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

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wis.

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

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

Tomorrow, October 16, the United States becomes, officially, a militarized nation.

War is Reality. Guns are booming, bombs are dropping, children are dying, young men who had dreamed and planned of life and love and success are letting their life blood as a sacrifice to the Great God Mammon.

And in such an epoch, who is blind enough to believe that the imperialistic rulers of this nation will stand idly by and see some other nations carve and recarve the world?

The strike called by Local 807 of New York City on October 7 has been settled to the complete satisfaction of the union.

The 1,300 drivers in Newark who have been on strike for two weeks are still out strong.

Crews of the Pacific coast steam schooners went on strike on October 7 after a breakdown in negotiations for a new contract.

Chief among the demands incorporated in the new contract is for a raise in wages to alleviate the differential between wages paid firemen on steam ships and off-shore vessels.

Northwest Cabinet Still Refuses to Deal With Union

Bosses Bring Beeman to Burlington to Try to Talk Strikers Back into Plant with Their Demands Unmet—Union Negotiating Committee Refuses to Play Sucker—Sympathetic Farmers Offer Free Fuel to Families of Strikers—Eagles Donate \$25 to Strike Fund

Burlington, Iowa—Last Thursday officials of the struck Northwest Cabinet company, together with the national representative of the National Furniture Manufacturers association (a Mr. Lynn W. Beeman), held a meeting with the union negotiating committee.

With Starker and Wolf, company officials, sitting on the sidelines, Mr. Beeman sat in his chair and told the past history of his "good labor record."

He's Anxious As he started to lay out the company's proposition, Starker, unable to restrain himself, popped out of his chair with the question: "When is the plant going to open?"

He further stated the company's proposition was three-fold; with great pains he made clear that before the company would sit down and negotiate with the union, the proper bargaining unit would have to be certified by the labor board.

1. That the union apply for a labor board election, to be held within the next few days; 2. That the plant would re-open Monday. Every man would go back to work during the election and the negotiations;

Company Refuses to Negotiate John Janosco, chairman of the union negotiating committee, mentioned his committee to retire from the meeting after hearing the company's idiotic proposal.

Brother Janosco walked back to the table and asked: "Do you, Mr. Beeman, have full power to negotiate a contract?"

"Do you wish to sit down and negotiate a contract?" "No." "Therefore you refuse to recognize us as the proper bargaining agent?"

Company Won't Bargain The strikers understand very well that once they are back in the plant, their negotiating committee will have little economic power to back it in the negotiations.

Beeman, who is a smooth article, was formerly regional director of the Chicago labor board. He is notorious in the furniture industry for his ability to break strikes.

Senator Ball

Senator Ball is but thirty-four, Like Stassen, his master, a boss to the core. Ball in the Senate will take his place, In national councils his words will grace.

Draft Boards Are Stacked vs. Labor

A study of the personnel of the 137 draft boards and appeal boards in Minnesota, appointed October 10th by Governor Harold Stassen, reveals that Stassen has run true to form.

Of the approximately 550 persons serving on the 137 state draft and appeal boards, the overwhelming proportion are bankers and businessmen—about 350. There are 150 lawyers. There are only about 35 farmers.

Only Two Farmer-Laborites That the boards will contain only two Farmer-Laborites is the charge made last week by John Lyons, campaign manager for Hjalmar Petersen, Farmer-Labor candidate for governor.

Lyons accused Stassen of political favoritism in picking draft board members, appeal agents and medical examiners. "Governor Stassen has turned the machinery of selective service over to his county campaign committee," Lyons said, charging that the boards will hire "deserving Republicans" as clerks.

In an effort to answer Lyons' charges, Colonel J. E. Nelson, state director of selective service, claimed that "we paid no attention to politics in selecting them."

Apparently it was just an accident that only two Farmer-Laborites could be found in Minnesota "respectable" enough to serve on the draft boards. Reports from labor papers throughout the nation indicate that the draft machinery is similarly being stacked against the youth of working-class families.

The Coffins Are Ready, Army Says

The disclosure that the U. S. Army has been conducting a three-year survey of the available supply of caskets leaked out last week at a meeting of the Advertising Funeral Directors of America, held in the Mayflower hotel in Washington.

"After all," said Major Ginsburgh, "if you have 1,000,000 men under arms even in peacetime you are going to have some casualties; some men are going to fall off trucks and have other accidents. Then too when you have an army you have to figure it's going to fight some day. Fighting means casualties and casualties call for caskets. That's all there is to it. Caskets are just like all the rest of the gadgets we use."

544 Members Cheer V. R. Dunne's Report On Court Decision

CLU Okeys All FLP Candidates

It was reported at the Central Labor Union meeting last Wednesday evening that a committee representing the Teamsters Joint Council had appeared before the CLU's executive board with the following proposals: (1) that a policy committee on politics be set up by the CLU; (2) that the CLU support all Farmer-Labor candidates; (3) that a committee of fifteen representing labor be appointed by the CLU to make plans for labor's participation in the coming campaign.

A resolution carried opposing the practice of business schools and high schools sending out students to office jobs at \$3 and \$5 weekly.

It was reported the request for restoration of civil rights of the WPA defendants was refused by Washington.

Roosevelt Endorsed Organizer Roy Weir in his report recommended endorsement of the full slate of Farmer-Labor candidates and of Roosevelt. Kelly of the Miscellaneous Workers opposed support to Roosevelt on the grounds of his labor record, his anti-trust campaign against the unions, etc. Weir spoke against the Democratic ticket in Minnesota, saying it was as reactionary as the Republican slate; consequently, organized labor must go down the line with the Farmer-Labor party.

Harold Seavey spoke in favor of endorsing local state legislators as well. It was announced that special Roosevelt buttons were on hand.

The United Blind asked endorsement of its dance and this was granted.

The Deering company of Louisville printers of Fawcett publications, was placed on the unfair list. Latest developments in the fink suit were reported; defense attorneys will have 400 rebuttal witnesses.

The Marigold dances and radio broadcasts were reported terminated. The question of jurisdiction over building trades workers employed by the Northern States Power company was settled in the policy committee: five or six steamfitters and plumbers have been given up by Local 160 to the Plumbers Union.

The matter of endorsement of candidates to legislature and county commission was referred back to the executive board with full power to act. The board will meet Wednesday, October 16, 7 p. m. and all interested parties are invited to attend.

A motion carried to take advantage of the offer of station WLOL of 15 minutes free radio time each week at 6:30 p. m. A motion carried that the CLU make the best possible financial arrangements to continue the Marigold broadcasts.

President Carl Skoglund Given Spontaneous Reception at Monday's Membership Meeting—Dunne in Lengthy Report Outlines Result of Long Fink Suit, Cites Dangerous Precedent in Court's Decision—Gives Details of \$6,000 Court Says Union Officials Must Pay to Union Treasury—Union Defense Guard Announces Its Annual Dance and Turkey Raffle Will Be Held Next Month

A large throng of 544 members turned out Monday night at the October membership meeting to hear V. R. Dunne deliver the main report of the evening, on Judge Carroll's decision in the fink suit.

Demonstrating their feelings about the court's decision that President Carl Skoglund can not hold office because of his citizenship status, members staged a spontaneous reception for Skoglie when he took the chair to call the meeting to order.

Curt Zander read the trustees' financial report for the month of September, and the auditor's report covering the third quarter of the year. The reports were accepted.

Brother V. R. Dunne opened his report by asking his listeners to keep in mind certain important and basic considerations underlying the book suit.

"We do not stand off to one side as those abstractly interested in this case," he said. "We have a definite attitude of maintaining our union rights, despite what the passers-by, or the employers, or the finks, think about us. "This suit was brought by the five finks and their attorneys, not from the point of view of helping our union, but from the exactly opposite viewpoint, of doing all possible harm to Local 544.

"No judge approaches a case of this kind with the same attitude as a union man, however honest and judicially correct that judge may be. He cannot help but be influenced by the employers and their interests, by his own background and upbringing, etc.

"We went into this fight two and one-half years ago. This fight was not of our choosing. It was forced upon us by men who had nothing but rancor and hatred in their hearts for 544 and all it stands for."

Dunne likened the union's position to that of a man set upon by thugs in his own home. He puts up the best fight he can to defend himself and his family, knowing he fights with justice on his side. During the fight he is wounded, his furniture is broken, and his family is frightened. He succeeds in driving off the thugs; the scars of battle he receives are not considered as signs of defeat but as badges of victory.

"We received some scars. Some of the court's decisions were against the union, were not to our liking. We do not admit all the court's decisions were good.

Finks Charges 90% Rejected "Ninety per cent of the finks' contentions and slanders were rejected by the court.

Members should understand that this case is NOT YET OVER. The finks—and the union—have forty days to file motions before Judge Carroll asking a review of the case and a change in the findings. (Continued on page 4)

Bakery Drivers To Serve Lunch After Meetings

A luncheon will be served following the general membership meeting of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 on Thursday, October 24th. The meeting starts at 7:30.

Inside workers attending their section meeting the following Saturday, October 26th, 3 p. m., will also participate in a luncheon following the meeting.

Anderson Seeks To Overturn Court Decision

Wednesday morning Arthur Anderson, lawyer for the five finks suing Local 544, filed a 60-page motion in Judge Paul S. Carroll's court, renewing demands against the General Drivers Union and its officials. In seeking to overturn the court's decision in the famous fink suit, Anderson asks the court for a long list of rulings which, like the original demands of the finks, would render the union helpless to defend its members.

In his motion for amended findings, Anderson asks the court to rule that no union member can ever be deprived of a job no matter what breach of union rules he is guilty of; he demands that union officials be barred from "compelling" anyone to pay dues or fines or fees.

The finks ask that balloting in union elections be confined to one day, thus depriving many drivers out of town from the right to vote in union elections. Anderson asks that donations be limited only "to proper union purposes," Anderson and the finks to judge what is "proper" for a union.

He asks that the union be barred forever from protecting members victimized by the courts, and that no bail or defense funds be paid by the union for its members.

The finks ask the court to rule that no section of Local 544 can strike without a vote of the entire membership, including those not affected by the strike.

As before, the finks ask the court to remove all union officials, to brand them as thieves and embezzlers, "to disband the Union Defense Guard as an 'alien' organization, that the union discontinue its subscription to the Northwest Organizer, etc."

Union officials and labor attorneys are studying Anderson's motion and will go into court to protect and defend the interests of the union, as in the past.

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CLU Resumes Dances at Marigold

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union will resume its series of Wednesday night dances and radio broadcasts at the Marigold ballroom, George Murk announced this week.

The first in the new series of labor dances will be presented next Wednesday evening, October 23rd. Either John Boscoe or Robley Cramer is expected to speak at 10 p. m. on the Voice of Labor program over station WLOL. Dancing is from nine to midnight.

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Union B.A.'s Re-elect Officers

Tuesday the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents held its annual election at the luncheon meeting in Franzen's cafe. By unanimous vote, all officers were returned to office.

Thomas Ammerman of the Milk Drivers Union continues as chairman; Ruben Latz of the Laundry Workers Union Local 183 as vice-chairman; and Harry Brown of the Dry Cleaning Workers Local 30 as secretary-treasurer.

The board heard several speakers deliver memorial addresses for the late John Simcoe. Robley Cramer and others urged organized labor to support the straight Farmer-Labor ticket in the elections November 5th.

ITO Coal Men Meet Oct. 28

A special meeting of coal men is scheduled for Monday, October 28th, 8 p. m. in the Drivers Hall. All Independent Truck Owners interested in hauling coal should be present at this meeting.

Farmers Union Members Offer Free Fuel to Strikers

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the Burlington woodworkers say this is one strike he won't break.

Bosses Don't Like Work
Contrary to the verbal agreement reached by union officials and company heads, the company attempted to call some of their loyal workers to work during the first part of the week to unload lumber from the cars spotted on the track at the plants.

The union contends that this work belongs to employees on strike, and that no scabs will be permitted to go through the picket line. The Starker brothers and part of the management, took it upon themselves to unload the lumber, but after a hard day of manual labor the bosses remarked to the pickets that the work was too hard and they were not going to unload any more lumber.

The union has tightened its picket line, and maintains a 24-hour watch at the plant. It has called all reserve men to be ready for action. The union position is clear. The plant is closed, the workers are on strike, the union is ready and willing to negotiate wherever and whenever the company is ready to get down to business. However, employees will not go back to work until an agreement is reached covering wages, hours, seniority rights and working conditions.

Guy Maxwell, state vice-president of the Iowa Farmers Union, and Gilbert Kester, secretary-treasurer of the Des Moines County Farmers Union, are working closely with the strikers on plans for common action against the common enemy.

On Wednesday details of strikers were dispatched to the farms of friendly farmers who have agreed to furnish wood for fuel for the homes of strikers.

Indicative of the broad support the strike has gained among the townspeople of Burlington is a \$25 donation from the Eagles. Scores of local merchants and businessmen have donated all sorts of food and other goods to the strike.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By L. Clair Johnson

We have been trying for three weeks to get the American Rug Laundry to sign the same agreement that the rest of the rug laundries have already signed. Strike notice has been served and we have a meeting set with the company for tomorrow which we hope will result in a signed contract, without the necessity of striking them.

Elmer Faatz of Lawrence had an operation last week and we hope for his speedy recovery.

Today is the day when sixteen and one half million men will register for the draft, and some million of young men will be forced to give a whole year of their lives for one dollar a day. Some people justify the sacrifice these young men are called to make, on the basis of patriotic duty in a national emergency.

In regard to the patriotism and sacrifice of business in the defense program, it appears that the business lobby in Washington has completely emasculated the so-called excess profits tax.

The Washington observes, Pearson and Allen, state: "Not since the days of the Hoover administration has there been such a concerted and successful tax lobby as that which has swarmed the halls of Congress in an effort to maim the excess profits bill. Result is that the new tax bill is not an excess profits bill at all... (and) doesn't even begin to take away big business profits on national defense orders... (it) will rain only a drop in the revenue bucket compared with what was expected of it... The new defense tax bill will be lucky if it nets one third of a billion dollars."

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Not much news this week, thanks to all the phone calls I'm always not getting.

Governor Stinky Stassen, true to form, has appointed a successor to Senator Lundeen. Doubtless, the appointee is the direct antithesis of Senator Lundeen in ideals, temperament and those other characteristics which made Lundeen so popular with the common people. Doubtless, also, his successor's votes on various matters pertaining to the common welfare of Minnesotans will be cast along with those who in the past have consistently fought everything Lundeen supported. Well, the working stiffs' votes elected Stassen, so live and learn.

The boys report fair hunting over the weekend. The press went fishing Sunday and caught 8 sunfish with the aid of Brother P. Larson and a cold in the head with no help whatsoever. The fish are only a memory but the cold is still very much present.

It seems the circulation department of the Organizer is "in the clear." Does anybody know Farley's address? Or that new guy's?

The Mayor of West Broadway now responds with no grace at all to "Black Tony." Tak, ts!

Brother Seavey has a new Ford and makes quite an impression at 38th and Bryant.

One of the boys of B.P.C. reports a 10-pounder out of Calhoun last week.

President Roosevelt told the dictators just where we stand on several matters. Here's hoping we don't stand there long enough for them to get the correct range for a shot at us.

Brother Cliff Freeman attended the last regular meeting and is recovering slowly and surely. He looks very good again.

About three of the brothers whose names I don't recall are accused by "Brick" of bringing home a heifer from a deer-hunting trip several years ago. How's about it, boys?

The "Little Dictator" likes lard lots more than he does "dead meat" and is very bitter over loss of the former.

The National Lawyers Guild stated in a report last month that the new excess profits tax bill "is an exact surrender by government to the demands of industry achieved by means of a sit-down strike against the rearmament program."

It seems that in a "democracy" there are two categories of patriotism: One that the ordinary citizen is supposed to display; and that which Business is permitted to get away with.

Congress has been squeezed hard and from all appearances big business, the de facto government of the United States, has won.

Roy Youngberg of G&K had a bad throat infection but is about ready to return to work now.

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Milk Drivers Union Corrects Boss Press On Willkie Story

Last Friday the Minneapolis Star-Journal published a story to the effect that Vern Harrington of Local 471 would attend a so-called labor meeting for Willkie in St. Paul last week-end. Officers of Local 471 phoned the Star to point out that Harrington does not function on the Willkie committee as a representative of the Milk Drivers Union but only as an individual.

Local 259 News

By W. W. Mousseau

Why, oh why, at this late date, in this modern age, in this year of Our Lord, 1940, must we still have factory owners who will persist in the belief that their shops cannot be operated successfully or efficiently without stool-pigeons? Will someone tell me? Can't they be made to understand that the stool-pigeon is not only unnecessary but is actually a detriment to the business? Why can't the boss see that any person who will spy on his fellow-workers must necessarily be of such moral fibre that he would cut his boss' throat as quickly as he would his fellow workmen's? Why can't he understand that the stool's sole purpose is to carry favor with the boss and that he will, therefore, manufacture lies and make false reports to make himself appear good in contrast to the other fellow? How come a man who operates a factory can be so stupid and mentally deficient as to allow himself to be "sucked in" by a stool pigeon?

Surely, it should not be necessary to point out to him that the stool's activities can only result in distrust, suspicions and ill feelings with the consequent disruption of production efficiency? We have cowardly, slinking, sneaking coyotes. We have stinking, chicken-thieving skunks. We have filthy, disease-carrying sewer rats and we have stool-pigeons! Of the lot, the stool-pigeon should be more deeply apologetic for the space he occupies on God's green earth.

As for the boss who will tolerate a stool-pigeon — not to mention encourage him—if I were to express my opinion of him this article would not get by the censors.

As you know, negotiation time is only a few short months away. Are your dues paid up? If not, let's get them paid up and for the love of Mike, let's get down to the meeting. Don't let the bosses think they have only a dozen or two disgruntled employees to deal with. Let's show them a solid front. Show them that we all mean business.

We have a good, average, paid-up membership. We have made some very good gains. But we are still a long way from what we are entitled to and can get. But you can't catch fish if you don't go fishing! I've heard fishermen tell about fish jumping right into their boat, but I've never seen it happen yet. I've always had to go after mine.

Notice!
If you are called in the draft, don't forget to see your secretary for a withdrawal card. Be seeing you in the trenches!

Treason doth never prosper, what's the reason?
Why, if it prosper, none dare call it treason.—SIR JOHN HARRINGTON.

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Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts

Fascism, when it attempts to establish itself in this country, will no doubt offer the same Judas kiss to labor that foreign dictators have done.

In the early days, Gorgoline wrote, "Mussolini attaches the greatest importance to the labor union movement. He has sympathy for the trade groups (of the working masses), their unions and co-operatives, of which they have a right to be proud because they represent a continuous and lasting effort. He appreciates their strength when organized into solid national and international federations, which have existed for years, and which express not only the desire for a theoretical emancipation but real proletarian interests. Fascism does not dream of depriving the proletariat of its organizations." In other words, what the workers have gained cannot be touched.

"Nobody can dream of driving the working masses back to less favorable working and living conditions than those of today," wrote Mussolini.

On the very eve of the March on Rome, fascism asserted in a proclamation: "Labor has nothing to fear from the fascist power... Its just rights will be loyally guaranteed."

The program of fascism is to gain the confidence and support of Labor, then emasculate it. Beware of the creeds and dogmas of fascist groups in the United States. They make fair promises, but—

You know what happened to Labor under fascism in Europe. Some of the members have squawked about not being able to find our phone number in the book. For your information, don't look in the yellow section. Look in the L's, and you will find it listed under Local Union B-160, IBEW.

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Independent Truck Chatter

R. F. Hornig

The county boys are giving me the rib about the park board. Evidently they see the writing on the wall. And, by the way, what do you think of one of those boys who have been working all summer, talking for the state's program of rotation on Sixth Avenue north?

A very nice little subject for this column has been sidetracked 'til next week on account of press news reports.

You can say that Conroy, of 4 North Third St., is one swell dude. His very evident friendship and good nature is going to leave him an easy prey, however, for a lot of you truck men to pour the heat on him if his plans don't go right up your alley.

Pack these items away in your union file for further reference in the near future. 1. Mr. Greasa, Belt Line superintendent, has been given strict orders from higher up that no Belt Line truck can even be seen on the Olson Hi-way right-of-way. 2. Mr. Greasa, formerly rated as union-minded, turns out to be friendly to union rules only when they do not interfere with his own desires. He is now tearing his hair, all because he cannot move those front-office ITO boys that he likes over to the new pro-ject. 3. "They know the job," he says. Well, it is natural that a poor, dumb, honest-to-goodness Union ITO operator with a one work and my tootsies get a rest."

We understand Harry Kline insists that his cigars be union made. Good work, Henry, we look for the "bug," too.

Eddie Rudolph believes in "efficiency plus." He shoots the entrails out to save cleaning.

Now that the pheasant season is open, we're hearing some tall tales again. One guy and his partner pumped seven shots into a bird, then had to chase it a mile and a half. The bird wasn't dead, just tired from carrying all that lead, and it sat down to take a rest—No. 7 shot.

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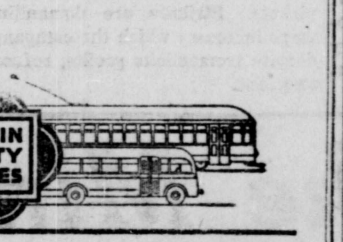
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track mind on seniority principles could understand how it requires the experience of waterers, utility fire-place builders, flare-setters and job patrollers on the new job where "there ain't no such animals." In fact the grading is just now beginning. Furthermore, need for all this special service is all on the Belt Line and no one hears of the old list being choked off before the job is done.

Latest wonders in the news! Adam Webber and Red Hohenstein were caught speeding Tuesday by Earl and were sent home in the middle of the afternoon. It is too late now for the build-in, boys!

That Roosevelt Irish-Democrat, no less, who will cash in his chi with a bet on Willkie this election, has been publicly insulted, and by a government office-holder. "Dehorn" was the word used. And all along I thought it was Greenleaf.

Remember, boys, that the press has no contract protecting himself. For all the laughs on you, if the opportunity shows itself to return the favor, dig up the dirt and drop your items to Miss Gould in the Organizer office.

Milt states that a special meeting for coal men to be held this coming Monday will be of real interest to our ITO and merits your attendance.

Twenty-five members dropped in on Mr. Conroy Monday. And could it be selfish spite or just an overwhelming gift of gab, that you have given him an accurate report of the activities and connections of each ITO he has registered up to within four days of any time you may call. There is grave suspicion that every one is trying to black

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Balkans Topic at Sunday Forum

"Hitler and Stalin in the Balkans" will be the subject of the regular Sunday Forum on October 20. Dorothy Schultz will be the speaker. The Forum meets at 3:30 p. m. at 919 Marquette Ave. Admission is 10c. Everyone is invited to attend.

list his fellow union men to his own advantage. Think it over.

The city is cracking, thank heaven! St. Martin and Karlen caught this week... Phooey on Craig! The last six went the way of all independent truckers on a job. Laid off!... Fielding-Shepley has the big concrete job on the airport. (From Mel Osterberg). Hedberg-Fredheim, who has the aggregate hauling on this deal, will have to swallow the ITO whether he likes it or not. He cannot find enough trucking contractors to take OVER ON this long haul. You can wait for a call; remember the airport, '36! Rest assured the post-office work will be taken care of again this year. Maybe better than ever with all the army trucks in use for training.

This being Wednesday noon I shall close by asking "Have you registered today?"

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This is the chief finding in a report released last week by Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, chairman of the Temporary National Economic Committee.

Twenty-six per cent of all taxes collected in 1939 by the federal, state and local governments was paid by persons whose incomes that year were less than \$1,000.

Twenty cents of every dollar they earned was taken by the tax-gatherer.

Commenting on O'Mahoney's report, the newspaper LABOR states:

"What a farce that makes of the principle that taxes should be levied in accordance with ability to pay! Instead of that fair system, we have a situation where those who have the least pay the most!

Victims Unaware

"The tragedy is that many of the victims probably do not realize they are being taxed. A substantial part of the 20 per cent of their income is taken in 'concealed taxes,' the so-called 'painless' process. The sales tax is a fine example. It is significant that the taxes paid by the poor are about equally divided between the federal, and state and local governments . . .

"Senator O'Mahoney's report is the strongest possible argument for income and inheritance taxes, properly graduated, and a smashing demonstration of the inequity of a sales tax, no matter how disguised.

"Furthermore, it is a stinging indictment of our economic system. What right have we to preach to other nations when in the richest country in the world we ask

GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

Regular monthly membership meeting: next Wednesday night, at 703 S. 3rd Ave., October 23. Time—7:30 p. m. Let's all be on hand.

A sound picture showing the activities of Cub and Boy Scouts will be shown starting at 9:30. This should be of interest to all Dads and prospective Dads.

Bowling Notes: Al Sisener of Utilization leads the league with a 164 average and Carl Moline, also of Utilization, is having a tough time with that fast ball of his and a puny 82 average to start improving on. Leonard McGuire of Meter Repair says he is going to give up bowling, as the first time out he dropped a ball on his toe. Result: minus one big toe nail.

Louis Gratton of Meter Reading who was in the hospital with a streptococcus throat has recovered nicely and will have returned to work Tuesday. Joe Kelly of Collections was taken sick at work Monday and went home. We hope when you read this that he will have completely recovered and that our sick list will be cleared again.

"We Stand with Roosevelt" car stickers will be out sometime this week and I will see that all stewards receive a supply. So get yours and get it on that bus of yours. For goodness sake, wear your Union and Roosevelt buttons.

Steward Argo Mattison of Service says things are pretty good but the Mrs. and Argo are proud of the fact that their offspring is cutting those first teeth.

Bill Mallon of Meter Installation is going to make good use of his vacation because that certain party said "Yes" and now we congratulate you and your new bride, Bill. We hope you have a nice honeymoon and come back well rested.

half our people to live on semi-starvation incomes, and then, in the name of the government, take a fifth of the little we have?"

Tax Burden Will Grow Unquestionably, when the United States war machine really gets rolling, the tax burden on the poor will be doubled and trebled.

Rudie Tjeva of the Street Department got back from his vacation and none too successful fishing trip and will now be acting Street Steward for Ken Smith who takes two weeks out among them with a little hunting thrown in.

Hunting Hunting! Show me the guy who didn't get the limit and I'll show you ten who did. Paul Rhoades of Meter Reading has been bragging about his hunting dog and now we hear that Paul sure looked fit to be tied as he carried not only his gun but the dog, and finally took him back to the car to rest. The poor dog must have been following Paul around his route and got himself tuckered out.

Jens Gantris, Oscar Hall and Theodore Fredericksen of Meter Repair all claim they got the limit in pheasants and Ralph Jarabek of Utilization had his gun along but didn't need it to get his pheasants as some high-powered lines helped down them for him.

Oscar Lofstad of Meter Repair says he has two good stenographers home. His twin girls graduated last June from high school. If you need a good stenog, get in touch with Oscar.

Well, the cigars have been passed around and the Street crew are all happy as are the proud new parents of a big bouncing baby girl. We wish to extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Felland.

George Deiner, Work steward, grabbed off the jackpot on the World Series and has been hunting twice and got the limit both times which is really something.

Axel Swanson of the works tipped over coming home from a fishing trip and his wife's arm was broken in two places and the car badly damaged. Axel came out unharmed and his wife is getting along nicely, we are glad to report.

Everything's running smoothly in one of the Street crews that just converted their only anti-Roosevelt voter and now they're 100 per cent.

Sig Bergquist, Street steward, was another fellow who was smacking his lips when I talked to him the other night. He got the limit while poor yours truly was following the orders of my boss at home and getting those storm windows on last Saturday.

To the Ladies: I've been told that some of you ladies read the column. Now, won't you help out a little by passing on an item or two that other lady readers and

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Aiken to Speak Friday Over WTCN, Is SLP Candidate

John W. Aiken, presidential candidate of the Socialist Labor Party, will speak over WTCN on Friday, October 18th, at 9:45-10:00 p. m. The broadcast will originate from station KDKA in Pittsburgh, and will be carried over the NBC blue network.

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Thought for the Week: Noticed large billboards with "No Third Term" by Democrats for Willie backers. Now I say to play safe with what you call yours and retain real progressive leadership. Vote for no first term for Willie.

DIED: Julius J. Friesen, funeral services and burial at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He was the father of Herbert Friesen, a well known member of our local. We extend our sympathy.

Wedding: Ralph Roxin became a husband at a home wedding last Wednesday evening. We wish them all of the luck left in our Local.

Marty "The Fox" Stirrup made two out of town runs the last week; Watertown and Northfield, Minnesota; we hasten to add however, that Marty took less cash with him back from Northfield than the Jesse James gang intended to get there.

Brother Jake Gruenberg of the Y. C. rode a N. W. airliner to Chicago last week. He says the cuisine (eats to you) and service is of the best and the scenery from the sky is grand this time of the year. He also reports that the Chicago hack meters kick over plenty fast when you ride the cushions, twenty-cent flag-pull and dime drops.

The local hack-men had lots of fun hauling the laugh team of Laurel and Hardy around to the bribe-spots.

Ted Scott and Johnny Martin are on a leave of absence and have gone to the windy city.

So you can't forget the next union meeting date next month, you will again find it stamped on your trip-sheet. A favor to the forgetful.

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Dr. Grace Carlson On Air Monday

Each Monday night at 10 p. m. between now and the elections, Dr. Grace Carlson, Trotskyist Anti-war candidate for United States Senator, will speak over station WLOL. The first fifteen-minute radio talk will be given Monday, October 21st, 10 p. m.; second and closing talks will follow on Monday, October 28th, and Monday, November 4th, at the same hour.

FWS NEWS

The unemployed are the "pariahs" of American life. But even among this great unemployed army of still nearly twelve million in this country, there are degrees of misery. The ordinary unemployed worker is entitled under the law to food, shelter and clothing. Food enough to keep his family at the slow starvation level. Shelter and clothing might be anything or nothing. He gets these only while he stays put in his city, town or county. This, under the relief law, is his "legal settlement." Loss of his legal settlement means he is cast adrift by every relief agency in the country. In the polite language of the powers who dispense relief, he is then a "transient."

When he loses his "settlement" in one state without having gained it in another, (which now requires two to three full years of wholly self-sustaining residence) he is indeed a pariah. The federal government disclaims responsibility although in many cases it was the agency which encouraged him to move. If he writes to the president he is merely referred back to the state, which then refers him to the city, town or county where he is at the moment. The local authorities refer him back again to the same vicinity circle, and nothing is done.

Every relief agency in the country, public and private, deplors his lot and memorializes Congress about it. That's as far as they go. Some cities may provide up to 15 days of relief for his family, but his usual fate is, as Joe Hill wrote, "Tramp, tramp, tramp, keep on a-tramping"—kids, unborn babies and all.

The FWS has always followed a policy of giving these "transients" all possible assistance. Frequently we have protested the callousness which the relief agencies show to these workers who have had to move from their original localities.

That a worker should not have the right to move from one town or state to another is a principle we cannot accept. We brand the present laws restricting the movements of the unemployed as a fundamental attack on their democratic rights. It makes of the unemployed worker a LOWEST CLASS CITIZEN. It puts him in the same category with the serf under feudalism, who was bound to the soil and against whom any man's hand could be raised if found off his lord's domain.

It is time that more than mere crocodile tears be shed for the unemployed transients. If the cities and states won't do anything for them, the federal government must. That's where the responsibility belongs.

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John Boscoe On Air Tuesday For Democrats

Next Tuesday evening, October 22nd, John B. Boscoe, president of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, will speak over station WLOL and the Mutual system in Minnesota in behalf of Roosevelt and Wallace.

Boscoe is state chairman of the Roosevelt-Wallace Labor Committee. His broadcast will be made from 7:15-7:30 p. m. and will be addressed to the farmers and businessmen and workers of the state.

Gassing With 977

The General Membership meeting viewed several reels of motion pictures last Monday evening. The Democratic Committee showed pictures of the advancement made in the building up of rural communities, and the financial aid to farmers. Sec. Davidson showed movies of his trip to the International Convention in Washington, D. C.

The membership went on record as favoring the continuation of the Labor Radio Broadcast and Dance at the Marigold each Wednesday. The membership also concurred with the International Brotherhood in endorsing President Roosevelt for re-election.

A detailed report of the International Brotherhood Convention was given the membership by Sec. Larry J. Davidson, who represented Local 977 at the Convention. Clyde Salyers (Diamond Tire) won the door prize of a month's free dues.

Bro. Art Johnson (Texaco, 2801 Cedar Ave.) is temporarily off the job while he nurses a fractured wrist.

Reports come to the office that several of the members have left their jobs to enlist in the army. These fellows did not come to the office and take a withdrawal card and therefore, will not be in good standing with the Local, should they wish to be reemployed in the industry at a future date. Again, we urge all members who leave their employment at any time, to report at the office for a withdrawal card.

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By Home James

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Take a good tip from Pres. Dan Tobin and vote for Roosevelt for President.

That so-called "bombshell" about the livery section must have had a wet fuse.

If Ray Hedin isn't married, then we are sure it must be rheumatism or falling arches.

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Preamble of Constitution of American Federation of Labor
Whereas, a struggle is going on in all the nations of the civilized world between the oppressors and the oppressed of all countries, a struggle between the capitalist and the laborer, which grows in intensity from year to year, and will work disastrous results to the toiling millions if they are not combined for mutual protection and benefit.

The Community Fund

A refreshingly frank description of the Community Fund was given a union official by a local business man who has himself been active in promoting that Fund. "The Community Fund is a device of the wealthy to get the workingman and the general public to pay for their wives' pet charities."

The Central Labor Union can add this to its collection of reasons for refusing to cooperate in the annual shake-down of employees.

Skoglund Cheered By 544 Membership

(Continued from page 1)
ings. The decision is supposed to go into effect November 12th. Either party may move for amended findings, or appeal to the state supreme court. If the finks move for amended findings, the union will be duty bound to do likewise. The same with an appeal to the state supreme court. Should the finks make such an appeal, it would cost them between \$8,000 and \$12,000."

Finks' Main Contentions Ruled Out
Coming to the 54-page text of Carroll's decision, V. R. Dunne then listed the four main contentions and the eighteen minor contentions of the finks thrown out by the court. In each case, the speaker read verbatim from the court's decision so that members could follow and substantiate his statements.

The main contentions of the finks were:
1. That 574 and 500 in 1936 had no right to settle their differences and merge into 544, and be reinstated in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters;
2. That all elections were fraudulent and that all officers should be removed and a receiver appointed for the union;
3. That all of 544's strikes were called without the knowledge or consultation of the membership, and that the officers and stewards and active members be considered in contempt of court and charged with restraint of trade;
4. That the books were not properly kept, that the officers were embezzlers, etc.

"Here we have the four main contentions of the finks. They are swept aside by the court after a six-months' trial and a 2 1/2 year court fight."

The speaker then listed the other slanders of the finks, all rejected by the court after examining in detail the evidence presented by both sides.

5. That 544 controlled the Teamsters Joint Council and used the Council as a place to transfer funds which later found their way into the pockets of 544 leaders;

6. That the officers were members of the Communist Party;

7. That the officers opposed the finks in their attempt to pry through the union records;

8. That 544 didn't live up to the by-laws of the International;

9. That all the moneys paid out in support of strikes were illegally paid;

10. That the over-road organization work of the union was illegal and not in the interests of the union;

11. That donations and loans to other unions were illegal;

12. That money spent for sick and death benefits to the membership and their families was illegally spent;

13. That organization trips made by union leaders were illegal;

The Death of Larry Murphy-- A Symbol of Today's Youth

Lawrence Edward Murphy was a typical American boy. Born in St. Paul 21 years ago, he attended St. Cecilia's school and Murray high school. There were six sons and four daughters in the large Murphy family. Larry's father is James Murphy, member of the Typos Union Local 42. The father was jockeyed out of a job at the Minneapolis Journal when that paper merged with the Star.

Larry Murphy never knew what it was to have a job. He left high school to join a CCC camp. The family moved to Minneapolis and when Larry returned from camp, he worked on NYA for a while.

Larry came in contact with members of the Youth Section of Local 544. He knew from his father and from his own observations the need and value of unionism. He joined 544's Youth Section, and his qualities of leadership won him a place on the executive committee. He played on the championship 544 Youth Section basketball team. He was an all-around boy--nice looking, soft-spoken, courageous, pleasant.

He played an active role in last summer's WPA strike, fighting bravely shoulder to shoulder with the rest of the labor movement to defend union standards against the attacks of the federal government.

Like hundreds of thousands of today's youth, Larry Murphy had few illusions about what capitalism had to offer him. The stream of boss propaganda to which we are all subject made little impression on him. He knew that capitalism offered him and his generation no future save ever more grinding poverty and unemployment at home, or a soldier's grave in some foreign land.

But Larry Murphy was also no pacifist. He was convinced that the big social problems of today will only be solved by workers with arms in hand--workers who know how to handle arms and which way to point them. A month ago Larry joined the National Guard. He joined not with the idea of fighting Wall Street's war, but in order to better equip himself to fight in the army of the work-

ers against the Wall Streets of the world.

Early last Sunday morning Larry went hunting pheasants with several friends near Delano. He stayed in the car while his friends went up to a farmhouse for information. They called to him to turn the car around on the narrow road. He sought to turn the car around, struck a soft shoulder in the road. The car rolled over five times, pinned him in. His friends had to use an ax on the car door to drag him forth. They saw their friend was near death.

They carried him to the farmhouse and phoned a doctor in Delano. Dr. Gilford drove out and attended him. Fort Snelling was called. Four hours after the accident the Fort ambulance arrived and bore him to the Fort hospital where surgeons treated him for a torn brain and other injuries.

In the afternoon the army surgeons said that because he hadn't yet actually drilled in the National Guard he couldn't remain at the Fort hospital. Only an act of Congress can keep him here, they told his friends.

In this serious condition, still unconscious, Larry was transferred around 6 o'clock Sunday evening to General Hospital in Minneapolis. He died Monday at 11:27 a. m., never having regained consciousness.

His funeral will be Thursday morning at 8:30 from Gill's funeral chapel. Interment is at St. Mary's cemetery.

Members of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 will be represented at the funeral.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

All dues-paying members of 1859 are entitled to receive a copy of our official paper, "The Northwest Organizer," at their homes every week. Any member not receiving his copy is requested to notify his steward who will in turn notify Brother Clarence Engler who will rectify the matter.

Brother Fred Deidrick spent several days in Burlington, Iowa, during the early part of this month, helping the workers at the Northwestern Cabinet company who are out on strike. Fred says the workers at the Northwestern plant have got all the courage and ability and natural initiative in the world and nothing can stand in their way towards a 100 per cent union shop.

The Burlington workers have already firmly withstood and fought off the tricky and underhanded efforts of a union-wrecking sharp shooter who is in the employ of the Furniture Manufacturers Association. This union-wrecker and lethal bloodhound is highly touted by the furniture manufacturers' association and is especially well paid because of the fact that he has a mysterious weapon called the "Kiss of Death." Wherever union men have listened to him he has left a string of wreckage and destruction behind him. The Burlington workers soon saw through this foul demon and on his second visit they named the Kiss of Death artist a Rat and kissed him out of town with clubs.

Brother John Janosco is right on the job in Burlington all the time now and reports plenty of union activity in the furniture and wood-warehouse industry there.

Brother Carl Erickson is prepared to answer all questions regarding who's your little hootie. Carl has the straight dope.

The press has been asking for news and comes now a brother with some:

Roy Sillampa got a little piece of wood in his finger and took a week off. Nice going, Roy.

How come Big Hall Viken likes to work so much on second floor? He is down bright and early every morning. Of course, he is not used to working hard.

Every time the boys start talking about the draft there is one boy who always walks away. Of course, it's nobody but Ray (Sonny Boy) Robinson. But we will all see Sonny Boy go to the polls Wednesday, October 16, to put his name down. We all wish you luck, Ray,

Local 359 Active in Negotiations

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 is in negotiations with several companies whose employees are members of the union.

A few changes in working conditions have been demanded at the Grace Lee Products company. A 40-hour work week from Monday to Friday, and an increase in weekly wages are included in the demands.

The employees of the Goodyear Tire company have demanded an increase in wages.

Negotiations are also underway at Good Foods company, Martin Brothers, and the Snyder Drug company. All of these agreements will contain a clause protecting jobs of union members conscripted into military service by the government.

544 Protects Members' Jobs If Conscripted

The majority of Local 544's membership is covered by union working agreements containing war clauses, reading that if workers are conscripted in the armed forces, the employer must return them to their jobs with no loss of seniority when they leave the army.

Many 544 members have inquired about this in the past week. Only 544 members not so protected are those covered by contracts negotiated a year ago, when war did not seem as certain as it now appears. The union will also seek wherever possible to protect such members by extending the war clause to all union contracts.

Gale Dynasty Moves in on Politics

A study of the local Republican legislative candidates reveals that the relatives of E. C. Gale, millionaire real estate and mortgage operator, are seeking more and more political power in the state.

Richard P. Gale, a son, a millionaire real estate owner and lawyer is running on the Republican ticket for congress in the third district.

In the state legislature Gale has a black reactionary anti-labor record. He voted for the Vance Myre labor bill; for the homestead lien law; for Stassen's 36% loan law; to reduce funds for state aid to reduce the indemnity that farmers collect for condemned tubercular cattle. He opposed a bill for funds to enable the railroad and warehouse commission to investigate telephone rates.

A relative of Gale's is Fred Snyder, millionaire member of the university board of regents, and owner of iron ore leases in northern Minnesota. Gale sought to help out Snyder by voting against raising the taxes on iron ore.

Al Lindley, another relative of Gale's, is running in the 31st district on the Republican ticket. Lindley is the polo-hat boy who acted big in the market during 574's strike in 1934--until the pickets chased him over the hill.

Opposing these playboys and gentlemen farmers are Farmer-Laborites who look to organized labor and the poor farmers for support. Henry Teigan is opposing Richard Gale in the third district. Haglin and Stanchfield are running against Al Lindley in the 31st.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

Some new Dairy Products, not yet on the market, will add variety to the diet of Admiral Byrd's men, during their stay in the Antarctic. The new products were made in the Laboratories of Dairy Industries, and represent efforts of Dairy Scientists to devise new ways to utilize milk and whey as human food.

The list includes a new kind of dry pea soup made with whey powder; a new kind of a wafer to eat with the soup, which is a mixture of potatoes, milk and salt; and a new kind of cake that contains whey solids. In addition the Bureau sent a quantity of American cheddar cheese made and packed in valved-cans.

At the next Stewards' meeting we should be able to get an authentic report on pheasant hunting from Jesse Varns, and a bouquet of flowers from Lueck Wold, if we intend to keep him out of the "dog house."

It seems like we should deputize Brother Al Alfredson; he has a very difficult assignment and we expect him to be successful.

Some one is always taking the joy out of life. This time it was Ann Prexto who entered the ranks of married folks. We just know Jersey Ice Cream will never be the same.

At the joint Council meeting last Friday night, they gave us a new one to worry about. After February, 1942, where are we going to live, office, hall and all? The Executive Board is off to a good start. We have more than a year ahead of us and we certainly expect to make a (move) which will be decidedly better for all of us.

It seems like that famous Dairy Paper "MOO", has always got us in the middle. A short time ago, our Union rolled a dozen large stones out of its path and now our tongues are almost worn out trying to explain to the kids why "MOO" is still missing. Kindly let us know the abilities that work for you and we will try them for a time.

There are many angles to this "back to the land" movement, and Brother Ray Mitchell learned one of the fundamentals. Upon the opening of the pheasant season, your neighbors confiscate your hunting dog and boards him free for a time.

The Minneapolis Health Department has no set up or finances to inspect milk sold in outlying stations. Therefore, the product goes as is and the customer is certainly entitled to a word of warning. The only good milk is safe milk.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the General Membership on Thursday evening, October 24, at 7:30 p. m. sharp. A red-letter day this. We'll have sandwiches and refreshments at this meeting, so don't miss it! For the inside men who cannot attend the general meeting, we'll have the same deal on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bud Waldron, Continental, is on the sick list, while Bob Lee, Purity north plant, has had a nervous breakdown and is no longer able to work.

By the time you read this all eligible men will have registered for the draft. Then the names will be given serial numbers and sent to Washington where they will be put in a gigantic bowl and then drawn in the largest lottery we've ever had. Boy, oh boy! This is one jackpot I don't want to win.

George Bofferding, Continental, offers little or no explanation for the shiner he's been carrying around lately. Atta boy, Georgie. Keep 'em guessing.

What a business: Bing Crosby, Zinsmaster, quit serving a stop on a Tuesday and they didn't miss him 'till Saturday. Must have been one of those big stops, Crosby. How can you afford to lose the business?

What's this I hear about Cy Gibson, Continental? They say he's sitting up nights with a charming widow woman. She's got bucks, too. Tsk, tsk.

The following contract committee was appointed at the wholesale drivers' meeting last Thursday: Floyd Bistodeau, Frank Kitoski, Leonard Haggen, Andy

Sloss, W. Winthrow, Ed Skelly, Harold Russell, Andy Mulcahy, Bill Huber, Cliff Ness, A. M. Ogren, John McGrath, Harold Larson, Roy Young, H. Zarn, Frank Satel, Otto Miller, Leroy Manthey, Murray Wilson, Frank LaGrave, Rudy Hagenson, Art Lynch and Reese Shoop.

Strange happenings? Carl Langva, Zinsmaster, and a friend of his were fixing something in Carl's back yard and finding themselves in need of a piece of string, said friend thought he might get one in the garbage can. He not only couldn't find string, but he claims there wasn't even any garbage. Which only means that in Carl's wife's absence (she's been away for a couple of weeks) Carl is either a doggone good housekeeper or else he's been invited out something terrific.

Charlie Krinke, Zinsmaster, has taken out a withdrawal card. The reason: he's going to work for Uncle Sammie as a railway mail clerk.

I'm not trying to tell anybody how to vote, but I think anybody voting for Roosevelt for President should put his X for Peterson for Governor, certainly not for Stassen--a man who's doing all he can to beat Roosevelt. By the way, how does "Boy Governor" Stassen explain all this dashing around the country he's been doing lately? If I remember right, that was one of his big campaign issues in '38 against Benson. He said Benson didn't stay put enough. Old labor and farmer hater Stassen has covered more miles in traveling than Olson and Benson put together.

To the Ladeez: You can help us out something tremendous, you gals. It's like this: we need a whole lot more attendance at meetings, so see if you can't get the old boy out to each and every meeting and see that he gets there, too. Thanks.

The cry of "Socialism" has been patented by powerful interests who desire to put a damper on progressive legislation." -- AL SMITH, when he was a liberal of sorts.

An idler is a watch that wants both hands, As useless if it goes as if it stands. --WILLIAM COWPER

On the National Picket Line

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scared up the "national defense" bug-a-boo, claiming that one of the vessels tied up was carrying lumber "vital to national defense industries." Secretary Malone of the MFOW countered this by offering to man and sail the disputed vessel.

Meanwhile the Sailors' Union of the Pacific has voted to open its Steam contracts for amendment. Employers here too are refusing to consider the new demands. The SUP is asking that the men be given Saturday afternoons free, that cargo work be paid for by the hour, that there be eight men in the hold while cargo is being handled, a raise in wages, and the clarification of certain clause in the old contract whose interpretation has caused confusion.

Sidney Hillman will probably turn his attention to this strike before long. The union and its leadership are opposed, and rightly, to arbitration, as "it has not worked out in the past." This strike should hold the interest of all the labor movement, particularly those in the seafaring industry. What the Firemen and the Sailors do will effect not only their own future, but that of all seagoing men.

ON POVERTY AND ILL USAGE
So weary with disasters, tugged with misfortune,
That I would set my life on any chance,
To mend it, or be rid of it.

SHAKESPEARE

As useless if it goes as if it stands.

WILLIAM COWPER

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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.	LOCAL 160 General Membership -- Third Thursday. Seniority Board -- Every Monday. Executive Board -- Every Tuesday. Stewards -- First Thursday. This schedule will be maintained from August to October.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section -- First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section -- Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 958 Night Drivers -- 1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers -- 7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	LOCAL 1859 Membership -- September 4. Box Section -- September 10. J. R. Clark Section -- September 18. Stewards -- September 9 and 23. Executive board -- Every Friday night. Notice The Grievance Board will meet once a month (on the third Thursday of each month) until further notice.
LOCAL 664 General Membership -- First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee -- Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	LOCAL 20481 Grain King -- September 17, 4:15 p. m. Twin City Lumber -- September 17, 4:45 p. m. Twin City District Council Hall, Hastings Section -- September 17, 8 p. m.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting -- First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL NO. 544 OCTOBER Wednesday, October 2 -- Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, October 3 -- Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, October 4 -- Job Stewards. Monday, October 7 -- Package Delivery; Department Stores. Tuesday, October 8 -- Lumber; Raymond; Bros. 9 p. m. Wednesday, October 9 -- Market, Wholesale Liquor. Friday, October 11 -- Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers. Monday, October 14 -- General Membership. Thursday, October 17 -- Tent and Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m. I. T. O. Ways and Means. Friday, October 18 -- Job Stewards. Monday, October 21 -- Furnishing; Coal; Paper and Printing. Tuesday, October 22 -- Building Material. Wednesday, October 23 -- Sand and Gravel; Excavating. Thursday, October 24 -- Transfer and warehouse; Wholesale Drug. Friday, October 25 -- Cold Storage; Produce. Monday, October 28 -- Spring Water. Seniority committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3. Grievance Committee meets each Thursday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local No. 544 office, first floor. 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. Executive Board -- Each Monday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section -- Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership -- Second Friday each month, 8 p. m. Stewards -- First and third Wednesdays.
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, 8 p. m.	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 -- Second Monday of each month. Executive Committee Meeting on call.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.	LOCAL 359 Stewards -- Second Mondays. Executive Board -- First and third Mondays. General Membership -- Second Tuesdays.

Gust Beck Builds New Giant Harp



Gust Beck, widely known locally for his musical ability, announced this week he is building a new harp that will be the largest in the world. Last year he broadcasted on the radio with a large harp he had designed and constructed. Gust has also written a new song, "I Dreamed of a Girl So Far Away." Gust, who has been active in the labor movement for many years, is the owner of Gust's Liquor store, 705 Cedar avenue.

There's no jesting with edge tools. -- BEAUMONT AND FLETCHER.