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

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Benson Must Win vs. Stassen-Silver Shirts!

On the National Picket Line

Secretary of Labor Perkins announced last week, after conversations with Dave Dubinsky, president of the CIO International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Daniel J. Tobin, president of the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters, that she now has "concrete evidence" of the possibility of peace between the warring AFL and CIO.

Miss Perkins issued a statement after the meeting in which she said "I have very definite signs that the desire for peace among the rank and file is reflected in a growing desire for peace among their leaders."

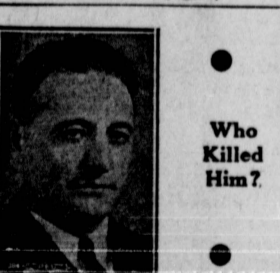
Last month at Houston, Texas, in the midst of the AFL convention, Daniel J. Tobin exploded a bombshell when he demanded that peace negotiations, broken off last winter, be reopened with the CIO. Tobin expressed the sentiment of his entire membership when he made his demand. Peace in the labor movement is more essential today than ever before. We are in a definite era wherein the bosses, nationally organized, are waging a vicious union-busting campaign. Wages, hours, all the gains made by organized labor in the past five years of hard struggle are in danger unless the organized labor movement is united for the fight.

After one hundred and five days of strike the workers in the warehouses of San Francisco are back at work, under a master contract. The new contract, details unknown as yet, was officially ratified by 2,000 cheering workers Sunday. It had previously been approved by the Association of San Francisco Distributors, the employers' organization. The men prepared to return to work on October 24.

This leaves the department store clerks' strike as the only major labor dispute in San Francisco, at the present moment.

Governor Kraschel of Iowa has called the national guard out in the Sioux City Swift Company strike. The Governor says that martial law has not been declared as yet but that the militia men are to assist the civil authorities in keeping order in the strike-torn city.

On October 18, a fight between the police and the pickets broke out when the cops attempted to escort fifty "advocates of a back to work movement" into the struck plant. The police finally used tear gas to disperse the picket line.



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.

Over-Road Settlement Helped at Chicago

Omaha, Center of Nebraska Strike, Stands Solid—Mass Arrests Fail to Hurt Strike—Omaha Labor Demands Removal of Relief Head, Brother-in-Law of Chief Strikebreaker

OMAHA—Encouraged by favorable developments throughout the North Central Area indicating the inevitable adoption of the uniform area contract, Omaha Drivers Local 554 carried its effective strike against the Nebraska Commercial Truckers Association through its seventh week.

The same developments drove the struck operators and their political henchmen into a frenzy of desperate attempts to break the strike before Nebraska is surrounded by states operating 100% under union contract.

The police embarked on mass arrests, Police Chief Pisanowski ordering them: "If you suspect anybody is going to start trouble, throw them in jail."

As a result, any car of strikers which the cops could seize was taken to jail. On Friday 54 were thus arrested, ten on Saturday, 12 more on Tuesday. Police and courts cooperated to hold the men as long as possible, but a united labor movement was forcing the authorities to admit the men to bail, usually \$50 apiece.

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Indicative of the bosses' desperation was their tactic of sending out scab trucks without freight loads, designed to provoke the pickets. The scabs are armed with revolvers and tear-gas guns. One 554 member, John Bigley, had a six-shooter emptied at him and was set upon by a gang of strikebreakers, but was rescued by fellow union men. An aroused labor movement has forced authorities to arrest several strikebreakers for totting guns and tear-gas equipment.

County Elections Issue Sheriff Hopkins of Douglas County, up for re-election at the county elections on November 8th, has become a storm center in the strike. The sheriff has sought to remain impartial during the strike, and has not placed himself at the service of the operators. The bosses are attempting to oust Hopkins and replace him with a blood-

Clerks Sign Monahan Bakeries

Last Friday the first working agreement was signed between the Retail Clerks Union Local 1086 and the Monahan Bakery shops. All eight employees in the six Monahan shops are members of Local 1086.

The agreement provides for \$17 weekly for a 48-hour week, with commissions of 1 1/2 per cent over \$125 weekly sales. One week's paid vacation, one-half day off each month, time and one-half for overtime, uniforms to be provided for and laundered by the company, are some of the provisions. The pact is retroactive to October 17th. Wednesday morning Local 1086 entered negotiations with the Wonder Baking company.

471 Backs Butter Sales Crusade

The Milk Drivers Union Local 471, in a resolution adopted this week, pledges itself to work for the success of the Butter Sales Crusade to be observed in Minnesota the week of October 31st.

Local 471's resolution points out that the union has on many occasions cooperated with the dairy industry of the state in the fight to promote and protect the dairy farmers against the inroads of foreign-made substitutes for butter.

The resolution reads in part: "Whereas, Labor will cooperate with the business interests seeking to promote the sale and use of Minnesota butter, now therefore

"Be it resolved, that the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 here and now join with the commercial, industrial, and civic organizations in making Butter Sales Crusade a success, and

"Be it further resolved, that we use every effort to promote the use and sale not only of Minnesota-made butter, but of Minnesota dairy products throughout the year, to the end that the dairy industry make profit and progress for the mutual benefit of all citizens of this state."

N. Y. Labor Blocks License for Boss Spy Agency

A broad labor front in New York State is waging a struggle to prevent the Railway Audit and Inspection company from being granted a renewal of its private detective agency license.

The Workers Defense League, through its attorney, Morris Shapiro, in a brief filed with the State Division of Licenses, charges "the activities of this company have been such as to result in the disturbance of the peace of the community and have been inimical to the public welfare."

The LaFollette investigation revealed the Railway Audit and Inspection company was one of the largest operators in the field of anti-labor espionage and strike-breaking.

The American Federation of Labor, through William Green, has protested the issuance of a new license to this spy firm, as have spokesmen for the CIO.

In the face of the storm of protest, the company seeks to withdraw its application for a license renewal. However, the labor groups are pressing Mr. Wechsler to deny the application.

Union-Operators Committee Paves Way for Complete Coverage by Area Contract—Favorable Developments Help Omaha Strike

In a lengthy meeting held Tuesday in Chicago between the North Central Drivers Area Committee and the operators' committee, agreement was reached on supplementary definitions for several articles in the standard over-road contract. By ironing out questions that had arisen over certain sections of the pact, it is believed the meeting smoothed the way for large numbers of operators to sign the agreement.

Four major companies operating on Highway 40 between St. Louis and Kansas City have just signed the area contract.

At press time, it was reported that powerful groups of operators in the southwest are meeting with the operators' committee, indicating the agreement will soon be signed for that area.

Denver Cooperating Ray Keigley, representing the Denver Drivers Union, attended the Chicago meeting, and an agreement was reached whereby the Denver local will cooperate closely with the Area Committee.

A reorganization has taken place in Denver, merging Local 444 with other unions to form a consolidated union, Local 13. The consolidation is expected to tighten up the organization of all over-road work, and should greatly facilitate the union's job in the Denver area. The prospects are that the 11-state agreement will be extended shortly to Denver.

Gains in Des Moines Seventy per cent of the big trucking concerns in Des Moines have recently signed both area and local contracts, and are today operating under the new agreements. Working conditions have been vastly improved in Des Moines. Four of the largest trucking operators are included in the group of employers already signed, and negotiations are now under way with the remaining companies.

The favorable developments in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver and Des Moines, it is estimated, greatly strengthen the hand of the Drivers unions now on strike in Nebraska. The fight in Nebraska is a tough one, but with the area agreement being accepted rapidly throughout the area, the Nebraska strike should be settled in the near future.

John Geary's Son, War Veteran, Dies

The labor movement expressed its condolences this week to John Geary, International vice-president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, at the loss Tuesday of his son, John Geary, Jr.

John, Jr., 48 years old, died at the veterans' hospital at Fort Snelling. He was a veteran of the World War, contracted tuberculosis during the war, and spent the last years of his life in the hospital. He was buried Wednesday.

Cash Wagon Men To Meet Monday

A special meeting for all cash wagon salesmen has been called for Monday night, October 31st, 8 p. m., in the main floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. All cash wagon salesmen are instructed to attend. The meeting has been called by the executive board of Bakery Drivers Union Local 289.

Will Dies Dare Attend Mass Rally?

Martin Dies has been extended an invitation to appear before the Farmer-Labor mass rally in the Minneapolis auditorium Saturday evening, November 5th, and present proof of the inspired lies that have been testified to before his committee of labor-baiters.

Should Dies, for any reason, be unable to come to Minneapolis, the invitation is extended to any member of his committee.

The auditorium rally is being sponsored by the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Campaign Committee, headed by John Boscoe and Harold Seavey.

Chief speaker will be Governor Benson, who will be introduced by Chief Justice Devaney. Other speakers include Tom Davis, orator of the old school, and John Kinzer, Farmer-Labor nominee for lieutenant-governor.

544 Plans Father-Son Banquet

The Entertainment Committee of Local 544 wishes to hear from all fathers and sons in the union, in order to decide what the best time would be to hold a Father and Son Banquet.

This unique idea for a get-together was one first suggested by the late Bill Brown, and the Entertainment Committee now proposes to carry out Bill's idea.

The committee wishes to hold the affair sometime in November, and urges all members to say when they want the affair to be held. Those wishing to attend should register at the union hall, notify their stewards or drop a postcard to Entertainment Committee, Local 544, 257 Plymouth North.

250 Attend FWS Sewing Project Meeting Tuesday

Over 250 women on the WPA sewing projects attended the Federal Workers Section meeting Tuesday evening held on the second floor of the teamsters' building. The meeting was the most enthusiastic and the best attended held so far by this division.

Max Goldman reported on recent national developments and their bearing on the organization of WPA workers.

A long discussion was held on the Sumner housing project, and the division expressed its vigorous disapproval of the rental restrictions on this project, which make it impossible for needy families to avail themselves of housing in the Sumner project.

Street Car Corp. Backs Down Again

The Street Car Men's Union of the Twin Cities won an important victory this week, when the corporation agreed to withdraw its scheduled deadline of October 29th for extension of one-man cars.

The union, Division 1005 of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, has been fighting over a period of months against company attempts to extend use of one-man cars. The union campaign was successful in causing the company to withdraw a previous deadline on September

Have You Moved? Must File Change To Vote for Benson

If you voted in Minneapolis at any election during the last two years, you are a registered voter and will be able to vote for Governor Benson and the rest of the Farmer-Labor ticket on November 8.

Labor Temple Meeting This Sunday, 1:30

A special meeting for a Labor Temple in Minneapolis will be held this Sunday, October 30th, at 1:30 p. m. in the Central Labor Union hall, 18 N. 8th Street. The meeting has been called by the Labor Temple Board and its Advisory Committee, and the executive boards of all local AFL unions together with other interested persons are invited to attend.

More Unions Join Drive

Since the new drive for a Labor Temple, two more Minneapolis unions, the United Garment Workers Union and the Bakery Drivers have voted special assessments to pay their share of the new home for labor in Minneapolis.

New Duluth Temple

The Duluth union movement, which has been carrying on a long campaign for a similar project, moved into its new home in the Sherwood building, 318 West 1st Street, last week. The large building is being remodeled to house all Duluth AFL unions. More than 3,500 persons attended a recent labor Mardi Gras to raise funds for the building.

What Duluth and a score of other cities have done, Minneapolis labor can certainly do.

Sunday's meeting will plan important steps to further the drive for a home for the Minneapolis union movement.

Ford Agents To Be Struck Tomorrow

Auto Salesmen Local 1420 voted unanimously Tuesday night to strike the six Ford agencies in Minneapolis. The strike is effective 7 a. m. Friday.

Teamsters Locals 120 and 544 have notified Local 1420 that they will haul no Fords during the strike.

The Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union has O. K.'d the strike.

Stassen Tied to Anti-Labor Gang

All-Time High of Registered Voters Means Workers and Farmers Voting for Benson

That the rank and file of organized labor, small home owners and shopkeepers and others who look to a Farmer-Labor Administration as their friend, are thoroughly aroused against Republican nominee Stassen and his reactionary backing, was evidenced by the result of legislation for voting, which closed Saturday.

An all-time high was recorded for Minneapolis, as well as in other cities and towns. Exceeding even the 1936 presidential year total by nearly 5,000, the registration for Minneapolis now stands at 265,076. It is practically unprecedented that registration should rise during a year when presidential elections are not held.

St. Paul registration came within a few hundred of reaching the last presidential year registration. Final total for St. Paul for this year was 151,261.

Similar results in the other cities of Minnesota were proof of the widespread interest of the working people in defeating the reactionary candidates.

Republican supporters were gloomy as reports of the unprecedented high registration piled up. They had banked on confusing the voters by their red-baiting and injection of race and religious issues, and had hoped that such confusion would lead to passivity, with voters failing to register. In a small vote, the Republicans saw their chance for winning. A large vote means workers and poor farmers voting, and that means votes for Benson and the rest of the Farmer-Labor ticket.

Attendants Joining 977 Before 15th

Over a score of new members signed up in Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 during the past week, coming from such stations as Pure Oil, Phillips, Skelly, Barnsdall, Standard, American Bulk and Zephyr.

Members of Local 977 are asked to keep in mind that the initiation fee of \$5 for all new members will go into effect November 15th. If you know of anyone who should be in the union, please call the office, Geneva 4691. Our representative will sign them up.

Members hearing of an opening in any filling station are asked to call the union office. Give your unemployed union brother a chance to go on the job.

The executive board met Monday evening, with Roy Sturdavant presiding, and will have a very interesting report to make to the next general membership meeting. Local 977 will have its own column in the Northwest Organizer from now on — "Gassing With 977." Turn to the inside pages and read the first contribution.

Attention Local 471 6 A. M. Schedule

Notice is hereby given to members of Milk Drivers Local 471 that, on Tuesday, November 1st, hours of delivery, according to our contract and a city ordinance, shall not be earlier than 6 a. m., from November 1st until March 15th. Executive Board, Local 471

Silver Shirts Threaten Bullets If Ballots Do Not Defeat Benson

Documentary proof of the tie-up between the Silver Shirts and the Republican candidate for governor is now in the hands of the editors of the Northwest Organizer!

Bearing out the exposure made last week by the Farmer-Labor organ, the "Minnesota Leader," which published an investigator's report of an interview with T. G. Wooster, Minneapolis Silver Shirt leader, in which Wooster told of a meeting with Stassen at which the Republican nominee agreed to drop one of his chief aides because he was not acceptable to the Silver Shirts, the Silver Shirt document orders its membership to mobilize against Benson.

Stassen Heeded Wooster Wooster, not knowing that he was talking to an investigator for the "Minnesota Leader," had boasted that Stassen had intervened on behalf of the Silver Shirt demand, after campaign managers had refused to do what Wooster wanted.

"But I went to Stassen himself," said the Silver Shirt leader, "and he got rid of him."

Document Dated Oct. 3rd The document now in the possession of the Northwest Organizer is a confidential message from the national headquarters of the Silver Shirts directed to the Minnesota members of that anti-labor organization, dated October 3rd.

It follows the usual pattern of Silver Shirt propaganda, seeking to arouse hatred against liberal labor and the Jews, praising Hitler for his persecution of that race, declaring "we already have a Jewish problem that probably cannot be settled by peaceful means," charging that President Roosevelt is controlled by Jews, and then lumping Governor Benson with Roosevelt in a "plot" to aid refugees from Hitler's persecution.

Silver Shirt Orders

"And what are you going to do about it?" the message goes on. "Listen, loyal Silver Shirt, I'll tell you exactly what can be done. Get out this evening, and every evening till election-day, and expose Benson's plot to trusted relatives, friends and acquaintances."

"Bullets Later"

The document ends with this significant threat: "If it can't be done with ballots, now, there must be bullets later!"

It is headed by the signature of William Dudley Pelley, national Silver Shirt commander.

Roy Zachary, another national Silver Shirt leader, was recently in Minneapolis and made a speech calling for armed assaults upon union headquarters, singling out particularly the headquarters of the teamsters unions. At that meeting the "No. 1 finks," were present, distributing literature of their "Associated Independent Unions."

Stassen Drops Mask

As the campaign has progressed, Stassen has more and more dropped his liberal mask, and resorted to open attacks and slander against the labor movement. His machine is distributing literature among the farmers which calls the Minneapolis trade unionists "labor racketeers" and denounces Benson for failing to use the National Guard against strikers.

Transfer Bosses Get Pacts From Fargo Drivers

The General Drivers Union Local 116 of Fargo has presented new working agreements to all local transfer companies. New contracts are also being drawn up for presentation to the coal and milk employers. The union has made good organizational gains in the past few months.

On the Route With the Milk Man

By Mike Rusinko

Well just one more meeting and all the political aspirants will have their fling; boy, if they will only keep their promises after election.

I can sure vouch for George Berquist being a real hunter. On one of his hunting trips he sat down in his boat, had a little lunch, then he thought he would catch a few winks. When he woke up, there was a half dozen mallards amongst his decoys and George's gun on the other end of the boat. Boy, what a spot to be in. But he got his limit.

Ruben Olson has bought another bowling ball to help improve his game, but the Rubie is still bowling some awful lousy games. Better get another one.

Kenny at the Clover Leaf Cry. has taken on another Boss, he has joined the ball and chain gang, but as yet we have not seen the cigars. I wonder if the new Boss has had anything to do with it, how about it, Kenny?

Joe Auld the gay "Lothario" or better known as Jersey Joe—they say he was brought up on canned milk, we sure know it was something canned.

Roy Golden is a full fledged archaeologist after his recent find of prehistoric remains, well, it won't be long until Roy will join some crew and go and dig up old King Tut again.

After hearing that man play a trumpet last meeting, Mike Lavery went to a pawn shop and bought a trumpet. Now the neighbors are having a petition drawn up to remove the said menace from the vicinity.

Boy, can this bird, One-round Anderson, eat? The other night I went to supper with this egg and boy, you should see what he stowed away, they brought him what looked like half of a Texas steer, a load of spuds and all the trimmings. After he was through he seemed to be in a hurry. I said, "what's the rush?" He said, "I got to hurry, the Mrs. is going to fix some eats for me."

Some of you may have noticed that at times "Rosy" acts awful queer. Well, don't think anything about it, this comes from pretty good authority that Rosy was dropped on his head when he was a baby.

Fred Thompson has his deer rifle all greased up, he is going up to get a deer. I hope he don't forget that I like venison, or better yet, have the boys up for a feast, Fred.

Fight for Mooney on New Course

Balked by the anti-labor United States Supreme Court in his fight for freedom, Tom Mooney, victim of one of the foulest frame-ups in American judicial history, wired Governor Merriam a few days ago, demanding that Merriam give a decision on Mooney's application for an unconditional pardon.

As far back as August, 1934, Mooney made his first demand on Merriam. The latter declined to act on the grounds the case was still pending in courts. As all court actions on Mooney's behalf are now concluded, labor's martyr demanded of Merriam "that this outrageous procrastination be ended and that you do your sworn duty and grant me an immediate public hearing and render a decision on my application for pardon before the November 8th election."

A release from the Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee quotes Mooney as saying that his immediate hopes for freedom rest in the election of Culbert L. Olson, Democrat, as governor of California.

"If my hopes from Mr. Olson are not realized, which I believe they will be, I shall make a direct appeal to organized labor, the AFL, the CIO, and the railroad brotherhoods — an extra-judicial appeal, to bring about my liberation through economic action."

544 Wins Short One vs. Wheeling

Last Saturday morning the General Drivers Union Local 544 called a strike against the Wheeling Corrugating company, 155 26th Avenue South, demanding back pay for the two drivers and the standard transfer contract.

The strike was called at 7:30 a. m. and was settled at noon with the signing of the contract. Over \$200 in back pay was won for the drivers.

Gassing With 977

Wise—or otherwise—John Eids-vold plans to charter the China Clipper next month for his collection tour.

Al Harrington at Northern Tire is receiving congratulations on the recovery of his father from a serious illness.

Richard Tausley and Clemens Osekowsky transfer to Local 975 in St. Paul this week.

L. M. Palmerston, Pure Oil attendant at 31st and Hennepin, is killing two birds with one union stone: he's vacationing AND honing.

Ray Almquist, Coop Oil attendant, is taking a six months' leave of absence and will be in a station in Milwaukee.

The union stork (wearing a 544 button) delivered a baby boy to the home of Brother Frank Conley.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting: Retail Drivers, Thursday evening, 8 p. m. sharp.

The bowling team is kinda slipping a little, dropping 2 out of 3 to the Gold Bubble team, but coming along pretty good, however.

It's a girl for the Bob Jennings' of Excelsior Bakery. Jack Moran, Gladness Bakery, is happily married, a groom of some two weeks or so.

Bob McVeety, Lakeview, is going to throw rocks at the pheasants from now on. According to my informant, the last time he was out he used 29 rounds and still nobody was invited to a pheasant dinner. Get yourself a slingshot, Bob. It's cheaper.

What's the matter, you Hostess Cake men? For your information a cake and pie meeting was held last Thursday night and will be held every third Thursday. Being the first sectional meeting we'll excuse you, but let's get out from now on.

Roy Vigoven, Gladness, is in a jackpot again. He just doesn't seem to be able to find the right streets on his new St. Paul route, despite the fact that he's bought up practically every map available.

Ed Skelly is quite the bowler. He couldn't quite top a hundred in his first game the other night, when four of us from the board went down to roll a few. Joe, being the champion, rolled 120 and 126, so you can imagine how good the rest of us are.

Here's a good one. Ray Ferguson, Purity North Plant, was seen chinning himself on an awning which he was removing from his house. Seems if the ladder fell out from under him and down came Ray, awning and all. Nice work, if you can get it.

Tony Kalitowski, Purity North Plant, after being on the same route 29 years and two months is trading jobs with a fellow on the inside. Tony started work on the route in September, 1909. (Holy smokes That's only three years after I was born) and continued through thick and thin all these years, through the horse and wagon days, through the World War, unwrapped bread, unsliced bread, until today, Monday, October 24, 1938. Figure it out—29 years and two months. Hats off to a grand guy! Tony is still chipper and spry and can peddle bread with the best of them. Ed Kalitowski, Tony's son, is working at the same plant and has some six years rights on a route himself.

Local 20316 Nominates New Officers

On Tuesday night a well-attended membership meeting of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 nominated officers to take office January 1, 1939. With few exceptions the present officers were renominated. James Bartlett will be unopposed for president, as will Don Penwell for vice-president, Raymond Lind for recording secretary, and Bob Tibbets for financial secretary.

Don Rock and Al Harrell will stand for election for the post of sergeant-at-arms. Fred Tepilo was nominated for treasurer. Three trustees are to be elected from the nominees, Axel Jensen, Phil Snyder, Frank Johnson and Erling Nelson.

Election Procedure An election board was chosen Tuesday, consisting of Spencer Stetzer, Leonard Keefe, and Russell Talcott to supervise the balloting which will take place November 25-26, from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. at the union office.

Here are some more society notes from Regans:

Kenneth Flikiel's wife presented him with a baby boy Saturday, October 22.

Charley Graves has fallen prey to the wiles of the so-called weaker sex, having been married last Thursday, October 20. Not many single guys left down there now, I guess.

Harold Simons, Hal Borg, Howie Prehm and Emil Herek left Harvey Zimmerman behind and went hunting over the weekend. Some simrods, total birds two, one being a dead one that (Eagle Eye) Simons pounced on. . . P. S. I'll bet they couldn't get Charley Graves to go along either.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carlo

Regular Meetings will be held on the SECOND Thursday of each month from now on. To accommodate the large attendance it was necessary to change our meeting nights in order to obtain the facilities of the third floor auditorium where all meetings will be held in the future. This change was recommended and approved of at our last membership meeting. REMEMBER: Second Thursday of each month!

A resolution was presented and adopted by our last membership meeting to back the inside workers ONLY to the extent of gaining a favorable contract but with the exception of the closed shop clause. Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Joint Council gave a brief explanatory talk on the history, strategy and methods used by Local 183-30 since their inception up to the present time. He stressed that under such circumstances it left the drivers no other alternative than the action recommended. "To fight organized employers, workers must also be organized and equipped to win 'bitter concessions!'"

The subcommittee INVITED to ATTEND the negotiations last week between Local 193 and the employers reported the entire proceedings to our Executive Board. Also, the spokesman of our committee stated the stand taken at that meeting in behalf of Local 131. The Executive Board after careful consideration of all the facts which involved our union hereby reaffirms the stand taken.

A telegram was sent to Dan Tobin, our International President, in behalf of our local commending him on his recent stand to bring the CIO and the A. F. of L. together.

by the sub-committee and further states, minus any apologies, the right to their own opinions and conclusions. Further criticism or slander heaped upon any individual or our local is unfriendly and uncalled for at this time.

Signed, Executive Board, Local 131

Events of the Week The official lineup on our Bowling Team is Douglas Dix, Twin City Cleaners; Kenny Nelson, Calhoun; Marty Withrow, Crystal; Walter Turbin, Desjatch, and Peterson of the Model. So far they have won 3 games and lost 6 games. They're not hot yet.

The lineup on our new basketball team is Tom Angelos, Majestic; LeRoy Wieland, Troy; Jim Fowler, Gross; Fred McGormick, Reuben Sjobeck and Lynn McCann of the Nicollet. Games will start shortly.

Received a letter of thanks from Mrs. Ray Sawyer and family for the floral offerings and sympathy shown them at the passing of their father and husband recently.

The first new member to come under the new raised initiation fee was a driver, now at the Plaza Cleaners.

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Chrysler of the Nicollet Cleaners says that for every 10 empty Camel packages sent to the factory they will forward, one full pack to a confined veteran. Try it. What can you lose if it helps some unfortunate human being.

The following named members appeared before the board last week and were fined \$100 and suspended: Ross B. Smith and Elmer Stattestad of the Dinsmore. Also Ed J. Dea, Harold Chrysler, O. A. Long, Howard Reider and R. Sjobeck, all from the Nicollet Cleaners.

Some of the out of town drivers were down to explain their continual absence from meetings lately. It is understood that NO member is entitled to remain away from meetings, as per by-laws under penalty prescribed.

Leo Zarn, allegedly working at the Troy, was also down to talk over a few reported discrepancies and his "real" occupation out that way.

Ralph Himmet announces formally that he is permanently settled at his new address. Such cruelty, Ralph. Think of the poor transfer men.



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Local 346 To Meet November 14

A report of special significance for all members of 3.2 Beer Dispensers Union Local 346 will be made at the next general membership meeting of the organization, to be held at 1:30 p. m. on Monday, November 14th.

This is an important meeting, and no member of the union can afford to stay away. Local 346 will elect officers in December for the coming year.

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N. D. Labor Pushes Langer To Oust Vigilante Officials

BULLETIN—Under pressure from the employers, Governor Langer has announced it is not mandatory to suspend the Stark county officials until after a hearing. No date has been set for the hearing, and it is still reported that Langer plans to stall off a show-down on the Dickinson kidnaping until after the elections. The jobs of unionists who signed the complaint against the vigilante officials are being threatened. The labor movement is continuing its pressure for an immediate hearing on the case, and for the immediate suspension of the guilty officials.

Fargo, North Dakota—Under pressure of the aroused labor movement of North Dakota, Governor Langer on October 18th suspended five Stark county officials pending a hearing on removal charges brought by a group of unionists in Dickinson.

On September 15th a group of businessmen thugs, with the connivance of States Attorney Murtha, Sheriff Gerlich and deputies Wolfe, Gerig and Brown, kidnaped two union organizers and ran them out of town. The county officials were in the vigilante mob of one hundred which carried out the vicious deed.

The union leaders were George Gruggan, International representative of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union, and A. R. Altman, president of the local Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union.

Labor Protests
The union movement throughout North Dakota was thoroughly aroused at the kidnaping of union men by vigilantes. All local unions and central labor bodies throughout the state have adopted vigorous resolutions condemning the cowardly behaviour of the Dickinson thugs.

On September 19th the unionists who had been run out of town returned to Dickinson where they received a tremendous ovation from a large union audience. The action of the vigilantes, far from discouraging the union movement, has inspired it to greater activity and served to unify organized labor in this area.

News Guild In St. Paul Wins Raise

The first contract between the Newspaper Guild and Twin Cities papers went into effect October 1st, when the local Guild unit signed a pact with the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press calling for substantial wage increases and numerous improvements in working conditions.

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TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

"Big Noise" Tripp is considering writing to the Chevrolet company. His work-a-day barouche, vintage of twenty-five, left him half way to work Saturday. Just think, says he, "another ten years and the other one I got might do the same thing." The snow will soon be here, Tripp, and you can come to work on skis.

Brothers Erickson and O'Neal ran out of gas Saturday. That's what they think was a dirty Irish trick, the nite-men failed to "gas up" with the usual results. It could have been worse for Benny, think of him in the middle of one of his famous "barrel rolls" and out of gas, or Mark O'Neil in that predicament with his Lincoln Zephyr. Perish the thought.

Jimmy Huntington remembers way back when he lost a drive shaft and a magneto fell out of the Shaw cab he was driving the same week. A few of us old timers think we've had something bounced out of ourselves, too.

At this writing Melvin Miller is still in serious condition but putting up a brave fight.

If every day could be like last Saturday, we could soon burn up the mortgage on the old home-stead.

Signs of better times: The good bookers aren't afraid to show their trip-sheets around.

The next big sporting event of the fall season will be a debate between Swede Sward of the Liberty and Tom Jennings of the Yellow Cab.

Cliff Rollins knows a guy that'll never wear out a comb, who lives in a fragile domicile, and therefore should not fling missiles at high velocity.

Start Made On By-Laws For 544

The by-laws committee of Local 544 reports it made a good start on a new set of by-laws at its Tuesday night meeting.

The committee meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. The open session is from 8:30 to 9:15, after which a closed session of 45 minutes is held.

All members are requested to bring before the committee any proposals they want included in the by-laws.

Frank "Moby-Dick" Riley is wearing a "coach" sweater on the job. It must have been bought in anticipation of his being named on Curly's all American team.

The misspelled street sign that used to bother the "hi-brows" out at Lagoon and Irving south has made its appearance on Irving and north Broadway. It is probably assumed by the Street department that the folks in north Minneapolis can't read anyway. The sign in question is misspelled l-v-r-i-n-g.

We have been getting "heat" indirectly because the other units have not been represented enough in this column. We suggest they appoint a news representative from their respective companies to do the weekly stint. This will tend to make the column more interesting. Mr. Lunde will type all your notes and bring them to the Northwest Organizer office if turned over to him not later than Monday afternoons as the deadline is every Tuesday.

If interested, a self-addressed stamped envelope will bring you the name of the screw-ball driver who drove out south Lyndale early Sunday A. M. with the aer-o-lite roof open during our first blizzard.

Harvey Swenson took the conventional Taxi-Man's holiday and drove a few hundred miles to do some hunting. A little arithmetic proved he spent eleven bucks and some change for each bird (gas, oil, etc.) We would like to see these dead-shots go to work on the million odd pigeons that insist on flying in bombing position over the Bridge Square district.

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Watt Notes

Something we just found out—Brother Tony Larson is married to a movie star.

The boys in the Meter Department have a new one this week—"It's fifteen minutes for lunch Haack."

Brother Heigel made a trip to Fargo this week.

Who is the meter reader with Stassen signs on his car who talks for Benson when out with the boys?

More delinquents have been in to get straightened out.

Bill Heigel, please note—You should have shells in your gun when shooting in order to get any ducks.

Next meeting is Thursday, November the third.

The membership stood for one minute in silent tribute to our late Brother "Bill" Specht.

Many of our brothers attended the funeral of Brother Howard Langer's son last Saturday.

What next? Shirley Temple, they say, is a Communist.

Cool weather is here, boys. All out to the Union meetings.

Arbitration is often looked upon as a favorable means of settling differences. Cooperation, however, is a very vital asset in bringing about a satisfactory conclusion.

The membership heartily approves of the attitude taken by President Daniel Tobin at the A. F. of L. Convention in Houston in regard to the controversy between the A. F. of L. and the CIO.

We see that the Dies Committee has turned into a campaign committee. For Whom?

New Joint Council Chooses Agent

The recently formed Minneapolis Joint Council of Opticians, Jewelry Workers and Watchmakers, embracing the three unions in the field, has chosen B. L. Worth, president of the Jewelry Workers Union, as fulltime business agent. Brother Worth will enter his new job November 1st and will represent all three unions.

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20297 Upheld In Report On Ward Strike

Echoes of last winter's strike of the St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297 against the Montgomery Ward firm were heard Monday when Mapes Davidson, trial examiner for the National Labor Relations Board, issued his report based on a hearing into the strike.

Davidson recommends the reinstatement of three employees with full seniority and back pay from the date they applied for jobs (January 6, 1938).

The examiner also recommended that the company pledge to cease and desist from preventing Ward employees from organizing in a union of their own choice, that the company pledge to cease its espionage, and that it post notices immediately in conspicuous places throughout the plant to this effect.

The hearing on the Ward strike would thus seem to uphold completely the union's charges that the company was discriminating against union members and using stool pigeons to spy union workers.

The National Labor Board is expected to hand down a decision within several months based upon the hearing and the examiner's report.

Soft Drinks Lead Bowling Race

Soft Drinks took a pair from Local 544 to stand alone in first place. Liberty Cab took the odd game from the Meat Drivers. C. Lenz surprised everybody, including himself, with a 200 game. Richardson had 547 for the winners and Petrich had 555 for the losers. Local 289 blanked Minkins' Department Store. Stanley led the winners with 539. Bondy's 545 was high for the losers. Local 221 took a double from Gold Bubble.

WON LOST

Soft Drinks	11	7
Gold Bubble	10	8
Liberty Cab	9	9
Local 289	9	9
Local 221	9	9
Minkins	9	9
Local 544	8	10
Meat Drivers	7	11

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Fight for \$60.50 Scale in Mankato

Over 250 paid-up members of the Mankato Division of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, attended a mass meeting held Tuesday night in the union hall in Mankato, in support of the fight for a \$60.50 wage scale on WPA in that area.

Chairman Hallelgen of the Mankato FWS opened the meeting. Speakers were Aeric, secretary-treasurer of the Mankato Central Labor Assembly and business agent of the Carpenters Union; Carl Skoelund, president of Local 544; Howard Lee, business agent of Drivers Union Local 457 of Mankato; and George Viens of the Minneapolis FWS.

The meeting went on record to fight to raise the WPA wage for common labor in Mankato from the present \$48.40 to \$60.50. The prevailing wage in Mankato for common labor is 60c hourly, and the FWS, backed by the Mankato Labor Assembly, is demanding that WPA pay the same scale on WPA.

WA Men Join
About twenty-five members of the Workers Alliance tossed away their buttons at the Tuesday meeting and joined up with the Federal Workers Section. They reported the Alliance officials had taken a very poor attitude on the fight for higher WPA wages, arguing that "nothing could be done about it."

St. Peter Wants In
A committee of five, representing 250 WPA workers from St. Peter, Minnesota, attended the Mankato meeting and asked they be permitted to organize in the Mankato division of the FWS, as the Mankato and St. Peter labor movements work closely together.

On Thursday, October 27th, a meeting is to be held in St. Peter where FWS speakers will address the WPA workers.

Committee Set Up
Tuesday's meeting elected a relief committee. The membership voted all power to the executive board to act in conjunction with a committee to be chosen November 2nd by the Mankato Labor Assembly, in fighting for the \$60.50 scale. Lee of the Mankato Drivers Union pledged the aid of his organization in the fight.

A motion was passed that WPA workers will buy their coal only from the four Mankato coal companies that have signed up with Drivers Union Local 487.

Who are the "Finks" that are starting a so-called "Union" to try and break Local 912?

I wonder if they would like us to publish the license number of the car they drive? Then we can all know who they are!

Where oh where has F. G. Fuzey been of late? We are all waiting to hear him "speak" at our next meeting.

We have repeated time and again to be sure and have your Union Book on you at all times, because books are being checked daily as well as at the meetings.

I understand we have a number of real hunters among us. Shoot at a duck and kill a crow. No names mentioned through courtesy of columnist.

Did any of you know one member of our Executive Board is also a secretary-treasurer of two other boards, council and school board, of his community? Very efficient boy.

Again we impress on you that it's election time. Don't lose your vote for what judge?

Carl is busy these days trying to find the author of "Is it true what they say about Dixie?" Great song, says Carl.

Mr. Watson will display a new style of "fashion" for men at the next meeting. I don't know, I only heard.

Mickey, we're sure we know why Grant didn't sit down at the trial. Your writing is appreciated.

Bill H. is studying some very serious questions that will be brought on the floor at the next meeting. Everyone who can should attend.

Ray and Mel, bring Cecil with you next time. We want to hear from him about his smoking party.

I hope the Editor doesn't cut this line out: PAY YOUR DES. WE MEAN YOU.

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

The Fink Suit

Today marks three weeks since the Minnesota Supreme Court heard argument by both sides on a motion by the attorney for the five finks to quash the writ of certiorari previously issued, which held up execution of Judge Reed's order to surrender all records of Local 544 to the finks' agents. Although we can only speculate on what is going on within the Supreme Court, it appears likely that there is a division for and against granting the finks' motion, with a third group of justices perhaps not yet decided, and that no decision will be handed down until after the election on November 8.

As we say, this is pure speculation, but what is not speculation at all is our conviction that if no decision is handed down until after November 8th, the way in which the elections go will have some bearing on that decision.

As United States Supreme Court Justices Holmes constantly reminded his associates, judges do not live in a vacuum, nor are they hermetically sealed off from the voice of the people. When that voice is heard speaking clearly and unambiguously, even the courts can hear.

The issues in the present election campaign are plain enough. A victory for the Farmer-Labor ticket will be understood everywhere as a victory of organized labor and the farmers.

Every worker, every friend of labor, every cooperator, every farmer, has the plain and elementary duty to assure the election of Governor Benson.

Minneapolis Labor Supports Tobin's Stand for Unity

On October 12th the Minneapolis Central Labor Union adopted unanimously a resolution introduced by Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, endorsing the stand taken by Daniel Tobin at the Houston convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Thousands of AFL and CIO local unions and central labor bodies have since added their support to the sound peace proposals made by Tobin looking toward a resumption of negotiations between the AFL and the CIO.

The Central Labor Union's resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS recent developments during the American Federation of Labor Convention indicate that the existing breach between the A. F. of L. and CIO is in danger of being widened owing to the intolerant and uncompromising attitude of some members of the A. F. of L. Executive Council, and

WHEREAS it is now more apparent than ever before that there is a genuine need for a lasting and real peace to be effected in the American Labor Movement in order that we may be able to meet the concerted anti-labor drive now under way by all labor-hating forces of reaction, and

WHEREAS Daniel J. Tobin, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, has made a progressive and sound peace proposal to the assembled convention which, if adopted, would bring about negotiations with view to ending the existing inter-union strife, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minneapolis Central Labor Union in meeting assembled this Wednesday, October 12, 1938, go on record as endorsing the stand taken by Daniel J. Tobin, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a night letter telegram be dispatched at once to Daniel J. Tobin and William Green informing them of the action of this body and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the convention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in case the present A. F. of L. Convention does not set up some plan whereby this controversy will be adjudicated, we will ask all national and International Unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. to submit a series of propositions, dealing with the issues involved, to a referendum vote.

For a Referendum on War

"We as citizens demand our constitutional rights to vote for or against war." So read a resolution passed unanimously by the 22nd annual convention of the Iowa Farmers Union, calling upon Congress to pass a law for a popular referendum on war.

No one doubts that the demand of the organized Iowa farmers for a referendum on war represents the overwhelming sentiment of the American workers and farmers. According to the latest Gallup survey, a cross-section of voters in every part of the United States voted, 68%, yes, and 32%, no, to the question: "In order to declare a war—except when our country is invaded—should Congress be required to obtain the approval of the people by means of a national vote?"

The women were even more sharply in favor of the war referendum—72% to 28%.

The support that the people give to the demand for a war referendum reflects the distrust felt by the workers and farmers for the administration and its war-machine.

And the people have good reason for their lack of faith. The administration's demand for a new five-billion dollar expenditure in behalf of the war machine indicates what the American imperialists are thinking of.

The war-makers fear to let the masses decide whether they are to give their lives to enrich the bosses in another war. As the Anti-War Resolution of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, adopted March 23rd, 1938, pointed out, "The National Administration has already engaged on a course of throttling opponents of war, as was revealed by the lynch spirit organized against the Farmer-Labor congressmen and others who supported the Ludlow Amendment requiring a popular referendum before Congress can declare war."

The fight must be intensified for a popular referendum before Congress can declare ANY war. Millions of voices must drown out the hypocritical pleas of the war-makers, and Congress must pass such a law.

For a popular referendum on war!
Transfer all war funds to the use of the unemployed, for a program of WPA, public works, housing and direct relief!

Among Those Present...



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

STOUT FELLOWS!
This Dies Committee has found out everything except who kidnapped Charlie Ross.

Jack Smith, 544 Vice President, is very, very ill at his home.

Carl Skogland spoke to Federal Workers at Mankato Tuesday night.

An affair is going to be given for I. G. Scott, County Commissioner, on the east side in the middle of November.

Ole (Archie) Ogg, 471 B. A., is busy on Farmer-Labor campaign matters. The same Ogg has raised over fifteen hundred dollars for the war chest the last few weeks.

A T. J. C. committee will call on Daniel Tobin in Indianapolis over the weekend.

A joint committee of farmers and trade unionists will call a statewide conference soon, the object of which is to bring about a better understanding between farmers and workers.

F. Dobbs is on his feet again. The whole labor movement is pulling for his early return.

The Wage and Hour Bill is creating lots of interest among employers... all we want is existing contracts lived up to one hundred per cent.

A 544 steward who is generally known as "Bob" was given quite another name at birth. Believe it or not, it is "Vilas."

John Geary's son, a 48 year old war veteran, died at the Vets' hospital Monday. He was buried Wednesday in St. Paul.

Employees at Direct Service (for-give us, Judge) are thinking about becoming Kosher.

Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Union is not only the only local of its kind in the United States but is an aggressive and militant labor organization.

NICE GOING, CLAIR
Laundry Drivers have it in the bag.

The members and organizers of the Union Guard deserve a world of credit. It should be an inspiration to every member of organized labor.

ASKIT BASKET
Who does and who does not come under the new Federal Wage and Hour law?

ON THE LIMB
Despite all betting odds we say Benson is in.

Finks and Rats still come from all over the loop to eat at Christensen's Restaurants.

Who is this "Slugger" Williams?

Omaha Strike Stays Solid In 7th Week

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thirty labor-hater who will shoot down pickets. Bosses are circulating petitions designed to force Hopkins to ask for martial law, and are also calling upon the governor to send in the National Guard.

Thanks to the splendid financial aid rendered by ninety teamsters locals throughout the country, and a second donation from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the relief committee is enabled to function smoothly, distributing funds for rent and grocery bills.

Fight for Relief

The fight to secure governmental relief for strikers and locked-out men has reached the point where the Omaha Central Labor Union is circulating petitions calling for the removal of Margaret, head of the welfare body, the Douglas County Assistance Bureau. Margaret has played a particularly vicious role during the strike. He is the brother-in-law of Al Gordon, owner of the Gordon Storage and Van Company, chief strikebreaker among the operators, and is a brother of Gilbert Magaret, secretary-treasurer of Gordon Storage.

Magaret refused to give relief to strikers or locked-out men. When, at the insistence of the union, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners asked the County Attorney for a ruling, and he ruled that locked-out men are en-

titled to relief, Magaret refused to provide it under the pretext of lack of funds. The union has refused to accept any distinction between strikers and locked-out men, holding both groups equally entitled to relief.

Without any exaggeration, it can be said that the strike is in better shape at the end of seven weeks than when it began. Nothing can save the operators from signing the union contract.

ICC Rules Red Caps Are Employees

Culminating a two years' campaign of the International Brotherhood of Red Caps, the Interstate Commerce Commission on September 29th ruled that the red caps who carry baggage at railway stations are employees and are subject to the provisions of the Railway Labor Act.

544 Negotiating With Fish Dealers

The General Drivers Union Local 544 entered negotiations with the fish houses this week for a new working agreement to replace the present pact which expires November 1st. About 150 men are involved.

Local 544 is also seeking an agreement covering the fish peddlers, who have never been covered by a union pact.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

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The most important meeting the independents have held in years for those on WPA is coming next Thursday, November 3.

Placing all the blame on Washington, the local boys are trying to maneuver us into a new setup that will be just too bad.

Our grievance board in special session next Saturday will give our WPA delinquents another big break.

A representative of the Minnesota Hospital Service Association will be on hand to tell us of the organization. Many members of the Union are already enrolled for this type of hospitalization insurance. At our Thursday meeting you will have the one and only chance of signing up, as this is a cooperative non-profit association and takes members only on a group basis.

ATTENTION, ITO STEWARDS!
When taking dues from WPA truckers who are coming in on current dues, be sure to mark "current dues" on receipts and stewards' reports.

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On the National Picket Line

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As the result of this police brutality the workers in both the Cudahy and the Armour plants in Sioux City called a one day "holiday."

This is the second time in three months that Governor Kraschel has used the guard to try to break a strike.

The strike against the Swift company was called by the CIO Packing House Workers on September 29, in protest to the company's refusal to meet with the union's grievance committee.

The new Wage and Hours bill which went into effect Sunday night at one minute after midnight has brought to light some interesting facts. The officials of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, testifying before a Federal Examiner, are asking that their messenger boy employees be exempt from the 25c hourly minimum wage. Testimony from the officials revealed these startling facts—Western Union pays its messengers an average wage of 8 1/2c per hour.

Postal Telegraph has most of its messengers on a commission basis. Only 34% are paid a regular salary.

Further—the Postal Telegraph messengers must pay six cents a day for the use of their uniforms. (The company very kindly pays for the cleaning of same.)

The exemption plea is being opposed by both the CIO American Communications Association and the AFL Commercial Telegraphers Union. Telegrams of protest to the exemption have been sent to Washington by many International Unions, both CIO and AFL. Joseph Selly, president of the CIO union, announced at the hearing that the Western Union messengers had already sanctioned a strike if it should be necessary to force the com-

pany to pay the minimum wage.
From San Antonio, Texas, comes news that about 8,000 pecan pickers and shellers will lose their jobs because of the 25c hourly minimum in the new law. Recently these workers went on strike. They were protesting a wage cut from their wages which were revealed to reach as high as \$3.60 per week for the highest paid.

On Sunday, October 15, the United Rubber Workers Union sponsored a huge mass meeting in Akron, Ohio, to protest the threatened wage cut being sought by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

The hall, a large auditorium, was packed to capacity as speaker after speaker spoke against any wage cut or any lengthening of present working hours. Negotiations have been going on with the company for several months now.

Officials of the rubber company were quoted as stating that "when the time comes the cut will take place." As one speaker said—"They do not dare cut the wages while the negotiations are going on... We intend to come back with a contract which does not peg hours and wages."

The meeting heartily endorsed this stand.

Today Makes 8,766 Days in Jail



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
LOCAL 131 Third Wednesday of each month.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL NO. 544 November, 1938 Wednesday, November 2—Sausage; Petroleum; Ways and Means Thursday, November 3—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, November 4—Job Stewards Monday, November 7—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal Wednesday, November 9—Market; Ways and Means; Wholesale Liquor Sunday, November 13—Wholesale Grocery, 10 A. M. Monday, November 14—General Membership Wednesday, November 16—Ways and Means Thursday, November 17—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, November 18—Job Stewards Sunday, November 20—Over-the-Road, 10 A. M. Monday, November 21—Building Material; Furniture Stores Wednesday, November 23—Ways and Means Thursday, November 24—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating; Sand and Gravel Monday, November 28—Spring Water 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
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	LOCAL 1859 American Excelsior 1859—October 18 Executive Board 1859—Every Friday night, 8 o'clock LOCAL 20481 Twin City Stewards—October 10 and 24 Grievance Board—October 10 and 24, 7:30 to 9 p. m.
LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	LOCAL 221 Regular membership—2nd and 4th Tuesdays Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m. Grievance Board—Every Thursday, 7 p. m.
LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday	

Stassen Hoodwinks Woodworker Union

How Harold Stassen, Republican candidate for governor, hoodwinked a striking union with false promises into going back to work, only to leave the union members out in the cold, is told in an affidavit signed Tuesday by a group of members of the Woodware Workers Local 20481.

During the strike of Local 20481 against the Lund ski plant in Hastings, Minn., in the spring of 1937, Stassen intervened and agreed to get the company to take back all members without discrimination.

Relying upon Stassen's word, the union suspended the strike and the plant reopened. Lund refused to take back many union members, and hired non-union men in their place. The union appealed repeatedly to Stassen to live up to his word. Stassen gave the union excuse after excuse and finally said he could do nothing for the union.

The story of Stassen's strike-breaking role is told below in the affidavit:

STATE OF MINNESOTA—SS. COUNTY OF DAKOTA—SS. LEO KASEL, FRANK SALZL, EDWARD HAGEMAN, and JACOB KNIEFEL, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say:

We are residents of Hastings, Minnesota, and up until the Spring of 1937, were regularly employed at the C. A. Lund Company plant in Hastings; we are members of Local 20481, Woodworkers Local 20481, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Some time before March 22, 1937, we joined Local 20481, and Mr. Lund, in an effort to break our union, organized a company union known as the Independent Order of Ski Workers.

On March 22, 1937, Lund discharged Edward Hageman and Sigurd F. Nesseth for the reason that they joined Local 20481. Mr. Lund refused to meet with the representatives of our Union, and as a result a strike was called. Complaint was filed by our Union with the National Labor Relations Board, and the Board found Mr. Lund guilty of unfair labor practices, of wrongfully discharging members of Local 20481, and of forming a company union. The first part of July, 1937, Mr. Lund attempted to reopen the plant and members of Local 20481 commenced to picket the plant.

Stassen Poses as Friend
Harold E. Stassen, County Attorney of Dakota County, intervened in an attempt to suspend the strike pending the determination of the case by the Labor Relations Board. Stassen agreed to members of Local 20481 to take back all members of Local 20481 and that no discrimination would be practiced against them. In reliance upon this arrangement and on Mr. Stassen's promise to see to it that Lund carried out his bargain, the strike was suspended and the plant reopened. Instead of Mr. Lund taking back members of Local 20481, he commenced to hire new employees, who had never worked in the plant before, and refused to take back men who were on strike.

Word Worthless
We called this to Mr. Stassen's attention, and protested against Mr. Lund's refusing to carry out his promise to take us back. We pointed out to Mr. Stassen that we were relying on him to it that Lund carried out the promise. Our attorney wrote to Mr. Stassen on September 16, 1937, and on November 26, 1937, and Mr. Stassen gave us assurance that he would see to it that Lund lived up to his agreement. We saw Mr. Stassen again during the Jahnke trial at Hastings, Minnesota, and asked him again to take steps to make Mr. Lund live up to the agreement. Stassen said that he would see us after the trial. After the

Strikers Win Back Pay Of \$51,000

Chicago, Ill.—The final act in the long strike of National Tea warehouse workers against the Chicago warehouse of that company was played October 12th when the National Labor Relations Board issued its decision and order, calling for the reinstatement of all former workers with seniority intact, and the payment of \$51,000 in back pay to 149 employees.

The employees belong to the United Grocery Workers Union Local 233, CIO. National Tea operates a chain of 1,205 retail grocery stores in eight midwestern states.

The strike began April 29th, 1937, in protest against the discharge of four active unionists. Picket lines were steadfastly maintained despite police terror. Dozens of arrests were made daily. Francis Heister, known to many Minneapolis workers, and Stanley Evans, attorneys for the union, were able to win verdicts of not guilty in over one hundred cases.

In June, 1938, the company finally entered into negotiations with the union. A hearing on the strike also got under way before the Labor Board.
The company came to terms with the union and signed an agreement. The recent Labor Board order, in addition to its provisions for reinstatement and back pay, calls upon the company to cease interfering with its employees in the exercise of their rights to self-organization, to withdraw backing and recognition from the company union, etc.