

The Strike Victory What It Means

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The splendid outcome of the four-day strike of the wholesale grocery workers should be a joy and an inspiration to every member of Local 544 and to every union member in this area. Although the strike involved only a few hundred workers, it came at a moment of great significance.

It was the first strike since the murder of Pat Corcoran.

We do not need to repeat here what the recent issues of the Northwest Organizer have had to say about the foul attempts to slander the memory of Pat Corcoran and to besmirch the unions for which he lived and died. The die-hard employers' press and the wrecking crew who operate under the label of the CIO hereabouts joined hands in this slimy game.

Mayor Leach—Strikebreaker

On the second night of the strike—Friday—Mayor Leach joined labor's enemies, with a radio speech in which he attempted to foment hostility against the drivers' unions. With his usual display of courage, the Mayor did not venture to name any names but made direct references to "a faction of certain self-appointed leaders of labor." Using the old formula of "a plague on both your houses," Leach called on the labor movement to purge itself of both the defenders and the enemies of the memory of Pat Corcoran.

Mayor Leach followed up this sniping speech, a day later, with an open strike-breaking move, when he tried to go over the head of the union and stampede the wholesale grocery employees into accepting the bosses' proposals.

Boss Press Lies

Leach's moves were ably seconded by the lies and distortions of the employers' press, which declared that the strike was called without warning and without justification by Local 544. The boss press lied and knew that it lied. Strike action was voted after the membership had rejected an ultimatum from the employers to settle immediately on their terms or all employer proposals would be withdrawn. Negotiations had been under way since the expiration of the previous working agreement on October 31. All papers were specifically notified of this in a union press release.

Strikebreaking Fails

Mayor Leach and the employers' press didn't get very far. Every single striker saw through his strike-breaking move. And the employers, more realistic than the Mayor, did not even wait the necessary time to see if any strikers would respond to the "secret ballot," but proceeded to come to terms with the union which represented the men.

Thus the union victory demonstrated to the hilt that, despite all the slander and vilification of the last few weeks, the fighting power of our union remains strong as ever. The attempt to dishonor Pat Corcoran and thereby to weaken his unions has gotten nowhere so far. The wholesale grocery strike proved that, and that is its significance.

On Guard!

But let no union man within reach of our voice, happy though he may be at this outcome, delude himself with the notion that the vilification campaign or our enemies has been completely defeated. Yes, we have won our first battle, and we celebrate the fact. But we have only won a battle. The war is not over. Our enemies continue to plot our destruction. At any moment they may try again to strike us down from behind. Every union man on guard!

Attention: Moline Workers!

On December 22 the employees of the Moline plants will have the opportunity to select their bargaining agency. The choice lies between the International Association of Machinists and the so-called United Electrical and Radio Workers.

The International Association of Machinists organized these plants along industrial lines. There definitely will be no split of the various classifications of workers at Moline. Propaganda to the contrary is ballyhoo intended to deliver you over to the leadership of an unprincipled gang. The I. A. of M. is your best means of insuring continued solidarity.

No good reason can be given for advocating CIO among Moline's employees, and many sound reasons can be given for choosing the A. F. of L. Union as the bargaining agent.

The I. A. of M. has powerful allies in the A. F. of L. and is thus in the best position to defend and advance the interests of its members in times of struggle. It can exercise great influence in the marketing of products of its union shops.

The Building Trades are all affiliated with the A. F. of L. In many cases they will not erect non-union products, and they are beginning to refuse products of the so-called CIO shops. No manufacturer will employ men to make metal building products which he cannot sell.

Workers need a Union that is democratic, a Union that they run in accordance with their best interests. An organization dictated to by irresponsible outside influences will not serve the workers' cause. The UER&MW, CIO affiliate, is in Minneapolis dominated by the Communist party. The erratic policy of the zig-zag Communist party has destroyed many good labor organizations.

The best choice for the Moline is the International Association of Machinists.

District 77
International Association of Machinists

Union Agents Picket Standard Store

Carrying out a motion passed unanimously at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Minneapolis Board of Business Agents, scores of union representatives converged Wednesday afternoon at Sixth and Nicollet to join the picket line maintained by Retail Clerks Local 1086 before the Standard Clothing company.

The strike against the Standard store is in its second week, intermittent negotiations having failed to produce a settlement for the clerks. The Building Service Employees Local, which had several members involved in the strike, has secured a working agreement from the store.

Shop Committeemen Of 382 to Meet

There will be an important meeting of the general shop committeemen held on December 22 at 8 p. m. at 501 East Hennepin Ave. All shop committeemen from Lodges 382 and 1313 are urged to be in attendance.

Lodge 382 to Meet December 29

Lodge 382 will give a dance on January 8, 1938. Refreshments, good union music, a good crowd and a fine time are assured. All friends of the trade union movement and all members are invited.

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Local 544 Wins the Grocery Strike

DRIVERS MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR 1938

Secret Ballot to Determine Election on January 7-8 at Drivers Union Hall, 257 Plymouth

Affirming once more their confidence in the leadership of Local 544, the membership has enthusiastically renominated the whole Executive Board, all but one unopposed. Thus one more evidence was given to the whole world that, despite all the mountains of slander and calumny which labor's enemies tried to pile on the heads of the union leaders, the rank and file knows how to judge the lying words of their enemies and the deeds of their own people.

At the general membership meeting of General Drivers Local 544 on Monday evening, nominations were made for all offices for the coming year. The well-attended meeting also heard Miles Dunne give a detailed report of the progress in the search for Corcoran's murderers, and the proceedings of the investigation. It was an impressive moment when all workers stood in silence in memory of the late Pat. A report on the Montgomery-Ward strike by Thompson, a member of Warehouse Local 20297, was heard.

The present Executive Board, which stands for re-election, consists of:

William S. Brown, president
Jack Smith, vice-president
Grant J. Dunne, recording secretary
Farrell Dobbs, secretary-treasurer

Karl Skoglund, Miles B. Dunne, Nick J. Wagner, trustees.
Present Candidates
Nominated for president were William S. Brown (accepted) and Lee Oscar Gardner (accepted).
For vice-president, Jack Smith (accepted), George Frostig (declined), and Walter Hagstrom (not present).

For the post of secretary-treasurer, Farrell Dobbs was unopposed.

For trustees, Skoglund, Miles Dunne and Wagner accepted, and the following declined: Harold Haines, V. R. Dunne, Harry De Boer, Johnny Rogers, N. H. Zanker, and Laurist Rommerdahl. In order to be nominated, it is necessary for a member to be present at the meeting.
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Sears, Roebuck Unfair to Clerks

Warehouse and Inside Workers Local 20316 is carrying on a vigorous campaign against the retail store of the Sears, Roebuck company and is asking all working-class customers to demand union clerks, members of Local 20316, when making purchases.

The union is planning to print thousands of bulletins for local distribution, informing customers of the unfair labor practices of the retail store. Under the management of the union-hating Mr. Paulmer, the retail department is attempting to set up a company union. Banners bearing this information will also be carried in front of the store.

The Warehouse Union has a union contract with the mail order department which is separate from the retail store and is fair to labor.

Standard Oil Still Unfair

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.

Frisco Labor Council Backs Minneapolis Drivers

San Francisco, Dec. 11—A resolution condemning the Stalinists for their attempt to link up the Minneapolis teamsters with the assassins of Corcoran was adopted last night by the A. F. of L. Central Labor Council of this city by a three to one vote.

Carl Tillman, delegate of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, presented the resolution. In his speech he pointed out that the Stalinists' frameup methods were well-known on the waterfront, and sounded a warning to all militants in the labor movement to be on guard against new uses of the frameup system. Harry Bridges, leading Stalinist stooge on the West Coast, who two weeks ago accused Meyer Lewis of plotting his murder, walked out of the meeting under Carl Tillman's barrage.

Ward Strikers Still Solid; Mail Orders Paralyzed

Arrests, Police Threats, Vandalism Fail to Discourage Pickets; Unions Vote Aid

Despite many police arrests, and threats and vandalism practiced by company police and strike breakers, the Montgomery-Ward strike nears the end of the second week with the spirit of the strikers unbroken, and with the struck plant feeling to an increasing extent the paralyzing effect of the strike.

Police have periodically raided the spirited picket line. By Saturday sixteen arrests had been

Developments in the Ward Strike
1. St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly unanimously votes to donate to strike.
2. Seventeen pickets arrested, charged with assault, interfering with officer, disorderly conduct. Trials set for December 23.
3. Chief of Montgomery-Ward company police gets drunk, threatens and slanders strikers.
4. Ward's mail order sales drop fifty per cent.
5. Many unions endorse, vote support to strike.

made. At least one more striker was arrested Monday morning. The cases came up Monday morning before Judge Finehout in St. Paul Municipal Court, were delayed until Tuesday because no complaints were filed, and were set for trial on December 23. The case against one picket, Clifford Thompson, was dismissed, "because of insufficient evidence." The real reason for the dismissal was that the trial would have brought out the fact that a member of the St. Paul police force pulled out both a gun and a black-

jack and threatened strikers and onlookers last Saturday.

Company Cop Drunk
On Sunday afternoon John Honan, Chief of the Montgomery-Ward Company Police, broke into strike headquarters while in a drunken state, and threatened and vilified pickets. Honan was ejected three times from the strike hall, staggered to a nearby beer parlor, where he was finally arrested. Hardly a word of his dis-

Grocery Clerks' Pact Begins Jan. 1

Many new members were signed up at the last meeting of the Retail Grocery Clerks Local 804, held Monday at 18 North 8th St. This young union, growing rapidly, is expected to have the bulk of the Minneapolis grocery clerks in its ranks by the first of the year.

On January 1, the new contract goes into effect; under this agreement, store hours in all grocery stores will be from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., six days a week. Stores will be closed on Sundays and holidays. Contracts are being signed as rapidly as they are being presented.

For the benefit of prospective members, a special meeting will be held on Monday evening, December 20, at 18 North 8th St. All persons wishing to join the Local are urged to attend. Starting January 1, the new initiation fee, \$25, will go into effect. To come in at the present low fee, workers are urged to attend the December 20th meeting.

4-Day Fight Brings Hourly Pay Raise and Vacations

NCDDC Wins Back Pay

The North Central Council last week continued its campaign to enforce provisions of all contracts covering over-the-road drivers. On Saturday, George Frostig, Local 544, and Harold Midlicott, Local 120, collected \$137.70 from the Dougherty Van and Storage Company of Sioux City, Iowa, due drivers for back wages. Checks for \$40.80 were received for Herman Mook, Arel Jensen, and Orville LeMaine; Al Swanson received a check for \$15.30.

STATE MILK PRODUCERS FEAR UNION

Bosses Admit Strength of Union Organization in Own Press; Schwab Represents NCDDC for Dairy Workers

During the past week, Clarence Schwab, organizer for the North Central District Drivers Council, continued organization work in the western part of Minnesota. Last Friday, General Drivers Local 3229 of St. Cloud met with the milk distributors, who offered a counter-proposal which was later turned down by the union membership. Schwab has also been acting with union committees from Benson, Willmar and Hutchinson, who are negotiating with plant owners.

As the milk plant owners cannot seem to agree on going along in a body to deal collectively with the union, it appears that the unions will be forced to deal individually with the various companies.

The campaign to organize creamery and dairy workers has been under way for some time. The "Daily Record," weekly employers' organ in this industry, reveals clearly the attitude of the dairy bosses.

"Alarmed at the first definite evidence of the American Federation of Labor's intention to organize Minnesota's county creameries," read an article in the Nov. 3rd issue, "... Leonard Houske, secretary of the Minnesota Cream-

Workers is a labor organization founded on the principles of militant and democratic industrial unionism and on the firm belief that Labor as a class must fight its class enemies,

"AND WHEREAS: We fully realize as class-conscious workers that Pat Corcoran was slain by the mortal enemies of organized labor and that his murder, therefore, is equally a blow at our section of the labor movement as well as against all labor, and must be avenged by the united struggle of all workers regardless of their affiliations,

"AND WHEREAS: We deeply resent the vicious blow struck at all labor in the brutal assassination of Patrick J. Corcoran, militant Minnesota labor leader,—a death which we deeply mourn,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we do our very utmost to find and convict those responsible, and

Mayor Leach Butts in But Gets Nowhere; Pact Holds from Noy. 1

In what was apparently the first attempt by the bosses to test the resistance of General Drivers Local 544 since the death of the martyred Pat Corcoran, a strike of drivers and inside workers was precipitated in the Minneapolis market last week. The strike, involving about 400 workers, was called Thursday morning, after many weeks of negotiations had shown that the market employers were stalling and would continue to stall on the new contract. With the General Drivers showing all the power, and more, that won a similar strike in the late fall of 1936, the bosses were completely tied up. On Monday

Electric Workers To Dance Feb. 5

From the enthusiastic preparations already under way, the Electrical Workers Ball, to be held February 5, 1938, at the East Side Eagles Hall, will be one of the most sparkling and entertaining affairs ever sponsored by a local union.

Committees have already been set up and are actively functioning. Serving from the Inside Section as committeemen are Harold Smith, chairman; Paul Bartholomew, secretary-treasurer; and Ed Ackerman, Sam Eyrse, Bill Nessler, John Edmunds, Roy Newstrom and George Nelson. The following have been chosen from the Utility Section: C. R. Middleton (co-chairman); Martin Day (co-secretary-treasurer); and George Stoeckel, W. W. Teasdale, and Leonard Lindberg.

The Shopmen are represented by John Davies; the Radio Section, by C. I. Olson. Other brothers will be added to the committee as the work increases.

General Drivers Local 544 Presents Third Annual Party for Children

Santa Claus, who is strictly a union sort of a fellow, will be present in person at the Third Annual Christmas Party of the General Drivers Union, to be held Thursday, December 23, at 2 p. m. Mothers are requested to bring the little ones, and to enjoy the program themselves.

A real program, details of which are secret, has been arranged, and a good time is assured to all kiddies, according to Ray Rainbolt, chairman. The Time: Thursday, December 23, 2 p. m. The Place: 257 Plymouth avenue, Third Floor.

morning a settlement went through, stipulating seniority, no discrimination, the 44-48 hour week, 70c hourly for drivers, shipping and receiving clerks; 60c hourly for helpers, platform workers and inside warehouse employees; the week's vacation with pay; time and one-half for overtime; room and board at cost for long distance drivers when out of the city, etc. The new working agreement is retroactive to November 1, and will expire May 31, 1938.

Representing the union at various stages during the long-drawn-out negotiations were Jack Smith, Karl Skoglund, Miles and Grant Dunne, and Bill Brown.

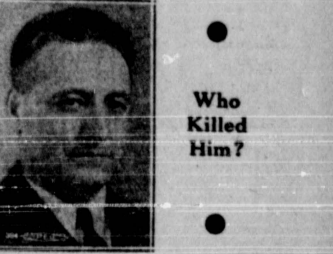
By the terms of the new working agreement, formidable gains were registered by the wholesale grocery employees. City drivers received hourly wage gains of 10c; country drivers, 10c hourly, plus expenses when on the road; 5c hourly gains were registered by the helpers, platform and inside men; 5c by the shipping and receiving clerks; 7½c by the assistant clerks; 15c by the banana and tomato men. Other gains were: week's vacation with pay, uniforms to be furnished by the employers, bond premiums to be paid by the employers, loss and damages to be handled in a much more satisfactory way, etc.

Mayor Tries Fast One
Mayor Leach attempted to intervene in the situation, and go over the heads of the union with a phony contract which was mailed to all workers over the week-end.

Stating that "in the public interest, I believe that the Wholesale Grocery strike negotiations have continued long enough," Leach stated in his form letter that "at the request of a committee of employees who are affected by this strike, I demanded a definite proposal from the employers which has been made to me and which this group of employees say is satisfactory." Leach appealed to all employees to give him their vote, "yes" or "no," as to whether or not they were satisfied with the enclosed proposal.

The contract which Leach tried to sell the market workers was naturally far inferior to that gotten from the bosses by the union. The Leach contract would have provided a wedge for the open-shop. It failed to recognize the right of the union to designate Job Stewards and Job Committees; failed to provide for active workers attending to official union business without discrimination; failed to stipulate that uniforms

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Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

4-Day Fight Brings Hourly Pay Raise and Vacations

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are to be provided by the employers; failed to provide that the employer should pay premiums on all bonds required; failed to guarantee a minimum of four hours pay when called to work; etc. Both in protecting working conditions and protecting unionism, the Leach proposal was utterly unsatisfactory.

That he should even attempt such a behind-the-scenes maneuver marks a new spirit of aggressiveness on the part of the Citizens Alliance crowd, and tends to bear out rumors that they are girding for a new fight with the Minneapolis labor movement. Progressive workers do not need more than this warning to keep a sharp weather eye for further scurry tricks of this nature.

Text of Agreement
After a series of negotiations held over the week-end, all grocery strikers met early Monday morning and heard the text of the agreement read by the negotiating committee. After a short question period, a motion passed unanimously to accept the contract. A few minutes later, all men were back to work.

The full text of the agreement follows:

We, the undersigned employers, wholesale grocers, chain store and retailer-owned warehouse operators, do hereby adopt and agree to be legally bound by the following agreement covering employment of drivers, helpers, platform workers and inside warehouse employees in Minneapolis:



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upon the immediate termination of the strike.

I. That all employees shall be returned to work without discrimination and in accordance with seniority.

II. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.

III. Seniority rights, based on length of service, shall prevail and govern the laying off and rehiring of employees due to fluctuation in business volume and changes of methods of transportation and distribution.

IV. That the regular work hours for drivers, helpers, platform workers and inside warehouse employees shall be forty-four (44) hours for forty-eight (48) hours per week and time and one-half for overtime. Weekly schedule of hours now in force and effect in various wholesale grocery warehouse shall be maintained.

V. The minimum rate of pay for drivers shall be seventy cents (70c) per hour and for helpers, platform workers and inside warehouse employees, sixty cents (60c) per hour. Shipping and receiving clerks shall be paid seventy cents (70c) per hour and assistant shipping clerks not less than sixty-two and a half cents (62 1/2c) per hour.

VI. Any employee, 75% of whose time is engaged in the duties of Banana Man or Tomato Man shall be paid at the rate of seventy five cents (75c) per hour for time worked in these classifications. Employees receiving more than the above minimum in any classification shall not have their pay reduced. All wage increases are to be retroactive to November 1, 1937.

VII. All employees who have completed one year of service with the company shall receive one week's vacation with pay each year.

VIII. Except for work performed by regular crews, double time shall be paid for all special work done on Sundays and legal holidays, provided however, that such regular crews shall have a regular day off and shall be paid at the rate of double time if required to work on that day.

IX. Drivers who do long distance hauling shall be paid expenses, such as room and board, at cost, when out of the city. All concerns who now have both a driver and helper at all times on tractor and trailer equipment shall continue this practice.

X. Wage rates fixed in this agreement, or wages which may be later set by negotiation or arbitration shall be minimum rates of pay only. No wages paid in excess of the minimum prescribed shall be reduced.

XI. It is understood and agreed that the Board of Arbitration shall be constituted of and composed of four members, two to be selected by the employer and two by the union. Such board shall have authority to hear and arbitrate all grievances which may arise in the

course or conditions of employment. In the event that these four representatives are unable to agree, they shall select a fifth and impartial person and all matters not agreed upon shall be submitted to such Board of Arbitration, whose judgment shall be final and binding upon both the employer and employee herein.

XII. The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate a Job Steward or Job Committee to handle such Union business without pay as may from time to time be delegated to the Job Steward or Job Committee by the Union Executive Board.

XIII. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without pay but without discrimination to any employee designated by the Union to attend a Labor Convention or serve in any capacity on other official Union business, provided however, that any key men needed for the efficient or uninterrupted running of the business must obtain the written consent of the employer.

XIV. The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

XV. The Employer agrees that if any employee is required to wear any kind of uniform, same shall be furnished and maintained by the employer, free of charge, and shall bear the union label.

XVI. In the event of any controversy arising because of loss or damage resulting from negligence or intent on the part of an employee, settlement shall be made as provided under paragraph ten (X) of this agreement.

XVII. Should the Employer require any employee to give bonds, the premium on same shall be paid by the employer.

XVIII. Employees shall receive full pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. When regular employees are called to work they shall receive a guaranteed minimum of four hours pay.

XIX. Employees required to be available daily for a period of six (6) consecutive days each week for service and not employed shall be guaranteed a forty (40) hour minimum weekly wage at the rates set forth herein.

XX. Drunkenness, dishonesty, insubordination or repeated negligence in the performance of duty, shall be sufficient grounds for discharge. In case of dispute over the discharge of an employee, the Union shall notify the employer in writing within five (5) days and the controversy shall be disposed of within ten (10) days. If the discharge is not sustained by the negotiation, the employer is to pay the employee for the period of the layoff.

XXI. No driver shall be permitted to allow anyone on his truck unless so authorized by the employer.

XXII. If any employee is notified to report for work and does not report promptly or give a satisfactory explanation for not reporting he shall be considered as having voluntarily quit.

XXIII. This employment agreement shall become effective as of November 1st 1937, and shall continue in full force and effect until May 31, 1938.

The Gas Log

By Bill O'Donnell
Charles Hoffmann looked to the west and thought he saw an eagle coming in his direction. But lo! It was the stork. Cigars were in order and Charlie responded lavishly in celebration of the new boy.

Frank Kessel takes high honors as a master of ceremonies. New union members—that's another specialty of his.

The Newstrom's entertained guests at a house warming. Their home is equipped with almost every modern convenience. One of the highlights of Vic's speech was: "The Union, Always."

A young man in the Meter Reading Dept. might be interested to know that the cute little blonde is back at the Photo Department of that same loop store.

You may not believe it but Ed Nygaard knows more about chicks than their mothers.

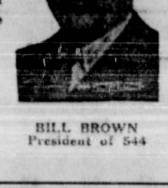
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Bill Brown Says—

The loss of Pat was the hardest blow we ever had to take. Could we stand up? Pat'd be glad to know the outcome of the wholesale grocery fracas.



BILL BROWN
President of 544

Commission of Inquiry Says "Trotsky Not Guilty"

Dewey Reports Findings at New York Mass Meeting; Contradicts Verdict of Moscow Court

Two big stories in the world press this week were of special interest to Minneapolis union members. They throw new light on the frameup system operating from Moscow to Minneapolis and which was dragged into the open by the Northwest Organizer when the enemies of our unions tried to dishonor the memory of Pat Corcoran.

That the Moscow trials were a deliberate frameup and that Leon Trotsky and his son Leon Sedov were innocent of the vile charges made against them by Stalin was the verdict handed down by an International Commission of Inquiry headed by Professor John Dewey.

Dr. Dewey is the most outstanding American philosopher, father of the progressive educational movement, a long-standing friend of the Soviet Union and credited by Soviet authorities as the inspirer of its educational plans over a decade ago. Other famous thinkers and labor leaders of America and Europe joined with Dr. Dewey in a long and exhaustive investigation of the Moscow trials, beginning last April when they journeyed to Mexico, where Trotsky's testimony was taken and subjected to exhaustive interrogation. Since then the commission has devoted nine months to study of the official Soviet trial records and gathered much more documentary evidence from all parts of the world.

In a statement after the commission's verdict was handed down, Dr. Dewey said:
After referring to the continuing arrests and executions of Soviet officials and citizens, Dr. Dewey said:

"Still more shocking is the systematic use by the Communist parties throughout the world of the vicious 'Trotskyist-terrorist-Fascist' amalgamation as a means of destroying political opposition and even of justifying gross frame-ups and assassinations, as in the case of Andres Nin and others.

"Even in this country the Communist party and its labor and liberal sympathizers have used this strictly amoral tactic, indistinguishable from the tactic of fascism, to slander and persecute opposition, with a resulting confusion and disruption of the forces of economic and political progress which cannot be too strongly condemned.

"This is no strife of personalities or of political factions, which the American public can afford comfortably to ignore. It signifies the repudiation by a disciplined political organization, world-wide in scope and influence, of the principles of truth and justice upon which the foundations of civilization are laid. It signifies an extraordinary corruption of the idealistic heritage of the Russian Revolution. It signifies a danger against which our own people must guard themselves without illusion and without compromise."

Two important Soviet diplomats, fleeing from Stalin's ser-

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gusting and vile behavior was printed by the St. Paul boss press, which is completely at the beck and call of the Ward company.

The strike is definitely being felt in the mail order department. The normal output of this section dropped by almost 50% last Saturday—from \$30,000 daily to around \$17,000. This is explained by the union, Warehouse Employees Union Local No. 20297, as being due to the inefficiency of the scabs, and the boycott against the labor-hating Montgomery Ward company which is beginning to take effect in the Northwest.

Union Support
Last Friday night the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly made a first step towards backing the strike by passing unanimously a motion to donate \$100 to the strike and to send a speaker to the other unions' headquarters. A score of other unions have voted to endorse the strike, and, with many individuals, have made contributions to the strike fund.

Representatives of the Strike Committee of Twenty-Four have met with leaders of various farm organizations during the past few days, seeking help from that section for the strike commissary, and for purposes of publicizing the company's anti-labor stand.

Spirit High
Strike meetings continue to be held daily at 3:30 p. m. at the strike headquarters, 1609 University avenue. The spirit of the strikers is as firm as on the first day of the walkout, and they are determined to hold their ranks until the company agrees to recognize the union, and grant seniority and wage increases. Actions of company union vandals in slashing tires and stealing parts of autos belonging to pickets has only further steeled the young workers against surrender to the Ward management.

Scores of Ward Strike Bulletin on down-town St. Paul streets this week, receiving substantial contributions from those sympathetic to the struggle. A Tag Day will be held soon by Local 20297 for the strike.

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DRIVERS MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR 1938

(Continued from page 1)
The ballot will thus appear as follows:

- President**
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William S. Brown
Lee Gardner
- Vice-President**
Jack Smith, unopposed.
- Recording Secretary**
Grant Dunne, unopposed.
- Secretary-Treasurer**
Farrell Dobbs, unopposed.
- Trustees**
Unopposed

Carl Skoglund
Miles E. Dunne
Nick J. Wagner

Many members were nominated for the Election Board, including George Williams, Pete Anthony, Harold Beal, Jerry Johnson, P. W. Amo, Robert Bovey, Charles Quick, Sr., Rudy Novey, Donald Bain, Harold Haines, Steve Glaser, Vern Bennyhoff, Chris Moe, Fred Arduser, and Clarence Hamel. Of the 15 nominees, the following five were elected: Williams, Bennyhoff, Quick, Beal and Moe.

The election will be conducted by secret ballot at the Union Hall on Friday, January 7, and Saturday, Jan. 8, under the supervision of the above Election Board. The polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. for balloting on the above days. The Election Board will furnish absentee ballots for the convenience of members who cannot be present on the days designated for balloting. Only members in good standing will be permitted to vote.

The election results will be announced and the officers installed at the general membership meeting on Monday, Jan. 10.

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Yellow Notes

Someone said Jack Herman didn't drink. Evidence presented after last Saturday night says the contrary. The only thing he lacked was a funnel.

Slim Burnette returned to work after an extended vacation of about nine months.

By the time the next contract is signed, the committee and executive board will need medical care for an attack of contractitis.

The shop mechanics' new agreement is contingent upon the drivers' securing a suitable contract.

Only two weeks to Christmas. Still no business for the cab drivers. If weather conditions don't change soon to provide more hauls, donations of cans of pork and beans will be acceptable.

Or our drivers might raid the 544 Christmas Party for kiddies.

Bismarck is also organizing.

With Shovel and Tongs

To all Local 221 Members: The nominations for officers were held at the regular meeting on Tuesday. Elections will be held on Dec. 28. It behooves all members to be present and cast your votes. Here are the candidates nominated:

- For President: Joe Eberl, Lynn Erenfight.
- For Vice-President: Ed Arlandson, Tony Schullo.
- For Secretary-Treasurer: Ray Rainbolt.
- For Recording Secretary, Assistant Business Agent: Bruce Vincent, Walter Jones.
- For Trustee: Walter Busse.

The holdover members are A. P. Eberl and Sherman Oakes. Voting will be done by printed ballots.

Five election judges were appointed to oversee the election—Earl Dyke, Jack Keefe, Ted Busse, E. Brennan and Ray Green.

Local 221 also voted to give financial assistance to the Federal Workers Section to better conditions for relief clients. The apparatus of the F. W. S. is available to our members who may need it, now and in the future.

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Rough Cuts and Mike Measurements

Communist-CIO elements are supporting a labor policy for state departments which would not even encourage membership in unions. We thought the Farmer-Labor party favors unionism.

The boys at the Minneapolis Moline are rapidly changing their minds—indications are that they will want a real labor union to bargain for them when they vote in the NLRB election Dec. 22. The International Association of Machinists is that real union.

The "People's Press" is becoming less boastful. This is as it should be, since the splitters have nothing much to boast about.

Lodge 382 held a rousing meeting last Friday. Doesn't look much like it has been succeeded by anybody, the splitters notwithstanding.

With the splitters' North Side Motors fumbling incident out of the way, the auto mechanics are aligning with the I. A. of M. at an accelerated pace.

Business Agents Husman and Pease in conjunction with the shop committee opened negotiations with the Yellow Cab for renewal of agreement with improved conditions.

The brothers who were deceived by the splitters are bringing their CIO books to the offices of the I. A. of M. local lodges and receiving duplicate books in their union. Their numbers are increasing daily.

The men at Boyd's are 100 per cent with the I. A. of M., and Pomeroy's is almost 100 per cent.

Hansford Motor Co. is going A. F. of L.

Yeah, somebody might explain the clubbing off the job of the North Side Motors employees and how it came about that a prominent member of Lodge 283 was ganged, beaten, and had his eye kicked out. It did not stop Lodge 382, which is going strong, with members that actually pay dues.

The splitters of labor now have a new scandal sheet. They call it "The Industrial Unionist." Provided the "P. P." did not peter out entirely, we may now look forward to two laughs a week. The splitters are determined, though as their "glory" wanes they become even more jittery and desperate.

The association of so many demagogues, splitters, and liars, with the honest efforts of many sincere workers for industrial organization is seriously damaging the cause of industrial unionism. Maybe this is the end they seek.

The International Association of Machinists in one seven day period successfully negotiated 65 agreements in 18 cities of 13 states. Improved conditions and wage increases up to 20 per cent were reported, and only one walk-out of short duration was necessary.

The straw vote pulled the other day by the alleged CIO in the Central Shops of the Highway Department was strictly on the Literary Digest level. The I. A. of M. will continue as heretofore to represent its members.

Three carloads of CIO-made steel have been on a railway siding in Cincinnati getting rusty for three months. The Building Trades there don't like it.

A new kind of "Yellow Dog" contract was attempted by Mauser at the Minneapolis Moline. The I. A. of M. men said "No."

Some time ago a man came into the office of Lodge 382 and wanted the due stamps for which he said he had paid placed in his book. He was told that he was dropped for non-payment of dues. He then brought in receipts and other evidence to show that he had paid dues for a whole year to Hilliard Smith while Smith was functioning for the I. A. of M. Smith

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The Union Gallery 10.



RAY SAWYER

The staff artist having recovered from the flu, we resume the Gallery this week. R. Sawyer is finishing his first term as Secretary-Treasurer of Milk Drivers Local 471. His brother officers say Ray's delight is torturing them by changing stations every ten seconds on his car radio. But Mrs. Sawyer says Ray's hobby is attending union meetings. He has two children, a boy and a girl, and likes chicken at least six times a week.

With the Limousines

The next meeting is Dec. 21st. Let's have a big turnout.

We will nominate officers. All members that are paid up are eligible.

There's a couple of union members that are squawking about the union. Come down to the meetings and let us all hear about it, instead of telling it to the boys on the corner.

Remember—after Jan. 1 it will cost all new members \$25 to join. They can save \$10 if they come in this year.

The \$5 fine on all members 90 days in arrears also goes into effect Jan. 1. Watch out, boys.

Pick, Lake Electric Shops Unfair

The Electrical Workers Local 292 wishes to call to the attention of the members and sympathizers of the labor movement that the following shops are unfair to Local 292, and therefore not entitled to the patronage of union men and women: Pick Electric, at 215 East Lake St., and Lake Electric, at 1225 East Lake St. Both companies specialize in motor repairing.

Why is G. D.'s b. g. called Chickadee?
had turned over to the financial secretary of the lodge dues for only two months.

R. W. Bergstrom and wife drove through the picket line at Montgomery-Ward's even after being cautioned not to do so. Maybe he wanted to buy a noise maker of some kind.

The last monthly report of Vice President Brown of the International Association of Machinists shows that more than 3445 agreements have been negotiated by the I. A. of M. since the first of January, 1937. Most of these were with firms that had not previously recognized organized labor. The splitters try to tell the workers that the I. A. of M. is not a real labor union.

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C. P. Attempts to Capture Hotel, Restaurant Union

Stalinists Win 5 of 11 Posts; Possible that Elections Will Be Contested, Due to Mismarked Ballots in Voting

As the result of a campaign which was exceeded in its energy only by its hypocrisy, the Communist Party and its stooges have made a strong bid to control the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union Local No. 458, which held annual elections last Friday, December 10.

The opposition of the Stalinists to Leslie Sinton's leadership of Local 458 dates back to the fight waged by the trade union movement against Governor Benson's liquor dispensary bill, a legislative proposal which Benson's secretary has since confessed to be a colossal mistake. At that time, the Stalinists issued leaflets damning the Sinton and the Dumes for being reactionary because they opposed the liquor bill, the passage of which would have struck a blow at the union movement.

Under the guise of the "Square Deal Campaign Committee," the Stalinist clique called upon the members of Local 458 to "show your love of democracy" by backing the "Square Deal Slate." As the result of an intensive campaign, the "Dealers" were able to place five of their eleven candidates in office. Less than half of the 2,400 members of the union voted. Because a number of the ballots appeared to be mismarked, Sinton announced Tuesday that the possibility existed that the election will be contested.

There is some concern among the union membership that the Stalinists may seek to repeat their Machinists debacle, and split the union by taking a portion over to what is still called the CIO in these parts. The Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local, being strictly a public service union, has got to have the cooperation of the rest of the union movement. In Minneapolis, this of course means the AFL.

Those workers who were called into stringing along with the self-styled "Square Deal" candidates will quickly discover that the Stalinists, and those who stooge for them, are infinitely reactionary and irresponsible. Under Sinton's leadership, the Union has gained signed contracts with hundreds of restaurants and hotels, covering wages, hours and working conditions. The disruption which would prove inevitable should the Stalinists gain control of the union, would not better but would only worsen the conditions of employment for employees in this industry.

On the Route With the Milk Man

The regular yearly election of all officers for Local 471 will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Balloting will take place from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. in the main floor hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

T. Ammerman and R. Sawyer have just returned from a 1,600 mile swing through the Middle West, visiting Peoria, Chicago, Lansing, Mich., and Madison, Wis. They investigated the functioning of the 8 o'clock delivery in Peoria and Madison, contacting union officials, members, employers, etc.

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I wonder if you ever thought
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To spend with family dear of mine.

Although I find it hard to pen,
I'd like to live like other men,
And sleep at night, and work by day,
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The Warehouse boys got hot Monday night and took three in a row from the league-leading cabbies. Hedin's good bowling led the Ice Drivers to a triple-win over the Consolidated, which makes 12 straight wins for the Icemen. Richardson led the T. J. C. in taking two games from the Meat Drivers. The Soft Drinks took a pair from the Phillips Liquor. Bill Sinnott is finally beginning to control the hook with his new ball. So watch it, boys.

The week's standings:

Team	Won	Lost	Ave.
Local 125	23	10	.833
Phillips	22	11	.826
Meat Drivers	21	12	.826
Ice Drivers	18	15	.815
Local 20316	15	18	.806
Soft Drinks	13	20	.775
T. J. C.	11	22	.765
Consolidated	9	24	.774

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Boss Admits Union Strength
"With the proposed wage of not less than 55c an hour for a maximum work week of 54 hours, it is going to be difficult enough, at best, to prevail upon helpers to stay out of the union, even though our proposal is adopted. If it isn't adopted, what chance has a creamery to keep out a helper who is getting from \$50 to \$65 per month for working 60 hours or more per week when he could get nearly \$30 for a maximum of 54 hours per week by joining the union?"

In one breath, this employer thus warns his fellow employees against the unionization campaign—proposes wage raises to discourage organization work among the employees—bemoans the fact that the bosses have a hard job ahead—and admits that a worker can triple his wages by waging a united fight for higher pay.

STATE MILK PRODUCERS FEAR UNION

(Continued from page 1)
The Operators and Managers' Association, announced that he will call upon all members of his own organization and officials of the three owners groups (Land o' Lakes, Minnesota Association of Local Creameries, Northwest Creamery Association) to take immediate action to secure general acceptance of the operators' minimum scale and the proposed standard for creamery helpers.

It is obvious that no farther delays can be permitted if unionization of creamery employees is to be prevented, Mr. Houske stated.

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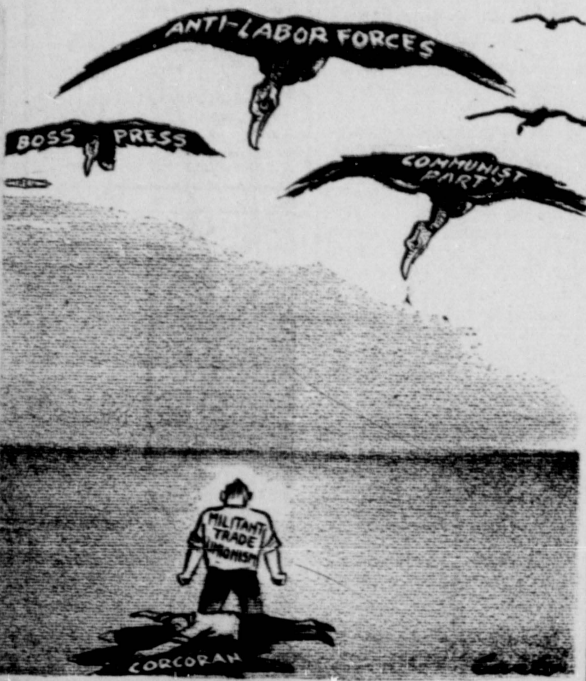
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
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VULTURES



BAKERY BLAB

The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council is composed of the Executive Boards of all driving crafts in Minneapolis, nine all told. As there are 63 members on the Council, the Council, of which our Local is a member, has the final say in all major questions in regards to driving unions in the city. All contracts must be presented to this body before presentation to the employers. So, instead of having only 650 members behind us, we have over 11,000. You can begin to see why it is so important for us to be allied with the Council.

Thumbnail sketch of Miles (Mickey) Dunne: Born on a farm near Little Falls 42 years ago. Moved to Minneapolis and attended the Holy Rosary School. Graduated from South High. After knocking around for several years in various jobs, mostly driving, he finally fit in the coal industry, together with his brother Grant, Karl Skoglund, Harry DeBoer, and Farrell Dobbs. Here is where the truck drivers union started. Working on the job all day, and organizing 'til all hours of the night, they finally had a small organization strong enough to pull the coal strike in February, 1934, which was won and laid the basis for the great strikes of May and July, which we all remember. Through all this, Mickey played a leading role, and was never swayed from his purpose of making Minneapolis from a notorious scab town into the best union city in America. Today Miles is secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Joint Council—he is a forceful speaker, an able negotiator, with a wealth of knowledge on labor problems and economics. One of the very best men we could get for this very important post.

VERY IMPORTANT
Bakery Drivers Local 289
General Membership Meeting
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29
Instead of Thursday, Dec. 23

Hushabye
The "CIO" mass meeting last Sunday put you right to sleep.

UNEMPLOYED VETERANS DISCUSS RELIEF

A large conference of approximately 300 veterans met in the Minneapolis Armory last Sunday to discuss the relief problems of veterans, and lay plans to centralize the efforts of the various veterans organizations towards assisting those members on relief and WPA.

Representatives from various veterans groups spoke, many of them being employees of the city relief department. Ralph Swan, chairman of the meeting, stated there were about 4,000 veterans now on relief and relief work in Minneapolis.

Among those speaking were John McCarty of the American Legion; Tom Grady; Tony Orlicki of the National Veterans Assn.; Arthur Russell; Andrew Hawkins, a Spanish War veteran; William Cooper; Frank Howard; Joe Anderson, etc. Robert Hutchinson, a state representative of the employment office, talked of the life expectancy of the veteran, urging all men to try for the Civil Service exams. He asked all veterans to register at the W. S. E. S. Employment, so that a picture of the situation may be had, and a solution reached.

R. N. Borgen advocated placing petitions in city relief offices for signatures of veterans on direct relief. One old veteran attacked George Leach, but was advised by the chair against levying criticism at individual politicians or comrades.

A representative of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 offered the veterans the use of the auditorium at 257 Plymouth avenue for meetings at any time. The Federal Workers Section is supporting this attempt of the veterans to solve their relief problems, and has announced it will seek to gather information and will aid in all possible ways this work.

Various veteran organizations joined together to take care of the expenses of the meeting. It was announced that no persons were authorized to solicit funds. Though no positive programs were outlined at the Sunday meeting, it was felt that those veterans attending received helpful information as to their rights, plus an understanding of the problems that must be attacked if the veteran is to receive the decent relief standards to which he is entitled.

Watt Notes

Hold Everything! What For? The Electrical Workers Ball Where? East Side Eagles Hall When? Saturday night, February 5th, 1938
Bigger and better than ever Two floors—Two orchestras One floor for old time music and dancing
Other floor for modern music and dancing
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Fun for all.

Brother Robert Caldwell of the inside section was married Saturday, November 20. Congratulations to the groom—condolences to the bride. Another member for the Auxiliary, Bob?

St. Cloud inside wiremen are clamoring for organization.

Coon Rapids adjustments were on the November 20th pay check.

We are sorry to report that Brother William Specht of the meter readers is ill at his home (80 Spruce Place). Bill may be laid up for some time. Let's go out and visit our sick brother, boys. He would appreciate it we know.

The members of Local 292 extend their most sincere sympathy to Brother Erwin Jans and family whose mother passed away and was buried at Maple Lake cemetery Monday, December 13.

Address all news items to WATT NOTE COLUMN, 2nd floor, 257 Plymouth avenue, c/o Electrical Workers Union No. 292.

This column last week reported the annual dance to be held at the Auditorium. We were wrong—the dance notice of this week is correct. Excuse please.

The Rest Are Union
There are 207 millionaires in Minnesota—429 persons worth between \$500,000 and a million—\$37 worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000—1,964 worth between \$100,000 and \$250,000—9,241 worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000—and 28,513 worth between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

Glen Lake Workers Face Organizational Problems

Sanatorium Employees Turn Mass Meeting into Union Rally; Pass Resolutions Demanding Statement of Finances

Resuming its series of sketches on local unions, the Northwest Organizer in this issue presents to readers the interesting story of unionization among the employees of the Glen Lake Sanatorium, and the particular problems facing their organization—Chapter 5, Local 9 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

This Chapter, scarcely a year old, in now conducting a vigorous fight against unfair wage conditions. Although the sanatorium has conceded a minimum net cash wage (above maintenance) of \$40 monthly for women employees and \$45 for men, effective January 1, 1938, this amount is still less than the scale for similar institutions in this and other communities. For instance, the minimum at the County Farm in Hopkins is \$50.

Sanatorium workers are at present charged \$45 per month for maintenance (board, room, laundry), although the sanatorium's own figures show the actual cost to be only slightly more than \$25 per month per employee. The union contends that a maintenance rate of \$30 monthly would be more than just. As it is, a worker receiving \$45 in cash each month is on the books for \$90 (\$45 cash, \$45 maintenance).

Nor has he the option of living outside the "san" and receiving his full salary in cash. Married couples maintaining a home must also pay for maintenance although not even using sanatorium facilities. Some few employees living outside have been granted \$15 of the maintenance money in lieu of their room, but even this has been refused in many instances. On January 1, these workers will be granted \$20 instead of \$15, and the rest will receive a \$5 increase on the books.

From the original book salary, all workers must arbitrarily submit to a 3 1/2 percent deduction for the Public Service Employees Retirement Fund, but, say the "san" employees, "We will never see a red cent of it in cash."

Residents of the nurses' home are charged \$5 more monthly than the rest. Eight dollars monthly is charged against maintenance costs to retire the cost of the buildings, although these buildings were constructed by bond issues and not charged against the sanatorium.

About Appropriations
The governing body of the sanatorium is a Commission, consisting of E. C. Gale, chairman; Dr. F. E. Harrington; and J. R. Kingman. Dr. E. S. Marriette (married to Chairman Gale's niece), superintendent of the sanatorium, is Secretary of the Commission.

A budget is drawn up annually with the estimated cost of each department, and presented to the County Commissioners. When approved by the latter, the amount appropriated is turned over to the Sanatorium Commission and the fun begins. Under existing Sanatorium Commission laws, the County Commissioners have absolutely no say as to how the appropriated sum shall be spent. It is strictly a general fund, and is allocated to suit the whims of the Sanatorium Commission.

Thus the Commission may present a comparatively modest total budget for so great an institution, and at the same time take care of a number of fat salaries for the chosen few. The fat checks are paid out of the excess from the workers' maintenance fund. The Superintendent, for instance, receives \$6,000 yearly, has a \$20,000 home, all furnished and provided by the taxpayers, and receives his groceries and supplies at the sanatorium storeroom. All of this income, of course, is tax exempt. Other lesser people receive proportionate incomes. The place is over-run with department heads, sub-heads, and pin-heads, the duties of some being still a bit of a mystery after many, many years of observation. Through a trick law passed a few years ago, the sanatorium is happily exempted from furnishing a detailed financial statement to the legal newspapers of the county, or furnishing the public with a detailed report of expenditures.

Dares Union
Last spring, Chapter 6 presented a list of requests to the sanatorium administration and the Sanatorium Commission. Conferences were held, compromises were reached. An item of about \$70,000 was included in the budget for wage increases—and then the Union was virtually DARED to go out and TRY to get the increases.

At the joint budget meeting of the Chapter 6, Local 9 of the Am-

the Sanatorium Commission and the County Commissioners, held late in July, the Union was represented and aired the grievances of the workers. The County Commissioners granted the budget on the basis of the 1937 budget PLUS the request for salary increases in 1938, MINUS the cost of the out-patient department. (This department duplicates the work performed by the City T. B. Clinic at Lymanhurst and by the University hospital Out-Patient Department. The County Commissioners and Dr. Harrington recommended that this department be combined with Lymanhurst, to cut expenses). The County Commission lacks the authority to compel the Sanatorium Commission to follow its recommendations.

Naughty Marriette
On Friday, December 3, Dr. Marriette called a mass meeting of all employees, at which time he announced the allocation of the budget. This was an innovation. At this meeting, he passed the buck to the County Commissioners for not granting all requested increases. He announced a \$5 raise for the nurses (who were not then organized), established a minimum wage scale which will mean increases for a few of the newer employees, and announced that the \$15 room allowance would be increased to \$20.

He then went into a tirade against the Union, especially its leadership, and pulled the one about "Had you cooperated, you would have received more."

A union official hurled back the charges of the Superintendent, bringing up the question of the maintenance allowance, and the little matter of the \$3,000 appropriated by the County Board for an audit of the sanatorium books. Dr. Marriette answered that no matter what the audit showed the actual maintenance cost to be, it was just too bad, there wasn't any more money for increases. His salary didn't rise or fall this year, and that was that.

Fortunately, County Commissioner I. G. Scott was present. He made a stirring address, urged the employees on to complete organization, and promised his cooperation. The meeting was turned into an enthusiastic rally, and the message of unionism was for the first time brought to workers whom intimidation had kept from other union meetings.

That is how the Union stands today. It is determined that legislation shall be enacted at the coming session of the legislature to correct the laws that make possible present oppressive conditions. The Union is steadily growing in membership and union enthusiasm is running high. On Thursday, December 9, a special nurses' meeting was held, and a large number of the very nurses who had been rewarded for not joining the union became members. Chapter 6, Local 9, asks the support of organized labor in its fight for a decent living for those who toil at the Glen Lake Sanatorium.

The Union today is fighting for a number of progressive demands, including a maintenance figure at cost, and relief of overcrowded quarters; a uniform wage scale for same work and establishment of a minimum wage scale with automatic increases; the 5-day, 40-hour week; adequate medical care for all employees; seniority rights; civil service protection for all county employees; compensation for occupational diseases (if you lose a finger in a factory, you are compensated—if you contract tuberculosis in Glen Lake Sanatorium, you aren't), etc.

Following is a resolution passed by the Chapter at its last meeting, calling for the annual publication of a complete financial statement of the Glen Lake Sanatorium:

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Hennepin County furnish funds for the maintenance of Glen Lake Sanatorium, and
WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Sanatorium Commission and the Administration of Glen Lake Sanatorium formerly published in the legal newspapers of the County an itemized statement of all monies and disbursements and
WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Sanatorium Commission and the Glen Lake Sanatorium Administration have of recent years refused to furnish to the authorized newspapers of the county such an itemized statement, and
WHEREAS, the citizens of the County have no other readily accessible means of obtaining this information regarding the monies and expenses of the Sanatorium.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
FIRST, That we, members of

Local 664 to Vote Friday

Having held its nominations, the City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will ballot Friday night, December, for officers for the coming year.

Nominees for the post of President are: Ray J. Heivig, Roland Prindle.

For Vice-president: Harold H. Seavey, Claire Fairley.

For Secretary-treasurer: William Holter, Frank Mohs.

For Recording Secretary: Harold E. Nelson, Lambert Kirk.

For Trustee (three year term): Frank Dahlman, William Lundberg.

For Sergeant-at-arms: Edwin Vogel, Edward Belland, Lawrence Erickson.

For delegates to the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Central Committee (vote for three): Harold H. Seavey, Roland Prindle, Fred Seifred, Clifford Freeman, Raymond Lanigan.

For delegates to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union (vote for five): Lawrence Bushey, Harold H. Seavey, Roland Prindle, Francis Doyle, Harold E. Nelson, Edward Belland.

Lodge 382 to Hold Dance Jan. 8

Because the second regular meeting date of Lodge 382, I. A. of M., falls on Christmas Eve, the second meeting for December will be held on Wednesday, December 29, at 501 East Hennepin Ave., at the usual hour.

Have your Christmas packages delivered by Union drivers.

erican Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees in regular meeting assembled this sixth day of December 1937, do demand in the interest of the Hennepin County taxpayers that the Hennepin County Sanatorium Commission and the Glen Lake Sanatorium Administration resume the annual publication of a complete and accurate financial statement in the legal papers of the County and,

SECOND. Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Hennepin County Review, the Northwest Organizer, the Minneapolis Labor Review, to Dr. E. S. Marriette, superintendent of Glen Lake Sanatorium, to Mr. Walter Lundahl, business manager of Glen Lake Sanatorium, and to the Hennepin County Sanatorium Commission.

Notes from Minot

Local 74 had a party Saturday night—Dutch lunch and beer. Some of the couples even got warmed up dancing a few times. I reckon we oughta have another soon, and all turn out.

There's going to be a hot time Dec. 22—let's all be there. If your choices for officers don't get elected, blame only yourselves. Let's not vote for the best politicians, but for the best man for the office, whether or not he's a friend of yours.

With a sad heart we try to express our sympathy for the family of Patrick Corcoran, taken from them so suddenly and brutally. And away from us, for he was so well thought of by all who ever heard him. So that his spirit may not die, let us all resolve to work harder, and with more cooperation, for the objects Pat had in mind.

Independent Truck Chatter

With the coming of snow and cold the dump truck business gets plently sick. November was a boom with very few unemployed. Now, however, the No. "2" club is well crowded every morning.

All the headaches caused by activities during the WPA boom are due for a return if additional contracts are issued as proposed. Working time is thin enough without being spread any more.

After breaking the center pin on the shovel, Ves Phillipi shut down for good this winter.

Webber was somewhat of a (dis)interested spectator on the Phillipi payroll last week. And then there was the time when Blackie's pal parks on his foot. Red tells that one. But that doesn't tie the time Red ran over himself. Can't beat a five inch lift in frost chunks. All kinds of parts sold. Even Mack's (sh!) How many trucks did Quinlan hire the other afternoon?

The girl Montgomery-Ward pickets are plenty militant.

Drivers in Dickinson, North Dakota, have applied for a charter.

CIO-AFL Vote in Oregon; Cops Protect Ford; CIO Lays Off 200 Organizers

From Washington came news a few days ago that the CIO has given notice to about 200 organizers 'hat they would be laid off because of the business recession. Last May the CIO staff reached its peak, with 652 operators on the rolls. CIO officials admitted that dues payment have fallen off lately. The industries said to have been hit hardest are steel, automobile and rubber. This jibes with the unemployment figures, which have grown most rapidly in recent weeks in the mass production industries.

It was understood that the 200 organizers will be taken for the most part from the wood workers, shipyard workers, oil workers, marine workers, government employees, retail clerks, packing-house workers, furniture workers and shoe workers.

For more than four months the lumber industry in Oregon has been tied up in a jurisdictional battle between the CIO and the A. F. of L. Many mills have been closed entirely, others picketed by one side or the other. Last week Governor Martin, anti-New Dealer, ordered a test election among the workers in the Inman-Poulson mill to determine which faction shall represent the workers of that mill. Balloting was carried on in the City Hall, in Portland under the supervision of state police. No disturbances were reported. According to the New York Times, the majority of the voters were CIO buttons, but A. F. of L. officials expressed the belief that, as the voting was by secret ballot, the A. F. of L. would stand a much better showing than was outwardly indicated.

Many of the other large lumber concerns in Portland and throughout Oregon are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the vote. It is thought that should "the governor's coup" work, they too will demand an election among their employees, despite the fact that the NLRB has stated that they will refuse to honor the outcome of the Thursday vote.

NLRB Opposition
Governor Martin and the mayor of Portland are both opposing the National Labor Relations Act, and desirous of its repeal. Since the beginning of the controversy, much bitterness has developed between the Oregon state government and the NLRB. The government charges that not only has the NLRB failed to settle the controversy, but the officials in Portland have actually complicated the situation. Basis for this accusation

is the decision by the NLRB about two months ago that the CIO Lumber Workers Union should have jurisdiction over the lumber workers of Oregon. This decision was arrived at without the benefit of an election among the effected workers, but by a perusal of the payrolls of the various companies and by affidavits.

Cops Protect Ford
In Kansas City, where a strike against the Ford Motor Company plant, has been called by the United Auto workers, forty-nine pickets have been arrested by police. The first day of the strike, December 10, saw only that many men reporting for picket duty. This scarcity was explained by union leaders as a result of the strike being called after the day shift and already reported for work. They expected more than three hundred by December 11. One hundred and fifty police stood guard the first morning of the strike while (according to the newspaper) more than two hundred cars full of workers were escorted into the plant. The strike was called because of discrimination against union workers in recalling employees after the usual summer layoff. Harry Bennett, personnel director for the Ford Company, said the plant would open Monday as usual, despite the strike.

This strike was originally called for Monday, December 13, but two events precipitated it at a much earlier date. The home of the financial secretary of the local union was shot at, and an attempt was made to run down (by automobile) the president of the Ladies Auxiliary. This revelation was made by Jack Swift, international union representative in Kansas City.

Long Beach Ford Strike
Richard Frankensteen, assistant president of the UAW, said that the international union was backing the Kansas City strike to the limit. He further stated that there is likelihood of another strike at the Long Beach, California plant of the Ford Motor Company. The workers have already voted unanimously to strike. He also said that unless discrimination by the company is stopped, all feeder plants will be struck, thus closing the Dearborn plant.

Company Trick
Six employees of the B. T. M., New York's largest sub-way system, sought an injunction against the company, to stop the B. T. M. from discharging them, because of

their refusal to join the union. The Transport Workers Union has a closed shop contract with the sub-way company. Judge Mitchell May, supreme court justice for the Appellate division of Brooklyn, denied them the injunction, but left the way open for the men to appeal to higher courts. They are protected from dismissal until they have appealed to the Circuit court.

Transport Workers Win
The Transport Workers Union, a CIO affiliate, won a technical victory the other day when the Board of Transportation consented to send a representative to the NLRB hearing on whether or not the TWU shall be named sole bargaining agent for the Independent Sub-way System. Hitherto the Board of Transportation has refused two invitations to arbitrate the matter. The Board of Transportation has contended that it was not subject to jurisdiction by the NLRB.

Speaking before the National Educational Conference of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, President William Green scored the CIO as "having made wounds in labor which can never be healed." He warned of further controversies, more extensive labor battles, unless settlement is reached quickly. He said the CIO's counter-proposal at the Washington conferences was for the admission of the CIO, under the A. F. of L. banner, as a dual organization. This he would never be done. He ended his speech by saying "We will never agree to such a proposal. We are not going to let anyone bring this labor war into our own house. It is better this way. At least we know who our enemies are." Conferences between A. F. of L. and CIO representatives are scheduled to be resumed the middle of next week.

382 Signs With Northwestern Metal

Business Agent Pease and Grand Lodge Representative Heath announced the signing of a closed shop agreement with the Northwestern Metal Manufacturing Co., specifying hours of work, wages, etc., and providing for paid vacations.

They Would
You noticed who the scab-herd Mecklenberg sided with in the Corcoran affair, yes,

This column last week reported the annual dance to be held at the Auditorium. We were wrong—the dance notice of this week is correct. Excuse please.

The Rest Are Union
There are 207 millionaires in Minnesota—429 persons worth between \$500,000 and a million—\$37 worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000—1,964 worth between \$100,000 and \$250,000—9,241 worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000—and 28,513 worth between \$5,000 and \$50,000.