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## Milk Drivers Sign up at Land-O-Lakes

### SEEGER WORKERS WIN VICTORY IN BOARD ELECTION

Union Organization Success Brings Employes Closer to Signed Pact  
Union Representatives Meet With Officials from Seeger Company

Organization work at the Seeger Refrigerator Company in St. Paul is rapidly forging ahead, headed by the elected leaders and dictated by the rank and file. Its members are not being deceived that all is done with the winning of the election that was conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. The progressives in the union realize that a real organization built on firm, militant lines is the only means of gaining anything for themselves from the employer.

The union that is being built at the Seeger plant is considered to be one that will play a great role in the vitalizing of the trade union movement in the city of St. Paul. Seeger (Continued on page 2)

### Mpls. Gas Light Co. Workers Hold Meet

As a demonstration of the truth of the prediction made in these columns a short time ago that workers of the Minneapolis Gas Light Company were on the move, a meeting was held in Eagles Hall Monday night attended by almost every worker of the Gas Light Co.

Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, addressed the meeting and urged workers to continue their organizational effort and to not stop short of a signed agreement with the utility company.

A charter has been secured and steps have been taken to draw up an agreement covering every worker employed in the company with the exception of the office force.

### Rosacker Plant Struck When Workers Demand Their Seniority Rights

Last week Local 544 conducted a two day strike directed against the Rosacker Greenhouse. Trouble had been brewing there for weeks as the workers had flocked into the union offices almost daily with complaints chiefly relating to violations of seniority and non-agreement with union wage schedules.

Before the end of two days the Rosacker company had agreed to all demands of the union and promised future compliance with the union contract.

### Contract Signed With Pie, Yeast, Cracker, Bakery Drivers Local

The Pie and Yeast Drivers Section of the newly-formed Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union Local 289, have concluded negotiations with the employers and are now in possession of a signed agreement covering wages and working conditions in this section of the industry.

This settlement brings about a vast improvement in wages and also brings to workers involved a considerable shortening of their work day and week.

### Wave of Strikes Sweeping the Country Proves Workers Are Determined to Raise Standards

Important developments in the labor world this past week include an almost nationwide wave of sit-down strikes in all types of industry. Store clerks, cigar makers, hosiery workers—everywhere the workers are on the march toward better working conditions, higher wages and union recognition.

In New Jersey, the National Labor Relations Board has ordered the Remington-Rand Co. to reinstate the union leaders and 4,000 workers who lost their jobs through their defeat in the ill-fated strike which began last May. They also ordered the company to bargain collectively with the Joint Protective Board of the District Council Office Equipment Workers Union.

Charges cited against the company by the board included violations of the National Labor Relations Act, including riot, framing rioting charges against the strikers, their subsequent conviction, and influencing public opinion against the strikers by subversive and "ruthless" methods. Remington-Rand answered the board's order by announcing that they would refuse to comply and that they intended to fight the case out in court. This case will probably become the "good case" which the Supreme Court has been waiting for, to test the constitutionality of the National Labor Relations Act. And once again it is clearly proven that there is no substitute for union action.

Wholesale arrests have marked the Woolworth Company's employes' sit-down strikes in New York. On Friday, March 20, 41 girls gained entry to the West Fourteenth Street store under the cloak of going to work, and then folded their arms, refusing to wait on the few customers who came through the picket line. They were arrested and lodged in jail. The company (H. W. Green Co. has two of its stores tied up in similar strikes) has both uniformed police and private detectives lodged in their base. (Continued on page 2)

### Yellow Drivers to Dance on April 15

The whole trade union movement is waiting with bated breath for the social event of the season which will occur when the Yellow Cab section of Local 544 stage their annual Grand Benefit Ball which will take place on Thursday, April 15, at 9 p. m., in the Grand Ballroom, General Drivers Hall. The music of Dick Atherton has been secured and all indications point that this dance will be the outstanding event of the year.

Admission is 25 cents and the tickets can be purchased almost anywhere.

### Wright County Commissioners Hand WPA Workers Raw Deal

Wright county commissioners violate their promise given to Wright county FWS that they would vote to request an increase of 250 WPA jobs in addition to the 355 now on the WPA payroll. They promised this when Wright county workers showed they were denied necessary relief despite the proven fact that thousands of dollars were available from the State Relief agency if the county board would but request it. The board's claim that it was unable to give relief is a mere attempt to evade its direct responsibility. The FWS delegation showed the commissioners they could provide for the needy by asking for the county's quota of WPA jobs, and that the claim of "No Funds," even if true, was no excuse for the extreme and unfulfilled need existing among the county's families.

The county commissioners, recognizing the simple logic of the FWS demands, agreed to go through with them. But, since they are petty politicians, their letter to Christgau only weakly and vaguely asked for "some assistance" and made it clear they

### Coal Workers to Meet March 26

A special meeting of the Coal Workers Section of 544 is called for 8 p. m. Friday, March 26, at General Drivers Hall. This meeting is being held for the purpose of drawing up a new wage agreement for coal drivers and yardmen.

The results of the meeting will establish the wage standards for the coming year and should be the concern of all coal workers. Take note and be on hand to take part in the vital business of your organization.

### Northwest Forwarding Hit by Locals 544-120

The Northwest Forwarding company, St. Paul long distance trucking concern, was tied up Wednesday and Thursday when all employees walked out in protest against continued and repeated violations of the union agreement by that company.

Although the firm is located in St. Paul, Minneapolis General Drivers Union has members there. After a tieup lasting less than eight hours the company agreed to put an end to contract violations.

### Janney Semple Hill Workers in Union

Warehouse and Inside Workers Union have brought to an end a successful organization drive at the Janney Semple Hill Co. and reports that there is now a solid organization there. A union agreement will be presented to the officials of that company shortly.

### 'AMERICAN CITY' COMMENTED ON IN LOCAL DAILIES

Journal, Tribune, Star Attempt to Show Book Is Not Sound

Nationwide Praise for Work Is Given Charles Walker Elsewhere

Now that reviews of Walker's "American City" are all in from the three local dailies, it is very amusing and somewhat distasteful—something like attending a burlesque show—to consider how the boss press has handled this work.

The first thing one notices is the niggardly space given the book—about six inches in the Journal and Tribune, nine inches in the Star. Heretofore, when the worst sort of pap appeared about Minneapolis, it could be sure of a column, at least. Because Walker's book is a serious work, and because it gives the workers a break, the Journal and Tribune have played it down. They couldn't ignore it entirely, so they did the next best thing. They tried to laugh it off. The book received fair treatment in the Star.

The Tribune review, after the barest listing of the subject matter, closes abruptly, with the sentence: "A number of inaccuracies mar the book." Just what these inaccuracies are, we are not told. Was Walker inaccurate when he told of how the wealth of Minnesota was gutted by the robber barons? In his picture of what the General Drivers Union has accomplished for the working class? In his mention of the handling of the strike by the local press? Not one single error is listed. This is what is known as tricky, fraudulent reviewing.

The Journal besides finding "American City" in some particulars amusing, also is quick to say the book "contains a number of minor inaccuracies." The Journal reviewer is bolder. Some people will think him too bold. The one inaccuracy (Continued on page 2)

### State Central Committee Acts To Call New Dist. Convention

#### New Committee Will Serve 544

The Executive Board of Local 544 announces the appointment of a new committee whose function will be to deal with grievances. The new setup will be known as the Seniority Committee and will deal with grievances only that are related to seniority violations. Chairman of the committee is Kelly Postal.

They will meet each week on Tuesday at 7 a. m. in Hall 1. If you have a seniority violation report it to this committee at the time and place designated.

### CORCORAN, DOBBS SPEAK AT MINOT

#### North Central Council Is Represented at Dakota Labor Rally

Wednesday night P. J. Corcoran and Farrell Dobbs journeyed to Minot, N. D., to attend a mass meeting and labor rally which was called by the North Dakota State Federation of Labor. As representatives of the North Central District Drivers Council these two Minneapolis teaming craft leaders will be the principal speakers at the affair. The prestige gained by the North Central Council is best demonstrated by the invitation of the two Council officers to attend the Minot labor rally.

On returning from Minot Dobbs and Corcoran intend to stop at several other points and establish contact for the Northwest Drivers central body.

### The Slacker



### Actions at Cambridge Are Thrown Out by Board

Sunday actions of the State Central Committee of the Farmer-Labor Party is confirmation of an earlier prediction that the split in Farmer-Labor ranks is a deep and lasting one.

Although forces from the so-called "regular convention" made their appearance before the committee and used every device to compel the state body to confirm their stand, the committee flatly refused to stand by the results of the Cambridge convention and took action to hold another meeting in the Third District under the supervision of the Central Committee. They refused to seat Hilliard Smith and in general indicated by their actions that the rumpers in Minneapolis were more than justified in the action they have taken.

Endorsement of aldermanic candidates in various wards in the city was gone into and representatives from these wards charged freely that in most cases these endorsements were secured by packing ward meetings, calling special gatherings, and by other fraudulent means. The committee's action gives comfort to those forces in the Farmer-Labor Party who are endeavoring to keep the association out of the hands of adventurous political careerists.

The committee also adopted a hands-off policy in the fight between the two factions in the Minneapolis party. It was generally agreed that it was a healthy thing to allow these two opposing forces to go into a finish political fight with prospects that the State Central Committee would endorse the primary victor.

Leaders of the Eighth Street convention stated Monday that a broad campaign committee would be called in later in the week, that campaign headquarters would be set up soon in a downtown location, and that their campaign would be under way within the week.

### Back Pay Is Due Union at Brooks

The Brooks Fruit company faces the rather serious situation of being compelled to grant back pay, amounting to thousands of dollars, to almost every employee in the company.

A gigantic conspiracy to defraud the workers there out of just union pay has been recently uncovered by Local 544 officials.

### One Man Strike Is Enough at Terminal

A one-man strike—not a sit-down—was reported at the Terminal Supply company last week. The only employee of the firm, a truck-driver, has been the victim of continued persecution there for over a year.

The strike, though small in numbers, was so effective that before the week was out all demands were met.

### Landry Transfer Co. Signs for Closed Shop

The Landry Transfer Company, Minneapolis hauling concern, Monday signed a closed shop contract with General Drivers Union.

This firm is one of the first in the transfer field to enter into a closed shop pact with Local 544. The contract provides that all hiring must be done through the union.

### LOCAL 471 GETS CONTRACT WHEN STRIKE LOOMS

Milkmen Celebrate as Pact Is Signed With Large Co-op

Victory Brings a New High Wage for All Workers in Creamery

After a year of long and continuous struggle, the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Local 471 signed an agreement with the Land O' Lakes Creameries, Incorporated, last Thursday, March 18.

Signing the agreement was a well-won victory for Land O' Lakes employes who have been organized since a year ago, and have been fighting hard for this settlement with the largest cooperative creamery in the country. The union contract affects about 200 workers in the Land O' Lakes plant.

Full union recognition is provided for in Article 1. Article 3 establishes a 48-hour week and an 8 1/2-hour day. A minimum wage of \$27.50 for male workers and \$17.50 for female workers is agreed upon with no reduction in wages. All overtime work is to be paid at the rate of time and one-half with double time for Sundays and holidays. Seniority is established throughout the plant.

A steward system is provided for (Continued on page 2)

### 200 Guests Attend Send-off Bouquet For S. P. Delegates

Over 200 people ate heartily in the banquet room at Eagles' Hall Sunday night where Socialists and Socialist friends gathered for a send-off dinner for Minnesota delegates to the National convention of the Socialist party. V. R. Dunne of Minneapolis and Carl Pemble of St. Paul, the duly elected delegates from Minnesota, were the guests of the evening.

Delegate Pemble spoke briefly to the assembly on the necessity for attendance at the convention to make of the Socialist party a real instrument of revolutionary socialism. Delegate Dunne, detained in New York on CIO business, was represented by Miles Dunne who addressed the group on the role of the sit-down strike in the labor and revolutionary movement today. In a few words, Carl Skoglund stressed the necessity of a homogeneous group as a revolutionary party.

Semi-classical numbers by a musical trio, a skit entitled the "March of Slime," a performance by the puppet troupe of the Young People's Socialist league and a recitation on war by Minzi Cooper provided the evening's entertainment. Farrell Dobbs officiated as master of ceremonies. Delegates Pemble and Dunne will attend the national convention in Chicago from March 26 to 29.

### Notice to All Members of 289

Effective Sunday, March 28, there will be no deliveries of bread or pastry products by any member of Local 289, Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union, under the terms of the recently signed agreement.

Any Sunday delivery after the above mentioned date will be a contract violation. Back pay due drivers should also be in their hands prior to this date.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

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is notorious as the worst open-shopper in the country and if the workers there demonstrate that Seeger is not unbeatable, which they indicate they will, all workers of St. Paul will rally to the cause of labor and will force a real organization campaign in the mass production industries.

The union has presented its demands to the company and is negotiating at the present time. However, the men are building their union; members are flocking in and the morale of the men is good. They have withstood the vicious campaign of intimidation and coercion on the part of the company and cannot be deterred in their drive to get real working conditions. The spirit of militant unionism is taking hold.

## Yellow Notes

An article in this column, in a recent issue of the *Organizer* seriously condemned the merchants in the vicinity of Chicago and Lake for causing the moving of the cab stand to an out-of-the-way corner.

This situation has been partially corrected at this writing by a resolution passed by these merchants at their last luncheon meeting which calls for the cab stand to be moved back to where it was originally. This was accomplished after a delegation was given the opportunity to give the taxi drivers' viewpoint on the controversy.

The delegation, in behalf of the membership they represent wishes to extend to the merchants of Chicago and Lake their most sincere thanks for the cordial reception accorded them and for the attentive and understanding way the explanation of our problems was received.

It is hoped that controversies of this nature can be avoided in the future by a display of understanding and co-operation such as evidenced in this particular instance.

Rumors were circulated that Dr. Hanson was given full credit for being the instigator of the movement to move the cab stand. Since there are no facts to substantiate these rumors, it is only fair that Dr. Hanson should be vindicated of this charge.

Believe it or not! "Crying Willie" took a few bumps out from under his rug last week and bought a car.

Lennie Olson is laid up with a very bad cold.

Sid McNeal is forbidden to drive for a time due to an attack of gall bladder trouble.

The Herman brothers checked out last week and left for the "wilds" of Detroit.

The following article is an extract from an Eastern drivers' edition:

This one is a whopper to cap the climax. Only the other night, one of our boys in Chelsea—a boy with an "Every Driver an Escort" complex—drove a very sweet and dainty lady who displayed her largesse to the extent of giving the chap a big nickel tip for all his courtesy and competency. Well, sir, he threw the gears into reverse speed to start away when the back-up buzzer started stuttering raucously. Hearing it, the woman came stalking back with murder in her eye and menace in her index finger to inquire in stentorian tone, "Did you mean that for me, driver?" Taken aback, the poor driver timidly explained: "I didn't do that with my mouth."

If an incident as described in the above article should happen to you, this driver's experience affords the instruction on your explanation.

Don't forget the Yellow Drivers' Second Annual Ball and Benefit dance which will be held Thursday, April 15. From all indications this promises to be a gala affair with a good time assured for everybody. Every yellow driver now has tickets for sale. They are only 25 cents.

Paul Urtie is still in the Veterans' hospital. He appreciates visitors. Visiting days are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p. m.

Ray Brown suffered a severe shock this past week in being notified that his wife was killed in an auto accident while visiting relatives in Florida. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ray in his loss.

Musolini says: "Since 1924 Italy through its unsatisfactory birth rate, has lost babies sufficient to make 11 army divisions."

Dara selfish of the married couples of Italy.

## On the Route With the Milk Man



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The other day a friend of mine casually made the remark that his daughter, a girl of high school age, had asked him some questions on the labor situation. The father becoming interested inquired from the girl what prompted these questions. She told him that in her studies, history and social science, there was some discussion on the subject. The thought struck me, are not the labor organizations weak in not endeavoring to have some well informed representatives of labor communicate with the different high school superintendents and principals, regarding an address before these young minds that are about to go out into the world and attempt to earn their own way through life.

With the labor conditions as they are today young men and women leave their high school or college with the hopes of achieving something and getting some place in their life. One should remember that it is a period of 10 to 12 years before they choose any particular vocation. They approach an office or factory for employment, their first reception is, "What experience have you had? You are a little too young for this work, or we hire our help through the union," or some such remark.

The young worker finally gets disgusted and is a fit tool for some employer who is ready to exploit the workers who are entrusted to his supervision. The employer refuses to bargain with the labor representatives whom the workers may have chosen, which finally develops into a strike or labor difficulties.

If those young workers had an opportunity to know some of the common sense of the labor organizations, they would not accept employment behind a banner or picket line such as sometimes happens.

My personal opinion is that we have a responsibility to the future citizens of our country, which we have "shirked," as the opinions and habits formed in early life usually go a long way toward the future life of the individual.

—Bill Sinnott.

Trustees of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union were giving their books their monthly going-over Tuesday.

After the excitement of the settlement was over, things have returned to normal at the Land O' Lakes plant.

Local 471 bowlers are all het up over the coming bowling tournament and many plan to enter.

Pauline Berg, stenographer at the milk drivers, has returned home from the hospital. She will soon be back on the job.

The offices of the milk drivers union will soon be decorated with a new set of Venetian blinds.

There are still many members of the milk drivers union on the sick list who are receiving benefits from the union.

Did you ever stop to think that milk drivers don't just sell milk any more? Besides the lactic fluid, they peddle chocolate drink, orange juice, and fluid tomato.

Ray Sawyer, secretary-treasurer of the local, is now a full-fledged Notary Public.

Don't forget the all-union bowling tournament which will take place April 10-11. And by the way, did you know that you will have to have a paid-up union card to enter?

## Unions Get Together On Cab Stand Row

The recent controversy over the cab stand at Chicago Avenue and Lake Street has been amicably settled by a conference between representatives of Local 125 and committeemen of the Yellow Cab section of Local 544.

Although some friction developed during the controversy over this matter, all trouble has now been ironed out and both unions report themselves as being satisfied with the outcome.

## Bill Brown Says—

Strikes that are sweeping like a wave across the United States indicate that the temper of the American working class is becoming aroused. Sit-down strikes in automobile plants are becoming day by day occurrences. They have become so common that we are apt to forget that this particular type of strike is one of the most significant economic actions ever taken by the American working class. They are an out-and-out defiance of so-called sacred "property rights." They are only a few steps away from workers revolution.



—BILL BROWN, President of 544

## Wave of Strikes Sweeping the Country Proves Workers Are Determined to Raise Standards

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ments all the time, waiting for trouble. Mayor LaGuardia has sent identical telegrams to the two companies and to the officials of the Department Store Employees Union, offering his services as arbitrator. He stated that "the controversy has reached such proportions that the public has become involved."

In Detroit, seven sit-down strikes have been raided and the strikers driven out by police. Homer Martin, president of the Auto Workers Union, has threatened to call a general strike of all auto locals unless these methods are stopped. He also announced the calling of a huge mass meeting to organize "minute men" to combat the police these evictions of strikers from small, strike-bound plants. On March 22 Mayor Couzens announced that the police will no longer evict peaceful sit-down strikers.

At Albert Lea, Minn., 25 clerks of the Woolworth Co. store have sat down. Also in Albert Lea, the workers of the American Gas Machine Co. have seized the two plants. Russell Hanson, president of the company, announced that the company was prepared for just such action, and had their warehouses elsewhere packed with materials and equipment to set up an immediate base in another state. This preparation has been going on ever since trouble came after they discharged four workers for belonging to the Independent Union of All Workers. A truck strike has caused a vast accumulation of undelivered goods on the loading docks.

At Providence, R. I., 32 department stores were tied up on Monday, March 22. Frantic city and company officials were running around in circles trying to find a way out. The strike lasted 24 hours with the workers winning their demands.

At Muscatine, Iowa, where the lowly mussel shell is turned into glowing pearl buttons, two plants were tied up last week. In the Hawkeye Mfg. Co. plant the workers have won their demands and are now back at work.

In Des Moines, the pressmen at the Meredith Printing Co. sat down on Monday. Mr. Meredith denies that his men belong to any union or that he knows what the trouble is.

In Anderson, Indiana, striking shopmen and powerhouse employees of the Indiana Railroad shut off the power from 11 towns and suspended interurban service. Their demands include a 20 per cent increase in wages, a closed shop and the check-off system for the payment of union dues.

Of all the strikes which at this moment grip the country, none has the power and force of the eight sit-down strikes which hold the Chrysler plants in thrall. Six thousand strikers are barricaded within the plants. Thousands mill about outside. They have cut off the company officials from their offices, their telephone system, and their mail department. The strike has been in progress for more than two weeks.

Every hour the possibility of a bloody battle grows stronger. The sheriff has already received an order from Judge Campbell in the form of a writ of attachment on the bodies of all the strikers, charging them with violation of an injunction by their failure to evacuate the plants on Wednesday, March 16. The sheriff refuses to attempt to evict the strikers because he hasn't the force to do it. Until the governor sends him help he admits his impotency. The governor, fearing to lose the prestige he gained during the General Motors strike, states that "unless he wishes to cease to be a governor and become a strike-breaker" he is unable to send the militia until the sheriff has proven his inability to cope with the situation. The sheriff is able by law to use his own deputies, the 4,000 Detroit police, and up to 10,000 special deputies. Rumors are current that the sheriff intends to arrest all the officials of the UAWU and CIO organizations within the jurisdiction of the court upon sight.

Meanwhile, a situation fraught with potential danger for all concerned, remains at a stalemate. The strikers have announced that they do not intend to accept less than complete and sole recognition. It seems that the Chrysler Corporation has arrived at

## Milkman's League Crash Maples as Co-ops Take Lead

In the Union Milk Bowling League things are getting pretty hot.

Franklin rests on the top rung of the ladder, contented to coast along with a nine game lead over Ohleen dairy which has been in second place practically all season. However, Superior has been crowding Ohleen for second place. In fact, last week they stepped into a tie by taking three games from Norris while Ohleen took only two from Cloverleaf.

Ohleen and Superior meet this Thursday to see who's who. This should prove to be a very interesting match with Superior holding the edge in pin average. But Ohleen is relying on its aggressiveness and well-known fighting spirit to pull out ahead.

Local 471 has been crowding Cloverleaf. They have a fast team ably anchored by Jiggs Donahue and if the season were a little longer would certainly be closer to the top.

Many of the boys have been taking in these tournaments that are held at Duluth, St. Cloud, Rochester and Hastings and the prize money the boys brought back with them is indicative of the type of bowling that goes on in the milk league.

Come down and watch them.

## New Carpenter-Joiner Charter Arrives Here

A new charter has arrived in Minneapolis branded by the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

This charter will cover such workers as are not eligible for membership in any of the existing Carpenters International local unions.

Headline in C. S. Monitor: Fight on Court Is to Be Waged Largely by Air.

And they might add—"On Air."

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## Warren Shade Co. Is Served Agreement

The Warren Shade Co., woodenware manufacturers, last week were served with a union contract by Local 1859, Furniture Workers Union.

The workers in this place of employment have recently become organized and are demanding a general betterment of conditions.

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willingness to sign an agreement not to move any of their dies, patterns, or equipment to another community and to negotiate a settlement for sole recognition, if the union will order the strikers to leave the plants. The strikers have flatly refused the bait.

Meanwhile, in Lansing, Governor Murphy looks from Mr. Keller to Mr. Martin; from Mr. Lewis to Mr. Roosevelt; from the six thousand strikers and their huge picket line to the sheriff. Says Mr. Lewis and Mr. Martin, "Sole recognition."

Says Mr. Keller, "No."

Says the sheriff, "I haven't the force to evict them."

And the strikers? "COME AND GET US—IF YOU CAN!"

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## American Linen to Feel Union Drive

Local 131, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union, are conducting an active organizational campaign directed at the drivers of the American Linen Company.

Despite the fact that Local 131 is the possessor of a union agreement covering wages and working conditions of all laundry and cleaning drivers, workers at the American Linen have seen fit not to become members of the union.

For years the American Linen Company has been considered one of the most notorious open-shop scrub laundry concerns in Minneapolis. The owners and management at the American Linen have always been leading lights in the Citizens Alliance. They have pledged themselves to maintain non-union conditions.

Officials of 131 state that the drive will not be concluded until every eligible worker at the linen company is a member of Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union.

## Bloom Workers Hit Anti-Union Employer

Workers at the Bloom Manufacturing Company, producers of novelties and advertising specialties, struck the company Tuesday, March 23.

These workers who have become organized during the past few months are demanding hour and wage reforms and recognition of their union through a signed contract with the Bloom Company. The firm is located at 25 North Second Street.

From the convention of merchant tailors: A man can be well dressed for \$4,000 a year.

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## HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES' UNION Local No. 458 24 South Sixth St.

### RESOLUTION

Whereas: the increasing cost of living to the working class of America makes an immediate necessity for the boosting of wages, shortening hours of labor, and a general improvement in working conditions,

Whereas: there is need for unity and harmony in the organized labor movement, and the present division in labor's ranks is causing a great deal of trouble and dissension among the ranks of organized labor,

Therefore be it resolved: That the Union Board of Business Agents and Railway Organizations in meeting assembled request the Executive Board of the A. F. of L. to call a special convention at once to breach the present division.

Presented by Secretary, Board of Business Agents

## Hegblom Proud Papa Of Bouncing 7-lb. Babe

Al Hegblom, popular driver on the central market, was the father of a seven-pound girl which was born Tuesday morning, March 16.

Fellow-workers report that Al is so proud he is hard to get along with these days.

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# 'AMERICAN CITY' COMMENTED ON IN LOCAL DAILIES

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listed is the "statement that the Journal advocated vigilante methods against the strikers in Minneapolis, which is exactly the reverse of the facts."

Briefly, let us examine the reviewer's protest that Walker erred in this respect. We will take our examples from the Minneapolis Journal only for the latter half of July, 1934. On Wednesday, July 18, gangs of thugs and strike-breakers and business men began a series of bloody raids against working-class headquarters in San Francisco, where the general strike was raging. On that day, the Minneapolis Journal had as its banner head on the front page: "Frisco Citizens Wreck Red Hangouts." Long news stories described in ecstatic phrases and in some detail the vicious raids. The implication was unmistakable. "Let us do the same thing in Minneapolis." Everyone understood this, including the editors of the Journal. The next day the Journal carried a box on its front page headed: "Now You Can Buy Food and Gasoline in San Francisco." In glowing terms, it described the raiders as "modern night riders of an irate citizenry."

In an editorial on July 19, the Journal became even blunter: "The situation in San Francisco and the Bay Cities... has a special and significant interest for the people of this metropolitan area. . . . The Communists have over-reached themselves in San Francisco. . . . The citizenry harking back to the traditions of the Vigilantes of the Fifties, set about stamping out the Communist hangouts. . . . and running the Reds out of town. The Communists in Minneapolis have thus far succeeded. . . . in dominating the labor side of the controversy. But let them beware lest an aroused citizenry here take vigorous measures against them."

**Trotsky Praises Book**  
It is interesting and not at all surprising to see that "American City" leads the non-fiction best seller list in Minneapolis, and in many other cities throughout the country. The book has gotten uniformly good reviews throughout the country (with the exception, as noted, of the Minneapolis press.) In the current Nation, James Rorty, who has also written of Minnesota, praises the work highly for its fairness, accuracy and honesty—"A new mark for Mr. Walker and others to shoot at and surpass if they can."

In a letter dated March 15, addressed to the publishers, Farrar and Rinehart, Leon Trotsky, the exiled revolutionist, who is now in Mexico, has the following to say:

"I am now reading with great pleasure the book 'American City' by Charles R. Walker which you have published. The book is original in conception and excellent in execution. It is difficult, it seems to me, to introduce the reader with greater art and greater simplicity (the art and simplicity coincide here) into the circle of the deepest and most intimate social problems of the United States. The book is irreplaceable, particularly for the foreigner who wishes to study and understand North America. I warmly hope for Mr. Walker's book the widest circulation and translation into foreign languages."

Again we urge the workers of Minneapolis to read this book, for an understanding of the scope of the problems we are faced with. The book is on sale at all stores, with the exception of the Communist Party's so-called "Progressive Book Shop." The treatment from these quarters is understandable as is the treatment the book received from the boss press. Plenty of copies are available at the Socialist and Labor Book store, 631 Third Avenue South.

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Members of Local 183 whose subscriptions will expire soon and who will miss the valuable paper can still make arrangements with the office for continuation of the Northwest Organizer. Come up to our office and at once so that you will not miss any of the issues and renew your subscription.

The next shop stewards' meeting will be held jointly with the Executive Board and Entertainment Committee. Important business will be transacted and final arrangements for the dance will be made. Everybody come. Wednesday, March 31, at 8 p. m.

The meeting held March 17 was poorly attended but it turned out to be very lively and interesting. It developed into a spirited discussion by the rank and file membership, about the question of the jurisdictional fight of the Petroleum Workers Union and also about the split in the Farmer-Labor city convention. The regular convention was endorsed.

This is good news to the exclusive dry cleaning workers. We just received the charter from the newly formed International Association of Cleaning and Dye House Workers No. 30 with the granting to us of the jurisdiction of all dry cleaners, cash and carry stores, valet shops and all counter girls in cleaning plants. We shall get busy at once and with your help endeavor to organize all the lowly paid workers in these shops who are in great need of an organization.

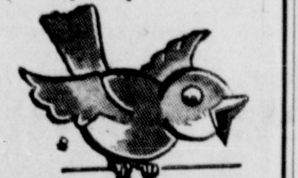
A very fine letter was received by our Business Agent from the editor of the Northwest Organizer, Brother Miles Dunne. We appreciate it very much.

Linnéa Kvarnlov of Gross Brothers underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Swedish hospital the first part of the week. Madeline Gardner will soon be able to leave the St. Andrews hospital after spending a few weeks there with pneumonia. Mabel McFarlane of the Curtis hotel is at the Northwestern hospital.

H. E. Goldman, our shop steward at the Liberty Cleaners, was a business caller at our office Saturday. Ella Croohn helled out at the Mill City laundry for a few days last week.

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## Watt Notes

By J. J. Kitowski  
Our B. A. was a visitor in St. Croix last week.

When is the B. A. going to introduce friend wife to the rank and file?

The bona fide Farmer-Labor party was found on 8th Street Sunday, March 14.

The utility section of 292 has moved down on Eighth St. But cheer up, boys, maybe the trade unionists will all be together some day.

It's about time for a victory dance. The wives should be rewarded for their lonely nights during the strike.

If your son is a news boy tell him to join the Newsboys' Union.

The strained feeling in the meter department is on the down. Lesson: Better and true understanding and all pull together.

The office workers are getting real interested and asking questions. More power to them.

The boys in the garage said after their meeting Saturday p. m., "It's funny we couldn't set it in the right light before. We're for it 100 per cent now."

We hope many of the wives will keep the afternoon of April 7 open and find their way to 4314 Penn Ave. N. to meet with and become members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of 292.

The Kelvinator and range service boys say regardless of what happened before, the union stuck with us and now we will stick with the union.

Some of the old guard will miss 257 Plymouth, but we will drop in to see you real often, friends and brothers.

If it's not on the pay check this month don't get excited. It's retroactive to January 1 and some may not be "in" until April 5. Maybe we should organize the office force?

Ladies! Remember the date and place: April 7 at the home of Mrs. Paul Barthalamo, 4314 Penn Ave. N.

**Thanks**  
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## LOCAL 20316 IS GRANTED RIGHT AT B. F. NELSON

**Workers at B. F. Nelson Ready to Present Union Contract to Company**

**Pulp and Sulphide Officials Concede Right of Local Union to Men**

A real victory was gained by Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316, when representatives of the Pulp and Sulphide Workers Union agreed that the warehouse organization should have complete charge of the organizing and securing of an agreement for all employees at the B. F. Nelson Company.

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union has succeeded, in the past few months, in effecting an almost 100 per cent union organization in the paper plant.

An agreement has been drawn up, presented to the company and negotiations have been under way for two weeks. When there was an indication that these workers might be claimed by the paper makers union a conference was immediately called by the two organizations.

At the meeting which was held Sunday afternoon, Pulp and Sulphide Workers representatives assured spokesmen of the warehouse union that there would be no jurisdictional claims made. They complimented the warehouse union for the efficient way in which they had conducted the organizational campaign at the Nelson Company.

Representatives of Local 20316 reported that negotiations with the B. F. Nelson Co. have reached a point where they can safely predict that they will soon be in possession of a signed agreement.

## Class Formed by 20316 In Parliamentary Law

Warehouse Workers Union has formed a class in parliamentary law which will be held Friday nights under the auspices of the organization. Officials of the union urge that all interested members attend these classes and prepare themselves to take an active role in the union.

## Independent Truck Chatter

**Change**  
The Ways and Means committee added Milton Hodson to the board by unanimous vote. The belated correction of an error places Al Hinmiller in the position of Assistant Recording Secretary.

The truckers are sorry to see John Wing leave local WPA. Wing is a man who conscientiously does what he feels is just, and goes through with his ideas even if they happen to be of aid to the worker.

**True Tales Department**  
Most of these old time rough and ready dirt movers have a careless attitude about public opinion in matters of speech and dress. They are interested only in blue prints, specifications and in rushing through the construction job in hand with all the skill and trickery learned from past experience. C. F. Greasa, head engineer of the Belt Line is one of these veterans. One day, coming directly from work and feeling an urge to buy a hat, he dropped into Dayton's and went to the men's department. He asked the clerk for a good hat in a black color. The clerk looked down his nose at Greasa's carefree and work worn clothes and brought out some hats. None were satisfactory and the clerk went for more, probably wondering why this guy should be so fussy about headgear. At last a higher priced article was brought out and the buyer was satisfied. The clerk broke an icicle and said, "Now let me set you right about this, mister, the price of that hat is \$15." Greasa boomed out, "—, now let me set you right about this. I didn't ask you the price; I said I wanted it. Here is your money; I'll wear the hat."

Probably one of the reasons Christgau and Co. is still in office despite protest is that the Roosevelt administration finds it convenient to use these Republicans as a buffer to absorb complaints that come out of

trying to keep relief down to a degree acceptable to big business.

**Shades of Niagara**  
Although a bit late with this report we are glad to say that after several months of house hunting, Malmberg has found a place he deemed suitable for newlyweds so he upped and married the young lady. Congratulations and cigars are in order.

**Meeting Notice**  
Special ITO meeting on Monday, March 29. The Executive Board has some suggestions for reorganizing the section.

**45 Caliber Stuff**  
Joe Itzen, foreman on Belt Line is now doing the hiring of trucks for WPA. On Monday, 22nd, the first truck reported for work. But did he work? No, Joe, your wife let you out on the night before?

Carl Greasar is doing his best to have Lilac Drive completed to Highway No. 7 by July 1. Look out, you truckers.

Truck Salesman Myron Anderson is doing his stuff. The boys are buying trucks left and right.

## Retail Clerks Union Plan Strong Drive

Retail Clerks Union, which has recently become active in Minneapolis, is planning a real active organizational campaign. The organizer of the union reports that he is enthusiastically received wherever he talks of union organization to clerks. This is particularly true in the downtown department stores where wages and working conditions are particularly bad.

The Retail Clerks Union, which will take into its ranks all retail sales persons, both male and female, is planning a huge rally and mass meeting in the near future. Details of this gathering will appear in an early issue of the Organizer.

Tell them that you saw their ad in the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER.

## LOCAL 471 GETS CONTRACT WHEN STRIKE LOOMS

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in Article 15 with a steward in each department.

In case of a dispute between employer and employee regarding wages, hours or working conditions, the case is to be arbitrated between two representatives of the union and two from the corporation. If the four arbitrators fail to come to an agreement, a fifth and neutral arbitrator shall be elected by the four.

## Bowling Notes

The Meats lost two games to the Con. No. 2 to drop to fifth place, the lowest they have ever been. FWS took two games from Joint Councils while Nationals dumped Con. No. 1 three straight. The Ind. stayed in first place as they won two out of three from 544. O. McKean rolled 213.

Con. No. 2	820	864	849—2533
Meats	922	836	794—2552
J. C.	842	878	1014—2634
FWS	878	957	896—2731
Nat.	923	863	793—2579
Con No. 1	850	782	745—2377
Ind.	924	894	819—2637
544	912	879	903—2694

The J. C. rolled a mighty 1,014 game with Carl Johnson leading the way. L. Hanson and O. McKean of the Ind. each hit 200 games. Arnold Johnson also bowled 212. The Arrowhead Steel has entered 16 men in the Union Tournament already. We have sent invitations to 20 Minnesota cities to compete.

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

## The Supreme Court

We have nothing against any plan to "liberalize" the United States Supreme Court. But we are one hundred per cent against the ridiculous illusion that the addition of a half dozen more exponents of the capitalist system to that judicial body will do away with the class struggle or materially affect the relationship between the workers and their exploiters in any way whatever.

The Supreme Court, like all other political and judicial institutions in modern society, is a class instrument, pure and simple. The conservative attitude of the court is not derived fundamentally from its composition, nor from the age of its incumbents, but from the nature of its essential function as a protecting barrier of the system of private property and private profit. Roosevelt, the "reformer," avowedly stands for the maintenance of that system just as ardently as do the nine old men on the Supreme Court bench. The quarrel between them is merely this: What is the best, most effective and economical way to protect the system of private property in the impending social storms?

The whole dispute is essentially the affair of the rulers of America and their political representatives. To us it appears that Roosevelt, with his liberal demagoguery and his policy of minor concessions to take the edge off the harsh collisions of the classes, is a more effective champion of the capitalist cause than the nine old fossils muttering into their beards. The most wide-awake and far-sighted elements of the money crowd think so too. That is why they supported him in the last election—along with the labor leaders, the old guard Socialists, the Communists and the great mass of duped workers.

But our concern, the concern of the working class, is not at all with oiling the machinery of exploitation in order to make it function more smoothly and effectively. Theory and experience alike teach us that not even the meanest, most miserly concessions are to be wrested from the exploiters without the most determined struggle. And a genuine rectification of the gross inequalities and injustices of capitalism is to be attained only by the development of these struggles to their logical and inevitable climax—the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.

A "liberal" Supreme Court can't and won't aid these struggles. And a "reactionary" Supreme Court can't stop them. The question is solely a question of power. The development of the workers' power to attain their historic aims—the abolition of capitalism and all its institutions, including the Supreme Court—that is the real business of the intelligent workers.

## Independents

The other evening some misinformed WPA relief truckers were called to a strange meeting inspired by several malcontents that in the past have never evinced an unselfish interest in the section. It seems that union principles and union methods of procedure weren't of importance to the ringleaders of the gathering and men with a union background weren't particularly welcome. As long as this gathering had no interest in united action or for the general welfare of the section some drawing-card had to be used to get an audience.

The unusual thing about the meeting was the method of encouraging attendance of this group that chooses to hold furtive meetings in out-of-the-way places. Believe it or not, this attraction was coffee and pastry. The ITO has built its unit to the present large size through wholehearted co-operation of the membership, by its self-sacrificing officers and a general belief that the only chance of bettering the position of the group would be through unwavering unity.

But the section has grown fast and after all, scissor-bill ideas in new members are not eradicated immediately upon joining a union. Considering these things maybe it would be advisable to serve coffee and pastry at some of the regular section meetings to attract those that are mentally anemic concerning unionism. Of course, pastry has never been known to build red blood, but beneficial stimulation would nevertheless result from contact with understanding union men.

Later if truckers not on relief are ever able to obtain a slight feeling of economic security, too, perhaps arrangements can be made to finance a feed for those that would rather eat pastry today than give a serious thought for tomorrow.

## Sit Down Strikes

The surging wave of strikes which followed the successful conclusion of the conflict with General Motors can be ascribed basically to rise in the rate of profit due to the upswing in the economic cycle. But its generation at this particular time with its utilization of the particular technique of the sit-down tactic, can be ascribed to the heartening example of the French sit-down strikes of last summer and their successful duplication in the United States, principally by the rubber workers. As a matter of fact it is an open question whether this technique was primarily developed in France or at Akron, Ohio, but its first large scale use came in the titanic strikes of the French workers when the Blum government took over the task of preserving class harmony.

The success of the strike comes from two factors, the quickness with which it may be called in a particular section of a line and the difficulty to displace the strikers with scabs. If discrimination occurs against a worker, one small unit of a line sits down immediately, paralyzing a whole factory. The suddenness prevents the boss from preparing for it. The costliness of the shut down over a minor issue brings him quickly to terms. If the boss attempts wholesale discrimination, or if a major issue such as wages, hours, or union recognition demands strike action, then the workers simply stay at their posts, guarding their jobs and their machines, practicing that rigid self-discipline which amazes only the owners and the decadent circles clinging to them.

The effectiveness of the sit-down strike technique is graphically established by the force of editorial demands that the sit-down technique be declared illegal.

The workers will know how to answer this threat from their exploiters with the same militancy which has wrung from boss after boss across the nation a grudging share of the inflated profits an upswing in the economic cycle has brought them.

## Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The Business Agents' Tuesday meeting again went on record for the Eighth Street convention. That's twice in the same place.

G. J. Dunne hammered the Welfare Board on the coal question the other day.

The workers at the Minneapolis Gas Light Company are really pouring into the unions. It's a Federal Charter.

Corcoran and Dobbs went to Minot Wednesday.

The Electrical Workers Union is talking of moving back to their friends on Plymouth Ave.

There will soon be a new face on the Welfare Board.

Tiny Ambrose got a tag downtown the other day.

Don't miss the Yellow dance.

Dick Wilson is now taking dues in 544 office.

The Organizer sub list is growing by leaps and bounds.

I. G. Scott made a flying trip back from his lake home Tuesday. Just in time, too.

Al Hegblom is now a papa. It's a seven pound girl.

**BLOCK THAT BLOCK!**  
Cement block workers went out on strike Tuesday morning.

Still no settlement on the petroleum thing.

Milk Drivers are tickled over the Land O' Lakes contract.

Local 125 has reached an agreement with the Yellow Committee on the Chicago Ave. stand.

A Federal Charter is in town for the Gas House Workers.

Coal Workers will hold a special meeting Friday night. It will be on the new contract.

Don't think that ward club endorsements are going to mean much in the coming election. It will be settled in the unions.

## LABOR... Looks at the Press

By Carl O'Shea  
One for the records, from the Saturday Evening Post: "By March 20, the American people, for the first time, may be living under, if not a dictatorship, a government which can become one at the will of the executive."

For the American working class, every government since the adoption of the Constitution has been a dictatorship.

Was the American Constitution meant to give the masses of people a democratic form of government? Listen to what the delegates to the Constitutional convention really thought of the people:

James Madison—"A fundamental problem before this convention is to secure property rights against the dangers of the propertyless masses. . . I foresee a time when the great masses of people will be without landed or any other kind of property, when in spite of all precautions a triumphant majority might get possession of the political machine and make it an engine of their purposes to the detriment of the public good." (That is, private property.)

Alexander Hamilton—"All communities divide themselves into the few and the many. The first are the rich and well born, the other the mass of the people. . . The people are turbulent and changing; they seldom judge or determine right. Give therefore to the first class a distinct, permanent share in the government. Nothing but a permanent body can check the imprudence of democracy."

Elbridge Gerry—"The evils we experience flow from the excess of democracy."

Delegate Morris—"We want a Senate composed of an aristocracy of wealth to keep down the turbulence of democracy."

Delegate Sherman—"The people should have as little to do as may be about the government."

Should it surprise us that the whole American scheme of government was very cleverly designed to guarantee against democracy?

Carter Garner, general manager of the American Bridge company, testified at the "union recognition" hearing always gave the workers: "They've had the right to collective action ever since I've been in business. They could come to us as individuals."

He's the sort of guy who

would offer you a house—brick by brick.

Sir George Paish, British economist: "I urge British-American cooperation in the spirit of Christianity to recreate the world we know, and forestall war."

But, George, that was what you people did in 1914.

Minneapolis news item: "The Fargo Foundry company will establish a subsidiary here to manufacture and distribute oil burners and furnace equipment."

I thought Minneapolis was the place firms moved AWAY from to avoid labor trouble.

Senator Ellender, Democrat of Louisiana: "Sit-Down strikes are un-American."

Supposing that were so, that still isn't the reason the Senator and his boss friends hate the sit-down. They hate it because it is effective.

Henry Ford says: "I hope I'll be here as long as I'm useful."

As a matter of fact, Ford and ALL the bosses could retire to an island in the middle of the Pacific for the rest of their lives, and the wheels of industry would keep right on turning. It's the workers, not the Fords, that are indispensable to industry.

Mayor Couzens of Detroit: "I do not believe the United Auto Workers would be so unwise as to call out on a general strike men who have just been through six years of suffering due to depression."

But that is exactly why the men will come out on a general strike to protest the eviction of fellow sit-downers.

London news item: War Minister Cooper has announced that the army will henceforth get four meals a day, and that \$200,000 will be spent for scrub ladies to relieve soldiers of the task of scrubbing out canteens.

But British workers still don't join the army.

## Air-Loc Company Signed by 1859

Another agreement, bringing a 25 per cent wage increase to a group of very young workers never covered by any union, marks another step in the progress being made by the Furniture Workers Local 1859.

Negotiated by John Janosco, business agent for Local 1859, and signed by J. A. Numero, president of the Air-Loc Seat Industries, the agreement covers a group of 16 workers recently organized in the Air-Loc plant. The signatures of both Janosco and Numero were subscribed to the document on Thursday, March 18. This means that still another company in the woodworking industry has been brought under union conditions and union jurisdiction.

Articles in the contract provide for wage increases, union recognition and full seniority rights. All the workers were members of the union before the agreement was signed.

This union victory is a double one, since all the Air-Loc employees are very young, many of them still children.

## Women's Co-op Club To Hold a Card Party

The South Minneapolis Women's Cooperative Guild is having a card party and dance on Saturday, April 3, at the Franklin Cooperative Creamery at 2108 Washington Ave. North.

A four-piece union orchestra has been engaged for the evening. Cards and bunco will also be played for prizes. During the evening a hand-made applique quilt will be raffled off on the admission tickets. There will also be several door prizes. Tickets are selling for ten cents or three for 25 cents.

Why not make up a party of friends and attend one of these South Minneapolis Women's Cooperative Guild famous parties?

## FWS MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership Meeting: Second Friday every month  
Federal Workers Stewards: Meet every Wednesday evening.  
FWS Leadership Class: Every Friday evening  
All meetings held at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

## Meeting Change

Bakery, Crocker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union, Local 289, which has been meeting weekly during the past few months, will hereafter hold meetings only two nights a month. The regular meeting schedule will be membership meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays.

Labor Must See Danger  
A study of just exactly how Mussolini, and later, Hitler, were able to put the tourniquet around the throat of the labor movement in those coun-

## LABOR MOVEMENT FACES DANGER OF U. S. REGULATION

### Officials' Plan to Ban Strikes Robs Workers of Only Weapon

In the analysis of the steel strike settlement presented in the Northwest Organizer last week, it was pointed out that the chief danger facing the organized labor movement of the United States today was the danger of having the unions walk blindfolded into the straight-jacket of government regulation. Events of the last few days show this danger to be even more grave and immediate than was dreamed of. There can no longer be the slightest doubt in the mind of any serious person but that the government and the employers are even now preparing the trap which, if sprung successfully, can cut the feet from under the American labor movement overnight.

### Official Admits Plan

The New York Times of Wednesday, March 17, carried on its front page a news story of the very greatest significance. There is recorded how a high government official (unnamed) admits that "a national labor policy designed to minimize the probability of strikes is being formulated and will shortly be presented to Congress."

The plan calls for the following procedure: "In event of (labor) disputes, representatives of the two would get together around the conference table and attempt to work out their differences. If they failed, labor would be bound not to strike, pending submission of the disputed question to the labor commission."

"The commission then would step in, learn the facts, and take its findings to the conference. If the two sides still were unable to accept the commission's findings or agree on another basis, the report of the commission would be made public."

To even the newest union recruit, this plan is unmistakably sinister. The union "bound not to strike," interminable conferences, commissions, reports—actually this whole thing is nothing more nor less than a long stride to the kind of hell that the workers of Italy and Germany live in today, and of which Hitler and Mussolini never tire of boasting. "There can be no strikes under Fascism," they thunder.

The New York Times report ends with this illuminating remark: "It was learned that the national policy proposal has been discussed with several large employers who were described as sympathetic." Sympathetic! Why the bosses of the country embrace it with both arms. And why not? This is what they have been secretly longing for, for years. They have a whole-hearted admiration for the way Hitler and Mussolini "deal with the labor problem." No strikes, no interruption in the flow of gigantic profits into their pockets, the assurance that the American workers will be choked and handcuffed to the war machine. What could be sweeter—for the bosses?

### Manufacturers Show Hand

The government official quoted above intimated that the only impediment to an immediate campaign to put this monstrous policy through was the present "struggle" which the Administration is engaged in to "reform" the Supreme Court.

But the organized employers of the United States aren't willing to wait a day. They've seen what they want, and they are panting to gain their objective. On Monday—the same day on which was recorded another one of those strange passive settlements, this time between Bethlehem Steel Corporation and its 60,000 employees—the nation's press carried the news that the National Association of Manufacturers, having just concluded its session, was demanding of the federal government that it put into effect immediately a plan called for the outlawing of strikes, and that, in case of dispute, a government commission be given the right to subpoena all books and other relevant material from both sides of the labor controversy, to examine the case and make public its findings. The plan of the National Association of Manufacturers is practically identical with the plan of the Administration! It robs the workers of their most fundamental right, almost their only right, the right to strike when conditions become intolerable. By confiscating the books of a union, it simply makes available to the enemies of the workers the weapon by which they can blacklist and discriminate against union men. There shouldn't be the slightest doubt in anyone's mind as to why the bosses are clamoring for such a set-up; and labor should be equally clear as to WHY IT MUST FIGHT THIS DICTATORIAL SCHEME TO THE VERY END.

Labor Must See Danger  
A study of just exactly how Mussolini, and later, Hitler, were able to put the tourniquet around the throat of the labor movement in those coun-

## Hastings Woodworkers Have Taste of Company Unionism As Boss Attempts Disruption

Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, who have been conducting an organizational campaign in Hastings, Minn., attempting to unionize the Lund Mfg. Co. there, acquired some interesting information while engaged in making the drive. To the intense surprise of the union officials they discovered that the owner of the Lund company in Hastings and the proprietor of the Northland Ski Company of Minneapolis were one and the same person.

A delegation of workers from the Hastings plant last week approached the officials of Local 1859 asking that representatives of the union be sent to Hastings to help the workers there form a union organization. A meeting was arranged for Sunday afternoon which was attended by a large delegation of the workers employed in the factory.

It must be plainly said today: The danger of Fascism in America does not come from Father Coughlin, or Gerald Smith, or those in America who are taking their orders from Hitler. The chief fascist danger comes from these proposals to outlaw strikers, to pass laws calling for compulsory arbitration of all labor disputes.

Isn't this exactly how Mussolini and Hitler went about their game. Didn't they first outlaw strikes and make arbitration compulsory? Then didn't they throw out or arrest all trade union leaders, even the most conservative, and install their own stooges in all union posts, from the bottom to the top? Then didn't they confiscate and take over the unions' property and treasury? And finally, after reducing the union movement to a mockery of what it was, to a thing under the complete domination of the bosses, didn't these dictators order all workers, under threat of the concentration camp, into the unions? That is the pattern, as anyone may determine for himself. This new plan of the American bosses is terribly dangerous in itself—it is a thousand times more dangerous for what it implies is to follow!

There can be only one answer to such a threat as this, and that is: preparation for mass resistance, openly and seriously. The attempt to hogtie the American union movement must not, cannot succeed, if we are to preserve what little precious freedom we still possess. If the top leaders do not yet see the danger, they must be made to see it. Every single worker must be made aware of what lies in wait for us just around the corner. Such a thunder of protest must come from the labor movement of America that the bosses and their allies in the government WILL NOT DARE attempt to put through their infamous proposals. The rights of American labor must be preserved at all costs.

Wages in the plant of the Lund Mfg. Co. are at a starvation level and working conditions smack of days of chattel slavery. Other labor organizations in Hastings are cooperating.

Although experiences of the FWS has not inspired its confidence in WPA officials, yet we are watching with open eyes as well as with open minds, what the new directors will do.

The Rural Hennepin FWS mass meeting at Hopkins on March 16, at which Guy Alexander spoke, was well attended and brought out again the terrible mess which now describes rural Hennepin relief conditions. The best we can say of Guy is that he gave us some facts and means well. But we must state openly that he is "passing the buck" and permitting reactionaries to run relief as they wish. It takes almost two weeks to get even a full report on grievances submitted. The settlements which come limping in much later are far from satisfactory. Despite the 44 relief units of Hennepin county, we hold Alexander and the county board responsible for conditions there, and we demand a cleanup.

## On WPA Projects

Gas and electricity have been shut off because relief clients were in arrears. In other cases service is being refused for lack of the required deposit. The Relief department has very definitely neglected its obligation to provide clients with these necessary services and permits the powerful gas and electric monopolies to seriously injure relief families by depriving them of gas and light. The FWS is demanding that the Welfare Board immediately take every necessary step to see that each relief client is supplied with gas and electricity continuously.

The new Fifth District WPA Director, Richards, and his Labor Relations Director, Anderson, come into their posts under testing circumstances. In those positions they are constantly confronted with the choice of working for the interests of Labor or against Labor. At present there is an accumulation of grievances because project foremen took underhanded advantage of the lack of authoritative WPA heads in the Fifth

Members of the Clerks Union who are employed at the Maurice J. Rothschild company say that they have been assisted in making gains at this store by the fact that members of the trade union movement have lately demanded union clerks when making purchases there. They ask that the efforts continue.

## Local 131

The regular meetings of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All members are requested to be present. The stewards' meeting is held on the second Thursday each month.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316  
Tuesday, March 2—Membership meeting  
Tuesday, March 9—Stewards meeting  
Tuesday, March 16—Membership meeting  
Tuesday, March 23—Stewards meeting  
Executive Board meeting every Thursday

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Local 544  
Monday, March 1—Package Delivery and Department Store; Coal Workers  
Thursday, March 4—Independent Truck Owners  
Friday, March 5—Tax Stewards  
Sunday, March 7—Newspaper Drivers, 3 p. m.  
Monday, March 8—General Membership  
Wednesday, March 10—Market  
Thursday, March 11—Rent and Awnings  
Friday, March 12—Job Stewards  
Tuesday, March 23—Tax Drivers, night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.  
Thursday, March 25—Transfer Grievance Committee—Meets each Tuesday, 7 p. m.  
Executive Board—Meets each Wednesday 3 p. m.

## Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.