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## NCDDC Members from Five States to Meet Next Week

### Winter Quarterly Meeting of Council to Take Up Elections, Finances, Wage Scale

Drivers' Union representatives from five states will attend the North Central District Drivers Council winter quarterly meeting, to be held Saturday and Sunday, January 8 and 9, at the headquarters of the St. Paul General Drivers Local 120, 347 University Avenue.

Convening at 1 p. m. Saturday afternoon, the Council will get down to work on the many important tasks coming before it for the first quarterly meeting of the new year. Among items on the agenda are: election of officers; revamping of methods to finance Council work; creation of a Joint Wage Scale Committee; adoption of a broad program of organization adequate to meet the new demands being made upon the Council, etc.

Seventy-nine delegates, representing 26 unions with 17,000 members, attended the fall Council meeting, held in Hibbing on September 18 and 19. It is expected that attendance at the January meeting will be even larger, representing the substantial organizational work accomplished by the NCDDC in recent months.

The seven members constituting the Executive Board of each union act as delegates to Council meetings, with alternates permitted when board members are prevented from attending.

### Progress Pictured

A picture of the development of unionism among the drivers of the Northwest past can be pieced together from Council news which has appeared in recent issues of the Northwest Organizer: "Winona Drivers Win Nine-day Truck Strike"—"Sioux Falls Requests Two NCDDC Representatives"—"Watertown Drivers Win Election"—"Whirlwind Fink Drive Hits Minneapolis Market"—"Hutchinson Drivers Receive Charter"—"Corcoran Speaks to Fargo Strikers"—"Superior Coal Strikers Union Contract"—"Aberdeen Union Leader Receives Back Pay"—"Drivers in Sioux Falls Organized 100%"—"Mason City, Albert City, Start Joint Drive"—"Fargo Transfer Workers Win Three Weeks' Strike"—"Grand Forks Signs Up Eleven Firms"—"544 Coal Drivers Sign 1938 Agreement"—"Mason City Drivers Win Four-Day Strike", etc.

Pride in the achievements of the Council will mingle in the hearts of all delegates with bottomless sorrow over the fact that an assassin's bullet has robbed the organization of its chairman, Patrick Corcoran.

## \$10,000,000 Spent For Labor Spying

Washington, D. C.—Over 2,500 large corporations in the United States spent \$10,000,000 for the hire of labor spies and the purchase of firearms, ammunition and teargas equipment during the past three-year period, the LaFollette civil liberties committee reported last week to the Senate.

## 544 Members to the Polls January 8, 9 to Elect Officers

Balloting for officers of General Drivers Local 544 for the coming year will take place at the Union Headquarters from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7 and 8. The only qualifications for voting is that a brother must be in good standing. Those members who cannot appear at the polls on the specified days for voting may cast an absentee ballot.

The Drivers movement in Minneapolis is under fire from the enemies of labor. The members have already given their blunt answer to the slanderous charges by nominating unopposed, with one exception, their present leaders. It is important that the membership "clinch" their demonstration of trust in the union by turning out in the overwhelming majority to vote on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7 and 8.

Each member, if he has not already done so, should place himself in good standing so that he may participate in the election. All job stewards must do their part to see that the membership is made familiar with the importance of voting. All members should plan now to arrange to come to the union hall to vote on either Friday or Saturday—and, if they are unable to come, to ask for an absentee ballot.

Every last member of the General Drivers Union Local 544—out to the polls on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9.

## NCDDC PUTS UP BAIL FOR FARGO PICKETS

### Boss Prosecutor, Sheriff Use Every Means to Stop Release of Pickets

Fargo—A bail bond of \$1,000, provided by the North Central District Drivers Council, secured the liberation last Saturday of Bill Cruden and Hansen, jailed for their activities in the strike of Bakery Workers now going on in Fargo and Moorhead.

Frenzied attempts by the bosses' agents to prevent the pickets from being released included some downright lying by prosecutor Jim Garrity, among other things.

Garrity told the union representatives that the court would not accept cash bail, but that we would have to deposit the money in a bank and get a bank bond. Contacting the bank, we found that pressure from the employers was so great that the bank would give no bonds under any circumstance.

Against the wishes of Garrity, we called Judge Wilson, who informed us he could not understand why Garrity said the court could not accept cash bail; Minnesota statutes provided that it was permissible for the court to accept cash, and he being the judge, he would accept the cash.

The next monkey-wrench was thrown into the machinery when we presented a cashier's check to Sheriff Brown. He called Garrity and was told not to accept the check as we might stop payment on it. The "little" detail that the check was a cashier's check didn't stop Garrity pulling this stuff. Finally we got the check cashed and released the boys.

## Ice, Coal Drivers Elect Officers For 1938

Lyn Earenflight, Ed Arlandson, Ray Rainbolt, Bruce Vincent, and Walter Busse were elected as officers of Ice and Coal Drivers Local 221, at the annual election on December 28.

Ray Rainbolt, elected Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent, and Walter Busse, trustee, ran without opposing candidates. The results of the election, as certified by the Election Committee, of which Earl Dyke was chairman, and J. M. Keefe, E. Brennan, Ted Busse, and Ray Green were members, follows:

- President  
Lyn Earenflight, 76.  
Joe Eberl, 31.
- Vice-President  
Ed Arlandson, 90.  
Tony Schullo, 17.
- Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent  
Ray Rainbolt, unopposed.
- Recording Secretary and Assistant Business Agent  
Bruce Vincent, 79.  
Walter Jones, 28.
- Trustee for Three Years  
Walter Busse, unopposed.

## DRIVERS WARN AGAINST FAKE SOLICITORS

A warning to the public against solicitors who carry fake credentials and who say they are sent by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, was issued today by Miles Dunne, Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the Council.

"We have been informed that various people have been approached for funds by persons claiming to represent the Teamsters Joint Council. We have issued no credentials to anyone for any project involving collection of funds. The public is asked to be on the lookout for such fakers, and to turn them over to the police."

## Local 664 to Consider Park Board Proposal

A special meeting of City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will be held Thursday evening, December 30, to consider the acceptance or rejection of the proposal made to the union a week ago by the board of park commissioners. The board's proposal, while providing for an upward adjustment of wages, it not entirely satisfactory to the union, according to Harold Seavey, business agent, who has represented Local 664 in the long series of negotiations over pay for park board employees.

In most classifications, the board's proposed schedule is \$5 month under the union demand. Truck drivers now receiving \$125-\$132 monthly would get \$135 under the board's plan. Sweeper operators would be raised from \$125 to \$155; tractor operators, from \$132 to \$175; assistant foremen, from \$144 to \$150; park keepers from \$125 to \$135, etc.; special laborers, from \$125 to \$130; laborers, from \$121 to \$125; and temporary laborers, from \$5.50 to \$6.

While the board's offer is less than the union's demand, it is true that the increases represent an opening wage by which members of City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 could eventually achieve the wage levels to which their classifications of jobs entitle them.

Officers of Local 664 for the coming year, elected December 17, will be sworn in at the first meeting in January, on Friday, January 7.

## Omaha Drivers Elect Officers

Omaha, Neb.—Truck Drivers Union Local 554, by an overwhelming majority, elected the entire slate of progressive nominees to office on Sunday, December 12, at Dome Hall. The five officers of the local average 15 years of service behind the wheel, and 900,000 miles driven. Walter (Shorty) Stultz is the

## Mrs. Bell Swears "Bell" Affidavit is A Frameup, Bell is Not Responsible

### M-W BOSSES MEET UNIONS IN STRIKE PARLEY

#### Representatives from Local, State and National Labor Groups Present at Conference

The first of a series of meetings between the Montgomery-Ward management and a committee consisting of representatives from the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, the State Federation of Labor, the American Federation of Labor, and the St. Paul Building Trades Council was held Tuesday afternoon, to discuss settlement of the Ward strike which is now going into its fourth week.

The committee of representatives of the union movement stepped into the picture last week following a meeting between the Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297 and the Executive Board of the St. Paul Building Trades Council.

Little change in the progress of the strike has occurred during the past few days. The first of 21 pickets arrested at the Ward plant went on trial Monday before Judge Finehout. Wilbert Houchin and Lucille Courtney were tried on Monday, and a decision on their case will be forthcoming shortly. Other trials are scheduled daily. The union is maintaining its picket lines and has not wavered in its determination to achieve a settlement which will protect its members and lay the groundwork for the unionization of the Ward plant.

On Monday night, Local 20297 elected officers for the coming year. The following were chosen: T. Wolfe, president; G. Door, vice-president; Ed Koschick, recording sec.; Don Casseday, secretary-treasurer; Frank Duprey, business agent; Wayne Wilhelm, Lela Smith, and Robert Hawkins, trustees; Bernard Simmer, organizer; Frank Smith, Simmer, Ethel Carlson, and Charles Scheer, delegates to the Trades and Labor Assembly.

new president of the union. Business agents are Tommy Smith and Francis Eastlack; secretary-treasurer, Walter Luengenberg; Izzy Kosowsky, vice-president; Earl Carpenter, recording secretary; M. Love, trustee.

The new board has already tightened up the organization, arranged for weekly meetings, and drawn up a program of organization to bring all unorganized drivers in the city into the union.

### 544 STARTS LIBEL SUIT VS. DAILY WORKER

By decision of the Executive Board of General Drivers Local 544, Albert Goldman, noted labor lawyer of Chicago, was instructed to file a libel suit against the national Stalinist organ, the Daily Worker. Suit is to be filed in the names of Vincent, Miles and Grant Dunne, Farrell Dobbs, Bill Brown, and Local 544. The libel suit is based on the anti-Corcoran edition of the Daily Worker and on preceding material of the same stripe. Thus the Stalinists will get the chance to present their "information" to a court—and pay the price for their filthy slanders.

## Casket Workers Reject Bosses' Working Pact

By unanimous vote, the workers employed in the casket factories of Minneapolis rejected the proposed working agreement presented by the bosses to the casket section of Furniture Workers Local 1859. The vote followed discussion from the floor, at the casket section meeting Tuesday night.

The bosses had proposed an open shop, department seniority, probationary period of ninety days for new workers, wages during probation of 35 cents per hour for women and 45 cents per hour for men, and continuance for the coming year of last year's wage scale. The bosses also wanted a four-month peak period during which the workers would work 48 hours per week, with time and a third for overtime over that period.

During the negotiations, the bosses told union representatives that if the union were "run right," the workers would now be taking a ten per cent cut in wages because of the drop in business. What the bosses meant, of course, was that if the workers didn't have a union, they would now be getting a ten per cent cut.

The union stands pat on its original demands: closed shop, strict seniority covering the whole plant, 60 cent minimum in the lowest classifications and minimums up to 90 cents per hour in other classifications.

No new developments turned up this week in the Clark Woodware Company situation. The union committee has full power to take whatever steps are necessary to win the demands of the union. Last year Clark swore he would move out of town; this year he talks of liquidating the business.

## Husband Away a Month When Supposed Events Occurred in Minneapolis—War Wounds Made Bell Irresponsible

Charges that Minneapolis labor leaders joined with West Coast labor officials to plot the murder of Harry Bridges were blown to pieces by an affidavit, sworn to December 24, by Mrs. Robert J. Bell, wife of the man previously alleged to have been hired to kill Bridges.

Like a boomerang, the charges, upon analysis, reveal that the Stalinist gang, with which Bridges is associated, deliberately cooked up the charges in order to frame up progressive labor leaders who have been opposing the Stalinists. The text of Mrs. Bell's affidavit follows in full: "State of Minnesota) ss. County of Hennepin)

"ELIZABETH MARY BELL, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that I am 44 years of age and reside at 2715 McKinley Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"That I am the wife of Robert J. Bell and have been for nine years.

"That I have read the alleged affidavit dated November 17, 1937 from Seattle, Washington supposedly signed by my husband, and made public in Minneapolis by George Cole, regional director of the CIO.

"That I can state, as a matter of personal knowledge, that the alleged facts contained in that affidavit concerning events in Minneapolis, are deliberate lies.

"That the following itemized statements contained in that affidavit are refuted by facts known personally to me and to others:

"1. The affidavit alleges that one 'Bob' Honn came to our home on the 27th day of September. "The fact is that the said 'Bob' Honn has never been in our home either on that day or on any other day.

"2. The affidavit alleges that the said Bob Honn on the 27th day of September 1937 saw my husband at our home.

"The fact is that on that day my husband had been away from Minneapolis for almost a full month.

"The fact is that my husband left Minneapolis on Sunday evening August 29th and did not again return to Minneapolis until one week ago. It was, therefore, physically impossible for Bob Honn to have seen my husband at our home on the alleged date or on any other date after the 29th of August 1937.

"3. The affidavit alleges that on the 28th day of September 1937 my husband called at the offices of Meyer Lewis.

"The fact is that it was physically impossible for my husband to have seen Meyer Lewis at that date for the reasons stated above.

"4. The affidavit alleges that Meyer Lewis on the 28th day of September 1937 gave my husband a check in the amount of \$1,000 and that my husband, after cashing this check, gave \$600 of that amount to me.

### Never Received Money

"The fact is that I never received that amount from my husband or any amount at that time. The taxes due upon our home for the payment of which the alleged amount was turned over to me, remain unpaid. It is a matter of general knowledge among my friends that throughout the period since August 29, 1937, when my husband left the city, I have been completely destitute and have had to depend upon the aid and relief which my friends could furnish and arrange for me. Any one has only to look at the condition of poverty of my home to be convinced of the fact that I have had no funds for a long period of time.

"5. The affidavit alleges that my husband received considerable sums of money during the period from September 28th, 1937, until the 13th day of November, 1937. "On numerous other occasions when my husband could not secure employment in Minneapolis,

he left to seek employment elsewhere and at such times he has sent me a considerable portion of such earnings as he has made in his absence.

"The fact is that during the entire period of his absence since August 29th I received from him only a total of \$17.00, which is sufficient indication of the fact that he could not have received the sums claimed in the alleged affidavit.

"That in addition to the demonstrably false statements made in the alleged affidavit the following facts are pertinent to refuting the alleged affidavit:

### Bell Irresponsible

"1. As a soldier in the Canadian army, my husband received terrible and permanent head wounds. A part of his skull had to be removed, in place of which he wears a metal plate. This condition requires extensive and continuous medical treatment. He spent long periods of time after the war in hospital.

"During the past nine years, he has been regularly subject to terrible head pains, during which he commits irresponsible acts and makes statements which he normally knows to be untrue. At such times he is delirious and in no way accountable for his actions.

"2. This head condition was considerably aggravated by the bullet wound which my husband received when he and other pickets were shot down during the July-August 1934 strike. The bullet struck him close to the war wound on his skull. After that the head pains and the resultant periods of delirium, and periods of irresponsible conduct and talk, became much more frequent. He got into numerous scrapes as a result of this.

"3. Although he was, as a consequence of the above, seriously in need of medical treatment, he developed such a strong dislike of going to the hospital, that no persuasion on my part or that of his friends could induce him to accept the proposal that he have himself admitted to the hospital for treatment. His condition, therefore, remained unimproved.

"That, motivated solely by the desire to protect my husband from the consequences of his irresponsible actions, I hereby swear to the truth of each and every fact in this affidavit.

ELIZABETH M. BELL  
Sworn to before me this 24 day of Dec. 1937  
RAY L. SAWYER, Notary Public, Henn. County, Minn.  
My commission Expires March 16, 1944.

## Sioux Falls Drivers Receive Pay Raises

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Salary increases of from \$10 to \$30 monthly have been won by employees of the Koplou Bros. liquor house in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. These workers, organized in General Drivers Union Local 749, also won the 46 1/2 hour week in the warehouse, and the 54-hour week on the road. Local 749 has submitted contracts to sixteen local beer and liquor supply houses.

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## CIO Director Was Against Using Bell, Then Joined in Preparing the Frameup

### Bell "Unreliable and No Good," Cole Wired to Francis on Nov. 18

That one CIO official warned another against using the phoney Bell affidavit cooked up by the Stalinists, but that the CIO officials then got together to render the frameup more plausible, was revealed when George Cole, Regional Director of the CIO, was recalled for further examination last week by the coroner's jury investigating the murder of Pat Corcoran.

Subpoenaed by the jury, the correspondence of the CIO officials was introduced in the record, and reveals the deliberateness with which the frameup was engineered.

On November 17, Richard Fran-

cis, Regional Director of the CIO in Seattle, Washington, wrote a letter to Cole, asking him for information on Robert J. Bell. On the 18th Cole wired Francis: "Party mentioned unreliable and no good." But Francis answered by wire, repeating his request, and on the 19th Francis wired Cole again for material. On the 20th Francis wrote Cole, explaining that Bell had sworn to an affidavit that Meyer Lewis, A. F. of L. representative, had hired Bell to kill Harry Bridges, and urging Cole that "Any information you can furnish us will greatly assist us in our work to discredit the American Federation of Labor and break the Teamsters racket under Dave Beck on the West

Coast." In other words, despite Cole's warnings, Francis insisted on the "right kind" of information! Once more, on November 22, Cole warned Francis: "Party mentioned treacherous character. Take no chances," and followed up with a letter "to emphasize my telegram that the man is no good." The next day Cole wrote Francis, explaining to him that "the drivers (Local 544) warned all locals not to trust Bell in matters of money and advised against hiring him as an organizer." However, Cole went on to provide details useful to Francis in building up a false picture of Bell as an A. F. of L. organizer. But he ended his letter, once again, with a warning against Bell.

But Francis—egged on by the Stalinists who had provided the

phoney affidavit—insisted on going through with it. His answer to Cole's repeated warnings was to send copies of the affidavit to all parts of the country for release to the press. Obviously fearing negative comment by Cole, Francis wired him instructions on November 29th to release the affidavit to the press "with no comments other than ask for a federal investigation."

But Francis was not the only scoundrel. Cole, after all his warnings, himself read the affidavit to a Stalinist mass meeting here on December 1. But two days later, confronted on the witness stand at the coroner's inquest, Cole denied all knowledge and responsibility for the affidavit. With the opening of his files by the jury, however, it is clear what his foul role was in this filthy business.

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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



# Stool Pigeons Used by Montgomery-Ward Union Has "Confidential Instructions"

## "Loyal Employees" Ordered to Report "Any Signs of Radicalism," Listen in on Lunch and Washroom Talks

Stool pigeons—the lowest people on the face of the earth—are used by the management of the Montgomery-Ward company in St. Paul. A set of instructions proving this damning fact has fallen into the hands of officials of the Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297, which is conducting a bitterly-fought strike against the St. Paul unit of the Ward chain concern.

Labeled "Confidential," and signed by "J. M. Honan, House Police Department, Post Office Box 3283, St. Paul, Minn.," the document reveals to the full the vicious labor policies of the Montgomery-Ward company.

Below are excerpts from the "confidential" instructions:

**"Loyal Workers"**

"... Where firms employ several thousand people," reads the document, "they are helpless to guard against the inefficient and dishonest worker. The only safeguard for an establishment of this size is to have among its personnel trusted, faithful and loyal employees who will immediately report to the proper authorities any of the irregularities referred to."

There follows a section labelled "Suggestions for Composition of Reports by Undercover Investigators." Point No. 5, for instance, reads: "Report in full detail any signs of radicalism, naming the leaders and principal arguments used. We are interested in learning the attitude of employees towards their immediate and indirect superiors. Any comments in this respect should be noted."

**Urged to Eavesdrop**

The following note is appended: "Note: Considerable information can be obtained by investigators in associating with various employees while at lunch or during the rest period after lunch, also while

on the attitude of industry to unionism, for that matter. For the reader may be sure that hundreds of corporations are following out this monstrous practice of planting stool pigeons among the workers.

Says the instructions from the chief of the Ward company police: "Irregularities may be committed by a co-worker with whom you constantly associate and for whom a strong feeling of friendship exists. You may be reluctant in reporting any irregularity on such a person—HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD FEEL THAT IT IS YOUR DUTY TO DO SO... Much can be learned about employees, their attitude towards the Company, or their dishonest method by over-hearing or entering into conversations with them while at lunch or in washrooms or cloakrooms. Valuable information can also be obtained by being on the alert shortly before, or at, closing time."

The document ends with the following instructions: "Forward to the undersigned (J. W. Honan), in the form of a letter, at the end of each week, a report, stating anything that may have occurred during the week that may be of interest. State whatever information you have in your own words, as you would if you were writing a letter to a friend or acquaintance... All reports should be prepared at home, and mailed in your vicinity. No reports should be carried in your purse, or on your person, and brought into the building."

**Sample Report**

Here's a sample: "Today I overheard Anna Costa talking to a group of girls in the washroom. She stated that this company was a cheap outfit and regular slave-drivers. She remarked that we were all foolish to work under the present conditions for the amount of money they paid us, and hoped that all of our employees would be organized in the near future and force the company to increase rates. She said she was attending a dinner at the 'Young Workers of America' tonight and would report the present conditions to this organization."

**Spy on Your Pals**

The depths of inhumanity, however, are reached in the final paragraphs where spies are actually urged to prey upon their friends. What a commentary this is upon the Ward employee policies, and

### With the Limousines

Elections will be held Tuesday, January 4, at the union hall. You can start voting at 9 a. m. until 8 p. m.

Here is the list of all the candidates:  
President: Joe Lear  
Vice-president: Joe Fredricks  
John Anderson  
Jean Nelson  
Recording Secretary: Ted Gardner

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### Watt Notes

My, what nice 1938 calendars in the union office—very much streamlined, we would say.

Pick at 215 East Lake street and Lake Electric at 1225 East Lake street are asking for a New Year's gift "Picket Line."

The boys in the Radio Section are getting restless—bosses moving slowly.

The cigars were passed around in the Meter Department December 17 (baby girl). Brother and Mrs. C. R. Middleton are the proud parents.

Mid says, "Gee, what a swell Christmas present—but why not organize the tobacco industry more fully so the favorite cigars can have the label on them?"

Mother and child at home and both doing fine, thanks.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas party was a grand and entertaining affair—much charity work was accomplished. Congratulations, sisters!

Tickets for the Electrical Workers Ball are already moving nicely—keep the date Saturday, February 5 open—see your Steward for tickets.

Brother Ray Allison of the Inside Section is at home on the sick list—drop over, brothers.

We are glad to learn Brother H. A. Bjelland is around again after suffering a broken ankle.

292 members "did not" do their Christmas shopping at Montgomery Ward's this year.

All trade unionists are refusing to patronize this firm until the workers' demands are met.

The New Year will soon be upon us—come on, Mr. Lewis and Green—Let's make the workers' New Year a real one.

This column extends a happy and prosperous New Year to all the members and their families.

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**Bill Brown Says—**  
We had Happy Holstein with us for the holidays. A nice guy and doing all right in the Sioux Falls union. Too bad we had to farm him out to the bush league. But mark my word, Happy will be back in the majors some day.

BILL BROWN  
President of 544

### Frisco Council Backs Minneapolis Labor in Fight Against Frameups

By a resounding three to one vote, organized labor's central body in San Francisco, the Central Labor Council, at its meeting of December 10, 1937, adopted a resolution cracking down on the Stalinist frameup artists both in Minneapolis and San Francisco.

The full text of this important resolution follows:

**"Resolutions**  
"Adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on Friday, December 10, 1937"

"Whereas, the brutal murder of P. J. Corcoran, secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters' Joint Council of Minneapolis, was a blow at the labor movement of that city, as well as the general labor movement throughout the United States; and

"Whereas, The Teamsters' Joint Council of Minneapolis has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assassin or assassins; and

"Whereas, In order to protect the labor movement and its chosen officers from a terrorist murder campaign the most relentless efforts must be made to bring the assassins to deserved punishment; and

"Whereas, An attempt is being made to attribute the murder of Corcoran to forces inside the labor movement, and to besmirch trade unions with the accusation that "gangsterism and racketeering" inside labor's ranks is responsible for this murder, and this constitutes a foul slander on the bona fide labor movement and its martyred officers and shields the real murderers and dark forces behind them; and the daily press controlled by the employers and the "Daily Worker" published by the

"Resolved, That we condemn such tactics by this irresponsible element as splitting and discrediting the labor movement and call for a full concentration of all efforts to expose these anti-labor elements within the labor movement; and

### DEMAND THE LOCAL 346 HOUSE CARD!

The 3.2 Beer, Soft Drink and Soda Dispensers Local Union No. 346 calls upon the union movement and all its sympathizers to patronize only houses carrying the House Card of Local 346. The following places, being 100 per cent union, display the House Card:

- EAST LAKE STREET**  
ACE CAFE, 331 East Lake St.  
ADDISONS, 201 East Lake St.  
BALL CLUB, 118 East Lake St.  
COFFEE SHOP, 818 East Lake St.  
HURRY BACK, 1617 East Lake St.  
KENNELL CLUB, 2611 East Lake St.  
MOTOR GRILL, 1223 East Lake St.  
PHILLIS CAFE, 20 East Lake St.  
REO'S CAFE, 354 East Lake St.  
ROUND UP, 513 East Lake St.  
TWIN CITY, 816 East Lake St.  
HARRY'S CAFE, 144 East Lake St.  
BOB'S BEE HIVE, 1721 East Lake St.

- WEST LAKE**  
BUZZ ARIETT, 30 West Lake St.  
LYLE'S CAFE, 37 West Lake St.  
RIGHT SPOT, 313 West Lake St.  
TOM CURRY, 429 West Lake St.  
TORCH CAFE, 606 West Lake St.  
VICK'S TAVERN, 906 West Lake St.

- SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS**  
CIRCLE INN, 1201 Washington Ave. S.  
LEAGUE NATIONS, 114 Washington St.  
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### Frank Ellis Homecoming on January 1

Austin, Minn.—Frank Ellis will be home on January 1, 1938, and the union movement in this town is putting on a gala program to welcome and honor the fellow-worker who has spent ten months in Stillwater, the victim of a vicious frame-up.

At 7:30 Saturday night, the union movement of Austin will mobilize as a Welcome Committee to meet Ellis at the corner of Lansing avenue and Main street. Frank will lead a parade to the armory, where the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Ladies Auxiliary will play.

Speaking at the armory will be Reed Chaffee, state representative; Don Harris, packinghouse organizer; Joe Voorhees; and last of all, Frank Ellis. Ardell Nemitz of the Austin Defense Committee, which has led the fight for the release of Ellis, will be master of ceremonies. A dance orchestra will play the rest of the night.

Resolution Number One for the Austin labor movement during the coming year is that there shall be no more frame-ups of workers by the enemies of labor—in Austin, Minneapolis, or anywhere else.

### 125 Bowlers In Front Again

J. Christenson set a new high single game of 253 to lead Local 125 to a triple win over the Meat Drivers, putting the cabbies safely out in front again. Phillis Liquor took a pair from the Ice Drivers, Olson leading with a 604. Consolidated dropped three to the Soft Drinks, and the Warehousemen won a similar number from the Teamsters Joint Council.

The new standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Local 125	28	11
Phillis	25	14
Meat Drivers	22	17
Ice Drivers	21	18
Local 20316	19	20
Soft Drinks	18	21
T. J. C.	13	26
Consolidated	10	29

Workers always enter into the struggle for the reconquest of lost positions more easily than for the conquest of new ones.

ment for what they are: union-busting, boss-collaborationists who are out to discredit and wreck the bona fide labor movement."

### Rough Cuts and Mike Measurements

Lodge 1313 held a good meeting last Thursday. The membership participated in a general discussion of the conditions confronting the labor movement, and arranged to have speakers at future meetings talk on subjects of value to trade unionists.

The Greyhound boys held an important meeting last week and are making progress.

Honest and informed workers within the A. F. of L. are striving to prevent disruption in the Farmer-Labor party. The element which is overworking the "unity" slogan is striving to seize this political wing of labor and the farmer. They want this as a lever for extending disruption in organized labor.

Joe Pease is going to have a sore throat,—minus tonsils.

Neither Husman nor Pease ever have drawn from the Machinists union salaries of \$300 to \$360 per month, whispering Bill's leaflets notwithstanding. They at least earn what they do get.

Good music, refreshments, door prizes, 'everything!' Where? At 382's dance Saturday, January 8, at 501 East Hennepin.

The Daily Worker out-jingoes the jingo press at its jingoist. Distortion of facts is the main business.

The splitters did not like the vote at the Hopkins Moline plant, so they are protesting the election. It's a game that two can play at.

Did O'Brien ever howl when his right to return to work at the Hopkins Moline plant was challenged? And make threats too! When reminded of them later, they were only promises. What type of workers are impressed with this sort of thing?

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# The Labor Movement in Minnesota and the First World War

## II.—From the Sinking of the Lusitania to the Anti-War Resolution of the State Federation of Labor—Wilson's Re-election Was a Referendum Against War

By Carlos Hudson

### II.

Even at the critical moment brought about by the sinking of the Lusitania in the spring of 1915, public comment in Minnesota towards Germany was far from completely hostile in tone. The daily press, after the first flare-up, urged poise and restraint. Educators, lawyers and judges, clergymen and other respected citizens expressed themselves as satisfied with President Wilson's note to Germany on May 13, 1915, and gave him whole-hearted support.

A few days later, on May 18, the state held its second annual celebration of Peace Day.

During the summer, a lengthy discussion of the adoption of a policy on non-intercourse in trade (what is called today "economic sanctions") was held.

In February, 1916, Germany announced its intention of sinking without warning all armed merchantmen of the enemy. By this time, the Minneapolis Journal, like a good majority of the nation's papers, was no longer on the fence. On February 18, 1916, it asked: "How can there be any settlement of the Lusitania case, if this new barbarism is to be practiced without protest? Are we going to agree, before the fact, to the murder of more American citizens at the caprice of a submarine commander?"

### War Referendum

In the fall, a popular referendum on war and peace took place—in the form of a presidential election. The Democratic party campaigned chiefly on Wilson's achievement in keeping the country out of war. In Minnesota, though the Republicans carried the state as usual, Wilson received the largest vote a Democratic candidate had yet received. According to Franklin H. Brooks and Livia Appel (co-authors of a detailed history of this period, written from a patriotic viewpoint, "Minnesota in the War with Germany"), "It was generally conceded by editors of leading newspapers that Wilson's vote was

largely to be accounted for by the prevailing desire for continuance of the peace." Carefully during this year the press nurtured sentiment in support of the establishment of what they called an "adequate system of defense." In standing on the unpopular position of crying for greater armaments, the molders of public opinion justified themselves by playing upon the fears of the people.

### War Apology

"Out of the European war," said the Minneapolis Journal, March 23, 1916, "may rise a great victor, strong, able and ready. Is he to find the United States a plum ripe for the picking, or a cactus dangerous to grasp?" Besides, argued the editor, the experience of war preparation will be healthy for the citizenry. "This work of preparedness, fortunately, will by no means be wasted, even if it should never be put to the war test. It will teach us discipline, co-operation, patriotism." Besides, what we built for war would come in handy in peace times. The war-makers had all sorts of reasons for beguiling the masses into support of their program. Continued the Journal: "The arts of war and peace are interchangeable. Just as of old pikes were beaten into plowshares, so the pitric acid that enters into every form of modern explosives is also essential in crop-making fertilizers. The good roads we build to make military mobilization easy, will also make crop mobilization easy. The builders of

great warships can readily turn their yards to the up-building of a merchant marine." "Patriots" at Work To mobilize the masses behind a "non-sectarian" war program, a Minneapolis branch of the National Security League, was organized on August 12, 1915. The League had been formed in the East some months before to help arouse public demand for stronger armaments. By the close of 1916 nearly two hundred branches were established in American cities and towns.

The president of the Minneapolis branch was Edward Decker, until recently a well-known bank president. Said Decker: "We want especially to get at the farmers and people in the rural districts. . . . We want to break up the insular thinking about the country as a whole and its situation among the countries of the world." In short, they wanted to get the people to think that war would be a good thing.

### Fate of Pacifists

Who do you think turned up as an ardent supporter of the National Security League, of the bankers' war program? That devoted champion of peace, Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president emeritus of the University of Minnesota, and president of the Minnesota Peace Society.

Here, in a nutshell, is the usual fate of all peace programs not based on an understanding of the FACT that war is an essential part of capitalism. The Minnesota Peace Society, with its 70,000 members, was not

## Sailors Union of the Pacific Votes Libel Suit vs. Stalinists

San Francisco—With 735 members present, the headquarters branch of the Sailors Union of the Pacific voted to take action against the local Stalinist scandal-sheet, the Western Worker. By a rising vote, 715 voted in favor, and only one against.

Libellous assertions, including one that Harry Lundeberg, Secretary-Treasurer of the S. U. P., had beaten up members at meetings, first appeared in a capitalist magazine, Newsweek and were picked up and repeated by the Western Worker.

The sailors' meeting voted:

"That we answer them properly in the next issue of the West Coast Sailor, and that we sue the libelers—the Western Worker and Newsweek—and that the secretary be authorized to draw \$500 out of the general fund as a bond in a suit for libel against the Western Worker, and that we give Brother Harry Lundeberg a rising vote of confidence as our answer to the attacks of the Western Worker and the Communist Party."

merely powerless to stop war. On the contrary, it served to promote war, both because it upheld the system that breeds war—and because it diverted the attention of its members from the real fight against war, the fight for the overthrow of capitalism.

Here was the head, the president, of the largest peace society in Minnesota, turning up in the camp of the war-makers. How did the respected Dr. Northrop accomplish this shift? In giving his support to the bankers' war program, Northrop said: "We should prepare against war. This is not militarism and we do not believe in militarism. But we realize that we are inadequately prepared should we have to defend ourselves and we must not allow such a condition to continue."

It is doubtful if many of the followers of the Peace Society, sincere and ardent in their desire for peace, noticed the sleight-of-hand trick by which their leaders were lining them up behind the war banners.

Branches of the National Security League were formed in St. Paul, Duluth and other centers. Followers of the League beat the

drums for more and more armaments, a greater development of the national guard, etc.

### The Unions

The cunning and incessant "preparedness" campaign had succeeded already in winning over all but the key class to any war—the workers. The trade union movement in Minnesota, bitterly opposed the plans of the war makers. In July, 1915, the Minnesota State Federation of Labor met in Winona in annual convention and adopted a resolution which—

"RESOLVED . . . that the working people of this state are opposed to all war, except in cases of dire extremity from which there is no escape, and that they denounce all talk in favor of war and all preparations for war as contrary to the whole spirit and tenor of our institutions and as harmful alike to all the people and all the interests of our nation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That if the senseless clamor of the jingoists among our citizens or the nefarious cunning of the money-making interests at work within our boundaries

## The Union Gallery 12.



G. Dunne

Ain't that a hard boiled puss for a chiseling boss to see across the table? Grant is recording secretary of the General Drivers Union Local 544. He'll tell you privately that there is no such thing as a fair employer. He'll say it publicly too, if you give him a microphone. He ought to know, he's dealt with hundreds of 'em. Has been active in North Central Council work in the southern part of the state. When the other boys were vacationing in the military stockade in the July '34 strike, Grant and Dobbs carried on with the direction of the struggle. Within a day, the union had its leaders and its strike headquarters back.

This is the moral of the opponents of violence in politics: they renounce violence when it comes to introducing changes in what already exists, but in defense of the existing order they will not stop at the most ruthless acts.

should embroil our country in war, those jingoists and the men who control those selfish interests, and not the laboring people, should be made to do the fighting and to become the victims of the deluge of death, disaster and anguish of which they will have been the authors."

# 1500 Kids of 544 Members Attend Yule Party

The third-floor auditorium at 257 Plymouth Avenue was transformed into a Christmas fairland on Thursday afternoon, December 23, for the largest kid's party held in Minneapolis. Shortly after noon, the children of members of General Drivers Union Local 544 began pouring into the Teamsters Joint Council building. At the second floor they were met by Santa, who gave each kid presents of candy and cookies.

Fifteen hundred kids, accom-

panied by their mothers, witnessed the gorgeous entertainment which was presented on the stage, greatly enlarged for the show. Trained dogs, trick ponies, clowns, magicians, dancers and musicians followed one another in a bewildering succession, to the delight and happy laughter of the kids. Four reels of animated movies were shown. Peels of mirth rolled out over the neighborhood as the children voiced their approval of the entertainment provided for them.

The great room was decorated from floor to ceiling with garlands of brilliant holiday colors. In one corner stood a flashing Christmas tree, bright with colored lights.

Over the stage was an immense sign reading:

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Larger than last year's Christmas party, the affair Thursday clicked from start to finish. Hundreds of kids will treasure the memory of that happy afternoon all their lives. Chief credit for the success of the 1937 Kid's Party must go to Brother Rainbolt, who planned and organized the festivities down to the last detail.

General Drivers Local 544 wish-

es to thank its many friends who helped to give the children of Local 544's membership a memorable Christmas this year. The union wishes particularly to thank the following firms: Camden Park Greenhouse; Hans Rosacker and Sons; Union Club; Al Friedland's; George Date Transfer company.



Here is Santa without the trimmings, Brother Gardner.



This is what the Christmas party looked like to the performers. A pretty big bunch to please, but they did it.

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## Independent Truck Chatter

Don't forget meeting and election on Thursday, January 6. Get there early and vote.

Action has been started on contracts for hauling ice. Slowly but surely we will achieve results for the Independents if we keep our eyes open to opportunities and constantly drive forward to more complete unionization. There is yet one factor which remains as a block to improved conditions for owner-operators. It is easily proven that the I. T. O. will not have equalled the benefits received by other groups within our Union until some measure of organization is completed within the garden and landscape business (black dirt and sod racket).

B. A. Widows Bill Camp may turn out to be a good committee man. That is, if the dog house doesn't get too comfortable.

Wednesday's Star Chamber Session Curt and Gene have words. . . . Axel won't even telephone. . . . A new deal brings peace; and efficiency is to be the watchword of the 1938 committee. Or so we ordered.

How much of your Organizer do you read? Look over the editorial "Get Out of China" in last week's issue. Will you concur in rating that is tops for a plain truths action consideration of what is going on in the East?

Les Turnham died in University

hospital last week. A large group of officials of the Union and members of the I. T. O. were present at the funeral. Those of us who knew Les will long remember he died a hero, and while we can not soften the blow of such tragedy upon his family, we can at least help them with material comfort

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We still have two members off because of sickness and injury. They are receiving benefits. Keep yourself eligible—by paying your dues before the 15th of each month.

The Executive Board has met three times since December 15. The newly-elected officers participated in the meetings.

The following clauses are from our Constitution and By-Laws as adopted last May. The Executive Board has voted that these provisions be enforced to the letter. Some of them have been enforced for some time. All will be rigidly enforced, beginning January 1, 1938.

Article II Section 2. Dues shall be paid monthly on or before the 15th of the month. Failure to pay on or before the date stated makes a member subject to a fine of fifty cents. If a member is delinquent for non-payment of dues, sick, accident, doctor and death benefits shall be automatically cancelled as of date of delinquency, and member shall not be eligible for said benefits until 30 days have elapsed after member becomes paid up to date.

Article III Section 4. If a member is not paid up at time of sickness or death, he cannot then pay up or others pay for him and become entitled to benefits.

Section 5. No benefits allowed until 30 days after initiation. Article I Section 1. Meetings of this Union shall be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and a fine of \$1.00 shall be levied against all members who fail to attend one meeting a month.

Article II Section 5. Any member in arrears three months or more can only become in good standing again by paying a fine of \$10.00 in addition to his delinquent dues.

Section 6. Members working and over thirty days in arrears shall be fined \$5.00 at the discretion of the board.

## BAKERY BLAB

The present membership of our local union stands at 595.

There seems to be a dearth of news to write about this week, only everything seems to be going along fine and everybody seems to be marking time.

The Executive Board will attend a very important meeting a

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

## Frameups Don't Fit

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a summary of the contents of the correspondence between George Cole and Richard Francis, involved with the Stalinists in the dastardly attempt to concoct a frameup against progressive labor leaders in Minneapolis and on the West Coast.

It is a heartening fact that so very few frameups stick for any length of time. Joe Hill, most gifted writer of American labor's songs, was executed, as were Sacco and Vanzetti, and Tom Mooney still sits in prison after 20 years; and one would have to lack all feeling not to realize what terrible suffering these, and so many nameless workers in the mill towns and industrial cities of America, have endured in countless frameups. Yet it is important to say, also, that not only the working class, but anyone with any decent instincts at all, knows today that Joe Hill and Sacco and Vanzetti and Tom Mooney never committed the crimes for which they were punished.

Happily, too, organized labor has been able to expose before it was too late, practically every important attempt at a frameup other than those we have listed. Indeed, it is not too much to say that the American working class, when sufficiently aroused, can almost always save a victimized worker from the frameup artists.

The fact is that frameups are necessarily crude. The pieces just don't fit together. To make the frameup plausible requires some reference to names, dates, places. And a vigorous investigation on labor's behalf will prove that the names, dates and places don't fit into a coherent picture.

The attempted frameup against Minneapolis and West Coast labor leaders proves once again the inevitable crudity of frameups. They are the resort of desperate men, whether open enemies of labor or disguised. No one who had a leg to stand on would dare cook up such a fantastic story. The most desperate enemies today are the Stalinists. They pile frameup on frameup, hoping against hope that, by adding new blunders to old, somehow the rickety pile will be strengthened. But the pile keeps tumbling down, for the most flimsy foundation in the world is the frameup system. And organized labor everywhere, the working class of the world, is learning, in these recent months, that Stalinism and the frameup system are one and the same thing.

## French Workers Strike to Protest Govt. Use of Troops

### Drivers Occupy Garages, Spread Strike to Provinces; Strike Result of Boss Chiseling

All eyes on France, as the organized workers demonstrate once again the inexhaustible strength and vitality of the workingclass!

Beginning with a series of economic demands, the strike was transformed into a political demonstration when the Peoples Front Government used troops against the market workers.

One hundred thousand public service workers of Paris walked out in protest against use of troops.

Premier Chautemps refused to see a strikers' delegation, declaring that he would not negotiate until the workers went back to work. He placed 50,000 Mobile Guards and police armed with rifles at the disposal of the authorities.

**Government Is Strikebreaker**  
Government use for strikebreaking of army bakers, and delivery of milk and newspapers by army conscripts, led to sharpening of the situation, and the use of troops against the market workers was the final provocation which was answered by the general strike of public service workers.

Previously, metal and chemical unions had forced the government to halt its moves to forcibly out 2,000 sit-in workers in the Goodrich tire plant, by serving notice on Premier Chautemps that 700 metal and chemical factories would strike if the sit-in strikers were assailed by troops.

One significant development was that government-managed—so-called nationalized—factories manufacturing armament were among the hundreds of plants struck.

The great strike wave began to spread into the provinces as over-the-road drivers, not yet called out, carried the news from Paris to their fellow-workers everywhere. Newspaper delivery drivers are on strike and have occupied the garages.

**Strike Result of Bosses' Treachery**  
The strikes began in order to force the bosses to raise wages as food and rent prices were rising.

In June, 1936, the French workers began a nationwide series of strikes in which they occupied the factories. Unable to stem the tide, the government fell, to be replaced by a Peoples Front Government

## With Shovel and Tongs

The election judges wish to express their appreciation for the fine cooperation the members gave in the balloting.

McShane got tangled up with the water faucet and came out second best.

Bruce has his teeth now but he says he still likes soup. It's the habit he got into, all this time.

Marks didn't like working on the dam, so he came back. Peddling ice is a hobby.

To all the members of Local 221 and their families. A happy and more prosperous New Year. A better 1938.

Only he can be overthrown who is known to the people as a despot.

## RESOLUTION NO. 1

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## On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

The groundwork for many jurisdictional battles between the A. F. of L. and the CIO was laid in Washington last week. Representatives of both factions met in Washington, stated briefly that neither side had receded from its former position, and adjourned. Each blames the other for the collapse of the peace meetings. Here are a few of the jurisdictional fights now going on.

The state of Oregon has been the arena for one of the biggest of these jurisdictional struggles. Many months ago the lumberworkers in the mills and forests were pulled away from the Carpenters International by the CIO Woodworkers Union. The AFL instituted a boycott against all CIO lumber. Lumber camps have been picketed by long distance-sailors in rowboats have jammed log-ridden rivers at their mouths. Mills have been picketed by AFL Carpenters, drivers have refused to haul the lumber products either to or from the mills. Last week, under the supervision of the state police the governor of Oregon conducted a test election among the employees of the Inman-Paulson mill. The CIO union won. The AFL has refused to recognize the validity of the election of will not lift its boycott.

In Seattle, the National Labor Relations Board has ordered the Seattle Star to reinstate twenty Guild members who struck in protest when the publishers hired AFL truck drivers in their circulation department. The paper told NLRB officials that they will be unable to comply with the order because it would involve trouble with the AFL Teamsters Union.

In New York City four vessels of the Eastern Steamship Lines have been tied up by a strike called by the National Maritime Union. (CIO) Claiming that the line officials violated an oral agreement which ended a strike last summer by failing to employ exclusively members of the National Maritime Union, that AFL seamen were hired, and that this move clinched the victory which the AFL union won for sole bargaining rights on the line, the NMU called the strike just as the disputed vessel, the St. John, was about to sail. The case was tried immediately by the NLRB. This board ruled that the National Maritime Union had not been discriminated against. The boat sailed.

But CIO and AFL can join in common struggle too. A joint committee, representing all of the big AFL and CIO unions which have been involved in strikes in New York City during the past year visited Mayor LaGuardia to protest the appointment of Inspector Lobell as Deputy Chief Inspector of the Borough of Brooklyn. This man has incurred the enmity of the entire labor movement for his Hitler-like activity against strikers. The assembled delegation promised the mayor's secretary that, should Lobell receive the appointment, they will put on "a demonstration the likes of which this city has never before seen."

Also from New York City comes news of a city-wide Trade Union conference, attended by representatives of both CIO and AFL unions. This meeting was called to protest the police action of curbing picketing. Plans were laid to seek a charter amendment which would curb police power to limit or stipulate the number of strikers who may picket a shop.

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## Keeping Step With 544

The Christmas Party wowed sixteen hundred members' children as they saw clowns, dogs, ponies, magicians and an honest to goodness Santa Claus who gave away good things to everyone.

**Ahoy Sailor!**  
On the day that the Armistice was signed in 1916 Joe Lear, Business Agent of Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Union, was standing in line at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station waiting to join the Navy. He was fourth man from the window when the whistles blew announcing the end of hostilities.

Local 544 is about to launch an educational program for its members. A varied number of trade union subjects will be dealt with. Instructors will come from the staff of the Union. Details will be published later in the Organizer.

A threat of Union organization has granted all employees of one of the national telegraph companies a raise in wages.

**Look Pretty, Please**  
Employees of commercial photographers have been bitten by the organization bug.

Stenos Union is going to fight it out in an election this week.

The ITO Section is taking steps to take care of the Turnham family.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Senate Committee To Conduct Mooney Hearings

The Northwest Organizer received a letter this week from Tom Mooney carrying the information that a sub-committee of the United States Senate will conduct hearings on his case within a few days. The Murray-O'Connell Resolution, now pending before Congress, memorializes the governor of California to grant Mooney an immediate, full and complete pardon.

Tom Mooney urges all workers and organizations to write or wire Senators Joseph O'Mahoney, Matthew Neely, Pat McCarran, Frederick Steiwer, and James H. Hughes, as well as the Minnesota representatives, requesting of them that the hearing go forward as scheduled. It is important that Mooney be subpoenaed to appear in his own behalf before the sub-committee.

Twelve thousand workers gathered in Madison Square Gardens in New York last week in one of many huge meetings held recently throughout the country to protest keeping the innocent Mooney in jail. Twenty-one years out of his life—that is what Tom Mooney has so far paid for his devotion to the working class.

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## Hopkins Moline Plant Votes for A. F. of L.

### I. A. of M. Machinists Carry on Fight to Win Minneapolis Plant

The workers of the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co.'s Hopkins plant elected the International Association of Machinists to be the bargaining agency by a neat majority. In this action these employees used excellent judgment in rejecting the misleading propaganda of the splitters of the labor movement.

These workers recognized that the I. A. of M. provided their best means of advancement and protection of the conditions which they have obtained. They have an industrial form of organization, and the backing of a strong union, and they realized their proper place is in a good union with powerful affiliations.

In the Hopkins local are many members of years of trade union experience who were not easily

susceptible to glib tongued promises, deceptive slogans and propaganda, and a campaign of vilification leveled against a sincere and able leadership. They recognized for what it is the tricky maneuvers of a disruptionist element which sought only to bring organized workers under its domination for purposes other than their own best interests.

The employees of the Minneapolis plant are less fortunate. In a ratio of approximately four to one, these workers were misled by the false issues and slanderous campaign, and by the intimidation practiced by those who must resort to such methods for lack of sound reasons for their treasonable conduct.

These workers must learn their lesson from events of the future. The 245 who refused to be misguided must maintain their stand and educate the majority along sound lines of labor organization. In this they must be fearless and aggressive and stand on the firm foundation of the correctness of their position. They will be aided by the blundering tactics locally and elsewhere of the feeble paper organizations in which the majority have for the time placed their faith.

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## Local 20316 Pushes Plant Seniority

### Workers Object to Speedup System in Buzza Plant

That plant seniority is the best seniority system for the benefit of the workers is a fact known to experienced trade unionists. The best proof is the reluctance of the bosses, who prefer departmental seniority, if they have to grant seniority at all.

Warehouse Local 20316 always fights for plant seniority. Monday night the officers of the union led a long discussion at a meeting of the Buzza company employees. At a previous meeting, these workers had gone on record in favor of departmental seniority. But after their union leaders had explained how whole departments can be laid off in union-busting schemes, and various other methods whereby limited seniority is turned into a club against the workers, the meeting voted to stand on plant seniority.

Another problem faced by the Buzza workers is the speed-up. The Buzza company uses the Manner speed-up system and it is unusual for a foreman or other supervisor to stand for hours over a worker, timing his every move. This method of extracting every bit of productive power from these young workers was running wild before the union secured a contract. And the union is continuing to work to break down all use of the speed-up system.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mr. William Brown, President General Drivers Union Dear Sir:

May I convey my personal appreciation for the assistance and kindness of you and your organization at the death of my father, Guy Sanborn.

Though you were at the services, I failed to see you and express my thanks. Hence this letter.

On behalf of myself and brothers Earl and Clyde we extend our sincerest thanks.

Yours truly,  
MRS. DOROTHY REID

It is a basic rule of tactics: If you want to get stronger, do not begin with an exaggeration of your forces.

## PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.

## FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

92 Carl St.  
San Francisco, California  
December 15, 1937

Northwest Organizer  
Dear Brothers:

Please find enclosed a one-dollar bill to be applied on my subscription to the Northwest Organizer, making a total of \$1.50 to my credit. Please refer to your letter dated December 13, for verification.

Fraternally yours,  
A. C. BOOTH  
San Francisco, Calif.

P. S. I hope to see the Stalinist's frame-up tactics thoroughly exposed, the world around. One of their avowed members here has recently said before dependable witnesses that: "Don't think the G. P. U. ain't working in this country as well as Russia." Well, according to the TIME magazine, Molotov says: "The Trotskyites and others are living their last days." So—putting the two statements together, and adding a dash of recent history, it would seem the American Working Class needs to be told a thing or two. YOU TELL 'EM!

A. C. B.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LODGE 382</b> Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>LODGE 1313</b> Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday
<b>LODGE 1037</b> Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 292</b> Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 131</b> The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meetings—Second Friday in each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 125</b> The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.	<b>SIOUX CITY DRIVERS</b> Grievance Committee—Each Tuesday, Friday night Stewards' Meeting—Each Friday night
<b>LOCAL 1859</b> 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.	<b>MEETING SCHEDULE JANUARY, 1938</b> <b>LOCAL 544</b> Monday, January 3—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal. Wednesday, January 5—Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, January 6—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, January 7—Job Stewards. Sunday, January 9—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m. Monday, January 10—General Membership. Wednesday, January 12—Market, Liquor. Sunday, January 16—Over-the-Road, 11 a. m. Monday, January 17—Furniture; Building Material. 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.
<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday	<b>ICE, COAL DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE</b> 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 hall No. 1. 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.