

Labor Demands: A Special Investigator of Labor's Own Choosing to Investigate Corcoran's Murder -- A Coroner's Jury to Hold an Inquest -- A LaFollette Committee Investigation. Labor wants ALL THE TRUTH!

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and... ON THE Other Hand
... By the Cynic

"We did not conquer India for the benefit of Indians. We conquered India by the sword and by the sword we shall hold it as the finest outlet of British goods in general and Lancashire cotton in particular." Lord Brentford--in the days when Britain's imperialist spokesman occasionally spoke the truth.

Compared to the subtleties being let loose on the publicity agencies of the Boss class in preparing the minds of the people for the approaching war these candid echoes of the past seem as refreshing as a summer breeze despite their brutal candor. Men fought in those days to conquer for plunder and the privilege of exploitation and made no bones about it. Now it is for peace, democracy, and war to stop war, etc. But the causes of war remain the same, to defend capital investments and create new markets.

"In his message to the special session, the President states that one of our 'immediate tasks is to try to increase the use of private capital to create employment'"

The chief difficulty to this is that the bosses do not invest capital just to promote employment. Capital is invested only where and when profits can be made. Just how the president expects to increase the use of private capital to create employment he does not say and every boss in the country would like to see every other boss hire more men. But none will do it, unless there is a profit in it.

"Well-informed officials said privately Saturday no 'piece meal' tax relief would be granted at the special session of congress because it would impair the administrations and bargaining position on general tax reform legislation planned for next year."

The time-honored method of stimulating business is to cut wages. Failing this, because of the resistance of powerful unions, the employers with the approval and cooperation of Roosevelt are advocating a cut on the undistributed profits tax. Relieving the big corporation of the profit tax load is supposed to help bring back prosperity--but for whom?

Business Agents Demand Inquiry In Pat's Murder

The Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents, at its meeting Tuesday noon, held special memorial services for Pat Corcoran. The martyred leader's chair was draped (Pat was chairman of the Board), and the chairmanship of the meeting was delegated to a member of Milk Drivers Local 471, of which union Pat served for so many years.

Officials of the Teamsters Joint Council introduced a resolution demanding of the County Coroner that he summon immediately a coroner's jury and proceed with an inquest into Corcoran's murder. The resolution was adopted by the Business Agents. A resolution also passed calling upon the State's Attorney-General to appoint Sam Bellman, well known in union and Farmer-Labor circles, as Special Investigator into the assassination.

Working Class Honors Its Martyr

Laundry Drivers Sign With Cleaners' Institute for 600

Wage Increases of 10 Per Cent, Reduction in Hours to 48 Per Week Granted; Dobbs Represents Joint Council

Bringing wage increases and impressive improvements in working conditions to 600 workers, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union Local 131 last Wednesday signed a new working agreement with the employers represented by the Dry Cleaners Institute of Minneapolis. The contract calls for wage increases of 10 per cent; a reduction in hours to 48 per week; great improvements in working conditions and in methods of settling any disputes that may arise. Farrell Dobbs, representing the Teamsters Joint Council, assisted the committee from Local 131 in negotiating the working agreement. Minneapolis laundry drivers are co-operating closely with laundry workers in St. Paul in the present situation.

On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 23, a contract was signed between the General Drivers Union Local 544 and the department stores, covering about 400 drivers, helpers and inside men. Jack Smith and Karl Skoglund were active in the negotiations. This working agreement will be run next week. The text of the new laundry drivers agreement follows:

AGREEMENT AND WAGE SCALE
This agreement made and entered into by and between Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union, Local 131, second party, "sometimes hereinafter referred to as the Union," and those Employers represented by the Dry Cleaners Institute of the (Continued on page 2)

EDINA VILLAGE REFUSES EXTRA HELP TO WPA

Representatives of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 from Edina and Minneapolis met with the village board of Edina Monday night to demand supplementary aid for its members.

Using the words of one member of the board: "We are not at all sympathetic to the idea of giving supplementary aid to WPA workers"--will serve to illustrate a fairly accurate account of the attitude of the board toward the WPA'ers.

The Village of Edina comprised and surrounded by the wealthy country club district has always been the least generous towards its needy of any of the villages in the Metropolitan area.

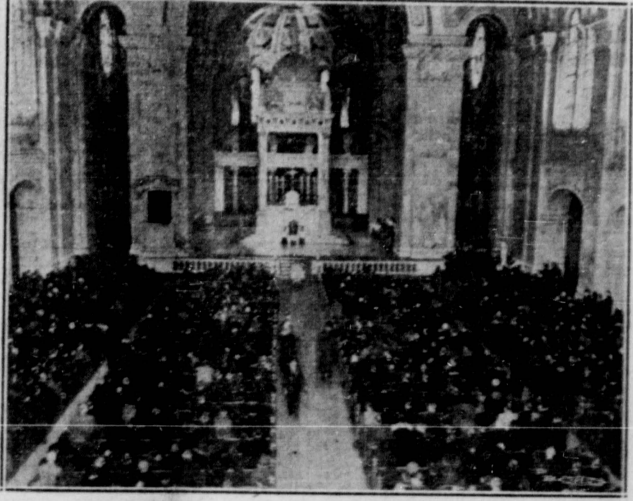
Workers with large families receive no supplement whatever and all are required to exist on their \$60.50 per month. The real clincher to the board's argument against further aid was that people moved out to the village to escape taxes and that the board had recently protested to the county board against extravagant expenditures and could not now consistently recommend an additional burden on the poor tax payers of Edina.

It was further pointed out by the "haves" to the "have-nots" that in order to increase relief, a raise in taxes would be necessary. This extra profound statement was received with looks of disapproval and inspired one (Continued on page 2)

Sears Workers To Meet Dec. 2

A special meeting of Sears, Roebuck employees will be held on Thursday night, December 2, at the Masonic Temple, 1508 E. Lake Street, second floor. This mass meeting is being sponsored by Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316.

Labor Honors Pat Corcoran



A portion of those attending services for Corcoran at the Basilica of St. Mary. The church was packed with 2,000 workers a half hour before service began. Only a fraction of those wishing to pay their last respects to the martyred labor leader could gain admittance.



The steps of the Basilica just before the trek to the cemetery. The honorary pallbearers have formed a double line facing each other, through which the coffin was borne.

CIO Communist Party Stooges Charge A. F. L. With Sluggings

Echoing the slanders of the employer-press against the Minneapolis trade union movement, and possibly foreshadowing an attempt at a G. P. U. frameup, a group of persons claiming to represent the CIO on Monday conferred with Mayor George Leach, asking an investigation into "gangsterism" in the Minneapolis labor movement.

They said they had asked Secretary of Labor Perkins, Governor Benson, the LaFollette Committee, and Minnesota congressional representatives to investigate the murder of Corcoran and "gangsterism" in labor circles.

Directly after meeting with the Mayor, the group went to the Central Labor Union, where the C. L. U. (Continued on page 4)

Attention of U. S. Labor on Death of Pat Corcoran; UAWA Calls Off G-M Sitdown

The attention of American labor focused in Minneapolis last week, where P. J. Corcoran, a leader in the tremendously powerful and growing North Central District Drivers Council, was assassinated Wednesday night around ten o'clock while entering his home. Corcoran was known and respected by tens of thousands of workers for his clear, and hard-hitting trade union work. He held the offices of chairman of the North Central District Drivers Council; secretary-treasurer and organizer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council; officer of General Drivers Union Local 544; vice-president of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor; chairman of the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents; member, editorial board, Northwest Organizer, etc.

His funeral Saturday, attended by ten thousand workers, was termed by the boss press "the largest ever held in the Northwest." In a special edition issued last Friday, the Northwest Organizer attributed Corcoran's murder to mortal enemies of the trade union movement. Enemies of the labor movement sought frantically to make it appear as though the death of Corcoran was motivated by vague inter-union disputes, and there exists the possibility that frame-ups on militant drivers' officials may yet be attempted. In its Friday bulletin, the Teamsters Joint Council demanded that the LaFollette committee immediately begin a hearing in Minneapolis, and demanded of the state Attorney-General's office that a special investigator be assigned to the Corcoran murder.

Pontiac Strike Broken
What appeared to be developing into a show-down fight between the General Motors corporation and the United Auto Workers Union was dissipated Monday when 500 sit-down strikers in the closed plant of Fisher Body in Pontiac terminated their strike. Homer Martin, union president made a personal appeal to the sit-downers, begging them to call off the struggle, after "24 hours of concentrated effort by union officials to break the strike," according to a United Press dispatch.

The sit-down in Akron's Goodyear plants also ended over the weekend, after a tentative settlement by which the company agreed to look into the question of reinstating fired workers. The union vote to halt the strike was 1,492 to 822. The reactionary clown who is the governor of Ohio (Martin L. Davey) had mobilized 2,000 national guardsmen "to protect Goodyear employees who wished to return to work despite the strike." (Continued on page 2)

Ten Thousand Workers Pay Last Tribute to Corcoran

Funeral Services Largest Ever Held in This Part of the Country; Delegates Here from Many States

Ten thousand union workers paid their last tribute to Patrick Corcoran on Saturday morning in funeral services acknowledged by the daily press to have been the largest ever held in this part of the country. One has to go back to 1934 and the ceremonies for the Drivers' other martyred dead, Henry Ness and John Belor, to approach in impressiveness the ceremony rendered to Corcoran. Long before the rites began, the Basilica of St. Mary was packed with workers. Camera men and reporters from all the nation's leading papers and press services and news reel companies were on hand to record the grief of the thousands who gathered.

TELEGRAMS POUR IN AS U. S. LABOR MOURNS FOR PAT

Thousands of Workers Wire from All Parts of Country to Express Sorrow

Published below are but a few of the hundreds of telegrams received from every corner of the nation expressing the sorrow of literally hundreds of thousands of people at the murder of the beloved Pat.

From Louisville, Ky.
Teamsters Joint Council
Dear Sirs and Brothers:

The brutal assassination of our beloved brother, Patrick Corcoran, was a terrible blow to the labor movement of the Northwest and the labor movement in general and will be mourned by the millions of workers throughout the United States.

The despots of capitalism will stoop to any level to remove a militant labor leader who cannot be bought with their piles of gold. We can only say at this time that we offer you our sincere sympathy and hope the struggle will continue on and the life of our dear brother will be avenged by the complete overthrow of the system that was responsible for his death.

Fraternalty yours,
TRUCK DRIVERS LOCAL UNION NO. 89
DAIRY WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 788
By Pat Ansbury, Business Agent

From Aberdeen, South Dakota
North Central Drivers Council
Dear Brothers:

Our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of our brother, Pat Corcoran.

Executive board members and organizers of all unions housed in the (Continued on page 4)

WMIN Boss Tries to Scare Union Workers

In an attempt to frighten his employees away from unionism, Mr. Hoffman, owner of station WMIN, on Monday informed all employees that the station was going broke and that no pay-checks would be forthcoming this week.

A week or so ago, the Radio Section of Electrical Workers Local 292 had presented Hoffman, together with owners of all other Twin Cities radio stations, with a union working agreement. Hoffman's employees think this explains his wall about the station going broke. In any case, all workers are sticking to the union and determined to get a contract.

Standard Oil Still Unfair

In the past few days, both the Phillips Petroleum and the Husky Gas companies have signed up with the Petroleum Drivers Section of Local 544.

The Standard Oil company, however, has so far refused to be fair. Attention of the labor movement is called to the fact that all Standard Oil products are to be spurned. They are being delivered by non-union fink drivers. Withhold all patronage from Standard Oil until they play fair with union labor.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Laundry Drivers Sign With Cleaners' Institute for 600

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City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, first party, "sometimes hereinafter referred to as the Employer."

Article I.
The Union shall be the sole representative of those classification of the employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against an employee because of Union affiliations.

Article II.
In any controversy arising from the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement, an attempt of settlement between the Union and the Employer shall be made. If the controversy cannot be so settled promptly, the Employer or the Union may request that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of three representatives of the Employer and three representatives of the Union for settlement. This committee of six may, by majority vote, elect a 7th neutral party to assist in settling the controversy. The majority decisions of the joint committee shall be final and binding on both parties. The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike, stoppage of work, or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.

Article III.
Any claim of alleged violation of wage and hour provisions of this agreement to receive consideration, must be filed in writing, specifying the details of the alleged violation with the Employer within thirty days after the regular pay day, for the period in which the alleged violation occurred. The thirty day limitation shall not apply where there is evidence of collusion between the Employer and employee to violate the contract.

Article IV.
The Employer may terminate the term of employment without one week's notice of any employee for proven drunkenness, drinking while on duty or dishonesty.

Article V.
The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees (who are in the classifications herein noted) individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms of this agreement.

The Union agrees not to enter into any contract with any other individual, Employer, or group of Employers on any terms that establish minimum standards below the conditions set forth in this contract.

Article VI.
In the event that the Employer violates the provisions of the foregoing articles or deliberately violates any provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to wages or hours of work or vacations; any back pay owed to the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the Employer at the rate of two times the amount involved, if so ordered, as a result of negotiations as provided for in Article 2. Reasonable evidence of clerical error or honest mistake in interpretation of agreement shall exempt the Employer from the double penalty provision. Where there is evidence of collusion between Employer and employee to violate the contract, any back pay collected shall be deposited with the Union.

Article VII.
A shop steward approved by the Union shall be elected by the employ-

ees in each laundry, linen and dry cleaning plant.

Article VIII.
All employees herein classified who have worked continuously one year or longer shall be entitled to one week's vacation each year with pay, based on route earnings during the period of vacation. Preference in the matter of vacations shall be given according to length of employment. Vacation periods shall be assigned by mutual agreement between Employer and his employees. When an extra man is used to carry vacation routes he shall be paid on the basis of flat salary of \$27.50 per week. If an employee entitled to a vacation quits or is discharged before receiving vacation he shall receive the regular vacation pay in lieu thereof.

Article IX.
Drivers shall not be required to work more than 48 hours in any one calendar week. All drivers shall be off the streets not later than 6 P. M. Monday through Friday and not later than 4 P. M. on Saturday. The plant shall have all articles for Saturday afternoon delivery ready for the drivers to load not later than 2 P. M. The shop steward shall keep a record of the daily starting and quitting time of all drivers. Exception to this provision shall be made by agreement between the Union and the Employer where warranted by circumstances. Such exceptions shall apply especially to wholesale routes, hotel service and special delivery. Where exception is made the driver must at all times carry a Union permit card.

The 6 P. M. daily deadline and the 4 P. M. Saturday deadline shall not apply during the 3 consecutive work days immediately preceding a holiday and the 3 consecutive work days immediately following a holiday.

Article XI.
The following days shall constitute holidays: Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day; that under no circumstances except in emergencies and with the approval of the business agent of the Union, shall any laundry or dry cleaning work be performed on said holidays or on Sundays; and if necessary, in such cases the drivers shall receive \$1.00 per hour plus his regular commission, except that under no circumstances shall there be any work performed on Labor Day. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following day shall be recognized as a holiday. The drivers of Jewish Faith shall not be compelled to work on Yom Kippur, or Jewish New Years, but shall receive pay for same. Members working on weekly flat salary, shall receive full pay for holidays.

Article XII.
It is agreed by the Union that any routeman that wishes to quit his position, shall give his Employer one week's notice; the Employer also agrees that if he wishes to discharge a routeman, he shall give him one week's notice. Such notices shall be submitted in writing by either party and a copy furnished within twenty-four hours to the Union. If the Union feels that the employee has been unjustly discharged, the matter shall be referred to negotiations as provided in Article No. 2. At the expiration of the time specified, the routeman shall receive all money due him, and on request in reference to his character and service. A routeman may be discharged without notice by the Employer during the first sixty day

Bill Brown Says—

The TRUTH never hurt the innocent, only the guilty. The union movement has called upon the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee to investigate Pat's murder. We have demanded a Special Investigator. We have demanded an inquest by coroner's jury. What is holding up these investigations? Who DARES deny them? One hundred thousand workers want to know: Who murdered Pat Corcoran?



BILL BROWN
President of 544

period by giving the Union written notice of the discharge, provided the second new employee selected to fill the vacancy can only be discharged under the provisions of discharge for regular employees. Where routemen have been employed less than sixty days, they shall receive one week's notice, providing routeman left his former employment and immediately assumed his new position. If requested to work his route the week following the week of the notice, routeman shall be paid for another week, during which time he must continue his employment if the Employer so decides. All payments, after notice has been given, shall be based on the route earnings for the period paid. When routeman has been given notice or quits his position, and is not requested to complete his work, at the expiration of such notice, he shall be given his pay that may be due him, and all of his earnings except \$20.00 which may be held for sixty days, and on request, a statement as to his character and ability. Further, if an Employer does not pay a Union member at the time of dismissal, he will be considered as in the employ of the Employer until such moneys have been paid to him.

Article XIII.
The Employer agrees with the Union that all salaries will be paid weekly not later than Saturday of the following week, in lawful currencies or negotiable checks. No employee shall deliver goods without collecting for same unless his Employer assumes full responsibility for such collections. Should the Employer require drivers to furnish bonds, the Employer shall pay premium and any outstanding cash bonds furnished by the drivers now employed shall be returned to them within thirty days, after signing of this agreement. Routeman shall not be required to pay for bonds or for items posted but not delivered.

Payroll records and all records of sales handled by drivers shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times to representatives of the Union, accompanied by the Employer or his representative.

Article XIV.
Strict boundaries lines shall be established on each route, with the exception of Linen Supply and Industrial Towel Supply, and the parties hereto will cooperate to maintain such boundaries; all work picked up within such district or delivered within such district, shall be credited to the regular driver of that district. The regular driver picked up by the Wholesale drivers.

The split of a route can be made only when a primary route affected has had not less than (a) \$300 average business per week during the previous 8 months, and the primary route must have not less than (b) \$200 average business per week after the route lines have been readjusted. Routes adjacent to the primary route having an average business of not less than (c) \$225 per week during the previous 8 months, may have not more than (d) \$25 average business per week transferred into the formation of the new routes. No new route thus created, shall have less than (e) \$100 average business per week.

The driver of the primary route shall have the right to choose between the modified primary route and the new route thus created. All drivers whose routes have been modified by the split shall be guaranteed, for a period of six months, weekly pay equal to the scale of the contract, based on the previous 8 months volume prior to the division of the route.

The driver senior in service shall be given preference, if qualified, when a vacancy on a better route occurs. Any controversy over qualifications of a driver shall be settled by negotiations as provided under Article 2 hereof. However, when a route is split only one change of drivers need be made by the Employer.

Article XV.
The Employer agrees not to request drivers to wash or grease cars or to do any repair or service work of any nature whatsoever on said cars, except emergency tire service when the car carries a spare. No commission driver shall be required to do any inside work of any nature whatsoever except loading and unloading and drivers working on a flat weekly salary, shall not be required to do inside work which would bring their total weekly hours in excess of 45 hours.

Article XVI.
Wearing apparel prescribed by the Employers shall bear the Union label when possible, and the cost and maintenance thereof shall be borne by the Employer.

Article XVII.
The Employer agrees not to hold sales or shop meetings on the employees' time.

Article XVIII.
The parties agree that no ordinary pleasure car shall be used to pick up or deliver except in emergencies, breakdowns or special circumstances, where the situation is wholly beyond the control of the Employer. In such cases, the vehicle must be clearly identified by displaying a sign bearing letters not less than four inches in size. Both parties further agree that any vehicle used for picking up and delivering laundry and dry cleaning, must bear the name of the owner

of the vehicle or the firm that does the laundering or cleaning operation. There shall be a period not to exceed 6 months for every ordinary pleasure car to be replaced by trucks.

Article XIX.
The Employer and the Union agree that no routeman who is now employed or has been employed by the Employer or any member of the Union shall be converted into an independent driver. Independent drivers may be converted to regular routemen on terms agreed upon between the Union and the Employer.

Article XX.
The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work, overtime differentials including vacations now granted shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standard in effect at the time of the signing of this agreement, and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvements are made elsewhere in this agreement.

Article XXI.
Routemen and relay drivers serving rural areas who come into the Minneapolis plants shall come under the provisions of this contract.

Article XXII.
The following minimum weekly wage scale, plus 10% of the total earnings, shall prevail during the life of this agreement, and all employees now receiving more than the stipulated minimum weekly wage scale shall receive an increase of 10% of their total weekly earnings as now paid.

When 65% or more of dollar volume on driver's route is composed of wet wash and/or hydro bundles, such route shall be considered a Wet Route. All other private laundry routes not hereinafter specifically defined shall be regarded as Dry Routes.

DRY ROUTES
Up to \$150.00 volume of work \$10.00 per week plus 10% of net total (\$25.00) guarantee. \$151.00 and up \$25.00 plus 10% of net total in excess of \$150.00.

WET ROUTES
Up to \$100.00 net volume of work \$15.00 plus 10% of net total (\$25.00 guarantee). On net volume from \$100.00 to \$200.00, 8% commission; on net volume in excess of \$200.00, 15% commission.

COMMERCIAL ROUTES
A commercial route or stop is defined as follows: branches where commission is given, hotel flat work, or special rate flat work of 100 lbs. or more per week. Every laundry is entitled to one commercial route and as many more as the nature of the work done by it entitles it to have.

When 51% of dollar volume on driver's route is actual commercial work such route shall be a commercial route. Up to \$500.00 in volume on net 5% of net volume of work \$25.00 guarantee. \$500.00 to \$600.00 net volume of work \$25.00 plus 2 1/2% commission on net volume in excess of \$500.00 and up to \$600.00 with no additional commission for volume in excess of \$600.00.

INDEPENDENT DRIVERS
Independent drivers shall receive 30% commission on the established price of the firm that does their work irrespective of the previous status of such drivers, and shall receive the same minimum weekly guarantee of \$25.00 as regular routemen, where all work is handled by one plant.

SPECIAL DRIVERS
All special delivery drivers and relay drivers shall receive a flat weekly salary of \$21.50.

ROUTE SUPERINTENDENTS
Route superintendents or supervisors shall receive a minimum of \$30.00 per week flat salary. However, any route superintendent receiving more than this scale shall suffer no reduction.

LINEN SUPPLY ROUTES
When 51% or more of dollar volume on a driver's route is linen supply then such route shall be a linen supply route. Minimum salary \$25.00 per week.

INDUSTRIAL TOWEL SUPPLY
Salary \$26.00 per week plus commission equal to 50% of first four weeks' business of new business secured on route remaining in force for said period. Commission to be 12.00 on first \$50.00 of net volume. 10% on rentals. 15% on C. O. D. business above \$50.00. 10% on all charge account business.

DI-DEE SUPPLY DRIVERS
Same scale as linen supply.
RUG LAUNDRY DRIVERS
Same scale as linen supply.

Article XXIII.
It shall not be considered a violation of this agreement for the members working under this agreement to refuse to make pick-ups or deliveries where there is any labor trouble.

Article XXIV.
With the exception of salesmen maintained by the linen supply companies, telephone solicitors and solicitors who were members of the Union prior to October 1, 1937, the Employer agrees not to employ individual solicitors or contract sales organizations without the advance approval of the Union. Any solicitor employed through such special approval shall be guaranteed a minimum weekly wage equivalent to the minimum guarantee for a combination routeman.

Wherever work is obtained through solicitation or bid by persons other than the routeman all work thus obtained shall be picked up and delivered by the routeman, with necessary help, and the routeman shall receive the full commission.

Article XXV.
This agreement shall be effective as of November 1, 1937, and shall remain in full force and effect until November 1, 1938, and shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter unless opened by either party on or before September 1, 1938, or September 1st of any succeeding year.

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member of the board in a rather school-ma'm manner to relate a little success story of his own, the moral of which was to impress the workers that they should be satisfied with what they have.

Most of the taxpayers of Edina draw income out of Minneapolis and live in the village to escape taxes. The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 will exert every effort to see that the village of Edina, together with its swanky country club district does not escape its obligation to its needy.

Many of the villages in the Metropolitan area have already agreed to allow their WPA workers the same concessions as those which Minneapolis has made to its workers. The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 does not intend to work and also starve. And if this village continues to ignore the needs of its workers they may expect a general swing from WPA to direct relief.

The following patents were issued November 12, 1937 to Minnesota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON AND WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Iceland, Murray, St. Paul, Minn., automatic electric toaster; Olney, George W., Minneapolis, Minn., machine for spreading and distributing coal to furnaces; O'Neil, Eugene F., St. Paul, Minn., advertising blotting device; Peterson, Donald L., Minneapolis, Minn., automatic display; Saveland, Ivar E., St. Paul, Minn., dental matrix; Stevens, Edwin F., St. Paul, Minn., interlocking steel sheet piling; Stevens, Edwin F., St. Paul, Minn., concrete interlocking piling; Street, Reginald, Minneapolis, Minn., shock propelling device.

Laundry Lingo

By the time this issue goes to press, the new contract will be signed. It will be retroactive to November 1st, so you will have back pay coming. If you do not receive this, be sure and report immediately to the union.

You will receive 10 per cent above your earnings of last year. To determine your check, compute it first on the basis of last year's contract and add 10 per cent of the total.

Vince Donahue from the Royal family is laid up with pleurisy. He will receive the sick benefit. Hope you'll be back in circulation soon, Vince.

The passing of Pat Corcoran is a great shock to all of us. We of Local 131 owe a special debt of gratitude. Pat was of great help to us in organizing our Local, and he continued to give us advice and counsel whenever we needed or required it.

paid 1st and 15th of month following the expiration of said four weeks' period.

EXCLUSIVE DRY CLEANING
On exclusive dry cleaning routes, retail or wholesale, or combination retail and wholesale, drivers shall receive for December, January and February on routes having a dollar volume up to \$100.00, \$10.00 plus 10% of net total volume. \$100.00 to \$200.00 net volume of work \$15.00 plus 10% commission. \$200.00 to \$300.00 net volume of work 5% of volume in excess of \$150.00. On volume of \$200.00 and up 10% of volume in excess of \$200.00. With the exception of months of December, January and February the guarantee shall be \$25.00 with commissions the same as above.

OVERALL ROUTES
Overall drivers (the term embraces that class of drivers handling overall rental supply and overall washing and dry cleaning of customers' goods). \$12.00 on first \$50.00 of net volume. 10% on rentals. 15% on C. O. D. business above \$50.00. 10% on all charge account business.

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ATTENTION U. S. LABOR ON DEATH OF PAT CORCORAN

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A new sit-down broke in Detroit Monday when 1,200 employees of the Bundy Tubing company was closed by the Auto Workers Union. Strikers immediately chained and padlocked all entrances to the factory. As the United Auto Workers organization is slowly being cut to pieces by the employers, leading union officials are more and more hard put to stifle and stamp out the militancy of the ranks.

Election Fruits
The first result of the "Popular Front" victory in the election of La Guardia in New York was the adoption of a new police policy toward strike picketing. Police headquarters a few days ago issued confidential orders forbidding mass picketing. Not more than six pickets are to be permitted in front of a struck establishment. Pickets are not to lock arms, talk above an ordinary tone of voice or obstruct entrances. Forbidden is the practice of leading picket squads between different establishments of a chain company being struck. Pickets and demonstrators swelling picket lines above the legal number of six will be arrested promptly. La Guardia, the "Little Flower," is already becoming a stink weed to the union movement that rabidly boosted him into office.

When Brooklyn police attempted to escort strike-breakers into the Presto Lock company, being picketed by several hundred strikers, the workers resisted and smashed the scab cars, scattering the finks. Eleven pickets were immediately arrested, and a ban placed on further picketing. Later, four workers were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct when they insisted on remaining in the picket line after the ban. As the La Guardia police took their strike-prisoners away, the crowd booted. Cops used their night sticks vigorously to clear a path.

Six employees of the Brooklyn Manhattan Transit company, which recently signed a closed shop agreement with the CIO Transport Workers Union, are suing the company and the union to have the closed shop contract declared unconstitutional. The six employees, no doubt inspired by the employers, say they have collected enough funds to carry the case to the U. S. Supreme Courts.

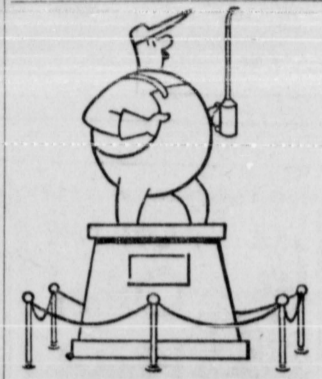
"We're Millwrights"
Pearl Bergoff, strike-breaking king, and James H. Rand, president of Remington Rand, were acquitted Wednesday of the charge of importing strike-breakers to break the Rand strikes. The jury and the judge agreed that the strike-breakers were "millwrights." The National Labor Relations Board has judged the Rand labor policy to be "medieval."

In a viciously reactionary statement drawn up by the Kings County (New York) grand jury a few days ago, the jury blames unions for all industrial strife and recommends that "Government supervision (municipal, state or federal) must be exercised over the funds and disbursements of all unions in order to protect the employees (!) as well as the citizenry at large and, most important of all, appropriate legislation should be enacted to make such parties amenable to the laws which govern business generally." Looks like grand juries are the same the country over—machines in the hands of the financiers to smear labor.

LOST SATURDAY—A zipper key case, with George Frosig's name attached. Please return to switchboard, 257 Plymouth Ave.

Sioux Falls News Flash!

A pitched battle took place here Tuesday morning between striking drivers and deputies. Two strikers hurt, as tear gas and clubs were used by strike-breakers. Picket line holding solid as rock, however, and still in control.



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"Solid" CIO Plant Has 227 Votes for AFL Machinists

No Secret Ballot Necessary to Show Growing Dissatisfaction of Moline Workers in Unofficial Election

Mauseth's "solid" CIO plant in Minneapolis, the Moline, was not so solid from indications of the vote you are going to hear a lot of noises about in the "People's Press." The report we got was 1,077 for the CIO and 227 for the A. F. of L. union.

Every device of coercion and intimidation has been used. The CIO disrupters have browbeaten and cajoled and threatened and promised and lied to these workers at the Moline plant. These men are comparatively inexperienced as members of the labor union movement, and therefore were most susceptible to a campaign of falsehood and vilification and fantastic promises. In spite of the fact that it was not a secret ballot and many timid workers were told how they must vote, 227 men voted for the sound machinists union under the terrorist conditions imposed by the CIO. This is better than was to be expected. The vote was unofficial and conducted, and votes counted by the CIO stooges.

A little time in which to think it over, and some more experience with the fake CIO union and its rag-tag helter-skelter emotional leadership will result in great changes in this important plant. The more experienced men already know where they are at, so to speak, and have got the measure of the Mauseth adventurers. The others will rapidly learn, just as they are learning in all other parts of the country.

The wrecking crew has criminally taken advantage of these workers to destroy the solid union they had, and when they do really find out what the net result of the treachery will be, their resentment will be great. They will return to the International Association of Machinists where they rightly belong, to the organization that has a background of accomplishment and power, to the organization that has given them something and through which they can best make further advances.

The Moline "vote" was a publicity stunt which will be broadcast throughout the country for its effect elsewhere. The splitters are trying desperately to use Minnesota and Minneapolis in particular as the spearhead of a campaign which has for its purpose tearing workers away from the solid A. F. of L. unions on a nationwide basis. They want to bring the organized labor movement under the domination of the erratic "horers from within," and the consequences to the workers are the last things that receive consideration. The wreckers have been checkmated in the sound experienced organizations and hence the worker must be

V. R. Dunne to Speak On AFL-CIO Nov. 30

V. R. Dunne will speak in St. Paul on Tuesday evening, November 30, at 8 p. m. on the subject: "The Current AFL-CIO Developments." Paul Rasmussen, secretary of the Minnesota State Council of Packing House Workers, will be chairman. The meeting will be held at Deutches House, 144 Rice St., St. Paul, under the auspices of the St. Paul Local of the Socialist Party. Admission is fifteen cents. All interested workers are invited to attend.

Machinists' Committees To Meet Regularly

The first meeting of shop committees of all shops, held by Machinists' Lodges 382 and 1313 at 501 East Hennepin was so well attended and the spirit so splendid that there will hereafter be regular meetings of all the shop committees.

The next one will be held at Headquarters, 501 East Hennepin, on Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p. m. At this time regular meeting dates will be established, and much other important business will be transacted. All shop committeemen please take notice.

The boys at the central shops, who after all must have a sense of decency, will soon become disgusted over the tactics of the wrecking crew. The splitters are pretty desperate.

In the column "The National Office Says" the "Peoples Press" says: "Industrial organization will prevail where industrial organization has proved successful, craft organization will continue where it has been successfully established." Just what in -- then, is the controversy between the CIO and the A. F. of L.? It's just that Lewis wants to be the big shot and he is not quite big enough.

The first hand wagon that went down the street bore the sign: "Central shop mechanics, join the CIO through the UERW"; the one that's playing loudest now carries the inscription: "Join the CIO, through the new somersaulting Highway technicians. We want to be all together." Oh, hell, why not tell the splitters where to go, and remain where you are,—in a good sound union that has a record of accomplishments,—the International Association of Machinists.

There was a fair seniority listing of employees agreed upon for the Moline plant. Now "Whispering Bill" wants to apply a special list of his own. We suppose it is fairer than the fair,—towards the key disruptionists.

We understand the "Great Strike Strategist" is informing the Moline boys that they will have no representation in future negotiations with the company unless they join the CIO. Well, I'll be darned! He was never convincing at best. Seems to us that if they do join the CIO, they will then have poor representation.

We hear that O'Brien, The Great, wants to collect an initiation fee from a member who came back into the I. A. of M. on an honorary withdrawal card. By hook or by crook, there's nothing like getting the money.

Time is usually a factor in favor of truth. Hence the feverish activity on the part of the splitters of labor—the drive of desperation—the attempt to get the job done before the workers find out.

The molders did not want a split, which is a correct position. They should not now give ear to splitters. Misinformation to the contrary, their solidarity with other crafts will be maintained by the I. A. of M.

Wonder if the finks have a union and if they are troubled with jurisdictional disputes and splits too?

Last year Mauseth was insistent that the Business Agents of Machinists District 77 sit in on the negotiations at the Moline plant and that the agreement be between the Union and the Company. The B. A.'s later were not able to squeeze in because of Mauseth's clique, and the Great Strike Strategist made an agreement between the "employees" and the Company. Suited his revised scheme better. Oh, well, one never could tell what Whispering Bill's position would be from day to day.

There was a vote at the plant of the Moline in Minneapolis which we are told went 1077 to 227 in favor of the CIO. Seems "Whispering Bill" is slipping—they are not all convinced. As time goes on there will be more of them not convinced. Just reminds us of the Literary Digest's straw vote prior to the last Presidential election, by which they had Landon elected by a landslide. Wouldn't be surprised if Mauseth's vote turns out the same way when the I. A. of M. secures a real election.

Lodge 459 Gains 60 - 70 Per Cent Increases in Pay

Members of Lodge 459, I. A. of M., in St. Paul are now working under an agreement between the Waterous Engine Co. and the Machinists union. Since the organization of this plant began, and as a direct result thereof, the employees have received wage increases amounting to 60 per cent in many cases. These workers have found that organization of a sober and solid union pays.

Gopher Stamp and Die Co. tool and die makers received an increase from \$5c to \$1.00 with lead men receiving \$1.10, per hour. The less skilled classifications have received corresponding pay increases.

Vacations with pay and the standard overtime and holiday rates apply in both these shops.

Recently an agreement was reached with the Crane Co. in St. Paul providing for an average increase in pay of about 15 cents per hour. Auto mechanics employed by Brown and White Cab Co. were boosted from \$100 per month to \$38 per week, with a week paid vacation. This is an increase of approximately 70 per cent considering it on an hourly basis.

Unemployed I. A. of M. Members Need Union

Members of organized labor should adhere to their unions in periods of unemployment as well as when fully employed. The union is concerned about the problems of unemployment and how to solve them. The unemployed and partly employed must contribute to the efforts to relieve the distress of unemployment.

Members of the International Association of Machinists when out of work are not required to pay dues. They should maintain their standing in their local lodges, and continue to attend their meetings. They must obtain each month from the financial secretary of their local lodge the out-of-work stamp, and not wait two or three months. The inconvenience and embarrassment of a reinstatement will not then be necessary when again returning to work. They will thus have the advantage of being fully informed on the developments in their industry, and a better opportunity to be placed on a job.

The interest of workers in forming unions continues apace throughout the country. A recent report of the secretary of the Indiana State Federation of Labor shows that local unions are being organized in that state at the rate of one a day in the various Internationals of the A. F. of L.

If one approves of the strike, then one must accept all the consequences including the defense of the strike against strike-breakers with the aid of practical measures of counterforce.

TELEGRAMS POUR IN AS U. S. LABOR MOURNS FOR PAT

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reavement of Patrick J. Corcoran, our fellow worker.
Fraternally,
DRIVERS LOCAL UNION
NO. 309
By Roy M. Wright, Sec.-Treas.

From Alex McKeown
William Brown, President
General Drivers Union
Extend my deepest sympathy to the movement in the sad loss of Patrick Corcoran, whom I knew as one of the most courageous and sincere leaders in the Minneapolis labor movement. May his assassins be speedily arrested and convicted.
ALEX McKEOWN
American Federal Hosiery Workers Union
Indianapolis, Ind.

From Fargo, North Dakota
Mrs. Patrick J. Corcoran and Family:

Let us of organized labor in Fargo, North Dakota, share your grief in the loss of your husband as we also lost a militant leader and brother. May he rest in peace for the good he has done in his short stay on earth with his fellow men and family.
Yours in sorrow,
FARGO TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY
By C. H. Peterson, Sec.-Treas.

From Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Farrell Dobbs:
Please get wreath for us. Put our number and town on. Will not be able to be there.
EMANUEL HOLSTEIN

From Aberdeen, South Dakota
General Drivers Council:
We wish to express our deepest sorrow for the untimely death of our Brother and true union labor leader, Pat Corcoran.
Fraternally,
ABERDEEN CENTRAL LABOR UNION
By Walter Hickenbotham, Sec.

From Des Moines, Iowa
Minneapolis General Drivers:
Please convey to the family of Pat Corcoran our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of husband and father.
DRIVERS LOCAL NO. 90
By Leo Quinn, Recording Sec.

From Fargo
Mrs. Patrick Corcoran
Care of Local 544:
The Barbers Local 829 of Fargo do deeply extend our heartfelt sympathy at your loss of your helmpate and our Brother, Patrick J. Corcoran.
Yours in sorrow,
BARBERS LOCAL 829,
By L. H. Bancroft, Sec.

From Hosiery Workers
Teamsters Joint Council:
Branch No. 38 sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the Teamsters Joint Council because of the death of their most able leader, Patrick Corcoran, with every hope that the parties who did this dastardly deed will be caught immediately.
Sincerely,
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF HOSEIERY WORKERS
Branch 38, Minneapolis

From the CIO
Teamsters Joint Council:
The CIO joint council wishes to express its deepest sympathy in the tragic death of Patrick J. Corcoran, one of Minnesota's labor leaders.
Fraternally,
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United Electrical and Radio Workers
United Auto Workers Local
United Grain Workers Local
Amalgamated Ass. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers
Oil Workers Twin City Local
Twin City Joint Board,
A. C. W.

From Georgia
Milk Drivers Local 471:
Grieved hearing about Pat. My sympathies to family and friends.
Fraternally,
EDWARD SOLEM

From Aberdeen, South Dakota
General Drivers Council:
The South Dakota State Federation of Labor regrets the untimely death of a great labor leader as we learned to know Pat Corcoran to be.
Fraternally,
I. H. HELANDER, Sec.-Treas.

From One Employer
General Drivers Union:
To permit all of our employees to attend the services for Patrick Corcoran, our organization will close entire morning. This company feels that all interested parties lost a fair and just man in the passing of Patrick Corcoran and extends sincere regrets.
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By Forrest Cannon

Local 664 Votes Full Confidence To Union Agent

At a special meeting of the Park Board section of City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664, it was voted unanimously to give the business representative, Harold Seavey, full confidence and to leave to his discretion the working out of a satisfactory agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board.

A grievance board representing the Park Board section of the Union was also elected at the meeting. In the future, all Park Board grievances must come before the new board. Members are Wallace Raze, Andrew B. Anderson, Mike Pelak, Barney Knutson, Louis DeLaittre, Ray Lannigan, Albert Hoff and Harold Lannigan. The board was later confirmed at the regular membership meeting of Local 664.

At the funeral of Pat Corcoran at the Basilica on Saturday, I am positive that if good old Pat could have seen the thousands of workers he would have been humbly surprised that his life's work had received such notice.

If he had his way, he would want us to carry on as usual. We have been fortunate in having been allowed to work with him for about a year, and I am sure that we have learned a great deal from him. It goes without saying that we must work shoulder to shoulder to do our best to make up for his loss.

Incidentally, I must remind you that according to the International by-laws, in case of death there is a \$1 assessment on each member. This will appear on next month's dues, the proceeds to go to Pat Corcoran's family.

It is more important than ever that the members attend the next general meeting. Watch for announcements.

BAKERY BLAB

664 Elects Dec. 3
The special order of business at 9 o'clock at the next meeting of the City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will be nomination of officers for the coming year.
Attention of all members is called to the recent amendment to the by-laws, by which only those members who have paid November dues will be eligible to vote in the December elections. Nominations will be made at the December 3 meeting; elections will be held Dec. 17.

From LeCenter, Minn.
General Drivers Union, Local 544
Dear Friends:
News of Pat Corcoran's assassination rocks the state with its shocking tragedy. We who knew him know that his was a most forceful, tolerant and kindly personality. He was a great leader and his loss is a mighty blow to the true cause of labor. I hope that no stone will be left unturned in the apprehension of his assassin and that speedy justice will be administered.

I wish to express my deepest regret to your organization and my desire to see you carry on his fine principles.
Respectfully yours,
JOHN T. LYONS
Pat F-L State Campaign Manager

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Rough Cuts and Mike Measurements

The "Peoples Press" speaks of a "ball bat brigade" in connection with Lodge 382. It is typical of all shady characters that they are suspicious that others may employ some of the tactics used by themselves.

Responsibility for failure of the strike in Little Steel is now being passed on to the politicians. Those who know the circumstances will insist that workers should have a majority organization, at least, before calling strikes. Maneuvering with the office holders of the dominant employing class is uncertain at best. There's nothing like the strong right arm of ORGANIZED LABOR.

A union that is any good at all will insist that its members shall uphold for others the conditions they themselves want to enjoy. The disrupters apparently don't accept this principle. This raises the question, have they any principles?

Some people still believe that there is magic in a change of names. The technical workers in the Highway office jumped out of the frying pan into the fire.

That North Side Motors "strike" is a case of a minority trying to force the majority to strike over a flimsy excuse. Just an instance of the tail trying to wag the dog.

There is a psychology of lying too. Ever hear of the guy that repeated the same lie so many times that he began believing it himself? The Mauseth splitters no doubt believe by now the wild story about the auto mechanics of St. Paul Lodge 459 not paying dues. Mauseth is only envious because his confused "followers" don't stand by his paper organization and support it. The boys in 459 be-

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

For an Inquest by Coroner's Jury

Every agency which can throw additional light on the cowardly and brutal murder of Patrick C. Corcoran must be made to function immediately so that all facts may be obtained. The whole Northwest labor movement has been dealt a blow by the assassination of Corcoran. It is of the utmost importance that the perpetrators of the crime be discovered and that those who inspired the killing be made to pay the penalty for their act.

The Executive Board of the Teamsters Joint Council, meeting on Monday, unanimously approved a resolution demanding of the Hennepin County Coroner, Gilbert Seashore, that he immediately summon a Coroner's Jury and proceed at once with an inquest.

There must be no delay. No possible agency must be permitted to withhold its powers. All facts must be dragged out into the light of day. LABOR DEMANDS AN INQUEST BY CORONER'S JURY INTO PAT CORCORAN'S MURDER!

Again, We Demand a Special Investigator

Repeating its demand of last Friday, the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council again calls upon the State's Attorney-General to appoint a Special Investigator assigned to the Corcoran murder.

Labor wants a Special Investigator of Labor's own choosing. Labor wants a man who understands the labor movement, who is sympathetic with the cause of Labor. Labor wants a man, with unlimited funds placed at his disposal, who will carry the investigation all the way through to the very end, who will leave no stone unturned to discover the guilty parties, NO MATTER WHO THEY MAY BE!

The Teamsters Joint Council has demanded a Special Investigator. The Minneapolis Central Labor Union has seconded this demand. Tuesday's papers report "no progress so far" in solving the murder. Now new agencies must be set to work. Any further delay is inexcusable. Labor wants to KNOW! LABOR DEMANDS A SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR OF LABOR'S OWN CHOOSING!

A Bona Fide Offer

One of the first acts of the Teamsters Joint Council, at its meeting last Thursday, was to approve unanimously the offer of a ten thousand dollar reward to those furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder of Patrick J. Corcoran.

The Teamsters Joint Council means business. This offer was not motivated by sordid hunger after publicity. The Council hopes by this means to stimulate the search for Corcoran's slayers. Ten thousand dollars in cash will be paid the person who brings information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the assassins.

Ten Thousand Workers Pay Last Tribute to Corcoran

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Teamsters Joint Council headquarters, with many local labor officials, were among the honorary pallbearers. The list included:

Walter Hackett, Oscar Coover, Henry Schultz, Guy Alexander, William Heigel, John Janosco, William Engelbreton, Robert Tibbetts, James Bartlett, John Penwell, James Williams, N. Christiansen, Nels Anderson, Robert Short, Austin McInerney, Tom Jordan, John Simcoe, Roy Weir, A. H. Urbatees, L. Boerbach, John Lebkicker, Jewell Flaherty, Myrtle Harris, T. E. Cunningham, George Lawson, Clarence Stark, Ray Wenzel, Bert McHaffey, Carl Hagland, R. D. Cramer, Ed Palmquist, George Viens, Carlos Hudson. R. Mangni, Joe Eischen, A. J. Kilday, Meyer Lewis, William Wright, C. M. Berg, John Gearty, Leslie Sinton, William Rathbone, Walter Frank, Harry Martin, Herman Hussman, H. M. Hensel, George Murck, John Boscoe, Chris Spears, Steve Lush, Allan Solie, Owen Cunningham, Stanley Danielson, Joe Lear, John Geary, John S. Picago, Peter Murch, H. B. Jensen, I. G. Miller, Frank Gould, T. Hendrickson, R. F. Bunnell, E. G. Hall.

Miles Dunne, V. R. Dunne, Grant Dunne, Karl Skoglund, Arnold Johnson, Nick Wagner, Claire Johnson, Harold Seavey, Ray Sawyer, Tom Ammerman, Carl Johnson, Clarence Schwab, etc.

Active pallbearers were Farrell Dobbs, Frank Dorrance, Emery C. Nelson, William Sinnott, Hugh McLaughlin and Willis Johnston.

Ushers were Frank Dahman, Arlington Rowe, Roland Prindle, A. Eberl, Claire Johnson, and Joe O'Hare.

A part of the floral offerings, with the reproduction of the Teamsters Joint Council sign centered, formed a hundred-foot semicircle around the grave, as thousands braved the bitter weather to witness the body of the beloved Corcoran descend into the earth.

Telegrams and personal letters from union people and union organizations, city and state federations, began pouring into the Council of-

M-W TRIES TO HALT WAREHOUSE WORKERS' UNION

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boss trick, used by many a corporation with varying degrees of success in the past 15 years. Green and ignorant employees often are completely crushed by this device.

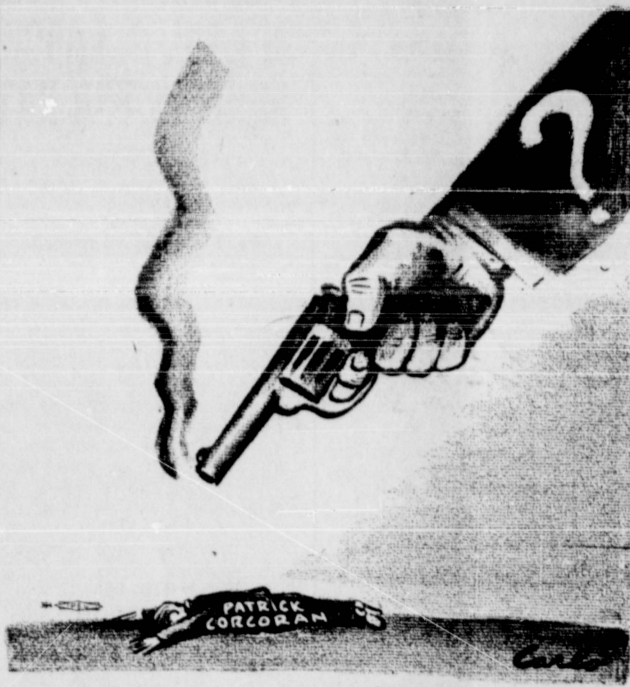
But it won't work in St. Paul today. Though most Ward workers are young in the union movement, they have yet had such a wealth of experience in just this sort of thing that it won't stop them this time. The spirit among hundreds of M-W union workers is that NOW is the time for a finish fight with the management. NOW is the time that unionism will triumph. Both objectively and subjectively—that is, the season, the state of the union movement in this vicinity, the spirit of the workers—everything points to a victory for Local 20397.

On Tuesday evening the Warehouse Union will sponsor a mass meeting for Ward workers at 347 University Avenue, at which the Negotiating Committee will report on the reply received from the company, and submit plans for securing the union contract. In the past ten days, scores of Ward workers who hitherto have remained aloof from the union have suddenly awakened to the realization of the benefits that the union can help them win, and are eagerly showing interest in the negotiations.

There is no question but that if a struggle should develop, it would bring almost a unanimous response from the fourteen hundred employees.

Fires on Friday in an unending stream, and are still arriving at press time. The unionists of America realize how significant it is for organized labor in this country to lose by assassination one of the chosen leaders of the drivers movement of the Northwest.

Labor Wants to Know



CIO Communist Party Stoges Charge A. F. L. With Sluggings

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executive committee was meeting. In the group were William Mauseth, Harold Bean, Foss Baker, R. C. Jacobson, Robert Kelly, and Selma Seestrom. All claimed their unions were involved in jurisdictional disputes with the General Drivers Union.

Jacobson, too, insisted this was the case, though but a few days ago he phoned Fleming, International Oil and Refinery Workers president, from the Drivers office at 257 Plymouth Avenue, and was instructed to turn over all oil drivers to General Drivers Local 544. Jacobson agreed to this at the time.

These people demanded of the Central Labor Union Committee that it take up then and there the question of these disputes. The CLU spokesmen announced this was impossible, that the question would be taken up through regular channels, and only when representatives of the General Drivers Union were present. On the CLU committee were Roy Weir, Boerbach, Bill Sinnott, Leslie Sinton and Jewel Flaherty.

The Northwest Organizer, in its special issue of last Friday, had already demanded of the LaFollette Committee that it immediately come to Minneapolis, and had further demanded of the States Attorney-General that a special investigator be assigned immediately to work exclusively on the Corcoran case.

The claims of "gangsterism" by Communist Party-CIO'ers, which have been consistently challenged and disproven only to arise again, plus the Central Labor Union episode, coming at this particular time, may very well prestage an attempt at frameups of militant workers in Minneapolis, in line with the international G. P. U. (Stalinist secret police) campaign being carried on in all countries of the world today.

Watt Notes

Local 292 joins with all our brother unions in mourning the death of a genuine friend and leader of labor, Patrick J. Corcoran. His death, while causing all of us to mourn, shall serve as an inspiration for us to continue the splendid battle that he has waged in behalf of his brothers and fellow workers.

Each member of our Union should make it a point to attend at least one meeting a month. That's not asking too much, is it, Brothers? Good attendance helps make for a strong, active, and progressive union.

We see some of the unions stage "fink" drives. They say, "Live and learn." . . . and some won't any other way.

Montgomery-Ward Management Trying This Trick

Dear Customer:

We are not able to ship your merchandise immediately because our Saint Paul House has been closed indefinitely by a strike among our employees. However, your order will be transferred to one of our other houses and given prompt attention.

You may continue to send your orders to St. Paul just as you have in the past. They will be automatically forwarded to one of our nearby houses by the St. Paul Postoffice so there won't be any delay.

Your orders will be handled with our customary promptness and you will pay only for the postage from St. Paul. We will pay the rest.

MONTGOMERY WARD & CO.

Above is reproduced a card to the "Dear Customer," printed by Montgomery-Ward's last summer, and now being distributed to Ward workers in an attempt to undermine the union.

Bring in all ticket books on the Labor Temple Show to the union office immediately.

Be sure and see the Milk Drivers stand—the "Country Store" at the auditorium.

Independent Truck Chaffer

Committee meeting this week Wednesday, Nov. 25. Membership meeting one week from Thanksgiving, on Dec. 2. Let's make the last gathering this year a BIG one.

Stormy Weather
Despite friendly assistance of the city engineer's office, complete co-operation on seniority matters has not been forthcoming through the dispatcher's department. Perhaps an actual demonstration of recall and rehiring by our office, according to accepted union practice, is necessary. Better yet, could not someone suggest some kind of automatic teletype or science's mechanical man to replace the faulty human element? No machine could misinterpret orders from headquarters.

If sufficient co-operation can be effected, your reporter would like to institute through this column a comprehensive survey on wages, hours and types of work of ITO trucks throughout the coming year.

Thank You

Orville Olson's friendly assistance from the state highway office has produced jobs for twenty trucks on the Belt Line for a considerable period.

All temporarily working, and others unemployed should give the WPA office notice well in advance of Dec. 10 if eligible for work at that time.

The CIO, attempting to make capital out of the Corcoran murder, is revealing an insight into its petty activities.

Job Sites

Antonsen runs short of trucks occasionally on the McCree FAP . . . A report says Phillippi is due for a call . . . WPA largesse: For the North shall work South, and the South go North.

Writing this week's column proved to be a tedious job. News was scarce and your reporter seemed to be a little out of touch with things. A note handed to Curt or a story by phone to Cherry 8988 would be greatly appreciated.

Exploits and alibis will be poured into ears of the stay-at-homes as soon as our hunters return from the deer country. But wouldn't we all dine out for venison?

Don't forget to mail in your chauffeur's card this month.

Remember the Harvest Festival. Your money's worth of entertainment is waiting for you at the auditorium.

Bill Camp got his opening day.

The big ones must be getting old. Some 5-tons hand-loading on WPA jobs.

With Shovel and Tongs

Hildur Dyke, carrying a rabbit's foot in her pocket while attending the Harvest Festival, got lucky. She got a big turkey, so Hildur, you come up to my house for Thanksgiving, you bring the turkey. If the turkey is big enough, bring Earl too.

The seniority list at Cedar Lake has been straightened out by Local 221's executive board, and things are buzzing right along, buzzing right along.

The bowling team won three straight last night. The Warehouse Workers were the victims, being cooled off plenty by the Ice Drivers.

Deer season—so Ray spent the weekend in the woods. He came back

Local 544 News Flash!

An appointment has been made for a committee from General Drivers Local 544 to meet with the States Attorney-General on Wednesday morning, on the Corcoran murder case.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL DRIVERS UNION, LOCAL 544

Local No. 544, General Drivers and Helpers Union, regards with horror and dismay the assassination of Patrick J. Corcoran. Since Brother Corcoran's association with the driving craft unions of Minneapolis there has been no more militant and energetic Organizer of truckers than he. During the past year Patrick Corcoran was an officer of Local No. 544. During that time the most friendly and harmonious relations have existed between the Executive Board members, organizers and office employees and Brother Corcoran. His loss is a real blow to the progressive section of the Minneapolis labor movement. We sincerely hope that the cowardly and despicable murderers of Corcoran will be unmasked and made to pay the penalty of their brutal crime.

By: W. S. BROWN

Union Statements Continued Next Week

with a freak, but it will taste just as good on the table. Squirrel went too.

Yes, Kalkman has no ice.

Coal business is perking up now with the cold weather, keeping the coal men out of mischief.

O'Hara also got his Thanksgiving dinner at the Festival. What was it, a couple of pounds of bacon?

You aren't mad, Mary?

Trade Unionists, Families Attend Harvest Festival

Thousands of trade unionists and their families attended the mammoth Harvest Festival and Industrial Exposition at the Minneapolis Auditorium on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights, according to the Labor Temple Association, sponsors of the affair.

On Tuesday night the pipe trades and metal trades will take over the show. Wednesday night is employers' night. Thursday night the Cooks, caterers, hotel employees and brewery workers will hold forth. Friday night is Home Products night, and on Saturday night the gigantic show will close with the printing trades unions as special guests.

Every one who has attended the Auditorium has given enthusiastic reports of the show. The affair is going over with a bang, and Minneapolis unionists can congratulate themselves that the realization of a Labor Temple which can house the entire labor movement is now very near.

Union Statements Appear Next Issue

The NORTHWEST ORGANIZER has on hand the official statements from over a dozen local unions, including all of those affiliated to the Teamsters' Joint Council, stating their positions in regard to the murder of Pat Corcoran. All of them mourn the passing of an honest, capable and militant labor leader; all of them demand reprisal. These will be published in full in next week's issue.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received from our many friends in Minneapolis and other cities, in our sad bereavement in the loss of our beloved husband and father. We especially thank the members and officers of the trade union movement, which he dearly loved, for the comforting memory which their splendid tribute leaves with us.

MRS. PATRICK J. CORCORAN AND CHILDREN, Edward J., Patrick J. Jr., Betty Jane and Janet Mary

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Lodge 382 Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.	Private Chauffeurs The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
Lodge 1313 Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.	Local 292 Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopten's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
Lodge 1037 Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.	Local 131 The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
Local 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	Local 125 The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
Local 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	Local 544 Wednesday, November 1—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, November 2—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, November 3—Job Stewards Monday, November 6—Pkg. Del; Dept. Store; Coal Wednesday, November 8—Market, Wholesale Liquor Sunday, November 12—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m. Monday, November 13—General Membership Thursday, November 16—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, November 17—Job Stewards Sunday, November 19—Over-the-road Drivers, 11 a. m. Monday, November 20—Building Material; Furniture Stores Wednesday, November 22—Excavating; Sand and Gravel Thursday, November 23—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Monday, November 27—Spring Water Tuesday, November 28—Taxi Drivers; Night drivers 1 p. m. Day drivers 7 p. m. Seniority Committee meets each Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 1 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2 Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.
Petroleum Drivers The Petroleum Drivers will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month.	Local 1859 General Membership—Dec. 1 Casket Industry—Dec. 14 Clark Section—Dec. 15 Local 1859 Executive Board—Every Friday night Local 20481 Membership—Dec. 17 Local 20481 Executive Board—Dec. 6, Dec. 20 Twin City Stewards—Dec. 13, Dec. 27
Federal Workers Regular Membership Meetings—Second Friday in each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	Local 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesdays. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.
Local 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday, Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday, Cake and Pie—Third Thursday General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	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.