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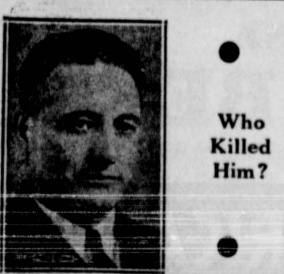
## On the National Picket Line

Recent developments in the American Labor Party of New York will be of interest to those Northwest trade unionists who desire a nationwide Labor Party.

The A. L. P. is approaching a critical moment in its development. Since 1936, it has undoubtedly gained in strength. Last year, though still mainly engaged in supporting old-party candidates, it elected seven state legislators and five city councilmen (one for each 75,000 votes) and polled a vote which could have elected more men, had they been run. Today the ALP has 138 neighborhood clubs in actual operation in New York City, with others in process of formation. "There is no doubt," concedes the New York Times' political writer, "that there has been more activity in these clubs than in the clubs of either the Democratic or Republican Party." The clubs accept individual membership, but are directed primarily by trade unionists. In upper New York state, ALP organizations are functioning in 32 counties. Thus the party is organizationally far stronger than it ever was.

Yet, strange as it may seem, attempts by the ALP leaders to get some concessions, in the form of endorsements for one or two ALP members for state office in the fall election, have been flatly refused by both the Democratic and Republican parties. How is this possible, since elections since 1936 have conclusively demonstrated that, at the least, the ALP controls the balance of power in the state? Isn't ALP help worth an office or two? On the other hand why are the ALP leaders getting themselves into a position which, unless they are prepared to lose face, will necessitate that—refused the concessions they demand—they will have to run candidates against New Dealer Democratic candidates, although professing loyalty to the New Deal?

What is actually happening is that Jim Farley and his boys know that Alex Rose, Sidney Hillman and the other ALP leaders have no real desire to run an independent slate, and so genial Jim plans to set up a straight Democratic ticket and take his chances that the ALP leaders will finally get into line. But, at the same time, the ALP leaders are being pushed from behind by their following, who want to see the ALP strike out for itself; to mollify this following, the ALP leaders have had to publicly demand important places on the Democratic ticket, notably the short-term U. S. Senatorship (to fill the late Cope-land's seat) for Sidney Hillman, and the attorney-generalship for Fred Umhey, executive.



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 THOUSAN DDOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

## Skoglund Installed As 544 President

Carl Skoglund, newly-elected President of General Drivers Union Local 544, was formally installed in office at the union's regular membership meeting, Monday night.

John Geary, venerable vice-president of the Teamsters International, officiated at the installation ceremony, which was witnessed by a good turnout of active union members.

The meeting had previously heard the report of the election board, which gave the official tabulation as: Skoglund, 788; Tom McCue, 596; Peter Harris, 26; and Frank McArdle, 19.

V. R. Dunne read the auditors' report on the union's finances. Walter Hagstrom made a final report for the Picnic Committee, the wind-up of finances leaving the union with a \$100 profit.

An appeal for support was heard from Machinists Local 1313 in its strike against the St. Paul Hydraulic Hoist Company. The membership voted a \$100 donation to the strike fund.

## Milk Drivers To Nominate State Reps

Nominations for delegates of Milk Drivers Local 471 to the Minnesota State Federation of Labor Convention will be a special order of business at 8 p. m. at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, August 2.

The last regular meeting, July 5, adopted a decision to hold only one regular meeting monthly during July and August, no fines to be levied for non-attendance during those months. If conditions arise requiring general action, special meetings will be called by the Executive Board.

Election of delegates to the state convention will be held September 6. Members are asked to take note that, following the regular meeting of September 6, the union will revert to two regular meetings a month, with fines levied for non-attendance, as set forth in the by-laws.

## Pharmacists Grow Since Reorganizing

Pharmacists' Union Local 1353, an AFL affiliate, organized about a year ago in Minneapolis, took on a new lease of life when it was reorganized recently.

It is now negotiating with the Twin City Retail Druggists Association for an agreement providing recognition, wage raises, a 48-hour work week, and vacations. The union reports particular difficulty with the Walgreen chain, but believes that when the other druggists sign up, the city will have to go 100 per cent for organized druggists.

## 544 Ball Team Wins Again By 9-6

544's baseball team won again Sunday, crushing Jefferson Bus by a 9-6 score.

Four runs in the fifth inning and five in the eighth kept 544 in the lead throughout. Jefferson Bus picked up three runs in the sixth and were handed three in the ninth.

By this victory, 544 remains in undisputed first place in the American Division of the park board league.

## Benson Asks For Housing Survey

A state housing survey to establish housing needs was requested by Governor Benson, in a letter last week to Dr. Richard E. Scammon, Chairman of the State Planning Board.

The miserable condition of Minneapolis housing of workers was brought to the attention of the labor movement and the administration in a series of articles concluded last week in the Northwest Organizer. These articles proved that the housing shortage had approached a dangerous point, with thousands of families living in insanitary, broken down and out-moded dwellings.

Governor Benson's action in initiating a housing survey will undoubtedly lead to discussion among Farmer-Laborites of the

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## Union's First Banners



Dick (Red) Sodenberg, Lou (Polack) Miller and "Hog-Saw" Malcolm Love are shown carrying the first banners ever used by Omaha General Drivers Local 554. Nebraska prohibits banners. These banners are being carried across the river, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where 554 is striking Gooch Baking Company.

## \$2,000 in Back Pay Collected from N.S.P.

Agreement of the Northern States Power Company to pay approximately \$2,000 in back pay as settlement of remaining 1937 adjustments and grievances, was announced today by William J. Heigel, business representative of the Utilities Section of Local 292.

Settlement of these grievances, covering the Kelvinator Department, the foremen in the Overhead Department, and a St. Croix grievance, concludes all phases of 1937 adjustments, and paves the way for opening negotiations on the 1938 wage review.

The union's agreement with the company on the Kelvinator Department provides wage raises for all servicemen, establishing their

## N. D. Drivers Meet on Area Negotiations

Drivers from seven North Dakota towns met together at Valley City, July 10, to hear and discuss a report on the development of the 11-state over-road negotiations.

In the absence of Jack Wirth, North Dakota committeeman on the North Central Area Negotiating Committee, the report was made by E. G. Holstein, of Sioux Falls, S. D. His report was accepted as progressive, and representatives from the Grand Forks, Bismarck and Dickinson locals pledged to co-operate with Fargo Drivers Local 116 in financing the work of the state committeeman.

Among those present at the meeting were: Fargo: J. A. Callahan, Jack Neubauer, Rollo Turnipseed, Adam McLaughlin, Arvid Johnson and Jim Russell. Bismarck: Charles Pauley and W. E. Berman. Valley City: William Wade-worth, Cliff and Sid Sundstrom, Tony Weber, Floyd Money, James-town: Casselton, Art Schwenke, Grand Forks: Alfred Odegard, John Carl, Floyd Coverston and Melvin Kortness.

Visitors to the meeting included: W. W. Murray, President of the N. D. Federation of Labor, Lawrence Mero, secretary of the state federation, and George Gruggers of the Meat Cutters.

1937 wage at \$155 per month, and involves payment by the company of back pay from July, 1937 to July, 1938, totalling \$986.75 for the department. This means a wage raise of \$5 per month for servicemen. Electricians will receive \$158 per month. Shop mechanics will receive \$150 per month.

Apprentices in the Kelvinator Department were placed in their respective places in the apprenticeship rating, and will receive \$5 raises every six months until they receive the full pay of journeymen.

The company had at first insisted on arbitrating the Kelvinator situation, but after several hours of argument before the arbitration board last Wednesday night, the company waived arbitration, and came to a settlement acceptable both to the union representatives and the union's members on the arbitration board, Gerald Baldus, Gus Gerdin and W. W. Teasdale. H. A. Schultz, now an international representative of the I.B.E.W. in Michigan, arrived in Minneapolis to assist the union in concluding this settlement.

Approximately \$1,000 in back pay will be collected by foremen in the Overhead Department, for 15 minutes a day at overtime rates, from April to November, 1937, a period during which the foremen left the warehouse at 7:45 a. m. instead of the 8 a. m. time provided in the agreement. In this case, too, the company had called for an arbitration board, and then waived this procedure.

A third settlement was reached, providing about two weeks' pay each for three men at St. Croix who were laid off during that time, while Stillwater crews were working in their territory.

## Four More Contracts Signed by Local 544

### Park Workers Of Local 664 to Meet July 25th

A special meeting of the Park Board Section of City & Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will be held Monday night, July 25, 8 p. m. in the third-floor hall. The meeting will take up the question of seniority. All members affected are urged to attend.

### Omaha 554 Strikes vs. Gooch Baking

Omaha—Refusal by the Gooch Baking Company to sign the uniform contract offered by the Bakery Drivers Section of General Drivers Local 554 of Omaha resulted in a strike being called Saturday, July 9.

The Gooch plant is just across the river from Omaha, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and receives its bread from the company's bakery in Lincoln, Nebraska.

An interesting feature of the strike is that it is the first time that Local 554 has been able to banner a struck job. The Nebraska anti-picketing law prohibits banners. Now, in Iowa, across the river, 554 men are carrying their first banners.

The people of Council Bluffs are indignant over the company's attitude toward organized labor. They are saying that if all the other bakeries can pay the union scale, Gooch should pay it or get out of town.

When Gooch realized he could not operate his rigs in the city, he decided he would have to take his rigs out of the city and back to Lincoln. City officials told Gooch not to come back to the city until he signed a contract. By agreement with the city officials, the fink drivers who moved Gooch's rigs out of town were not molested by union pickets who were in a position to remonstrate with the finks in a very decisive manner.

The score now stands that Gooch has got to sign the contract or forever stay out of Council Bluffs. If he stays out, it makes more work for the union men who are drawing the scale. The Gooch men, who had been threatened with firing for some time, are gratified to go to work for other companies who recognize the union and pay the wages. Several already have jobs lined up, should Gooch continue his labor-hating policy. Picketing will continue until there is no reason to believe that Gooch will make an attempt to operate.

Steps are now being taken by the Lincoln Drivers Union, Local 608, to organize the bakery driver-salesmen of that city. It won't be long before Gooch will once again be confronted with the alternative of recognizing the union or moving out of another town.

### Filling Station Men! Watch Receipt Numbers

Filling Station Attendants Local 977 reports the loss of a receipt book, with receipts numbered from No. 451 to No. 500.

Members are asked to keep an eye out for these numbers, and if any of these numbers have already been issued to them, to report that fact immediately to the union headquarters.

### General Drivers Union Nearing Completion of Its Entire Campaign for Renewing All Contracts — Most Contracts Include New Advances, Maintain Past Gains

General Drivers Union Local 544 signed four more major contracts this week—furniture, package delivery, cold storage and coffee—and prepared to conclude negotiations on four others, thereby approaching the conclusion of the union's entire program of renewing contracts.

The union has made a phenomenal record of making advances and holding gains in the midst of an ever-growing economic depression. From May 31 until June 13, 14 major contracts were signed, covering 300 firms. From June 13 until July 11, 26 more contracts have been signed,

covering 60 firms. When four other contracts, covering 40 other firms, are signed, in all likelihood during the coming week, the union will be in possession of approximately 50 contracts covering 450 companies.

Most of the new contracts included new advances, and in no case were past gains relinquished. An idea of the scope of the contracts is indicated by listing some of the industries covered: lumber, transfer, coal, wholesale grocery, heavy hardware, building materials, sand and gravel, market, newspaper delivery, petroleum, tent and awning, wholesale drug, printing, produce, furniture, coffee, package delivery, cold storage, ready mixed concrete, concrete, concrete block and glass.

Members Vote on Contracts. Section meetings of the membership in furniture, package delivery, cold storage and coffee voted Friday night to accept the contracts already agreed to by the employers and recommended by the union executive board.

Full text of the cold storage contract will be published in next week's Organizer.

The coffee and package delivery contracts were identical with those concluded last year, embodying big gains over previous conditions.

The furniture contract provides that the men may work longer hours in a peak period from Thanksgiving to Christmas, if a majority of the men in the industry so decide; otherwise the eight-hour day will continue throughout. The regular September meeting of the furniture section will vote on whether to accept the peak period. Apart from this clause, the new contract is similar to last year's major advance.

The Organizer staff, closely following developments in the entire labor movement through the numerous labor papers, believes that no other union in the country has chalked up a record remotely comparable to that of Local 544.

### Inside Workers In Dept. Stores Now in 20316

Inside workers in department stores, formerly members of Local 544, have just been transferred to the Warehousemen's Union, Local 20316, by mutual agreement of the two unions.

Local 20316 already had strong membership contingents in the department stores, with a contract covering inside workers in Dayton's, where Local 544 had earlier turned over men to 20316.

The latest action puts 20316 in a position to secure contracts with all department stores.

### Warehousemen Brand Stool Who Convicted Unionist

St. Paul Warehousemen's Union Local 20297, Monday night in regular membership meeting, unanimously expelled Harold Larson, and notified the labor press to inform all unions to be on guard against this individual. Larson had just attempted to enter the ranks of Bakery Drivers Local 289, after securing a job as a bakery driver. He was pulled off the job by the union last week. Local 289 officials learned that he had testified in court and secured the conviction of a member of Local 20297, and told Larson to go back to St. Paul and square himself with the union, before 289 would consider him for membership.

The story unfolded at the 20297 membership meeting was that Larson had been a disrupter while employed at Montgomery-Ward's, from the time union organization was attempted. He had been a member of 20297 up to the last moment before last winter's strike, when he remained at work, identified various pickets to the police and, finally, testified in court against a sister member who was convicted on his evidence.

When one member proposed to let Larson off with a substantial fine, other members pointed out that Montgomery-Ward's maintained an espionage system and that the company might pay the fine in return for Larson's previous services to it. That was when the membership unanimously decided to record Larson as dishonorably expelled, and to notify all other unions of that fact.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



"America's Sixty Families"

Blood Money--Profits Of the War Makers

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By Tom Jarvis

Exactly who profited by the World War? Who pocketed the profit? Who defends the profit?

Hundreds of thousands of American workers were killed, driven insane or hopelessly mutilated on foreign soil by America's offensive participation in the World War.

The poorer people of the United States dug deep into their pockets to pay their share of the thirty billion dollars that was needed to finance America's participation in the World War.

Who got that money? The major portion of the war profits went into the hands of the wealthiest families.

Who really won the war? The Americans did not win. Neither did the Germans.

The Only Winners But the Super-Boss vultures who profited from the World War were more than that.

Here are a few of the facts: Total wartime expenditure of the U. S. Government from April, 1917, to October, 1919: thirty-five and a half billion dollars.

Net corporation profits from January, 1916, to July, 1921, when the last wartime contract was dissolved: thirty-eight billions.

Kept Their Profits Since the corporations grabbed this money, the only way to get it back for the people when the war was over, would be by taxing these corporations.

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picture the tyrannical English lords as friendly, and the German masses as murderous.

It was not, however, sweet sympathy which motivated the big vulture-bankers and their echoing press to swing us into the war.

By March, 1917, things looked bad. The World War was dying of exhaustion.

They grabbed the profit and then they evaded the tax, these large vultures of the World War.

Morgan's Game Big Vulture Number One in the gigantic embezzlement was J. P. Morgan and Company.

In the face of a rebuke by William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, that "money is the worst of all contrabands" and when loaned to the Allied governments would make neutrality impossible.

Here are two summary quotes from it: "I think that the pressure of this approaching crisis has gone beyond the ability of the Morgan financial agency."

What did Wilson do? Did he tell the American people what the real choice was? No, Wilson made that terrible decision which is now a matter of history.

Three and a half weeks later, Wilson declared war to "Make the World Safe for Democracy."

Who was this Walter Hines Page? One fact alone blisters his name in the mind of every worker who fought in the war.

Millions of people still remember bitterly the sacrifices they made in their First Liberty Loan.

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white gloves. Uniforms were furnished by the Company.

The accessory fiends of that time went in for colored celluloid gadgets and brass or nickel buckles.

After bravely struggling for seven years the "Frog" was finally subdued and led to the altar early last week.

Chuck Younglove is showing that dazed, slightly goofy look that seems to be part of the facial expression of all expectant fathers.

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With Shovel and Tongs

The Icemen had their first annual picnic sponsored by the Independent Dealers. It was a wonderful turnout and everybody reports a real time at the picnic.

Notice! The Coolerator drawing which was to be held at the regular meeting on July 12 was laid over to the next regular meeting, July 26.

Ed Arlandson knows how to sell ice cream. Connie Taft knows how to sell beer.

Russell Berry, our injured member, put in a personal appearance. Mighty nice to see you, Russ.

Hy Art defeated Cedar Lake in the kittenball game. Score: 6 to 4.

Sweet revenge for the tug-war that the Cedar Lake team took from them.

Don't eat so much next time, Emmett, with the tug-o-war coming up.

The bartenders changed so often I don't know who did the job.

Joe and Emil had a good job of parking cars. Successful, at that.

The committees for the picnic did a swell job and here's a word of appreciation for the fine job.

Attention all members! Next meeting will be July 19. Many important subjects to be taken up.

Carl Gustafson just got back from a nice fishing trip in the North Woods.

In all the excitement we grab

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\$1700 Pay Demanded By Local 554

Omaha—A demand for \$1,700 back pay has been served on Wall Transfer Company by Drivers Local 554, and a strike will undoubtedly be called if the money is not shortly forthcoming.

The Nebraska Commercial Truckers Association has washed its hands of the matter and has informed the company by letter that the Association will not back Wall Transfer if the union calls a strike to enforce its demand.

The World-Herald, Omaha's only daily newspaper, is the Wall Transfer Company's chief account.

The union has notified the World-Herald that a strike is pending, and is giving the paper sufficient time to arrange with another company for delivery of the paper.

Brother Kaneski, through this column, wishes to thank his brothers in the Overhead Department who were so kind and thoughtful and helped him so generously through his trying times.

Brother Tommy Thorsen of the Land and Tax is in the Veterans Hospital and would appreciate seeing some of his friends from the warehouse.

Our diamondball team won another game and are still tied for the league leadership with CIO 1140.

Brother Dennis more than gets his money's worth out of his fishing license; his three sons are under age and do not need a license, but how they can fish.

Honest John Williams will need a 1938 adjustment. It is reported he is going to be a fellow sufferer next month—matrimony.

All diamondball players are wanted out for practice every Tuesday at 5 p. m. at Parade 24.

Here's hoping some of our members will enter and be winners in the Union Card and Label Essay Contest.

throwing a fit because the amphibian is getting too big a share of his dog biscuits.

Otto Krenke came to work minus his store teeth. We forgive you, Otto, the complexities of modern life gets us all sooner or later.

This man, Ed Irving, has a right purty ottomobile, but those dang fenders gotta be painted often. Must be those gravel roads away up northeast as does it.

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Benson Asks For Housing Survey

(Continued from page 1) necessary legislative program. The real estate interests and banks have kept the low-income groups living in their slums long enough.

Further delay in launching a housing program, as outlined in last week's Organizer, serves only to play into the hands of the property-owning interests, who have fought for years to prevent low-rent housing.

Adequate facts establishing housing needs were gathered by the Minneapolis City Planning Commission recently, and by Dr. Calvin Schmid's recent "Social Saga of Two Cities," in which is contained a study of Twin City housing conditions from every angle.

The labor movement looks forward to quick action, which will launch a housing program, designed to provide work for thousands of unemployed building trades workers, and supply low rent homes for those who now live in the shameful slums of the Twin Cities.

a new member. Whatya mean, we're standing still?

Livery boys sure active. J. Fitz can kick up the smoke when he wants to.

Gordon Lawrence is on his way to the East. Don't that guy ever stand still?

Park Avenue Notes: Just a blank.

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# The Great Strike of July-August, 1934

## We Celebrate Today the Anniversary of the Northwest's Greatest Struggle

By consciously and cold-bloodedly piling up a record of over 700 cases of discrimination against union members, and by reckless chiseling on the agreement signed in May, the Minneapolis trucking employers prepared the ground for the 36-day strike of July-August, 1934.

A series of lurid advertisements made their appearance in the daily press, sponsored by the Citizens Alliance and directed against the General Drivers Union. The ads only threw light on the sluggish minds and hardened hearts of the exploiters. They thought it easier to label the strike leaders with epithets which they thought monstrous, rather than to explain their refusal to give 2 1/2 pennies more an hour.

Local 574 took the challenge head-on. The working-class was mobilized, and on July 5 a great parade of trade unions, farm organizations and the unemployed marched up Nicollet to the city auditorium. The mass meeting voted to a man to accept the challenge of the employers.

**The War Is On**  
On Monday, July 16, the General Drivers Union took a strike vote, which carried unanimously. Shortly before midnight, the membership moved into strike headquarters. They found it locked, battered down the doors and established the union's home for the coming five weeks. (The garage which served as headquarters for the last strike in 1934 was located on 8th Street between Second and Third Avenues, across the street from the Minneapolis Club. Shortly after the settlement, the building was torn down. It carried too many unpleasant associations for the employers.)

That strike preparations on the part of Local 574 were thorough and intelligent, these two examples will prove. The day of the strike the union announced that all members of farmers' organizations were free to drive their trucks to town and market their produce. The farmers set up their own market on the plot of ground at Tenth Street between Hennepin and First Avenue North. As in the May strike, the Farm Holiday Association made substantial food contributions to the union commissary. All during the strike, trucks from union headquarters plied back and forth through the state, bringing in contributions of food from sympathetic farmers.

During the past month, The Organizer was appearing as a little weekly paper. This paper was converted into a daily strike bul-

letin the day prior to the strike, leaped to a circulation of over ten thousand, and was converted later to the present Northwest Organizer. The Organizer was the first daily strike newspaper ever published by a union in America. Its services to the strike were incalculable. It answered all blows of the employers and dealt many of its own.

**The Unsprung Trap**  
First few days of the strike were uneventful—the calm before the storm. On Wednesday "Bloody Mike" Johannes, police chief, with the help of the boss press, made a great show of conveying with 150 cops 150 pounds of "hospital supplies" in a five-ton truck. Movie men took pictures of the truck as it lumbered toward the Eitel Hospital. The staged convoy was a trap, into which the Butcher, Johannes, thought the pickets would fall. "You have shotguns and you know how to use them," he told the police.

Said the Organizer: "The plan was to provoke a riot so that the cops would shoot down pickets, and Mayor Bainbridge and the

### The Tinhat Taxi



National Guardsmen giving union pickets a free ride to the military stockade on the Fair Grounds.

bosses could howl for the militia to be brought out to move trucks."

The second trap of the employers, on Friday, was more carefully baited. A truck, without license plates and with the cab heavily wired, pulled out of the Slocum-Bergren company at five minutes past two on a hot afternoon, started down Sixth Avenue North, turned on Third Street and lumbered towards Seventh Avenue. A picket truck containing about ten pickets followed. As the picket truck drew near the convoy, the police, without warning, let loose a sheet of fire. Pickets fell from the truck. Those who went

to the aid of the wounded workers were fired upon. Fifty persons were wounded, including 13 bystanders; two died, Henry Ness and John Belor.

**The Facts**  
Even now, four years after Bloody Friday, it is hard to write about the butchery. It is enough to quote from the conclusions of a special commission appointed by the governor to publicly investigate the slaughter: "It is very difficult to make a report of the shooting of the strike pickets which has not the appearance of bias against the police department, the conduct of the officers being unbelievable to a person of common humanity. . . . Police took direct aim at the pickets and fired to kill. . . . Physical safety of police was at no time endangered. . . . No weapons were in the possession of the pickets in the truck. . . . At no time did pickets attack the police, and it was obvious that pickets came unprepared for such an attack. . . . The truck movement in question was not a serious attempt to move merchandise, but a 'plant' arranged by the police," etc., etc.

The fact of the mass murder engineered by the employers threw a blinding light on the class struggle in Minneapolis, and caused every person in the city to take his position: either for or against the union.

**The Record**  
Though many employers must have been shocked by the police brutality, not a single business man offered public criticism of the event. The boss papers praised the "bravery" of the police. The Civic and Commerce Association, the Kiwanis, the Rotary Club, the Lions and all the other clubs of Kleagles and Beagles commended the mayor and Johannes for their determination to "protect lives and property."

If the bosses mobilized as a class, so did the workers. The Central Labor Union immediately demanded that Johannes be ousted. Local trade unions, Farmer-Labor ward clubs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, passed bitter resolutions condemning Bloody Friday.

The mass meeting called for Friday night was attended by 15,

000 grim workers. The entire labor movement was represented by speakers.

"HOW DO YOU LIKE HAVING OUR MINNEAPOLIS STREETS IN THE CONTROL OF COMMUNISTS?" had read huge ads of the bosses in Friday's papers.

"HOW DO YOU LIKE HAVING OUR MINNEAPOLIS STREETS IN THE CONTROL OF MURDERERS?" Local 574 thundered back in Saturday's strike bulletin.

#### A Battle Cry

"You thought you would shoot Local 574 into oblivion. But you only succeeded in making 574 a battlecry on the lips of every self-respecting working man and woman in Minneapolis. . . . Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, and until our battle is won, every Union man, every unemployed worker, in the city of Minneapolis, will respond to the urgent call of 574 that EVERYBODY contribute his services on the picket line. Every worker in Minneapolis is expected to serve four hours of picket duty for 574 for the duration of the strike. Such a service is a badge of honor in Minneapolis today. . . ."

#### "Stick It Out"

"Bowling their heads in admiration for the bravery of the dozens who now lie on hospital cots, they will be inspired by the words of one hero who, fully aware that his death is at hand, has said: 'Tell the boys not to give up, to stick it out till they've won.'"

"Local 574 has received its baptism in fire and blood. It emerges from it firmer and more resolute. And now—"

"It will man the picket lines with workers from every trade in Minneapolis."

"It will permit no trucks to be moved—by nobody!"

"It will not capitulate and surrender. It will fight doggedly till it wins."

"It will help Make Minneapolis a union town, a fitter place for workingmen to live in."

"Union men, fight on!"

**The Workers Respond**  
On the following Monday there were four times as many pickets and picket cars at headquarters as had been before. Henry Ness breathed his last. The employers threatened the editors of The Organizer with charges of criminal syndicalism, and put pressure on printshops so that the paper had to move from shop to shop. (Continued next week)

### The Murder of Union Men



Bloody Friday—showing the police "upholding law and order." This is the trap that was sprung on union pickets, as a result of which 50 were injured and two killed by gunfire.

I would like to hear from some of the boys at the different plants soon or there won't be any news to write about. Come on, gang, let's hear from you. "Say, Dave, I haven't heard from you yet."

They were to the right of him, they were to the left of him, they were in the front of him, that is why, Brother O. B. Dahl, "you will never make it."

Al Christensen, the Stinson Blvd. Congressman, is getting all set to go on a vacation. We hope you have a wonderful trip on that Mediterranean Cruise.

Fred Thompson is back from his vacation, he spent most of it in bed for which we are sorry, but the old community snuff box is back in the fold.

Wally Christensen from the Northland Milk bought himself a swell pair of swimming trunks, so he goes forth to the swimming beach. He dashes madly to the diving raft. There happen to be a half a dozen fair damsels there. He dashes to the diving board and does a high class belly flop, but that isn't the worst of it he comes up minus his fancy trunks, he had to stay submerged until a life guard came with a pair of pants.

Don't forget your union dues. If you are going on your vacation, now is the time.

Chris Hansen, the chief cooler pusher upper, is on a diet, his figure makes it hard for him to crawl over those cases in the morning. How about the bald spot, Chris, are you doing anything for that?

Paul Peterson of the North Franklin is on the sick list. We hope he is back on the job soon.

They had a hog calling contest on down in Iowa and lo and behold one of the cow boys from Minneapolis, Minn., won the contest. It was none other than our old friend "Cop." They say the hogs came from as far as Nebraska when he called them.

I am waiting to hear from Dave G. Aitken for some news from the airport.

Don't forget, only one meeting

left from now until Sept. 6, so let's all be there 100 per cent.

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Be sure to attend the next regular meeting and nominate your men for the Minnesota State Federation of Labor Convention to be held at Mankato, Minn., Sept. 12, 1938. Just jot that down in your note book.

All games in the Union milk league were called off last Thursday because of wet grounds.

The Big Shots from the city league have sent Mike La-verly a contract to sign to umpire the games held under the lights. The contract was sent after the wonderful performance in officiating he gave at the Picnic. He is known around the diamond as dead ball Mike.

I feel a poem coming on at this time, here goes. "The end of his schnozzel looked like a posie." The reason is they say he is nosey. He is none other than our pal "Rosy."

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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.

## Benson and German Day

Last Sunday the Minnesotans of German extraction held the traditional celebration of "German Day" — a celebration which goes back over thirty years as an annual event in many parts of the country. That celebration always serves to recall the extraordinarily distinguished contributions which German immigrants have made to American history and civilization.

### Our Debt to German Labor

American labor owes a special debt to German workers and liberal thinkers. The most casual glance at the rise of the American labor movement indicates what a role German emigrants played, contributing far out of proportion to their numerical strength. Those who participated in the Revolution of 1848 and fled to refuge here gave to American labor both a genius for painstaking organizational tasks and an international outlook. Again, in the 1880's, having already built powerful unions and a political party, German workingclass leaders were hounded, and many came here to enrich the growing labor movement. Throughout the decades, rank and file workers emigrating here contributed more than their share to building the house of labor. And now again, when the German workingclass is suffering unparalleled persecution at the hands of the bestial Fascist machine, German refugees, though held to a small trickle by immigration laws, are contributing to America the brains, the passion for freedom, the loyalty to a better future, which are prohibited in Germany by Hitler.

### Hitler Is Not Germany!

The unthinking person who thinks that Hitler is in any way symbolic of the German people, is thereby libeling those who have momentarily been ground under the heel of Fascism. Governor Benson did the intelligent and progressive thing, when he accepted the invitation to speak at the German Day celebration, despite facile charges that the whole affair was engineered by Nazis. Mayor Leach sought a cheap popularity, by failing to appear after promising to do so, giving a flimsy excuse, and spreading a report by the grapevine that he stayed away because of opposition to Nazism. Actually, Mayor Leach's failure to appear gratuitously insulted the German-Americans, workers and liberals, who attended the celebration.

Governor Benson did the right thing in speaking at German Day, and took a long step in the direction of fighting fascism. Expressing his warm appreciation of the progressive role played by German immigrants, Governor Benson utilized the occasion to repudiate racial theories, and to speak against the war mongers.

### Labor's Pledge to German-Americans

We are in possession of information revealing what terrific pressure the Nazi government and its agents have been exercising to terrorize the German-American population of Minnesota, as elsewhere, into rendering homage to Hitlerism. Nowhere has this pressure been more successfully resisted than in Minnesota. That is due both to the strength of organized labor here, and to the thoroughgoing pro-laborism of the vast majority of the German-Americans of Minnesota. Let us take this opportunity to assure them that organized labor is ready to go to any lengths to defend them against Nazi terrorism. Let the labor movement be informed of every Nazi move, and be assured that labor will find the means to put an end to Nazi activities.

## Labor . . . Looks at the Press

By Carl O'Shea

New Rochelle news item: "Led by Rev. Phillips, about 30 young persons from churches of this community will walk 18 miles to the French Church, to commemorate similar pilgrimages of 250 years ago."

The 1938 pilgrims plan to walk barefooted for the first several yards and then put on their shoes. A bus will follow the walkers to take care of tired pilgrims.

That's Pilgrimage De Luxe.

President Heber Grant of the Mormon Church: "Our church security plan is being handicapped by competition from the more attractive government aid."

God help the poor Mormons—the Mormon Church won't.

Roger Babson says: "We cannot let people starve; but we can put a social and family blot upon the acceptance of relief. Civilization has depended upon such a stigma for centuries."

And darn convenient it has been—for the rich.

Caroline Mead, member of the American-German Bund: "In a few years the Jews in Germany will build a monument to Hitler for the just way he has treated them."

A monument—out of their own bones.

Newark news item: The Newark police received a pound of sugar wrapped in red, white and blue paper from a Boston woman, who said in a letter: "My compliments and sugar for the horse that knocked over the speakers' stand in Military Park when Norman Thomas was on it. The horse had more sense than most people in the country seem to be using today."

Not much sense to this item — except as it throws light on the mental processes of reactionaries.

New York news item: "Another case was added yesterday to the list of assaults on home relief investigators by relief recipients. Mrs. Doris Lee, an investigator, was slapped, kicked and punched while at work in the relief office, by Mrs. Julia Soto."

Such incidents are certainly understandable. But when you have a strong union, you don't have to cuff the hirelings—you can work out on the higher-ups, and the system responsible for mass misery and murder.

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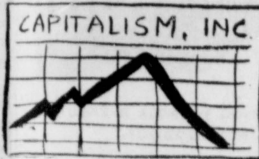
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Carlo

# FWS Demands Relief Action by City Body

Sharply indicting the Board of Public Welfare for its failure to vote additional relief funds, the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 on Saturday called upon the City Council immediately to provide funds, and warned that the labor movement stands ready to act unless relief standards are maintained.

The communication of the FWS declared: Minneapolis City Council Court House Minneapolis, Minn. Att. Herman Miller, President Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare at its last meeting refused to vote for money to cover relief needs of the city after July, 1938. According to Ole Pearson, the city faces the necessity of closing all relief stations at the end of July unless funds are provided.

This action of the Board faces the city with conditions such as existed in Chicago and Cleveland where relief clients were forced to keep body and soul together on 54 cents worth of vegetables for a two-week period.

Our organization takes this opportunity of informing the Council that we will hold the Council responsible for any conditions resulting from the Board's failure to do its duty in providing for the needy.

We demand that the Council, as the highest authoritative body in the city, take immediate action to provide adequate funds to take care of the city's relief needs and maintain present relief standards.

We also call your attention to the fact that under the Minnesota Poor Law the city is obligated to take care of the needy and that all funds of the city may be drawn

upon for that purpose. The obligation is clear under the law. It is up to the Council to do its duty.

We also wish to repeat to the Council our offer to the Welfare Board to assist in every possible way in procuring further Federal Aid. We will not, however, permit anyone in Minneapolis to go hungry because certain members of the Board want to play politics with the misery of the unemployed.

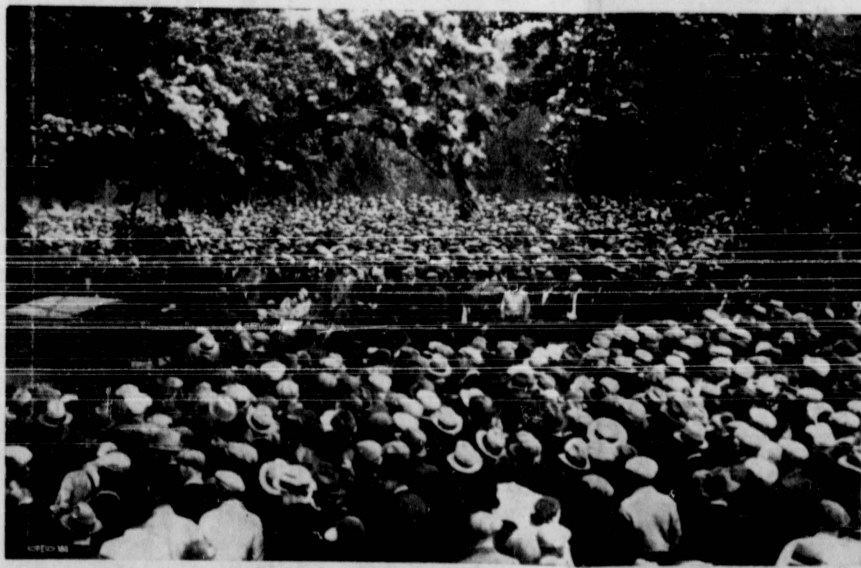
Our organization, backed by the entire labor movement of Minneapolis, stands ready to take appropriate action unless provisions are made to take care of coming relief needs and to maintain the present relief standards. We look to you to take the necessary steps to prevent unnecessary suffering in the city.

Very truly yours,  
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## Forty Thousand Workers on the Knoll



One of the many great mass meetings held on the knoll at the Parade Grounds during the long July-August, 1934, strike. Bob Cramer is seen at the microphone.

## Station Men Hold First Regular Meet

Filling Station Attendants Local 977, newly-chartered affiliate of the Teamsters, held its first regular meeting on July 7. It was a joint meeting with the Petroleum Drivers Section of Local 544. The Local 977 membership voted to remain under the direct jurisdiction of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council for ninety days.

A committee was elected to set up a grievance and seniority board, before which members can appear every Wednesday, 8 p. m., at union headquarters.

The membership voted to hold two regular meetings per month. The meeting on the first Wednesday in every month will be jointly with the 544 Petroleum Drivers Section, while the meeting on the second Wednesday in every month will be a meeting of the station attendants alone.

## Akron Unions In Fight For Unemployed

Akron, Ohio—The City Council, which is seeking to put over a pauper's oath on the city's needy, is meeting a stonewall resistance from the Akron Industrial Union Council. A relief committee from the unions has been chosen to fight for the rights and needs of the unemployed and this committee has already forced the councilmen to defer action on the monstrous pauper's oath.

A delegation of drivers visited our last ITO meeting, day before the voting started, and gave those present a spiel on the campaign.

Deliver us from having to deal with politicians all the time. Even so, we will have to either work harder or get wise to the game, or both. Here is the record. WPA says nix, no more hours. And we thought we had it in the bag. Anyway, it is one grand reason for congratulating our fink friends for their passive co-operation in helping to keep our checks short.

How many times were you called on the phone last Friday and Saturday?

Well, Ray Nelson finally showed up, but we are still looking for Art McKowen. And is Kenny Schiebe in the doghouse? Kenny is about due to show up for meeting again.

If you know of a dump box and hoist for sale call W. Twiff, 6020 Forty-fifth avenue south, Du. 0223.

Our old friend John Larkin showed up at our last meeting. He is on a committee sponsoring a night out on the Steamer Capitol next Monday night, July 18. The Junior Farmer-Labor clubs are co-operating on this party to raise funds for a newspaper.

Luckily, last Friday's rain gave us the opportunity to attend the committee meeting on equipment purchasing. And yet, the best we could do was a motion to table the matter for two weeks. If we want to win, those ward captains had better get busy.

Let's take a swing around the jobs. Cully has No. 234 on the city payroll this week. Toohy is now riding the county trails. And not on the WPA either (such luck). Red is worried, though. His bones warn him that it is gravel weather and he is scared to death that he won't be out of work when the fun begins.

"Galopin'" Matt Kukar and that man with the "fastest Ford on wheels" are at Cold Springs on a black top job for Antonsen; and making money.

Today Makes 8,122 Days . . .

Local 346  
General Membership Meeting—Monday, June 27, 1:30 p. m.  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
LOCAL 1859, 20481—July 20  
Executive Board, 1859—Friday nights  
Twin City Stewards—July 11, 25  
General Membership, 20481—July 15  
Executive Board, 20481—July 18; July 4th meeting called off  
LOCAL 221  
Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m.  
Grievance Board — Every Thursday, 7 p. m.  
LOCAL 20316  
Stewards—First and third Tuesday  
Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday  
Executive Board — Regularly every Monday

## On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1)  
ative secretary and counsel of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The fact is, that from the very inception of the ALP, the CIO leaders have been pulling back, while their following is straining at the leash. Their following, notably the New York City needle trades workers, furriers, painters, etc., are among the most class-conscious workers in the country. Tens of thousands of them have been Socialist and Communist party members and voters. In order to corral their votes for Roosevelt in 1936, the CIO leaders had to pursue a very different formula than that in other states. Whereas elsewhere Labor's Non-Partisan League was merely a top-committee which called the workers to vote for Roosevelt on the regular Democratic ticket, in New York State the advanced workers could be gotten to vote for Roosevelt only by setting up the American Labor Party, with regular functioning branches, with its own place on the ballot, and with promises from the leaders that this was but the first step in the formation of a full-fledged independent party of labor.

The ranks have been pushing, since 1936, for the evolution of the ALP into the independent party they had been promised. They were mollified by having a few state and city legislators nominated independently in the 1937 elections, while the main function of their votes was to elect old-party machines. One indication of ALP strength was the fact that, when the Democrats refused to endorse some ALP candidates to the Constitutional Convention, the only Democratic delegates-at-large elected were the eight endorsed by the ALP, while the other eight were defeated.

At the very least, then, the ALP leaders had to get one or two posts from the old party machines, in return for support in the state elections this fall. Otherwise, there would undoubtedly be a crystallization within the ALP of those forces which really desire an independent party of labor.

Meanwhile, however, the lines from the party.

have been tightening in the old parties. An ALP deal with the Republicans on a state scale, similar to that on a city scale last year with the Republican-Fusion grouping, is out of the question, powerful reactionary figures in the Republican ranks, like George U. Harvey, having threatened to split the party rather than accept an alliance with labor. Likewise the Democratic machine, under the tutelage of Jim Farley, although quite ready to accept ALP support, will give nothing in return. Especially not the U. S. senatorship, which Governor Lehman is publicly standing for. To refuse him the seat would be to precipitate the same kind of row as recently took place in the Pennsylvania primaries, and political machines don't flourish on such bitter-end primary fights. So the Democrats have no intention of giving the ALP anything.

Jim Farley is heartened in this resolve by the fact that the AFL leaders—one of the most reactionary groups in the country—are largely pro-Tammany, are supporting Lehman, and are bitterly anti-ALP. In addition, David Dubinsky, head of the Ladies Garment Workers, third-largest CIO union, has publicly protested the ALP's "failure" to name Lehman as its candidate. The AFL and Dubinsky's actions undoubtedly weaken the ALP somewhat, but the fact remains that some hundreds of thousands of rank and file unionists want a really independent party.

Will the ranks force Hillman & Co. to take another step toward independence, or will the ALP leaders simply surrender to the Democrats in return for nothing? The next moves will tell the story.

## Local 131 Collects \$337 Back Pay

Claire Johnson, Laundry Drivers' business agent, this week collected the last installment of a \$337.68 back pay fine levied against the Eagle Cleaners, covering three drivers worked below the contract scale. The amount collected was double the actual amount chiseled from the pay.

## 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 131  
During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third Wednesdays of each month.  
LOCAL 664  
The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.  
LOCAL 1086  
The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.  
PETROLEUM DRIVERS  
Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.  
LOCAL 977  
Joint meeting with Local 977.  
Grievance and Seniority Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.  
General Membership—Second Wednesday each month, 9 p. m.  
FEDERAL WORKERS  
Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month.  
Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.  
LOCAL 289  
Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday.  
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.  
Local 346  
General Membership Meeting—Monday, June 27, 1:30 p. m.  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
LOCAL 1859, 20481—July 20  
Executive Board, 1859—Friday nights  
Twin City Stewards—July 11, 25  
General Membership, 20481—July 15  
Executive Board, 20481—July 18; July 4th meeting called off  
LOCAL 221  
Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m.  
Grievance Board — Every Thursday, 7 p. m.  
LOCAL 20316  
Stewards—First and third Tuesday  
Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday  
Executive Board — Regularly every Monday  
LOCAL 292  
Inside Section—First Tuesday  
Radio Section—Second Tuesday  
Shoppers' Section — Second Wednesday  
Utility Section—First Thursday  
General Membership—Third Thursday  
Seniority Board—Every Monday  
Local 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 103  
Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays.  
Executive Committee Meeting—On call.  
PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS  
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.  
LOCAL 958  
First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m.  
Third Thursday of each month, 4 a. m.  
LOCAL 544  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
July, 1938  
Thursday, July 7—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Sunday, July 10—Wholesale Grocery; 10 A. M.  
Monday, July 11 — General Membership  
Wednesday, July 13—Market; Wholesale Liquor  
Friday, July 15—Job Stewards Sunday, July 17 — Over-the-Road, 10 A. M.  
Monday, July 18 — Furniture Stores  
Thursday, July 21—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M.  
Monday, July 25—Spring Water; Excavating and Sand & Gravel  
Thursday, July 28—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug  
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.  
The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in Staff Room.  
All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated.