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On the National Picket Line

The Committee of Industrial Organization, as such, sang its swan song at a convention in Pittsburgh recently. And out of the convention which marked the death agonies of a loosely connected Committee for Industrial Organization came a new, duly constituted federation of labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, pledged to rivalry to the American Federation of Labor.

Hundreds of thousands of workers, in the basic, mass production industries have been organized for the first time in the history of the American labor movement. Many concessions in the forms of higher wages and better working conditions have been wrested from the employers. A tremendous surge into the unions, both AFL and CIO, followed the militant sit-down strikes in the auto industry in 1936-37. Numerically the labor movement has doubled its 1935 strength.

It must also be remembered that the Stalinists who here in Minnesota have perverted the CIO to their own use, are not so strong on a national scale. Minnesota is not an industrial center. Therefore there was no great toe-hold for CIO organization. The Stalinists grabbed this area unto themselves and managed to make the name CIO a thing to sneer and scoff at in this state. Only on the West Coast in the Maritime Unions, under Harry Bridges, and on the East Coast under Joseph Curran have the Communists been able to distort the original purpose of the CIO as they have here in Minnesota. Not that they haven't tried!

The convention itself was all Lewis. Soft-spoken, gentle as long as no opposition reared its ugly head, the chairman of the former CIO put over his constitution in a masterly manner. And out of it came power greater than has ever been granted one man in the entire history of the American labor movement.

The Executive Board of the Congress of Industrial Organization is comprised of forty-two members—all the presidents of the international affiliates. This gives the Stalinists fifteen members on the Board. BUT the voting power is regulated by the per capita-paying power of the unions represented. So Lewis, Hillman, and Murray, representing Coal, Steel, Textile and Clothing, have a vast majority on the Board. And this Big Three—comprising the active committee—are responsible to the general board only twice a year.

One plank of the new constitution makes Lewis entirely unafraid of the Stalinists on the Board. This plank gives the Executive Board the right to investigate any international union or local affiliate suspected of "not carrying out the policies of the CIO."

Still another plank grants the right of membership to anyone regardless of race, color, creed or nationality. It very pointedly does not mention "the right to private political affiliation." This plank gives Lewis the right to expel political minorities who irk him. When Curran and Bridges, realizing what the omission meant, attempted to speak on the question, Lewis called them to the platform and very effectively slapped them down and spanked them where it hurts the most. They were very quiet for the rest of the convention.

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More NSP Workers Get Layoff Slips

On Tuesday morning another wave of Republican prosperity rolled over the workers at the Northern States Power company as a second group of utility employees, members of Electrical Workers Local 160, received notice they would be laid off in December.

A few days after the November 8th elections, the first lay-off notices were delivered to sixty-four members of Local 160.

A meeting of the electrical workers union locals embracing Northern States Power employees in various parts of the state will be called in the near future. The meeting will discuss the lay-off and other union problems.

Spreading it on Thick
Though some of the workers who received lay-off notices this week have been on the job since 1923 and even earlier, the company refers to them as "temporary employees" in the white slips handed them.

Altogether, about a dozen employees received notices Monday. The Northern States Power company motivates this action by claiming it is due to "curtailment of work." Local 160 has the production figures covering operations for the past period and is much more than skeptical about such a claim.

Local 221 Adopts New Meeting Days

New meeting dates for the Ice Drivers Union Local 221 were announced this week by Ray Rainbolt, business agent.

The day laborer section will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting of this section will be held Tuesday, December 6th, 8 p. m., in the first floor hall.

The independent truck owner section of Local 221 will meet the second Tuesday, December 13th, 8 p. m., in the first floor hall.

Local 471 Nominates on December 6th

Nomination of officers for the coming year will be held at the next meeting of the Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471, scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th, at 7 p. m.

Elections will be held Tuesday, December 20th.

All members are urged to attend the December 6th meeting and make known their choice for union officials for the coming year.

Executive Board,
Local 471

Local 544 To Nominate On Dec. 12th

The December 12th general membership meeting of General Drivers Union Local 544 will be a very important one, meriting the attendance of all members.

Officers for the new year will be nominated at this meeting. The elections will be held in January.

Notice—Members 977

All members of the Filing Station Attendants Union, Local 977, must present dues book to be admitted to the general membership meeting on December 12th. Nominations will be in order for the coming election of officers.

Double Pay Collected from Olson Fruit Co.

On Monday Local 544 collected a check for \$50, representing pay collected for Ed Griffin, 544 member, from the Eng Olson Fruit company. Griffin, on the bottom of the seniority list, had been laid off after working one day of the week. His place was taken by Olson's son, in direct violation of the union contract. The \$50 represents double pay due Griffin for the balance of the week.

Local 544 means it when it says the union contract must be lived up to in spirit and letter.

Coal Drivers Strike in Brainerd

Wednesday afternoon it was announced that the coal strike had been settled and a union agreement signed.

Several union pickets have been arrested in Brainerd, Minnesota, as the strike of coal drivers, members of Drivers Union Local 736, goes into its second week.

Picket squads have effectively tied up coal deliveries. On Tuesday cops were looking for Walter Ross, union business agent, and Albert Fieener. The two unionists are accused of beating up a couple of finks.

544 By-laws Group Nears End of Work

The By-laws Committee of Local 544, now drafting a new set of by-laws for the union, calls to the attention of all 544 members that its work is nearing completion.

It again urges all members with suggestions to offer, to appear before the committee at one of the few remaining meetings.

The committee holds open sessions each Wednesday from 8 to 9 p. m., after which it holds closed sessions for one hour.

Farmers Union Moves for Bloc With Labor, Denounces War

An endorsement of the efforts of the union movement to secure collective bargaining, a condemnation of vigilante action against organized labor, and support of a nation-wide referendum before war can be declared, were some of the moves made by the national convention of the Farmers Union of America which met recently in Madison, Wisconsin.

The 400 delegates from 36 states held the most progressive convention ever called under the banner of the Farmers Union.

For Bloc With Labor
A resolution promising co-operation with labor said that "in the light of the 1938 election results, the entrenched forces of economic privilege may be expected to redouble their efforts to use false and malicious propaganda seeking to drive a wedge between farmers and workers, thus defeating the progressive aims of both groups."
The resolution ordered the

Union-Farm Council to Speed Work

A committee of the new Farm-Labor-Cooperative Council of Minnesota met Tuesday in Minneapolis and furthered plans to acquaint all eligible organizations with the work of the Council.

It is planned to draft a letter to be sent to all consumers' co-ops, acquainting them with the purpose of the Council and inviting suggestions as to how the Council can render them service.

A letter will also be sent all unions affiliated with the Central Labor Union, asking for contributions to continue the work of the Council. The Minneapolis CLU has already voted to endorse the new organization.

The state convention of the Farmers Union in St. Paul, scheduled for December 14-16, will be asked to make a place on its program for a speaker from the Farm-Labor-Cooperative Council. The Council committee plans to have ready a draft program for producers and consumers of the cities and the rural areas.

20316 Raps Dayton Offer On Seniority

A meeting of Dayton employees, members of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316, was held Monday night to discuss the company's counter-proposals to the union agreement which was presented to the department store some time ago.

On the important question of seniority the company is continuing its policy of attempting to force acceptance of departmental seniority which, as all union men know, works to the detriment of unionism.

The company has several times called the employees together during working hours and through scarcely veiled attempts at intimidation has sought to force the Dayton workers to accept departmental seniority rather than store-wide seniority.

The executive board of the union has met to discuss at some length this matter of Dayton seniority and will issue a statement to the members in the next few days.

Farmers' Union national board "to establish a permanent committee to extend and further the possibilities of co-operation with labor," urging that the co-operation be advanced by conferences between representatives of farm and labor organizations.
Apparently the form of joint union and farmer work will be similar to the new Farm-Labor-Cooperative Council of Minnesota which has been set up in this state.

Against New Deal Program
The Farmers Union convention insisted that the New Deal with its crop curtailment plan offered no fundamental solution to the agricultural crisis. The convention demanded cost of production for the farmer, to be achieved by fixing prices on farm products at a level high enough to permit farmers to buy needed industrial products.

State Court Refuses to Review Fink Suit vs. 544

Last Friday the state supreme court handed down a ruling denying a review of Judge Reed's order in the fink suit against General Drivers Union Local 544.

The supreme court granted a motion made by Anderson, attorney for the five finks, to quash the writ of certiorari through which the union had sought a review of Reed's order.

In its decision, however, the supreme court suggested that the Reed order is "of a comprehensive and blanket nature," and further pointed out that the defendants, officers of Local 544, had the right to ask that the original order be modified.

Following out the procedure suggested by the state supreme court, attorneys for Local 544 are now preparing an appeal to Judge Reed to modify the original order. The attorneys for the union, John Goldie and Gilbert Carlson, will probably appear before the District Court sometime next week.

Watchmakers Recommend Union Shops

The Watchmakers Union Local 103 is glad to announce that the Max A. Kohen jewelry store, 35 South 6th, now has a union watch repair department and thus merits the patronage of all trade unionists and friends of organized labor.

The National Jewelry company, 426 Nicollet, on the other hand, continues its hostility to Local 103 and the union movement.

The following loop jewelry stores now employ union men in their watch repair departments, thus becoming eligible to receive the patronage of labor:

M. L. Novack, 930 Hennepin
Hamilton Jewelry, 18 South 8th
State Jewelry, 811 Hennepin
M. L. Cohen, 33 South 8th
Grodnick Jewelry, 701½ Hennepin

Morris Credit Jewelers, 25 South 6th
Max A. Kohen, 35 South 6th
Gittelson Jewelry, 520 Nicollet
Plymouth Jewelry, 525 Hennepin Avenue

Harry Green, 407 Nicollet
Allen & Berg, 255 Hennepin
Olson Jewelry, 211 East Hennepin

20316 to Elect CLU Delegates

The Warehouse Union Local 20316 will elect its four delegates to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, at the regular membership meeting on Tuesday, December 27th.

Nominations and elections will be held on the same night. The present delegates to the Central Labor Union from Local 20316 are James Bartlett, Robert Tibbets, Ray Lind and Axel Jensen.

will never in our lives again read a Chicago Tribune."
The convention recorded a membership of 120,000 in 36 states, exclusive of the women auxiliaries and the junior groups.

Inside the Farmers Union in recent years there has been a struggle between the older populist leaders who fought bitterly against organized labor, and who were closely allied with the fascist labor-hater, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, and the new leaders. Several state sections of the Farmers Union, including those in Michigan and Minnesota, were wrecked during the struggle and for other reasons.

The recent convention revoked the charters in Michigan and Minnesota and directed the national executive board to rebuild them.

K. C. Negotiating; Omaha Union Still Holds the Fort

As the Omaha General Drivers Union Local 554 continued its magnificent struggle to enforce the over-road pact in that area, the Area Sub-committee invaded Kansas City this week to spread the drive for the area agreement.

When the negotiations between the Area Committee and Kansas City operators opened, the latter conducted themselves in such a way as to convince the union spokes-

men that they were not ready to reach a reasonable settlement.

Having entered the negotiations with an endorsement from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for a strike in Kansas City, the drivers union representatives set a strike deadline for 6 a. m. Tuesday morning.

Bosses Change Minds

Before the deadline, however, a considerable change occurred in the attitude of the Kansas operators. Negotiations were resumed Wednesday morning. The Area Committee has not yet set a new strike date.

Back in Omaha, the employers throughout the city continued their demonstration of class solidarity as they sought to crack down on the strikers from various sides. Apparently, meetings of various groups of union creditors have been held, at which instructions were issued to press all strikers to pay the rent up immediately.

Finance companies pressed all 554 men for payments on car loans, washing machines, etc. Such a campaign could only have been calculated to demoralize the strikers.

Sister Locals Show Solidarity
In the crisis, neighboring drivers locals responded loyally and came to the assistance of Local 554, which effectively coped with the situation. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters continued its financial aid to the Omaha union during the week. Local banks, by refusing to cash good checks representing strike funds, are seeking to make it as difficult as possible for the union.

Though the strike is in its twelfth week, and though the strikers have had to put up with incredible pressure from the employers and the courts, the courage of the men and their families is truly magnificent. The fight of the Omaha drivers, and their certain eventual victory, will be one of the great sagas of the American union movement. The strike is still wholly effective, with only a few sporadic small shipments seeping through. Pickets are raring to go.

Chicago Meeting Scheduled
A meeting of the full Area Committee will be held in Chicago sometime next week, at which the whole area situation will be reviewed and ways sought to intensify the fight.

Plumbing Section Of Local 20316 Meet Dec. 5th

A special meeting of the Plumbing Supply Section of Warehouse Union Local 20316 will be held Monday, December 5th, at 8 p. m. in the first floor hall.

Several very important matters will be taken up, including a discussion on terms of the contract for next year. All plumbing supply workers are instructed to attend.

TJC Boards from 3 Cities Meet to Enforce Contracts

An important meeting of the executive boards of Teamsters Joint Councils of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, was held Tuesday night in St. Paul. The major problem before the meeting was the setting up of machinery to see that the Associated General Contractors agreement and the standard over-the-road pact are strictly enforced throughout the state.

A committee of three was set up to draft a plan dividing the state into three sections, with each Council to have jurisdiction over one section for the purpose of enforcing the working agreements. The committee consists of Ed Marine of Duluth, Arthur Hudson of St. Paul and Miles Dunne of Minneapolis. The committee will meet on December 10th in Minneapolis, and another meeting of the three boards will be held soon afterward.

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

What is Behind the French General Strike?

Question of Fascism or Workers' Rule Poised on Razor Edge—French Employers Pressing Toward Totalitarian Regime, Prepare Concentration Camps, Military Rule, for Unionists—Workers Fight for 40-Hour Week—Cops, Mobile Guards Attack Sit-downers With Rifles—Army Called Out—Workers Must Fight for Power or Go Way of Germany, Austria

Background: In June, 1938, a wave of sit-down strikes swept France. Within a few weeks the French union movement grew in membership from one million to over five millions. As a result of the nation-wide strikes, the unions forced the newly-formed Popular Front government to pass social legislation favorable to the labor movement. Through the strikes, wages were increased 25 per cent. A law was passed declaring 40 hours the legal work week.

The employing class in France very quickly recovered itself and took the offensive against the workers. They boosted prices so that the cost of living increased very shortly by 35 per cent, thus more than wiping out the wage gains won by the strikes of June, 1938.

Under the pressure of the internal struggle in France, plus the blows of foreign events, the Popular Front government several times changed its personnel. Leon Blum, leader of the French Social-Democrats, gave way to Chautemps, who in turn gave way to Blum again. In April, 1938, Daladier, leader of the Radical Socialist Party, became the fourth Popular Front premier of France. Daladier has come out more and more openly against the union movement.

In October of this year, Daladier declared war on the few remaining gains won by the workers in 1938. He demanded, and received, the unhampered right to issue a number of decree laws which, in effect, are aimed to destroy the union movement and enslave the French workers.

In this move, Daladier is aided by the compulsory-arbitration and strike-illegality laws which the Popular Front government passed in early 1937.

Workers Cling to 40-Hour Week

The decree that has aroused most bitterness among the workers is one ordering the lengthening of the work week, from the forty-hour week, to a week of forty-five hours, fifty hours and more in industries concerned with national defense. As all employers are claiming their firms are necessary to national defense, the owners of industry are seeking to lengthen the work week throughout France.

Not only is the work week being lengthened, but the overtime rates are cut. Overtime is being paid for at only 10 per cent above the normal wage.

Crack Down on Unions

The Minister of Finance in France has led the attack on the five-day forty-hour week, which the French workers have come to value very highly. He sneeringly refers to the two days of rest as "two Sundays," and intimates that workers don't need two days of rest.

Workers who refuse to work the extra hours each week are liable to fines of from 100 to 1,000 francs, or imprisonment for from 2 days to 6 weeks, or both.

The French government, under the decree laws, states that the lengthened work week will prevail for only three years. However, everyone, both the employers and the workers, realizes that once the work week is lengthened it is entirely unlikely that the shorter work week will be restored. It is also realized by all that the hourly wage rate will be progressively cut as the work week is lengthened.

Bosses Press Toward Fascism

The French employers defend the extension of the work week by arguing they must compete with industry in fascist Germany.

Under Hitler's fascist rule, the trade unions, of course, have been smashed and German factories now work in many cases 72-hours weekly. Without any unions to defend themselves, the German workers are helpless before the most extreme exploitation which everywhere marks fascist rule.

If the French workers were to do what the French employers demand they do, they would quickly also be forced to work 12 hours a day, in order "to keep up with German industry."

New Strike Wave Starts

Under the whip of the decree laws, the anger of the French workers has mounted daily, and a strike wave has been rising for the past month and more. Last month the building trades unions in Lyon struck, only to have their strike defeated by the government. Eighty workers were arrested for picketing, 20 of whom have already been sentenced to from 3

months to a year in jail. La-brousse, the federal secretary of the Building Trades Union, has been arrested.

As the number of strikes mounted, Daladier proclaimed that any struggle to retain the 40-hour week would render workers liable not only to being fired, but to criminal prosecution. It has become treasonable to strike or picket.

The constantly rising cost-of-living, new taxes, and the ferocious attacks of the employers on workers' rights and the union movement, push the French workers into strikes, however.

Sit-Downs Again

Early last week a new wave of sit-down strikes started in France. At the head of the strike wave is the Metal Workers Union. In the northern section of the country, 26,000 workers called sit-down strikes and occupied the factories. In Lille, 3,000 steel workers refused to work one hour overtime and left at the regular quitting time.

On Thursday several thousand workers at the Renault automobile works, one of the nation's largest factories, declared a sit-down, as tens of thousands of workers struck in northern France.

At the Renault plant the workers barricaded themselves inside the workshops and barred doors with armored cars and tanks manufactured by the plant.

Pitched Battle

Daladier sent against them the Paris cops and the Mobile Guards, the national strike-breaking army, similar to the national guards in the United States.

Under command of the Paris chief of police the guards charged through back entrances to the plant after hurling tear gas bombs through the windows. Inside, the guards began to slug the workers over the heads with rifle butts, whereupon the strikers took up wrenches and hammers to defend themselves. Dozens were injured on both sides and much machinery was smashed before the strike-breakers were able to evict the sit-downers.

When the government sought to use the same methods in Valen-

ciennes, a city in northern France, it had more difficulty as the overwhelming majority of the population sided with the strikers. After the chief factory was evacuated by Mobile Guards, and the company tried to operate with a hundred strike-breakers, the strikers returned, threw out the scabs and reoccupied the factory.

A number of railroad workers then went out on strike, further complicating the situation for the government.

Striker Ordered into Army

Daladier immediately began using a slick strike-breaking device which is available to the French government: that of ordering all strikers into the army, after which they must return to work and break their own strike. Furthermore, they must work for military wages, which of course are way under trade union wages.

This law was first used in 1910 when the French railroad workers went on strike, at which time Premier Briand ordered the strikers mobilized, helping to end the strike.

Similar to M-Day Plans

Incidentally, all workers in the United States can learn a great deal from this strike-breaking device, for the U. S. War Department's Industrial Mobilization Plan contains provisions for similar strike-breaking laws.

Martial Law in Force

On Thursday when the government requisitioned a railroad line and mobilized 400 of the 2,000 strikers into the army, the 400 refused to work. Later, however, they returned to their jobs. The army immediately began establishing military courts and concentration camps all over France to court martial all workers who refused to obey the mobilization orders.

On Friday the General Confederation of Labor (C.G.T.) leaders met in Paris and, under pressure from the union rank, issued a call for a one-day general strike to be held Wednesday, November 30th.

General Strike Call

According to the official strike call, the strike must be held without any manifestation or meeting, and the workers are not to allow themselves to be provoked. On Thursday all workers are to return to work, proclaims the C.G.T., and the Confederation will "continue in different form its action against the decree laws," which mean "if not misery at least want in all modest homes while the great capitalists got all the benefit."

Premier Daladier's reply was to immediately call a conference of the police chiefs, the general staff of the army, and the Ministry of War.

"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" On Saturday 12,000 striking miners in northern France received orders mobilizing them into the army.

Eight thousand of the strikers were Polish coal miners and all faced deportation from the country back to fascist Poland. The Mobile Guards took their working permits, telling them they could regain the permits by returning to work Monday. They were told that if they did not return they

would be ordered out of the country. Foreign workers are not subject to the French militarization orders.

A number of mass meetings were held by the workers throughout France on Saturday night. Mobile Guards attacked a meeting of workers in Paris, clubbing participants over the heads with rifle butts. Workers were warned that they could hold public meetings to discuss strike developments but that any speaker taking "too violently" would be arrested.

Demand End of Decrees

The general demands made at all workers' meetings was that Daladier resign and that his decree laws be abrogated, and that the government cease using the police and the Mobile Guard to break the sit-in strikes.

A number of leading government officials spoke over the radio seeking to induce the workers and their unions from fighting the decree laws, and arguing that the new laws were for the workers' best interests.

A number of strikers from the Renault auto plant were tried in court Saturday and received jail sentences up to six months.

When 2,800 workers, comprising the entire working force at a leading aviation plant, refused to show up for work Saturday in protest against lengthening of the work week, they were all notified of their immediate dismissal.

Blame "Foreigners"

The government and the employers, as is usual, are blaming the strike wave not on the hatred of the workers for the decree laws, but upon "foreign agitators." The police have warned all foreigners that if they participate in labor demonstrations they will be immediately expelled from the country.

During Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, preparations for the general strike were intensified on both sides. On Sunday hundreds of workers' meetings were held all over France, at which all trade unionists pledged themselves to support enthusiastically the strike call.

Strike Preparations

The government put increasing pressure upon the trade union leaders to call off the strike. On Monday, it was announced with great fanfare that the unions of bank clerks and insurance companies had agreed not to strike. However, everyone realized that these unions had no important economic power, and that the really powerful unions meant to go through with the strike.

Twenty-five thousand metal workers continued their strike Monday morning, and announced they would strike indefinitely "until the government's plan to extend the forty-hour week is broken." One thousand chemical

workers occupied the Kuhlmann chemical plant in Loos.

Army Called Out

On Tuesday Daladier began to shift army detachments into Paris to swell the ranks of the 25,000 soldiers already garrisoned in the capitol. Tens of thousands of cops and Mobile Guards stood guard in all important working-class centers throughout the country.

The premier announced he would militarize workers on the railways, the subways, buses, gas, water, light, mail, telegraph, telephone and other services, placing all these industries under control of the French army. Daladier hopes that the hundreds of thousands of workers involved will permit themselves to be placed under military authority to break their own strikes.

Scores of union officials and leading militant workers were arrested throughout the country.

During the late afternoon, special detachments of steel-helmeted soldiers stood guard over arms stores to prevent the workers from seizing guns and ammunition.

And thus the situation stands Tuesday night, with the strike deadline at 4 a. m. Wednesday, only a few hours away.

Fascism or Workers' Rule?

Should Daladier triumph with the aid of the army, it is certain that the government will intensify repressive measures against the workers, and that the employers will unleash the fascist gangsters against the labor movement, and will press for the establishment of a fascist regime. France would thus be the last large European country to go the way of Italy, Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia, and fascism would hold undisputed sway over the continent.

Unless the French workers crush the totalitarian threat, they face the regime of the concentration camps.

Daladier is implying in his radio talks to the country that the present struggle is one between the dictatorship of the employing class and the rule of the working class, and this is true, just as it was in Italy, Germany, Austria, etc. Either the workers will smash the increasingly totalitarian regime of Daladier and themselves become rulers in France—or the unions

On the Route With the Milk Man

By Mike Rusinko

Hank Christensen thinks so well of the Clover Leaf Bowling League that he is considering issuing a challenge, for a post-season tournament with any other House League in the Dairy field. Come on you other birds, let's hear from you, Northland, Franklin, Superior, Oheens and others.

A week ago last Sunday a certain young lady had a young man call her up and ask for a date that evening, that certain girl said no, but, lo and behold, he came that evening; he was a determined young fellow. So the evening was spent at home. I wonder who it was. You don't know, do you, Berle?

The other day Rosy drove out his streamlined Dracula to put his truck away, and when he came out that mess was missing. He used language that wasn't fit for a preacher to hear. He said the least they could do was to wait for him. I wonder who did it. You wouldn't know, would you, Jim Lowery?

Big Noise Nelson, Dead Eye Wiek, Hairless Gene Aitken are taking dancing lessons. I saw Gene dance as he peddles, for a one point stop he waltzes to it; for a two point he does the rumba. I suppose for a five-point stop he would do a fan dance.

Fred Thompson had to postpone

that big feed and shindig. There were no deer in the neck of the woods where he was. Fred, you could have pinch-hit by using hamburger. Some wouldn't know the difference.

Squirt Russell came back with a deer, but if he gives everybody that he promised a chunk; well, he should be able to grind up the hide for himself.

George Berquist has sprouted out with a new hat, I wonder if that was a bet or if he really bought it. He will have to reduce or get a new suit because if he ever sneezes in that one it will bust.

I received a note through the mail and it said something about a certain gray Lothario Stanley "Clinken" Fischer was going to give his girl a ring, or go in the ring, or ring her up. It was hard to make out, but whatever it was, Stanley, be careful.

In a short time there will be in the local scandal society section of our daily papers an announcement of the engagement of two L.O.L. young "Debutantes" so don't miss it, girls.

Mike Lavery asked One Round Anderson to give him a ride the other night as his flivver was on the sick list. Next day Mike was still pale and he said I will never again ride in that torture chamber. Shame on you, Gus.

Just a little warning to the drivers—bad weather is here, so don't take any chances; take your time and keep the bottles in your carriers. To be safe, in case you fall, shoot the basket away from yourself. You look a lot better in your truck than in a hospital.

If someone has a remedy or a

Soft Drink Team Moves Into First

The Soft Drinks went into first place alone again by taking three games from Liberty Cabs. M. Hatling had 553. Gold Bubble went into second place but lost the odd game to Local 289. Williams had 521, C. Lindbloom 544. Minkin's took a pair from Local 221. Hedlin had 544 and Maceok had 527. Local 544 took a double from the Meat Drivers. Ambrose had 511. Kenzie and O'Connell said they would take applications for some women's team with a poor average.

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Texas Teamsters Strike Walgreen's

Houston, Texas—Following a long list of abuses by the Walgreen Drug company, capped by two weeks of stalling and refusing to negotiate a working agreement, all warehousemen employed by Walgreen's in Houston walked out on strike Tuesday morning, November 22nd. The warehousemen are affiliated with the Teamsters Union Local 367. Picket lines were immediately thrown around the Walgreen warehouse and all Walgreen stores.

The strikers are demanding the 40-hour week; union recognition; seniority; a minimum weekly wage of \$21.50, etc.

Walgreen workers here have never had any job security. The company has always followed a policy of firing any worker "because it did not like the way he combs his hair."

Company Chisels
When the Wage and Hour Law became effective, the company immediately moved to get around the law by lowering the hourly pay for the first 44 hours and paying the overtime for the rest of the hours worked. This "legal" book-keeping left all wages at their former level and defeated the spirit and letter of the Wage and Hour Law. It was the final straw. The warehousemen, to a man, voted to strike.

Labor Backs Strike
Local 367, under the leadership of R. B. Crawford, business agent, has rallied the support of the local teamsters movement behind the strike. In addition, many CIO workers walk the picket line with the warehouse strikers, to indicate their solidarity.

The company shows no signs of wanting to negotiate, and the union is determined to hold firm until its moderate demands are met. Strikers have filed charges against the district superintendent of Walgreen's, for throwing tactics

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren
NEXT MEETING: Wholesale Drivers meet Thursday evening, December 8, 7:30 p. m. sharp.

The contract committee has been meeting lately and will have something to report in the near future.

Sam Ash, Purity, has moved to the country and is already coming in with that what-you-may-call-it on his heels.

"Hi" Osen, Zinsmaster's, says he's going to take the receiver off the hook before going to bed. He says the phone ringing in the morning bothers sleep to beat the cars.

Hank Larson, formerly with Regan's and Purity, has returned to Minneapolis from California.

Anybody who has seen the last of the Thanksgiving turkey can consider himself lucky. I'm still getting it, in one form or another.

Things should be going along swell at Excelsior Bakery since their special meeting last week, when they voted to make a slight change in the contract. How about it, boys? Let's hear from you.

"Pleasant" thought for this time of year: Only 21 shopping days until Christmas.

Some new members of our union are the Erkmantraut Bean boys. Welcome to the local, boys.

Elden "the Pawnee Kid" at Zinsmaster's wants to know why it is that a black cow can eat green grass and give white milk that makes yellow butter. I don't know, Pawnee, unless it's for the same reason that blackberries are red when they're green.

If you have any questions, send them in to the old Professor. He'll answer them.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle
NOTICE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, ALL DAY FROM 8 A. M. UNTIL 8 P. M. REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD.

Negotiating Committee contacted the employers again to SIGN and renew our contract for another year but the employers refused to sign until a few little "itsy bitsy" changes are made in our present contract.

News of the Week
Artistic Cleaners has an ad in the Minneapolis Labor Review. Such crust!

Several St. Paul unions (including the Drivers Union, Local 120) have a Ladies Auxiliary. The "little woman" should hear of this?

Department of Labor estimates three and one-half million wage earners or approximately one-third of those in industry receive paid vacations yearly at present.

John Tuckage of Garber Laundry is back after a 6 week siege of sickness.

Earl Smith of the Despatch is home convalescing from his recent sickness. He's perhaps on the job by now.

Pat Fourie is still laid up.

We will have the basketball lineup and game schedule in our next issue.

Basketball practice is held each Monday, 9 p. m., at Jefferson High.

Sable of the Royal took his dear north with him and hoped to come back with another deer!

Saleen and Hutchins of the Custom were snared jointly for the "refreshments" last meeting night.

Noticed in Local 188's laundry column of the Labor Review a wild statement that read: "We would have gotten a Closed Shop if it hadn't been for 'outside meddlers.'"

We'll bet our twins against a Chinese clacker that no one predicted the recent landslide.

Leif Anderson of the Minneapolis Industrial Towel leads a large church choir and he sez that none other than our own Louis Clair warbled under him.

Bowling team reports three

more wins, making score now 14 won and 10 lost. They're getting there gradually. Incidentally, Peterson of the Model rolled high score.

Walter Ersfield of Falconer's sez if every milkman in town sent a bundle once a month that it would amount to two thousand additional bundles. Not a bad idea. Why not include bakery drivers, bricklayers, carpenters, butchers, bakers and candlestick makers, etc.?

HINT
A fellow from Kronick's asked another fellow from the Royal if it wasn't possible to have a few social events this winter. The fellow from Kronick's replied to the fellow from Royal that he knew another fellow from Custom who knew another fellow from Lawrence's who would see a fellow from Nevens who would contact the editor of this column!

On WPA Projects
By Vic W. Nicholas
WPA workers in the Federal Workers Section: watch the daily press closely. In the next few days there will be some changes made in the top brackets of the national WPA officials. It is a simple ruse to protect F.D.R.'s spokesmen. The resistance that workers are putting forth on the cuts in WPA appropriations is already being felt and when the big splash comes (which will be soon) he doesn't want any of 'his boys' in the line of fire.

After checking on the wage scale in the rural sections and smaller towns, we had better be prepared to protect the gains made in the city. \$60.50 and supplement is riches alongside of the \$46 paid in the outlying districts. No one doubts that it is hard to get along on what we are now getting, but in the next couple of months we are going to find a battle on our hands to hold the local scale up. It is impossible for the big shots to cut the rural sections any lower, so the plans are to lop off heads and wages in the city.

What does Harry Hopkins mean when he says they will drop all but the "truly needy"? Are men and women on WPA because they want to be? The answer to that is no! When Big Business decides it can make more profits by spending government money for War than by spending it for WPA projects, somebody is going hungry and the WPA workers appear to be the easiest victims. That is just the first step. Workers in all other industries will find themselves forced into line if a stop isn't made to this right now.

WITH THE HUNTERS
Wonder why Bartlett's deer had no head?
Des Rosier got a goose egg. Wonder if he patrolled the highway again?
It's Bob Bartlett—three shot fawn.
Frank Krueger, old stickey foot, got a spike buck. It looked like a Jersey yearling.
H. Swanson and Campbell got a buck.
E. R. Nelson of the Trouble Department is laid up at home with a bronchial ailment.

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Watt Notes

Thanks for the cooperation in sending news for this column, brothers. The last three weeks we have been swamped and have been unable to get all the items in print.

If all items do not appear in this issue, they will be used later. Again, many thanks.

Sales campaign reported to be a success—more employees being laid off.

Evidently "more sales" mean "more on the bread line."

Another "operator" is sporting a Packard. We need bigger and better cars on the picket line, "Dr." Dalros.

It cost Seguin ten dollars and costs to find out the difference between a duck and a grebe (hell diver). What, after all these years, Sig?

They are expecting an event in Wayne Riggs' home very soon. Here's hoping it's a girl this time, Wayne.

They are still coming up to the office to be reinstated and put in good standing with the Union.

The membership meeting of November 17th was very lively and interesting.

The "Old Texas Ranger" and La Ferrier as hunters just can't take it—a farmer boy, a 22 rifle, a skunk and a strong wind made them pick up their decoys and retreat for the day.

Operators please take notice: The Building Service Employees were on strike at a building on Lyndale Avenue South, with the fire out and water drained. Joe Berg, operator from Garfield Station, turned "scab fireman" and restored heat in the building.

Henry Gould had seventy-four candles on his birthday cake Thanksgiving week.

Arthur C. Lindgren of Land and Tax and Mrs. Lindgren are expecting their first born and are pulling for a boy, we understand.

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544 Stewards to Meet Dec. 2nd

The 544 Stewards meeting will be held this Friday, December 2nd, instead of December 9th as was announced in 544's meeting schedule last week.

The 544 meeting schedule had several dates hawked up, and all 544 members are asked to refer to the corrected schedule which appears this week.

The cold and slippery days are come,
The toughest of the year.
With icy streets and skidding stops
And weather damp and drear.

The screwy motorists are out to do their window shopping. Those varied noises that you hear Are merely fenders popping.

Just leave the "ding-bats" have the wrecks
While you drive safe and sane.
Grant them all the right-of-way
And you will drive again.

In all the accidents there are,
Some one is always fearful.
A broken arm or leg or neck
Is not so very cheerful.

So drive with heads as well as hands,
In the end you'll find it will pay.
And you make the line-up with your head in the air,
With the feeling you've had a good day.

CURLY
Oscar Olson has donned his muskrat cap for the winter; his only concern is what would happen if some roving flea circus took a liking to it.

Our astute mileage salesman, "Half-a-cup" Sorenson, drove thirty-three miles per hour and, it cost him exactly one hundred mugs of java.

Statistics—if all the cigars that De Beau, Kjeseth and Gritsmacher smoke, were laid end to end they would reach farther than they do to pick 'em up.

If you see what appears to be a Nazi salute when two day drivers pass this will set you right; they hold up as many digits as there are cabs on the nearest stand.

The east side bachelors of this unit have again uttered the solemn resolve not to drink or gamble unless alone or with somebody.

Looks like the recession finally caught up to Mr. "Big-Noise" Tripp. We understand he is getting rid of his station-wagon, which leaves him with nothing to drive but the town car.

We take our hats off to the "Chief"; eleven minutes after a service call came from the M.A.C. lot our efficient Mr. Clairemont had the tire changed and the cab ready for service. Operators, take a lesson in service.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig
Our paper of last week carried the wrong date for our regular meeting. Just in case you noticed the error, please remember the first Thursday in December, our regular meeting night, comes this week on the 1st.

Some of our own people on the state setup still have the desire to rubberize our rules to the extent that they can be stretched to suit their own time.

Scott stag-ers! . . . Plenty big financial success . . . All the committee men running around with big rolls that night . . . ITO well represented . . . Who furnished the most entertainment, the professionals or our well-known pal with the red hair? . . . Harry De Beer would do well to apply to Tony Stecher for a job . . . Which one of the organizers really lit the torch? Plenty big smoke screen, but you can bet all the near-sighted boys made the front rows anyway.

Joe (I can do 70) Quinlan made a three point landing at midnight last week at Art Karlen's with a load of black dirt. Inasmuch as Art did not order the stuff, he is offering the whole load (spread across the boulevard) for the taking. Along with the dirt Joe gave the Karlen house hold one of his special renditions on the piano with voice accompaniment. It goes without saying that our ace driver has been making too many stop-overs again.

A couple of weeks ago the state highway poured out a big gob of gravel to the contractors in the shape of an 883,560 cubic yard mountain to be dragged on a 12.5 mile trek out Albert Lea way (curses on an unintentional pun). Strom Construction gobbled up the offering at a figure of \$183,000.

Among our Dan'l Boones: Gene Lundholm and Art Karlen showed the old eagle eye and each came home from their last week's hunting with venison on the hoof . . . Bill (Never Miss) Camp is too distastefully lucky; he never fails. Last year he made the grade for the whole party he was with. Those last two bleats are liable to cause the Camp household to give me the bum's rush. There was a portion of venison last year, and now it's buckskin gloves besides a perfectly good dinner I had to pass up.

Most of our hunters who failed to connect this season were forced by lack of time off from work to make such quick, hurried trips that success was only a matter of sheer luck.

Mr. Quick, our sharp-shooting doorman, clipped off considerable underbrush but came back with nary so much as a tuft of hair. Bruce Vincent the Local 221 fink-spotter, claims those north woods make him too near-sighted to line 'em up. We say the trouble is those deer carry no ice tongs.

Have you signed up for the hospital insurance with MHSA? Ask your steward for information on this anytime you pay your dues.

What's happened to the Olson Highway project? . . . This week has been too quiet to suit most of us . . . But, the PWA docket has at least three city fire stations and a new equipment garage on Curry to be started before January.

"Whither France?" To Be Subject At Sunday Forum
"What Is Happening in France?" will be the subject of a talk to be delivered by Dr. Grace Carlson at the regular Socialist Sunday Forum this coming Sunday, December 4th, at 3 p. m.

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The company has hired about 30 "dollar-a-year" finks to carry counter-picket signs reading "We Are Satisfied."

These "dollar-a-year" scabs are paid \$10 a day. In addition the company has sought to force Walgreen clerks to carry signs denouncing the strike. Many of the clerks have refused, despite company threats to fire them. A movement has started to organize the clerks and spread the strike.

On Saturday night three company executives, with the assistance of the scabs, attacked union pickets in front of one of the main Walgreen stores.

The strike committee, under the leadership of Fletcher Richardson, is preparing to take adequate defense measures to defend the strikers from the boss violence.

Sewing Project Workers Hold Large Meeting
The largest attendance of WPA sewing project workers that has ever turned out for a Federal Workers Section meeting met in the union hall Tuesday evening.

The major question up for discussion was the subject of make-up time. The committee reported on a plan which has been agreed to by the WPA officials, and the meeting endorsed the proposal.

Marvel Dobbs and Max Geldman spoke before the group.

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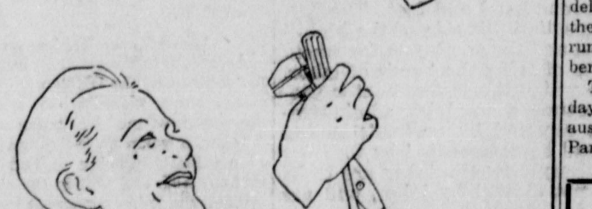
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,
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Open the Doors to Hitler's Victims!

Despite the world-wide horror over Hitler's latest anti-Jewish bestialities, it is obvious that the ruling classes in each country, though they pretend to a warm sympathy with the victims of fascism, are not going to lift a finger to offer asylum to the tortured refugees.

Roosevelt seeks to turn the public outcry against the Nazi terror into support for putting across his colossal armament plans. To stifle the world protest, Chamberlain of England puts forward a rotten scheme to settle the Jews in the swamplands of British Guiana, a territory that is large enough only to settle thirty thousand persons. Once there, the Jews would be used by British imperialism just as they have been used in Palestine.

Reactionaries in this country, forced to speak by the wave of sympathy for Hitler's victims, suddenly discover an interest in the welfare of the unemployed and oppose the admission of persecuted refugees from fascism because, don't you see, a few hundred thousand more people added to the 130,000,000 already here might interfere with the right of America's unemployed to starve.

This sudden hypocritical interest in the welfare of the jobless, from people who have never lifted a finger to aid the unemployed, is revolting. As though refusing to open the doors of America to a few hundred thousand refugees is going to give jobs to American workers. As though it weren't the present system that is responsible for taking the jobs of millions of our workers, and not workers from other lands.

Let us face the issue. If we mean business when we say it is our duty to aid the victims of race and religious persecution in their terrible crisis, we have got to carry through the one demand that can help them NOW, when they need help: the demand that they be permitted to enter the United States. Together with the labor movement of this nation, we must compel Washington to lift the quotas and abolish all financial restrictions and red tape.

Open the doors to the refugees!

What's This—Does the Organizer Agree With Saturday Evening Post?

No doubt there are many persons in Minneapolis who fail to understand why the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, together with the ranks of organized labor nationally, takes the government's war preparations so seriously, and why the labor press persists in its warning that the War Department is planning to set up a military dictatorship the day war is declared, a dictatorship which will abruptly change the whole character of society in the United States, and will result in a fascist state.

"The unions are crying 'Wolf,'" some people say. "They are just a lot of radicals trying to agitate us about a non-existent danger. Maybe war WILL come, but things probably won't be any worse than they were in 1917 and 1918."

A most dangerous illusion!

This time we don't bring you a warning from the ranks of organized labor. We present instead the comments of the Saturday Evening Post, whose organ of the Republican Party, on the Industrial Mobilization Plan of the government, from the November 26th issue of that magazine:

"The powers proposed by the official Industrial Mobilization Plan to be conferred upon the President in time of war or when war is imminent . . . are more than dictatorial. They are the powers of a dictator, absolute and complete, save only the arbitrary power of life and death over individuals. What we understand as popular government could be, and undoubtedly would be, totally extinguished on mobilization day. In place of it would be government in the absolute principle, all powers delegated to the President. To meet dictatorship in battle—if it were that—we should have embraced dictatorship ourselves. And then we should be fighting—for what?"

We are in complete agreement with the above-quoted section of the Saturday Evening Post editorial.

To be sure, the Post is interested in the Industrial Mobilization Plan because of a fear, wholly unjustifiable, that industry would be dictated to by Washington in wartime, and it is this motive that prompts the Post to expose the dictatorial plans of the present administration.

In its editorial, the Saturday Evening Post of course didn't touch upon the section of the M-Day plans dealing with labor. It didn't say a word about the fact that the union movement would be bound hand and foot. The Saturday Evening Post didn't mention this side of the Mobilization Plan because the Post and the employers for whom it speaks really like the idea of tying the hands of labor.

Under the dictatorship which the government is preparing to clamp down in wartime, a war labor administration is provided for, to be directed by an "outstanding industrial leader." Labor will be represented by four out of ten members on an Advisory Council. They are to be selected by the President, not elected by labor, and are to meet only when directed.

Such a board would automatically bat 6-4 against the union leaders, and 10-0 against the ranks of organized labor.

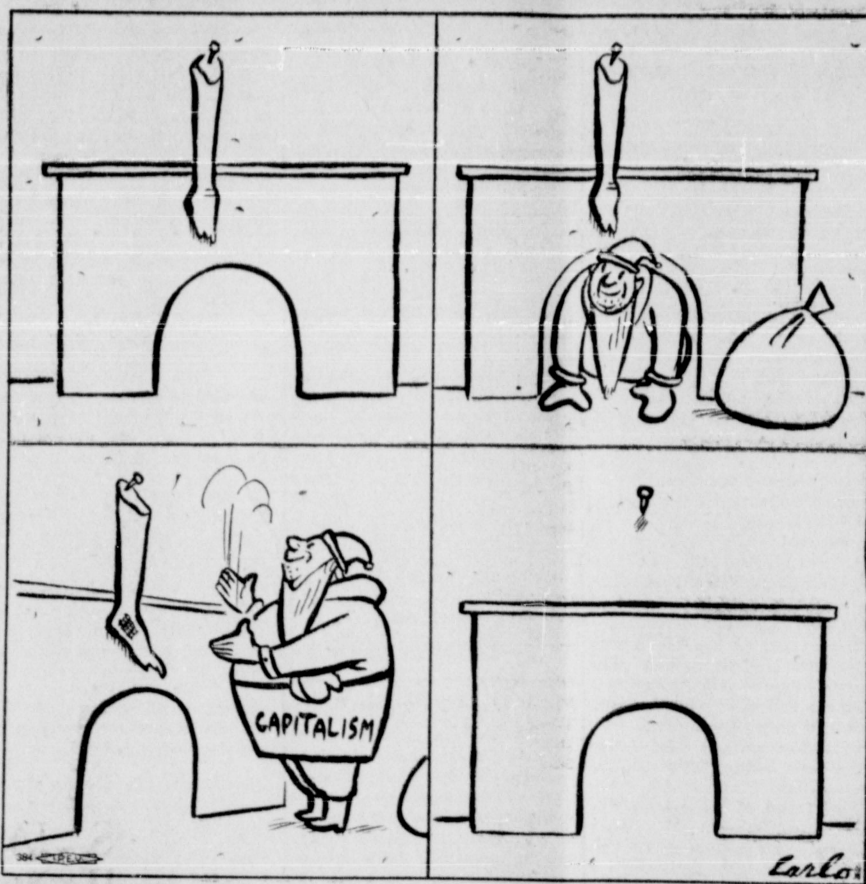
The war labor administration, in effect, will control all workers. It is aimed to prevent them from changing jobs, industry or location. If a worker shows himself too militant in the shop, the war department will cancel his deferment from military service and thrust him into the army.

We see today in France how such powers are used to smash the organized labor movement.

The Industrial Mobilization Plan provides for a Public Relations Division, with powers a hundred times greater than the Committee on Public Information of the first World War.

The Public Relations Division will have the task of manufacturing patriotism, war hysteria and atrocity stories. The press, the movies, the radio, the schools, the churches and every other medium of propaganda at the

Christmas Play, in Four Scenes



Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

All T. J. C. locals are now in the throes of pre-election activity.

The Council executive board met with the similar boards from Duluth and St. Paul in the Lowry Hotel Tuesday eve.

Council Workers
A campaign is now under way in the coal yards to bring past-due members up to date and to unionize workers who have entered the industry this fall. Please cooperate by having your book on your person and by assisting union representatives when they call. Locals 221 and 544 are cooperating in the drive.

Drug workers met Monday night to start drafting a new agreement.

The Scott Committee requests that tickets be settled for or returned as quickly as possible in order that a final accounting can be made.

It's Done with Mirrors
Leaders of local CIO unions, who face inability to enforce agreements, refusal of members to pay dues, and steadily thinning ranks, still speak in the name of "the Minneapolis Labor Movement."

Revenge Will Be Sweet
I am still looking for the guy who encouraged me to bet a C-note on the recent election. Oh

well, the odds were good, anyway.

Coal drivers are on strike in Brainerd—some unionists made the brig the first day.

Wanted
Someone to explain Wage-Hour Law Administrator Andrews' Friday speech. At that it was some kind of a record. It took him two hours to say exactly nothing.

Whatever you do, don't forget the kiddies' Christmas Party. It will be bigger and better than ever—in fact, colossal.

By-laws Committee will soon have a final report ready to submit to 544 membership.

Omaha drivers are still on the streets.

Most FLP candidates who won in the elections had winning margins so small that recounts are taking place.

The Welfare Board post may go to our own Dr. McCrimmon.

The Milk Drivers will nominate at their next meeting.

Thanksgiving Is Over, But—The ax is still falling in the State Highway Dept.

Good Deed for the Day Dept.
See to it that your fellow worker is a paid-up member of the union.

Oklahoma Steel Workers Win Strike, Backed by AFL

Oklahoma City, Okla.—The six weeks strike of the Steel Workers Union (CIO) against the Black, Sivalls and Bryson Mfg. company has just ended in a magnificent victory for the workers. The struggle was marked by its spirit and militancy and the fine support rendered by the local AFL movement.

After the company had embarked on a vicious union-busting campaign, trying to saddle everything but the war debt on their employees, making them responsible for all breakages, dishing out a 30 per cent wage cut, etc., the workers pulled the whistle and shut her down tight.

Union Turns Tables
According to Harold Rasmussen, strike director, the Oklahoma City bosses were planning to make short work of the steel union and thus put a crimp on the campaign of organization being carried on by both AFL and CIO in the city. Instead, the union movement turned the tables on the bosses, and the steel workers' victory has inspired the labor movement. The steel local is determined to organize every remaining plant in the

disposal of the state will be harnessed to the war machine. A rigid censorship will be enforced upon the labor press. Anti-war sentiments will not be tolerated and will be persecuted by the Espionage and Sedition laws.

Yes, there is good cause indeed for the labor movement to take seriously the war preparations of the United States government and to warn the people against these dictatorial plans.

Again we demand the transfer of all war funds to the unemployed. Again we demand a popular referendum before any war can be declared. Not one penny to the war machine. Everything for the relief of the unemployed, for housing and for a program of public works that will give to each worker the right to a job at union wages!

city. Representatives of many unionized shops have approached the union. A permanent headquarters has been established.

Among the gains made by the strike are full union recognition; wage increases; preferential hiring through the local; full seniority rights; vacations with pay; guaranteed work minimums and "call-out" time.

The strike was endorsed by the AFL city central body as well as by both CIO and AFL local unions. Oklahoma City is going to be a Union Town!

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ITO Section to Meet December 1

Due to an error in the meeting schedule, the ITO meeting was listed for December 8. However, the Independent Truck Owners will hold their regular meeting on December 1 as originally planned. Those who have not yet signed up for hospitalization may still do so at this meeting.

Taxpayers Groups Propose Bigger Park Program

The various taxpayers groups which last year combated vigorously the amendment to increase the tax levy, which is the only possible way to get more playgrounds and greater park activity, this week appear to have reversed their position, it was pointed out by Harold Seavey, head of Local 664.

Recently a group of taxpayers requested of the Board of Park Commissioners that more parks be provided in Minneapolis. Under present conditions, park board workers must take off 8 weeks during the year because of lack of park funds.

The amendment to increase the tax levy, which was supported by organized labor, remains the only method to increase the park area.

Hunting Accident Brings Death to Son of Unionist

The Minneapolis union movement commiserated with Charles P. Plaisance, member of Milk Drivers Union Local 471, this week at the death of his son, Donald.

Donald Plaisance was accidentally shot while rabbit hunting in the northern part of the state. He was rushed back to Minneapolis and taken to the Deaconess hospital where he died Sunday night.

The burial was held Wednesday from the Sacred Heart Church in Robbinsdale.

With the Limousines

By "Home James"

Who is the chauffeur that shoots all the game for the Business Agents of the Electrical Union? He says, the only reason they take him along with them is to get the game.

They tell me that Prof. Ed L. is a very fine hunter and I'm longing for a piece of "deer meat" from hunter Ed.

Who said that Ted isn't lucky? Ask him about all the turkeys he won the other night? Oh, you bet he's lucky.

Boy, oh boy, you want to tell Carl a lot of funny stories and be sure and notice his new teeth, with all the gold in them. We're on the gold standard again.

We are all very glad to see Ernie Johnson back on the job again and to be able to attend the meetings after his recent illness.

They tell me that "Mutiny"

Turn or Go With Omaha 554

Everyone is waiting for Lou Miller to sing "Sonny Boy" for Poff, his understudy. "Let the axe fall where it may!"

Doc Fittle has been all smiles since the football game.

WANTED: Bids on a log chain. Must be heavy and rattley. All bids must be in on Monday. Brother Bear says his present one may hold till then. Why do they call him Bear?

What went wrong with the new bike, George? Sniff around and find out, hey?

The contemptible refusal of the banks to cash the check for \$3,500 donated by the International Union is gripping all of us. Brother Hughes, International secretary-treasurer, is only bonded for \$100,000. His credit is bad for these big bankers of Omaha. Mighty funny how these big shots work together, while at the same time they advise workers to divide their ranks and fight amongst themselves. Don't let them kid you: the bosses know what class interests are!

Virgil Poff is going down the line and letting the axe fall where may. Shure, it is as much over here as it is over there.

Believe it or not, one of the creditors contributed a small box of cigars. (And the lion shall lay down with the lamb). It is a welcome change from some of these corporations that are playing ball with the truck operators and doing everything in their power to make things tough for our men. Three cheers to an honest finance company; a little needle in a big haystack.

Tom got kind of het up for a bit about a certain party's absent-mindedness. Blew his top too, they tell, while that other party kept as cool as a cucumber. Don't get so smart on the floor, there, Brother Smith. . . remember the power of the press. Heh, heh.

George is pouting because the Liars' Club rejected his bid for the blue ribbon award.

UNDER THE BOWIE KNIFE

Al Bly
Carl Paulson has a mighty interesting bed over at St. Josephs. A mighty interesting bed. They have the loveliest nurses at St. Josephs. The nurses all adore the man on the flying trapeze in Room 378. Be careful of the crank there, Carl. Not too fast.

There's no local in the country that has a right to be proud of itself more than 554. It's a local with fighting guts, and a local that can stick together and take the crank patiently and silently. It seems to us that intelligent operators will understand that they are toying with some mighty serious-minded men, and will not lightly go about provoking a fight.

really held the floor for "some time" at the last Teamsters Joint Council. How about it, Seavey? Claire says it's still Mutiny on the Bounty.

Anyone knowing or having a pair of shoes for a "BIG" DOG be sure and let Bill H. know as he says he will have to use them on his "wolf-hound" because he is going to have a snow plow to hitch him to to help keep all the walks clean this winter.

I understand the Ex. Board had a very important meeting last week for the benefit of the chauffeurs. Be sure and attend the next meeting so you will find out what has been done.

You working Chauffeurs can oil up the handles of your snow shovels because she is going to hit any day now, especially Sunday mornings.

Beware, you chauffeurs must be reminded that soon the Xmas shopping days will be here and the parking problem will be in effect, so don't think that all the parking tags are "out" they still have some left.

Now that our V. P. Joe has moved into town we will see and hear a lot more problems discussed, which is always ably handled by Joe.

We hear our Pres. John A., ate so much turkey for Thanksgiving that it was impossible for him to meet with the Ex. Board last week. More eats to you, John, we always want to see you able and healthy.

Be sure and attend the next meeting. A nominating committee will be appointed or selected.

Don't forget the next meeting, December 6, 1938.

On the National Picket Line

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Except when, later, Joseph Curran, as a special order of business, rose to his feet and read a carefully prepared speech in which he pledged "undying loyalty and support to Lewis."

Lewis is a smart man. He has two weapons in his hand, legal clubs which he can hold over the heads of his Stalinist supporters. Should they get out of line there is no doubt in anyone's mind that Lewis will use those clubs.

The clause granting to the Executive Board the right to investigate any international or local affiliate is a lethal weapon in the hands of the Big Three. The events in the United Auto Workers are a good example of just what this power can mean.

Speaking of the situation in Auto—Homer Martin, president of the United Auto Workers, took an awful licking at the hands of Lewis in that matter. Yet at the convention there was much outward evidence that Lewis and Martin are apparently bosom pals. Martin spoke on the resolution for observing collective bargaining agreements and on organizing the Ford Motor Company.

Later, with much fanfare, Martin presented Lewis, Hillman, and Murray with gold watches from the UAW.

All this on the surface—underneath and behind the scenes the battle between these two love birds is as bitter as ever.

The convention also passed a resolution pledging support to the government in the coming war. Lewis, speaking on the resolution, said that "concessions" for the workers would be asked in exchange for this support.

By this act, Lewis is openly demonstrating to the ruling class in America that they can count on him to help corral the workers and

bind them to the war machine, to fight for the protection of the profits of American imperialism in Central and South America.

Lewis, speaking against the persecution of the Jews and Catholics in Germany, pledged the CIO to fight to protect the Western hemisphere from German and Italian fascism.

You wouldn't know it from Lewis' speech, but the real fight against fascism begins right here at home. In the United States there are hundreds of fascist organizations working overtime to build a machine that can crush organized labor and institute fascism in America. Not to speak of the plans of the War Department which call for a military dictatorship over the United States the day war is declared.

AND—how much longer are the rank-and-file workers of both AFL and CIO going to stand for being pitted against one another—brother against brother—in the fight of the bureaucrats for control at the top.

All members are urged to attend the general membership meeting of the FWS, and are expected to voice their opinions. The board is there to serve you and can only do that through hearing your wishes and desires.

DEMAND UNION CLERKS

Today Makes 8,801 Days in Jail



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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.	LOCAL 160 General Membership—First and third Thursday. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	LOCAL 1859, 20481 General Membership—December 7 Casket Industry—December 13 Box Industry—December 16 American Excelsior—December 20 J. R. Clark—December 21 Puffer Hubbard—December 22 Warren Shade—December 29 Grievance Board—December 12
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1:00 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
LOCAL 664 The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	LOCAL 544 December Friday, December 2—Stewards Monday, December 5—Package Delivery, Department Stores Wednesday, December 7—Sausage, Petroleum Friday, December 9—Wholesale Grocery Monday, December 12—General Membership Wednesday, December 14—Market, Wholesale Liquor Thursday, December 15—Tent and Awning, Printing, Newspaper (10 a. m.) Friday, December 16—Stewards Sunday, December 18—Over-the-Road Drivers Monday, December 19—Furniture Stores, Coal Wednesday, December 21—Building Materials Thursday, December 22—Transfer and Warehouse, Wholesale Drug, Excavating, Sand and Gravel Monday, December 26—Spring Water Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 1. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on 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.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 346 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.	LOCAL 103 Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.
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 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday