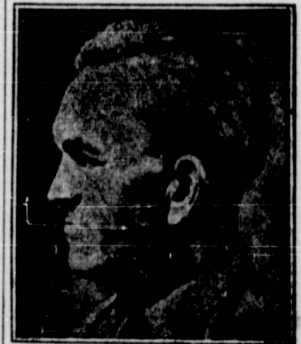
For the last ten years, Jersey City has banned the distribution of leaflets, one of the fundamental civil rights of the working class. Following a Supreme Court ruling last week, Mayor Hague finally admitted the ordinance was unenforceable. On Friday leaflet-distributors held a field-day. Every third person in the big squares was passing out leaflets, according to the N. Y. Times. Among the organizations represented were the Workers Defense League, the American Civil Liberties Union, and scores of other groups.

Warren Shade Workers Ask 10c Wage Raise

A meeting of Warren Shade workers will be held the middle of this week to consider a plan of action to win its demands which have been ratified by these employees, members of Furniture Workers Local 1859.

The union is demanding a straight 10c hourly increase. The company has proposed that the union accept a 5c hourly cut in wages, and that a split seniority list, one for venetian blind workers and one for shade workers, be put into effect. The union is turning down both proposals, and is sticking by its demands. About twenty workers are employed by this firm at present.

Today Makes 8,024 Days . . .



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	LOCAL 292 Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
LOCAL 131 The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.	LOCAL 125 The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	LOCAL 544 MEETING SCHEDULE APRIL, 1938 Friday, April 1—Job Stewards Monday, April 4—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal Wednesday, April 6—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, April 7—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Sunday, April 10—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M. Monday, April 11—General Membership Wednesday, April 13—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, April 15—Job Stewards Sunday, April 17—Over-the-Road, 10 A. M. Monday, April 17—Building Material; Furniture Stores Thursday, April 21—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Monday, April 25—Spring Water Tuesday, April 26—Taxi Drivers. Night drivers, 1 P. M., Day Drivers, 7 P. M. Thursday, April 28—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating and Sand and Gravel Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 1 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 2 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in Staff Room
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCALS 1859, 20481 General Membership, Local 1859—April 6. Casket Section—April 2. General Membership, Local 20481—April 15. Clark Section—April 20. Puffer-Hubbard Section—April 21. Executive Board, Local 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Executive Board, Local 20481—First and Third Mondays. Twin City Stewards—Second and Fourth Mondays. General Membership, Local 1859—May 4.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—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.