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## Nebraska's Picket Lines Firm In Fifth Week

### On the National Picket Line

News from the Auto Front . . . Homer Martin and Henry Ford met at the Dearborn Plant of the Ford Motor Company, talked and had lunch together. Radio flashes Monday evening were to the effect that Henry Ford has agreed to sign a pact with the United Auto Workers Union. There is no confirmation of this information as yet, however.

Now that the Czech question has been "settled" it might be well, before we settled back in complacent satisfaction, to ask ourselves a few very pertinent questions.

What will Hitler covet next? The Polish Corridor with its very important Free City of Danzig? The oil and minerals of Rumania? The wealthy agricultural lands of Hungary? Or just an easy access to Soviet Russia?

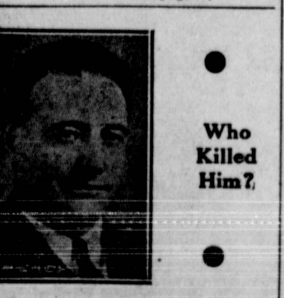
And how will the Chamberlains and the Daladiers of the so-called Democratic countries line up when Hitler is ready to go to war against Soviet Russia? After Munich there can be little doubt in anyone's mind as to who Hitler's allies will be in that war.

While the statesmen conspire to hold together their fast-crumbing capitalistic system, what of the workers in those lands during the war crisis? Were they shouting in the streets for war?

No. An eminent authority, a working class writer who lived through those trying weeks in France writes: "We watched the reserves called up in the mobilization marching off to man the pillboxes of the Maginot Lines. Everywhere the agonizing scenes were totally, strikingly unlike the mobilization of 1914. No fanfare, no cheering, no dainty ladies pelting the troops with flowers. Weeping women ran after their departing sons and husbands and sweet hearts in the streets. The whole scene was permeated with an atmosphere of tragedy. Not a trace of the enthusiasm of 1914."

Significant of the preparations being made to plunge United States into a war within the shortest possible time is a news item published on October 11, from Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Major Lewis B. Hershey of the War Department general staff, speaking before a military conference in which Colorado, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio were represented, said that a



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

### Local 1859 Wins At Puffer-Hubbard

The strike of Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 against the Puffer-Hubbard company ended in a splendid victory Tuesday when a new union agreement was signed with the receiver of the firm.

The hard-fought struggle has raged since September 8th. One of the most active union shop committeemen, Nakar Wick, lost his life from double pneumonia contracted while serving on the picket line.

**Blanket Increase**  
In the agreement signed with A. L. Goetzmann, receiver, the union won the following blanket wage increases: 2 1/2c hourly, retroactive to July 23; an additional 1 1/4c hourly, to go into effect immediately and prevail until April 15, 1939; an additional 2 1/2c hourly raise, to go into effect on April 15, 1939. The minimum hourly wage will then be 58 3/4c. In addition, the layout men received a 15c hourly increase, and the sprayers a 7 1/2c increase.

The four 48-hour weeks which the union granted the company during the peak period have been cut to four 44-hour weeks. The 40-hour week prevails at all other times, with overtime. The pact will run to July 22, 1939.

**Honor Nakar Wick**  
On Monday night the Puffer-Hubbard strikers met, heard the report of their negotiating committee, and voted to accept the settlement proposal. Tuesday the agreement was signed. The Northwestern National Bank and the management were anxious that the men go back to work Wednesday, but this the union refused to do, as the funeral of Nakar Wick was to be held Wednesday afternoon.

All Puffer-Hubbard workers turned out for the last services for their deceased brother. Wick was one of the workers who founded the union at Puffer-Hubbard. He has acted as a shop committeeman from the very first, and was extremely active in the strike.

**B. A.'s Report Financial Aid To F-L Fight**  
The Tuesday Board of Business Agents luncheon meeting this week was devoted mainly to a discussion of the present political campaign. Chairman Boscoe of the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Campaign Committee reported on some of the foul tactics used by the Republican candidate in the effort to delude voters with the idea he had support from the AFL.

Various union delegates reported on the financial aid voted to the Farmer-Labor campaign, and urged there be no let-up in the drive to elect labor's candidates. Leo Date urged all business agents to walk by the two struck Christiansen cafes and see for themselves the misleading signs placed in the windows by the management. He announced that Local 458 would hold a dance for the strikers on Wednesday night, October 19th, in the union headquarters at 6th and Hennepin.

Delegate Wickstrom of the Street Car Union thanked Local 544, the Northwest Organizer, Local 471 and other unions for the assistance rendered in the present fight against one-man cars.

### 544 Elects By-Laws Committee

At a well-attended general membership meeting of Local 544 on Monday night, a By-Laws Committee of 15 was elected by ballot, and instructed to bring in a draft of by-laws for the union before January 1st.

Of the 27 nominees, the following were elected on the By-Laws Committee: Curt Zander, George Froisig, Chris Moe, Harold Beal, George O'Brian, Steve Glaser, John Rogers, Tom Williams, Walter Hagstrom, Tom McCue, Moe Hork, Pete Harris, Lee Gardner, E. Larson, Al Peterson.

Any member of the union having any suggestions to make to the committee is free to submit his ideas, either orally or in writing, to the committee. Meeting dates will be published in the near future.

**\$200 for FLP**  
After hearing a stirring appeal by John B. Boscoe, chairman of the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Campaign Committee, the membership voted \$200 to the campaign for the labor candidates. Boscoe urged the membership to redouble its activity on behalf of the Farmer-Labor candidates and to register for voting.

### High Court to Hear Voorhees Case Soon

At press time it was learned the Supreme Court has refused to hear the Voorhees case.

The case of Joe Voorhees, Austin trade unionist who was arrested for his participation in the strike against a local beauty shop, is scheduled to come up before the United States Supreme Court during its present term.

An anti-picketing injunction was secured by the boss from the courts, on the grounds that there was no labor dispute. Voorhees disregarded the injunction and was arrested and sentenced to serve a 4-months' jail sentence for contempt of court. His appeal from that sentence will be heard by the high court soon.

### Box Strikers Solid, Resist Disruption

The strike of Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 against the Flour City, Co-operative, and Glazer box companies remained firm this week with only two incidents worthy of comment. The union-hating Associated Industries is raising its head and seeking to involve itself in the strike.

Certain commissars from the CIO and the Workers Alliance have also sought to intervene in the strike. They have come to strike headquarters and derided the union to the strikers, seeking to disrupt the strike. This is a repetition of the old tactic of these people designed to split a union in the midst of a strike. So enraged are the strikers at these infamous moves that they have voted to refuse any of the splitters admission to strike headquarters, located at 11th and Emerson Avenue North.

### Teamsters Int'l President Demands AFL Convention Aid Labor Unity

The president of the Teamsters International, standing for unity between AFL-CIO, was the highlight of the annual convention of the AFL, as the convention moved toward the close of its second and final week.

With all the prestige accruing from the fact that the Executive Council's annual report revealed that the Teamsters had emerged as the largest international in the Federation, paying per capita on 350,000 members, President Daniel J. Tobin threw a bombshell into the hall last Friday when he demanded that the AFL take the initiative in bringing unity, and that remaining points of difference after negotiations be submitted to neutral arbitration.

parently, to second Attorney Padway's attack on the National Labor Relations Board. The Council had already proposed legislation to modify the Labor Relations Act. The drift of Tobin's speech became clear when he said:

"All the legislation in Washington cannot straighten out our difficulties unless labor is cemented into one body."

Ridiculing some of the arguments against industrial unionism, Tobin said there were men on the Executive Council avowedly fighting industrial unionism but "trying to take every employee in sight into their organization under a blanket agreement."

Tobin predicted that a unified labor movement would quickly rise from seven and a half million now

### K. C. Brewery Pays \$1,887 Back Pay

When Tommy Williams, 544 organizer, discovered that \$708 back pay collected last week from one Thomas, a contractor hauling for the Atlas Beverage Company of Kansas City, Mo., had been returned by the men to Thomas under pressure, he started a train of events which wound up Tuesday afternoon with a settlement which cost the Atlas \$1,887 back pay and put Thomas out of business.

Upon discovering that Thomas had forced the men to return the money, the union refused to deal with him any further, and tied up at the Minneapolis depot the seven trucks involved. Mr. Woodsley, manager of Atlas, flew here by chartered plane to arrange the settlement.

Thomas had been getting \$102 a round trip, pocketing \$32 and thus leaving \$70 to pay the wages of two drivers (one an owner-operator of the tractor), gas, oil and upkeep. All that Thomas contributed for his income was the trailers.

In the settlement, Atlas Beverage Co. bought out Thomas' trailers, signed the uniform over-road agreement at the 75 cents per hour minimum, and agreed to a seniority list. Independents are now directly on the payroll, together with the men they formerly hired.

Five drivers got a total of \$1,318 back pay, computed from the time they went to work, at 75 cents per hour. Owner-operators collected back pay only on October 1st, when the over-road pact, covering owner-operators, went into effect.

A job was also created at the Minneapolis depot for a 544 member as a loader, at 75 cents per hour, 48 hour guarantee. No beer is to move by train unless all trucks are working.

### Sears Unit To Discuss Hour Change

In accordance with the decision of the Sears section of Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316, a meeting will be held October 24th at which Mr. Lueck, manager of the local Sears, Roebuck firm, will be invited to speak.

The question of the cut in weekly hours from 41 to 40 will be the main topic of discussion.

### Fink Suit Argued In Supreme Court

The Minnesota Supreme Court bench, with six out of the seven justices present, last Thursday heard oral argument on a motion by counsel for the five finks seeking access to Local 544 records.

The motion, a technical move to prevent the court from hearing the case on its merits, stated that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction in the case. By court procedure, the oral argument was limited to this single point.

District Court Judge Reed's order to Local 544 to surrender its records to an attorney and accountant for the finks was held up from execution in August by a writ of certiorari signed by one of the Supreme Court justices. If the bench now rules that it has no jurisdiction, Judge Reed's order would automatically be executed against the union.

After hearing argument, the court reserved decision.

Labor and political circles throughout the state awaited the court's decision. Labor everywhere is backing the fight of the Teamsters Joint Council against Reed's anti-labor order.

If the court rejects the motion of the finks to quash the appeal, and hears the case on its merits, a number of alternatives are then possible: (1) repudiation of Judge Reed's order in its entirety; (2) upholding of Judge Reed on all points; (3) upholding of Judge Reed in actuality but modification of some of the points in his order. The labor movement will of course be satisfied with nothing except the wiping out of Judge Reed's order.

### 160 Can't Believe Pack Won't Sign

Steward and membership meetings of Electrical Workers Local 160 last week heard with amusement and surprise that Robert F. Pack, president of the Northern States Power Company, had written a letter cancelling the union contract at the end of this year.

"Some people think that a simple letter may accomplish what years of intimidation failed to do," was the consensus of the remarks of stewards and members. Apparently the company learned nothing from its experience in March of this year, when it attempted to break off relations with the union and was quickly pushed back into line.

The surprise manifested was due to the fact that only a few weeks ago, on September 11th, at the meeting of the state Electrical Workers Council, Frank J. Miller, personnel director of the company, had expressed the company's satisfaction with the peaceful relations existing with the union.

**In Answer to Pack's Letter**  
Local 160 presented the company with a new contract for next year, embodying important advances over the present contract, and in an accompanying letter pointed out to Pack that the present contract provides no way for the company to cancel contractual relations with the union. Local 160 officers are consulting with Local 110 of St. Paul and other locals covering some of the outer

divisions, for joint dealing with the company on this question.

The text of Pack's letter, addressed to International President Tracy, International Vice-President M. J. Doyle, William J. Heigel, Business Agent of Local 160, George Hale, Business Agent of Local 110, and J. H. Igou, Business Agent of Local 949, follows in full:

"Please refer to contract entered into between the Northern States Power Company and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers dated March 3, 1937.

"In accordance with the terms of this contract, please be advised it is our desire to cancel this contract as well as joint agreements made with Local Union No. 110, Local Union No. 292 (now known as Local Union No. B160) and Local Union No. B949, at expiration date, December 31, 1938.

"Yours very truly,  
ROBERT F. PACK  
President"

### Suggests Medical Plan to 544

At Monday night's 544 membership meeting, Dr. H. P. McCrimmon, long-time friend of the General Drivers Union, addressed the organization, proposing a medical plan whereby every paid-up member would receive medical care.

The membership voted to refer the plan to the executive board for further consideration.

### Bill Brown Assessment

Stewards and members of Local 544 are hereby reminded that the Bill Brown assessment was due in July, and non-payment of it constitutes delinquency. Union records are seriously cluttered up by carrying this delinquency from month to month. The Grievance Board is taking action to clear this up with every member during this month.

### Contributions Come in From Sister Locals—Murphy to Recommend Further International Support

With contributions steadily coming in from sister locals throughout the North Central Area, backing the commissary and relief system of the Nebraska locals, strikers' picket lines remained firm in Omaha, Norfolk, Grand Island and Lincoln in their fifth week of strike against both highway operators refusing to sign the uniform area agreement and local operators who have not signed a similar local contract.

It was believed that Des Moines, Iowa center for highway trucking, would go out on strike on Monday both for the area agreement and local contracts.

Trucks operating on Nebraska runs were tied up in a number of far-flung terminals, notably in Kansas City.

**Area Committee Meets**  
The permanent North Central Area Negotiating Committee was in session in Chicago Tuesday, devoting much of its time to the Omaha situation. Present at the session was Edward F. Murphy, International Vice-President, who stated that as soon as the International officers return from the AFL convention to Indianapolis, he would recommend to them additional support of the Nebraska strike. The Area Committee spurred immediate contributions of locals to the strike.

Mace Brown, President of the Central Labor Union of Omaha, was to accompany a committee from General Drivers Local 554 to the County Relief Board, to demand relief orders for the needy on strike.

Ed Palmquist, Chairman of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 of Minneapolis, was in Omaha to assist in perfecting the relief system.

### Boulevard Frocks Renews Contract; Increases Won

The Warehouse Union Local 20316 has entered into its second contract with the Boulevard Frocks company. Last year's pact had expired on March 31, 1938, and no new agreement had been signed until last week.

The new pact provides for wage increases to union members, and is retroactive to April 1st. The back pay due employees will be turned over in a lump sum.

### Two Tony Fries, One Good, One Bad

The Tony Fries mentioned last week as a No. 1 fink who crashed the picket line at Christiansen's, is not the Tony (A. R.) Fries, longtime member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, who resides at 2410 Dupont Avenue South.

Ray Rainbolt has called to our attention that the fink Fries is an ex-member of the Ice Drivers and a notorious enemy of unions, whereas A. R. Fries still drives an express rig in the outfit where, years ago, Rainbolt was grievance man.

### Goodyear Gets 20316 Pact

A standard working agreement covering hours and wages has been presented to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, covering warehouse employees of this company. Wages in this branch of the largest tire company in the world are below the scale. Negotiations have already commenced between the company and Warehouse Union Local 20316.

## Make Minneapolis a Union Town



Prize Winning Essay

# The Meaning of The Union Label

We print below the essay which won first prize of \$25 in a contest recently sponsored by the Minneapolis Union Card and Label Council of the Central Labor Union.

By Louis Proszek

Labor needs every weapon it can forge. The union label is an important subsidiary weapon of the union movement. It enables organized labor and its friends to exert pressure as consumers on the manufacturers and retail outlets, giving aid to the unions who are seeking to organize workers in these establishments.

The use of the union label as a means of building and strengthening the union movement and of making the public conscious of organized labor, is peculiarly American. No other country has developed the use of the union label as we have. The relatively high living standards of American workers with their higher purchasing power, has made the union label a weapon uniquely adapted to the American labor movement.

In order to fully develop the potential value of the label, we must adopt as our slogan: Every worker a union worker. Every dollar spent, spent for union-made goods and services. The union label is as rich in tradition as is the emblem of any other organization.

Our Trade Mark When we consider the history of the union label, shop card, and button, these insignia should be looked upon as banners of a cause, and a glimpse at the history of the cause is essential if one desires a clear view of the label's purposes and progress. Indeed, the union label is the Trade Mark of Trade Unionism—the oldest organized cause recorded. It is a weapon of primary importance in the struggle of workers for a square deal. In fact, the union label is of such importance that while the Blue Eagle was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, the same court has no jurisdiction over the union label.

The label is one of the best means of legally boycotting goods made under undesirable conditions and services rendered likewise.

Labor's Buying Power The history of the union label reveals steady progress and definite achievement. But what has been accomplished is insignificant compared to what the workers could obtain in higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions, if they would use to the fullest extent these two powerful weapons—the union and the union label. They are so simple and easy to use that it seems incredible that some workers fail to take advantage of them. If this pressure of union label buying power were exerted to its fullest extent, organization of non-union workers would become much easier.

All workers must be made cognizant of the fact that by paying dues to their respective union locals, their allegiance to organized labor does not end; for besides being members of a bona-fide union, they are consumers also. And as consumers it should be their contribution to recovery to buy union-made goods and services. To patronize union-labeled products and union-served establishments is no less a moral obligation and duty than to boycott and picket a non-union shop. Courts may issue injunctions against sit-down strikes, mass picketing, etc., but no court can issue an injunction against buying union-made products and services.

A Powerful Weapon Labor has no weapons in its possession more keen and powerful than its freedom to join a union and its freedom to buy

conveniences which they enjoy in their homes. Only a short period of time ago, the life span of an average woman was thirty-five years. Now, according to the latest statistics, the average span is fifty-five years. Some gain! These twenty years have been added to the average woman's life because of the better living conditions obtained chiefly by organized labor. In order to protect these American standards, it is necessary for the women of America to use their collective buying power so, as not only to retain the old, but to make new gains possible.

And now let us summarize the advantages of buying under the union label: From a selfish standpoint, the worker should buy union-made goods and services because it is the only way for him to raise his own standard of living. It is the only practical way for him to increase the contents of his pay envelope. If self-preservation is the first law of man, then every one must bend his or her efforts to make that life more abundant.

What Label Means There is a greater cause than the selfish one. It is buying union-made goods and services from the humanitarian standpoint. In industry that is unionized, there is no child labor, no sweat-shop conditions, and no unfair conditions for either men or women.

Last, but not the least important from a labor union standpoint, is the fact that there is no better way to show your loyalty to your fellow unionists than to demand the union label, shop card and button.

The union label assures the purchaser that he is putting his money into the world's best investment for the workers—Trade Unionism. It is the official seal of social security. It is also the best insurance for a powerful and lasting American labor movement. All reforms advocated can be more easily accomplished if we shop wisely.

Collective bargaining and collective buying are the best methods yet discovered to better the welfare of the workers. In the same degree as we boost the sale of union-made goods and services, can we obtain "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Cleland Co. Ready To Sign With 1859 Late in September Local 1859, which has organized all employees of the Cleland Manufacturing company, presented a working agreement to the management. This week the Furniture Workers Union announced agreement had been reached on a union pact which will provide for the preferential shop, 50c hourly for the first 90 days, 55c thereafter, and 70c hourly for machine operators. This will bring 15c hourly increases to five of the six workers involved.

The 40-hour week, with time and one-half for overtime, will prevail.

Appeal to Union Wives The better living conditions brought about principally by labor unions in America today, not only affect the working women but women in general. Housewives should be greatly indebted to the organized labor movement for the

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## On the Route With the Milk Man

By Mike Rusinko

The Union Milk League is just getting hot. Local No. 471 boys are now tied for top place. The eggs on this team are as follows: Earl Connor, the sage of North Franklin, Ruba Olson, the duke of Ohleens, John Dodson, the scotsman from Clover Leaf, Ev. Haugen, the ambassador of the Northland, and last but not least Tommy Ammerman, the gigolo from the local. What a gang.

Danny and Carl Peterson took Brother Dave and Dave Olson to the cleaners last Monday in a golf match at Hilltop.

Al Tiden took his trusty gun and one of his pals and went forth last Thursday to take a few shots at some ducks. Well, he got back.

The Chocolates came through with three wins last Monday to tie for top place in the Clover Leaf House League.

Gene Aiken has changed his drinks to just plain grape fruit juice; do you suppose that's what's putting that curl in his hair?

Walter Anderson, who massages the trucks, might know what caused the disappearance of White's shoes, how about it, Walter?

Elmer Carlson of Ohleens is strutting around like a bantam rooster. His wife just presented him with the future president of the U. S. How about the El-Rops, Elmer?

Archie of the No. Franklin did not want to go to church last Sunday A. M. but his truck had other ideas, it headed right into one. How about it, Archie?

Boy, you sure got to hand it to this egg, Joe Auld. He is a regular fashion-plate, one of the ten best dressed men in the local.

Rosy, the fugitive from justice, is slowly coming back to normal since he came back from his vacation. He is on a full diet of toast, eggs, and coffee every morning.

Robinson Caruso Erickson and black George went hunting and fishing equipped just like an Arctic expedition. Ducks were too high, fish too deep, Caruso ran out of line and Blackie said all the ducks must of had bullet proof jackets on. He unloaded enough pig iron into them to sink a battleship.

"Dodson"—Today I met a girl who had never been kissed. "Kenny"—I would like to meet her. "Dodson"—You're too late now. "Butcher"—Do you wish for some round steak, Mr. Hansen. "Chris Hansen"—The shape doesn't matter, just so it's tender.

There are three gals at the L. O. L. that have been bitten by the love bug, I wonder who is going to be next, careful girls or you will be next.

Far from being narrow and selfish, the trade unions aim to set free the oppressed millions everywhere.

## The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting: Yeast Drivers, Cake and Pie Drivers, Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p. m. sharp.

First I want to rectify a misinterpretation in my last column in regard to dues. I didn't intend to imply that the dues were raised to \$3.00, but that the dues after the tenth of each month would be \$8.00 including the fifty cents fine for being late in paying.

Skelly says, "One way of finding out how many read your column is to print something like that." How true, Mr. Skelly. We've had at least fifty members asking about this mistake.

Jerry Demming, Regan's, was passing out cigars last week. It's a girl, making two for the Demming household. Nice start, Jerry.

From what Mel Edstrom, steward at that plant says, there is going to be quite a few boys looking for bargains in cigars down there in the near future.

Also at Regan's, Frank Lie-mandt, formerly with Purity Cake, walked down that long middle aisle and is now happily married.

Boy! They're coming fast at that place. Earl Besplane announces his intentions for the same thing—I mean getting married—on November 7.

Bill Robinson, Nicollet Pastry, is trying out a new stunt along with hunting these days. The weather being so nice and balmy Bill goes swimming instead of hunting if he goes in so fast he doesn't have time to take off his clothes. P. S. He doesn't seem to bring home any ducks that way, either.

Our bowling team is, ahem, not going quite so good and that's putting it mild. They won one game from the Ice Drivers last Monday, losing two. But they'll get better as they go along, we hope.

The Old Age Committee which met last Tuesday night set up a sub-committee to draft up some sort of resolution or idea to work on. The sub-committee is as follows: A. M. Ogren, chairman; Frank LaGrave, Sam Ash, Leonard Haggen and Mel Edstrom.

The executive board will attend a meeting of the Labor Temple Association Sunday afternoon, October 23. Incidentally the report was made by Loren Johnson at the last Central Labor Union meeting of our assessment for the Labor Temple which was received by a round of applause.

Oscar Perbix, Continental, is moving to Princeton and will work out of there from now on. Oscar thought he better rent a house, which he did. Meanwhile, friend wife (who is expecting very soon) had the same idea, so she rented a house, too. Both of them paid a deposit, so all Oscar has to do now is rent one for Junior, and Princeton will have all the business.

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## Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

All the old-timers were on hand for the meeting last week. Congressman Dewey Johnson took us all the way around the world but stopped only briefly at the WPA. Teigan failed to show up.

Curt has been on the north circuit the past ten days in the interests of the A.G.C. contract.

The WPA office politics have ideas which they desire to put into effect that will make all the scabs in town sorry they did not join Local 544.

Cully Anderson is seldom heard from these days. Windup? — Our club rooms on 19th Avenue are available again this year.

Three more to Greasa's crew last week. Ways and Means Committee meeting next Thursday the 20th. Everybody travelled Lyndale Avenue North last week.

Bill Camp really had the Midas touch on two deals for his truck and a car. The committee on by-laws was elected last Monday. Frogig and Zander polled the most votes at 255 plus. Tom McCue was the only independent truck owner out of fifteen men elected.

Independents do not pay much attention to general membership meetings. Only a handful were present last Monday to help select the committee on by-laws.

A fellow colleague on the staff of the Organizer received some publicity in one of the daily newspapers. Bill "Curly" Goodnough, who writes our "taxi topics" for the cab drivers, was featured.

The Minneapolis Journal is a joke. In two articles about drivers who work in this city it tells all about their work and hours and pay, but very carefully forgets to say anything about our Union.

Get your flat racks lined up for the postoffice for the Christmas rush.

Correction Last week's issue erroneously stated the Warehouse Union would nominate officers on October 6th. The article should have read that the Warehouse Union would nominate on October 25th, Tuesday. All members of Local 20316 are urged to attend the October 25th meeting.

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## 544, 20316, Soft Drink Bowlers Win

Al Ward's 511 led the Soft Drinks to a double victory over the Liberty Cabs and a firmer grip on first place in the union bowling league. C. Ambrose rolled up 563 to lead the Local 544 team to a three-game victory over the Meat Drivers. Ambrose won the weekly prize put up by the Gold Bubble bar.

Local 289 took the odd game from the Gold Bubble, and Local 20316 won two games from Local 221.

Team	Won	Lost
Soft Drinks	8	4
Local 20316	7	5
Local 544	7	5
Liberty Cab	6	6
Gold Bubble	6	6
Local 289	5	7
Local 221	5	7
Meat Drivers	4	8

The more that monopolistic practices oppress the farmer, the louder the monopolists blame labor for the farmer's plight.

Let's Cooperate Our executive board met with Local 183-30 executive board last week to formulate an understanding between locals. David Otter, organizer for the International Laundry Workers, and Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Joint Council were in attendance. A proposal made to our board was flatly turned down on the basis it was irrelevant at the present time. But cooperation was offered them on what is known as the St. Paul contract, for all of the plants exclusive or combination in which the workers and the unions involved stood to gain over last year's contract. Most of you are aware of the sudden epidemic of strikes among certain cleaners, and are wondering where the drivers fit into the picture. The Policy Committee of the CLU has worked out a plan which should be favorable to the inside workers and beneficial to everyone concerned. We hope this policy will be in operation.

Also Pat Fource will be laid up for at least a month. Stop in and see him too. Call the office for his home address.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Let's Cooperate Our executive board met with Local 183-30 executive board last week to formulate an understanding between locals. David Otter, organizer for the International Laundry Workers, and Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Joint Council were in attendance. A proposal made to our board was flatly turned down on the basis it was irrelevant at the present time. But cooperation was offered them on what is known as the St. Paul contract, for all of the plants exclusive or combination in which the workers and the unions involved stood to gain over last year's contract. Most of you are aware of the sudden epidemic of strikes among certain cleaners, and are wondering where the drivers fit into the picture. The Policy Committee of the CLU has worked out a plan which should be favorable to the inside workers and beneficial to everyone concerned. We hope this policy will be in operation.

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tion by the time you read this. Contracts are not gained nor strikes won by being isolated.

Our sincere sympathy to Walter Kiepestein of the Minneapolis O'Hall Laundry, whose father passed away last week.

NOTICE The executive board will meet on Thursdays hereafter in place of Fridays.

The executive board met with the St. Paul Laundry Drivers executive board last Thursday and a lively discussion was held on certain recent developments. It was decided between the locals that both would endeavor to work out Twin City problems in harmony in the future.

Our ball team was down last week to look over a number of sample jackets which they were to choose from. They are still debating a choice.

We find we have drivers in our union who are prominent in other fields of endeavor. Sam Marcus of Gross Bros. is a director in the boy scout movement and Paul Obinger of the Custom is president of the Gideons of Minneapolis.

Connie and Neil of the Baby Diaper Service are going to have it out with the boss before the arbitration board shortly.

Our bowling team got under way last week, with Withrow, Wallace Peterson, Turban and Dix so far on the team.

David Linder of the Modern Rug is at the Deaconess hospital with blood poison in one leg. He would appreciate union visitors.

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# 3,000 City Drivers Strike in Philly

A strike of 3,000 municipal ash wagon drivers, which brought about veritable uprisings in West Philadelphia, held the center of the labor stage in Pennsylvania the past few days.

The drivers, members of the Municipal Workers Union, struck late last week in protest against the firing of 264 union members.

Mayor S. Davis Wilson, New Deal supporter, answered the strike by recruiting scabs, putting them on the ash trucks and giving them armed police escorts.

### Neighborhoods Aroused

On Saturday when the scab trucks sought to collect ashes in the workers' neighborhoods in West Philadelphia, they were met with mass resistance. According to the N. Y. Times, "In some districts whole neighborhoods took to the streets on the side of the strikers. Police sometimes drove their motorcycles upon the sidewalks to scatter the crowds."

### Scabs Fail

Despite the vicious tactics of the cops, the attempt to break the strike with scabs was a complete flop. Only one truck was able to arrive at the city dump with its load. Over 25 trucks, manned by the hated scabs, were overturned by enraged crowds in the working-class neighborhoods.

Seventy persons, many of them Negro strikers, were arrested on charges ranging from assault and battery to disorderly conduct. A dozen were injured, mostly scabs and cops.

Mayor Wilson broadcast the statement that "city workers cannot strike against the government." But the city workers, who saw their jobs being taken from them, DID strike and received tremendous public support.

### 80 More Arrested

On Sunday the scab trucks, with a very heavy police guard, were able to collect a number of loads. Companies of police quickly dispersed groups of strike sympathizers wherever they found them. Eighty persons, mostly strikers, were arrested, but public sentiment was so aroused at this treatment that all were released.

The scab trucks made the rounds in patrols of three, with police side cars guarding the front and rear. Two cops were perched beside each scab driver.

When twenty scabs left a street-

# 200 Drivers In Missouri On Strike

About forty drivers employed by three trucking operators in St. Louis went out on strike last Friday in support of Teamsters Union Local 600 of Springfield and Joplin, Missouri.

In Missouri 150 drivers, platform men and inside workers are striking against the Powell Brothers Truck Lines, the Campbell Express and the Tri-State Transport, to force these three firms to sign the Eleven-State over-the-road agreement. The firms have branches in St. Louis. Up to now, there was no standard wage scale for over-the-road truckers in this area. The strike is completely effective, according to latest reports.

# Gamble-Skogmo Employes Signing Up in Drivers

Tuesday at 5 p. m. a special meeting of Gamble-Skogmo workers was held in the Teamsters hall, where organizers of the General Drivers Union spoke.

It appears as though this company would be 100 per cent organized in the union by November 1st.

# Bar Notes Local 346

The next general membership meeting of Local 346 will be held October 24th, Monday, at 1:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

At last Monday's meeting, a vote carried to endorse the Farmer-Labor political campaign, following the reading of a letter from John Boscoe, head of the F-L campaign committee. A donation will be made to the expenses of the campaign.

All members not receiving the Northwest Organizer are urged to request to turn in their names and addresses immediately to the union office.

To all members of organized labor, we say: DEMAND THE UNION HOUSE CARD. When you see Local 346's house card in any establishment, it means that a closed union shop prevails and that you will be sure to have a union person wait on you.

# Union Officials Arrested In Christiansen's Strike

The strike against Christiansen's two cafes went into its third week Monday with Cooks and Waiters Local 458 firmly maintaining its picket lines.

The first use of police against the picket lines came last Thursday, when John Janasco, Business Agent of Furniture Workers Local 1859, and Felix Morrow, of the Northwest Organizer, were pulled off the picket line and arrested by Policeman Ralph Russell. Booked on a charge of disorderly conduct, they were shortly released on bail furnished by Local 458, and will appear for trial this morning before Judge Wright.

The union's demands are so moderate that Christiansen has been compelled to cover up by hanging signs telling a distorted story in the cafes, 607 Marquette and 1031 Nicollet. The waitresses were being paid \$10.85 a week and the union is demanding \$13.50 and a week's vacation.

Christiansen won't pay a living wage, but has plenty of money to spend on his private foibles. Just before the strike, he decided to do away with his dog. He hired a veterinarian to asphyxiate the dog, and then gave the dog a solemn funeral. Flowers and sympathy cards were sent to Mr. Christiansen's office by his friends, and then Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen rode in the mourners' car out to the dog cemetery.

Local 458 charges that Christiansen's resistance is being financed by his fellow-employers in the Restaurant Association and is taking measures to secure cooperation of all unions against the united front of the employers.

# Youth Leader Reinstated On NYA Job

Through the direct efforts of the Youth Committee of the Federal Workers Section, Larry Murphy, an active leader of the committee who was fired by the National Youth Administration because "he was too sassy," was reinstated on the job.

On reporting for work Tuesday morning, Murphy was told that there wasn't any work for him and that he should go back to the main NYA office. When Murphy objected to being given the run-around, he was told that he didn't show the proper attitude and didn't show the proper gratitude to the NYA officials for all that they were doing for him. He was finally informed that he was fired.

Within two hours, a delegation from the Youth Committee had visited the NYA office and had seen to it that Murphy was reinstated on the job without any loss of pay.

# St. Paul Warehousemen Win Strike

A 10-day strike of the St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297 against the Central Warehouse Union was settled Monday morning when strikers went back on the job with a solid union victory under their belts.

The strike was called to improve working conditions and was completely successful in its objective. The new agreement provides for strike pay; reclassification of jobs; reduction in hours from 48 to 44. In addition, slight wage increases were won for cold storage workers.

The 45 men involved voted Sunday afternoon, in a special meeting at Woodruff Hall, to accept the proposal.

Previously, the union had a very ambiguous agreement with the Central Warehouse firm, which had proved unsatisfactory. This old agreement expired August 31st. The new agreement runs for one year, to September 1, 1939.

A feature of the strike was the splendid cooperation given Local 20297 by the railroad unions involved, and by Local 120. In a public statement, officials of the Warehouse Union tendered thanks for this assistance.

"We appreciate the fine cooperation given us by Midway Lodge No. 206, Switchmen's Union of North America, and Minnesota Lodge No. 887, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and we also appreciate the assistance given us by Arthur F. Hudson of the General Drivers. They have made this strike particularly effective."

### Organize at F-O-K

The union victory at the Central Warehouse company has inspired warehouse workers throughout St. Paul. Local 20297 is launching immediately into an organizational drive to bring all employees of the Farwell, Ommen, Kirk and company into the Warehouse Employees Union. Two organizational meetings have already been held and a strong nucleus of union men has already been built. Hitherto the F-O-K management has supported a foul company union which has brought absolutely no results to the workers. The company employs about 150 men.

# Grocery Section Meeting Change

The Grocery Section of General Drivers Union Local 544, which has been meeting on the second Sunday of each month, will change its meeting date to the second Friday night in each month. The change will go into effect in November, the first meeting under the new schedule being the November 11th meeting.

Hilton, a fiver will get you ten that the next time Roy wins, his better half will also know it.

"Whitey" Manthis had a big day at the Orpheum last week; inspired by Benny Goodman's playing he did dices that reminded the Maestro of the familiar technique and called Tony by name. Must of been a case of mistaken identity as he called him Cab Calloway.

# Watt Notes

Latest Radio Bulletin from the wires of Local 160:  
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Operator IX-O. Y. G.  
(on your guard)

Some people think that a simple letter may accomplish what years of intimidation failed to do.

Doesn't look like anyone wants the regulator testing job.

Anyone who wishes to attend the Labor School may obtain entry blanks at the Local Union Office. The fee for the course is three dollars, and this will be refunded by the Local Union provided the course is completed.

President Baldus of our local spent a few days shooting at his "lodge" up in the north country. Yes, and he did get a few, too.

Well, even Henry Ford is contemplating getting together with the Union. Yet some people think things are going the opposite way. Or do they?

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Local 160 is growing rapidly since organizing.

Looks like good eats—if and when?

Last week's hint evidently worked. "Hub" treated the crew to duck for lunch the other day.

Like all good things, the crew wants more ducks, "Hub."

Mid's wife must be back in town. Did you notice th' bump on his forehead this week?

"Gus" Gerdin told a joke the other night. Gus forgot to say "joke over."

Judd Caldwell has become quite an addict of buttermilk.

We hear much about satisfied customers; wonder if employes ever think about satisfied employes?

A few more brothers have been reinstated. It pays to learn, and they have paid to learn.

Just as money is the least of the gifts that a bride can bring to a marriage, so resolutions for unity between the CIO-AFL are the least that a union can do for unity. One real step for united action is worth a hundred resolutions.

He is a poor sort of unionist who stays away from his union because he doesn't like the "way things are run." The main thing to do is to redouble activity in the union and work to change a wrong reactionary policy or leadership.

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# Truck Strike Threatens in San Antonio

San Antonio, Texas—A strike of all truck drivers is threatened by the Drivers Union Local 657 unless the employers agree to sign a working agreement which has been presented them by the union negotiating committee.

A leaflet distributed throughout town by Local 657 answers the vicious propaganda being circulated by some San Antonio employers against the Drivers Union.

Explaining why the bosses are trying to break the labor movement, Local 657 states: "San Antonio has always been the cheapest town in the United States as far as labor is concerned and these employers are determined to keep it so. They are greedy and haters of mankind and ignore entirely the burden they put on another man's shoulders. There are some of them that would rather go to the penitentiary for income tax evasion than pay a decent salary to the working man. They are afraid of the working class presenting an organized front for fear they will have to share their profits with the labor that earns the money in the first place.

The leaflet points out how the employers are threatening and discharging men for union activity, and making big promises if the drivers will only stay out of the union.

\$7 a Week  
Attention is called to the unbelievably low wage of \$7 weekly which some bosses are paying in San Antonio. "Some employers force their employes to live in rented houses belonging to them and to pay exorbitant rents for hovels that are not fit for dogs to live in."

### Bold Stand for Justice

Local 657 explains why it is necessary to strike: "The workers are ill clad, ill fed and ill housed and have lost faith in the good intentions of the employers and see that the only way that conditions will change is by standing united and demanding that San Antonio as a whole raise its wages, shorten its hours and recognize the rights of the individual. The strikers feel that they are not making a living working, so they can't be much worse off by fighting for what is just.

V. L. Wolfenberge, union leader, closes with a moving appeal: "I, a Christian, leader in the labor movement and a human being, do beseech you, the public, in the Name of God, to believe in the motives behind this struggle, to aid and support those who are striving toward the ideals of our forefathers and considered the rights of all mankind—THE RIGHT TO LIVE!"

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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.

## The Trade Unions And The Wages and Hours Law

The "Fair Labor Standards Act," more popularly known as the Wages and Hours Law, goes into effect on October 24th.

So far as the law was espoused by those actually desiring to aid the workers, it is obviously designed to cover workers not organized into labor unions. This is indicated by the miserable minimum wage established—25 cents an hour the first year, 30 cents the second year, and 40 cents at the end of seven years—which means nothing, for example, to practically any worker in the organized labor movement of Minneapolis, a large part of whom are getting double and treble the minimum wage and practically all of whom are getting considerably more than the minimum wage.

As for the provisions in the law establishing a maximum working week of 44 hours this year, 42 hours next year and 40 hours thereafter, they include so many exemptions and modifications of various kinds, that lawyers everywhere are already wrangling over just whom the law covers; and until the new Wage and Hour Division, added by the law to the Department of Labor, gets under way for a while and issues clarifying definitions, no one can be certain as to just what the law means.

### Employers Act Arbitrarily

Meanwhile, however, certain employers in certain industries in this area, taking advantage of this confusion, are attempting to change the work-week and, consequently, the weekly wage, in ways advantageous to the employers, and are doing so in violation of union contracts now in force. These employers pretend to be complying with the hourly provisions laid down in the Wages and Hours Law, but are doing so solely on their own interpretation of the law and without consultation with the unions affected.

### Unions Must Be Consulted

Workers whose employers are thus arbitrarily introducing changes in working conditions should immediately notify their unions. No employer, bound by union contract, is justified in making any changes except by consent of the union. Any union which finds an employer changing working conditions is justified in declaring that thereby the employer has reopened the wages and hours provisions of his contract and in demanding that the employer raise the hourly wage so that the weekly wage remain as before.

The point is that where the employer and the union differ as to the interpretation of the law, the question of which interpretation is correct will have to await a specific ruling by the new Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. We understand that a Minneapolis office is shortly to be opened under the direction of the Administrator; until that office begins to function, holds hearings at which labor's representatives will present their case, etc., no employer will be permitted to modify at will the existing provisions of union contracts.

### Previous Experience With Such Laws

Bitter experience throughout the country has taught the labor movement to greet with reserve such laws as the Wages and Hours Law. So far as previous laws, such as state minimum wage and maximum hour laws, embodied any advantages for any group of workers, those advantages have always remained a dead letter, except as strong labor unions took action to secure such advantages. The same thing will undoubtedly prove true of the latest law.

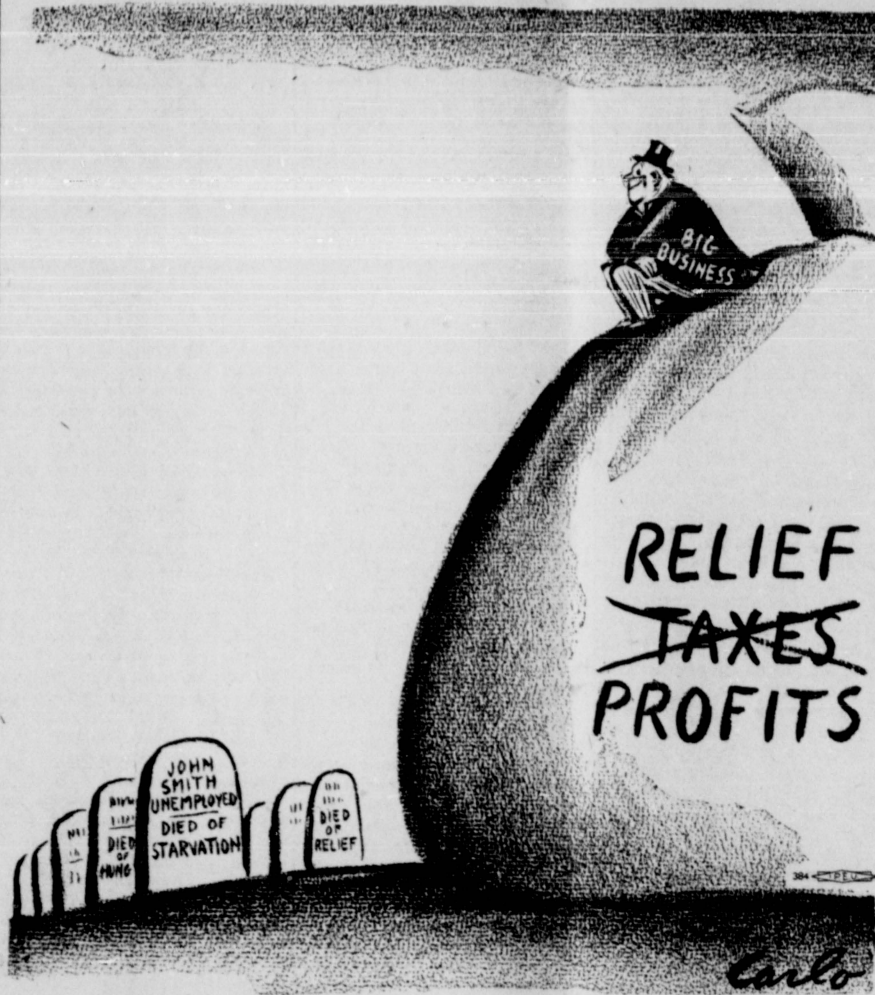
No worker should delude himself with the idea that the mere existence of the law, or of the Wage and Hour Division, will bring him anything. Enforcement of the law by the actual policing of industry by governmental agencies would be practically impossible because of the magnitude of the task and the usual high percentage of inspection officers who would be partial to employers. So far as the law does provide any advantages, these will be realized in life only through strong unions which, while referring to the law and its enforcement agency, would at the same time have the economic strength to take action against any resisting employer.

### Labor for Shorter Hours—No Pay Cuts

That the hourly working week should be cut down in order to provide more employment is a program which the labor movement has itself tirelessly fought for ever since the crisis began in 1929. But we do NOT believe in sharing the misery, by cutting the hours of work while the hourly wage remains the same, thus cutting wages. We want the work-week to be cut progressively until there is employment for everybody, while weekly wages remain at least at their present level, no matter how much the work-week is cut.

To the extent that the new law will serve as an auxiliary in cutting down the work-week to provide more employment without lowering the weekly wage, the trade union movement will utilize to the full every advantage provided by the law. In this connection, the law in one way or another contains far-reaching exemptions. The 44-hour maximum does not apply, for example, to milk drivers, bakery drivers and ice drivers, who are excluded as "outside salesmen;" nor to dairy workers, who are excluded either as those engaged in "first processing" of milk, or in packing or handling or making cheese and butter. Practically all over-road drivers—and nearly 50 per cent of trucks handled by the General Drivers Union go over the road—are exempt because they come under provisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Workers "handling" agricultural or dairy products "within the area of production;" anybody in any way connected with loading, packing, distributing of fish; "any employee engaged in any retail or service establishment, the greater part of whose selling or servicing is in intrastate commerce" and not in interstate commerce; outside salesmen of every description; those working in a "professional or local retailing capacity;" streetcar and bus workers; work-

## The Kind of Relief They Want



## Auto Workers Seek Shorter Work Week

A "share-the-work" shutdown involving over 15,000 members of the United Auto Workers Union was called last Friday in Detroit when 6,000 auto workers at the main Plymouth plant demonstrated to enforce a clause in their contract providing for the 32-hour week when operations are sub-normal.

As a result of the Plymouth stoppage, over 9,000 workers at the Briggs manufacturing plant, which makes bodies for Plymouth, were idle.

### New Stoppage Threatened

Plymouth employees said they would return to work Monday, but would only put in 32-hours this week, and would again bring about a stoppage on Friday if the company attempted to operate. The executive board of the Auto Workers Union supported the Plymouth Workers in their stand, and called on Chrysler to fulfill the union agreement which stipulates the 32-hour work week when operations are below normal.

### Share-Work, Same Wages

While the union executive board seemed to be unanimous in its "share-the-work" program, the rank and file was far from sold on the idea. On the contrary, the 9,000 Briggs workers, organized in Local 212, strongly protested and challenged the soundness of the whole work-sharing theory. In a wire sent to the executive board, Local 212 said: "Unalterably op-

posed to a 32-hour week unless given 40-hour wage." Any other solution, said this militant local, "cannot be considered sharing work, but definitely reducing living standards, and results in sharing misery."

### With N. Y. Drivers

In brief, Local 212, which probably expresses the sentiments of hundreds of thousands of auto workers, takes a position similar to that taken by the New York City truck drivers, who recently won their strike to cut the hours of work while refusing to take a cut in wages.

### A Problem for Unions

Under the conditions of disintegrating capitalism, with the American bosses bringing forward no solution to the tremendous problem of unemployment, it is becoming more and more clear that the unions themselves will have to bring forward their solution.

While it is true that the labor movement cannot permit any large section to be transformed into chronically unemployed paupers, neither does it have to live off slops through a "share-the-work" program which brings no one a decent living.

### The Answer

Instead, the solution lies along the lines of that presented by the New York drivers and the Briggs auto workers: A cut in hours with no change in wages.

On this basis, all the work on hand is divided among all existing workers, while the average wage of every worker remains the same as it was under the old working week.

### Drivers Showed Way

Thirty thousand truck drivers in New York and New Jersey have already shown in action that progress towards this goal can be won through struggle. Eastern drivers recently cut the work week from 47 to 44 hours, with no change in pay.

In the stand taken by the Briggs workers against the United Auto Workers Union executive board, there can be no doubt but that progress lies with the Briggs workers. The issue is being hotly debated this week throughout the ranks of the Auto Workers Union.

## Apology to Alderman Kauth

In the October 6th issue of The Northwest Organizer there appeared an editorial entitled "Mr. Kauth Has the Floor." The information on which the contents of the editorial was based has been found to be entirely false and without foundation in fact.

The Legislative Committee of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, Twin Cities Division, Local No. 1005, state that at no time did Alderman Kauth put pressure either on the accredited representatives of the Union, its Legislative Committee, or upon the Union itself in any way whatsoever to cease the public protest meeting campaign of the Union.

The Northwest Organizer, along with its Editorial Board, are sincerely sorry that the error appeared in columns of The Northwest Organizer. Our apologies go to Twin Cities Division No. 1005 and to Alderman Kauth. We commend Alderman Harold Kauth for his past support of all progressive and labor legislation in the City Council.

## Youth Committee a Success

Pioneering in this field as in so many others, the Federal Workers Section of 544 established some six weeks ago a Youth Committee, to secure National Youth Administration project jobs for young people, regardless of whether their families are on relief or not.

This task—essentially the fight to secure jobs for the jobless generation—is being carried out with inspiring enthusiasm by the Youth Committee.

The services of the Youth Committee are available to all boys and girls from sixteen to twenty-five years of age. Parents, members of unions, should take the opportunity offered, and send their jobless dependents to fill out applications at 257 Plymouth Avenue.

## Negro Problem to Be Discussed by Workers Defense

Clarence Mitchell, executive secretary of the Urban League, will speak on the problem of fighting discrimination against Negroes, with special reference to recent cases in Minneapolis, at the monthly meeting of the Workers Defense League, 6 p. m., Friday evening, October 14th, at the YWCA in St. Paul, 5th and Franklin.

## N. Y. Jobless Launch New Organization

Following the recent wholesale expulsion of some 2,000 members of the New York Workers Alliance, and the lifting of several charters, progressive forces in the unemployed movement in New York ended a two-day conference Sunday by launching a new city-wide organization of WPA workers and home relief clients.

The new movement will be known as the Unemployed and Project Workers Union. Henry V. Rourke was named general organizer. Other officers included James Weeks, president; Neil Harrison, vice-president, and Rhoda Pearson, secretary.

Fifty-seven delegates, representing more than 5,000 unemployed and WPA workers, were present. Among the 17 organizations represented were Locals 2, 4, 9, 15, 17, 19, 22, and 28 of the Workers Alliance; the Mechanics' Union; the Chauffeur's Union, the West Side Welfare League; the Jamaica Local; a Russian-speaking WPA Local; the American Structural Iron Workers Union; the United Physically Handicapped of America, etc.

### For St. Paul Plan

The conference incorporated into the program a section demanding "that the government take over the idle factories and run them without profit for the benefit of the unemployed." This section was patterned after the resolution of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, now before a committee of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor.

The gathering further denounced the LaGuardia sales tax, and demanded in its place a progressive capital levy tax. It also raised the slogan "All war funds to the unemployed."

In a statement at the end of the convention, Rourke said the organization would resist any cuts in WPA after the November elections; would seek more adequate and speedier home relief; and generally "would follow a militant trade union policy" directed at improving the lot of the unemployed.

## Farrell Dobbs, Ill, Recovering At Home

In answer to many inquiries from throughout the North Central Area concerning Farrell Dobbs' condition, it can be stated that he has been recovering at home for the last two weeks, after three weeks in St. Barnabas Hospital.

Before that, Farrell was brought home from Omaha in a serious condition, suffering from a disorder of the kidneys, long-neglected and exacerbated by over-work.

The doctors who have been treating him have prescribed another six-weeks absolute rest before he will be permitted to leave his home.

## Strike Trailer Now Used by Box Workers

The peripatetic strike headquarters owned by the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, which proved its usefulness in the Puffer-Hubbard strike, just successfully ended, has been now put in use by the box strikers.

This itinerant commissary on wheels is now on location at 11th and Emerson Avenue North, in front of the struck box factories.

## Western Mineral Organized by 1859

Employees of the Western Mineral Products company, 1720 N. E. Madison, have been organized by the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, and the union is in the process of negotiating a contract.

The company, which has a branch in Omaha, has threatened to shift its Minneapolis business to the latter city. Local 1859 is corresponding with union friends in Omaha to circumvent any attempt to play one plant against the other.

## Sunday Talk on French Crisis

"France—the Collapse of the Peoples Front," will be the timely subject of a lecture by Felix Morrow at the regular Socialist Sunday Forum at 919 Marquette, Sunday, October 16, at 3 p. m.

Carlos Hudson will act as chairman. The forums are held under the auspices of the Socialist Workers party.

## On the National Picket Line

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plan is being drafted whereby more than a million men can be mobilized in this area within three months of the outbreak of hostilities. Men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty would be subject to this conscription.

Governors of the states will be charged with the responsibility of setting up civilian agencies capable of mobilizing new soldiers at the rate of 50,000 a month.

From Wilkes Barre, Pa., comes news that the three daily papers and one Sunday publication of that city have been suspended, "indefinitely." The cause of the suspension of publication is a strike called by the Newspaper Guild to enforce the signing of a new agreement with a substantial wage raise for the reporters, desk men and business and circulation workers.

The first day of the strike the publishers managed to get their papers off the press, only to discover that the AFL Truck Drivers Local refused to haul the papers. The United Mine Workers are also supporting the strike.

Eugene McKinnon, national negotiator for the American Newspaper Publishers Association, hurried to Wilkes Barre from Chicago. His telegram, before his arrival, advised the publishers not to sign the proposed contract because the terms contained therein were "ridiculous in the present economic conditions and have not been attained by the Guild anywhere."

The preliminary hearings before an NLRB examiner are now in process. The Guild charges that, although the bosses have met in negotiations for the past week, they have acted in "bad faith" and have had no intention of arriving at any kind of an agreement with the union.

## Two Stores at Odds With Watchmakers

Settlement of the recent controversy between the jewelry stores and Watchmakers Union Local 103 is proceeding satisfactorily in most cases, where the stores are falling in line.

However, two stores insist on making it impossible for union men to patronize them. Max A. Kohen, 35 South 6th Street, has hired a non-union watchmaker, and the National Jewelry Store, 426 Nicollet, still is giving its work out to a scab outfit.

## Jim Hynes, 20316 Steward, Dies

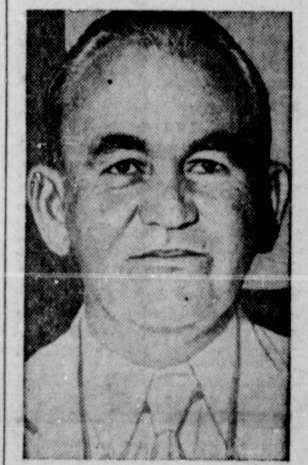
Members of Warehouse Union Local 20316 mourned the death of Jim Hynes, steward at the Ruberoid company, who passed away from heart trouble a few days ago.

Hynes came to Minneapolis less than a year ago from Joliet, Ill., when the Ruberoid firm established a branch here. He had belonged to the union in Chicago. He was a particularly loyal member.

Apparently, Hynes died without any relatives. He was single, about 40 years old.

Funeral services for him were held Monday afternoon at the Peterson Funeral Home.

## Today Makes 8,752 Days in Jail



## 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 131</b> Third Wednesday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<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> General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.	<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> American Excelsior 1859—October 18. Executive Board 1859—Every Friday night, 8 o'clock.	<b>LOCAL 20431</b> Twin City Stewards—October 10 and 24. Grievance Board—October 10 and 24, 7:30 to 9 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> MEETING SCHEDULE OCTOBER, 1938 Monday, October 3—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal Wednesday, October 5—Sausage; Petroleum; Ways and Means Thursday, October 6—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, October 7—Job Stewards Sunday, October 9—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M. Monday, October 10—General Membership Wednesday, October 12—Market; Ways & Means; Wholesale Liquor Sunday, October 16—Over-the-Road Drivers, 10 A. M. Monday, October 17—Building Material; Furniture Stores Wednesday, October 19—Ways and Means Thursday, October 20—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, October 21—Job Stewards Monday, October 24—Spring Water Wednesday, October 26—Ways and Means Thursday, October 27—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating; 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.