

# Mr. Belden And The Silver Shirts

An Editorial

Thanks to Rabbi Gordon, the fact has become public that George K. Belden, head of the Associated Industries, personally participated in meetings of the Silver Shirts, the fascist organization which is preparing to carry out armed raids on union halls.

When Rabbi Gordon made public copies of letters he had sent to Belden and the Associated Industries, these had no choice except to try to lie their way out of the situation as gracefully as they might. The Associated Industries passed the buck by saying that its chieftain had attended the Silver Shirt meetings "merely" as an individual. Belden said the same thing and added that he had attended just "out of curiosity." Then he sought to get out of it by the hoary old subterfuge of every Jew-baiter and reactionary, namely, that he had some Jewish friends and therefore, presumably, did not unqualifiedly stand for the Jew-baiting of the Silver Shirts.

Belden's letter, embodying these remarks, was of course very carefully prepared for issuance to the press, and reveals comparatively little. But we now also have the very revealing stenographic transcript of an interview squeezed from Belden by a reporter for the Minnesota Leader.

## Belden's Real Attitude to the Fascists

Under the skillful questioning of the interviewer, it was revealed that not only had Belden attended the Silver Shirt meeting to which Rabbi Gordon called the attention of the public, but that he had also attended at least one other Silver Shirt meeting three months ago. Curiosity might have led him to one meeting, but once he saw what the organization was, why did he go to still other meetings? Why?

Why? For the simple reason that Belden found the Silver Shirts to his liking! Twist and turn as he might, that fact slipped through in the Leader interview. "They have some ideas that are good," said Belden. And again: "There are some good things about it (the Silver Shirts)." What things? Belden mentions specifically one: "I am in sympathy with getting rid of the racketeers, employers and employees, whatever they are."

## What This Means

At those meetings, the Silver Shirts centered all their fire on the labor unions and labor leaders, as "racketeers." And they proposed to remedy this by the method of arming fascist bands and raiding union halls! And, to put two and two together, that is exactly what the Associated Industries wants, and why their leader, Belden, has been participating in Silver Shirt meetings.

He wants that, because the "legal" methods he has been using against the unions, have failed. These methods failed in 1934, when the Citizens Alliance threw its deputies, police, spies and untold sums of money against the unions—and lost. Those methods failed when the Citizens Alliance, re-christened the Associated Industries, sought to suck the unions into the trap of "Employer-Employee Committees," and didn't put it over. Those methods failed when the Associated Industries financed E. T. Lee's "No. 1" finks, against whom the whole trade union movement has been mobilized. Those methods failed when Judge Reed's decision to surrender the records of Local 544 to five finks, instead of demoralizing the labor movement, rallied the trade unions everywhere in support of Local 544's fight against Reed's order. In a word, Belden and the Associated Industries have not gotten very far by the usual "legal" methods.

Meanwhile, however, the economic crisis continues, and the Associated Industries ever more grimly attempts to shove the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the workers. Other methods not having succeeded, they now play with the idea of financing a gigantic organization of fascist gangsters to physically smash the labor movement. Some employers think that the Silver Shirts is that organization, and are already financing it heavily. Whether Belden has definitely made up his mind to throw in his lot with this particular fascist organization, is not the decisive point. The main point is: BELDEN IS PLANNING TO USE FASCIST THUGS AGAINST THE TRADE UNIONS.

## On Guard!

On guard, brothers and sisters of the trade union movement! Guard well the portals of your unions against the fascist danger. Keep your eyes open everywhere for signs of the fascist storm troops. Prepare to deal with them as they deserve to be dealt with. Let every trade unionist say: "We shed our blood and gave our martyrs, to build our unions; we'll fight to the death to keep our unions."

# CIO, Bosses, Join To Break Strike

Teamsters Joint Council and CLU Policy Committee Brand CIO Union as "Strike-Breaker" for Intervening in Dispute Between Local 977 and Direct Service Oil Company

As a result of the open strike-breaking moves of the Minneapolis CIO in the dispute between the Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 and the Direct Service Oil Company, the Teamsters Joint Council and the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union have jointly branded the local CIO outfit as strike-breakers with whom no compromise can be made.

The story of the CIO betrayal of unionism in the petroleum industry is best told by quoting from a letter written by the Teamsters Council to the Policy Committee, outlining recent developments.

## History of Case

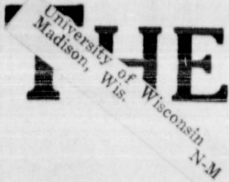
During 1937 all employees of the Direct Service Oil Company were members of Gasoline Operators and Helpers Union Local 20383, an AFL union. They maintained membership until April of this year, when jurisdiction was given to the Teamsters organization following issuance of a charter by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Immediately

thereafter, employees of Direct Service concerted announced their disaffiliation from the AFL and their association with the fink "union" formed by Lee and Taylor, "Local 15."

"It is not necessary to tell you," says the Teamsters Joint Council letter, "that 'Local 15' is purely an employers' inspired set-up brought into being by the Associated Industries and financed by Minneapolis' labor-hating employ-

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# All Direct Service Oil Stations Are UNFAIR to Labor



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# CLU Supports 544 vs. Judge Reed

## Utility Men Hit Reed, Fascists

The last membership meeting of the Utility Union voted to condemn Judge Reed's order that Local 544 open its records to enemies of labor, and voted full support to the General Drivers Union in resisting the attack.

The union also went on record as condemning the Silver Shirts as a vicious anti-union organization, and branded it as a mortal enemy of the working-class.

## Clerks Union Signs Two Large Firms

By terms of the recent contract signed by the Retail Clerks Union Local 1086 and the 29 Egekvist bakeries, these establishments become 100 per cent union. The merchandise is delivered by union bakery drivers and sold by union clerks, with the exception of a few school girls who work only a few hours weekly and are ineligible for union membership.

The new Local 1086 contract calls for wage increases up to \$12 monthly; one week's vacation with pay; one-half day off each month; seniority rights. The sixty-five girls comprising the Egekvist section of the union deserve lots of credit for their militant stand in forcing a show-down.

**Western Auto Signs**  
Local 1086 also completed negotiations with Western Auto during this week. Employees will receive wage increases of \$1.50 weekly, plus a favorable adjustment in commissions which should bring their increase to \$4-\$5 weekly. This store is deserving of union patronage, as it is the only auto accessories firm in the city where one can buy from a union clerk—and that means something to a union man. Look for the button and buy from the union members. The managers are not admitted to membership and therefore wear no buttons.

Negotiations have begun with the Home Trade Shoe store on a new contract. This company lived up to its last union agreement in fine fashion and merits the patronage of labor.

## Central Labor Union Statement on Fink Suit

Below is printed the statement drawn up by the Policy Committee and adopted unanimously Wednesday night by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, giving full support to the General Drivers Union in its fight against the fink suit:

Speaking for the entire trade union movement of Minneapolis, and with the assurance that we voice the attitude of the entire trade union movement of Minneapolis, we declare that Judge Reed's order to General Drivers Union Local 544 to open all its records to a group of spies and agents of employers is perhaps the most vicious decision made by a judge against labor in many years. For Minnesota, Judge Reed's decision is absolutely without precedent.

If Judge Reed's order prevails, it sets a precedent whereby the worst enemies of organized labor will have access to the records of the labor movement. Not a union in Minnesota, not a union in the country, will be safe from invasion by its enemies. Not merely an occasional disgruntled member, but open and avowed agents of reaction, will be enabled to peruse the confidential files of the trade unions and make their searches available to labor's irreconcilable enemies.

Organized labor stands in complete and whole-hearted solidarity with Local 544 in its fight against this outrageous precedent.

## Drivers Fight Plot To Frame W. Frank

The entire trade union movement of Minneapolis, rallying to defend itself against the growing attacks of the reactionaries, is standing solidly behind Walter Frank, business representative of the Lathers Unions, who was recently charged with third-degree burglary by E. T. Lee, head of the fink "Associated Independent Unions."

A short time ago Frank walked into a house being built by Lee's finks and attempted to talk with them, in line with his union duties. Lee immediately placed charges against Frank for "third degree burglary." Obviously, this is an attempt to frame a union leader who is guilty of nothing but performing his union duties.

Last Tuesday the Minneapolis Board of Business Agents voted unanimously to rally to Frank's support, and branded the charges as an attempt to frame not only Frank but all union officials.

**Part of Boss Attack**  
Monday night, Local 544's membership passed by unanimous vote a resolution in defense of Frank. The resolution read, in part: "(We) recognize this case as but a new phase in the struggle being waged by labor's enemies against the trade union movement;

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## Geary, I.B.T. Vice-Pres., Backs 544

John Geary, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, speaking to the Local 544 membership meeting Monday night, declared his solidarity with the stand taken by the union in the fight against Judge Reed's order.

Vice-President Geary stigmatized the insinuations about the union's financial records, pointing out that in addition to the local public accountants' regular auditing of the books, the union's accounts have also been regularly audited by the General Auditor of the Teamsters International.

## Farmers, 544 Co-operate in City Market

An agreement for co-operation between union drivers and farmers bringing produce into the city market, to facilitate sale by the farmers of surplus produce for transportation out of the city, was worked out at a meeting on Tuesday between representatives of General Drivers Local 544 and the co-operative of the farmers, the Minneapolis Producers Association.

Vincent Dunne, representing the union, declared that it stood ready to do its utmost to aid the working farmers, since the interests of workers and farmers are inseparably bound together.

M. F. Lane, vice-president of the Producers Association, recalled that two previous agreements between the farmers and the union, during strikes, had been loyally carried out by both groups.

In the face of one of the best years of crops and vegetables of unusually high quality, the farmers coming to market have been unable to sell a large part of their produce. To help the farmers sell produce for transportation outside the city, the co-operative and the union are establishing a system for daily identification for legitimate truck operators coming into the market to haul out loads of purchased or consigned produce. All that will be necessary will be for the truck operator to secure his

clearance card, signed by union and co-operative representatives, at the municipal market building.

## Central Labor Body Adopts Strong Position Supporting Teamsters' Fight Against Fink Inspection of Union Records—Aroused Labor Movement Wins Write Holding Up Reed's Order for 30 Days—Supreme Court Will Then Decide Whether It Will Review

In one of the most strongly-worded statements ever issued by a central labor body of the American Federation of Labor against a judicial decision, the Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, in its meeting last night, declared its unbreakable solidarity with General Drivers Local 544 in the fight against Judge Reed's order to surrender the union's records to five dummies acting for the Associated Industries.

This action of the most authoritative body of Minneapolis labor constituted a re-affirmation of the stand it had taken in April, when the Central Labor Union retained an attorney to collaborate with Local 544 and Teamsters Joint Council attorneys in the fight against the suit then commenced by the five finks.

The statement adopted last night had been previously adopted on Friday by the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union.

## Labor Will Fight

In the week following issuance of Judge Reed's order against the union on July 28, an aroused labor movement gave unmistakable evidence of its determination to back a finish fight. Communications poured in from throughout the country to the General Drivers Union, in which powerful unions in every field pledged their support to the teamsters. These communications swelled into the hundreds after last Tuesday, when Local 544 issued its now-famous statement castigating Reed's decision. In the Twin Cities, the organs of both central labor bodies, the Minneapolis Labor Review and the St. Paul Union Advocate, gave the headlines of the week to Local 544's fight and published the full text of the union's long declaration, while the Labor Review denounced Reed in a flaming editorial.

**Order Held Up**  
First fruits of the aroused labor movement's stand was the signing, by Supreme Court Justice Andrew Holt, of a writ of certiorari which holds up execution of Judge Reed's order for thirty days, at the end of which time the Supreme Court will decide whether or not it will review Judge Reed's order. But trade union leaders urged the labor movement not to be lulled into security by the granting of the writ, which of itself merely postpones action for thirty days. At that time the Supreme Court may (1) simply refuse to review Reed's order, (2) review the order and conclude that Reed was justified in issuing it, or (3) nullify all or part of Reed's order.

All serious observers agree that the writ of certiorari was secured because of the effect of a united labor stand on public opinion. Likewise, the only way to assure nullification of Reed's order in its entirety by the Supreme Court is for the labor movement to give unmistakable evidence of its unity and militant determination to prevent the agents of the Associated Industries from getting access to the union's confidential records.

To the tribunals of labor, the union's records are always open. But to surrender union records to finks and stoopigues—that would spell the destruction of the labor movement.

The working agreement between Warehouse Union Local 20316 and the wholesale liquor industry was renewed last week. The only change is that the companies have agreed to pay for holidays which were not formerly paid for.

## 4 Big Coast Unions Quit Bridges, Set Up New Progressive Council

Four powerful CIO unions in the Los Angeles area late last week voted to withdraw from Harry Bridges' "CIO Industrial Union Council" and to establish their own Los Angeles Trade Union Conference. The unions—United Auto Workers, United Rubber Workers, United Shoe Workers, and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union—represent over 20,000 workers.

This action coincided with the acceptance last week of a new national seamen's charter by the progressive Sailors Union of the Pacific, which for several years has sought to maintain unity in the maritime industry, only to have Bridges and the Stalinists sabotage, disrupt and finally smash the once-powerful Maritime Federation.

Trade unionists generally believe that Bridges has been struck a vital blow by the two events. That the four CIO unions are attacking Bridges' West Coast CIO set-up from the viewpoint of progressives is shown by their statement and program, signed by leaders of the unions.

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## FWS Pressure Gets 300 WPA Jobs

Due to the pressure of the unemployed expressed through the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, 300 more persons in District Five will be assigned to WPA jobs during the next few days. This will bring the WPA rolls in Minneapolis up to 15,000. There are still over 1,700 employables on direct relief in the city.



## 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.

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statement and program, signed by leaders of the unions. "We believe that any one has a right to be a Communist or a holy roller or whatever they choose, but in the trade union movement they must give their first loyalty to their unions and not attempt to use the unions to further the end of any political party."

## Charges Against Bridges

The union statement made these charges against Bridges:  
1. Administering set-backs to the Pacific Coast CIO.  
2. Arbitrary appointment of a bureaucracy of appointees, when he, himself, was not the popular choice of the Western CIO leadership.  
3. Bringing the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council under control of the Communist Party.  
4. Maintaining this control by fraud and the votes of "paper locals."  
5. Acting as a dictator.  
6. Seeking to aid Stalinists in their attempt to capture and disrupt the United Auto Workers

Union in the recent Long Beach strike against Ford.

7. Appointing Stalinists to executive positions in unions without regard for their ability and without consulting the ranks.

8. Subordinating the interests of trade unionism to the interests of the Communist Party.

9. Calling a CIO state convention without consulting other CIO leaders.

Anyone familiar with the activities of the Communist Party in the CIO movements of Detroit, Minneapolis and elsewhere will understand the validity of these charges.

## A Model Union Program

Delegates from the four CIO unions who are severing relations with Bridges have established a six-point program of action which is almost a model for trade unionism everywhere. It includes:  
1. Labor solidarity between the employed and the unemployed, and an olive branch to any union, AFL or CIO.

2. Continued union organization, despite the depression.

3. Opposition to raids on established unions, and industrial unionism only for the industries for which it is suited.

4. An end to dictatorship in the trade union movement.

## Against Government Interference

5. Opposition to all anti-labor legislation and to all government interference, whether through the courts, the National guard, the police or otherwise.

6. For independent political action of the working-class to supplement the trade-union movement.

This is the second big defeat of the week suffered by the reactionary Communist Party. Last Saturday the executive board of the United Auto Workers, meeting in Detroit, finished their hearing on charges against four Stalinist board members and expelled the latter from the union for disruptive activities. Progressives everywhere will be heartened by the recent developments in Los Angeles.

## Warehousemen Sign Liquor Pact

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# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# Getting Jobs For Our Jobless Boys and Girls

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We are faced not with the problem of simply a few thousand young people who haven't any jobs, but with the terrible and shocking fact that more than 7,000,000 American boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 25 are jobless. 7,000,000! Most of us can hardly visualize what this astronomical figure means. Who are these 7,000,000?

Are these people the untrained, worn-out dregs of the population, accustomed and reconciled to living off backdoor handouts? Are they the ones who "never want to work, anyhow," as some reactionary boss writers dare to repeat even today? Exactly the opposite. These seven million boys and girls are the future backbone of our society. From their ranks must come the leaders of tomorrow. They are the future fathers and mothers of our country.

These are the young men and women who have spent years of training in the schools, have graduated from the high schools; many of them have completed their training in the colleges and universities. Figures released by the National Youth Administration in February, 1936, show that, of those young people who are now on some form of government relief, more than forty-five per cent completed their elementary school training and went on to high school. Practically all have had some form of systematic schooling.

**A Crime Against Humanity**  
These are the people who could become the most skilled workers in every field, the best professionals, doctors, scientists. The trained skills of generations past are in their fingers—the inventions of the future are locked up in their brains—and yet this fantastic and vicious economic system deadens their fingers, dries up the fertility of their brains and dooms them to the most horrible sentence of all—complete idleness.

Just to speak of these seven million young people, however, would not complete the picture. Government figures show that at least two million additional young people are completing their schooling each year, either graduating from the high schools and colleges, or being forced by circumstances to quit before they graduate. We know where these young people go when they finish school. Each year, they add another division to the armies of unemployed youth.

According to the National Youth Administration, thirty-five per cent of those youth now receiving some form of youth relief (which includes the CCCs, NYA, transient camps, etc.) are not even making any attempt to find work—they are faced by the absolute certainty of no job! And lest we forget, the youth on work relief gets an average wage which is about one-eighth of the small pittance of the average WPA worker.

**What Price "Placement Bureaus"?**  
What good can the vocational guidance and placement bureaus of the NYA do, when there are no jobs to

fill? As the National Youth Administration itself admits, in a pamphlet it has issued called, "Youth, A World Problem," "most of the NYA's vocational guidance work has involved the preparation and distribution of occasional pamphlets and bulletins." And this is all that the "placement bureaus," "vocational guidance bureaus," "free government employment services," etc., etc., can do—prepare and distribute occasional pamphlets. The reason for this is that there are no jobs in private industry for these or any other agencies to fill. We are entering into the new depression before we have gotten out of the old one; factories are shutting down, instead of expanding. The brutal truth that every worker has to realize is that private industry is no longer able to supply jobs for millions of workers and that the younger generation—the boys and girls between 16 and 25—are permanently locked out of private industry.

What, then, for the young people? Can they do nothing else but wait until they are recruited into the army for the next war? Our young people—our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters—must have jobs, must have a chance to earn their own living, must be able to lead their own independent lives!

**The Right to Work**  
They must have jobs not alone in order to keep them from starving, but because they have the right to jobs. We can no longer tolerate a situation where, in a typical city like Minneapolis, more than one out of every two young people are actually jobless, while less than one out of every fifty are receiving any form of work relief. Federal and state youth projects for every unemployed young person, regardless of whether he is single or not, and regardless of whether anyone else in the family is on WPA—jobs for young people at union wages! Nothing less can serve. Remember that the entire cost of such projects would be many times less than the tremendous sums now being expended by the Federal government on guns and battleships for the next bloody war for profits.

The right to a job at union wages! This must become the rallying call of millions of unemployed youth, backed by the trade unions. No longer can we maintain a situation where the whole generation of youth are locked out of industry and, at the same time, America's Sixty Ruling Families live in such luxury as the fabulous Roman emperors never dreamed of. The young people have a right to work. When this demand is made in the name of the organized youth, firmly welded together in solidarity and unity with the trade unions, America's Sixty Families will not be able to prevent the carrying out of that simple but fundamental demand.

In our day-to-day routine of interviewing young people seeking NYA assignments, organizing them to get those assignments—in all our routine—let us keep firmly in mind THE demand: Real Jobs at Union Wages!

## CIO Seeks To Break Union Strike

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ers; in other words, the worst expression of labor-hating bosses.

**Direct Service Unfair**  
"Local 977, new Teamsters union chartered to take in filling station attendants, immediately started a campaign to organize all filling station attendants, and among them, employees of Direct Service Oil company. Success has attended the efforts of this Local Union to the extent where they now have many hundreds of filling station attendants in their Local Union. However, all efforts to unionize workers at Direct Service Oil company have failed. After Local 977 had placed Direct Service Oil company on the unfair list throughout the whole movement, and while this Local Union was engaged in banner and picketing this unfair and anti-union company, a local union of the CIO has announced that they have organized Direct Service Oil company employees.

**A Strike-Breaking Job**  
"The Teamsters Joint Council, through its delegates from all the teaming craft unions, denounced this as an out and out strike-breaking move on the part of the CIO. To our knowledge no situation like this has arisen in the Minneapolis trade union movement, and we want to again emphasize that while the Teamsters Unions were striking against the Direct Service Oil company and fighting a fight against this vicious manifestation of company unionism, the CIO calmly took these workers into their ranks.

"... We recommend to the Policy Committee that no compromise of any kind be entered into with the CIO on the organization of employees at Direct Service Oil company. We further contend that this was not even a struggle to gain members in an unorganized company. Our fight in reality was a struggle to release the workers in this company from the company union that existed there..."

Nowhere else in the country has the CIO ever made such a scandalous anti-labor move as in the Minneapolis filling station situation. From various Direct Service Oil attendants it is learned that the heads of the company with the aid of station managers called a meeting about ten days ago at all station attendants and instructed

Wesley Burnham sauntered down to the last executive meeting unattended. (All tired out from his vacation?)  
Best Laundry must kick in with \$50 back pay, doubled.  
Ernie Dietz of Custom received \$90 sick benefits during his illness (45 months' dues alone), wages, hours and conditions not considered, which proves THE UNION MAKES US STRONG. Keep paid up.  
Next meeting Wednesday, August 17th, 8 p. m.  
Chris Bachman, formerly of the Majestic, is now "skinning" for the Service.

The Majestic time-clock starts on Eastern and finishes on Pacific time. Maybe it needs adjustment.  
Payroll records were verified at Adolph Anderson's, Minn. Cleaners, and Adams Cleaners recently.  
**Diamondball News**  
Local 131 finished their regular schedule with a clean record of ten consecutive victories and now goes forward into the play-off games. Our team meets the Syndicate team of the McGill league on Parade 9 Friday, August 12, 6:15 p. m. Let's be on hand to support our boys.

Ted Sutherland of Nevens is vacationing this week.  
The Union Sports Council will hold their picnic at Webb's place on Bass Lake Saturday, August 20th.

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ed them to listen to the CIO organizer, withdraw from Lee's flink "Local 15" and join the CIO set-up. By dire threats, these attendants have been kept out of the ranks of Local 977, the only bona fide union in the field, and, it is assumed, by the same threats the attendants have been shooed into the CIO, while Local 977 was striking and bannering all Direct Service Oil companies.

The CLU Policy Committee, after learning of the situation, voted to concur in the Teamsters Joint Council stand that this was a strike-breaking move on the part of the CIO union.

**Local 977 Progresses**  
Balked, though only temporarily, by the Direct Service—flink union—CIO combination, Local 977 continues to make progress in organizing attendants in other stations. On Monday night a meeting of employees of Bulk Oil, Russell Thompson Oil, and La Salle Super-Service Station attendants expressed themselves as well pleased with the new set-up of Local 977, and pledged themselves to assist in organizing other companies.

Negotiations are still on between Local 977 and Minneapolis tire companies.

## TAXI TOPICS

The funeral of Mrs. Evelyn Aich was held last Wednesday. She was the mother of Eugene Aich, a well known member of the Yellow Taxi unit.

Hilding Holmberg is at home with a game leg. We trust it's only temporary so he can come back with us soon.

Air traffic is now big business. Big ships coming and going at all hours of the day and night on better schedule than most trains. Express and mail trucks, airport buses, private cars and taxi-cabs taking their cargo to all parts of the city. This being a relatively new transportation medium located far from the loop it sometimes causes friction between the drivers. We have been asked to suggest that some discussion be taken on this at our next meeting, such as closer co-operation between the drivers and switchboard dispatchers.

Wonder who the red-haired guy in white striped pants is that disturbs the nocturnal stillness of the Uptown district by laughing too loud? The "Dog and Cat" are not suspected as we know they've learned to be good listeners from contact with the local philosophers out there. What we want to know, what is there to laugh at these torrid summer nites?

The Liberty Blue and White leasees and pioneer holders are just like that again. Ain't those lights pretty?

The Seven Corners squatters are hiding trip-sheets from one another these days. The "Goon" has everything under control again. Also his Plymouth.

Two-speed Castner (slow and slower) left his old haunt at the Medical Arts and is playing wild again. Don't get too wild, boy.

Big George Taylor, back from his vacation to Bermuda or someplace, we forget just where, is having beginner's luck. Driving days for the first time in years he has difficulty; the streets look different without the arc-lights.

"Banjo" Miller took a pint of snake-bite cure with him to the ball game. Wonder if he saw the last eight innings? Maybe he saw a double game.

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## Warehouse Workers Push Fink Drive

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 has run into its first fight with the flink "Associated Union." Several employees of the Wheeler-Barnes company, syrup manufacturers, have attempted to set up a dual union to the Warehouse Union.

Members of Local 20316 in the plant have shown themselves determined to smash the small flink set-up. Local 20316 has told the company it will sign a union agreement, and has warned the company against giving support to the flinks.

Do you old timers remember when?—The cabs parked in front of old lady Radisson's boarding house in the middle of the street? There were three doormen on duty at once, and when one blew up a cab three would race madly up, first there got the load. Forty-five cent flag-pull, twenty cent extra passenger charge, which meant one dollar and forty-five for six passengers from Radisson to Mpls. Athletic Club. You could book thirteen bucks an hour straight driving. Fair week we paid off the well known mortgage; compare that with these days.

In winter we wore two pair of wool pants, wool helmet, felt shoes and rubbers and ankle length sheepskin "benny." Only our eyes and nose could be seen. We sat in the open and left the back window shut so if the passenger changed his mind he had to kick pretty hard on that glass before we heard him. Were those the good old days?

**Blue Monday Lament**  
You sit on the stand in the blazing sun  
With both eyes glued on the light  
And you swelter and sit, and you sit some more,  
With the feeling that all is not right.  
But you're pretty dang sure that such luck can't last  
And the next run will pay the freight,  
So you wheel a couple of two-bit "jerks"

And come back tomorrow to wait.  
Just noticed what a cosmopolitan group plays the Nicollet stand. Reading from front to back we have, a Swede, an Englishman, Italian, German, Syrian, Jew, a Scot, an Irishman, and two Norwegians and a Finn in reserve, plus a Greek and a Dane on the nite shift.

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## Old 574 Man Writes Us About South

(The author of the following news letter is Bob Hawn, a member of Local 574 in the old days, and through the 1924 strike. Brother Hawn is now secretary of Drivers Union Local 959 of San Antonio, Texas.)

San Antonio, Texas—It will be hard for you members of organized labor in Minneapolis to believe that we have thousands of truck drivers here in Texas that are earning only 20c hourly, and don't dare think of ever receiving as high as 70c for their labor.

I was taught that the Civil War did away with slavery, but the way the workers exist, you would swear to God that slavery still existed here. I am doing everything I can to teach these people that they will have to organize and fight to better their conditions, and many people have cursed me and called me a socialist for thinking of building a militant labor movement. Any progressive way of thinking is not wanted down in this country by the conservatives in the labor movement—because if the progressives ever grew strong it would be an end to the boss-controlled unions.

I have often wished since I came here that I had about ten good men from Local 544. This part of the country would sure be organized so far as truck drivers are concerned.

I have been receiving the Northwest Organizer ever since I left Local 544 and Minneapolis, and my family and I have enjoyed the paper very much because it keeps us posted about the truth of the Minneapolis labor movement and the fight labor has at all times with the bosses.

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## Mill Workers To Picnic Saturday

The second annual picnic of Cabinet Makers and Millmen's Union Local 1865 will be held this Saturday, August 13, at Libby's Place on Bass Lake. Ben Kittelson, head of the Picnic Committee, announces that gate prizes of \$25, \$10 and \$5 will be given away. Many valuable ground prizes are being offered. There will be dancing, races and free coffee and ice cream.

Admission is only 10c and all unionists and friends of labor are cordially invited. Free transportation by cab to and from the picnic grounds to the end of the car line will be provided. The outing will be an all-day affair.

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## Independent Truck Chatter

Quite a few little talks were unloaded on the boys at the meeting last Thursday. Yours truly was provoked into throwing his piece in the midst of the scramble. Most of the members will be a long time convinced that one who has been so lately on the short side was not in exceedingly bad form in subjecting the whole body of the ITO from the speaker's platform to such a critical lecture.

Rumor says Walt Hagstrom was pretty low by last Saturday noon. Of course, we all know the reason why.

The Belt Line project under state highway control is giving the truckers in their employ many reasons for being steamed up. Unless the more reasonable of the boys take things in hand and reach an understanding the whole pot will soon boil over.

The ITO may soon lose an old and valuable member. Those creamy drivers jobs just can't be resisted.  
The independent truck owners were very conspicuous by their absence from the general membership meeting Monday this week.

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## Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

**"Patriotism"**  
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# Sioux City Union Exposes Back-to-Work Move

### Finks Circulate Boss Petition to Call Off Bakery Strike — Get Answer from Teamsters' Officials — Mayor Seeks to Bring About Negotiations

Sioux City, Iowa—The strike of bakery drivers and inside workers against a group of large local bakeries goes into its fourth week with the strike still stolid. The bosses have failed in their attempt to send stooges into meetings of the two unions involved to stampede the membership back to work. When the Metz company put armthugs on its trucks, in violation of the law, the union countered by wiring the LaFollette committee and demanding an investigation.

#### An Old Boss Trick

Late last week the bosses used an old device in a new attempt to engineer a back-to-work movement. A group of finks, many from the Metz bakery, circulated a boss petition calling upon Mayor Loopp to use his influence and have the strike settled on the bosses' terms. The finks claim the strike is "illegal and unauthorized." The boss press gave the petition a big write-up.

The Teamsters Union Local 383, through Jack Maloney, organizer, and Charles Cunningham, secretary-treasurer, gave a forthright answer to the boss stooges: "Power to call the walkout was granted the negotiating committee of the bakery drivers' section and the executive board of the Teamsters Union about six weeks ago. This power was granted by a vote of the drivers with only nine dissenting votes. On July 14, the negotiating committee of the section urged the board to declare the walk-out.

"Section 61 of the Teamsters constitution is included in order that unions may receive strike benefits from the International. Since in this case such benefits were not sought by the drivers the provisions of the clause did not need to be followed. Nearly all teamsters' strikes are called in the manner of the one here.

"Membership of the section numbers about 60. Fifteen drivers of Metz Brothers Baking company have participated in the walkout although not actually members. They have applied for membership, but have not been voted into the union. Many of those men were among the signers of the petition. Actually the union members who signed numbered about half the membership of the section.

#### Inspired By Bosses

"This is a boss move. We have been anticipating this petition, and as soon as we have the facts we will prefer charges against the men and the company involved with the senate civil liberties committee and the National Labor Relations Board."

Such back-to-work petitions have been circulated by bosses in hundreds of strike situations during the past years. They always can get their stool pigeons and the fink-minded workers to sign; even some honest workers are often intimidated into signing such petitions.

That it is a boss petition is shown by the following facts: 1. No decent worker would ever argue that a strike was "illegal;" 2. No honest worker in his right mind would ever suggest that a strike be called off and negotia-

tions continued when the men are back on the job. It is precisely the pressure of the strike that enables the workers to match the power of the bosses and extract from them better wages and working conditions. Once the strikers were back on the job, the bosses would just laugh at the union negotiating committee; 3. Above all, no worker, unless he is being used by a boss, ever blames "outside agitators" for strikes, as did Leo Schneiders, chairman of the fink committee. As though "agitators" caused strikes, and not rotten wages and poor working conditions.

Mayor Loopp will probably attempt to bring the union negotiating committee and the bosses together during the week.

## Ski Workers Strike in Wisconsin

New Richmond, Wis.—Disgusted with the stalling tactics of Strand, owner of the Strand Ski company in this town, the Wood Workers Union Local 1703 called a strike last Thursday morning at 7 a. m. A twenty-four hour picket line is being maintained by the union and the plant is closed down tight.

Local 1703 is demanding a 50c hourly minimum with a 40-hour week. Under the old contract, which expired June 1st, workers have been working 50 hours weekly for a 30c hourly minimum. Only 17 of the 80 unionists employed at the height of the season were working when the strike was called. Strand, while he has been holding the union negotiating committee at arms length, has been running the plant at only a fraction of its usual seasonal production figures.

The mayor and city attorney of New Richmond, since the strike began, have been seeking to approach individual union members and propose they go back to work at a 5c hourly increase. This offer is being refused by the strikers who are determined to win the 50c minimum. It is rumored that Strand has been over in Minnesota during the past few days, seeking to job out some of his orders to other factories. Should attempts be made along this line, Local 1703, with the cooperation of other woodworkers' unions in the area, is fully prepared to smash such moves.

On Sunday Local 1703 and the Federal Union in New Richmond held a very successful picnic. The Federal Union pledged its full support to Local 1703's fight.

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## Omaha Union Signs J-K Beverage Co.

Following is the text of the new contract recently signed by Drivers Union Local 554 of Omaha, and the J-K Beverage company covering drivers, helpers and inside workers. The contract stipulates strict seniority, the 48-hour week, time and one-half for overtime, 60c hourly for helpers and inside workers, \$28.50 weekly for drivers, etc. The pact will run until September 1, 1939.

The full text of the contract follows:

### WORKING AGREEMENT CONTRACT

The J-K Beverage Company of Omaha, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the General Drivers Union Local No. 554, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen & Helpers of America, hereinafter referred to as the Union, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions:

1. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.
2. The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward to handle such Union business as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward by the Union Executive Board.
3. The Employer agrees to grant the Employer's time off without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor convention or to serve in any capacity on other official Union business without pay.
4. The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.
5. The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials and vacations and general working conditions, shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standards in effect at the time of the signing of this agreement and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever any specific provisions for Employer's time are made elsewhere in this agreement.
6. Any controversy arising over the interpretation or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement shall be settled by negotiations between the Union and the Employer, which with the consent of both the Union and the Employer, such controversy may be referred to a Board of Arbitration composed of two representatives of the Union, two representatives of the Employer, and a fifth neutral chairman to be selected by a majority vote of the first four. The majority vote and decision of this Board shall be final and binding on both the Union and the Employer in any controversy so settled.
7. The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise, and then only upon written notification.
8. It shall not be considered a violation of this agreement for the Employer to refuse to deliver products where there is a strike or lockout.
9. The term "Individual truck owner" shall be construed to mean the owner-driver of a truck, motorcycle, passenger vehicle, two or four-wheeled trailer, taxi-cab, horse-drawn vehicle, or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes.
10. Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of work, overtime differentials and general working conditions for all individual truck owners shall conform to the terms of this agreement.
11. The individual truck owner shall have seniority standing only as a driver. The vehicle shall have no seniority standing. Only individual truck owners shall conform to the terms of this agreement.
12. Employees shall not be charged for any accidental loss or damage and shall be held liable only when proof of neglect or carelessness is shown.
13. Should the Employer require any employee to give bonds, the premium on same shall be paid by the Employer.
14. All employees on the seniority list who have been in the service of the Employer for a period of one year or longer shall receive a minimum of one (1)

## \$558 Back Pay Collected by Omaha Drivers

A total of \$558.30 for back pay for five union drivers has recently been collected from the Wall Transfer company by General Drivers Union Local 554 of Omaha, Nebraska. The company further agreed to recognize seniority rights, not to hire non-union men when union men are available, to pay the union scale, etc.

The following sums were collected:  
Harley H. Campbell, \$111.30  
Donald Rasmussen, \$126.24  
Leo Ogden, \$48.83  
Ralph Rasmussen, \$152.47  
Bill Uhler, \$129.56  
By this action the Wall Transfer company becomes fair to the union movement, and worthy of the patronage of organized labor.

week's vacation with full pay in advance at the wage rates set forth herein for their classifications of work. Vacations shall be taken during the slack seasons.

15. Seniority rights shall be observed in arranging the vacations schedule.

16. Seniority rights shall prevail in all matters relating to employment. A list of the employees arranged in the order of their seniority shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the job.

17. Any controversy over the seniority standing of any employee on this list shall be referred to the Union for settlement.

18. The senior employees shall have first preference on the job, provided however, that the present assignment of employees in the various classifications of work shall not be disturbed in any manner other than that set forth below:

a. When a job becomes open for any reason in any classification of work covered by this agreement, it shall be filled by the employee for a period of not less than 24 hours. All employees in the order of their seniority standing are eligible to accept or reject this job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing.

19. Any employee desiring a leave of absence from the job shall secure written permission from both the Union and the Employer. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in complete loss of seniority rights of the employee involved. Inability to work because of sickness or injury shall not result in loss of seniority rights.

20. The Employer may prefer charges against any employee for alleged violation of properly posted working rules which do not conflict with any of the terms and provisions of this agreement. The Union shall make the immediate investigation of the charges and a settlement of the case shall be made as provided in Paragraph 6.

21. There shall be no favoritism shown to junior employees with reference to hours of work.

22. The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the following procedure on the charges and in the event that the Employer absorbs the business of another company:

over to a contract trucking company, the employees of this company working on the trucks may transfer to the company taking the contract and be placed at the bottom of the seniority list of that company with first preference for all work done for their former employer.

b. In the event that a contract for hauling is transferred from one hauling contractor to another, the men employed at the company which is losing the contract may elect in accordance with their seniority rights at that company to transfer to the company receiving the contract where they shall be placed at the bottom of the seniority list and shall have no preference in hauling other than that provided by their seniority at the company to which they transfer.

c. If the minimum wage, hour and working conditions in the company absorbed differ from the minimum set forth in this agreement the higher of the two shall remain in effect.

23. The regular work week shall be forty-eight (48) hours. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all time worked in excess of nine hours in any one day, or forty-eight (48) hours in any one week. Double time shall be paid for all time worked on Sundays, on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

24. Employees whose regular shift assignments requires them to work on Sunday shall receive straight time for their regular Sunday hours and another day shall be assigned as their regular day off and they shall receive double time for all time worked on that day.

25. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts. When called to work employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of four hours pay.

26. The Employer shall not discharge an employee without just cause and shall give at least a 30-day warning notice of the complaint against such employee, except that no warning notice need be given to any employee before he is discharged if the cause of such discharge is willful destruction of property, dishonesty, or drunkenness. Any employee may request an investigation as to his discharge and should such an investigation prove that he has been unjustly discharged, he shall be reinstated at his usual rate of pay while he works out of work. Appeal from discharge must be taken within ten (10) days from the date of discharge.

27. Except in cases of emergency or where it is clearly unavoidable, no employee shall work overtime until all employees on the seniority list have worked the full quota of regular hours.

28. In the event that the maximum work week is reduced by legislative act to a point below the regular work week provided herein, then this contract may be reopened for wage negotiations only.

29. The term "driver" shall be construed to mean the operator of a truck, motorcycle, passenger, horse-drawn vehicle or any other vehicle used for transportation purposes and shall also include employees engaged in delivery service on foot or bicycle or by similar methods.

30. The following shall be the minimum rates of pay in the various classifications of work:  
Drivers, \$28.50 per week.  
Helpers, 60c per hour.  
Over the road drivers, 70c per hour, plus 5c per hour for each hour away from home terminal.

Regular helpers and inside workers shall be guaranteed a minimum of forty hours per week.

31. No driver shall be permitted to allow anyone on his truck unless so authorized by the Employer. Such violation when proven may be grounds for dismissal.

32. All helpers shall be paid by the Employer.  
33. Telephone calls made in the regular hours of work shall be refunded to employees.  
34. The Employer agrees to employ only members of the Union.  
35. The Employer shall install heaters in all over the road equipment.

## With the Limousines

The Sunday picnic at Excelsior was a tremendous success. We never saw so many people drink so much "milk."

How the kids and adults did enjoy the races.

Eddie Foster says: "I had to win twice to gain one win in the 100-yard dash."

Why don't some of you "slackers" take notice? Joe Fredericks got \$5.50 worth of merchandise in 55 minutes, all while he was working, on Sunday morning, August 7th.

Melvin Kost sure can run—he copped the fat man's race for 220 pound fellows.

Fred was sure tired after his day's work-out. More power to you, Fred. If we'd all do our share like you, what a union we would have.

Al Norton was mentioned as one who really likes to stay up by the "milk counter."

Everyone missed Ted and Bill. We all hope you'll be able to attend the next blow-out we have.

Carl sure knows how to tap a keg of foaming milk. He will give lessons from 8 to 10 each evening.

F. G. fell down in the fat man's race, but his wife carried on. Our sympathies go to Mrs. Kost. We hope she is OK.

You who are so far behind in your dues should have come out and sponged a little more Sunday. You could have sponged all day and it wouldn't be hard on any of us as everything was donated. Don't think you're kidding anyone but yourself.

F. G. Guzey and the Mrs. were there one hundred per cent.

Come into the office and pay up your dues, and save us some trouble, if you get what we mean.

President John Anderson was working hard all day keeping things on schedule.

We were all glad to see Harry Calligan come out; we hope for a speedy recovery for your mother.

Camera-man Johnnie was there with his klicker. Come to the next meeting and see the snaps he got.

"I-Raise" Jones finally got to the picnic.

Ray Sawyer was there with bells on.

Our union wants to thank the following donors who were so generous in giving merchandise to make our picnic the big success that it was:

force and effect from year to year, unless written notice of desire to change or modify the agreement is served by either party hereto, thirty (30) days prior to the annual date of expiration.

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Kranz Bros., 2112 Lyndale Ave. S.  
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United Motors, 217 South 9th.  
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Dugan Grocery, 1623 Nicollet.  
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Yolk Pure Oil Station, Deephaven.  
Packard Motor, 14th and Harmon.  
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And we want to give our best thanks to Jerry and Red of Local 544 for the service they gave us. Hope we can reciprocate soon, boys.

The Retail Drivers at a special meeting held last Thursday evening cleaned up several points on their new proposed contract. Those boys are stickers and the contract will most certainly be in the bag shortly.

Jim Patterson, Excelsior, is in a jack-pot. It seems as if, whenever he wants to use his car his wife has the same idea—only he gets there first.

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Jim is also quite a skee ball artist. After the meeting last Thursday several of the boys went over to the corner and Jim proceeded to show them how to play skee-ball sometimes rolling up a score of 100 or more.

Russ Benson, Regan's, must be carrying a half dozen rabbits' feet. Talk about lucky—he was in an accident last Monday wherein his truck was completely smashed and Russ didn't get a scratch.

Related news of the Picnic: Ray Davis, Regan's, broke a couple of ribs sliding into home plate with the winning men in the diamond ball game and had to lay off for a week.

Clarence Johnson (head flour blender at Regan's) is laid up with a bum back and has been off for a week. You know you can't lift two 140 pound sacks at once, Clarence.

Harry Webber, business agent for the Auto Salesmen's Union, was in the office the other day and requests that we continue to ask for cards and buttons when buying a car as he says it has done quite a lot of good. So evidently some of our members are looking for buttons. Let's all do it.

Rose Seiler, one of the organizers for the Stenographers and Bookkeepers Union was in and says that she has several irons in the fire and will soon sign several contracts. By the way, strange as it seems, the Stenographers have two organizers and both are named Rose. So everything should be rosy in that organization!

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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 Bolshevick  
I'm Labor.

## A Lie About Benjamin Franklin --- A Threat to the Labor Movement

A fake document, purporting to be an address delivered by Benjamin Franklin at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, is being distributed in large numbers to Minneapolis workers! According to this leaflet, old Franklin was a blustering Jew-baiter who warned his associates: "I warn you, gentlemen, if you do not exclude the Jews for all time, your children will curse you in their graves. Jews, gentlemen, are Asiatics; they will never be otherwise," etc., etc.

Benjamin Franklin—printer, founder of libraries and colleges, author, inventor, experimenter, member of all the important scientific associations of Europe, the wisest and most cultured American of his time—never said these things. Charles Beard, America's foremost historian, has branded the document as false from beginning to end. In all the volumes of Franklin's writings and speeches, not one evidence of race or religious prejudice is found. The records of the Constitutional Convention, kept by Madison, record no such speech as that being circulated.

Franklin, who with a group of printers, shoemakers and carpenters formed a club known as the Junto, the first law of which was that each member must sincerely declare "that you love mankind in general of what profession or religion soever"—this is the man whose name the fascists are defiling in their campaign to whip up anti-Semitism in America!

Why is the Franklin forgery being circulated in Minneapolis at this time? For the same reason that such persons as the Reverend Dr. Riley distribute the notoriously phony "Protocols of Zion." Because the United States is in a state of increasing social crisis. Because the exploiters, to take the heat off themselves, must find a scapegoat.

The Jews are no more responsible for the sufferings inflicted by capitalism than are the members of any other race. There are rich Jews who function like all rich persons. But far outnumbering them are poor Jews, like the hundreds of thousands of them in the garment workers' unions, loyal unionists to the core.

We are determined to nail every lie that might lead to the growth of anti-Semitism. Because we know that the reactionaries will resort to greater and greater lies, in order to divert resentment from the reactionaries to the Jews, and then that resentment will be carefully directed by the fascist hirelings against the labor movement.

We know that right in Minneapolis, the Associated Industries and the Silver Shirts and their allies will more and more agitate to work up an anti-Semitic hysteria. We know they will then use this atmosphere of hysteria to recruit their thugs and lead them against the trade unions and the workingclass movement.

Let's keep our enemy in clear sight, let's not be diverted off the path by the professional liars of fascism. Down with the Jew-baiters! Against Fascism and the Silver Shirts!

## Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Ask Curt to tell of the ITO member who went north on a job with a bushel of slot-machine chips in his truck. He was the terror of the northwoods until he made the mistake of showing a state cop how nice the chips worked in telephones... He rested 90 days.

Loan sharks in this state are due for a stiff work-out in the near future.

The Monday 544 membership meeting was one of the largest and hottest, in more ways than one, held in recent months.

Local 544's baseball team has a last chance Sunday to go into the league leadership.

Private chauffeurs picked Sunday at Excelsior.

Pet Peeve Dept. The member who is always asking union officials to "fix it" after he has gone out of good standing.

When is that million-dollar paving program going to start? After the freeze-up?

The Policy Committee dealt a blow to the Direct Service-CIO set-up Tuesday.

John Geary spoke at the Monday meeting.

The Filling Station Attendants Union is gaining new members daily, and now represents the greatest number of this class of workers ever unionized in Minneapolis.

Farrell Dobbs will speak at the CLU Labor Day picnic on Sunday, August 28th.

Happy Holstein was a visitor at union headquarters Tuesday. He's located in Fargo now.

All delegates to the Teamsters Joint Council are urged to attend Friday's meeting. Delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention will be elected then.

We Doubt it Dept. George Beiden says that the Associated Industries have nothing in common with the Silver Shirts.

We think it would be a splendid idea if Taylor, Lee and Co. would go to the nineteenth floor of the Foshay Tower, jump out a window and turn to the left.

We hate to talk about it now—but it won't be long until we will welcome the coal workers back into the Local.

The Teamsters Council will negotiate all agreements for the Tea and Coffee Drivers.

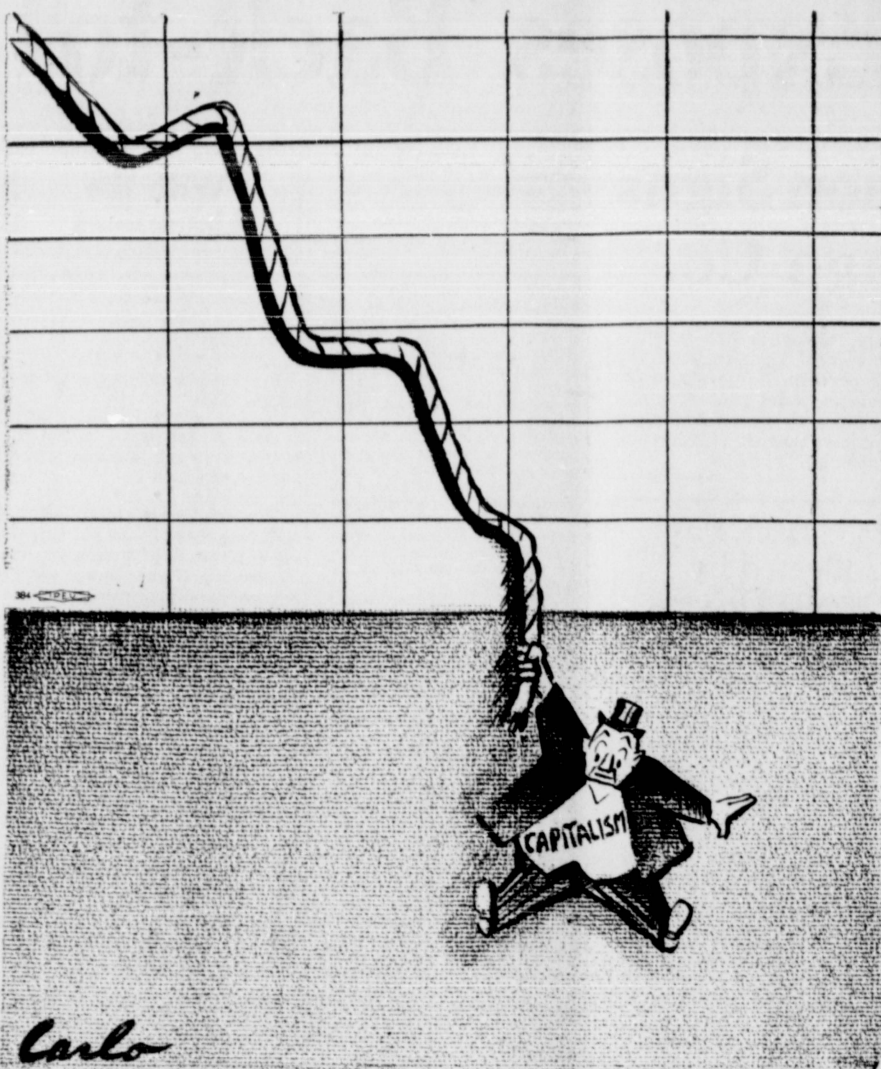
Mrs. Lucille Hicks, supporter of Mayor Hague: "There is plenty of free speech in Jersey if you talk the right way."

And there's plenty of democracy in America—just so long as you don't believe in unions.

The Rev. Frank Curtis Williams of Brooklyn: "Awakened public opinion is making it increasingly difficult to wage war as a national policy."

And that is why governments have invented "undeclared" wars—like Japan in China, and Mussolini in Spain.

## The End of the Rope



## Labor Fights Plot Against Walter Frank

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port of Frank. The Construction and General Laborer's Union Local 563, in a letter sent to County Attorney Ed Goff, the trial judge and the labor press, points out that "the vicious anti-labor forces in Minneapolis are trying, by arresting individual leaders of labor, to create a feeling of distrust against them. We demand Frank's unconditional release."

## Demands Local 544 Organize Him

The other day the phone in Local 544's staff-room rang. "There's a fink unloading a truck at Werner's dock. Come down and organize him," was the message. A few minutes later Tommy Williams, union organizer, pulled up to the dock. "Where's that fink?" he hollered. "That's me," said a man unloading a truck. "I want to be organized."

## Hotel, Restaurant Convention Set for Frisco

Fourteen Minneapolis trade unionists, including Bill Rathbone, business representative of 3.2 Beverage Dispensers Union Local 346, Leo Date of Local 458, and A. J. Kilday of Local 152, will be present in San Francisco this week when the bi-annual convention of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union gets under way. Minneapolis unionists remember this International Union gratefully for its generosity in 1934 when it was meeting in convention. This International Union donated \$1,000 to the General Drivers when money was badly needed to continue the fight.

## Kelly Postal Is New 544 Trustee

By instruction of Monday night's membership meeting, the Executive Board of Local 544 was delegated to appoint a trustee to function for the next few months until the general election. On the grounds that the interval before the general election was too short to justify an interim election, the membership voted to rescind last month's motion for an interim election. Nominations were to have been made at Monday night's meeting.

## 289 Picnic Scene



Joe O'Hare, head of the Bakery Drivers Union, at the mike with Walter Vogt, St. Paul Bakery driver member. Vogt was master-of-ceremonies at Local 289's recent picnic.

## Austin Plans Labor Day Celebration

The union movement in Austin, Minn., will sponsor a large Labor Day celebration this year, with games, a parade, a picnic, speakers and refreshments. Frank Ellis, president of the Packinghouse Union, has been placed in charge of arrangements. Governor Benson, George Nelson, organizer for the Farmers Union, and other speakers have been invited. Various sections of the union movement are being appealed to, to decorate floats for the parade. Children of union members are being encouraged to decorate doll buggies, kiddie cars, coaster wagons and other toy vehicles. Two drum and bugle corps, and bands from nearby towns, will participate. Farmers of the area are being issued a special invitation to join with the union movement on September 5th and celebrate the day set aside for all those who toil.

## Welfare Body Hears Union's Coal Demand

A demand that families on relief be provided with coal orders enabling them to buy the kind of coal they need in any establishment they choose, was served upon the Welfare Board on Tuesday night by representatives of General Drivers Local 544.

As a result of the argument presented by Grant Dunne as the union's spokesman, the Welfare Board, sitting as the committee of the whole, postponed action on its plan to let bids to coal companies covering all relief coal, and will study the Local 544 proposals until the next meeting on August 19. The present relief method of awarding contracts which force relief clients to get their coal from only certain companies, and limit them to a choice between only two kinds of coal, works a serious hardship on the families. The coal is often unsuitable, and to force them to go to only certain companies is a relic of the days when relief clients were given grocery orders limiting them to certain foods and certain stores.

## Garment Workers Urge Workers Buy Label Goods

Workers in Minneapolis and elsewhere are being urged to purchase union-made work clothes by a special committee which has been set up by Minneapolis Local 27 of the United Garment Workers Union.

## Union Label Contest Gets Many Essays

The essay contest sponsored by the Minneapolis Card and Label Council of the Central Labor Union was highly successful, according to those in charge. Scores of essays were received in the contest, some from unionists as far away as California. The contest closed last Saturday, August 6th. A number of Minneapolis unionists and friends of labor penned essays to bid for the first prize of \$25. Judges in the contest are Robley Cramer, John Boscoe, Carlos Hudson, William Sinnott, Maud Anderson, Myrtle Harris, Burgin of the Broommakers Union, and Grueber of the Painters Union. The judges will meet on Monday, August 15th to consider the various essays and prepare to judge them. Announcement of the winners will be made at a subsequent Central Labor Union meeting and in the labor press.

## On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

On all fronts organized labor is feeling the force of the bosses' concerted drive to win back for themselves the glories of "the good old days" when the American Plan (Open Shop) operated so efficiently. No longer can thinking unionists close their eyes to the signs of war—undeclared but nevertheless, very real. The employers have never denied, to themselves, the existence of the class struggle. The worker who fails to realize that there is such a struggle is like the ostrich who hides his head in time of danger.

In Westwood Hills, California, more than a thousand workers and their families were driven from their homes in the dead of night because they dared to strike against a proposed ten per cent wage cut. In North Chicago the employees of the North Chicago Hardware Foundry company struck against a like cut. They were beaten, shot, slugged by the city police. In New Orleans the taxicab drivers were treated with horrible brutality. And now in Newton, Iowa, we see workers going back to work under military rule, under worse conditions than those against which they struck.

The bosses have at their command the city police forces, the county law enforcement officers and their very abundant supply of deputies, the state troopers, the militia. They own the press, the radio, the pulpit. What then is there for the worker? What force has labor with which to fight this onslaught of power?

Labor has its own organized strength. The day of winning battles through "peaceful picketing" is gone. The day also, of the various and sundry government arbitration boards is definitely gone, if it ever existed. Only the workers themselves, organized, trained and properly equipped can effectively defend their own rights, their unions, their future. The primary task of all unions is the organization within their own ranks of Union Defense Squads. It is the only way.

Three months ago the workers at the Maytag Washing Machine Company at Newton, Iowa, staged a sit-down strike in protest to a proposed ten per cent wage reduction. Militantly they held their ground. Operations stopped. The strike was solid. Then—an injunction—the workers evacuated the plant—a picket line kept the plant closed.

Then followed a series of events, over the three months period, which clearly demonstrates the utter fallacy of sending workers out bare-handed to fight steel. Vigilante groups attacked the picket line. The city police attacked, tear-gassed the picket line.

The CIO union in whose name the strike was called appealed to the NLRB to intervene, charging the company with "unfair labor practices." Governor Kraschel stepped in and mobilized his militia. During a battle between the cops and the pickets the militia came to town and took charge.

Governor Kraschel said he was going to keep the plant closed until the management and the union came to satisfactory terms. The NLRB came to town, set up its

equipment and began hearings. The Governor immediately challenged the board's rights to hold hearings. He claimed that his "states rights" were being infringed upon. For a while it looked as though the Civil war was about to be fought again. The NLRB moved to Des Moines. Kraschel extended his military dictatorship to include all of Iowa. The NLRB stopped its investigation. Then the governor decided that election was too close to be too severe, so he lifted his jurisdiction in the strike to include only Jasper County. The hearings were reopened.

The principal witness at the hearing was Albert Gove, leader of the back-to-work movement which began late last month. Mr. Gove said that "as far as he knew the management did not finance the back-to-work movement, but that it was financed by popular subscription among the business and professional people of Newton." He also denied that the company had paid for baseball equipment for the back-to-workers.

On August 4 the union unanimously rejected a proposal offered by the company. Then by a vote of 367 to 161 the workers voted to go back to work under terms laid down by the governor. Twelve of the strike leaders were barred by the management from returning to work.

The workers voted to reject a proposal termed by one of the leaders as the "most atrocious agreement ever offered a union." Yet they voted to return to work, with a ten per cent wage cut now and the prospect of a further five per cent reduction facing them. Why did they do this?

The recommendation of the union leaders, adopted by the membership, in accepting the governor's terms for return to work read in part: "Under these circumstances of military coercion and intimidation and rather than risk injury or loss of life, we recommend that the union

## 2 More Pacts Signed By Local 544

A new working agreement covering drivers in wholesale liquor establishments was signed last week by the General Drivers Union Local 544. The contract was similar to last year's, except that drivers will now get paid for all holidays.

A new pact was also signed with the Pioneer Paper Stock company. It is identical with last year's, save that a new classification has been added: helpers, who are to receive 60c hourly.

Negotiations on the greenhouse contract and two other pacts are being carried on at present.

submit to the armed force of the state."

Further: "Our membership is returning to work under compulsion of military force, but bargaining is mightier than armed force and decisions of military tribunals. We do not waive these rights in any way and will steadfastly maintain our organizations for the protection of those rights of our membership."

"We will protect our twelve brothers (the men discharged by the company), unjustly discharged for union activities, to the fullest extent of the law and do everything in our power to maintain them until we victoriously restore them to their jobs."

## Today Makes 8,150 Days...

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shoppers' Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday
<b>LOCAL 131</b> During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third Wednesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
<b>LOCAL 977</b> Joint Meeting—with Local 544 Petroleum Section, First Wednesday each month, 8 p. m.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m. Third Thursday of each month, 4 a. m.
<b>LOCAL 346</b> General Membership Meeting—Monday, June 27, 1:30 p. m.	<b>MEETING SCHEDULE NO. 544</b> August, 1938 Wednesday, August 3—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, August 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, August 5—Job Stewards Monday, August 8—General Membership Wednesday, August 10—Market; Wholesale Liquor Sunday, August 14—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M. Monday, August 15—Building Material; Furniture Thursday, August 18—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, August 19—Job Stewards Sunday, August 21—Over-the-Road, 11 A. M. Monday, August 22—Spring Water; 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. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated.