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Stand all as one
Till right is done!
Believe and dare and do!

As from this hour
You use your power,
The World must follow
You

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On the National Picket Line

Mayor Hague of Jersey City, N. J., says the workers have a perfect right to organize into labor unions provided they do not join a CIO organization. He told a mass meeting of 20,000 this on January 9. The 20,000 "loyal supporters" who crowded the hall to hear the mayor speak were recruited by mail, newspaper ads, and were for the most part given free transportation to the meeting. Mayor Hague faces a suit brought by the CIO central committee charging him with interfering with the individual rights of workers to choose their own labor representatives. He is reported as being "undisturbed" by the suit.

The lumber war in Oregon is in its fifth month. The boycott instituted by the A. F. of L. has spread to the east and middle-west union carpenters are refusing to use CIO lumber. Contractors are greatly concerned about the effectiveness of the boycott as they claim it is holding up building in many places.

Further news on the CIO-A. F. of L. lumber war in Oregon comes with the announcement of a probable referendum vote by the entire state on the question of the incorporating of labor unions there. A hint that President Roosevelt is in favor of this sort of legislation came in his recent Fireside chat when he stated that "with power comes responsibility." Petitions, sponsored by business interests and farmers who are said to have lost much merchandise through slowed-up transportation during the 1934-35 maritime strikes, will be circulated shortly. These petitions will demand that the matter of incorporating labor unions be put to a popular referendum.

Almost all of the cases being tried by the NLRB at the present time, are those charging employers with violation of Section 8 of the National Labor Relations Act. Of the many sub-divisions of this now famous Section 8, numbers one and three are those most frequently contested. Number 1 prohibits the interference with labor organization by an employer and number 3, discrimination by an employer because of union affiliation. According to a New York Times correspondent, the trend of violations of the Act has greatly changed. At first most cases brought against employers were flagrant violations, outright discharges of employees for belonging to a union. With time the employers learned the fallacy of such open tactics and now most of them use "inefficiency" as an excuse when they want to discharge a union employee. The trend toward "independent" (Continued on page 4)

Today Makes 7,940 Days . . .

WMLH Fires Man Hated By Bosses

News Editor Fired for Broadcasting Truth About Montgomery-Ward Strike; Local 292 Fights to Reinstate Him

Cringing under the wrath of the Warehouse Union Local 292, St. Paul's big boss, Edward Hoffman, owner of radio station WMLH, on January 4th, fired Jules Geller, news editor, for the second time since the formation of the Radio section of local 292, I. B. E. W.

For a so-called "labor station," the attitude of Station WMLH toward its employees is certainly revealing of the true bias of the management. For some time Mr. Hoffman has pretended to a sympathy with the local labor movement. Weighed in the scales, this alleged sympathy is found to amount to exactly nothing.

A few days before Geller was fired Mr. Hoffman called him into the office to lay down the law about toning down news on the Montgomery Ward strike. Mr. Hoffman told Geller that Mr. Footh, Manager of Ward's, had complained that WMLH was carrying altogether too much news on the strike, and news that the station carried was too favorable to

A Thousand Workers Greet Frank Ellis

Austin, Minn.—When Frank Ellis, Austin union leader, came out of jail on New Years day and returned to his home town, a thousand workers from Austin, Faribault, Albert Lea, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Mason City were on hand to give him the sort of working class greeting that told him better than words that his days in the penitentiary have only cast a halo of glory about him as far as the union movement is concerned.

The home-coming celebration for Ellis was sponsored by the Austin Labor Defense Committee. The drum and bugle corps of the Ladies Auxiliary started off the program in the local armory. Speakers included Reed Chaffee, state representative; Svend Godfredsen, Unionist editor; Joe Voorhees; Don Harris; Ernest Jacobs; and Frank Ellis. A round of dancing followed the speaking program. Over \$300 was raised, to go to the Voorhees Appeal Fund, set up to carry the Voorhees case to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Workers from Albert Lea will honor Ellis at a party to be held Saturday night, January 15, at the union hall.

Unique Union

All twenty-one circulation district managers of the Minneapolis Tribune have been organized into Federal Local 21436 of the AFL, it was learned this week. Negotiations are now on between the union and the Trib management. This is said to be the first union in this field in the country. William Wright assisted in the organization.

Sailors Union Forces C. P. To Swallow Lie

Faced with a libel suit on behalf of the Sailors Union of the Pacific and its militant leader, Harry Lundeberg, the Western Worker, a sheet published by the Communist Party of California, in its December 30th issue published a full retraction of an article which it recently published with the headline: "Lundeberg's a Stool."

Leaders of General Drivers Local 544 are bringing suit against the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party in this country, for its rotten, slanderous attacks against the Minneapolis labor movement in the Corcoran murder case. Preparations for the suit are being speeded, and will probably come up soon in the New York courts.

Brown, Wagner Trial on Friday

The trials of Bill Brown and Nick Wagner of Local 544 will come up Friday, January 14. The pair was arrested two weeks ago for alleged "breach of the peace." Gilbert Carlson will act as defense attorney.

A fink Standard Oil driver charged that the Drivers officials threatened him.

Joe Voorhees Case Gets Support of Illinois Court

Austin, Minn.—The Austin Labor Defense Committee, which is appealing for funds to carry the Voorhees case to the United States Supreme Court, received new encouragement a few days ago when an appellate court in Illinois ruled that "a labor union has the right to picket establishments in which none of its members are employed." The 18-page decision said that peaceful picketing and persuasion, such as a display of Unfair signs, had been legal in Illinois since 1925, when the anti-labor injunction act was passed.

This is the very issue at point in the Voorhees case. The Minnesota Supreme Court handed down a decision that no labor dispute is involved in such an instance. The case is now being carried to the highest court in the land, and the Austin Labor Defense Committee is appealing to all unions in Minnesota for aid in overthrowing the anti-labor Minnesota decision.

Up to January 9, 1938, the following contributions have been received:

- General Drivers Local 544, \$100.
- Faribault Packinghouse Workers Local 426, \$10.
- Electrical Workers Local 292, \$10.
- General Drivers Local 778, Austin, \$30.
- General Drivers Local 120, \$5.
- Albert Lea Defense Committee, \$50.
- Fred Forbes, Brownsdale, \$2.
- Anonymous, \$3.50.
- Anonymous, 50 cents.
- \$300 Raised at Party
- Funds raised at the Frank Ellis

LEACH CALLS COPS, HALTS UNION SPEAKERS

Reveals Scheme to "Solve" Relief Problems Through Persecution of Workers

Mayor Leach pulled a fast one at last Friday's Welfare Board meeting when, as chairman of that Board, he refused to hear authentic labor spokesmen on urgent relief matters. He called police and loudly instigated them to arrest the next person who spoke without Leach's permission. At the same time he made it clear that the Board itself could vote to hear anyone it wished to hear.

First Year of NCDDC Is Observed by Jan. 8-9 Meeting

The first anniversary of the North Central District Drivers Council witnessed the gathering of such an impressive array of delegates as has never before been seen in this section of the drivers movement. The auditorium of the General Drivers Local 120 in St. Paul buzzed with the enthusiasm of 135 delegates, representing 46 unions when chairman A. F. Hudson called the conference to order. In addition to the large attendance from the member unions of the NCDDC there were visiting delegations from the truck drivers unions in Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City, Tulsa and Lincoln, as well as guests from the Duluth Longshoremans and the State Highway Employees Union Council, and Brother John S. Picago of Milwaukee, representing the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Retail Clerks Elect Officers, Ban Standard

The new slate of officers, recently elected by Retail Clerks Local 1086, was installed at the last regular meeting of the organization held January 4. New officers are: Robert Tumble, president; Louis Kierski, first vice-president; Mae Anderson, second vice-president; Albert Swoboda, financial secretary; Mae Fischer, recording secretary; Ray Chezik, Frank Schwitzer, Alma Scott, trustees.

The union is meeting some resistance from the Leader store as far as seniority rights are concerned. However, up to now, all violations have been immediately dealt with by the union, and the workers put back on the job.

Tea, Coffee Drivers Elect 1938 Officers

As a result of the balloting recently completed in the Tea and Coffee Drivers Union Local 275, Al Sundberg was re-elected financial secretary-treasurer for the coming year. Others chosen were Hans Larson, president; Marshall Howe, vice-president; Donald Gustafson, recording secretary; and Vern Selgeby, trustee.

Bill Brown Re-elected By Nearly 3 to 1 Vote

Voting in the 544 Elections

All 544 Officers Re-elected in Two-Day Balloting; All But One Were Unopposed

Adopts Wage Scales for State Highway and Chain Company Workers

The total vote cast during the two days was 754. According to the tabulation of the Election Committee, William Brown received 550 votes, and Lee Gardner, also candidate for union president, 201 votes. This was the only office which was contested. All other candidates received 753 votes. They were Jack Smith, vice-president; Grant J. Dunne, recording secretary; Farrell Dobbs, secretary-treasurer; Miles E. Dunne, Carl Skoglund, and Nick J. Wagner, trustees. There were 754 ballots cast, and one ballot was disqualified.

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

WHITHER OMAHA?

Concluding Installment: The Omaha Taxi Drivers' Strike and the Anti-Picketing Law—the Packinghouse Workers Organization—Teamsters in the Vanguard—Trouble Ahead

By Al Russell

Mr. Sam Houser, president of the largest cab company in town, had signed a union agreement on May 15. One month later he attempted to alter the conditions and insisted that each driver sign an individual contract, placing the cabs on a rental basis of 5 1/2¢ per mile. One-hundred and ninety of the two hundred men refused to sign. On June 27 they were discharged. For a month, the cabs remained in the company garage.

A number of weeks passed. When it appeared that the drivers had found other work, or had moved out of town in sufficient numbers, the company advertised for new help. These new drivers were paid ten dollars daily. Many cabs bit the dust in the following days. The company's strategy was successful, however. The union's strength was soon depleted, due to a score of arrests under the Anti-Picketing Law. As normalcy returned, Mr. Houser paid \$5, then \$2.50 a day, until now one may expect more labor trouble.

The law restricting picketing is of some interest. Here it is: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, singly or conspiring together, to loiter about, beset, patrol or picket in any manner the place of business of occupation of any person, firm, or corporation engaged in any lawful business or occupation, or any street, alley, road, highway or other place in the vicinity where such person, firm, or corporation may be lawfully engaged in his, their or its work, business or occupation, for the purpose of inducing, or attempting to induce or influence others not to trade with, buy from, work

for, or have business dealings with . . . June was the busy month for labor. Under the inspiration of the CIO, a sentiment drive was made in the citadel of Omaha industry, the packinghouses. Over 95 per cent of the city's total manufacturing is comprised of packinghouse products. More than one-third of Omaha's industrial workers are employed by the Big Four packers.

Divided They Run
By November the Packinghouse Union had "a real machine built up here. We don't need to worry about what Armour or Cudahy or Swift thinks, said the organizer. "They're not going to get away with what they did in 1919." This was puzzling, until he explained that one-fourth of the packinghouse workers were Negro, and that in 1919 there occurred a vicious lynching, followed by a serious race riot. The union fears an attempt at provocation which would split it wide open over the issue of the color of a worker's skin.

"They try to divide us and ruin us," said the organizer. "They tell the colored boy they got a load of white men hunting his side, and then they tell the white boy if he doesn't like his job there are lots of niggers to take it." Also in June, a drive was started by the Textile Workers Organizing Committee which within a

few months caused a serious breach in the employers' ranks. Without strikes, Bemis Bag company granted union recognition, wage increases, time-and-one-half, etc., while Appleman Robinson, clothing shop, conceded the closed shop. This caused a genuine stir in the downtown factory area. A spectacular barbers' holiday further captured the imagination of the town and led to practically 100 per cent organization.

Drivers Are Vanguard
The teamsters, who set off the organizational fireworks, continue to forge ahead. Dairy employees, laundry workers, coal drivers are in the process of organization. Already, close to one thousand teamsters are in the union. "We expect some trouble on our next contract," admitted a teamsters official. We are going to insist upon a closed shop this time, but the main fight will probably be over wages. Forty-five cents an hour is going to be a thing of the past.

The city appears quiet, but the beginning of widespread industrial struggles are in the making. For years, not a single union banner has ever been flaunted on Omaha's streets. Union organization still proceeds in an almost conspiratorial manner. A fight is almost inevitable. Minneapolis workers will understand when they are told that Omaha is on the brink of its "1934."

Watt Notes

It is rumored "Our Mildred" is going to open a new and up-to-date barber shop. Shaves via the "Electric Razor." She won an electric razor.

Heard after the Special Construction special meeting: "We are for the Union more than ever before." "It really is worth while."

And most of the Meter boys after their special meeting agreed, "It was a long wait."

Both special meetings were well attended.

More members than ever are becoming sold on the idea of the Union. This is a good sign for 1936.

Office workers at N. S. P. Company are still asking for organization.

Brothers Schultz and Heigel made a trip to St. Cloud Monday.

Stewards who have not as yet

got their tickets for the February 5th dance should do so before leaving the next Stewards' meeting.

We are sorry to report one of the real old timers of 292, Brother Tom Taylor, had his leg amputated below the knee at the University hospital Monday, January 10.

There will be a Special Construction Department meeting next Saturday morning, January 15, 10 a. m.

The Operators will have a special meeting Friday evening, January 14, at 8 p. m.

Owing to the press of other matters the special stewards' meeting had to be delayed. We need more days in the week.

The Utility Advisory Boards of 292 and 110 got together in St. Paul last Sunday afternoon. The first step to real co-ordination, we hope.—Another meeting has been set for January 23 in Minneapolis.

The Inside and Utility section boards met together Tuesday evening to start laying out plans for 1936. The first item discussed was on a better policy for the delegates to the bodies to which the Union is affiliated.

With the Limousines

All the boys had a good time after our last meeting. We all met at Carl Nelson's for beer and sandwiches, through the courtesy of the Holt Motor company.

Not much beer drunk, but Oh! How you babies can eat. I sure would hate to feed you every day.

Eskild Nielsen taught me how to eat a certain fish. I sure made the boy's eyes pop, the way I was putting them down.

It doesn't pay to stay away from the meetings, you never know when we will have something on.

We want to thank Robert Dick, Jack Wynn, and Ernie Johnson, our committee, for arranging this little affair.

Our Committee is also arranging a dance. We'll hear about it later.

The Executive Board has a meeting Friday, January 14. It is important to be present. Election of the Teamsters Joint Council.

I don't see enough of those new members that have joined lately. No reason why you brothers can't attend meetings. Let's all get out for the meeting on January 18. We want to pack the hall.

I attended the NCDDC convention in St. Paul last Saturday. Sitting in the front row when John Fuchela took the pictures. Results: the camera went haywire, and hence no pictures. And did the editor tear his hair.

I don't want to say who broke the camera—but everything was OK until Dobbs moved up on front. Or was it Mick Dunne?

Bill Brown Says—

The daily papers have been around asking me for a statement on the election victory. I'm not talking for the boss press, but to the Northwest Organizer I want to say: "I guess the best man won."



BILL BROWN President of NCDDC

First Year of NCDDC Is Observed by Jan. 8-9 Meeting

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much to help build the Council, of which he was so justly proud. The delegates paid impressive tribute to the memory of the man who had been their friend and leader, and raised their voices in wrathful indignation at the people who seek to seize upon the occasion of his sad passing to blacken the name of Pat Corcoran and the movement which he served and loved.

Road Report Adopted
Local unions involved in road construction work arrived at an agreement on geographical jurisdiction which will in general follow county lines. The plan, which was adopted by unanimous vote of the locals involved, was submitted to the conference by a committee of Miles B. Dunne, Curt Zander and Alvin Kuckenbacher. The committee evidenced great surprise and obvious relief when their plan was readily adopted. This had been a subject of much controversy in the past.

Wage Scale Voted
A new wage scale was also unanimously adopted for presentation to the Minnesota State Highway Department and to become effective on May 1, 1936, on state construction work. After a heated debate a proposal for establishing a percentage of distribution between contractor-owned trucks and independently-owned trucks on construction work was referred back to committee.

Draw Area Contract
Through a previous survey it had been ascertained that organizational contact is established in 33 Nash-Finch branches in five states. Hours are found to range from 49 to 80 hours per week without overtime pay. Wages vary from a low of 20 cents per hour in Nebraska to \$100 per month, in some cases, in Grand Forks, except for the 60, 70 and 75 cent wage scales in Minneapolis. In the deep southwest organization of the Nash-Finch branches has gained considerable momentum, with signed contracts already secured in some cases. A set of demands for an area contract were adopted by the conference.

Road Committee Set Up
Of especial importance to the future of organizational growth and accomplishment were the actions taken by the conference on over-the-road organization. A broad over-the-road committee was set up with instructions to secure the cooperation of other groups of truck drivers' locals in the trade area for the purpose of establishing uniform wage scales and contract termination dates throughout the area. It is proposed that a joint wage scale committee be established for the area and that all local unions work through this committee in signing new contracts. This action coupled with cooperation between the several locals in lining up non-union road drivers will do much to correct existing bad conditions in the industry. Advance contact work already carried out indicates that the Chicago, Wisconsin and southwest unions will lend their full cooperation to this campaign.

When paying your dues, please ask for your dues books. I have them all ready. Every brother should be carrying his book at all times.

Be sure to attend your next meeting, January 18. Let's see some of those members. That means you brothers out at the lake.

Well, after the next meeting we should start to do some of the things we are hoping to do this coming year. Try and make all these meetings if possible; it may mean a lot to you later on.

All members are asked to report any job that is open so union men may have first chance, that is how we can help those out of work.

There has been a lot of the boys leaving for the south and west.

The fink that had the wreck in St. Paul last week doesn't belong to 912. A first class man doesn't do those things. Well, they got what \$40 would buy. We hope he has lots of them.

Girl Creamery Workers Organize Into Local 471

A meeting of girl employees in the Minneapolis creameries was held last Thursday evening under the auspices of Milk Wagon and Dairy Employees Union Local 471. The creameries were well represented. After an enthusiastic discussion, in which many girls participated, a Committee of Four was set up to work with Business Agent Tom Ammerman in drawing up a contract covering working and wage conditions.

Another meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 13, at 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Avenue to hear the report of the above committee.

Every girl present at the January 6 meeting signed up with Local 471. These girl employees will be grouped in an individual section in the union, and will select their own officers. They will function under the jurisdiction of Local 471's Executive Board, but will not participate in the general elections at which the Executive Board is chosen. Their set-up will be identical with that of the Minnesota Milk Haulers Association.

The following patents were issued January 4, 1936, to Minnesota and Dakota inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Beck, Harry F., Lake City, Minn., trousers; Houghland, Albert C., St. Paul, Minn., shirt; Louw, Arthur A., Silver Lake, Minn., cup mouthpiece for brass instruments; Marzoff, George B., St. Paul, Minn., refrigerating dispenser for beverages; Marzoff, George B., St. Paul, Minn., liquid refrigerating dispenser; Moore, Francis J., Minneapolis, Minn., toilet seat; Nabe, Charles G., St. Cloud, Minn., resealable closure; Olson, John and Emanuel W. O., Ancker, N. B., grain binder; Partridge, Arthur, St. Paul, Minn., washing machine for lumber and similar tableware; Sabine, Roland C., St. Paul, Minn., acetone generator; Spafford, Allen L., Cloquet, Minn., corrugated structure.

cut their own fuel in a wood-lot, but no way is provided for getting the wood home.—Union men will at least insist on knowing that union truck drivers will do the hauling. The fresh air and exercise is welcomed, but why not pay cash union wages for cutting the wood and let the workers spend their wages as they deem most economical?

ST. LOUIS PARK: The fight for WPA supplements on the Minnesota level is well under way and the workers are solidifying their ranks for the battle. Roberts and McLain of the W. A. hung around the outside of last Thursday's FWS local meeting but had better sense than to try to come in.

ST. CLOUD: The existing unemployed organization on the one hand, and the trade unions on the other, are independent of each other as yet in St. Cloud. Hence real progress and benefits for the workers, which always depend upon workers' militancy, are awaiting two developments: 1. The unemployed await a stronger union movement for support. 2. The unions await a direct hookup with the unemployed to help in the unionization drive.

NATIONAL: The WAA's dues-paying membership was around 100,000 for the U. S. less than two years ago—and Congress appropriated 2 1/2 billion dollars for that year's relief. Today that dues-paying membership is reliably reported to be only about 20,000—and Congress lopped its appropriation by 40% to 1 1/2 billion dollars for this year's relief. This is a practical result of the CP's blundering policies of turning the workers away from militancy and toward petty political balloting, and away from working class actions and toward collaboration with the boss class.

In contrast, the FWS system of direct hookup between the trade unions and the unemployed is rapidly becoming the model for re-orientation of the unemployed movement throughout the country. Its 3-fold results in Minneapolis—its stability, its reinforcement of the trade union movement, and the relief standards it has obtained—all go to prove its correctness.

Many unions are now sending their members to the FWS office for dependable information and active assistance in their relief problems. Such members need but show a paid-up dues book or withdrawal card, and a note from an officer of their union, to save many hours of waiting and needless hardships for their families, through the experienced aid of the FWS.

THE SIX-HOUR DAY ON WPA: The WPA is continually trying to upset the 6-hour day by various slippery means, usually by wholly unfair and coercive voting on the projects. The FWS has notified the state and district WPA officials and Governor Benson that it insists upon the basic 6-hour day on WPA work. It has also demanded that no vote of the workers on any project, for any purpose, be taken unless an authorized union representative is present and given ample opportunity to set forth the union position in the questions being voted on.

"Don't Pay Debts, Stay Off Relief"

Ole Pearson of the Welfare Board is following out a policy that encourages relief workers to disavow honest debts. This was brought out last week when the case arose of a man who worked seven months for the city water works, made \$900, paid up bills incurred during four months of unemployment last year, and then found himself denied relief. This worker is still being kept off relief, though four weeks have passed. The implication of Pearson's denial of relief to this man was that the man should not have paid his honest debts, but rather should have "beat" his creditors out of the money.

Several such cases have come to the attention of the Federal Workers Section during the past few days.

With Shovel and Tongs

The Sanitary Ice dealers had their annual banquet Saturday night, and as usual had a nice turnout.

They moved everything down there but the plant.

Dykes didn't get there. He was excused, because of a birthday that lasted too long.

S. H. Terp didn't bother Edna and Mary. There were too many others around even, even my own. He believes in the Bible, which advises us to "Love thy Neighbor."

The feed consisted mostly of turkey. And they weren't a bit stingy with it. Thanks.

The guy that called the circles was green at the job, but did he make 'em go round and round. The crowd enjoyed it. Some nice card games going on—and a good bartender to top it off.

The lake ice wizards are hard at it these days. The drivers are wearing union buttons this year, and they report the going is good.

The Sanitary is 100 per cent union in the plant now. Look for the label on your ice. If not there, then look for the new 221 button. You can't miss it.

Ray has a stiff neck.

The coal boys are pushing out the black diamonds these cold days. Well, you've got to make hay while the ice shines.

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Warehouse Union To Discuss Pacts

Warehouse Workers Local 20316 announces that admission to its next meeting, January 25, at 257 Plymouth Avenue North, will be by showing of membership cards or union receipts only. A sergeant-at-arms will be stationed at the head of the stairs to record those members present and absent.

The principle point up for discussion is the expiration of contracts held by the union, and the actions to be taken regarding new contracts. Several speakers from other unions have been invited to this meeting.

The whole executive board of Local 221 attended the NCDDC meeting.

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LEACH CALLS COPS, HALTS UNION SPEAKERS

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Second, the labor spokesmen were actually intimidated although many workers called out to Leach that he'd have to arrest all or none.

Third, Leach neatly laid the affair in the lap of each Farmer-Laborite on the Board who failed to raise his voice by motion or otherwise against the strong-arm methods of the mayor. And fourth, the direct relief demands of Labor still remain only demands. The thousands of recently paid-off trade unionists and all the older direct reliefers have obtained none of the increases demanded, but instead they have actually been cut on such items as gas and electricity.

Does Leach want several thousand hungry workers to attend each meeting of the Board? That got results in the past. It will get results again. This time, however, he must deal with new thousands of young militant trade unionists who have already experienced their power of disciplined union action!

RURAL HENNEPIN: Mrs. Whipple lets emergency relief cases wait because, she says, "the average emergency is not as urgent as the client tries to make it appear." An attempt is being made to force WPA workers to perform additional labor in return for needed fuel supplements; but union men will work only for cash wages at the union scale. Some are being told to go 5 or 6 miles to

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The Labor Movement in Minnesota and the First World War

IV.—Congress Votes Military Appropriations — War - Makers Whip Up Patriotic Hysteria—Commission of Public Safety Establishes Dictatorship—Home Guards Break Local Strike

By Carlos Hudson

The true test of the American Congress came in the first week of April, 1917, when a bill authorizing a bond issue of seven billion dollars for the carrying on of war, came up for vote. Every member of the Minnesota delegation voted FOR it.

Labor's opposition to war was already weakened on March 12 when the American Federation of Labor passed a resolution offering its services in "every field of activity to defend, safeguard and preserve the republic of the United States of America against its enemies, whomever they may be."

Labor Succumbs
Before April 6, the Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly sent to Washington as its official representative Robley Cramer, editor of the Labor Review, to insist that the president "keep the Nation out of war." This was the last sign of active opposition to war manifested by the local unions. By April 15, the executive council of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor had passed a resolution endorsing the position of the American Federation of Labor and pledging its "absolute and unconditional loyalty." After the war had begun, some labor groups still continued to fight against the draft, compulsory military training, war profiteering, and to urge the conscription to military conscription.

By May 12, however, the Duluth Labor World was arguing that "every liberty we enjoy came

to us through struggle and at great cost in human life and property. The complete freedom of the world after this war will justify America's course in it."

Socialists Fight On
The Socialists fought bitterly every step of the way leading to war, and sections of that movement refused their support even after war was declared. On March 31 in St. Paul the Socialist Party, the Socialist Labor Party and the St. Paul Peace League held a joint meeting in the auditorium and voiced their objections to war, petitioning the president and congress to save the country from it. After the fact of war, the Socialist Party nationally proclaimed its unalterable opposition, and the state party supported the proclamation.

Jingoism
The war makers and the propaganda machine, the jingo press, overlooked no means to punish and disgrace the opposition to war. By careful engineering, a great wave of patriotic emotion was set rolling over the community. Civic organizations, religious bodies, fraternal and patriotic societies and institutions of learning, adopted patriotic resolutions. A campaign for patriotic education was begun. The American flag was hoisted above houses, schools, factories. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung daily in all public places. One person who failed to salute the flag was forced to make forty-eight circuits of the capitol in St. Paul, saluting the flag each time—once for each state in the union. Loyalty meetings and parades were held in all communities. Patriotic societies were formed for the purpose of promoting the war spirit. By April the Patriotic League of St. Paul had 7,000 members. The League carried on a campaign for a more general display of the American flag, sponsored noonday meetings in downtown theatres, held numerous rallies in the Twin Cities.

On April 19, designated "Wake Up America Day" in St. Paul, three patriotic meetings were held after the parade. Legislation of a patriotic and military character was sponsored. A member of the executive committee of the Patriotic League of St. Paul formulated a law for the establishment of the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety.

"Treason"
More for agitational purposes than for any other reason, steps were immediately undertaken to prevent "treasonable activities." National guard units were called out to police government buildings, railroads, grain elevators and other property.

The Commission of Public Safety

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ty, the seven-man war board of the state, in May authorized the designation of any voter as a peace officer. Some six hundred were so appointed during the next eighteen months.

Of this Commission of Public Safety, to which a future article will be devoted, William Watts Folwell has written that it had the power to exercise functions "the like of which the history of American law has never disclosed. . . . If a large and hostile army had already been landed in Duluth and was about to march on the capitol of the state, a more liberal (!) dictatorship could hardly have been conceded to the Commission."

Rough Cuts and Mike Measurements

The quasi-comical vain feigned by the p. p. is just to conceal the mournful feeling deep down in the splitters hearts. Even with the silent approval of the employers and exploiters of labor, their venture into the jungle of confusion was anything but joyous for them.

In other words, the locals of the International Association of Machinists do not split so easily as the great strategists thought. Workers want a solid union.

As word slingers the Ross-inspired union wreckers are hard to excel,—their chief obstacle to permanent success is that words is all they have.

There was a well attended meeting of shop stewards of lodges 382 and 1313 held January 7. There will be another one January 21.

So the Student Forum is getting the benefit of Mauneth's emotional demagoguery. His lack of wisdom may not be so immediately apparent, but eventually even the students will catch on.

The C. F. crowd is yipping because the American Federation of Labor is more progressive than they are, as demonstrated by the fact that the A. F. of L. fought against a wages and hours bill which would represent a step backwards instead of forwards.

If the bosses think the splitters have weakened the I. A. of M. and that it will not fight, just let 'em try something.

How long will the CIO tolerate organized scabbery in its name as practiced against the Musicians Union in St. Paul?

It is reported that the C. P. has sent out a questionnaire to the party apparatus asking for a survey of the number of its disrupters and their sympathizers who hold positions in the trade union movement and in government sub-divisions. Seems they are not certain of the exact extent of their destructive penetration. We learn where they are only after something detrimental to the workers takes place.

BAKERY BLAB

Next Meetings: Yeast Drivers, Tuesday, January 18, 7:30 sharp. Cake and Box Lunch Drivers, Thursday, January 20, 7:30 sharp. The above department is permanent. You can always tell the next meeting by glancing at the top of the column.

We extend our sympathies to Bud Larson of Purity North Plant who recently lost his father.

Bill Robinson, steward at Nic pastry comes to the stewards' meeting in overalls but he says that living out in Hopkins he has to do the barn work first and doesn't have time to change.

Al Englehart, Continental, was getting a little bit too fat on the St. Paul route, so they farmed him out in the bush league on a country route for a little seasoning.

Clyde Porter who lives in the teeming city of Anoka is another guy doing a neat little business in eggs. He's got quite a few hens out there that he exploits.

Alroy Hanson's (Excelsior)

B. A. BOARD CONDEMNS DUAL UNION HERE

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The Minneapolis union movement. The full text of the resolution passed by the Board of Business Agents follows:

WHEREAS the Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Typists and Assistants' Union, Local 17661, has been the only regularly chartered union in Minneapolis for the last fifteen years, and

WHEREAS the aforesaid union has succeeded in gaining union wages and working conditions for an ever increasing number of office workers in Minneapolis, and

WHEREAS the aforesaid union adequately provides for the organization of office workers in the city of Minneapolis, and

WHEREAS under the above stated conditions the organization of office workers in Minneapolis into any other union could be no more nor less than dual unionism, and

WHEREAS last week, on January 3, 1938, a representative of the United Office and Professional Workers of the Committee for Industrial Organization, called on Brother William Wright, local representative of the American Federation of Labor, and made a proposal to divide the Minneapolis office workers between the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O., and

WHEREAS this proposal together with the attempted organization by Hillard Smith of a group of bank employees in Minneapolis into the United Office and Professional Workers a short time ago is nothing less than an effort to set up a dual organization for office workers of Minneapolis, and

WHEREAS the only result of this move to organize office workers into a dual organization can be the complete disorganization of this section of the trade union movement, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents go on record as condemning this union-wrecking move on the part of the local C. I. O. and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents call upon every other bona fide A. F. of L. union in Minneapolis to expose and forestall this attempt to further split the local trade union movement and to unite with Local 17661 in its organization of office workers in this city, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be printed in all local labor papers.

Signed,
MINNEAPOLIS BOARD OF UNION BUSINESS AGENTS
January 11, 1938.

Lodge 382 Dance Big Success

The dance given by Lodge 382 Saturday evening, January 8, was a big success both from the attendance viewpoint and the good time had by all who were present.

The dance committee was so encouraged by the turn out that it immediately announced another dance to be given on Saturday evening, January 22. Members of the machinist lodges and their friends should keep this date open, and come to 382's dance.

Charles Scribner and Ed Doherty formerly with Continental are now working for a new doughnut company that specializes in glazed doughnuts selling to restaurants only.

"Dud" Lemieux, formerly with Continental, is now slinging bread for Raferts.

Frank Schumaker, Continental, is still hobbling around on his bum foot and still hasn't missed a meeting. Take all hats off to Frank.

R. Fowler, Continental, has been a winter bachelor, having sent his wife to California.

We haven't as yet had an official denial from Cliff (Duck Dinner) Bodali in regards to his shopping the local gem emporiums for matrimonial equipment.

Several of our members were fined \$2 for not punching cards and working overtime. Again, I must remind you that it isn't the most pleasant task of the Executive Board to fine members—but our job is clearly defined by the membership and we have no other course to follow.

Wausau Drivers Get Back Pay

George Froisig of Local 544 and Harold Medicott of Local 120, who have been keeping their eagle eyes peeled for any violation of the over-the-road wage scale, registered again last week when they negotiated successfully with the Steffeke Freight company of Wausau, Wisconsin. The Wausau concern agreed to pay Joe Kalasinski \$33.75 due him in back pay. Ed Galloway will be paid \$123.75. Both men are members of Drivers Local 446 of Wausau. By this settlement, the Steffeke company joins the list of those companies which are 100 per cent union.

Hudson, Fleming Re-elected by 120

As a result of the recent elections held by General Drivers Local 120 of St. Paul, Art Hudson and Robert Fleming were re-elected president and business agent, respectively. Norman Johnson was re-elected to the post of secretary-treasurer. Arnold Schaecker was chosen recording secretary, and Robert Kensch, trustee.

On Wednesday and Thursday, January 12 and 13, balloting will take place from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. at the union hall to name an assistant business representative and seven organizers.

Local 125, Phillips Retain Bowling Lead

Again Local 125 and Phillips each won two games from the opposition, the Soft Drinks and the Teamsters Joint Council, respectively. Olson led the Phillips with a 499. The Meat Drivers blanked the Consolidated, despite the fact that Fabienke of the losers came home with a 539.

Local 20316 slipped into fourth place with its double win over the Ice Drivers. B. Selinsky led with a 556. Brennan was high man for the losers, with a 494. The week's standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Local 125	32	13
Phillips	29	16
Meat Drivers	26	19
Local 20316	24	21
Ice Drivers	23	22
Soft Drinks	21	24
T. J. C.	15	30
Consolidated	10	35

Woodworkers to Dance January 22

On Saturday night, January 22, the furniture and woodworker workers of Locals 1859 and 20481 will sponsor a dance to be given at the North Side Auditorium, Twenty-third and Washington avenue north, Minneapolis. The Happy Hollow Gang will furnish the music, tickets are 25c, door prizes will be given, and all friends of the union movement are cordially invited to attend.

The Local 1859 basketball team basketball team is playing in the Commercial League. Most of its games will be played at the Jordan gym on Wednesday nights at 8 p. m. The complete schedule will appear in the next issue of the Northwest Organizer. The union has a fast team which fully comes up to the athletic traditions set by the Local 1859 kittleball teams.

Union Committee Reports on Weinstock

The committee of Business Agents set up to investigate the actions of Sidney Weinstock of New York, who has played a role in the negotiations between the unions and the Minnesota Wine and Spirits Institute, met Saturday morning at the Central Labor Union.

The question of Weinstock's status was gone into in some detail. Reports were submitted by the various unionists present.

It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that Mr. Weinstock has been representing the employers while active in this state. The committee plans to draft a resolution on the matter for presentation to the Central Labor Union.

The United States and Great Britain may be regarded as twin stars, one of which grows dim the more rapidly as the brilliancy of the other increases.

The Union Gallery



J. JANOSCO
A real sure-enough "Rooshian" is John Janosco, who holds down the job of business agent for both Furniture Workers Local 1859 and Woodworkers Local 20481. The bosses can't call him an Outside Agitator, though. He's lived in Minneapolis all his life.

John is the dynamo responsible for the tremendous organizational growth among the woodworkers in this section during the past two years. When he gets the bulldog hold on a chiseling boss, he hangs on 'til the fellow coughs up. And they all try to chisel, says Janosco.

Picketing Wins Grocery Strike

Last Friday and Saturday the Grocery Clerks Local 894 initiated the use of picket lines against recalcitrant employers who have shown a hostile attitude towards the union. A picket line was thrown around a store at 54th and Nicollet. Within a day, a union contract had been obtained. Local 894 is insisting that all grocery stores sign the contract granting the moderate and reasonable demands of the Grocery Clerks Union.

War Veterans to Meet Saturday

All war veterans who are union members are cordially invited to attend a mass meeting Saturday morning, 11 a. m., January 15, to be held at 267 Plymouth avenue north.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss WPA and relief matters.

All war veterans—regardless of affiliation to any veterans organizations—are invited to attend this meeting, to be held under the auspices of the Federal Workers Section of Local 554.

Serving on the committee which is in charge of the meeting are Wilbur McCann, chairman; Frank Johnson, Andy Anderson, F. J. Brown, August Seeber and Edward Bohler.

Gypsy Violinist Plays in City

Minneapolis theater goers will have a chance to hear the haunting music of a real gypsy orchestra the week of February 4th, when Varzos, well known maestro and virtuoso of the violin, brings his gypsy band to the Hennepin Orpheum. Minneapolis musicians will collaborate with the Orpheum in bringing this attraction to the local stage.

Accompanying Varzos will be Senorita Mata Monteria, dancer, the toast of South America; Lucia Garcia, Cuban tenor; Jose Bethancourt, famed marimba player; and Esther Todd, popular singer. Advance tickets to this attraction may be purchased from members of the Minneapolis Musicians Association.

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AFL Machinists Sign Woodhead

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The mechanics employed by this dealer are members of Lodge 382 of the A. F. of L. Machinists International. There are at present about 20 members in this shop whose conditions of employment, wages, hours, etc., have been made more secure as a result of the contract with the union.

This is one of a number of developments which indicates that the confusion in the automotive branch of the machinists' trade is clearing up, and there is a trend on the part of employers to come to terms with the responsible union claiming jurisdiction over this class of skilled worker.

Pick, Lake Firms Banned by 292

The Electrical Workers Local 292 again calls to the attention of the labor movement that the Pick Electric company, 215 E. Lake St., and the Lake Electric company, 1225 E. Lake St., continue to be unfair to Local 292. Both firms are being banned by the union.

Independent Truck Chatter

Last Thursday election for committee and officers was carried out in good order, followed by an unusually orderly and efficient meeting. Here are the boys who must do the work for the following year: Vice-chairman, Mill Hodson; Recording Secretary, E. Lundholm; Assistant Recording Secretary, Richard Hornig; Ways and Means Committee, Art Karlen, Robert Bove, Tom McCue, William Rossback (tie), William Camp (tie); Sergeant at Arms, C. H. Quick, Ed Morstad.

Curt Zander will continue as No. 1 organizer and man of all work and Karl Skoglund will preside as representative of the executive board.

Cards have been mailed to all WPA truck owners announcing an open meeting this Thursday, Jan. 13, to consider placing of additional trucks on contract. No committee meeting on Wednesday.

State men are in a furor over a partial layoff of the crew. It seems the manner of applying the principle of seniority is causing argument.

Have we lost our rights? Or have we given up possession of Hall No. 2? There is quite a lineup along the main hall these days.

Whitey gets a tag for speeding. However, it wasn't on a job. Ticket No. 6443. Catch that one, Alderman Burgum, and see if it's suspended!

Kenny Corbett is playing with the flares on the Belt Line. We wonder if that free welding service goes with the job?

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
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But when I strike I'm a Bolshevick
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The Ward Strike

Burdened with the overwhelming handicap of the failure of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly to endorse its struggle, the Montgomery-Ward strikers voted the middle of last week to call off their strike against the company. After having thrice whipped the Citizens Alliance—in the drivers' strike, the Sommers' strike, and the long-drawn-out laundry employees lockout—the St. Paul union movement has now suffered a set-back.

No one can belittle strikers who are forced to surrender. The Ward strikers, though young and new to the union movement, put up a stubborn struggle and with high courage faced all the anti-labor forces arrayed against them—the police, the courts, the Grand Jury, the daily press, the knowledge that the company was using informers.

The employers—through their Grand Jury and their press—tried the same trick in St. Paul that was tried by the bosses against the Minneapolis unions in the 1934 strikes. From the very beginning of the campaign against "labor gangsterism" launched by the St. Paul daily papers, it was clear who was behind the Grand Jury, controlling its actions. The bosses were up to their old trick of seeking to turn workers against their unions and their leaders, of splitting labor's ranks, of red-baiting, of trying to force THEIR ideas down the throat of labor. The unions of Minneapolis didn't fall for that slick game in 1934—and that is why Minneapolis is today the best organized union city in America.

A section of the St. Paul unions did fall for it—and, we believe, made a serious mistake in so doing. We think Brother Cramer in the LABOR REVIEW just about hit the nail on the head when he said that "Grand Jury reports are generally noted for their baloney and the last Ramsey County G. J. report had an exceptional display along that line."

We think the St. Paul UNION ADVOCATE made a dangerous mistake last week when it endorsed the jury report. Dangerous, because they walked right into the bosses' trap. The jury report doesn't call for whitewash, it calls for forthright denunciation. To endorse that report is just the meat for the St. Paul boss papers—and what is their meat should be labor's poison.

By calling off the strike and staging an orderly retreat, the St. Paul Warehouse Union has shown that it has kept its head. Its slogan that "The engagement has been lost, the next battle will be won" is a correct one. With such spirit, the St. Paul warehouses and the Ward plant too will surely be conquered for the union movement. There are many lessons to be learned from the Ward strike. The most important lesson is, that when one union is up against the gun, inner-union jealousy must be dropped, scrapped obliterated. All for one, one for all! That's the way that strikes are won, that's the spirit that carries the union movement from victory to victory.

"Even if It Was Good . . ."

We see by the papers that the Minneapolis chapter of the American Bar Association has come out for the workers. That is, it has appointed a special sub-committee to investigate the labor laws of Australia, Britain, Indo-China and the Spice Islands, in order to draft the best possible compulsory arbitration laws to tie up the local unions and prevent use of the strike weapon.

We resent this dragging into the local labor situation of foreign ideas. Furthermore, in that classic phrase of American scepticism, "Even if it was good, we wouldn't like it." Long ago, a great working-class leader pegged the lawyers right, when he said: "The quickest way to halt social progress is to hand the reins over to the lawyers."

We think William Green was 100 per cent right the other day when he announced in Washington that labor "would oppose with all its power any legislation to restrict labor unions." He was answering Roosevelt's hints about "increased responsibility of labor unions." We endorse Green's stand and, together with him, announce here and now that any attempts of the employers and their lawyers to tie up the unions will be fought to the very end—in Minneapolis or any place else.

The "Sit-Down of Capital"—A Myth

Of all the fantastic reasons given by inspired economic quacks for the deepening depression into which this country is entering, certainly the weirdest of all is that capitalism, the reactionary monopolists, are staging a "sit-down strike of capital," are seeking to sabotage the further development of recovery.

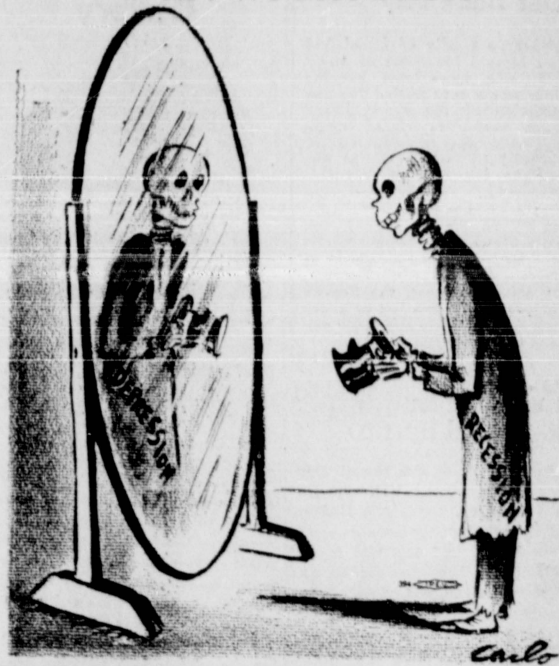
A moment's consideration will prove to any worker how false is this idea. According to those who sponsor the idea of a capital "sit-down," there exist possibilities for a growth in trade, for new investments in unexploited fields, which the moneyed kings can have for the asking. But they are refusing, in the hope that they may embarrass Roosevelt or something. These monopolists are saying: "To hell with dividends and profits, we're tired of clipping coupons." Such moneyed people may exist on Mars or the moon, but they were never seen on the face of this globe.

These monopolists, they tell us, can send the stock market soaring, but they are simply spurning the idea of fleeing the public. What a laugh. There isn't a wealthy man in the country who does not want more wealth, and doesn't much care how he gets it.

This whole idea that "bad" capitalists are causing the depression would be really funny, if it weren't so dangerous. If naughty bankers and industrialists can cause depressions, then they can also bring about prosperity—they can even maintain prosperity. But the whole history of the United States, from the first crisis in 1819, tells us that this is not true. The bankers and industrialists who profit most from capitalism have yet shown time and again that they cannot control the system from which they obtain their privileges.

The FACT about the current depression is that the economic system under which we live is in one of the cy-

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lical declines within the general decline of capitalism as a world system. The present economic decline is natural, and not simply a conspiracy on the part of a few large capitalists to withhold surplus capital from the investment field in order to create an artificial depression to embarrass the Roosevelt administration. After all, if capitalists are so fond of depressions, why did so many of the Rugged Fellows jump out of those exceedingly high windows during the last one?

The fact that billions of dollars of surplus capital are being withheld is due solely to the fact that domestic and foreign markets have been reduced to an extent where capitalists cannot realize a "sufficient" profit on any new investments. The American export trade to China, Japan, Spain, Italy, Germany and South America has been tremendously reduced within recent months. Profit taking, price rises and industrial output have so far outstripped wages as to permit the marketing of present and future production only on an already over-inflated system of installment buying or more extensive government "pump-priming."

No, Big Business is not happy at this recession. Having forgotten nothing and learned nothing, it hopes to pull out of the slump in the usual way—reduce production costs and maintain the rate of profits. This it hopes to do by securing reductions in taxes and slashing labor costs, wages. That it, by the Hoover method, which the country tried from 1929 to 1932.

The country got so deathly tired of Hooverism that a fellow still gets a sick feeling in his stomach when the name is even mentioned.

But how has the system fared since 1932? Well, we've spent billions of dollars now, year after year—and we're right back where we were in 1932? We are worse, because those now becoming unemployed at the rate of hundreds of thousands weekly haven't the reserves they had in 1929. Ten million unemployed today, after five years of mammoth spending such as no government in the world has ever seen! Ten million unemployed, in the richest and finest country in the world. And from every appearance, even if there is a certain period of economic upturn, the line of development towards a raging crisis is already unmistakable. Furthermore, it is safe to say that the new crisis will be of greater scope, depth and depression than even that of 1929.

A "sit-down of capital?" Tell it to your grandmother! The inevitable and relentless turning of the economic wheel is slowly dragging us into the valley. And neither God, nor Roosevelt, nor the moneyed masters, nor anyone, can stop it. For that is the nature of capitalism.

Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Last week was election time in 544. Twice as many votes cast as in last year's election.

The North Central District Council meeting was a huge success. Delegates from the Canadian line to Kansas, and from Montana to Milwaukee.

Local 120 was a very nice host. Skoglund went to Austin Tuesday to settle an AFL-CIO struggle.

RIGHT, MR. WRIGHT! The Board of Business Agents gave Mr. Weinstein a kick right in the place where kicks are supposed to land.

The Labor Review treated the St. Paul grand jury report just exactly right.

HOW COME! And by the way, it's time that someone asked the editor of the Union Advocate "What the H—!"

The ITO section is making a drive on delinquent members.

There will be a uniform rate on all state highway jobs next summer.

Local 544 plans on establishing branches in the small towns in the vicinity of Minneapolis.

C. L. U. elections this month. Bill Sinnott, popular 471 B.A., has been made a vice-president of the State Federation of Labor.

F. Dobbs went to Kansas City Monday.

Reports have it that T. E. Cunningham resigned and will work for the Pipe Trade Unions in Chicago.

The Northwest Organizer is on the thirty thousand mark.

New Richmond Gets New Charter

New Richmond, Wis.—A new charter of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters, AFL, was installed here Saturday night. The woodworkers of New Richmond will be known henceforth as Woodworkers Local 1703.

The installation took place at the union hall on Saturday evening. John Janasco and Luverne Eastman from the Minneapolis Woodworkers Local 1859 were present and participated in the installation. Local 1703 also elected officers for the coming year.

The union chose a committee of four members to sit on a joint board with a committee of 6 from the Federal Local 20581 of New Richmond. The joint board will work towards unity of action and continued cooperation of labor in New Richmond.

Casket Bosses Refuse Wage Raises, Closed Shop

At a meeting held Tuesday afternoon between local casket employers and Woodworkers Union, the body of a new contract was agreed upon. The management, however, refused the wage increases and the closed shop which the union is demanding.

On Tuesday night the casket section of Local 1859 met. After hearing a report on negotiations, the workers voted full powers to the negotiating committee to take whatever action is necessary to obtain wage increases and the closed shop. Another meeting with the employers was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, at which the exact wording of the contract would be studied.

Ward Pickets Given Jail Sentences

Radman, Pemble Given 30 and 15 Day Terms; Other Jail Sentences Blocked Through Lack of Evidence

Taking over the gavel of boss "justice" from Judge Pinchout, Clayton Parks early this week meted out a thirty day sentence in the workhouse without option of fine to Richard Radman, picket in the Montgomery Ward strike in St. Paul.

Carl Pemble, organizer for the Laundry Workers Union Local 150, in St. Paul, was also sent up by Judge Parks, and is now serving a fifteen day stretch for disorderly conduct.

Evidence in other cases, however, was so flimsy, that even the one-track mind of Judge Parks could not find it possible to impose jail sentences. Several cases were dismissed for lack of evidence, and others resulted in suspended fines.

Jules Geller, discharged as News Editor of radio station WMIN, for telling the truth about the Ward strike, was given a suspended fine of \$25 by Judge Parks, who said that Geller had done what any half-way intelligent human being would have done under the circumstances. Nevertheless, he said, Geller had committed a "technical" offense by calling a "fine upstanding" St. Paul police officer a "lousy cop."

Saturday evening, January 15, Local 20297, the St. Paul Warehouse Workers Union will hold a benefit dance in the St. Paul Coliseum. Admission is 25 cents, and tickets may be purchased at union offices.

Local 382 Sections Meet on Contracts

The headquarters of Lodge 382 machinists union was a bee hive of activity Tuesday evening, January 11, with all halls occupied.

Representative Heath was busy with a representative meeting of the employees of the Pioneer Gravel Equipment Co.

The Yellow Cab mechanics held a good meeting at which the matter of renewal of their agreement was taken up. Husman worked with the group.

Brother Husman also held a good meeting with the schedule committee of the Lewis Bolt and Nut workers.

A good meeting was held of workers employed at the Scott-Atwater company, which resulted in a dozen initiations into membership in Lodge 382. Representative Grant was in attendance at this meeting and assisted with their problems.

Land O' Lakes Workers Discuss Union

An enthusiastic meeting of Land O' Lakes workers, members of Local 471, was held Tuesday night, January 11, to discuss the good and welfare of that section of the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union. The Land O' Lakes contract comes up for negotiations on April 1 of this year.

Another meeting of these workers will be held February 22, at which a vote will be taken on the question of opening up the contract for negotiations, and a committee will be chosen to carry out this work.

Laundry Lingo

H. W. Grelin of the Custom Laundry is laid up with the flu. We are sorry to hear that you are ill, Brother Grelin, but glad that you are eligible to receive the sick benefit.

Brother Forest Renslow of the Pilgrim Cleaners is also laid up, but only for a few days, according to the report. We hope you'll be back soon.

Vincent Donahue from the Royal who has been sick with pleurisy since November 16 and who has received his sick benefit check each week was in the office this week and reports that he will be ready to go to work next Monday. He looked in excellent shape, and we're glad he's back.

The four men whom the union voted to put in the field for 30 days began work Tuesday and are really going to mop up. Better see that all books are up to date.

That scuffle last Wednesday was poor advertising. It will be necessary to check on this "Saturday 4 p. m." situation.

There are a couple of new stewards.

The Campus is going haywire Season on finks.

Pacific Sailors Vote to Retain Independent Union

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—The results of a 30-day secret referendum vote among the membership of the Sailors' Union on the question of affiliation has just been released by the Balloting Committee.

Seventy-eight per cent of the votes were for retaining independent of both the CIO and AFL. Only 22 per cent of the votes called for affiliation to either the AFL or CIO. Thus the membership of the militant Sailors' Union expressed an overwhelming sentiment for remaining as an independent organization.

While the sailors were taking the secret vote in December, the CIO forces on the West Coast spent thousands of dollars in an effort to swing the affiliation vote their way, but to no avail.

This is the first union poll of this kind taken since the CIO-AFL split began.

Yellow Notes

"Rosy" Ryan took the fatal leap Tuesday morning. He's now a full-fledged married man.

A railroad engineer recently remarked to a Yellow driver that an engineer's responsibility to the passengers carried by his train is insignificant compared to the responsibility of a cab driver who must drive under all sorts of weather and pavement conditions.

Considering the above remark, it should not seem so far out of line for a cab driver to ask for a guarantee of \$4 per day, with a ten hour day. An engineer receives approximately \$12 per day for an eight hour day.

Negotiations on the 1938 Yellow Drivers contract are progressing at a snail's pace, if you know what I mean.

Strange as it seems, there was a large turnout of Yellow Drivers at the general elections.

Albert Lea Drivers Hit CIO Treachery

On Saturday, January 8, the Teamsters Union of Albert Lea passed a resolution similar to those endorsed by the City Central Labor Assembly of Albert Lea and the Miscellaneous Workers Local Union which were printed in last week's Northwest Organizer.

The resolution of the Albert Lea Drivers calls upon "all true labor organizations to cease giving aid and comfort to the bosses," protests and deplors "the erroneous action of the State C. I. O. Committee and the Hennepin County Council C. I. O. for their policy of interposing and injecting the issue and cry of 'gangsterism' in the labor movement."

The resolution resolves that the union calls upon "all true workers to unite and help bring to justice those responsible for the murder of Pat Corcoran." Copies were sent to the Freeborn Patriot and the Northwest Organizer.

Machinists Stewards Elect Officers

Shop stewards of shops under the jurisdiction of Lodges 382 and 1313 held a very important meeting Friday evening, January 7, and discussed methods of activity intended to promote the interests of the automobile mechanics and metal workers in manufacturing plants and repair machine shops.

Regular twice-a-month meetings were agreed upon to be held every first and third Friday of each month. These meetings will be concerned primarily with perfecting organization in shops partially organized and extending organization to other shops.

The meeting of stewards elected Ted Sorenson chairman, Joe Bordeaux secretary, Brother Thompson sentinel, and Clem Foreseen vice chairman.

All live members of the Minneapolis locals of the I. A. of M. are invited to participate in the important work of this committee.

LOST—By Warehouse Local 20316 Copies of receipt nos. 13270 and 13271. Members holding these numbers, kindly contact union office in order that proper credit may be given. Originals were signed by Steward Ross Sturgeon.

It will be whipped back into line.

Have all violations of the contract been reported? Remember, it's 6 o'clock every night. It may be necessary to levy a few fines. The Bakery Drivers had to do so.

The next 30 days will be Open Season on finks.

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

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unions" since the outlawing of outright company unions is also noticeable. Several companies have been convicted for supporting such seemingly "independent" organizations.

The Ford Motor Company has appealed to the NLRB for a rehearing on its case. The NLRB decision, handed down recently, cited the Ford Company for its violation of the National Labor Relations act, ordered them to "cease and desist" from their anti-union activity, and to reinstate twenty-nine men discharged for union activity. The Ford company announced that it would not obey the order, that it would take the case to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary. They also hired the attorney who made himself famous by arguing the case which defeated the old NRA before the Supreme Court. Now they want a rehearing.

President William Green of the A. F. of L. has raised a protest to the Interstate Commerce Commission because of its ruling regarding the maximum hours for motor transport workers. The Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that the maximum hours for this type of worker shall be fifteen hours per day and not more than sixty hours in one week. Joseph Eastman, chairman of the ICC stated, in answer to Green's protest, that all the facts available made the decision "seem just." He added, however, that any and all groups in disagreement with the decision had until June first to appeal.

Chrysler Corporation announced last week that more than 55,000 workers, laid off just before Christmas, will be returned to their jobs on January 17.

From Philadelphia comes news that more than 5,000 members of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, (a CIO affiliate) Branch number 1, overwhelmingly rejected a proposal that they take a voluntary wage cut of from 6 to 8 per cent, ostensibly to keep the hosiery in-

dustry going. This proposition was made to the branch by William Leader, president of the branch, and a member of the Philadelphia CIO council. Mr. Leader made his appeal on the grounds that the wages now being paid the hosiery workers in Philadelphia and the surrounding territory are higher than those received by workers in other parts of the country. The workers booed down the proposal, the voice vote showing that more than 90% of those assembled voted against it. Mr. Leader was also opposed by other leaders of the union who argued that such a cut taken voluntarily by the Philadelphia branch would mean an automatic cut for all other workers in the industry.

With more than 7,000 of their 16,000 members in New York City, unemployed, the District No. 9 of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators has opened five branch offices in the city to help their members obtain relief and unemployment insurance. The thirteen unions affiliated to the district council will register unemployed, seek emergency home relief for them, and will also demand the expansion of WPA.

A mass demonstration composed of 2,000 workers, members of the United Office and Professional Workers Union, marched for two hours before the home offices of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, on Saturday last, protesting the discharge of two officers of the union for their activity in attempting to organize the workers of the company. Spokesmen for the union claim that more than 90 per cent of the salesmen and office workers are members of the CIO affiliate but that the company refuses to meet with them and discuss an agreement. The president of the company received a delegation of the strikers and promised to "look into the matter."

Whoever wants to help vacillating souls, should first stop vacillating himself.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LODGE 382 Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LODGE 1313 Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.	LOCAL 471 The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.
LODGE 1037 Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.	LOCAL 292 Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.	LOCAL 131 The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 125 The Taxi Drivers Local 125 meets on the first Tuesday at 4 a. m., and on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	SIoux CITY DRIVERS Grievance Committee—Each Tuesday, Friday night Stewards Meeting—Each Friday night
FEDERAL WORKERS Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.	PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
LOCAL 289 Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	MEETING SCHEDULE JANUARY, 1938 LOCAL 544 Thursday, January 20—Tent & Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, January 21—Job Stewards. Monday, January 24—Spring Water. 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.
LOCAL 1859 Casket Section—Jan. 11 J. R. Clark Section—Jan. 19 Exec. Board, 1859—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Exec. Board, 20481—Jan. 17 General Membership, 1859—Feb. 2 General Membership, 20481—Jan. 21 Twin City Stewards—Jan. 10, 24	
LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday Executive Board—Regularly every Monday	
ICE, COAL DRIVERS MEETING SCHEDULE Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.	