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On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

THEIR'S NOT TO REASON WHY THEIR'S BUT TO DO AND DIE. INTO THE VALLEY OF DEATH RODE THE TEN MILLIONS.

They are riding to their death—the workers of all lands. Soon the American workers may join in that awful parade. Soon the Yankee Doughboys will lie, spread-eagle, across the barbed wire entanglements in some foreign land. Soon the American mothers and wives will join the other mothers and wives, anxiously scanning the casualty lists.

Soon it will be your fate, and mine, to listen with awful dread to the tread of the postman bearing that horrible long envelope in which will be a letter reading "we regret to inform you that . . . died in action."

Why? Why? Who gains in the awful slaughter? How can we stop this carnage?

The militant voice of the thirty million workers in this country, united under a slogan to stop the war, joined together in wonderful solidarity for independent labor political action, could and MUST STOP THIS THING BEFORE IT GOES ANY FARTHER. TOO LONG HAVE WE BEEN LED BY THE NOSE BY THE SLICK POLITICIANS OF THE BOSS CLASS. TOO LONG HAVE WE ALLOWED OURSELVES TO BE BLINDLY STEERED INTO WARS BY THOSE CAPITALIST WAR-MONGERS WHO REAP THEIR PROFITS FROM THE BLOOD-SHED OF THE MASSES.

Most of you must have either heard or read the president's message to the joint session of congress last Thursday. All of you know what he said—the newsreels, the newspapers, the pulpit, and the radio have been filled with nothing but the drastic need, in this country for 50 thousand war planes—for more guns, more battleships, more aviators, more tanks, more gas, more, more, more of everything with which to deal death to the workers of some other nation.

The frantic war hysteria stirred up by every communication, every social-patriotic speaker, is a real and terrible thing. No longer do the workers analyze why it is that all the pictures of atrocities, all bombed cities, all refugee armies, all air battles, show only Allied countries being devastated. An honest analysis of this situation, as shown in the newsreels, indicates that Hitler is literally sweeping everything before him. That the Allies have not succeeded in penetrating so much as one foot into the Germans' territory.

Once in a great while the English and the French admit to a minor victory. Occasionally a news dispatch gets through the censors regarding the bombing, by the Allies, of an open German town. But not often. Oh, no. That wouldn't be "human" warfare, and far be it from any of the Allied nations to carry on anything but "human" warfare!

Meanwhile, what is being done to prepare the American workers for the inevitable shift from a program of armaments for "defense" to a program of actual participation?

Upholsterers In City Are Locked Out

Following a strike of the Upholstery, Frame & Bedding Workers Union Local 61 against the Salisbury & Satterlee company on Monday, four more plants in the industry locked out their workers. The lockouts have been converted into strikes by Local 61.

City Employees Freed from Yoke Of Dr. Pollard

City employees who come under the Workmen's Compensation Act can insist upon treatment of their injuries by physicians of their own choosing. This is the ruling the state supreme court made a few days ago when it reversed the order of the state industrial commission in the case of John J. Carmody, a St. Paul city fireman who was injured and insisted upon treatment by his own physician.

To the city employees of Minneapolis, this ruling means they will now be freed from the yoke of the city physician, Dr. D. W. Pollard, who has been unpopular with numbers of city employees.

Mother of Dunne Brothers Dies at 83

Mrs. Della M. Dunne, 83, died last Friday at the home of her son, Vincent Raymond Dunne. Rites were held Monday morning at Holy Rosary church, with the burial at St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Dunne was born in Ripon, Wisconsin. She moved to Little Falls in 1882 and to Minneapolis in 1908. Survivors include six sons, Vincent R., Miles B., Grant J., and Fenton W., Minneapolis; Willis F., New York, and Paul A., Nekeosa, Wisconsin, and one daughter, Mrs. Charles R. Chase, Long Beach, California.

664 Meeting June 7th of Special Interest

A discussion of special interest will be held at the regular meeting of City and Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 on Friday, June 7th.

Local 289 Accepts New One-Year Pact

Last Thursday evening a special meeting of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 voted to accept a new one-year agreement with the twenty-eight Minneapolis wholesale bakeries. The new pact will bring wage increases of \$1 weekly to about 300 drivers. About 75 inside workers now receiving \$25.50 for a 42-hour week will receive \$26.44 for a 42-hour work week, a weekly increase of \$.94.

Appeal in Sioux City Bakery Drivers Case On in St. Paul Court

The appeal in the case of the seven drivers' union officials from Omaha, Sioux City and Des Moines who were framed last September by FBI agents and sentenced November 3rd in district court to two years imprisonment opened Wednesday in the 8th circuit court of appeals in St. Paul.

In St. Paul for the trial are Lou Miller and Shorty Stultz of the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554; Howard Fouts, Ralph Johnson and Jack Maloney of the Sioux City Drivers Union Local 383, and Frances Quinn of the Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90. David Weinberg and Louis Carranza of Omaha, and Mr. McNutt and John Connelly of Des Moines will serve as defense counsel. E. G. Carpenter, the seventh unionist involved, was not present when the trial opened.

Not One Cent to the Bosses' War Machine

(An Editorial)

"Above all, let us stop this hysterical chatter of calamity and invasion that has been running rife these last few days . . ."

Colonel Charles Lindbergh was right when he characterized President Roosevelt's war-mongering of the past few days as "hysterical chatter." It is all that and more—all this talk about possible air or naval attacks on the United States is shrewdly utilized for taking this nation into the war.

Where can the President find a responsible military man to agree with his claim that this nation is in danger from invasion? There is not a responsible authority in this country who seriously believes that the United States is liable to a real danger of invasion from any foreign power or combination of foreign powers.

Hugh Johnson has stated: "There is no great power that could invade continental United States." Major-General Douglas MacArthur has called an attack on American ports impossible.

Dr. Korchik Is Local 544 Physician

Dr. J. P. Korchik has taken over the practice of Dr. H. P. McCrimmon and will replace the latter as physician to Local 544 members. All Local 544 members may go to Dr. Korchik as they previously went to Dr. McCrimmon. Dr. McCrimmon has gone to Chicago as a naval reserve officer.

TJC Will Honor Heroic Dead

Next Wednesday afternoon a delegation from the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will place wreaths on the graves of four labor martyrs who gave their lives to advance the cause of unionism in the driving industry and in other industries.

1859 Negotiating With Northland

Negotiations are now in progress between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the Northland Manufacturing company, 137 East Island avenue, for a new agreement to replace the one expiring May 28th.

General Drivers Union Rests Case; End of Trial Seen

After recessing last Thursday due to the death of the mother of Vincent, Miles and Grant Dunne, the Local 544 trial resumed Tuesday morning, with indications that the trial would end Friday.

977 Ball Game Rained Out; On Sunday

All the Park baseball games were rained out last Sunday. The Local 977 baseball nine will play its opening game Sunday, May 26th, 2:30 p. m. at the Columbia Park, Columbia Heights. The opposing team is "Moe's", formerly the Black Hawks.

Local 359 Sends Strike Notices to Plumbing Firms

The employees of the nine wholesale plumbing supply houses through their union, Warehouse Workers Union Local 359, voted to strike their employers if a settlement is not reached in the current negotiations after ten days.

L. Clair Johnson and Gene Larson Testify WPA Defense Committee and Farmer-Coop-Labor Council Received Financial Aid from Local 544; Roy Weir and Leslie Sinton Testify on Union Custom in Caring for Distressed Members; Dobbs Testifies on Area Committee Work; Defense Mops Up on All Charges Made By Plaintiffs

Among those to testify late last week were Farrell Dobbs, former secretary-treasurer of the union; L. Clair Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Central Labor Union's WPA Defense Committee and business agent of the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131; Gene Larson, secretary-treasurer of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471; and Kelly Postal, present secretary-treasurer of Local 544.

Local 160 Backs Group Hospital Aid

At the May 16th, 1940, meeting of Local B-160, I.B.E.W., the membership voted to apply for a charter from Group Health Mutual, Inc., as soon as the required number (one hundred minimum) of applications are received at the Union Office.

Stassen Civil Service Would Slash Wages

A storm of protests from thousands of state employes have greeted the new salary schedule proposed by the state civil service commission, to go into effect July 1st. It is said that more than 1,000 complaints have already been made of the commission over the proposed cuts, which run from \$5 to \$145 monthly.

Graves Fuel Is Unfair to Labor

The attention of all union families is again called to the fact that the Graves fuel company, 2539 Minnehaha avenue, is a union-hating outfit undeserving of the patronage of members of organized labor.

Wednesday morning Local 544 rested its case after taking more than two weeks to present defense testimony. Union officials expressed the conviction that everything possible has been done to present a rounded and accurate answer to all the finks' charges.

ings were mumbled so members can't understand them. "If I'm mumbling now, that's the way it happens, because I usually read the reports," answered Kelly.

Were Aided by 544

L. Clair Johnson and Gene Larson testified that both the WPA Defense Committee and the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council have received financial aid from the General Drivers Union and from other unions.

All Columnists—Get Columns in Monday Next Week

Because of the Memorial Day holiday next Thursday, May 30th, the Northwest Organizer will go to press Tuesday of next week.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

What Is Behind the Strike at Banner Laundry in Omaha

The story behind the strike of the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554 against the Banner Laundry was told this week to Omaha citizens through twenty thousand leaflets paid for by the Omaha Central Labor Union's organizing committee.

On April 23, 1940, six of the seven laundry driver-salesmen employed by the Banner Laundry joined Local 554. Several days later, Mr. Hanson, owner, called all the men into his office one by one and demanded they withdraw from the union "or else." Under the fear of immediate dismissal the men signed a petition drawn up by Hanson.

60 Families Taking Over Truck Lines

The sixty families that rule and own the United States are now moving swiftly to gain control of the nation's truck lines, it was indicated May 17th by an announcement in the financial section of the New York Times that the Transport Company, a Delaware corporation, has been formed to merge trucking companies operating from Maine to Georgia, to Tennessee and as far west as Pittsburgh.

A syndicate headed by Kuhn, Loeb and company is marketing \$12,000,000 of the \$25,000,000 stock for which the company will be capitalized.

More than twenty companies, operating about 14,000 trucks and employing 30,000 workers, are involved. Among the companies drawn into the merger are Arrow Carrier corporation; York Motor Express; R. F. Terminal & Warehouse; Kirby & Kirby corporation; Waverly Place company; Mundy Motor Lines; Consolidated Motor Lines; United Sales & Manufacturing; United Armour Express; Motor Haulage corporation; Brooks Transportation; Branch Transportation; Transportation, Inc.; Barnwell Brothers; Horton Motor Lines, and Super Service.

The union was left with only one alternative. It placed "Unfair" banners on the laundry and called the driver-salesmen, the engineer and the wash-men off the job.

The Banner Laundry countered by having some of its deliveries made by Danbaum Detective Agency guards armed with guns. (In the famous Omaha street car strike, Danbaum was paid \$100,000 by the street car company to break the strike through dynamiting, guns and terrorism.)

Retired policemen on city pensions are being employed by Danbaum and the laundry to terrorize union men.

The laundry has violated the city ordinance by employing unqualified boiler men.

How Men Are Underpaid
The Banner Laundry at the time of the strike was paying only \$20 weekly for a \$150 route; in Minneapolis, a driver for such a route would receive \$27.50; in Kansas City, \$28.50; in Des Moines, \$25.

Whereas unionized laundries restrict the work week from 48 to 54 hours, the Banner Laundry has no limit on the hours it works its employees.

Local 554 is asking all Omaha Laundry until it sees fit to deal honestly with the union.

The Laundry Workers Union Local 48 and the organizing committee of the Central Labor Union are backing Local 554 in this fight.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Sorry am I to have to admit that it had to happen again! After spending an hour and a half on last week's copy, I tore off for work in the morning and left it there. And along with this not so phenomenal announcement it is absolutely necessary to tell you of a real miracle right away in this first paragraph. This week, and I believe it's the first time since our Thursday registration has started, no one filed for a job. On happy days!

Tony Palaiia's supply truck for park projects, runs up almost 100 miles a day. . . all our first park board project crews have been split up and spread around. . . Dick Hornig (split skull and all) is riding herd with a platform again, fancying up our baseball fields with concrete benches.

Changing of boxes from dump to platform this last Sunday gave Hornig a souvenir of six stitches taken on his big dumb skull.

FASHION NOTE: Early spring ensembles noted so far this spring indicate that tailgates will be worn higher. . . FLASH! First season's showing exclusively by Schwartz of Osseo.

Are you keeping up with events as they occur in our unions on the Council and others who cooperate with the General Drivers? Why not read all the columns in your union paper, the Northwest Organizer? They carry all the important information about their individual organizations in their efforts to create progress toward our common goal of a solid union town.

If you have possibly stood up under all the barrage of rubbish passed on herewith in the last few weeks, I want the opportunity to redeem myself in next week's column. Many complaints over a long period have accumulated to the point where it is an absolute necessity to sound off here about the (de?) merits of the WPA inspection.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Eeeny, meeny, miney, mo. The faster I work, the sooner I go.

How come Jack Lopata couldn't get the tractor away from in front of the office door last week?

As we wuz sayin' last week, the imbecility of such docility, that is the homeheadness of being led around by the nose, by anybody who usurps the authority to pass a law that says you got to do so and so, is tragically exhibited right now in the supine (which means lay down and roll over) tameness of taunted multitudes.

Millions are hungry and starving while statesmen (and this may be good statesmanship but it is dampoor politics) and business men chatter about "over-production of food products." Millions last winter were shivering and ashamed in their rags and shoddy while the warehouses were crammed with clothing and clothing materials (and don't tell me you read in the Tribune that only a few people were out of work, according to Dorothy Thompson).

Ocky Burkstrom came back to work at the Northwestern Casket company May 14 and the fellows were sure glad to see him. Ocky had some trouble with an infection which caused his foot to swell up so bad he was unable to work for a while. Ocky, you gotta take better care of yourself.

Abe Schwartz, the steward at the Air-loc Seating corporation, is back to work after a long lay-off. Brother Schwartz came back last Monday, a week ago.

Let's see, where wuz I? Oh, yah. Scores (as I heard it, a score is 20) of millions are so afflicted with the hallucinations (this is the same as a bum steer) of docility (turn the other cheek attitude) that through all the cruel years of this gallin', grindin', depression they have gullibly (that is hook, line and sinker) swallowed "over-production" as the cause and correct explanation of their status quo (this means the fix we are in).

When Alfred Johnson got through work one night last week he hurried home to rest his weary bones after a day of honest toil. But when he got home, instead of peace and quiet he found there was the dickens to pay. His little daughter, Barbara, who is just learning to walk, had fallen downstairs and skinned her nose and papa had to do something about it.

Now, these scores of millions of under-nourished and meanly-clad citizens are so soaked up with numbness, dumbness, pie in the sky, blessed are the poor, what's the use ideas that the vast and cruel national phenomenon (see Ed Kirby for the meaning of this word) of compulsory under-consumption as a fundamental (indisputable) cause of the depression escapes their notice.

Donald Johnson is the name of a brother at the Clark plant and the city's vital statistics covers a marriage license to a guy by that name. A cigar for the Dress, Donald.

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to sublime, beautiful, soul - thrilling, tender, sweet thoughts of love. Elliot Lynn, the timekeeper at the J. R. Clark plant, is expected to follow tradition come June.

An ornithologist, according to Webster, is one learned in that branch of zoology which treats of birds. So what? So that is Art Johnson's problem. Art went to the sportsmen's show at the auditorium a week ago come next Monday and out of all the prizes which included everything from a cabin to a fish hook, Art won four bird houses. Finely built and beautiful they are, too, only Art ain't no ornithologist. For sale cheap: 4 batroosts. See Art Johnson.

Ed Jordan and Art Lano didn't have any luck winning a prize at the sportsmen's show last week. Better luck next time.

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- Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
- Anderson, W. A. (Ehrenstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
- Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Elliott Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Elliot, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Retail Section on Thursday, June 6, at 7:30 p. m.

The biggest news to many of you no doubt is the settlement of the wholesale contract which was ratified last Thursday evening at a special meeting by quite a majority. I would like to point out at this time that I think those in the minority had some very good arguments against accepting, but conditions being as they are, as pointed out by Harry DeBoer and others, we were right in accepting. This is the fourth contract we have had and each and every one has been progressive in some way.

Now I think it behooves every one of us to live up to the contract to the letter and also to see that every other member does the same.

Now that the contract is over, how about letting down a little and planning on the Picnic? Tickets will soon be in the hands of your stewards and each and every member can well afford to buy one. By the way, the tickets sell for the modest sum of 50c and they can be turned in at the picnic grounds for face value. That is, you will get 50c in trade. What can you lose on a deal like that?

Andy Sloss, Emerick's, picked up a nice stray pup the other day; a full-blooded German shepherd slightly mixed with Airdale, Sooner dog and Wolfhound.

The way I figure it, Minnesota fish are about the most expensive food in the world. Sixteen of us traveled to Mille Lacs last Sunday to catch about 9 fish, weighing at the top 27 pounds. Each one of us spent about four bucks, so you figure it out.

Here's one I read some place or other: Liverpool's English tailors are in a quandry. Because of the war they must use buttons made of processed milk. Liverpool rats, tasting the milk-made buttons, have found them good and chew the buttons off almost as fast as the tailors can sew them on. So you see, even rats can be of some use in relieving the unemployment situation. All of which boils down to the fact that the worst rats are the human rats.

Now that Great Britain is getting the pants licked off them, you can expect any day that the capitalists of this country and the cap-

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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Died: Mrs. Marion Sherman. Rites were conducted Thursday, May 16th, at Heinrich's mortuary, burial took place at Crystal Lake cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Earl Sherman, Y. C. dispatcher. We offer our profound sympathy to the bereaved.

Henry Kuenen is back on the baggage after a long illness. Glad you are back, Hank.

Run of the week: O. "Dagwood" McDonald let the scenery slip by kind of slow when going to Rochester as he got the run about the first hour the new cab was on the street.

The new Liberty Cab Buick Torpedoes will come equipped with a factory paint job, special heavy duty bumpers, a deluxe ventilating system and a large number of them will have the new glove-box meter, a safety feature and room saver that needs no explanation to hack men.

The Great Northern Station district lost Big Bob Jungnickel who retired last week. We sincerely wish him all the good fishing Minnesota has to offer.

Officer Frank Berry has been transferred from Fifth and Hennepin to take his place.

The Minnesota Cab vacationers this week include Pat Lynch, Bill LaBelle and Lennie Collins.

Animal Angle: Liberty driver Sandeen (who drives a cab that looks like a skunk) asking Freddie Cipperry, Yellow driver, which one of our circus-wagons the monkeys came in.

It's being "noised" around that a new replacement of "Super" Jack Daly's famous wheelbarrow will be along with the next shipment; wonder if it will be a drive-away with Jack doing the hay-foot, straw-foot.

Perry Rickard and Joe Wise of the Yellow Cab won the cabin at the Star-Journal fishermen's party. Now all they need is forty acres and a mule.

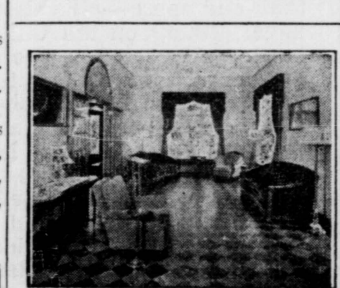
Max Silvers has a good idea; he wants a hot-plate installed on his hack. Max's Kosher Kitchen Kab. Huh!

Bill Baird had some busy moments doping out which gadget is for what; he never seen so many plungers on a panel since they threw out the family organ.

The first Local No. 958 baseball game was a good place for a swimming meet. Bill "Punchy" Hays said the weather (or water) was all right, but that is only one man's opinion.

Some of the Y. C. inside workers are turning out for b.b. practice, two from the paint shop.

Curly Cues . . . Sam Iacono did an expert job of cleaning a punkin



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When Will U. S. Declare War? Clarke to Speak

George Clarke of New York City will speak in Minneapolis next Friday evening, May 31st, 8 p. m. on "When Will the United States Declare War?" The meeting will be held at 919 Marquette avenue, under the auspices of the Minneapolis and St. Paul branches of the Socialist Workers Party. Admission is 15c. Chairman will be V. R. Dunne.

By the way, have you ever wondered why there is a filling station on every corner when there cannot possibly be enough business to keep the four going? Well, when it's not some poor struggling independent trying to scare up a living, it's due to the fact that the wealthy oil companies prefer to lose money on some of its stations through expansion of its distribution services rather than pay the government taxes on excess profits.

To be poor without being free is the worst state into which man can befall.

of the most antique trucks in Minnesota and hauled for 49 cents per yard. That's showing 'em, boys.

Don't forget to spread the work against the proposed new charter which will come to a vote sometime this year. This will seriously affect the standard of living of every worker in town, so don't be bashful—lay into it.

Demand your milk fresh daily—from the wagon, not the store.

The new type of cab being mounted on the park department Case tractors would make dandy popcorn wagons.

Gravy Davy Shea sez: "Boy, we been puttin' out today, and don't think we ain't." Lugging them there boats got Brother Einar Nygaard down, too.

There is a possibility that the International convention in Washington in August may include sick and death benefits when rewriting the Constitution and By-Laws.

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Farm-Coop-Labor Supper at Madison Is Great Success

About one hundred persons—farmers, cooperators, unionists, and business men, with the farmers predominant—gathered in the Lutheran church at Madison, Minnesota, last Thursday night for a supper and discussion under the auspices of the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council.

The gathering was held at the invitation of Roscoe Gamble, head of the local association of commerce.

Following a nice supper served by the women of the church, a friendly discussion was held, with Mr. Gamble presiding as chairman. Speakers included Frank Starkey of the Minnesota Federation of Labor; C. A. Halvorsen, cooperative leader; Gene Larson, Minneapolis Milk Drivers Union; John Wisdorf, president of the F-C-L Council; the Rev. Beetle; E. L. Smith, Montevideo farmer and co-operator; Robley Cramer, Labor Review editor; William Guideson, St. Paul Milk Drivers Union; Judge Barsness; Paul Rasmussen, executive secretary of the F-C-L council.

In tracing the history of the State Federation of Labor, Mr. Starkey pointed out that most city workers are sons or daughters of farmers. The growth of absentee ownership and large-scale production have made unionism imperative for workers, he said. He listed the progressive legislation the state federation has fought for, and the support organized labor has always given to the legislative program of the farmers.

C. A. Halvorsen, praised the rural electrification program now being pushed by the government. Gene Larson told the story of the birth and growth of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council and traced exactly how a union calls a strike.

John Wisdorf voiced his conviction of the necessity for farmers and workers to work together to improve the welfare of both groups, and urged farmers to follow in labor's footsteps and organize on an economic basis. "Politics is all right, but what you need is economic power," he stated.

Unions Fight for All Exploited "Labor fights for the right of all to work at decent wages. Labor also looks out for the interests of the youth and the aged both in the city and the countryside," Robley Cramer stated. Judge Edward E. Barsness presented some interesting statistics on the farm problem. In 1909, when most farmers owned their own farms, the farmers of this nation fed the 58,000,000 persons in the cities, and also fed part of Europe. Today they have to furnish food for 100,000,000 persons in the cities. In 1909, the national cash income of the American farmers totalled about four billions, or 16 per cent of the nation's income. Today it totals about four billions, which is only 6.6 per cent of the nation's income.

In some of the western counties in Minnesota, as many as 65 per cent of the farmers have lost their farms in recent years. On the emergency seed and feed loans contracted by the farmers during the drouth years in the early 1930's, the farmers got rotten hay for their livestock. Many of them are still in debt for these loans. Of the six million dollars borrowed on seed and feed loans, only about 16 per cent is paid up, the judge stated.

Judge Barsness said a national organization is now being formed to work for a united front of farmers to better their desperate plight. Big Business Is the Enemy "Five per cent of the people in this country receive 75 per cent of the wealth," he said. "It obviously isn't the workers who are getting it, and it surely isn't the farmers. It is Big Business." E. L. Smith, from Montevideo, told the meeting the reason he joined the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council was because he believed in cooperatives, and because he is convinced that each group represented in the Council will benefit from the advances of the other two groups. "I have talked with trade unionists, and they want the same things we want. They want security for themselves and their families," Smith said. "Only organized groups, like those represented in the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council, can stop war," he ended.

On behalf of the Council, Paul Rasmussen thanked the local committee that had arranged the meeting.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

Milk Drivers in Brainerd are organized and have just signed a contract which brought their wages up to \$110.00 per month from \$80. At present there are two pasteurizing plants in the city. Their present problem is a gang of raw milk chislers who always try to cut in. Years ago we found ourselves in the same predicament. It takes time and a process of education to convince some people that safe, pasteurized milk is the only product to use.

Reports from Indianapolis are that this year at our International convention, Daniel J. Tobin hopes to "streamline" our driving organizations. It is expected that divisions (Milk, Bakery, Ice, etc.) will be created and men selected to be responsible for each type of work. Seemingly such a set-up will be more effective, contacts will be closer and organization work will be easier.

Brother Bert Anderson joined his church Sunday, May 12; he took the day off and all. From now on it will be expected that Brother Bert will be a helpful influence in the Drivers Room to some of us "worldly" members.

During pike season you will find members of Local 471 at nearly every resort on Lake Mille Lac each day in the week. Reports are they all come home with fish. We like to see our members careful at work and also while they fish. Before you ride the waves of any lake, or speed over the state highways think of your family, pay your union dues on time and remember the "dollar" assessment. We appreciate our large membership and do not want to lose anyone through carelessness.

For a picture of the fluid milk program and situation in the U. S. today, read the article "Breaking the Bottleneck" by Arnold Nicholson in the June issue of Country Gentleman. It explains some of the factors which have had disturbing influence in our industry.

More than 15,000 ex-soldiers have died since the end of the World War from the effects of their war service.

As a special order of business at 9 o'clock at our next meeting on June 13, we will vote on the amendment to raise our dues to \$2.50 per month. When you stop to consider that it takes \$2.00 per month per member to properly staff and run your union and that our sick benefits are actually costing about 50 cents per member per month, you will be able to vote intelligently on the amendment. Ask yourself this question: aside from the sick benefits, is the union and all it has gained for me in better working conditions and increased wages worth the \$2.00 per month that it actually costs to run the union properly and is the sick benefit worth 50 cents per month in addition?

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Gas and Suds

By L. Clair Johnson

Vacation time is just around the corner and most of us who have been in the industry for any length of time know that the paid vacation has only been in effect since we signed the contract November 1, 1937. We old timers—some of whom have worked twenty and twenty-five years without a vacation—and also many of the new members who have come in the industry recently realize how much our union has done in obtaining better working conditions in addition to the 35 per cent increase in wages for the average driver. Let's all be especially careful on our vacation jaunt and get back to our job safely. As jobs go today, ours are not bad.

Lawrence Brink of Service Cleaners had an operation Tuesday for appendicitis and is at St. Mary's hospital.

Spring Style Note Watch for the new slacks suits. At the Model they will be green and at the Dispatch, blue.

F. L. McCann is leaving the Nicollet at the end of this week. He is going to have a route for the Pepsi-Cola company.

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say about the present war in Europe, the underlying cause is a struggle to maintain a dying world economic system that will not function properly any longer. Modern technological development makes it mandatory for manufacturing nations to control world markets and find a place to dump the surplus of goods that they cannot consume. The difference in the total purchasing power of a nation and what they produce is the excess or profit that business must have to maintain itself and which must find some other outlet if the national economy is to endure. The very existence of the nation and its people depends on the continual expansion of the system. Unless this expansion continues, the standard of living of its people will start to decline and eventually the national economy will reach a state of collapse. The people of North America can avert this calamity by staying out of the European war and taking steps to establish a system of economy that will function in this technological era in which we live. The answer is Technocracy.

The Committee in charge of raising funds for our sick committee put it over in a big way and are to be complimented on the swell job they did. Their report was well received by those present at the last membership meeting. Favorable comment was also expressed on the way the affair was conducted. Brother Clarence Menth of Monticello, a member of the St. Cloud branch, received the outboard motor and Brother George Phillips, our assistant business manager, was lucky enough to receive the rod and reel line.

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Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

This week terminates the 544 book suit. If you haven't had an opportunity to be present at the trial, you have missed something. We hope this isn't another miscarriage by the lady with the scales.

The last membership meeting voted to adopt the Group Health Plan. Applications are now being received at the Union Office, and we urge that both those who signed the petition and others who are interested come in as quickly as possible and fill out their applications. This will greatly facilitate the work of the Committee. The deadline is June 10th.

The Administration certainly has got the propaganda mill in high gear. Two and one-half billion dollars and fifty thousand planes that will be obsolete as soon as they are built. Several national columnists said lately that we'd have an expeditionary force in Mexico in a year. The armament moguls have made up their minds to reap another harvest and let Labor pay the cost. It's up to us to keep our eyes open and try to keep out of our country the same kind of "democracy" they have now in France.

To the readers of Taxi Topics: Hey! You guys that aren't kiviis anymore. How about a Union Escadrille or a Union Field? Union men work together, they oughta fly together.

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Story Behind Vote on P. B. Lease

Tuesday afternoon by a vote of 5-3, the finance committee of the Park Board voted to reject a proposal to lease park property at Lyndale and Wayzata boulevard to a motor company for five years at \$3,000 yearly for used-car purposes. Chalgren, Miller and Armistead voted in favor of the proposal.

Six weeks ago the Minneapolis Central Labor Union proposed that all park property not now in use be disposed of, to provide resources for the board. Soon thereafter H. S. Knight, park board member, brought up the matter at a board meeting and was told to go out and get an offer for any property. Knight received an offer from the McDonald-Gillfillan motor company to rent the piece of property across the street from the Parade Grounds at \$3,000 yearly. When he brought his proposal back to the park board, reactionaries on the board took him to task for proposing to "degrade" the park system.

Chalgren, Miller and Murphy supported Knight's proposal, as did the Real Estate board, the council of civic clubs, and the city council. Opposing the plan are Gross, Quist, McRae, Washington Yale and Alfred Pillsbury.

Organized labor is in favor of leasing the park property because the park board is crying it can't grant wage increases to park employees, that it can't provide year-around work, that it must use WTA to supplement the work, etc.

Among those to speak at Tuesday's meeting in favor of leasing the property were Harold Seavoy, president of the Teamsters Joint Council, speaking in behalf of the park board employees; George Murk, representing the Central Labor Union; Alderman Bastis, Slosky and Burgum, etc.

It is said that some members of the park board have personal interests at stake in opposing rental of the property under discussion. The Northwest Organizer hopes the motives of these people are honest.

A special meeting of the park board will be held next Tuesday, at which a minority report is certain to be introduced supporting the plan to lease the park property not now being used.

Gassing With 977

Negotiations for a new Working Agreement for the members at Midland Cooperative Wholesale are now in progress. The first meeting with the employer committee was held late Monday afternoon, at which time the employees requested a 5 per cent increase in wages.

Both employer and employee committees of the Major Oil Companies will meet on Friday, May 24th, at which time it is hoped that final negotiations will be completed on the Working Agreement which is retroactive to May 1st.

Trustee Andy Rost, of the Co-operative Service, blew in like a gust of wind at the Executive Board meeting Monday evening. Andy had been spending the week end at Hill City.

ITEM BY MELLO: If any of you should see Pres. Roy Sturdevant sneaking out of the neighborhood butcher shop along about sundown, ask him if he is bringing home the bacon, or if it might be a piece of beefsteak for that big black shiner he is sporting. Roy says that it just doesn't pay to argue with a woman.

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Local 544 Rests Case In Fink Suit

(Continued from page 1) tem, in answer to charges made by the finks.

Roy Weir, secretary of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, and Leslie Sinton testified as to union custom and usage in donating to union members in distressed circumstances.

Inasmuch as the finks had made the charge that Local 544 officers had received money from the Sears, Roebuck company, pay-off money, the general manager of the Minneapolis Sears store appeared to testify he had never paid any defendant nor any other person from Local 544.

Why Union Fines Kelly Postal was again on the stand Tuesday to testify as to the reasons the union imposed fines on members who violated union agreements, etc. Postal and Gilbert Carlson, one of the union defense attorneys, read into the court records excerpts from minutes of Local 544 membership meetings to show that the unions' ranks always passed on all matters of policy, administration and finance.

All in all, the testimony of the past few days has been on the order of mop-up work, cleaning up all the tag ends of the varied assortment of charges made by the finks. When the General Drivers Union concludes its presentation Wednesday, it will have answered factually and conclusively every one of the thousands of charges fired by the finks.

Attorneys for the finks will probably take a day or two for rebuttal, with the case probably ending Friday, after which Judge Paul S. Carroll will study the evidence and render a decision.

Negotiations With S-M Tire Proceeding

Negotiations between the Warehouse Workers Union and the S. & M. Tire company have been moving along quite well, with the exception of wages. These workers have been among the lowest paid in the city.

The company has granted some increases, but the workers feel they are not satisfactory. If an agreement is not reached soon, a meeting will be called for the purpose of deciding on what further action is necessary. An answer is expected within a few days from the company.

When the Negro lad saw the inscription on the tombstone, "Not Dead, but Sleeping," he scratched his head quizzically and remarked, "He sho' ain't fooling nobody but himself!"

record is kept in each member's account in regard to dues books. Duplicate books may be obtained at 10c, in case the old book becomes lost. See that your dues book is stamped, and that the stamp is cancelled by the agent collecting. Your dues book is your working permit card.

Executive Board meetings in the future will be held on Monday evenings, in the office of the Local, at 8 o'clock.

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

Not One Cent for the Bosses' War Machine

(Continued from page 1)

lion wounded in the last war, the infinite riches expended in destruction—all that is to be repeated, on a still vaster scale.

The American people are anti-fascist to the core; they feel mortal enmity to Hitler and all he stands for. Left to themselves, the masses in this country and other countries would find ways of combatting fascism here and abroad, of aiding the German workers to free themselves from Hitler's stranglehold—ways and means very different from those proposed by our war-mongers to back the British and French empires. The heartfelt anti-fascist sentiments of the American people are being systematically manipulated to get them to support a war of the United States whose real purpose has nothing whatever to do with freeing the peoples of Europe from fascism and military dictatorship.

England and France weren't driven to war by the ideals of democracy. They were driven to war to protect the empires they have carved out for themselves in the world. England and France the friends of democracy! Dont make us laugh. They use in their colonies the same brute naked terror that Hitler uses in Europe. With France today under a heavy military dictatorship, you could put the difference between that brand of "democracy" and Hitler's regime in the eye of a needle—and it would rattle. And Ireland and India and South Africa would tell you the same about England.

The forces that are driving this country to war are not the ideals of democracy at all. The driving forces are the \$10,000,000,000 that American capitalism has invested abroad, and even more important, the vast billions of idle capital which can find no place for profitable investment within the United States. The interests of American capitalism demand that new fields of investment, new markets, new sources of raw materials, be made available for America's Sixty Families.

Like Hitler Germany, like every other imperialist nation, the United States must expand, or capitalism will die.

That is what the war is about, and that is ALL it is about. All talk about "democracy" is hog-wash for those who are too young to recall how much "democracy" came out of the First World War.

The first victims of the war-mongers' drive will be, already is, democracy at home, and the rights of the workers. The treatment of the Minneapolis WPA strikers last summer, and the "anti-trust" drive against the American Federation of Labor is just the beginning.

Already from Washington there is talk of a new NRA, of outlawing strikes, of suspending the wage and hour standards, of a sixty-hour week, of standing for no "monkey business" from organized labor.

On Tuesday the President expressed confidence that labor unions would not take advantage of the "emergency" to "strike for special wages." Already he is laying the ground for outlawing strikes. His objective, he said, is to prevent both capital and labor from getting rich out of world disaster!

Really, such a brazen statement takes one's breath away. When and where did labor ever get "rich" from war—when and where did labor ever get anything out of boss war except lowered real wages and straitjacketed unions and the right to shed its blood in rivers?

All this talk about "taking the profits out of war" is old, old hokum to us who remember the last war. Wilson, too, "took the profits out of war." At the end of the first war there were more than 18,000 new millionaires in the United States! And the real wages of labor were lower in 1918 than in 1914.

The United States hasn't even entered the war yet, and the profits of the Sixty Families are already skyrocketing. In 1939 U. S. Steel hit the jackpot for \$41,119,934. Bethlehem Steel took \$24,638,384. National Steel made \$12,581,636. Republic Steel and Inland Steel made ten millions each. The airplane manufacturers followed suit.

The real tip-off to the character of the war which the United States is rushing to enter is that the famous "Economic Royalists," Herbert Hoover, Alfred Landon and Colonel Frank Knox have already entered into a defense coalition with the President to jam his war program down the throats of the people. All the presidential candidates of both old parties have refused to permit the issue of war or peace to be an issue in this year's elections. It's too much like a popular referendum on war. There is even talk of calling off the 1940 presidential elections, a truly brilliant way to start off the "War for Democracy."

The very hour the United States government enters this Second World War with the lie of "democracy" on its lips, the government will clamp down the M-Day military dictatorship plan upon us. And that will be the LAST of democracy in the United States while capitalism stands.

Brothers and Sisters, the war-makers are daring to push this nation into war against the OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION of the majority of the people of this nation. Every Gallop poll reveals that the great majority still oppose war. A recent poll of the nations' college students—the age group that will be the first to die—indicates that 98% oppose this nation's fighting ANY WAR! The workers, the farmers, the youth, understand they have nothing

Chicago Milk Drivers Union Again Forced Out on Strike

Chicago, Ill.—After their first whirlwind strike the first of May, when the Chicago Milk Drivers Union temporarily blocked the Dealers Association from putting across a 25% cut in wages, the union has again been forced to strike when the bosses tried to pussy-foot and stall the arbitration.

At the membership meeting May 9th the union membership unanimously rejected the clause in the truce stating that if no decision is reached within thirty days the case must be submitted to arbitration. The membership saw through this boss maneuver to throw the dispute to arbitration, that is, to take the struggle out of the hands of the drivers and submit the dispute to "reasonable" people who will know how to make concessions to the dealers.

The union membership swears that this time the bosses are not going to be let off so easily—they must sign on the union's terms or invest their capital elsewhere.

The Milk Dealers negotiating committee revealed early in its meetings with union representatives what it was after. The dealers put forward as point one on the agenda an immediate 15 per cent slash in basic wages. The negotiations stopped right there. The union leadership, reflecting the determination of the members, announced there would be NO wage cut, large or small.

Answer Lockout With Strike
The dealers then put a lockout in effect last Saturday, May 18th, by posting notices in all barns that the basic wage would be lowered from \$48 to \$40 starting Monday, May 20th. The answer of the drivers and inside workers was STRIKE.

The basic strategy of the bosses at present is to appeal to the government to step in and force the union to accept arbitration. Mr. Arthur Lauterbach, general manager of the Pure Milk association, stated in a radio speech that "The time is at hand for agriculture and business, all farmers and consumers, to compel those who obstruct the conduct of products necessary for the well being of the public to arbitrate their difficulties."

This was also the tone of the bosses' half-page and full-page ads which appear in all Chicago papers this week. The bosses' cry for arbitration is realized by every union member to be the quickest way to defeat.

The attitude of Mr. Lauterbach does not represent that of the real dairy farmer, the farmer that organized the strike in the Chicago milk shed two years ago, that blockaded the highways, tipped over trucks, and even stopped trains in their struggle with the Chicago milk trust. The Milk Drivers Union is today fighting the same game of chiseling bosses which the farmer fought in 1938.

83 Dairies Sign Up
The 83 dairies who signed union agreements during the first strike have now been expelled from the Dealers Association, and action by

the Association will no doubt be taken against the 39 other dairies who have since broken away and signed union pacts. There are 83 dairies now signed with excellent prospects for winning more.

All drivers in Chicago realize the importance of backing the Milk Drivers Union and the Inside Dairy workers in this fight. Because of the stand of the Milk Dealers Association, the Chicago Pop and Bakery Drivers Union is being stalled for its new contract. Today the Milk Drivers Union is fighting the fight of all drivers in Chicago, and of all workers in the area.

Bosses Use Gunmen
On Monday the Dealers Association already started using what the boss press described as "Chicago hoodlums" to convoy trucks through the mass picket lines. Near Volo, Illinois, the gunmen, armed with pistols, sawed-off shotguns and machine guns, opened fire upon pickets, ran a picket car off the road, sideswiped a cop's car and continued on to Chicago. Three pickets were shot.

TJC Enters Picture
Evidence that the powerful Chicago Teamsters Joint Council has entered the picture to back the Milk Drivers Union was indicated by a statement Monday by Leslie Goudie, head of the Council, that the organization would buy milk from farmers, ignore the middlemen of the Association, and transport it to independent dealers for pasteurization and distribute it to the homes of Chicago.

544 Picnic Good as World's Fair

Those workers who are not fortunate enough to attend the World's Fair in New York can do the next best thing and attend the annual picnic of Local 544 to be held Sunday, July 14, at Webb's Place, Bass Lake.

The picnic committee announced this week it has already lined up five rides and has secured a huge fireworks display that will be even more colorful than last year's.

The picnic committee will hold its next meeting Tuesday, May 28th, 8:30 p. m. in the union hall.

This country is not priest-ridden, but press-ridden. — LONG-FELOW.

Locomotive Engineers No. 369 Call for Working-class Action To Oppose, Stop Boss War

A resolution "reaffirming our position of militant opposition to any attempt to involve the U.S.A. in war, and that we declare in favor of international militant working-class solidarity to stop the war," was unanimously adopted by the Division 369, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, at its April meeting.

The full resolution follows:
WHEREAS, the war now raging in Europe is of a definite imperialist character and against the interests of the overwhelming majority of the population of all nations, and engineered by the war-mongering exploiters of the people of the participating nations,

WHEREAS, said imperialist war if not stopped may involve nearly all nations, and WHEREAS, the entrance of the United States into this war would be a crime against more than eighty-five per cent of the population of this nation and in the possible interest only of the war-mongering greedy exploiters representing a small percentage of the population, and

WHEREAS, the invasion of Norway and Denmark is another consequence of said imperialist war and participant governments, and WHEREAS, this bloody and contagious war can most successfully be stopped by the international solidarity and militant opposition by the workers and farmers and liberal people of all nations,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Division go on record condemning the invasion of Norway and Denmark caused by the imperialist participants in this war, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we go on record reaffirming our position of militant opposition to any attempt to involve the U.S.A. in war, and that we declare in favor of international militant working-class solidarity to stop the war, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the Engineers' Journal, Labor, and The Northwest Organizer for publication.

Signed: Mons Johnson, Division Secretary

to gain and their lives to lose from imperialist war.
That is why we cry:
Not One Cent to the War Machine!
All War Funds to the Unemployed!
Stop the Anti-Trust Campaign Against the Unions!
Workers, rally to your unions. Resist any lengthening of the work day until every worker is employed!
Against the M-Day Plan, against all enemies of organized labor!

A DICTIONARY OF LABOR TERMS

adventurism, an irresponsible policy of leadership, such as leading a union into an ill-advantaged strike with little chance of winning and a large chance of losing in the particular situation.

affiliate union, one which is attached, as a member organization, to another union organization. Thus a local union is affiliated to an international union, to a central labor union, etc.

agreement union, a contract between a union and one or more employers which usually covers the following matters: union recognition, scales of wages, hours, seniority, working conditions, machinery for settling grievances and disputes, and length of time agreement is to run.

amalgamated union, one formed by the merger of two or more unions which were formerly separate.

American Federation of Labor, a central organization composed of affiliated trade unions in the United States and Canada, founded in 1881. The most important unions affiliated to the AFL are the 105 international unions, each of which has considerable organization and membership within its own local unions. In addition to the international unions, there are federal local unions, city central labor unions, state federations of labor, allied trade councils, and trade departments affiliated to the AFL. The purposes of the AFL are to promote co-operation and mutual assistance among member unions, to further legislation in the interests of the workers, to encourage the sale of union-made goods, and to extend unionization into unorganized fields. The CIO is a rival central organization of unions, and there are some unions such as several of the railroad brotherhoods which are independent of both AFL and CIO.

American plan, a name employers use for the anti-union open shop. A patriotic term for union-smashing. Also the name of a former union-smashing organization.

Americanism, fundamentally American nationalism. Many different groups claim to represent "real Americanism." Like nationalism in all other countries, Americanism is typified by rabid patriotism, attempts to settle all problems on a national basis rather than on a world basis; it is opposed to conflict within the nation, such as to any attempt on the part of labor to fight for justice in the division of national income. Reactionary interests use slogans of Americanism to whip up hatreds against other nations and races, in order to divide the workers.

... the last word

By B. G.

Do you remember the slogan: "Keep Our Boys Out of War"? It sounds familiar, doesn't it? Do you recall that this slogan was emblazoned across the front page of every issue of the Minneapolis Times-Tribune all last summer? It is hard to believe that the same publication which now boasts two American flags—one on each side of its masthead—the same paper that now praises Roosevelt's armaments program, the same paper that prints three letters favoring our participation in another bloody conflict for every one reminding us that war is bad, is actually the one that conducted an extensive campaign not so many months ago against the United States' going to war.

Last summer the editors of the Times-Tribune concentrated most of its space and energy in giving publicity to this campaign. They spent hundreds of dollars printing thousands upon thousands of petitions addressed to the Congress to the United States, imploring it to "Keep Our Boys Out of War." This same petition was printed over and over again in the daily issues of the Times-Tribune, with a plea to the mothers, sisters, wives, mothers and sweethearts of the northwest to fill them out and send them in to the editors of the paper. Airplanes were hired to fly over many areas, showering the population with these petitions, spreading the plea for peace.

The Times-Tribune editors filled their editorial pages with many reasons why the United States should not make the same mistake again that it made in 1918. These august gentlemen wrote special articles, telling of the waste, the loss of lives, the cruel maiming of soldiers, the futility of war. World War veterans were interviewed to give authority to the stand that war was wrong and that no one should have to be killed or injured in another war, that women and children shouldn't have to be left widows and orphans or starving to death when their husbands and fathers were drafted into almost certain death.

And everyone—especially the mothers who had been through the last war—said "Good!" Thousands upon thousands of these petitions were filled out and mailed in. Many mothers wrote letters of thanks to the Times-Tribune editors, thanking them for the wonderful opportunity they had provided for allowing the women of the northwest to express their opposition to war. Everyone believed the editors of the Times-Tribune were courageous men who would lead fight against our participation in another war. Everyone believed this except the Northwest Organizer.

On September 14, 1939, the Northwest Organizer printed an Open Letter to the Minneapolis Times-Tribune, pointing out that once before, in 1914, this same paper had opposed our entry into the war and once before they had double-crossed their readers. "We doubt you," said the Northwest Organizer.

The first recorded strike in the United States, took place in 1786 when Philadelphia journeymen printers quit to enforce demands for a minimum scale of \$6 per week.

On the National Picket Line

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President Roosevelt has conferred with Bernard Baruch, former head of the War Industries Board of the First World War. He has also conferred with industrial leaders to "facilitate" the beginning of building armaments. Hints that he "may" ask for the loosening of regulations under the Walsh-Healy Act, and for either the outright abrogation of certain legislation which limits the profits the bosses may make on government contracts are being hotly denied by the administration. **BUT HE IS CONSIDERING BOTH THESE QUESTIONS AND WILL GO BEFORE CONGRESS WITH THEM VERY SHORTLY.**

Representative Dies and his cohorts have more than thirty bills now before the House Committee on Naturalization and Immigration. Most of these bills provide for the deportation of aliens and "subversive elements" in the country.

Another bill now before the committee would provide for the registration, by the union, of all members and the listing of any "subversive elements" within each union!

In other words, a nation-wide registration for a gigantic blacklist for the bosses, and to hasten the work of the Labor Dictator, when M-Day comes, so that he may decide quickly which men to keep in the industrial army and which to send to the front line trenches at once!

M-Day—Industrial Mobilization

ization Day—the plan under which the country will be governed once we are in the war—is ready and waiting for quick passage before congress. It provides, among other things, that an Industrial Director APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT shall have full power of life and death over all American workers. It shall be at his discretion whether you go into industry, or into the trenches.

The wages paid, the hours worked, the conditions of labor, all these things will be decided by the director and his staff. In other words, we will be under as strict a military dictatorship as any which exists in the world, not excepting Germany!

It is against such odds that the American workers must use what time is left them. Resolutions passed by central bodies, unions, international unions, conventions, demonstrations against the war, the organization of real, honest to goodness LABOR PARTIES, completely divorced from the boss parties... ANYTHING, everything, WE MUST DO.

TIME IS SHORT. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO WAR GET BUSY NOW!

The Day Is Near

By K. L.
The day is coming near
When truth and justice will rule,
When the common worker
Will no longer be the fool.
When bayonets and rifles
From the millionaires will slide,
And their press and politicians
Will no longer be our guide.

The day is coming near
When the wage slaves will be free,
When he and all his children
Will enjoy democracy.

Then the workers of the world
Will be marching hand in hand
And there will be no bloody battle
Over: capitalist land.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<p>LOCAL 471 General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m. Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.) Milk Haulers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.</p>	<p>LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays.</p>
<p>LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.</p>	<p>LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.</p>
<p>LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 1859 General Membership—May 1 Northland Mfg. Co.—May 14 J. R. Clark Meeting—May 15 Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—May 21 Grievance Board—May 16 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 13 and 27 General Membership—June 5</p>
<p>LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.</p>	<p>Notice The Grievance Board will meet once a month (on the 3rd Thursday of each month) from May 1, 1940 until further notice.</p>
<p>PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.</p>	<p>LOCAL 20481 C. A. Lund—Hastings Union Hall—May 24, 8 p. m. Grain King Co.—Carpenter District Council. 4:30 p. m. May 14.</p>
<p>LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.</p>	<p>LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.</p>
<p>FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards—First and third Wednesdays</p>	<p>LOCAL 544 May Meeting Schedule Wednesday, May 1—Sausage, Petroleum Thursday, May 2—Greenhouse, Independent Truck Owners Friday, May 3—Job Stewards Monday, May 6—Package Delivery, Department Store Wednesday, May 8—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, May 10—Wholesale Grocery, Meat Drivers Monday, May 13—General Membership Meeting Tuesday, May 14—Lumber, Raymond Bros. 9 p. m. Thursday, May 16—Tent and Awning, Newspaper 10 a. m., Ways and Means Committee, (Independent Truck Owners) Friday, May 17—Job Stewards Monday, May 20—Furniture Store, Coal Wednesday, May 22—Sand and Gravel and Excavating Thursday, May 23—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug Friday, May 24—Cold Storage and Produce Monday, May 27—Spring Water Tuesday, May 28—Building Material</p>
<p>LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.</p>	<p>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, first floor All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated</p>
<p>LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.</p>	<p>LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.</p>
<p>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>	
<p>LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.</p>	
<p>LOCAL 359 Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.</p>	