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On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

Many times an adversary finds that the weapon upon which he had been depending has all the characteristics of a boomerang...

For reasons of his own, Mr. Hoover was constrained to tell the interviewer the truth about the recent series of explosions and fires in munitions and chemical plants in the east.

The ninety-seven who met death instantly are the most fortunate of this army of new-murdered. Their fate has been decided, it is not for them to know that all active life is over...

There will be no murder indictments against the murderers of these men and women. The cry of sabotage, raised in scare headlines by the newspapers for a few days after each explosion, was quickly hushed when investigation proved, in every case, that it was not some long-whiskered, sinister fifth-columnist who set off the conflagration...

To-wit: Mr. Hoover said, of the two explosions which rocked the Hercules Powder Company plants in New Jersey, less than two months apart—the explosions here were caused by the use of a method of manufacturing nitro-glycerine which has been condemned by the War Department.

On Nov. 12 explosions rocked three plants in the same eastern area—the Trojan Powder company plant blew up, a few hours later the American Cyanamid and Chemical Company plant went up in a blast.

Labor Backs 544's Decision to Appeal Fink Suit Ruling

Judge Orders Nick Wagner Removed from Office in 544—Creates Sinister Precedent Where Courts Instead of Union Membership Designate Who Shall Head Unions—Teamsters Joint Council and Building Trades Council Endorse Decision to Appeal Case, Rest of Movement to Act Soon—Union Movement Must Establish Its Right to Conduct Its Own Affairs Without Intervention from Hostile Courts

Last Friday morning Judge Paul S. Carroll handed down his decision on the motions of Local 544 and the finks to amend the court's findings in the famous book suit. The court took further action against the union by ordering that Nick Wagner, 544 trustee, be removed from office on the grounds that he "intimidated" people.

As soon as the text of the court's decision is available, pertinent sections will be printed in the Organizer.

Though the union has emerged from the court vindicated in its basic policy and actions, yet it is felt that Judge Carroll's decision sets such a sinister precedent for organized labor that it must be challenged forthwith and fought to the highest court if necessary.

If the boss courts instead of the union membership assume the right of designating who shall and who shall not be officers of unions, then it is high time to call a showdown.

Labor Backing Move The Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544 means to appeal Carroll's decision to the state supreme court. On Tuesday morning, 544 officials took the whole matter before the executive board of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. The Council endorsed the decision to declare a fight on the court's decision.

Unanimous Agreement It is already apparent that there will be unanimous agreement by all sections of the local union movement that the fight must be

Dispute Between Local 160 And Local 539 Is Settled To Satisfaction of Both

A jurisdictional dispute between the Utility Workers Union Local 160 and the Steamfitters Union Local 539 has just been settled amicably to the satisfaction of both parties.

Similar agreements are being negotiated between the Local 160 and the Carpenters Union Local 7, the Iron Workers Union Local 512, and the Operating Engineers Local 49.

Sixteen steamfitters and one welder were involved in the agreement signed by Locals 160 and 539, the text of which is as follows: This agreement entered into this 25th day of November, 1940, between the Construction Department of the Northern States Power Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Company," and the United Association of Steamfitters and Plumbers Local Union No. 539 of the same place, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Local 539," and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. B-160, also of the same place and sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Local 160."

It is recognized by the parties hereto that steamfitting installa-

Central Labor Union Asks Probe of State Board of Education

A legislative inquiry into the operations of the state board of education and the state vocational education department was unanimously demanded by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union last Wednesday evening.

This committee has already arranged to meet this coming Saturday morning with the executive board of the State Federation of Labor on the legislative probe and the recent actions against Eugene Carstater, Dr. John Rockwell and others by the Stassen-controlled state board of education.

The resolution of the Central Labor Union reads: "WHEREAS, the organized labor movement has always been interested in vocational education programs because of its desire to determine the kind and quality of training received by apprentices in the skilled trades, as well as to prevent an over-supply of apprentices who cannot be absorbed into industry and who would thereby break down the union wage scale; and

"WHEREAS, the present state board of education by its discharge of Eugene D. Carstater, who was in sympathy with these aims, and who because of his membership in the trade union movement and understanding of the problems of the wage earner, had the full confidence of organized labor, has aroused a suspicion that they are not acting in the interests of organized labor; and

"WHEREAS, Harry C. Schmid, who was appointed by the state board of education over the protests of Dr. Rockwell, commissioner of education... has not considered the welfare of organized labor in carrying out the defense program; and

"WHEREAS, warnings have already been received that there is an over-supply of apprentices who cannot be absorbed into the defense industry;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Central Labor Union reaffirms its interest in the Vocational Education Program and its determination to prevent the breaking down of standards of trade union workers by the production of an over-supply of apprentices;

"AND TO THAT END, attempts to secure a legislative inquiry into the operations of the state board for vocational education;

"AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a committee from this body shall be appointed to push such legislative inquiry and to work in cooperation with the legislative representatives of the State Federation to the end that all possible light be shed upon the conduct of the present state board of education."

Copies of this resolution to be sent to members of the state board of education, the commissioner of education, and all the liberal members of the state legislature.

Stassenites Move To Fire Rockwell

The state administration broadened its attack on the state education department when the Stassen majority on the state board of education acted last week to suspend Dr. John Rockwell, commissioner of education.

The board of education waited until Saturday afternoon to take its action. According to Mrs. A. R. Colvin, lone liberal member of the board, there was no hint beforehand that action would be taken against Rockwell.

Stassen Defends Move Though denying he had a hand in the board's action against Rockwell, Governor Stassen announced he had no doubt the move "was in the interests of the education system of Minnesota."

The action of the board is so brazen that it has even provoked the St. Paul Pioneer Press to a mild protest. Said the Press in an editorial on December 3rd, after expressing its doubts that Rockwell was removed either for "inefficiency" or "actions inconsistent with the duties of his office."

Local 359 To Nominate The Warehouse Employees Union Local 359 will hold nominations for office at the regular membership meeting in the third floor hall at 257 Plymouth avenue next Tuesday, December 10th, at 8 p. m.

Nominations will be held for president, vice-president, recording secretary, secretary-treasurer, and business representative, for a one-year term. A trustee will be elected for a three-year term.

Members of All Drivers Unions Invited

Dave Beck Speaks At TJC Mass Rally Friday, December 13

Union Oil Conference In 8 States

Delegates from interested unions in eight states attended the Mid-West Petroleum Union Conference last Friday and Saturday in Madison. The Conference was recently formed to organize all filling station attendants in the Middle West under the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Unions from Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Nebraska sent delegates to the Conference meeting.

Joseph H. Kohl of the Madison Drivers Union Local 442 was named temporary chairman, and Joseph Caminiti of the Milwaukee Station Attendants Union Local 982 temporary secretary-treasurer of the Conference.

A large part of the two-day meeting was devoted to reports from each local union, which gave a composite picture of the present state of union organization and what must be done to achieve a 100% union industry.

A questionnaire committee was set up which will draft and mail out to 200 IBT locals in the Middle West a questionnaire on the state of organization among filling station attendants.

Standard Oil Unfair

As a first step in the campaign to crack the largest non-union corporation, the Standard Oil company throughout Wisconsin has been placed on the unfair list and all unions will be so notified.

The next meeting of the Union Petroleum Conference will be held the first week in February, either in Belleville, Ill., or St. Louis, Mo.

Larry Davidson of the Minneapolis Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 and Fred Smith of the Duluth Drivers Union Local 346 were Minnesota representatives at the Madison meeting.

10th Ward F-L Club Elects

The regular membership meeting of the Tenth Ward Farmer-Labor club was held Tuesday evening, December 3rd. The following officers were nominated and unanimously elected for the coming year:

President—Tom Roberts. Vice-president—James Bartlett. Secretary—Mrs. I. G. Scott. Treasurer—Mrs. D. W. Gustafson.

Local 264 to Dance Dec. 7

The Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Union Local 264 will sponsor a dance Saturday, December 7th, at the Junior Pioneer Hall, 192 West Ninth street. Local 264 is known for the good dances it sponsors.

Gigantic Mass Rally and Banquet Will Observe 25th Anniversary of Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council—Beck, West Coast Labor Leader, Among Guest Speakers—Will Launch Campaign to Consolidate Movement Against Labor's Enemies—Admission Free At Rally in Eastside Eagles Hall

A gigantic mass meeting of the members of all local unions affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council has been called for Friday evening, December 13th. The rally will be held in the large auditorium of the Eastside Eagles hall.

Dave Beck, nationally known Teamsters leader from the West Coast and vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, will be one of the many guest speakers from the general labor movement.

Local 289 Will Elect Next Tuesday

The yearly election of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 will be held next Tuesday, December 10th. Balloting will take place in the union hall from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Following is the list of nominees:

For president: James Hanna, Frank LaGrave, Harold Clements. Vice-president: Sam Ash (unopposed).

Recording secretary: Gregory Helvig (unopposed).

Secretary-treasurer: Joe O'Hare, Loren Johnson.

Trustees: A. M. Ogren, Leonard Haggen, Art Lynch, Frank Gates, William Huber, Morey Locke.

Grievances at Buzza Plant Are Settled

Last week the Buzza shop committee, together with officials of Local 359, met with the management to take up various grievances that have arisen.

The management has agreed to permit union stewards to work out a plan to collect union dues on the job at a designated time each month. This will facilitate dues payments and make the stewards' jobs easier.

Further details on the mass meeting and the banquet will appear in next week's Organizer.

Listen, Children —

Your daddy and his union has arranged to give you the biggest Christmas Party in the entire state of Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council and the other unions up here at the Drivers Hall will present this party on Monday, December 23rd, at the Minneapolis Armory. Our party starts at 1:30 p. m. and lasts all afternoon.

Look, look, this is what you will see: A magician that's the best—and Charlie Boy, the one-man horse, doing a lot of funny tricks—then Stinkie will be there, he's a funny little wooden dummy that talks and walks and sings—We have a boy wonder, a singer that is a second Bobby Breen—You'll like Miss Bransel and her troupe of trained dogs—now for a surprise, a whole kiddie revue of young singers and dancers.

Sure, Santa Claus will be there and that funny clown cop, he'll keep an eye on Santa.

So come one, come all, I'll be waiting for you with candy and cookies and things that are nice. I bet we have the best time we ever had, I bet you won't forget the date, Monday, December 23rd, all afternoon, at the big armory.

I'll be seeing you,



Bozo, the Clown.

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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...

Westbrook Pegler, the Yellow Kid

Westbrook Pegler, the Yellow Kid, is continuing his dishonest attacks upon the trade union movement, and the Minneapolis Star-Journal is continuing to publish these attacks.

Pegler writes from a class bias. He only cries "crook" at organized labor. We never read columns of his exposing the bribetaking judges, the absconding bankers, the universal crookedness of the monopolistic corporations, the preying cops, or the all-around rascality of the wealthy.

We despise Pegler for the service he renders his masters by attacking labor. We don't want him and we don't want the boss courts to put their dirty fingers in the labor movement to prosecute those they charge with crookedness and racketeering.

We are opposed to the courts or the government chasing after crooks in the union movement. If these people today remove a gangster from some union, tomorrow they may step in and remove decent, honest and militant unionists and leaders.

No union member ever wanted to see crooks in his union. Crooks enter the unions and remain in them ONLY with the help and connivance of the employers.

The American Federation of Labor convention in New Orleans discussed the question of ridding the union movement of the few crooks who have wormed themselves in. Because of the tradition that international union affiliates of the AFL have autonomy, the convention did not grant its executive council the right to enter a union and remove a crooked officer.

That is a job for the membership of each local union and for the membership of each international. Let the membership use its democratic power to do this job.

Labor can do this job itself. Labor has no reason to sub-let such a job to the labor-hating courts or the government.

And labor insists that the problem of gangsters in the unions is one of small proportions indeed compared with the problem of gangsterism and racketeering practiced by the wealthy and in other walks of life.

How Will the Conscript's Family Fare?



Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The coming mass meeting at the Eagles' Hall on December 13, sponsored by the Teamsters' Joint Council, will be the first convocation of the membership of the Minneapolis teaming crafts since 1934.

Election time is drawing near in our union and every single member should pledge himself to vote in the union election.

The Central Labor Union safe was cracked Saturday night. Perhaps the tall tales of big money that were told by Anderson in the 544 book suit has led the local Raffles to believe there are large bundles of the stuff laying around in the union office.

Nominations in the Milk Drivers Tuesday resulted in several of the officers returning to their posts without contest.

Tribune Employees Get \$13,000 Raise

The first Newspaper Guild contract covering commercial department employees of the Minneapolis Tribune has recently been signed, bringing wage increases of \$13,000 the first year, and more than \$40,000 over a three-year period through automatic wage increases.

Booth Storage In St Paul Gets Banner

The struggle between the St. Paul branch of the Booth Cold Storage company, 40 West Kellogg boulevard, and the St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union Local 503 is again coming to a head.

Elaine Roseland of the office force has been hospitalized for rest and observation. Everyone wishes her speedy recovery.

HIRING HALL
The hiring hall has been a real asset to our union. It has provided thousands of hours of well-paid work under union conditions.

Ray Rainbolt reports that the coming Christmas party for the children is going to be bigger and better than ever before.

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editorial employees of the Tribune and the Star Journal. Dismissal indemnity has been increased to 20 weeks pay, based on the one-week pay-per-thirty-weeks-worked scale.

Booth Storage In St Paul Gets Banner

Low-cost Cab Service Available for Children To and from Christmas Party

AFL 1941 Convention In Seattle

The American Federation of Labor ended its convention in New Orleans last Friday, re-electing all seventeen national officers. William Green was re-named as president for his seventeenth term.

Through the AFL convention adopted a resolution condemning the "anti-trust" attacks by the Department of Justice upon the union movement, Thurman Arnold immediately and sharply answered that the attacks would continue.

CLU Urges Probe of State Board of Education

A resolution protesting the discharge of Eugene V. Carstater by the state board of education, asking an investigation of the state education department, protesting the lowering of work standards through an over-supply of apprentices and urging a legislative investigation of state vocational education was adopted last Wednesday night by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union.

The Street Car and Bus Employees Union reported employees of the Jefferson Bus lines are 95% organized and negotiations are being conducted for a contract.

A motion carried that the Central Labor Union ask Roosevelt to appoint Joseph Moonan as circuit court judge in the 8th district.

A motion carried that William Green, the press services and the United States Senate be informed that the renegade Shipteard is no longer a Farmer-Laborite.

Will Push Labor Legislation
A motion by Organizer Wier, supported by Miles Dunne and others, empowering the Policy Committee to take over the work of the legislative committee in working for passage of legislation recommended by the Central Labor Union, carried.

During a battle in the last World War, a soldier was beating a retreat to the rear as fast as his legs would carry him, when he was halted by an officer. "Don't delay me," said the soldier, "I'm on my way."

There have been six other major blasts and fires in this area—three each in plants owned by the du Pont trust and the American Cyanamid and Chemical Company.

No sooner were the AFL and CIO conventions over than a number of bills were introduced in Congress to outlaw strikes in all "national defense" industries.

The New York Times index of the nation's business activity advanced in the week ending November 23rd to the highest point in its history. The index rose to 117.0 compared with the previous high of 114.8 for June 29, 1929.

N. Y. Times Index Shows Business at All-Time High

Not an increase in mass purchasing power but the stimulus to industry from the tremendous war program is responsible for the dizzy business gains, involving huge profits for the "40 families" that control the nation.

15 Percent of Conscripts Rejected

Federal authorities anticipated that less than two per cent of the nation's men conscripted into the army would be rejected because of physical deficiencies.

To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance or relief have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such aid, that the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has set up a special department to deal with this problem.

On the National Picket Line

Here the explosion occurred in a section of the plant far removed from where the Government orders are being fabricated. IT WAS PLAINLY THE RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE.

There have been six other major blasts and fires in this area—three each in plants owned by the du Pont trust and the American Cyanamid and Chemical Company.

These same kinds of methods accounted for a rise in the number of industrial accidents in 1939 to 1,600,000 over 1,375,000 in 1938. While employment rose, during this same period, on 7%, the average number of hours rose 13% and the number of industrial accidents—14%.

No, there will be no murder indictments against the du Ponts, the Hercules Company, nor the Trojan, nor the Rockefellers, nor the Morgans. Neither will they be charged with sabotage.

But WE indict these men for murder and sabotage. We ask, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Dies—How come? Why don't you name the real saboteurs, the real criminals?

We challenge you, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Dies, to answer these questions.

Not a Bad Question

A teacher in home economics eloquently described how to make the most nutritious soup by boiling cheap bones. After a detailed account both of the methods of stewing and the good results obtained thereby, she paused for questions.

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 131: Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.
- LOCAL 958: Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.
- LOCAL 664: General Membership—First and third Fridays. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.
- LOCAL 1086: The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
- PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCAL 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN: Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.
- 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 Thursday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday. Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 8 p. m.
- LOCAL 348: 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 359: Stewards—Second Mondays. Executive Board—First and third Mondays. General Membership—Second Tuesdays.
- LOCAL 275: Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
- LOCAL 160: General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Stewards—Second and Fourth Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday.
- LOCAL 221: Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
- LOCAL 1859: Executive Board—Every Friday night. Stewards Meetings—2nd and 4th Monday each week. Membership Meeting—1st Wednesday each month. Casket Section—2nd Tuesday each month. Box Industry—3rd Tuesday each month. J. R. Clark Section—3rd Wednesday each month. Puffer-Hubbard—3rd Thursday each month. Woodenware Workers—3rd Friday each month.
- LOCAL 259: Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
- LOCAL 544: Monday, Dec. 2—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, Dec. 4—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, Dec. 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, Dec. 6—Job Stewards Monday, Dec. 9—General Membership Tuesday, Dec. 10—Lumber; Raymond Bros., 9 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, Dec. 13—Wholesale Grocery Monday, Dec. 16—Furniture; Coal; Paper and Printing Thursday, Dec. 19—Tent and Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m.; Ways and Means ITO Friday, Dec. 20—Job Stewards Monday, Dec. 23—Spring Water Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve—Meetings postponed Wednesday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day—Meetings postponed Thursday, Dec. 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, Dec. 27—Cold Storage and Produce Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 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.