

Register Before April 22nd—
Vote for Labor's Candidates

(An Editorial)

The Minneapolis trade union movement and its allies have a great chance this spring to stop the wave of reaction which has been sweeping unchecked through this city and country during the past two years. The labor movement can, if it will, brace itself, break through the bosses' campaign, and once again start ahead towards independent political action on the part of the union movement. Labor's great opportunity to accomplish this progressive step will come in the municipal elections this spring.

Last Saturday the trade unions of this city, together with some of the Farmer-Labor clubs, held a political caucus, drew up a platform, and nominated candidates pledged to abide by that platform. Every trade unionist, every friend of labor, every enemy of reaction, should feel a personal obligation to go down the line behind labor's candidates. Together, we can strike a smashing blow against reaction, we can drive the Stassen-Citizens Alliance machine out of the courthouse.

There should certainly be no lack of interest in the municipal campaign this year. Labor has too much at stake. The bosses, locally and nationally, are already giving us a taste of what they have in store for us—IF WE DON'T STOP THEM. The national administration is going all the way to the right in its sinister program of "business appeasement." The Stassen machine has completely tipped its hand with its atrocious anti-labor moves. Another reactionary political victory in Minneapolis would open up new possibilities to the labor-haters for their onslaught on the jobs and living standards of the working class.

Never has the insufficiency of mere economic action been more clearly shown than in recent months—when with the stroke of a pen Congress can slash a million workers off of WPA. When, in the most insolent manner, the reactionary majority in the state legislature can move to put through a law that will impose tremendous hardships on the trade unions.

An election victory for labor in Minneapolis this year can have a tremendous effect in dispersing the black clouds of reaction. Union men and women all over the state—yes, all over the country—have their eyes glued on Minneapolis. It was just twenty years ago that the Minneapolis union movement first decided that the two old boss parties offered only a blind alley to labor, and embarked on the venture of building labor's own party. An election victory for labor this year in Minneapolis will hearten the unions everywhere to move for independent political action of the labor movement.

No union man, no friend of labor, can stay away from the polls, can leave the selection of city officials to the silk stocking wards, who would be only too glad to place the city in the hands of the Stassen-Citizens Alliance machine.

Workers—cast your votes for the trade union candidates, beginning with T. A. Eide for mayor. The first step in labor's campaign is for every last worker to register so that he can strike a blow against reaction. April 22nd is the last day to register. You have ten days left to register. Do so immediately. Join labor's political army. Stop reaction. Elect labor's candidates.

Man Impersonating Detective Threatens to Shoot Pickets

The mystery about the man who has been representing himself as a city detective "with orders from the mayor and the police chief to shoot to kill any pickets that molest these Dy-dee drivers" was finally cleared up Wednesday morning when a union committee went to the courthouse to protest against the vicious threats being made by Douglas, boss of the Dy-dee Wash Company, 718 Washington Avenue North.

The "detective" is an imposter, apparently, who has been hired by Douglas to intimidate Chris Bachman, a member of the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, who has been picketing the Dy-dee firm in protest against the failure of the company to live up to its union contract.

Douglas, the boss of this outfit, seems to be going to astonishing lengths to resist being fair to the union movement. His two fink drivers have been deputized by the sheriff's office and both carry guns as they drive recklessly through the city in violation of all traffic ordinances.

Wednesday morning a committee of four—Miles Dunne, L. Clair Johnson, I. G. Scott and Morris Olson—went to the courthouse to protest against the deputization of the fink drivers and against putting a city detective at the disposal of the boss, with orders to shoot to kill pickets. Chief Forestal and Mayor Leach stated that no such detective had been assigned to duty at the Dy-dee Wash company and expressed the viewpoint that the man was undoubtedly an imposter who is impersonating a detective.

Mayor Leach further stated he saw no reason why the scab drivers should be deputized. Sheriff Wall promised to call in the drivers.

On Monday morning Bachman was following one of the fink drivers, for the purpose of getting the addresses of the driver's stops in order that the union might later get in touch with the unsuspecting customers to inform them of the firm's vicious attitude to the labor movement. Douglas, the boss, accompanied by the fake "detective," drove up beside Bachman and waved him to the curb.

Boss Threatens Unionist
He got out of his car and came over to Bachman, swore at him and challenged his right to use the streets. When Bachman stated the streets were public, Douglas threatened to call the fink driver over to "beat your ears off." Naturally, Bachman didn't fear any fink, and said so, whereupon Douglas loudly threatened him, saying, "You won't follow him any longer, or else—." Leaving the implied threat in mid-air, Douglas reached towards his gun. When Bachman refused to be intimidated, the boss drove off.

Needless to say, Local 131 will continue to picket this union-hating outfit. The union advises all its friends to remember the attitude taken by Dy-dee Wash, and reminds them that there is a company in Minneapolis—the Baby Diaper Service, at 2741 Hennepin Avenue, Geneva 4178—that is fair to organized labor.

The Dy-dee Wash company is also in bad with the Laundry Workers Union Local 183, against whom it has resorted to the hated injunction weapon.

Dozens of homes have stopped using the Dy-dee service since this firm got crossways with organized labor. One customer is even said to have taken some Dy-dee laundry out in his back yard and buried it.

Milk Dealers Prepare to Negotiate

The milk dealers of Minneapolis will meet Friday, April 14th, to pick a committee charged with conducting the negotiations with Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471, the union was informed early this week.

Negotiations on the new agreement will get under way the first part of next week.

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Unions Indorse T. A. Eide for Mayor

Standard Oil Has Anti-Labor Record

Even those workers familiar with the anti-union record of the Standard Oil company in Minneapolis during past years will be astounded at the reactionary methods used by this company to prevent its lessees and filling station employes from earning a decent living. The Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 has just recently revealed the results of a ten-months' survey of Standard Oil practices which constitutes the most damning indictment of the methods used by this colossus of the petroleum industry to keep down the earnings of those who purvey Standard Oil products to the public.

Workers employed in the driving crafts have long been familiar with the way in which Standard drivers have been prevented from joining the General Drivers Union, through a combination of threats and the Standard company union, the Standard Oil Employees Association. Drivers have been warned that if they joined Local 544 they would lose their company old-age pension.

Bear Down on Lessees
The same labor-hating attitude shown by Standard Oil to its drivers is carried over in an expanded form to its lessees and filling station attendants.

In order to maintain its monopolistic position in the industry, Standard Oil is bleeding its lessees, in much the same way that Henry Ford used to do with his dealers.

Recently, the well-known anti-labor attitude of this company has caused it to lose gallonage to its competitors. In an effort to recoup its losses, Standard has adopted a shrewd policy that will throw the entire burden upon the shoulders of the lessees and in turn make it impossible for these lessees to pay decent union wages to the attendants.

Coming and Going
The Standard Oil company is now threatening to increase the rents of its filling stations to the lessees unless the latter agree to put through this scheme in all its stations, the company has made special concessions to half a dozen key stations to induce them to drive down the price on gas. This oblique method of price-fixing enables Standard to undersell its competitors, and at the same time cuts down the margin of the lessee. Even with the old margin, Local 544 is in a bad way.

Union agreements have been presented to the Pan-American and the Northwestern wallpaper and paint companies. These firms have in the past worked their employees as many as 56 hours weekly for wages from \$65 to \$85 monthly. Local 20316 aims to end once and for all such miserable conditions in this industry.

Sioux Falls Unions Enter Mayor's Race

Sioux Falls, South Dakota—Organized labor in Sioux Falls entered the municipal political campaign with a bang on Sunday, March 26th when the Trades and Labor Assembly sponsored a mass meeting in the labor hall which resulted in the nomination of John N. Browning on a platform drawn up by the local labor movement.

The union meeting gave all candidates in the field ample consideration, only to find them all lacking in some important respect as far as organized labor is concerned. The unions finally nominated their own man, Browning, and drew up a platform upon which he will run.

The section of the platform dealing with labor reads in part: "We believe in the principle of collective bargaining and that workers should be allowed to join the organization of their own choosing without coercion."

"We heartily approve a program of slum clearance and low-cost housing for the under-privileged of our city."

"We feel that more of the relief dollar can and should be paid to the relief worker and a lesser amount to go into materials purchased."

Browning has made the Drivers Union Hall, at 101 East 7th, his headquarters for the duration of the campaign.

544-Walgreen Negotiations Completed

Negotiations between Local 544 and the Walgreen Drug company for the new working agreement were completed this week and the contract should be signed within a day or two.

The agreement cuts the work week from 46½ hours to 45, specifies the five-day week with time and one-half for Saturday work, and gives two weeks paid vacation instead of one. About a dozen men are covered.

Transfer Men—Important!

All members of the Transfer Section of Local 544 are instructed to attend the next meeting of the Section, on Thursday, April 27th, at 8 p. m. Terms of the 1939 contract are to be discussed at this meeting, and it is important that every man attend.

Taxi Drivers Raise Funds For 958 Team

The First Annual Cab Drivers Dance to be held this Saturday evening, April 15th, in the third-floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth Avenue, will be a benefit affair to raise funds for a baseball team which will represent Local 958 in the city league. The Organizer had erroneously reported that the team was to be sponsored by the Yellow Cab men instead of the entire local.

Dick Atherton's orchestra will play and there will be plenty of door prizes. The cab drivers have always shown they know how to succeed in anything they undertake. The dance promises to be a great affair, and all friends of Local 958 are cordially invited to attend.

544 Youth Fight Cuts On NYA

The Youth Section of 544's FWS has made a survey which shows that 281 youth have already been cut off NYA locally, and the NYA plans to lay off about 100 more. The local cuts are part of the nationwide drive against the youth. The reasons given are limitations of NYA funds, and that there is more than one in the family on NYA. The needs of the families receive no consideration.

Three Youth Section stewards who received 403's have already been put back on their jobs. Quite a few other NYA workers have been placed back to work by the Youth Section.

The Youth Section will hold its next meeting Monday, April 24, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue.

Trade Union and Liberal Caucus Names Candidates for City Offices—Labor Starts Drive to Clean Boss Politicians Out of City Hall

Simcoe, Bastis, Schumacher, Gisslen, Nelson, Foley Indorsed in Aldermanic Race—Steering Committee to Name Other Candidates this Saturday

About 300 delegates from Farmer-Labor ward clubs and trade unions participated in the liberal caucus held in the Eastside Eagles Hall last Saturday, and indorsed T. A. Eide for mayor, together with a partial slate of candidates for alderman and other city offices.

Mr. Eide has been secretary of the Franklin Cooperative creamery since 1925. He is married, has two sons and a daughter, and lives at 4741 Twelfth avenue south.

In a refreshingly frank statement, Mr. Eide admitted he knew nothing about politics and had never participated in any political campaign either as a candidate or campaign worker. "I am going

Santa Fe Drivers Join Local 795

Following amicable negotiations between leading officials of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, 114 over-road drivers employed by the Santa Fe Trail Transportation company will leave the latter organization and join the Drivers Union Local 795 at Wichita, Kansas.

The Santa Fe teamsters were organized in the BRT in 1937 and remained there up to the present with the consent of the IBT because the Railway Trainmen were having trouble with the Santa Fe at that time and needed the additional power.

The Santa Fe Trail Transportation company operates lines in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. T. T. Neal, chairman of the drivers' Southwest Over-the-Road Organizing Committee, has been placed in charge of the Wichita Drivers Union Local 795 by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and will supervise the transfer of the men into Local 795 and the subsequent negotiations with the company. The drive for the area part in the Southwest is gaining speed.

John Reiberger was indorsed for city treasurer; Al Hansen, for reelection as chairman of the board of estimate and taxation; Margaret Larson, for library board candidate.

More Indorsements Monday
Monday night the steering committee of 24 met at the Central Labor Union to add to its slate of school, library and park indorsees. Owen Cunningham and Mrs. Walter M. Lewis were selected as school board candidates. H. G. Knight was chosen as park board candidate.

The steering committee will meet this Saturday at 1 p. m. in the Central Labor Union to complete the city slate.

Liberal Platform
All candidates indorsed by the liberal caucus are pledged to abide by the platform which was approved by the assembled delegates Saturday. The preamble reads as follows:

"Believing in liberal, honest and efficient government, we, delegates of the trade unions, Farmer-Labor Association, and economic organizations in convention assembled adopt the following program for the people of the city of Minneapolis in the coming city campaign. This convention meets in a situation made critical through the sabotage of recovery by powerful financial and industrial interests refusing to reduce hours and increase wages in a manner to further the recovery of the city."
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TJC Endorses Syl Blosky In First Ward

Syl Blosky, a member of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 and a delegate to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, had been indorsed by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council as a candidate for alderman from the First Ward. Blosky is well-known in the First Ward, where he has lived since his birth forty years ago.

Union Men Push Olson In 10th Ward

A straight trade-union campaign committee of fifty persons has been set up in the Tenth Ward to push the candidacy of Morris Olson for re-election as alderman in that ward. Last Friday the committee met at the home of County Commissioner I. G. Scott. With Roy Orson of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 in the chair, plans were completed for a bang-up campaign to keep Olson on the city council.

Miles B. Dunne is treasurer of the Olson Volunteer Committee. Others heading the committee are Louis Vogland, chairman, I. G. Scott and Louis Hammerlund. A staunch union man will serve as chairman in each of the precincts of the Tenth Ward, to direct the campaign for Olson.

Alderman Morris Olson is an active member of the General Drivers Union Local 544 and has made the sort of labor record in the City Council that has inspired union men in his ward to participate actively in his campaign.

2 Paint Firms Get Demands From Local 20316

Union agreements have been presented to the Pan-American and the Northwestern wallpaper and paint companies. These firms have in the past worked their employees as many as 56 hours weekly for wages from \$65 to \$85 monthly. Local 20316 aims to end once and for all such miserable conditions in this industry.

When Rats Bite Kids - -

Local 544's Federal Workers Section Comes to the Rescue, to End a True Horror Story That Happened Here in Minneapolis

The list of houses suggested by the welfare board was a phoney. "We don't take relievers," or "There's too many children," was what the landlords told Mrs. Jacques. It was a question of taking the miserable house or of being without a roof over their heads—so the mother and her five children moved into the place at 903 Girard Avenue.

The Jacques moved to Girard Avenue on Friday. It was not the sort of place that gave much room for a person's soul to develop. According to Edgar Guest's definition, it was more of a home than a house—because it had certainly seen "a heap o' livin'." Garbage was strewn around the hard-packed dirt surrounding the house. Neighboring junk-peddlers had built huge piles of discarded doods towering to the roof. Almost everybody in the neighborhood was on relief and most of them kept chickens, in the pitiful hope they could make a few extra pennies from eggs to buy decent food for the kids. In the Jacques home, the paper was off the walls, the accumulated filth of fifty years caked the floor, the basement stairs had long ago been used for

kindling, and the basement itself was half-flooded with a dirty liquor.

On Saturday and Sunday the family got along all right. Mrs. William Jacques, a blond severe-faced young woman, slept in one room with her six-months-old daughter, Barbara Ann. The other four kids slept in the second room. There was Billy, 6, Jacqueline, 4, Eugene, 3, and Jimmy, 1½.

The screams woke Mrs. Jacques shortly after midnight on Sunday. She rushed in the other room and turned on the light. Little Jimmy was crying softly, holding his right hand before his face. Three fingers were torn and bleeding. A huge rat, twitching his long bare tail, lay on Jimmy's chest. It turned to stare at Mrs. Jacques and then glided into the wall. The mother grabbed her child and left for the General hospital.

The rats returned to the attack in the absence of the mother. Two of them, dripping and slimy, crawled rapidly on the bed where Billy, Jacqueline and Eugene lay. The two older children beat them off. Eugene, only 1½, and further handicapped with a broken

shoulder which was in a cast, couldn't defend himself so well. The little finger on his right hand was pretty well gnawed when the mother returned, and the artery had been severed at the wrist. It was Eugene's turn to make a trip to the hospital.

This time the whole family put on all the clothes they could and tramped over to where Mrs. Jacques' sister lived. The sister was on relief too and didn't have room, but the Jacques tribe had become accustomed to living where there wasn't enough room.

A newspaper reporter happened by the hospital, got a line on the Jacques case, and wrote it up. In some way it slipped by the editor. Things like that happen very so often. The story created a brief sensation.

Usually in such cases the newspaper is able to report the following day that some woman's club or some philanthropist has been touched, and has provided the unfortunate person or the unfortunate family, as the case may be, with a job or with a little cottage, etc.

That sort of thing doesn't hap-

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Unemployed Union Members Attention!

All unemployed members of General Drivers Union Local 544, and of all other Minneapolis unions, who wish assistance in obtaining the unemployment insurance to which they are entitled, are urged to see Ed Palmquist at the office of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, on the second floor at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

All workers who have received 403's from WPA on the basis they were absent from the job, are urged to report immediately to the Federal Workers Section if the absence was because of accepting private employment. In such cases, immediate action is necessary in order to correct injustice.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

The Nielsen-Maple Leaf Diamondball team is anxious to get a few practice games. For detailed information call Drexel 4897 and talk to Harold Kalstad. They have lots of talent this year and promise us a real team.

Carl Glampe is back at work with the Ohlsen Dairy. Last fall he left for the West and spent the entire winter along the Coast. Carl made a circular trip; out the northern route and back by way of the South. He reports, the dairy workers in the West are well organized, have good conditions but mess around too much with commission.

Some of our choice bowlers get a bit "salty" near the season's close. Possibly the "spring fever" has something to do with it. Spiff Vatne might help us out. Last week he started with two "strikes," picked up eight errors and finished with a score of 119. That is what you call hitting the stride of the A-League.

Maybe this is under "Good and Welfare" but anyway last fall the By-Law Committee was all set to stop soliciting of established customers. Possibly such a move would be too drastic. There are two ways to increase sales; one way is to steal the customers of your brother member and the second way is to sell more products to the customers you already have. For the good of our union we should look after our own customers, give them proper service and spend all of our spare time selling their cottage cheese, chocolate milk, orange juice, prune juice, tomato juice, pancake batter, homogenized milk, butter and honey butter. If we would all get on this program and stay there Local 471 will have few troubles.

Baseball season opens at Nicollet Park on Wednesday, April 26. Some of us do wish Unberhocker was here to give us the "fine points" of the game. Possibly the Clover Leaf Brothers can relay us some "inside dope."

Gus Anderson has been confined to his home because of a few crushed fingers. The bowling balls piled up against them. We are sorry, Gus, but that is not as bad as having a Studebaker door close on them.

We are still waiting for Harry Warham to bring around that milk cap with the Union Label on it. Why hold back, Harry, when there is a drink of "Old Granddad" waiting for you?

In again, out again, gone again Harold Hurrle left Fairview Hospital before his week was up. We think you should listen to Eagle Claw Jensen and take a couple of weeks to recuperate.

If we owned a thriving dairy in this city and had just completed a brand new up-to-date garage, we would get a barrel of beer, have an open house and invite all of Local 471 to come and see, etc. We are sure it would increase sales.

Flem Proddie was forced to make out his own route book April 1. His wife quit when she discovered a strange telephone number in the March book; underneath the number was written, "Marion." Flem, we are almost sure the number was a business one, but anyway, those route books could just as well be made out in the office by some girl who cares not, sees not, tells not.

Congratulations to Harold Kalstad on that fine baby boy and thank you for the cigars as well.

It is alleged that we have thirty mechanical slaves to serve the needs of each of us—true enough—and bread lines are part of the price we pay for them.—STUART CHASE.

Helping His School's "Paper Sale"



"All papers are clean and sanitary." At least, that is what the teachers and some parents and teachers groups claim about the paper sales which they periodically force on the grade school students of Minneapolis.

Above is a picture that was snapped last week, showing a student from the John Hay grade school getting paper for his school's sale. He is digging

around an old dump, in which the old paper is intermingled with garbage, old cans, rats, bugs and decayed vegetables.

It is high time that a halt was called to this unhealthy and dangerous custom of paper sales, which expose the children unnecessarily to disease germs and filth. The St. Paul Health Department has barred school paper sales. Minneapolis health authorities should take similar action.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting: Cake, Pie and Yeast Drivers meet at 4 p. m. Thursday afternoon, April 20.

Only one week from Saturday night is the big entertainment and dance—April 22. Have you bought your tickets yet? Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! See your steward and get them right now while you're thinking of it.

Joe and I are making a trip to St. Cloud, Brainerd and Little Falls this weekend on official business.

Russel Benson, Regan's, went to work last Thursday morning a single man and when he checked in at night nonchalantly announced that he had got himself hitched during the day. That's what I call slipping one over on the rest of the boys.

Kenneth Edstrom, Regan's, has learned by now that his shoes are pretty heavy, I guess. He was one of the first ones to be caught by the bicycle boys who appeared on the street last week. He's now a firm believer in the new slogan—15 not over 30.

All members interested in diamondball report to parade 19 Wednesday, April 19, at 4 p. m. Let's see if we can't have a championship team this year. I'm not promising anything, but there's a lot of rumors to the effect that we are going to buy some snappy uniforms this year.

Last Friday the WPA officials saw fit to chop 1,300 people off the list in Hennepin county alone. It seems to me this brings the refugee problem right home to our own doorstep. Most of these people are practically destitute and with relief funds exhausted there's no telling what might happen. Governor Stassen and most of the politicians glibly promised us that private industry would absorb the unemployed if we would put in the republicans. Well, it's high time that this private industry started to roll, it seems to me. This situation is far more serious to us than the European situation, in my estimation.

George Chapman, doortender at Purity north plant, is seriously ill, it is reported. We hope you'll be back on your feet real soon, George.

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:

Thank you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated.

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and Family

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Janney Semple Hill Company Gets Demands

The Warehouse & Inside Workers Union Local 20316 has presented its new demands to the Janney Semple Hill company. The present contract expires April 19th. The demands include a preferential shop and the 40-hour work week.

Gassing With 977

While you are reading this, John and Vera (Mr. and Mrs. Eidsvold) are speeding away from Minneapolis for a brief honeymoon trip. The best wishes of the Local are extended this young couple for a long and happy wedded life.

Get your copy of the By-Laws of Local 977; they can be obtained from your steward, collector, organizer, or by calling at the office of your Local. The By-Laws will be effective May 1st, and your attention is called to Article VI, Sections 1 through 15.

Bud Swanson, attendant at the Tydol Service at 4801 28th Ave. S. is leaving for California this week to spend his vacation.

Back pay in the amount of \$58.12 for salary due Wm. Stern, attendant at the Conoco station, Plymouth and Penn. Ave. N. was collected by the Local last week.

Arthur Anderson brought in his withdrawal card and returned to work at the Shell station at 9th St. and 3rd Ave. S.

Another 977 wedding will be that of Floyd Ness, when he says his vows on Sunday, April 16th. Floyd pumps Phillips gas at 52nd and Chicago Ave.

The quick thinking of Fred Blaubaum, Shell at Portland and Lake, caught a customer escaping without paying for \$2 worth of gas; Fred checked the car license.

Congratulations go to Earl Hoard, Bulk Oil attendant at 22nd and Cedar Ave., who won the Door Prize of a month's dues at the meeting Monday.

Frank Hockensteiner has been appointed as the official organizer and representative of the Lessee section of Local 977.

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Our president, Eskild N., has returned from California and will preside at the next meeting.

Again let us remind you we are going to have a dance May 23, so we want all of you to sell as many tickets as you did for the last dance.

We have word from a very reliable source that our good member Eddie F. will return from the race tracks by May 1st. Ed's friends are all awaiting his return as they heard he has really been winning some big money.

Have any of you heard about the member who walked the picket line out in Santa Barbara? If not you may hear soon.

I wonder what has become of Fred M4 out in Arizona? Fred, you know, was going to send some pecans, that is why we as about Fred's whereabouts.

I have information the leaves and grass are being raked, out on 77th-Plowed Ground Ave., reports are the lawn looks swell. (Curly and Lunde.)

The Executive Board in checking over the books noticed some of you members in arrears, so you members read this and if it applies to you be sure and see Jerry.

Joe F. is now out of the hospital and may be able to attend the next meeting.

Carl G. was sure out promenading on Easter with his new suit, hat, shoes, top coat and also the new teeth.

Be sure and attend the next meeting Tuesday, April 18. I'll be a-seeing you.

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Turn or Go With Omaha 554

We had several complaints from Dude Martin that we never gave him a nod for his good work in rehabilitating the Union Hall. Well, here's the nod, Dude. Good goin'.

Kid Bender, better known as the "gumshoe" for Local 554, was seen sneakin' up a dark alley; was thought by everyone to be in pursuit of a bandit. Only it turned out to be another Mayflower truck. Reports are: He has the situation well in hand.

T. P. Anderson has found out there is more over there than there is over here, verifying the statement of good brother Lou.

Jim Frum is the new vice-president replacing the good brother from across the river, Lou Miller. He will have a lot of work to do, but it looks like he'll do it.

We're going to send in a last minute flash to report on how Tom's man made out in the great city elections.

A great political campaign was fought! Heh! Heh! Heh! Everyone promised good government! All promised efficiency, honesty, loyalty, etc., etc. Each one neglected to state what he would do about the low wages, long hours, unemployment, lay-offs on WPA, neglect and abuse of the unemployed, and the threat of a foreign war on top of it. Not even the labor candidate had anything to say about these vital problems...

Fritz is at Chicago and Detroit doing a lot of good for the Local. It looks like at last we have some light on the subject of our contract as it applies to wild-catters. Thanks to Local 544 and Local 710, the bosses received a damned good education on why they should live up to their contract. And Tiny Billingsley was paid what he had coming, too. No more slips, Hank!

HOW TO RUN A TRANSFER BUSINESS (INTO THE GROUND)
By David D. Swarr
Chapter One
Smile, Don't Snarl!

Our hero, Mr. Boss, is going about his own business making everybody happy. Suddenly out of the dark comes an alien agitator with a bomb under each arm and a bundle of "radical" literature sticking out of his pants.

Our hero, Mr. Boss, smiles sweetly and says, "My friends..." meanwhile patting the bolshevik on the back. (When he discovers the soft spot, he sinks the knife in.)

Chapter Two
Don't Sign, Starve

The Union refuses to work without a decent wage. What to do? Hire strikebreakers. Arrest the men. Arrest the officers. Put out phoney propaganda. Let the men lose their furniture, their homes, their happiness, but don't

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Hot Race For Places On 544 Team

Undeterred by the bad weather, the fight for positions on Local 544's 1939 baseball team is developing into a Battle Royal, with an impressive array of talent scurrying for each position. Manager Jack Herman and Coach Louis Hanson are working out with 37 men at present.

The 544 team got a break this week when Norris Hanson, the union's star pitcher last season, returned his contract and transportation expenses to the St. Louis Cardinals, with the word he felt he needed more experience and wanted to play the season with Local 544.

Ed Henninger, veteran third baseman, is confronted with a real fight for that position this year. A newcomer, John Sodd, has exhibited sparkling play on the sack. Practically every position is drawing the same sort of classy competition.

So long as people, being ill governed, suffer from hunger, criminals will never disappear. It is extremely unkind to punish those who, being sufferers from hunger, are compelled to violate laws.—KENKO HOSHI.

sign. But Mr. Author, our hero, is becoming wan and weak and lean! Starve, don't sign no contract.

Chapter Three
Finale. Folded Up

Our hero didn't sign the Union contract. Well, so what happened? What happened? Our hero folded up, that's what happens. And so what happened to our author? Hmmm. Why don't you ask?

Seven months of strike and warfare for a decent contract have had their toll on the members of the board. Everyone is pretty badly strained. Nerves are taut. But somehow the work must be done, and little by little it is being done. The boys may not be as fresh as they were when they started, but they are just as relentless. The bosses know they got to sign, or else.

For your information the following companies have not signed. If you see their rigs in your town, tie them up... they are finks.
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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By R. F. Gilmore

At the last general meeting, April 5, we had a tremendous turnout. About the best attendance on record, which is a very healthy condition for the union. John Janosko made a very comprehensive report on the situation at Stevens Point and clarified the work going on there to the membership.

For those who wish to add to their knowledge of economics Mr. Herman Erickson is conducting an evening class every Monday at 7:54 p. m. in the Transportation Building Annex, second floor, Second Ave. and Fourth St. S. There will be no charge for those of you who attend these classes for the rest of this term. Herman says you will come under the head of visiting students. Don't miff this golden opportunity, folks.

Brother Edward Coffee, vice-president of Local 120, St. Paul, demonstrated the true spirit of union cooperation with your editor last week.

Ivor Berglin is still home with an arm infection.

The Higher Culture
Joe Hreta is now in a position to teach dancing to the brothers and sisters who wish to get the lead out of their feet. Mr. Hreta's specialty is the mystery dance. Harold Krukjell has enrolled in the morning class.

In the spring a young man's fancy—Leo Lewandowski, Russ Peterson and Joe Novak have got a sad, far-away look in their eyes. They even take a thoughtful interest in such trivial stuff as the two little baby pigeons that hatched out last week up in the water tank. Ah, me. When you just naturally guess that she's a gonta say yes.

This is a real note of thanks and appreciation. Arne Isaacs sincerely thanks his fellow workers on the second floor for their thoughtfulness. When Arne's son, Ronald, broke his leg last week, the boys took up a collection. "Such things," says Arne, "make life worth living."

Brother Frank Schwartzkopf is ill at home.

Andy Hofin, 2820 Garfield Ave. has been sick for several weeks. Bruno Kranz visited him last week and he says Andy is a very sick man.

Oh, where is my wandering boy tonight? Or what has become of Dan Hedin?

Local Man is Ideal Home Body
Clarence Haralson spent the weekend quietly at home in the bosom of his family.

All efforts to get news about

Doing All Right

In these Days of Plenty—plenty of 403 slips for WPA workers—it is good to know that some people are still managing to get enough money to keep themselves in cigarettes. The U. S. Treasury has just issued its report on corporation salaries for the year 1937.

William Randolph Hearst received \$500,000.

Louis B. Mayer, movie executive, received \$1,161,753.

Thomas J. Watson, president of International Business Machines Corporation, got \$419,398.

George W. Hill, president of American Tobacco company, got \$380,976.

E. G. Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel corporation, got \$394,586.

F. B. Davis, president of U. S. Rubber Products, Inc., got \$322,999.

According to the U. S. Treasury, nearly 50,000 persons received \$15,000 or more from corporations in 1937.

During the same year, there were about ten million unemployed in America. There were many hundreds of thousands of young men who never received a cent.

The average yearly wage of Minnesota workers in the same year—1937—was \$845. The national average was \$890.

"It's the American Way!"

Let him who neglects to raise the fallen, fear lest, when he falls, no one will stretch out his hand and lift him up.—SAADI.

Martin Peterson has been repulsed. He wants to be alone.

There's a brand new heir in the Ernest Cleveland family. Congratulations. We smoke Corona-Cornas.

Wonder what's become of Vern Tolan?

Cy Paulson, John Janosko and R. Gilmore were delegates to the Farmer-Labor Trade Union Convention Saturday. Gilmore attended as a substitute for Vern Eastman.

The merry-go-round goes 'round and 'round. Sending missionaries to the Orient to make Christians of the Chinese and sending arms to the Japs to shoot 'em.

The Loose-Wiles Biscuit company, St. Paul, Minnesota, was fined \$500 by Federal Judge Gunnar Nordbye in Minneapolis on March 6, 1939, for obliterating "Made in Japan" from salt and pepper shakers it used as premiums.

Add it up, folks.

The press got mike fright at the last general meeting. Members near the mike claim they heard what sounded like knees knocking together. Think nothing of it.

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'Local B-160 to Deal for Construction Dept.'—Tracy

The question of the jurisdictional rights of the Utility Workers Union Local B-160 over the Construction Department of the Northern States Power company, which had arisen during preliminary negotiations with the company, was conclusively settled late last week when the union received a letter from President D. W. Tracy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

President Tracy wrote that Local B-160 "shall be recognized by this office as having jurisdiction over all employees of the Northern States Power Company in Minneapolis. I am also recognizing your Local Union as having jurisdiction over the employees in the Construction Department and over all construction work performed by the employees of the Construction Department on the properties of the company."

This is a sweeping verification of the position maintained by Local B-160 during the past two years.

Negotiations with the Northern States Power company for the Construction Department were to continue Wednesday morning.

Local B-160 anticipates no great change in its jurisdiction over that enjoyed by the union during the past two years.

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde
Don't forget: Saturday is April fifteenth. Every member of Local 958 give yourselves and friends a treat and attend your dance at the spacious Union Hall auditorium. The entertainment committee has engaged a good floor show, and Dick Athertons orchestra needs no introduction. There will be attendants in the check-room to take care of your wraps, and all other little details have been attended to for your convenience.

The boy scouts did a good job demonstrating methods of traffic safety in the loop Saturday, kept the "maverick" pedestrians from "fudging" on the signs and semaphores, etc. We have a "project" all ready for the scouts, to visit the various cab-garages and give lessons in manners and door opening to a wee percent of our lazy-bones drivers.

Bro. Queil explains the "buzzard system" of buying a car. Just wait till a guy skips one payment too many and swoop in with the necessary cash on the bar!-head to take the deal.

"Fresh-eggs" Duncan, the prairie oyster merchant, enjoyed good business during the Easter rush.

Bro. Penrith and "Big Noise" Tripp got their pictures taken by a daily paper photographer—now we wish to inform those who saw them pictures that we all aren't that big (around the middle).

Garage gossip—"Torpedo" Gesine being "sold" the fourth cap of the year, because he losted the others—Louie Borrowski gloating over what he's gonna do with the candid camera he won — Carl Palmquist "rolling his own" to keep away from the ciggie habit—The new-car owners gloomily reading the police bulletin against parking in front of the garage.

Our well known friend, Elmer Olson, who's been ill so long it's monotonous, would appreciate a visit. He lives at 825 Fourth avenue south.

Hilton "The Bloke" has a motto which he uses as defense: Common sense is good to have, but never let it master you. For then it may deprive you of the foolish things it's fun to do.

Ray Landis used to need a new car and a shave, now all he needs is a shave.

Frankie Miles put a lot of them on his Auburn, now he's looking for a good honest mechanic.

Leading Bowlers Take It on Chin

Local 544 bowlers continued their late-season spurt by blanketing the league - leading Soft Drinks in the union bowling league. Murphy had 504, Ibinge, 524. Gold Bubble took two games from Local 221 to tie for second place. R. Hedin was hot with 591. Curran had 588. Local 289 blanked Minkins department store, and the Meat Drivers took two from Liberty Cabs.

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FWS to Lay Plans Friday Night

At the regular monthly membership meeting of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 to be held Friday evening, April 14, at 8 o'clock at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., a program of action to fight the WPA lay-offs will be presented to the membership for its approval.

The latest WPA cut has been accomplished in the most heartless, ruthless manner possible. Absolutely no consideration of need has been allowed. In some cases entire projects have been cut off. Some "unproductive" units of projects have been terminated, and with them all the workers employed on those units. Failing to get enough people off the program with these two methods, every tenth man on the payroll has been cut. In the case of the Paris Sewing Project, the entire hand-sewing department has been eliminated.

The workers of Minneapolis are not going to take this cut lying down. Originally the WPA program was supposed to be a work relief program, to take care of those unfortunate persons who, through no fault of their own, have been permanently displaced in the industrial world. Now it has been turned into a pure and simple employment program, with need the slightest consideration. It is time that the relief officials in Minnesota came to the front with a demand that WPA work be given every employable person on direct relief.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

The committee hasn't its report ready on the dance—but we feel it was a great success, both socially and financially. The good-looking waiters on the third floor helped to make that part a success. A few of the boys shook wicked hooves after a few trips up there.

Three drivers were laid off at three plants within the week. Two have filed complaints of discrimination. Your grievance committee is arranging hearings and will report the outcome in the next issue.

The Best Laundry has changed hands. We have some back pay coming for the driver that may be troublesome to collect.

We'll tell you next week whether we have a Fair Trade bill.

The Dy-dee Wash certainly doesn't smell any sweeter.

John Tuckage at Garbers went back to work this week. Just a few days earlier, J. H. Schmidt at Garbers had an operation for ulcers. He's doing well now but was very low for a few days.

Norman Carle is in the hospital with an appendicitis attack. He won't be operated on at this time, and will be home by the end of the week. Norman may be laid up for some time.

We signed a new pact this week with the Certified Cleaners at 2807 Johnson St. N. E.

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By Wally Raze
Easter Sunday, at the moment a damp and gloomy day, quite in keeping with the present state of affairs throughout the world. This day is allocated to the worship of the Prince of Peace; to the first advocate of the Brotherhood of Man. But humanity has made a style show of it, on the streets and even within the "holy" walls of our churches. If any amount of sincerity were involved in Easter celebration, sack cloth and ashes would be a more appropriate garb, considering the miserable failure of humanity in general, in emulating, in thought and deed, the Man whom they profess to worship today. Excluding Christmas and Easter, Christ is truly the World's Forgotten Man.

If you, as a municipal employee, wish to obtain an adequate pension upon retiring from service, you must support the new pension plan now before the legislature. Write your congressman urging passage of the bill at this session. Should it fail to pass now, many of you, who are slated to retire within a year or two, will lose out entirely should the bill be passed at some future date. So get busy.

The grievance board of park employees met in a long session last Thursday night. The new summer set-up in parks and golf courses was perused and, after a few changes approved. If any Park employee suspects he is not getting his proper wage scale, notify the grievance board AT ONCE, not eight months too late.

The annual spring cleanup of boulevards, gutters and catch basins started last Monday. As usual the action of high winds on that peculiar type of dust which abounds on the Lake of the Isles bridge paths, has infected me with "hay fever" again. Boy! does my sniffer smoulder!

Bro. Lundeen of Hiawatha Golf course has been made head man of Linden Hills park, replacing Duffin, who has migrated to Ireland.

The deep dark silence of the Engineering and Sanitary Depts. remains unbroken, to date. I sure would appreciate a phone call from some of the Brothers in these departments. (Ge. 1172, Wally Raze.)

Independent Truck Chatter

By Richard F. Hornig
You're wasting your time and that of the telephone company if you call Gr. 6553 from now on. Curt was getting nutty over all the calls by the members who always want to know what went on at the meeting the night before.

Have those of you who know Carl very well found out how to tell when he is really steamed up about something. Quite a little of the proceedings of the last meeting were enough justification for getting all riled up.

Everyone is casting hungry eyes toward the county's careers. Four of our former men out on the Belt Line job were ordered back out. It is good news to hear the "School-boy" is back in harness. No sign of spring yet in the shape of some highway department.

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ment bulletins on early season maintenance. . . Most of us are back on the old miscellaneous pickup racket with very little rewards justifying any time spent in soliciting work. The Sixth Avenue job is fast doing the fade-away for this year. By this time more than one hundred of our ITO are back on direct relief. Four hundred more are left to fight for their living in private industry in which the market is already glutted.

Quite a squad of ITO plan on a little job down in Watson to hide away the time. Any port in a storm!

Of course, Hornig and Zander are still feudin' up in the third ward. Curt is getting in all the wise cracks these days but the old-fashioned maxim about he who laughs last is good enough for your column vendor. After June 12 would be about right.

It is important for some of you to know that your ITO candidate for alderman in this locality has a good tough fight on his hands. However, he must have your support, and a wavering, changeable opinion will be much more difficult to gauge than outright opposition. Let us look over the records and make a choice.

Local No. 383

By Don Casper
The union hall seems mighty quiet these days. Most of the Bekins boys are getting in a lot of extra work at the various transfer companies.

They are calling Larry Schneider "Little Boy Blue," he's always blowing his horn.

Speaking of thin people, Joe Bogard was standing by the cue rack in a pool room the other day and some fellow picked him up and chalked his head before he discovered his mistake.

Ever since Donovan and Murphy had that argument about their respective ability as marksmen, Charley has been going around making a noise like a clay pigeon.

McGary looks very good in glasses. We wonder if he developed his eye weakness from reading between the lines.

All Bakery men were assessed \$1 for the month of January. Is your assessment paid?

We hope Larry Schneider doesn't take the "Bulk Sales" idea into private life. It would sound terrible to have folks calling him "Dionne" Schneider.

Someone heard Mr. Rasen going down the stairs whistling "Me and My Shadow." Guess he must have been thinking of Ed Howell.

All sections of Local 383 and the Sioux City Trades and Labor Assembly are with Fouts and Johnson 100% in defeating the frame-up charges against these men.

All Transfer and Over-the-Road drivers are being assessed \$1 per week for the purpose of helping those drivers who have not as yet returned to their jobs. This assessment is payable before your dues. This is the third week, don't get behind.

3000 Drivers Out in R. I. Truck Strike

Providence, R. I.—With over 3,000 truck drivers out on strike demanding wage increases of nine cents an hour and betterment of working conditions, freight trucking in this state is at a standstill. The strike was called when the bosses broke away from negotiations with the union which would have covered wage and working conditions for the drivers of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The morale of the strikers is high and despite the strength and venom of the bosses, they are confident of an early victory. One young militant was heard to say: "The bosses can't get along without us, but this ain't vice-versa."

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MARCHING AS TO WAR

By Dwight Macdonald
"SOCIAL JUSTICE" A LA SCAB
The most insidious and dangerous force for fascism in the country today is Father Coughlin, the radio priest. His journal, "Social Justice," pretends to be all for the workers against Wall Street and the bosses. This pretension was pricked like the empty bubble it is by a little news item that appeared the other day in the press. It read: "Detroit—Father Coughlin's 'Social Justice' has been put on the unfair list by the Michigan Federation of Labor because it is printed in a scab shop."

THE WAR REFERENDUM
To one who believes in democracy, it might seem that the people of the United States should have a chance to vote on the supreme question facing a nation today: war or peace? Especially since the next war will be a totalitarian war, with the able-bodied men drafted at once to fight, and the aged, infirm, women and children instantly made into the targets of the enemy's bombing planes. But in this great democracy of ours if those who are running it have their way—the masses who will have to fight and die in the next war are not to be given a chance to vote on this issue. A year ago, the Ludlow Amendment to the Constitution, which provided for a popular referendum before war could be declared, was brought before the House of Representatives. The White House brought to bear every possible form of political pressure to kill this "Bolshevik" proposal. It succeeded, but by the very small margin of 21 votes.

Since then, what with the continued propaganda for a new crusade against fascism abroad, the popular support for a war referendum has declined. In October, 1937, the Gallup Poll of Public Opinion showed that 73% of the electorate were in favor of allowing a popular referendum to decide whether the United States goes to war or not. A year later, in October, 1938, the percentage had dropped to 68%. And a poll taken only a few weeks ago shows that only 58% are still in favor of such a referendum. This is bad news for all workers and militant trade unionists. But there are two points that should not be overlooked. The first is that "only" 58% is still a comfortable majority of the population, a much bigger majority than what decides most presidential elections. And the second is that all of us who believe that another war would mean the immediate introduction of fascism over here must work all the faster and harder against the warmongers of the New Deal and the Republican Party.

We have allies in Congress. A group of twelve Senators, led by LaFollette of Wisconsin (whose father, "Fighting Bob" LaFollette, put up a heroic fight in the Senate against our entry into the last war), is proposing a new war referendum measure. This is, unfortunately, very much watered down from the original Ludlow Amendment. It provides for a popular vote on war or peace except in case of "attack by armed forces, actual or immediately threatened," on the United States or on any other nation of the Western hemisphere. "Immediately threatened" is a phrase so vague that it could be twisted to mean almost anything. Nor do I see any reason for not allowing the people to vote on a war undertaken to defend our interests in South America. Personally, I would not be any more anxious to die defending American investments in Chile than in China.

RECALLS 1917
But for all its weaknesses, the LaFollette proposal is a step in the right direction. It is to be hoped that it makes some headway against the rising tide of pro-war hysteria that is sweeping over Washington these days. In his speech introducing the bill, Senator LaFollette gave an excellent description of what is likely to happen once more if we aren't careful. "Americans have not forgotten," he said, "the steps that made a declaration of war inevitable in 1917. War breaks out in foreign lands. The Executive decides to help one side. The nation becomes involved in secret commitments and breaches of neutrality. Then there are 'episodes' and excuses for taking sides further. . . . When it is too late to be neutral, Congress is asked to rubber stamp a declaration of war, and the people are lured by fancy slogans about fight to end all war and save democracy. After the supreme sacrifice is made, democracy is destroyed and the peace settlement lays the groundwork for the next war."

I see by the papers that there are now only 176 clauses of the Versailles Treaty left intact. Hitler's taking over of Memel and of Czechoslovakia sent eight clauses to the scrap-heap, giving him a total score of 264 clauses smashed to date. The groundwork for the next war is getting along nicely.

On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas
After reading the papers and the orders issued by the WPA administration maybe the title of this column should be changed to read: "Off WPA Projects."

Sixteen hundred men and women to be cut off WPA rolls indiscriminately in Hennepin County. Sixteen hundred men and women with average families of four makes a total of six thousand four hundred persons who are being forced to take a 30 per cent cut on a budget that is already barely at a subsistence level.

A fifty million dollar slash in the relief appropriation voted for by the same politicians who voted for the two billion dollar war fund. That, my dear people, is economy, as practiced by the politicians who are supposed to represent the workers of the United States. An economy of starvation for the unemployed and profits for the munitions makers and war mongers who give no thought to the millions of needy in a country of plenty.

The Roosevelt administration, and Roosevelt in particular, knew at the time the request for relief appropriations was made that the amount asked would not carry the WPA load as it stood until July. Yet knowing this and also aware that unemployment was growing, this great friend of the people (on Wall Street) economizes by taking food from the needy and giving

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Watt Notes

Brother C. A. Moe is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Another proud parent in the Meter Department. Brother Harry Campbell is the father of a baby boy.

"High Pockets" wants to know what became of the rotar from No. 3 generator.

Brother Middleton must be getting younger. He's now taking Castoria.

Don't forget the big Local B-160 dance at East Side Eagles Hall on Saturday evening, April 22nd.

We extend our sympathy to Brother Peter Cote on the recent death of his mother.

"Jimmy" Nevins reports that Local B-160's diamondball team is going to be the best in the league this year; he hopes.

Brother "Bill" Crawford is having a physical check-up at Rochester this week.

Let's see a crowd at the next membership meeting, April 20th. Something important coming up so be there, Brothers, for sure.

See "Handsome Harry" Leonard for flying instructions. If he can't teach you, then you're unteachable.

Don't forget to vote this election, Brothers. Register if need be so you surely will be eligible.

"Gus" Gerdin is taking a trip to Sweden in the near future. Don't get tied up in a war, "Gus."

George LaFerriere says to support our dance, as the Sick Committee will need funds to carry on its work.

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Coffee Cries Local 275

By Don Gustafson
Brother Bill Youngdahl, the president of our local, has filed for alderman (long term) of the Tenth ward. A little support by all union members for his election would be greatly appreciated.

By the way, Bill got an unexpected two dollars toward his campaign fund by winning the door prize at the meeting last Friday night.

The Crescent boys must have all been to church last Good Friday night. Not a one showed up at the meeting.

M. Howe was seen purchasing a new bicycle the other Saturday night. He claims it was for his son but some of the boys are betting ten to one that he'll come pedaling it to work one of these fine summer mornings.

Hank Sundberg just purchased a new home. Who said the coffee business wasn't booming?

Vern Selgeby has been running in and out of his stops lately. He always says that he's in a hurry but the main reason is that he's trying to get in shape for diamondball.

A party was planned at the last meeting. No certain date has been set so you better keep in touch with your steward for details.

Of all kinds of pride, I hold national pride the most foolish. It ruined Greece, it ruined Judea, it ruined Rome.—JOHANN HERDER.

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What Do You Think?

According to a national sales management magazine, which has just completed its tenth annual survey of buying power, Minneapolis ranks third among cities of the United States in buying power. The Minneapolis per-family spending income is \$3,700, compared with a national average of \$2,116.

Of course, this might be because the employers of Minneapolis are more tender-hearted and thus see that their employes get higher wages.

But we think the fact that Minneapolis is the best organized city in the United States has a whale of a lot to do with it all.

The Source of Stassen's Ideas for a Labor Bill

If any reader is still in doubt as to the behind-the-scenes forces operating in behalf of Stassen's labor relations bill, the recent confidential news letter issued by the Associated Industries of Minneapolis should put his mind at rest.

Signed by George K. Belden (yes, he's the one who attends the Silver Shirt meetings), the letter analyzes a bill introduced by Senator Edward Burke of Nebraska in the U. S. Senate aimed to "eradicate the evils of the Wagner Act" and "designed to promote industrial peace and sound employer-employee relations."

Senator Burke is the National Association of Manufacturers' man in the U. S. Senate, and his measure is just the type of bill one would expect from the organized labor-haters of America.

The Burke bill would add a number of "unfair labor practices" which are to be forbidden to unions, their agents or persons acting for them. Among these unfair labor practices would be:

1. Interference with the organizational rights of employes.
2. Threatening or intimidating directly or indirectly any employe to induce him to join a union, to strike, or to vote for or against any particular bargaining agent.
3. To resort to or engage in, during the course of any labor dispute, any act or practice which is in violation of any civil or criminal law effective in the jurisdiction in which such act or practice occurs.
4. To interfere directly or indirectly with the orderly conduct of any employer's business, where the basis of such interference is a dispute among the employes, or among any group or groups of employes.
5. To strike, except in pursuance of an affirmative vote of a majority of the employes in the appropriate unit, the vote to be taken by secret ballot.
6. To strike in violation of a valid contract or agreement.

Sections 2 and 6 are reproduced almost verbatim in the latest version of Stassen's bill, and other of the provisions listed, together with additional matter contained in the Burke bill, are also included in the Stassen bill. In some cases, the Stassen bill even goes beyond the Burke bill in the severity of its anti-union measures.

President George K. Belden urges his fellow-labor-haters of the Associated Industries to "get behind Senator Burke and his Bill, and let our Representatives in Congress know NOW just where we stand!"

And it certainly isn't a far-fetched assumption to suppose that the Associated Industries is "behind" Governor Stassen and his Bill. After all, the daily papers have admitted that the Stassen machine's labor bill originated with local employers' associations.

It looks like the Associated Industries' lawyers got an advance copy of the National Association of Manufacturers' bill. And it looks like Stassen is more than willing to push through the bosses' bill—after promising in his campaign talks to give the state "the most advanced labor relations bill."

The Stassen bill is "advanced," all right—it advances far along the road to fascism. The responsibility for the industrial warfare that is inevitable under the Stassen bill will rest on the doorstep of the bosses and their political machine.

Standard Oil Has Black Labor Record

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cal 977's survey proves, the average Standard Oil lessee is unable to pay the union wage scale to attendants. With this new scheme, the income of both lessees and attendants will be even more precarious.

In some cases, the company is offering to rent its stations to lessees for \$1 a month—IF THE LESSEES WILL CUT THE PRICE OF THE GAS, THAT IS, IF THE LESSEE WILL ACCEPT A LOWER MARGIN. Should the lessee attempt to maintain the former margin, the rental will immediately go back to \$150 monthly.

Threaten Whole Industry These anti-social practices of the Standard Oil corporation not only play havoc with the livelihood of Standard lessees and attendants but also threaten the wages and commissions of all other men en-

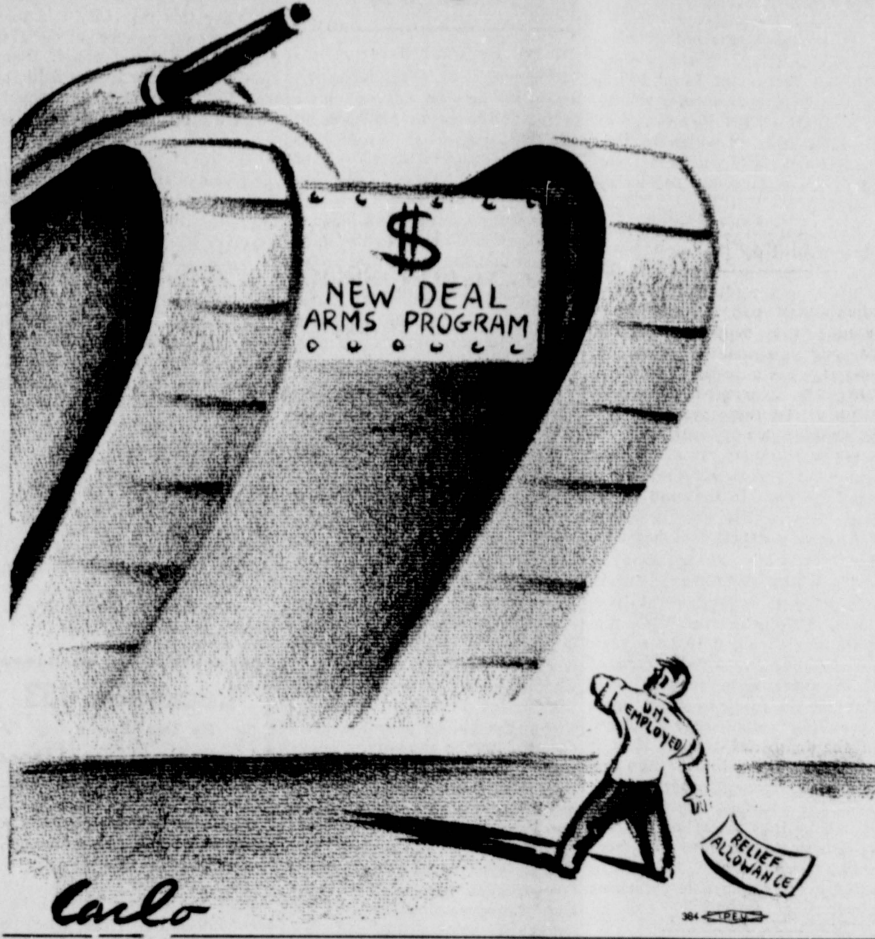
gaged in the petroleum industry, who, to meet the competition of Standard, will be forced to follow suit.

With the announcement this week from Washington that the anti-monopoly investigating committee intends to dig into the affairs of the Standard Oil company, no doubt the full scope of this company's machinations against its lessees and employes on a nation-wide scale will be uncovered.

Unionism Only Answer Until the union movement can use its power to force Standard Oil to follow out a decent policy towards its lessees, its drivers and its other employes, this creation of the Rockefeller family will continue to be a source of anti-labor infection wherever it operates and will be a constant threat to decent labor conditions in the oil industry.

He is who firmly seated in authority soon learns to think that security, and not progress, is the highest lesson of statescraft.—J. R. LOWELL.

The Big Push!



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

SIGHTS TO REMEMBER

"Tiny" Hamel, 260 pound Red Owl steward, walking down the street with the office telephone operator, a near 90... Skoglund confessing he is married... the looks on the faces of the champ 544 basketball team... Emil Hanson sitting in the jury box... the employes group signing the first 1934 agreement... the crowd on the parade knoll in July '34... Morrie Olson's face when he was elected by the city council... the city jail in Fargo with the whole union behind the bars... hearing Leach say he l-o-o-o-ved unions.

Duluth longshoremen and the Minneapolis drivers reached an accord Sunday which should prove helpful to both groups.

Carl Skoglund celebrated his 54th birthday Saturday at the Silver Lake Mansie.

THAT MAKES IT 100 PER CENT

Even the babies are protesting the anti-union attitude of the Dy-Dee wash owner.

The "unity" achieved at the Saturday convention was probably only a thin veneer of toleration.

EYES SOUTH Forward, Dallas!

The ITO Section is holding itself together in a manner that is a real inspiration.

A late spring is holding back many dirt jobs. Mucker bugs are champing at the bit.

A new million dollar truck terminal is being planned for Minneapolis. A local pick-up and delivery service will go with it.

UNION GAS

Do not forget to ask for a 977 button when being serviced in a filling station.

Eide, Sunday convention choice, is a former member of the Milk Drivers Union.

Morrie Olson's Tenth Ward campaign is being helped by a committee of over fifty trade unionists.

NOW WE'LL TELL ONE

Stassen says the present labor relations bill will help unions!

S. D. Drivers Meet in Aberdeen

Watertown, S. D.—The South Dakota Drivers Joint Council held its regular meeting at the Alonzo hotel in Aberdeen on Sunday, April 2nd. Delegates were present from Aberdeen, Huron, Sioux Falls and Watertown.

Reports of the delegates indicated that all drivers' unions were making steady organizational progress and were succeeding in enforcing the contracts and cracking down on the chiselers.

Yellow Dregs Reported

Local 309 in Aberdeen reported that, with the aid of the North Central District committee, back pay for five drivers had been collected. The Watertown Drivers Union reported that the Nash-Finch company had forced its employes to sign yellow dog contracts and had given them a raise, in order to discourage membership in the union. The company refused to permit the union to see copies of the yellow dog.

The council voted to offer its aid to the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383 in fighting the frame-up against Howard Fouts and Ralph Johnson who have been accused of wrecking a truck. The South Dakota council further moved to meet the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be held Sunday, May 8th, in Huron.

Every year, hundreds of thousands were brought to the highest pitch of depravity, and when completely depraved, they were liberated to spread broadcast the moral disease they had caught in prison.—LEO TOLSTOY.

'Labor' Bill Aimed at Ohio Unions

The labor movement in Ohio is uniting against the drive of the corporations to put through House Bill No. 461, which, like the Stassen Bill in Minnesota, is aimed to destroy organized labor in the state.

The Ohio anti-labor bill would compel the incorporation of trade unions. With such a measure adopted, the bosses would find it an easy matter for their finks to sue the unions, for their courts to find the unions guilty, and for the unions to then be put out of business.

A strong delegation from Akron, led by Thomas Burns of the United Rubber Workers and Paul Lavo of the Trades and Labor Assembly, appeared before the House Labor Committee a few days ago to protest the anti-labor measure.

Unionist Sues Boss Mob For \$10,000

Dickinson, N. D.—Business men thugs and vigilantes who last fall kidnaped George Gruggen, organizer for the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Union of America, and deported him from this town, are being sued for \$10,000 damages this week. Gruggen is bringing the suit against 28 of the business men whom he recognized in the mob that drove him out of Dickinson.

Organized labor has been pressing the case against the bosses responsible for this mob action,

Trade Unions Back Eide For Mayor

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nish employment for all. Billions expended by government for relief have made rich profits for those interests now demanding the starvation and disfranchisement of the unemployed. To these interests controlling the Republican Party this convention throws down the challenge to either afford employment or end opposition to the providing of employment by governmental agencies. This obstruction by these powerful interests has precipitated the present condition of our youth in the community, pushing thousands of young people into the ranks of the unemployed and thereby causing demoralization to the future citizenship of our community, increased crime, and offers no salvation to the young people of our city. It has further precipitated bankruptcies among many of our small businessmen due to the lack of purchasing power in the hands of the great masses.

Eleven Planks

There follows a platform of eleven planks, the first of which declares for the "rights of labor to organize, bargain collectively, picket, strike and strive for better living and working conditions. No democracy as such can survive that in any manner abrogates these fundamental American rights." Other planks declare for public ownership of public utilities; reduction of public utility rates; opposition to any changes in the city charter aimed at destroying a representative parliamentary government for the city of Minneapolis; for city work on a day labor basis; opposition to any state or municipal sales tax; for a municipal public works and housing program; adequate unemployment relief; for a new general hospital; for completion of the present municipal market; for strict law enforcement; for full salary schedules for all school employes.

Thelma Miller, Loyal FWS Member, Dies

Thelma Miller, a member of the Federal Workers Section, and a worker on the Sewing Project at Second Ave. N. and Second St., passed away Monday, April 3. Services were held at the Church of Christ at Grant and Portland. Seventy-five members and co-workers attended the funeral. Thelma leaves two sons, Junior, 17, and Robert, 14.

COMING EVENTS

Cab Drivers Dance—This Saturday, April 15th, at 257 Plymouth Avenue. Dick Atherton's orchestra, a floor show, plenty of prizes, 25c each.

Workers Sunday Forum—"Will There Be War This Spring?" by Oscar Kohler, Sunday, April 16th, 3 p. m., 919 Marquette Avenue.

Bakery Drivers Dance—Saturday, April 22nd, 257 Plymouth Avenue. Lots of entertainment. 50c a couple.

On the National Picket Line

Repercussions from the recent infamous Supreme Court *Fansteel* decision, outlawing the sit-down strike, are being felt more strongly than ever. The Apex Hosiery Company has just won a decision, in Federal Court, against the American Federation of Hosiery Workers to the tune of \$711,932. A jury of eight women and four men awarded the company damages of \$237,310 for alleged damages growing out of the sit-down strike in the company's plant at Philadelphia in 1937.

A benevolent judge evoked the Sherman Anti-trust law AGAINST THE UNION and trebled the damages.

Immediately three strike-bound New England trucking companies began suit for damages against the Teamsters International and four of the local unions in four Connecticut cities.

The Apex strike occurred in May and June of 1937. It was a comparatively small strike, lasting less than a month, but the union won many concessions, including a closed shop. After the *Fansteel* decision, during the trial of which the CIO lawyers put up a miserable defense and openly repudiated the sit-down strike, employers all over the country became emboldened. The Apex decision is only the beginning.

The courts have always been used as a weapon against the workers. Since the injunction has been more or less outmoded as a weapon — not outlawed by any means, because every Anti-injunction law in existence contained that awful word "except" — the courts have been used on one technicality or another against the unions, over and over again.

The sit-down strike was the most glorious weapon ever devised in the union struggle. When Lewis and the rest of the CIO leadership declared publicly against the one thing that made the organization of the mass industries such as rubber and auto possible, they laid the ground work for just such action by the employers as resulted in the *Fansteel* and Apex decision. William Leader, president of Branch 1 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers stated in court during the hearings on this latest atrocity against labor, that he had not sanctioned the strike, that he was not responsible for the sit-down, and that he "did not approve of violence." He gave the case away.

Consider, then, the charge against the union membership of which they were found guilty—wrecking the machinery within the plant to such a degree that it had to be entirely replaced. Does it seem logical that a group of ordinary workers — not vandals — would so wreck and so destroy the machinery upon which their very livelihood depended, that even though they won the strike they would have to wait weeks before they could return to work, the while the machinery was being replaced?

Other companies have employed agents provocateur and thugs whose only aim in life is sabotage. If this property was wrecked it is our guess that someone beside the strikers did the dirty work.

The Apex decision is a blow to the entire labor movement. Others will follow, and still others. It behooves us to begin, right now, the fight against the use of the so-called "impartial" courts as weapons of the employers against the workers. The courts are, have been and will continue to be bosses' courts.

The Cleveland convention of the United Auto Workers is over. A new constitution has been adopted, and a new board, minus the vice-presidents, is in power. This convention was certainly the most democratic and without a question, one of the most progressive labor conventions held in many a year. It was a convention of the auto workers, controlled for the most part, by rank and file delegates who jealously watched that the bureaucracy which had formerly held sway did not crack the whip.

Probably the most progressive step taken by the convention was the program adopted for the or-

ganization of Ford workers. A resolution passed calling for the setting up of a committee of three members of the executive board as a Ford Organizing committee. This committee is to be answerable to the general board and to the July convention (1940) for its actions, and is to make regular quarterly reports on progress and activity to the board and to the local unions.

District, state and national councils are to be erected and are to hold such meetings as are necessary to coordinate the work of organizing the Ford Motor Company. A campaign of education is to be inaugurated by the committee and the board to acquaint the Ford workers, organized labor, and the general public with the present labor practices of Ford company. A division of research and of publicity is to be set up to facilitate this work.

The committee is to coordinate the work of organizing the Ford workers, to arrange meetings, to lay plans for a coordinated set of demands dealing with wages, hours, and other such working conditions as may be deemed advisable.

The committee is instructed to pay special attention to the organization of "racial and colored" groups and to get them into the union as speedily as possible. Full-time colored organizers are to be put into the field to work wherever there is a large percentage of colored workers.

Ford workers who are delinquent in their dues are to be absolved from the payment of a reinstatement fee and are to be admitted on the payment of the current months dues. New Ford members are to be admitted on the payment of the \$1 initiation fee and \$1 current months dues.

The committee is to correlate its program and to work directly under the direction of the CIO. The executive

board is to examine closely all applications for charters from prospective Ford locals.

Other resolutions of a progressive nature adopted by the convention include a protest against conscripting labor during time of peace or war, a demand for the one hundred and fifty million dollar WPA appropriations, and a strong resolution calling for the complete unification of the American labor movement.

There were two resolutions passed, however, which show the hand of the Stalinists and their stooges. One resolution called for the amendment of the so-called "neutrality laws" so that it will be possible for the government to "assist democratic countries defending themselves against fascist aggressors" and also urged that the government "cooperate with all other democratic nations in protecting democracy."

The entire Communist Party line is pointed toward getting the United States embroiled in the coming war. Anything that they can do, any organization which they control will inevitably adopt a program for patriotic fervor and war spirit.

The other resolution lauds the Roosevelt "good neighbor" policy, toward the Latin American countries. And this in spite of the fact that there must be some of the older members of the C. P. who know just what that "good neighbor" policy is—exploitation of the working masses of the Latin Americas for the benefit of American imperialism.

According to news dispatches, twelve of the seventeen posts on the executive board were captured by Stalinists. The Executive Board is now composed of R. J. Thomas, as president, George Ades as secretary-treasurer and fifteen regional representatives who were elected from and by their own delegations.

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 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 General Membership—April 5 Casket Section—April 11 Box Section—April 18 J. R. Clark Section—April 19 Puffer-Hubbard Section—April 20
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 — 7:30 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 20481 General Membership—April 5 Executive Board—May 6
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 944 APRIL Monday, April 3—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, April 5—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, April 6—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, April 7—Job Stewards Monday, April 10 — General Membership Wednesday, April 12—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, April 14 — Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Sunday, April 16 — Over-the-Road, 10 a. m. Monday, April 17—Furniture Store; Coal Wednesday, April 19—Building Material Thursday, April 20—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, April 21—Job Stewards Monday, April 24—Spring Water Tuesday, April 25—Sand and Gravel Thursday, April 27—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, April 28—Cold Storage Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
LOCAL 977 General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards — Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	LOCAL 346 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 Tuesday. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards — First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.