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

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

On the National Picket Line

President Roosevelt, that master of sarcasm and past master of glittering generalities, delivered his annual message to congress last week.

He wove his very stirring appeal for a multi-million dollar armament program around three points — religion, democracy, and INTERNATIONAL GOOD FAITH.

He speaks of "democracy" in this country where there are fifteen million unemployed, many of whom are permanently displaced in a highly mechanized industrial world; where there is a whole generation of Youth without hope, whose only outlook is the awful certainty that they will fulfil their destiny as CANNON FODDER. In a land where the farmers have been reduced from proud ownership of the lands they tilled to almost universal tenantry.

He speaks of democracy in a land where strikers are jailed, beaten and shot in the back for daring to demand a living wage, for daring to strike for their just demands under the laws of the land.

He speaks of INTERNATIONAL GOOD FAITH AND RELIGION and asks for a vast armament program—in the same voice.

He speaks of atrocities against political minorities, the Jews, and other religious groups by Hitler and Mussolini. He turns his eyes eastward across the Atlantic and, in threatening terms, warns "aggressors" against invasion of South America. He pledges to protect the democracies of South America.

With paternal solicitude he promises that the workers of the United States will take up arms in protection of Latin America against the "Bad Fascists" from across the Atlantic.

Let us look at South America and her "democracies."

Cuba—shaded on the map recently published by the New York Times as semi-fascist, and still shuddering with remembrances of the latest atrocities of its dictator—Bastista. Where the dungeons and firing squads await all those courageous enough to protest against the "president."

Peru—where the Lima conference recently convened. Where "President" Benavides rules with an iron hand—ungloved. Where this dictator so loves and trusts his fellow internationalists that he had every delegate to the Lima conference shadowed for the entire time of their stay.

Brazil — a dictatorship under Vargas.

Argentina — a semi-dictatorship.

Ecuador, Venezuela, Guatemala, San Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Bolivia, Haiti—all of them ruled by strong men—Hitlers in their own right.

Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica and Mexico alone remain on the "democratic" side of the ledger. And not many have forgotten the economic pressure brought to bear against the Mexican workers just recently by our own "good neighbor" Roosevelt when the Mexican President Cardenas tried to institute measure to give Mexico back to the Mexicans and remove his country from the domination of the foreign capitalists.

With glowering threats Roosevelt looks across the Atlantic and brands Hitler and Mussolini as (Continued on page 4)

544 Approves New By-Laws For Union

A well-attended membership meeting of General Drivers Union Local 544 on Monday night approved the new set of union by-laws which had been drafted by the by-laws committee after months of work. The discussion following the reading of the by-laws served to thoroughly clarify the meaning of each section.

The by-laws have been sent to President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for approval. Officers installed: John Geary, International Vice-President, installed the recently elected officers of Local 544. Brother Geary, in an address to the membership, spoke of the importance to the Minneapolis union of spreading organization of the driving industry throughout the North Central area. Geary praised the gains made by Local 544 and the working agreements which the union has secured.

Miles Dunne's report on the dramatic victory of Tom Mooney in his long fight against the California frame-up was enthusiastically received.

Dairy Union Signs Up National Tea

On Monday the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 signed its first agreement with the National Tea company, covering those girls working in the butter and egg department of the local plant.

The contract brings the closed shop, seniority, and a weekly minimum of \$20 for the 44-hour week, with time and one-half for overtime.

The National Tea pact will run until May 12, 1939, at which time all agreements held by Local 471 expire.

Gene Larson and Tom Ammerman represented the union, and Robert Assmuson, the company, in the negotiations.

Excelsior Firm Signed By 1859

On Monday night the American Excelsior section of Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 gave its approval to a new agreement with this firm.

The contract brings wage increases of 2½c hourly, bringing the hourly minimum up to 52½c.

For the first time, these workers will receive paid vacations. All those who have worked 40 weeks out of the year will receive one week's vacation; those who have worked from 26 to 40 weeks will receive one-half week's vacation. About 25 workers will receive the full week's vacation, and 7 will get a half-week off.

The weekly work-week is shortened from 44 to 40, with time and one-half overtime after 40 hours. Strict seniority is provided for and the agreement is retroactive to December 5th, 1938.

Local 289 Sets 1st Annual Hop For February 4

The first annual dance of Local 289 will be held Saturday evening, February 4th, in the third floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. Admission is 50c per couple, and all stewards have tickets. The dance committee is arranging a whale of a program, and all members of the union, their wives and friends, are urged to attend and have the time of their lives.

President Tobin Praises Omaha Strike Bulletin

President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters this week praised the special truck strike editions of the Farmer-Labor Press put out by Omaha Drivers Local 554 of the I. B. T.

In a letter acknowledging receipt of the bulletins, President Tobin said: "I commend the parties having to do with the make-up of this publication, and I think that the written subjects are not only splendid but carefully written and within the law."

The fine moral and financial support given by President Tobin and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters has been a tremendous factor in the great fight being waged by Local 554 of the I. B. T. for their demands.

No One Else Can Speak for Labor

Approximately forty union officials from thirty-four of the most important unions in Minneapolis have signed a resolution which, if adopted by the Central Labor Union, will be sent to Governor Stassen demanding from the governor or his spokesmen that invitations to all future meetings purporting to represent organized labor to discuss matters of policy be addressed to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and not to individuals of his choice.

The resolution will be submitted to the Central Labor Union at its January 11th meeting for approval. Copies of the resolution are also to be sent to the central labor bodies in St. Paul and Duluth.

The resolution was circulated among officials attending the weekly business agents meeting, and at 257 Plymouth Avenue North and 18 North 8th Street. It was signed by all union representatives who were approached, with the exception of the Painters Union representative, L. Boerbach. The full text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, on Friday, December 30th, a meeting was held in the Hotel Lowry in St. Paul, which meeting purported to be a gathering of representatives of employers, public, and labor, and

WHEREAS, this meeting was called without the consultation or sanction of any representative delegated body of the labor movement, and especially without the foreknowledge of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, and

WHEREAS, such members of organized labor who were present at the Hotel Lowry meeting were acting as individual members of the labor movement without the authorization of any body of organized labor in Minneapolis, and

WHEREAS, such members as attended this meeting, irrespective of their sincerity or lack of sincerity, could not, in any sense, have authority to speak for the organized labor movement of Minneapolis on matters effecting the future program of organized labor, and

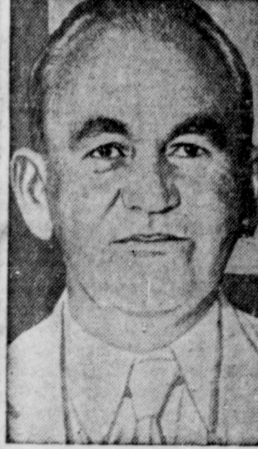
WHEREAS, in the past, when matters to be considered concerned the program, principles, and welfare of the Minneapolis labor movement, the Central Labor Union has reserved for itself the established right to choose its own spokesmen,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any and all future meetings called by the governor or his spokesmen to which representatives of Minneapolis labor are invited be addressed to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the office of Governor Harold E. Stassen.

Among those signing the resolution are: James Bartlett, Joseph F. O'Hare, Georgiana Brown, L. Clair Johnson, Jerry Cremer, William Heigel, Larry J. Davidson, John Janosco, Carl Skoglund, Albert Swoboda, Bruce Vincent, Gene Larson, Tom Ammerman, Thomas Pierce, W. F. Rathbone, LeRoy Johnson, W. J. Huhn, Harold H. Seavey, Harry Brown, George Lub, Rinehold Mangin, Owen Cunningham, John Gearty, Robert L. Short, Rose E. Seiler, A. Harthorn, Rubin Lutz, J. L. Eisenhart, Myrtle Larson, Ture Hendrickson, A. D. Wigstrom, Stanley Ballard, Walter Frank, etc.

Today—He's Free!



Butler Workers To Meet on 16th

Employees of Butler Brothers will meet at the union hall Monday, January 16th. The Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 instructs all members to note this date and appear without fail at 8 p. m. Matters of importance will be discussed.

4,600 Drivers Out In Boston Strike

Over 4,600 truck drivers employed by some 200 firms in Boston struck last Thursday when bosses refused to renew the union contract. Negotiations had been in progress for over a month, with the bosses adamant against granting wage increases which would have made the scale \$40 for a 40 hour week. The scale previously had been \$37 for 48 hours.

Boston, the transportation center of the North New England states, is tied up tightly, with the result that shipments to four states, Maine, N. H., Vermont and Conn., are seriously affected. Picketers driving around in cars are being moved. Those moved are usually the result of trickery, as when one large grocery chain transported edible food in cans previously used to transport waste materials of meat animals to glue and soap factories.

Broad Labor Support The strike is receiving fine support from the rest of the local labor movement. Longshoremen and warehousemen have refused to go through the picket lines. There is a possibility that other transportation unions may walk out in a sympathetic strike.

In a move calculated to break the strike, over 400 special police have been added to the police force, making a force of 1,300 men whose prime duty it is to perform provocations against the strikers. Police have been ordered to have tear gas and riot guns in a state of constant readiness. The workers, however, with admirable discipline, have thus far avoided an open clash.

32 Companies Sign At the outset of the strike, 32 firms signed up with the union, and the trucks of these firms are allowed to operate, carrying huge banners advertising them as union-driven vehicles. About 850 drivers have thereby gone back to work. Trucks of companies so far refusing to sign with the union have been allowed to remain in the streets, their contents unloaded, and where the load is fish and other perishable foodstuffs, this is causing concern not only to the companies involved, but to the sensitive noses of passersby.

Bosses Seek Injunction The Boston Association of Retail Druggists is seeking to crush the strike by having the courts issue an injunction against the union, but so far the courts have failed to do so. Ralph M. Cahouet, counsel for the Motor Freight Carriers (the bosses) is behind this move, and behind the protest of the Fruit and Produce Exchange, who assailed the state Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for

Drivers Area Pact Enters Southwest

Mass Meet For Youth Jan. 16th

The Youth Section of the Federal Workers, Local 544, will hold a mass meeting this Monday night, January 16th, 8 p. m., at the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North. Max Goldman of the Federal Workers Section will be the main speaker.

Great interest has been shown in the meeting as a result of the victory of the Youth Section in obtaining free clothing from the relief department for all boys and girls working on the National Youth Administration who have been certified by the relief department. In addition to this, in computing the family relief budget hereafter, no dependents are to be cut off from any items, regardless of whether they are working on the NYA. Speakers at the meeting will explain in detail what this means to the NYA workers and unemployed youth of the city. Also to be taken up at the meeting is the question of opening additional NYA projects and thus creating new jobs for unemployed Minneapolis youth.

Admission to the meeting is free and all unemployed youth and NYA workers are invited to attend.

Anoka FWS Names Devoy Public Enemy

The Federal Workers Section of Anoka County this week presented a demand for the removal of the Executive Secretary of the Welfare Board, Miss Marion Devoy, to the Anoka County Welfare Board and to the Board of County Commissioners.

Miss Devoy has earned the honest hatred of the Anoka county workers and relief clients by her unrelenting, heartlessly cruel attitude toward all those unfortunate enough to be on relief. She is charged with discriminating, with being insulting and antagonistic, with being untruthful and dilatory in the discharge of her duties toward the children and adults on relief and WPA in Anoka County.

The resolution setting forth these charges was presented to the Board of Welfare and the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, January 11.

Local 346 Plans Great Frolic Week

Six nights of amusement amid a glittering atmospheric setting, a share in \$1,000 cash and merchandise, and fun for all await the Minneapolisians who participate in the Frolic Week to be presented by 3.2 Beer Dispensers Union Local 346 at the Playmore Ballroom, 4th Avenue and 8th Street, from February 13 to 18th.

Tickets went on sale for this colorful and worthy amusement this week. Tickets sell for only 25c and besides admitting one to the Frolic, entitle the purchaser to Frolic spending money, an opportunity to receive one or more of the nightly cash and merchandise prizes and the \$100 cash prize to be given away on closing night.

William Rathbone is general chairman of the Frolic; vice-chairman is Victor Bedel. The ticket office is located at 207 Loeb Arcade.

Yellow Transit Lines Sign With International Brotherhood of Teamsters—Further Surrounds Omaha Operators—Many Unions Pledge Aid to Local 554—Boss Vandals Snipe at Union Hall—Cops Fail to Stop Strike Bulletin—Area Committee Meets in Chicago

Refusing to permit the deadlock in Omaha to interfere with its work of advancing the standard area over-road pact, the drivers' union movement last Friday successfully carried the area campaign into the Southwest. On January 6th in Oklahoma City the Yellow Transit lines signed an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters unions in the area, the new pact conforming to the terms of the standard area contract.

Glen Lake Workers Win Wage Boosts

Admitting that many employees of the Glen Lake Sanatorium are hard up, Superintendent Mariette Tuesday agreed, and the Sanatorium Commission concurred, to the demand of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, Local 9, for a five dollar per month increase in the cash wages received by 209 workers among the lower-wage group of the union. This raises the cash wage to \$46 per month for women and \$50 per month for men. In granting the increase, "subject to future revision," Mariette declared that there was a "danger" in allowing the basic rate to be increased, the result being an unbalanced budget.

Support Still Grows for 554

Support for the drivers in Nebraska and Sioux City continued to grow as the nineteenth week of the tie-up draws to a close. The Kansas City Drivers Union has voted a weekly pledge of \$200 for the next five weeks to the Omaha brothers. The Fargo Drivers Union has voted an assessment of 50c per member per month to Omaha until the fight is won. The Sioux City Trades and Labor Assembly has donated \$100 to Drivers Union Local 383, permitting the 60 locked-out Sioux City drivers to purchase their 1939 chauffeurs' licenses. The Barbers Union in Omaha has donated 500 free haircuts to the drivers, etc., etc.

Block Chicago Move of Omaha Bosses

A few days ago the Chicago Drivers Union Local 710 uncovered the latest attempt of the Omaha operators to get around signing the area agreement. A new trucking company which was formed recently in the Windy City—the "Western Car-Loading Company"—was sending pool-car shipments into Omaha.

Upon investigation by Local 710 it was discovered that the "Western Car-Loading company" was nothing more than a dummy outfit backed by three Omaha operators—Watson, On-Time and Union Transfer. Local 710 immediately closed the company down and notified the manager it would stay closed until the Omaha operators saw fit to sign the standard area agreements.

Chauffeurs To Nominate President

The Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 will hold nominations for president at the next regular meeting January 17th. All members are requested to attend this meeting.

Other officers for 1939 have already been chosen. They are: Ray Hedin, vice-president; John Fitzsimmons, recording secretary; Ted Gardner, treasurer; Joe Fredricks, three-year trustee. Other trustees who carry over to the new year are Bill Hines and Carl Gustafson.

This company has its headquarters in Oklahoma City and has terminals in Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, Joplin, Wichita, Tulsa, Dallas and Houston. The contract was secured after the drivers' unions in the Southwest demonstrated their power last Tuesday by closing down all terminals of the Yellow Transit company. On that day the company signed a city contract with the Tulsa Drivers Union and agreed to the Friday meeting which resulted in the winning of the area pact.

A committee formed of representatives from the various local unions involved, and headed by Ted Neal of Kansas City Drivers Union Local 41, negotiated the agreement.

This marks the first time the area agreement has been carried into the Southwest states, and further encircles the arrogant operators in Omaha who seek to maintain their "Harlan County of the trucking industry."

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Usual Provocations

The past week in Omaha was rather uneventful, marked only by (Continued on page 4)

\$852.95 Back Pay Collected for 3 Mun Hing Drivers On Monday the General Drivers Union Local 544 collected checks of \$350, \$360, and \$142 for back pay owed three drivers of the Mun Hing company. These men have been working beneath the union scale since August, 1938.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Text of Mooney's Speech at Pardon

Following is the text of Tom Mooney's speech broadcast over the National Broadcasting network, given at the time he accepted the pardon last Saturday afternoon. At the request of many workers we are printing the entire talk.

Your Excellency, I am not unmindful of the tremendous significance of this occasion and all of the forces that go to make it. I have struggled for the past twenty-two years and a half to bring this condition about myself. I know that there are tremendous economic, political and social forces at work in the world today, and you and myself and the scene just enacted are symbols of the democratic expression of the will

will be replaced by a new and I hope a better social order.

Tuesday's Talk Is Puzzling

Tuesday night Tom Mooney spoke on the "We the People" radio program. In this talk he didn't say one word about the labor movement, his membership in the Molders' Union, or the work of the Molders Defense Committee in fighting for his freedom. Instead, he gave credit for his release to "church and civic groups."

The speech puzzled us as it must have puzzled our readers. However, the meaning of the talk will no doubt become clear in the next few days.

and desire of the people of California.

I am fully conscious of the fact that for the past 44 years the political scene was monopolized and completely dominated by a reactionary corporate controlled Republican machine who turned thumbs down on Tom Mooney every time he sought his liberation from an unjust imprisonment.

Finger Across the Throat

It is a far cry from the scene here being enacted to that night back in 1917 when a jury filed into the court room, and I observed the foreman of that jury of whom, later, knowledge came to me that he was a plant on the jury. And I observed him draw his finger across his throat, plainly indicating to the District Attorney, before they had an opportunity to sit in the jury box, that I was to be sentenced to death by their verdict.

I remember the scenes that followed immediately. The judge set Saturday, the following morning, for sentence and motions, stepped from the bench quickly and went into his chambers. That was the signal for an almost reign of terror to ensue. The prosecution, resting on the false foundation of a criminal conspiracy, realized that they must establish in the minds of the people that this was a very dangerous man and he must be disposed of at all cost, and they did everything to provoke violence in that court room.

Scene of Terror

I remember the screams and cries of my poor old mother, my sister, my sister-in-law and also the wife of my co-defendant and co-worker, Weinberg, as they were dragged, literally, from the court room by these police, the largest and the most bulky, huge policemen on the force, all of the district attorney's staff, in the jury box before they entered the court room, lolling in the jury chairs and leaning, sneering at my loved ones.

I know that that scene indicated my doom. I never forgot the statement made by one of my staunch champions following that occasion. He said, Tom Mooney was the calmest man in that room.

I am not unmindful of the fact that this case is, in reality, not the case of an individual charged with the crime of murder. I know that it symbolizes our whole economic, political and social life and all of the forces that go to make it up. I fully realize that those forces are at work not alone in California but throughout the world. I understand those common elementary laws that govern all life.

For a Better Social Order

They are simple. In the biological world, they are conception, birth, growth, decay and death, and those rules also govern in the sociological world; and so it is with our present economic system. It was conceived like we were; it was born, it grew to maturity and now it is in a state of decay, not here but throughout the world, and in its place, just as in our place, it

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

Plans are under way for a big evening of dancing and fun for Local 471. We have a corking good committee—Brothers Orde-man, Ammerman and Lavery. It has been suggested that the committee stage a Jitterbug contest for milkmen. All of this slipping, sliding and falling on the ice has given us plenty of practice for these fancy steps and high kicks the youngsters do. If we could only remember some of the wild, off-balance motions we go through we might even teach these Jitterbugs a thing or two. Next time you tumble just do it over again slow-motion and take notes. While we may not be Jitterbugs we do plan on a big time at the dance coming up soon. More news about this later.

Every day we hear many not-so-pretty things said about the "Sooners." (They sell milk too "soon" in the morning.) The complaint is always about a "Sooner" from another company. Let's reverse the signals for once and work on the Sooners at our own plant. There are only about three per cent in the industry who try this form of chiseling. When we have them pegged, let's pour the heat on and give them plenty of it. We can take a hand in this, clean up our own company and "Sooners" will be a thing of the past. And remember, we are running short one Business Agent this year.

New Year's Day brought one disappointment to a great many members of Local 471. That disappointment was the closing of the crappie season. This writer knows several men at each creamery who go after this sport in a big way. Cutting down the season is just one more slap in the face. In the entire state there are about 5,000 of us but it appears that we will have to organize and fight our own battles. How about a "Crappie Club"? What do you think, Brothers Jensen, Taylor, Swanson, Howie, Corbett and Hopco? (Hopco caught a three pound crappie last month!) Possibly Local 471 will give us some support in retaining a clean, wholesome and healthy sport.

At this time of the year we have a surprisingly long sick list. For the good of Local 471 we can all do two things. First, if you know or suspect anyone of chiseling on the "Sick Benefit By-Law" call Gene Larson at once. (Ge. 4695.) Second, visit your brother member who is really ill, cheer him up a bit and by so doing practice good unionism. Encouragement is a great medicine.

Every member of Local 471 should get interested in the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council. Its success means success for the labor movement and especially for Local 471. Brother Larson was one of the organizers of the movement and now is an officer of the organization. Here is one way we can help. When we are out in the country hunting, fishing or vacationing, let us create and build a friendly feeling with the farmers.

at the last membership meeting. (Not a bad example for others to follow.)

"Wild Bill" Plaisance was in fighting form at the last stewards' meeting.

It is nice to see old familiar faces showing up at the membership meetings.

The list of non-members is dwindling; soon maybe we can print the names of non-members in the Organizer.

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21 Willys sed 69.30 Chrya cpe 75
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29 Whippet sed 58.31 Stude sed 68
29 DeSoto sed 68.29 Chev con 48
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You fellows who are in the market for a good car should take a gander at the '37 Lafayette that Local 471 has for sale. One less business agent means one less car so here is a good buy for someone. See the trustees for particulars.

N. D. Drivers Aid Armour Workers, 554

Fargo, N. D.—The Fargo Drivers Union Local 116 baptized its new headquarters last week in the spirit of labor unity by opening it to the CIO packinghouse workers who have been recently locked out by the Armour company.

The lock-out came after the union protested against the speed-up system and the refusal of the company to negotiate with the union. Over 350 of the 400 Armour workers are in the union, a PWOC affiliate.

The Drivers Union new headquarters at 112 Front Street is being used as strike headquarters for the packinghouse workers. Local 116 is refusing to move any company shipments, and the Switchmen's Union is also boycotting Armour shipments.

A militant 24-hour-a-day picket line is being maintained at the plant, and the lock-out has been converted into a strike.

In addition to supporting the packinghouse workers, the Fargo Drivers Union at its special membership meeting on December 30th, voted to assess all members 50c monthly for the brothers of Local 544 in Omaha. This assessment will remain in effect until the Omaha strike is won. Members voted for the motion unanimously.

Two Cafes Unfair to Local 346

The Cedar Tavern, at 4143 Cedar Avenue, and Sid & Stubby's Place at 3037 Nicollet Avenue are both unfair to 3.2 Beer Dispensers Union Local 346 and the labor movement, and have had their house cards removed.

Chamberlain's Trip to Mussolini Subject at Forum

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From 1789 to 1920, 78 percent of U. S. revenue went for wars or the military machine. In 1920, 93 percent of the money spent by the U. S. went to pay the cost of past or future wars. In 1927, 80 percent of money spent by the U. S. government went for the same purpose.—STUART CHASE.

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
Next Meeting: Cake, Pie and Yeast Drivers, Thursday, January 19, 7:30 sharp.

Correction: In my football story I said that Jerry Chapman weighed 130 pounds. That was a bingle. Jerry tells me he weighs 149 1/4 pounds, and not all wet either. Wringing wet he can push the beam up to 152 and maybe 163.

We still don't know where Ed Skelly disappeared to New Year's Eve. He was supposed to be at Joe's place but he was certainly conspicuous by his absence.

Joe and Mrs. O'Hare will think twice before they attempt to get the locks on their house fixed again. Joe had a man come up and fix them. He nonchalantly locked the door and left for the evening with his wife. When they returned, they key wouldn't fit. The payoff is, he had to break a window to get in.

This Is Special
First annual Local 289 Dance will be held Saturday, February 4th, at 257 Plymouth Avenue auditorium.

Come on, you members, let's see you and your wives and friends at this get-together. Your steward has the tickets which are fifty cents, which will include luncheon. This party shouldn't be missed by anyone. You'll laugh, you'll shout like all get-out. Let's go.

If you have no steward, or if he hasn't any tickets, get them from Joe, or Loren Johnson who is chairman of the dance.

Ole Roe, Monahan's, was injured quite seriously while loading the other morning. We can't use too much care in the garage nor on the streets, it seems.

I've mentioned this before but it looks like I'll have to repeat: On country men who are being transferred to stations in the country, it is very much to your advantage to keep your union dues paid up. I suggest that anyone being so transferred come up to see Joe for an explanation.

Joe said he took a whirl at night life last Saturday, dropping into the Happy Hour cafe with his wife and the Reese Shops for a couple of cokes.

Mel Edstrom and Jimmie Hanna had their first taste of executive duties Monday, when Joe was forced to call a special executive board meeting lasting two hours. Boy, you should have seen them tear for home when we were through. Mel said: "Look, here it is 10 minutes to six, and I should have been home at 5:30. What'll the wife say?" Well, that's the way it goes, Mel.

The sincere sympathy of all Local 289 members is extended to Fred Linsted at the loss of his father.

Hudson Again Chosen To Lead 120

In the elections held recently by General Drivers Union Local 120 of St. Paul, Arthur Hudson was re-elected president.

Others named were Ed Coffey, vice-president; Norman Johnson, secretary-treasurer; A. J. Schoenecker, recording secretary; Carl Soderberg, trustee; Robert Fleming, business representative.

Organizers elected were Harold Medlicott, Ewald Gustafson, Thomas Larkin, Herbert Yates and Fred Grinnell. Immediately after the vote tabulation, the officers were installed by John Geary, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Drug Clerks Ask Aid Vs. Bosses

A representative of the Pharmacists Union spoke at Local 544's membership meeting Monday night—revealing the outrageous conditions under which the drug store companies are working their employees.

The organized pharmacists are asking the support of all organized labor in their fight to win decent conditions. Contracts have been presented to several drug companies calling for \$38 for a 54-hour week. The bosses want to give only \$23 for a 60-hour week.

Hatch Stores Struck
The two stores of the Hatch Drug company, at 2553 4th Avenue South, and at 43rd and Upton Avenue South, are now being picketed by the Pharmacists Union.

The drug employers are also violating the state law by underpaying their girl employees.

All members of organized labor will give full support to the Pharmacists Union in its effort to unionize Minneapolis drug stores and will refrain from patronizing those stores designated as unfair.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle

A certain dry cleaning firm advertised for a driver with experience, in last Sunday's Tribune. He told his office girl to run the ad blind. The girl made an error and gave the address. When the boss came down Monday morning at 8 a. m. there were so many drivers with experience in the office waiting for him that he couldn't get in. So he went out and called his office, telling the girl to take the names and addresses of the experienced men only, and tell 'em all to scram. All but two present left their applications. By noon the boss had 50 on file.

This office thought we knew about all the experienced men who have been or are associated with the industry (we have about a dozen on our unemployed list). Do you suppose any of the applicants were ex-high-pressure solicitors?

Art Saxum, Model, has been laid up for over a week with pneumonia.

H. L. Wagner, Hennepin Cleaning and Dyeing, has had the flu and is still at home.

Isadore Bell from the Progressive is crippled by a bad fall.

Don Eckerman, American Linen, fell and broke his ankle last week, and is still in the hospital.

George Shille, after a two-weeks' illness, is back on the job at American Linen.

H. S. Parker from the Calhoun had the mumps last month, but is back on the job.

Charles Bear from the Lincoln Cleaners had his tonsils removed and is ready for the job again.

All of the above were eligible for the sick benefit, and we are sure they appreciate the help received. It brings the union a little closer home.

It pays to keep up to date. None of us knows when he may have the misfortune to be injured or become ill. It costs less to pay on time, and you receive more.

The first scheduled basketball game will be played next Monday evening at Central High. Players will be notified if there is any change in the schedule.

What do you think of the price situation in dry cleaning? Maybe the industry can stand a little regulating.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore
The Air-Loc Seating section is back to work. For a while things didn't look so hot in this section, but everything came out right side up.

The American Excelsior section signed up their 1939 pact last Wednesday, calling for a 2 1/2c hourly raise and a week's paid vacation.

The Casket Section is getting ready.

The Clark plant was closed the first week in January for inventory. The plant reopened January 9th and is going full steam. While the plant was closed, a good deal of repair work was done, including new flooring in several parts of the factory, and new steps from the first to second floors. In the basement the hills were lowered and the valleys filled out so that now Brother Joe Kulky will hardly ever dump over a load as he bends his back and strains his mighty thighs about his daily work.

What brother in the machine shop while out on one of those evenings, lost the latch key to his lodging house? This same brother, when he fell fast asleep in the hallway, was rudely and forcefully ejected therefrom and forced to seek shelter in his motor car. But the car was too cold for repose and so he was forced to seek asylum from a friend, but to no avail. It was indeed a long and tortuous night.

Battling Salimpa swung his weight in the peaceful valley of Kokato over the weekend. It made a southpaw out of Brother Roy.

Brother Ernest Nelson was a very busy man last Saturday night.

Anthony Marcheski now goes about the calm and even tenor of his ways with a brand new rubber bib.

Correction: Ernest Cleveland didn't holiday at Sturgeon Lake. He was confined to his home with symptoms.

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Last week 11,000 cabs in Greater New York were tied up tight as more than 8,000 members of the Transport Workers Union (CIO) struck. The strike, wholly without disorder, was marked by the militant attitude of the rank and file workers. Whatever compromise has been effected in the settlement, which came on Saturday, after an all day election on Friday, conducted by the New York State Arbitration Board, cannot be held to lack of militancy and determination on the part of the workers.

Immediately the strike was called, Mayor LaGuardia set in motion the necessary machinery for the functioning of the State Arbitration Board. He addressed telegrams to both sides urging them to bring the matter to negotiations as soon as possible, offering them the use of his offices for such meeting. Police Commissioner Valentine immediately declared the police department on emergency schedule.

The strike was called after the employers stalled on the negotiations for a new contract to replace the one now expiring.

Progressive Demands

Among the demands of the strikers were closed shop, job security, hiring through a union hall on a rotation plan, elimination of a "shapoup" system under which the drivers are picked each day by the shop foreman, ten hours work for night men with the provision that on Saturdays and holidays the day men be allowed an extra hour's work and the night men two hours' seniority rights providing for the selection of days off and vacations, drivers with one year's service to get a vacation with \$25 pay, and those with five or more years' service, two weeks' vacation with pay, and a sizable increase on the percentage of earnings. Another demand was for the elimination of company strong arm squads.

World Fair Angle
However, there was an issue before the strikers of great importance as any listed above. Grover Whalen, commissioner of the World's Fair which begins this year had cooked up a nice little scheme for having relief clients and WPA workers man the 7,000

cabs at relief wages necessary to take care of the huge crowds which will jam the fair grounds. The union wants all unemployed cab drivers to be hired by the Fair Commission under the contract, to be paid at the union scale and work under union conditions.

This issue is of vast importance. Whalen's is a well deliberated scheme to once again pit the employed against the unemployed. Such tactics cannot be tolerated by the organized labor movement.

Six Companies Carried
The compromise agreement which terminated the strike was for an election conducted by the New York State Arbitration Board. The election was held on Friday, January 6, and resulted in victory for the union in only six of the twenty-eight companies involved. Those six included two of the largest systems in the city, the Parmelee and the Terminal, however.

General Organizer Warren C. Horie made a statement after the results of the election were made public, to the effect that the Transport Workers Union would immediately press for negotiations to sign contracts with the big taxi-cab companies covering all points of the strikers demands.

Smelly Attitude
Mr. Horie's statement included a point which reveals, more than anything else the possible political completion of the leadership of the TWU. He spoke of the peaceful conduct of the strike and the lack of arrests—the police were fully mobilized—and then goes on to say "that enlightened city government and expeditious application of labor laws to emergent labor difficulties can solve such difficulties without harm to the public or any of the parties involved."

The class-collaborationist policy of the Communist Party is evident in this statement. We have yet to see any strike which resulted in real victory for the workers where the leadership collaborated with a city government or any other government agency in a compromise agreement.

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde
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We offer our condolence to Brother Max Silver in the loss of his father.

Mrs. Lee Labo is convalescing at the hospital from a bad fall which necessitated a blood transfusion. This was given by her husband, one of the charter members of this unit.

"Cabby" is a fightin' word, but I guess us lugs will have to put up with it, as the new official dictionary gives it that way for cabman. P. S. to old John Public: we'd much rather be called "driver."

Lots of fun for all during the "gondola weather," and don't laugh so much when we get stuck, we stowed a pail of sand in the battery box for future use. It's also a scale-getter.

Our energetic tow-truck driver deserves a big hand for prompt service, if you have waited a long time for him remember he sometimes rolls up as many miles as you do in the daily whirl.

The well known and justly celebrated stork made a perfect landing on the Ernie Hoffman roof and left a fine boy. Mother and son are doing nicely, thank you. So is Bro. Ernie.

"Kirk" is looking for ways and means to have touchdowns by passing barred from future football games. He had a sixty-buck jackpot won until the last forty seconds when the pass changed the score. That's O. K. "Kirkie," a lot of us still don't know the score.

Wants to know department: why is the biz, beyond Lake Street when you are at the east side watching a dead lite?

Clyde Keddy, the Country Gentleman moved into town for the winter; we assure our readers that he has faithfully promised to go back to the hinterland and mind his own business, (and what a business that guy has got), as soon as spring comes.

Does anyone know why Big Mac has pinned the nickname of "Pinky" on Walt Pearson.

Fred Setrum, the sage of Seventh Street, with the aid of a calendar has found to his intense delight that January gives him five pay-days and five days to loaf in.

Just who is the mercenary homie that is always jerking out the seat cushions in the hopes of finding what?

Bob Seitzer is on the way to recovery after an appendectomy.

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All members of organized labor in Minneapolis will refrain from patronizing this station until the attendants wear Local 977 buttons.

On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas
The Stewards' meetings of the FWS are showing that the recent lay-offs in WPA have awakened the more active members to the fact that without the union we are helpless.

All stewards are bringing in their reports with more enthusiasm and appear to be doing a better job in the field. Workers are beginning to realize there is only one way to fight bosses, be they individuals or government, and that is through the united strength of the workers themselves.

FDR is still pushing his armament program, but for WPA it was just a matter of tossing out a little suggestion that if the gentlemen who govern our great country found the time they might look into the matter of an appropriation for relief, oh, say, about \$75,000,000 dollars. FDR knows that isn't enough, but he also knows that if he is to build an army and navy satisfactory to his friends in Wall Street that somebody is going to have to go hungry.

"Who would be the easiest to steal from?" was the only question involved, and, of course, the answer was the workers.

The rural districts are starting to get results in the form of better relief conditions and better working conditions on the job, through their organizations and are finding that with a united front the local big-wigs are not nearly as tough as they had appeared when "John Jones" had to go to them for aid as an individual.

The sewing projects have gained considerable concessions in recent weeks. There was a lot of room for improvement on those jobs and the stewards have had tough going in getting their demands for better working conditions recognized. They should be commended for the hard work put in and deserve a lot of credit for conducting the campaign in a dignified manner.

It is always hard to deal with relief investigators and supervisors. We were to receive the nice Christmas basket you sent us. We appreciated it so much.
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Local 221 Takes Three from Cabs

The Ice Drivers took three games from the Liberty Cabs in the union bowling league. Vincent led with 540 and Hedin chalked up 534. Carlson's 580 led the Gold Bubbles to victory over the Meat Drivers for three games. Mascock's 523 led Minkins to a triple win from Local 544. L. Wright wowed the alley by bowling with his broken leg in a cast. With Taylor's 540, the Bakers took the odd game from the Soft Drinks.

Team	Won	Lost
Soft Drinks	27	18
Local 221	25	20
Gold Bubble	24	21
Minkins	22	23
Local 289	22	23
Meat Drivers	21	24
Local 544	21	24
Liberty Cab	18	27

Yet most of them are so job-conscious that they refuse to do this using the stall that, "We don't have the authority to do that." The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 wants it understood that we know the rules under which they work and are demanding cooperation in all cases where need is shown to exist.

With the Limousines

By "Home James"
It's too bad, boys, but we got to wash the car two or three times a day now due to all the rain and slush. Are we cheering?

Our good friend Joe F. is back on the job again and we all feel fine to have Joe back with us.

I wonder who was out in plowed ground district Sunday and called upon Ted G. to find out about the new house he is going to buy right close to Ted's home? E. S.

Well, I-Raise Al J., I hope to hear from you from California, as you left before I could see, so good luck, Al, we still have bridge.

Don't forget, boys, General Tire is putting on free beverages next Tuesday night after the meeting. Come one, come all.

We see Melvin Kost attended the last meeting with flying colors and we have been informed he is quite a bridge player.

Homer Thomas, it's so long since we have seen you we hardly know what you look like. Why don't you come up to the meetings more often?

In checking the records we find that Bert Hall is a regular attendant at the meetings. We are sure glad to see you often, Bert.

Our member E. G. Haskin—why not come up and attend a meeting as the boys can get acquainted with you. I'm sure you will like to meet the good fellows who attend the meetings. We hope to see you real soon.

Well, well, Essex is still playing under the best conditions, but when they pass the buck with human misery and suffering, it seems to me it is time for a housecleaning.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig
About one hundred and twenty-five of our members attended our election meeting this month...

I made no attempt to keep track of the votes cast but your officers who came through are as follows: Zander is the official chairman appointed by the Executive Board. Art Karlen is vice-chairman; Gene is again secretary with Hornik his assistant; John Hough and Adam Webber are sergeants-at-arms. These officers are on the new Ways and Means committee together with Milt Hodson, Bob Bove, Lay Woolery and Bert St. Martin, who were also elected to serve this year 1939.

It is very evident that the ITO are not very much concerned about their MSHA insurance according to a personal report that Gene made to me. New policies have been issued for a month already and they have not been called for. Furthermore these accounts are already in arrears. The bookkeeping on approximately 70 members' premiums has swamped poor Gene and the delinquencies are just so many ants at his picnic.

This little deal will constitute the first and major problem for the new W & M committee to grapple with.

If the new by-laws catch some of our men behind the eight ball we say it serves them right. Our ITO were poorly represented at the 544 meeting on the 10th of January, Monday.

One week's persistent contacts by an organizer sure would line up all of our WPA truckers.

Curt is beginning to remind many of us of a jumping jack-in-the-box.

Toohy puts his money on Leach... Election fever: can the Tenth Ward setup have given someone else the bug? ... Anyhow, the announcement at the meeting is no appeasement; there is going to be an ITO hat in the ring at the Third Ward show and it is going to come from this close to home.

A steam coal job for Saturday afternoon went through 257 that morning... Curt was lining up the flat racks for ice-hauling.

Those of you who have an in on a good cinder pit should get in touch with the Business Agent.

If you can convince Curt that you have the stuff he will proceed to go after a proposition that will slap an extra dab of butter on our ITO bread. Stewards meeting and the general membership affair was plenty hot stuff, but the hot-heads would get farther and help all along by being a little more reasonable in their attitude toward the chair. If we all wanted to talk as long and as loud what a bedlam that would be.

Will Al Himmler return American City so some other of the boys can read it? All the truckers in the Third and Tenth wards who would like to join in the coming ball game should call Ralph Mengelkoch at Ch. 3413 or drop around Skelly Oil at 17th and Lyndale on their way home from work.

This Monday the ITO customers returned to their Skelly hangout at this same corner and began a rainy day party celebration that lasted from 9 till 2 p. m. Roberts, the Skelly salesman, happened along and joined in the fun, but best of all he underwrote most of the expenses.

Hey, Zander, there is a 977 button up that way now!

It is funny how long it takes our men to tag a face with a name or to what name must a certain face be tied? ... Maybe we should be a little bit more generous in our introductions.

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Local 259 Plans Party and Dance

A party and dance is being planned by the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, Local 259, for January 20. An evening of cards, dancing, entertainment and refreshments to top it off is being planned by the committee in charge. The affair will be held Friday evening, 8:30 o'clock, at the North Side Auditorium. Tickets may be obtained from members of Local 259.

Gassing With 977

By Jon Conder
Local 977 was honored by the presence of John Geary, International Vice-President for the Brotherhood of Teamsters, at its General Membership meeting on Monday night, January 9th. Brother Geary conducted the installation services for the newly elected officers of the local.

The prospective Working Agreement for the Station Attendants and Helpers is rounding out in fine shape. The Executive Board has spent three evenings on the revision of the old contract, and plans are under way to call a special meeting of all Station Attendants in the near future, to work out the Wage Scale to cover all classifications.

The by-laws committee is meeting every Thursday to draft the by-laws for the local, which in all probability will be presented to the membership for approval at the next regular meeting.

Willard Ackerman returns to work at the Pure Oil station at Lowry and Girard North, this week for the first time since he was held up and slugged last month.

Rather than hide behind a 977 banner and be picketed by 977 loyalists, the Honorable (?) Mr. Kramer of the Kramer Tire Shop, agreed to give the wage scale to his one employee.

The Coop Oil boys happily report that their sidekick, L. Holmes, has returned to his home from the hospital, where he underwent an operation to remove a growth on his leg.

What Shelly lessee at 3419 E. 25th St. called the Governor of Minnesota to inform him that his station was being picketed by Local 977 for being unfair to organized labor?

Clifford Nelson, who was laid off out of seniority at the Russell-Thompson Tire Co., was returned to work January 10th, thanks to the cooperation of Mr. Russell with your Executive Board.

The attendants at the Pure Oil station at 50th and Xerxes S., welcome the return of L. J. Pfeifer to his home after being confined to his home because of illness.

Fellows, inform your lessee that if you are not on hand when your Collector, John Eidsvold, calls for your dues, that he should pay the \$2.00 for you. It costs the Union unnecessary money to call back for dues, and since the union is YOU, it is your money which is being wasted.

Save yourself one or two month's dues when you become temporarily laid off, by coming to the office and taking out an honorary withdrawal card; the card costs you but a quarter, while the saving to you may mount into the dollars.

New members initiated this week are: Harold Winnie, Phillips, Pleasant and Lake; A. Keil, Shell, 1400 1st Ave. S.; Harry McGee, LaSalle Tire; J. A. Anderson, Phillips, 1700 Nicollet Ave. and Edward Erier, Sinclair, 2000 Central Ave.

Here is Tuesday night's schedule complete, Bowling at nine (and we won three). Shaking dice for beer with the team members at Bronkhitze's until 12:30, followed by a trip up to Broadway at Mickey's by Morey Chev. for ham, eggs, toast and coffee. Home by 1:30 to begin setting up this column for delivery to the Organizer office on the way to work in the morning. In bed by 3 a. m. and a lot of your pals want to pick on you for trying to borrow time for a nap on the job while the WPA boys are kicking up the muck for a load. GOODNIGHT, BOYS! Here is thirty for this week.

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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.

So They've Let Him Go

As part of the war preparations for the first "War to Save Democracy," the government rounded up hundreds of militant workers all over the nation and threw them into jail. Perhaps the three best-known prisoners were Gene Debs, Bill Haywood, and Tom Mooney.

They got Tom Mooney on an outrageous frame-up that any four-year-old child could see through, and they were going to murder him. The Russian workers under Lenin and Trotsky stopped that. They put so much pressure on Wilson, the Great Hypocrite, that he commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

From 1917 to 1939 they've kept Mooney behind the bars. Hundreds of millions of people the world over understood clearly what the score was. Mooney in jail was a symbol of the power that the bosses of San Francisco and of the nation wielded over the heads of any militant worker who dared challenge their right to maintain the cruel system of exploitation called capitalism.

For 22 years Tom Mooney and the progressive sections of the world's working-class have fought for his freedom. Last Saturday the fight was won. Mooney is free. You can mark Saturday, January 7, 1939, as a Red Letter Day for labor.

We know that all the apologists for boss justice will now seek to use the Mooney pardon as a symbol of the essential purity and impartiality of such justice. The attempt will fail.

The best that the New York Times could say about the freeing of Mooney was that "the end was inevitable after the first discovery of perjury in the case. . . It was the honest, gnawing doubt of those who disapproved of everything he stood for that freed him."

This is too rich. The perjury was discovered over twenty years ago. Why didn't the Times and all the other boss mouthpieces speak for Mooney then? And we ask the Times and every other boss spokesman to name those people who were tortured by "honest gnawing doubt" to the point where they worked for the freedom of Mooney though they disapproved of everything he once stood for. Three just ain't any such animal.

Before we'll believe in the purity of boss justice, we'll have to see Billings released—and McNamara—and Fred Beal—and the Kentucky miners—and the Scottsboro boys—and all the other hundreds of class-war prisoners now languishing in jail on frame-ups just as flagrant as the Mooney frame-up. Yes, before we'll believe in the sort of justice practiced in the United States, we'll have to see the breath of life blown back into the dust that is Sacco and Vanzetti.

The Lid Is Coming Off

In his year-end review of the American labor scene, Benjamin Stolberg, noted labor journalist, estimated that in the coming months the fight between the CIO and the AFL would be not less bitter than the struggle between organized labor and the Communist Party machine.

Stolberg called the turn all right. The new year has scarcely begun, and already in trade union circles in New York and Detroit, the fight of the union movement against the Stalinist curse has broken out into the open.

A few days ago the AFL's American Federation of Teachers local in the Teachers College, Columbia University, was in the spotlight as a result of a public statement made by Dr. John L. Childs and supported by Professor Louis Hacker, Dr. George S. Counts, and others. Dr. Childs charged publicly that union decisions were made "in sectarian caucuses, not in the assembly. . . The favored interests of the Stalinist group would always emerge in frequently wholly irrelevant resolutions." He made the well-substantiated charge that the Communist Party trade union policy was "to destroy what it could not control." When he expressed dissatisfaction with the way the union was being run, he was asked to discuss the affairs of the union with Earl Browder and Clarence Hathaway, Stalinist chiefs.

Unlike Dr. Counts, Dr. Childs has taken the wrong course and is resigning from the union rather than remaining in the organization to fight against Stalinist disruption.

In the Auto Workers Union, the skullduggery of the Communist Party has again brought the organization to a state of crisis. Last Saturday Homer Martin led a group of union auto workers into the office of a UAW local and took possession of the quarters, throwing the Stalinists out on their ears. On Tuesday Martin called for a showdown in the union between union forces and the Communist Party. He is seeking a special union convention by March 1st, and hopes to achieve autonomy for the United Auto Workers, freedom from the control either of the Stalinists or of the dictatorial "Coordinating Committee" set up by John L. Lewis to run affairs of the auto workers.

The American union movement will never attain its full strength and its independence from the bosses until the crooked hands of the Communist Party have been knocked from the controls of every union in the country. This fight can be won if those who see the Stalinists for what they are do not walk away from the fight and do not resort to the same anti-democratic and crooked weapons which are the stock-in-trade of the Communist party.

It Took 22 1/2 Years



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

The new Local 544 by-laws, the three months' work of the by-laws committee, was given the O. K. by the union membership at the Monday night meeting. This action by the membership gives 544 what is perhaps one of the most progressive sets of union laws that governs any section of the American labor movement.

FASHION NOTE

Stan Anderson, member of the Painters Union and Tenth Ward Alderman, is now wearing a corset. No, not a Le-Gant, but a surgical device to brace an injured vertebra caused from a fall.

F. Dobbs, Ray Rainbolt are now spending most of their time in Omaha and Carlos Hudson journeys there once a week to turn out a fine strike paper.

Harry DeBoer, Bread Boss, just returned from a trip to Sioux Falls. He gave out to the drivers union there.

PLUG

This week we feel like giving a boost to the finest labor paper published in the United States. (Don't take my word for it—hundreds of other people say the same thing.) The columns of The Northwest Organizer are devoted to LABOR NEWS. That is as it should be. The country is filled

with all sorts of sheets which publish all sorts of guff which passes for news of the day. The favorite claim of the average paper is that they are fair to both sides. The Northwest Organizer makes no such contention. We are definitely and deliberately prejudiced in favor of labor.

You can get lies, misrepresentations and boss-colored news in the columns of the daily capitalist press. Their news, their editorials and their press dispatches are written with the intention of placing labor news (when they publish it) in the most unfavorable light from the employers' viewpoint.

Is there any reason that labor should not have its written spokesman? None, whatever. So the Organizer prints news that tells the truth about labor's struggles. Its editorials are circulated to refute the lies and slanders of the boss press. Its news dispatches are chosen because they are at least nearer the truth than those appearing in the daily papers. And last, but not least, the paper is written, composed and prepared by people who BELIEVE in the rights of labor. Read your paper, learn from it and then pass it on to a fellow worker.

That's all.

Drivers Push Area Pact In Southwest

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The usual inspired provocations directed against the drivers. Last Tuesday evening thugs in the pay of the Omaha bosses threw a large mass of stones through a window at union headquarters, narrowly missing a little child. Omaha cops attempted to run 554 men selling the drivers' strike paper off the streets, but this outrageous scheme to take away the right of free speech and free press folded up when the drivers went right on selling the paper. A member of Local 554, Al Castiglia, tried to make a test case of the illegal attempt to suppress the paper and demanded the police arrest him. He was taken into custody. The cops phoned the police station. They were notified that no charge—at least no charge that could hold water—could be placed against those selling the strike extras. After that, no other salesmen were molested.

This week 554 distributed 50,000 copies of its third weekly strike bulletin.

On Tuesday the full Area Negotiating Committee met in Chicago to make a fresh analysis of the Omaha situation and to devise means to hasten the victory in Nebraska.

Picket Capitol Again
Last Friday trade unionists from Omaha again picketed the Nebraska state legislature demand-

ing that the infamous anti-picketing law of 1921 be repealed, and protesting against the terror regime of the Omaha operators.

The Omaha drivers insist the operators in that city will have to match the other operators in the Middle West and grant Local 554's demands—"If it takes all winter."

N. Y. Gas Station Union Prepares Transfer to IBT

The Gas Station Attendants Union Local 2099 of New York City, one of the largest AFL federal locals in the area, may be transferred shortly to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, according to Walter Burke, its business agent.

\$15 Initiation Fee for 1859

By vote of the general members of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 on December 7th, the initiation fee has been raised to \$15 beginning January 1, 1939.

The membership has also ordered that any member who permits himself to become delinquent for 90 days must pay a \$5 fine.

The members feel that Local 1859 through the past few years has made great sacrifices in order to unionize the industry and win job security and higher wages and better working conditions. Those few stragglers who have yet to join the union will pay the increased initiation fee.

Casket Men Here Demand Wage Raise

Faced with the expiration of its agreements with the local casket industry, the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 last week presented the casket employers with a new agreement calling for wage adjustments, reclassification of employees and the closed shop. Ten

FLASH!

Tuesday night a well-attended meeting of the Casket Workers section of Local 1859 voted to reject the bosses' counterproposal. The negotiating committee was voted full power to take all necessary actions in order to secure the union's demands.

The union executive board is looking for a strike headquarters and is working out a plan of action for the casket workers.

cents hourly wage increases are being asked for the 80 employees of the three local casket-making establishments: the Minneapolis Casket, the Northwestern Casket, and the Minnesota Casket companies.

The new agreement was given the bosses at a meeting last Wednesday. At that meeting, the employers talked of competitive conditions in the industry and wailed that a wage increase would force the companies out of business. This is sheer nonsense as the casket industry continues to be a highly profitable business. The bosses also stated they would refuse to grant the closed shop.

Tulsa Oil Strikers Aided by Drivers

Tulsa, Okla.—Since December 22nd, about 2,000 members of Local 217 of the Oil Workers International Union, CIO, have been conducting a militant struggle against the Mid-Continent Petroleum corporation. The strike is one that may have great bearing on the future of unionism in the Southwest and is being closely followed by unionists throughout the country.

The union is demanding the reinstatement of all striking employees without discrimination or alteration of their seniority; a raise in wages to conform with the scale being paid in the district by such companies as Gulf, Sinclair, Tidewater, Texas, Shell; semi-monthly pay days; recognition of a union committee to settle seniority disputes, etc.

Two days after the strike started, Governor Marland (one of these "friends of labor") called out the National Guard to protect a few dozen finks who are locked up in the struck plant. The troops were brought in over the militant protest of Local 217.

Drivers Give Support
A fairly complete united labor front has developed in support of the oil workers. The Drivers Union Local 523 of Tulsa, led by Gordon Scryock, is giving full support to the struggle. President Barnes of the Oklahoma City Trades and Labor Council, AFL, has not only endorsed the strike but has spoken at strike meetings.

District Council Number Five of the Oil Workers Union, representing 15,000 members in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, has unanimously endorsed the fight, and has backed up its support by pledging \$10,000 weekly to Local 217 until the strike is won. The Oil Workers Union International has also endorsed the strike and is paying weekly strike benefits. Steel Workers locals throughout the district are also giving loyal support.

The labor-hating Mid-Continent Petroleum outfit has been placed on the unfair list of labor nationally.

Company Guilty of Many Abuses
A long series of grievances against the company led to the calling of the strike: failure of the company to keep its promise to furnish the union with copies of the transcript of conversations upon which the agreement of March 17, 1937, was heard; failure to abide by either the letter or spirit of the contract; unsatisfactory settlement of grievances; company violations of the seniority clause; discrimination against union members; use of armed guards by the company; refusal to arbitrate any dispute because "it was no one else's business what the company did"; penalizing workers for filing grievances; attempted intimidation of union committee members; unjust discharge of union men on various phony grounds; low pay in comparison to what workers for other oil companies receive, etc.

The use of national guardsmen by the company is costing the state about \$1,000 daily. Strike-breakers who act as privates in the

guard receive \$1 daily for betraying their fellow men. The chief strike-breaker, Colonel C. A. Holden, draws down \$13 daily.

"Not the Union, Dr. Elliot"
The company is trying to maintain the pretense that only 600 of the 3,800 workers are on strike and is arrogantly refusing to deal with the union.

A five-day peace conference held by Elliot, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board, blew up last Wednesday when J. C. Denton, corporation vice-president, refused to back down from the company's feudal outlook.

At a newspaper conference, Denton interrupted the NLRB man who referred to the union, by saying: "The committee, Dr. Elliot. The company is not dealing with the union, but with a committee of its employees."

A Scab Preacher
An interesting sidelight on the strike was furnished by the attempt of a demagogic preacher, the Reverend R. G. Smith, to seek an injunction preventing the postmaster from refusing to accept food shipments to the scabs.

Smith, who runs one of those "Against Fascism—Against Communism" rackets, with the accent on the fight against unionism, tried to mail a package of canned food to one of the finks inside the plant. A postal regulation prohibits the shipment of food to workers inside a struck plant. When postal workers refused his sloop, Smith intimated he would ask for an injunction to prevent the postoffice from obeying an order which "is unconstitutional and capricious."

Frame-up Possible
A militant picket line has so far prevented food from entering the plant for the finks inside.

That the corporation may be planning a frame-up against militant unionists in an attempt to break the strike is indicated by a company claim that an eight-inch pipeline near Kiefer, owned by a Mid-Continent subsidiary, had been dynamited last week.

Wholesale Plumbing Workers Work on New Union Contract
The wholesale plumbing section of the Warehouse Union Local 20316 met last Monday night and elected a committee to draw up a contract to be presented when the present agreement expires this spring. The meeting was well attended. Several other meetings will be called for the purpose of working out detailed demands.

On the National Picket Line

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"bad fascists." With soft and paternal glances he smiles upon the South American fascists and calls them "democracies."

Why? Why is Roosevelt so anxious to gloss over and cover up the actual political conditions in the Latin Americas?

Germany, Italy, Japan and Austria represent rivals of great potential danger to the Imperialists of the United States. With their vast supplies of cheap labor these fascist countries are able to manufacture and sell their products a great deal cheaper than are the American Morgans and Rockefeller who must pay a higher scale of wages to the American workers. The Fascists countries have actually cut into the import and export trade of South America in an alarming degree within the past two years. The United States has dropped from first place in five of the Latin American countries in export trade.

South America has been, and the American capitalists are determined, shall continue to be, the largest market for American goods available in the world today.

In other words "bad fascists" are rivals on the world market. "Good Fascists" are customers.

The American worker can not long be fooled by such tactics. There are no degrees of goodness or badness in fascism. It is all bad and the fight against the invasion of fascism in the United States must be the most important task of the workers today.

Roosevelt asks for a multi-million dollar appropriation for armaments—battle ships, long range machine guns, poison gas, submarines, airplanes,—in fact every known kind of death dealing weapon. He will ask the workers of United States to man these implements of war and go south to protect the American Imperialists' markets in South America against the European Fascist.

He said, in tones ringing with patriotic fervor, "There comes a time in the affairs of men when they must prepare to defend the tenets of faith and humanity on which their churches, their government, and their very civilization are founded."

In fancy words he said "Fight to make the world safe for democracy—our kind of democracy—fascist, semi-fascist, or any other form of government—just so long as it represents a market for our capitalists."

And in much plainer words we say—the United States does not need billions of dollars for armaments. Despite all talk from Washington about the high ideals of democracy and the necessity of protecting our own shore from invasion, we know that once these armaments are supplied, a use will be found for them. Of what earthly use could they be except for the purpose of invading some other country in order to make the world market safe for the exploiters of American labor—the Morgans and the Rockefeller and the rest of our Sixty Families?

Incidentally—the Roosevelt are among the Sixty Families.

Card of Thanks

To General Drivers Union Local 544:
Your great kindness in the Christmas gift we received was greatly appreciated. Please accept our warmest thoughts for your kindness.
Gratefully yours,
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. DeSautelle

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 Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards — Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 1859, 20481 General Membership 1859 — January 4 Casket Industry 1859—January 10 American Excelsior 1859—January 17 J. R. Clark Section—January 19 Puffer-Hubbard Section—January 19 Box Industry—January 20 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Grievance Board—January 9 and 23, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—January 9 and 23, 8 p. m. General Membership 20481 — January 4 Executive Board 20481—January 4 Executive Board 20481—January 16, 8 p. m.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 664 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.	LOCAL 544 January Monday, January 2—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, January 4 — Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, January 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, January 6—Job Stewards Monday, January 9 — General Membership Wednesday, January 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, January 13—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Sunday, January 15—Over-the-road Drivers, 10 A. M. Monday, January 16 — Furniture Stores; Coal Wednesday, January 18 — Building Material Thursday, January 19 — Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, January 20—Job Stewards Monday, January 23 — Spring; Water Thursday, January 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating Sand and Gravel Friday, January 27—Cold Storage
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 954 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 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards — Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Thursday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	
LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.	
LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	