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

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Labor Urged to Back All Farmer-Laborites

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Schell

A few moments after high noon, on October 29, in Washington, Secretary of War Stimson, dipped his hand in a gold fish bowl and drew forth a tiny blue capsule.

A sharp cry went up from the audience. A mother, upon whose heart that number was engraved, cried out. And in that short, sharp ejaculation was voiced fear and abandoned hope.

Mrs. Bell helped in the draft. She expressed herself later as being "surprised and proud." But in her involuntary cry there was no pride. It was an unconscious expression of horror.

But Mrs. Bell's son wasn't the only 158, nor was Mrs. Bell the only mother to cry out when that number came over the air. Her voice was the only one which found articulation.

For most of the women who have sons or husbands or brothers of draft age know that these beloved are not going away merely for a year of army training.

The "Infantry Journey," semi-official organ of the United States Army officers, published an article in its Sept. - Oct. issue entitled "Propaganda Techniques."

1. Fasten war guilt on the opposing nation. All wars, then, become defensive to those engaged in them.

2. Call for unity and victory, in the name of history and destiny.

3. State war aims. In the last war, the Germans failed to do this successfully. The Allies made successful counter-propaganda of it.

4. Fortify the mind of the people who already believe that the opposing enemy is responsible for the war, with examples of the enemies' insolence and depravity.

5. Make the public believe that unfavorable news is due to the enemy cunning. This weapon will conquer disunity and defeatism at home.

6. Follow this with horror stories. Horror stories should have authoritative sources or seemingly authoritative sources. Note: The army of the United States must make full use of this art and science (of propaganda) if it is to have the highest potential morale within its own forces and the highest efficiency in attack and counter-attack on

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Burlington Workers Expose Slimy Plot

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. October 28, 1940

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Upon my investigation I have discovered that the employees of the Dahlin Bros. & Davis Mfg. Co. are not affiliated or recognized by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

If further information is desired by the employees of the Dahlin Bros. & Davis Mfg. Co., they can communicate and address such communications to William L. Hutcheson, General President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, 222 East Highgate Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Lincoln 3388.

Signed Walter Hlynn Gen Reps

In a desperate effort to stem the tide of organization and union victory that is sweeping through Burlington, Iowa, the bosses there are utilizing a character named Walter Dunn who represents himself to be a spokesman for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

Later Dunn came out of the company office and handed the Dahlin workers a letter typed on non-union company stationery. The letter, apparently written by Dunn and the bosses, is a foul attack on John Janosco, organizer of the North Central District Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

When Dunn started sputtering to the Dahlin workers that Janosco, the man they have come to trust and respect, is "a faker and has been obtaining money under false pretenses and we are getting out a warrant for his arrest," the Dahlin workers blew up.

Cigar Firms Signed by Local 544

The 40-hour week, a guaranteed weekly drivers' wage of \$31.50, paid vacations, and war and jury clauses, are contained in two agreements signed last week between the General Drivers Union and the Nathanson Cigar company and Standard Cigar company.

Strike Notice to Grace-Lee Co.

Strike notice has been served to the Grace-Lee Company by the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 359. Grace-Lee employers have failed to meet the demands of the union in the matter of wages and vacations.

S. D. Drivers Unions to Meet In Watertown

Next Thursday, November 7th, representatives of drivers' unions in South Dakota will meet at Watertown to discuss common problems and seek closer cooperation on over-road trucking work.

221,544 Coal Men Clarify Contract

The special meeting of 544 and 221 coal men held Monday night at the union hall was well-attended. Union officials clarified the various clauses in the coal contract, particularly the section dealing with certification of ITO members desiring to haul coal, and the relation of the Wages & Hour law to the industry.

All 544 Mourns Loss Of Phyle

Shepard Phyle's death Monday afternoon leaves a big gap in the ranks of the General Drivers Union Local 544. Shep Phyle joined the union in January, 1935. He was steward at Boutell's where he was employed for the past eight years. He was a captain in Local 544's Union Defense Guard.

Central Labor Union Urges Support for All Labor-Backed Candidates

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union has endorsed the following slate of labor candidates in next Tuesday's election and urges all workers to vote the Farmer-Labor ticket as listed below.

The labor movement urges all workers to vote November 5th. Now is the time to protest against anti-labor laws and actions. Take this list of labor-endorsed candidates with you to the polls Tuesday, or get a printed sample ballot from your union office.

- President—Franklin Roosevelt. Vice-president—Henry Wallace. U. S. Senator—Elmer Benson. Governor—Hjalmer Petersen. Lieutenant-Governor—Howard Y. Williams. Secretary of State—James I. Heller. State Treasurer—C. A. Halvorson. Attorney General—David J. Erickson. R. R. and W. Commissioner—Charles Munn. Congressman, 3rd District—Henry G. Taigan. Congressman, 5th District—Dewey W. Johnson. County Commissioner, 1st District—Ralph Dickman. Legislator, 28th District—Joseph A. Kozlak and John J. McNulty. Legislator, 29th District—David Tidland. Legislator, 30th District—Andrew Hayford. Legislator, 31st District—Carl G. Hagland and E. M. Stanchfield. Senator, 32nd District—S. A. Stockwell. Legislator, 32nd District—Oscar J. Cleve and Kenneth A. Lindstrom. Legislator, 35th District—Samuel H. Bellman and William F. Bennett.

City Council Deadlocked On Labor Law

The Minneapolis city council deadlocked along the usual conservative-labor lines last Friday morning when aldermen considered the Central Labor Union's request that the council go on record for repeal of the Stassen Labor Law and its replacement by the State Federation of Labor proposal for a state labor law along the lines of the Wagner Act.

A week ago the council's committee on legislation had voted 4-2 to approve the Central Labor Union's request. However, subsequently Alderman Oscar Lund of the 10th ward switched his vote to the conservative side.

Lund and Pratt led the fight against organized labor in the council. Neither made any effort to defend the Stassen Law, or to challenge the law proposed by the State Federation of Labor. Instead, they stood upon the ground that labor's attempt to repeal the Stassen Law at this time was "political."

Alderman Bastis disposed of this argument with the remark: "Of course this city council is political. I know Pratt is opposed to any changes which might benefit labor in negotiations with the employers. Pratt charges this move is 'political.' Well, I apologize to Pratt. I never knew he was a statesman."

Others to speak in favor of labor's demand for repeal were Aldermen Kauth, Finseth, Hudson and Hendrickson. Opposed to Labor The final vote was deadlocked, 13-13. Voting against labor were Lund, Irgens, Swanson, Van Cleve, Riley, Fruen, Christianson, Hoppe, Straiton, Robb, Burgum, Pratt and Klein.

Friday was the first time in months that a straight labor issue has been presented to the city council.

Drivers Unions In Area Start Oil Council

Initial steps in building a Union Petroleum Council were taken at a meeting held last Thursday and Friday in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Present were representatives from five affiliates of the Wisconsin State Drivers Council; Larry Davidson of Minneapolis Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977; Harry DeBoer of the Area Drivers Council; and Miles Dunne representing the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

On Monday, October 28th, a committee of five set up at last week's meeting got together at Madison to set a date for a broader meeting in Chicago next month to which all the Drivers Unions in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota will be invited.

The first objective of the new Union Petroleum Council will be to win an area pact with the Standard Oil company. The petroleum industry ranks third among all industries in the United States and is still largely unorganized.

Notice to ITO Members In Standing

All members of Local 544's Independent Truck Owners Section in good standing with the union are instructed to register at the union office on or before November 15th if they are desirous of working in the coal industry this winter. After November 15th the union will prepare a complete list which will be supplied all coal dealers in the city. All independent truckers hired will be chosen from this list.

Now is the Time To Protest All Anti-Labor Laws

Acting on the idea that NOW is the time to protest against anti-labor legislation and anti-labor legislators, the Minneapolis union movement enters the final week of the political campaign determined to throw its united power behind the Farmer-Labor candidates.

A list of the candidates endorsed by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union is printed elsewhere on this page. One hundred fifty thousand sample ballots listing these candidates are being distributed throughout the city by unionists.

The treacherous action of John L. Lewis in returning to the Republican camp will have little effect in Minneapolis. Lewis has few followers in this area, outside of the Minneapolis Tribune. The reaction of most workers has been

Tobin Says Lewis Joins Labor Enemy

Soon after John L. Lewis' endorsement of Willie last Friday evening, President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and member of the Democratic Party's national committee, told a labor rally in Chicago that "In a long conference in my office, John L. Lewis advised me that he could not then give an outright, direct answer as to his support of our program because there were certain matters that he desired to discuss with the president, but he gave every assurance—at least so I understood it—that he would do nothing to injure the program that I had outlined."

"That promise has not been kept and I find today that this man, whom I had helped and had joined with me on many a battlefield of labor in the early days—this man has gone over to the side of the men who tried to crucify us both, the enemies of labor. . . . I find this representative of labor, the head of the United Mine Workers and the CIO, lining up side by side with the very men in the steel industry who have endeavored to crucify him, Mr. Weir and Tom Girdler."

"Weir, by the way, is handling the financial contributions in the campaign of Willie. Weir and Girdler and their type, every one of them that have helped crucify labor, are now the associates of this same labor leader in an endeavor to elect Willie and defeat the personal head of our government."

The more modest the post, the more outrageous the Republican Party becomes in its selection of candidates. For but two examples: in the Third Congressional District the Republicans are running a gentleman farmer, Richard Pillsbury Gale, a man who is a political zero and an affront to every person who toils. At a recent political round-up before the Minneapolis Saturday Lunch club, Gale didn't even know what the Republican farm program was, if any. He and his social and campaigning friend, Alfred Lindley, are frequently paraded in the society pages as spending the spring season skiing in Sun Valley, Idaho, and wintering in Switzerland. Lindley is the polo-helmeted dude who paraded up and down the market during the 1934 strike—until pickets chased him into an ice box. Any political party that would dare run such obvious loafers and ne'er-do-wells for public office has a deep-grained contempt for the masses.

1,000 Men Seek Training for Welding Jobs

In response to a notice in Sunday's paper that the Northern Pump company, anti-labor concern that has received millions of dollars of defense orders, would pay the weekly tuition for workers wishing to become welders, almost a thousand young men applied Monday at the Commercial Gas company offices in Southeast Minneapolis where welding is taught. It is understood that the course sponsored by the Northern Pump company does not prepare one to become an all-around welder, but rather concentrates attention on learning simple plain and vertical arc welding of the sort used in factory assembly line work. Some labor leaders have expressed concern less the Northern Pump outfit plans to flood the labor market with welders as a prelude to battering down wage standards in this trade.

Be Sure to Vote Tuesday Without concealing its differences with Roosevelt, nor its criticism of certain actions of the Farmer-Labor Party in recent years, the Minneapolis Central Labor Union feels the best interests of organized labor will be served if every union member supports the straight Farmer-Labor ticket and Roosevelt-Wallace nationally. The wealthy always see it that they and their friends vote on election day. Loyal union members must show the same determination to vote for labor's candidates.

