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## Jobless Call Holiday Demonstration June 2nd

### On the National Picket Line

In England Chamberlain has organized an Army in Overalls. Industrial workers who will be as necessary to keep the God of War satisfied as the cannon fodder in the army. In England, you say? Well, what of it? This is the United States!

A long time ago this column reported on a news item which was very well hidden—a conference of army heads at which the entire country was zoned off so that when the war breaks out a million men could be drafted into the army within three months. We also reported on the huge program of reconditioning factories for the manufacture of munitions, and the letting of nineteen million dollars' worth of test orders.

On May 13—1939, not 1914—an Interdepartment Committee, headed by Oswald Ryan of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, reported to President Roosevelt a plan to assure the United States first place in world air power. It is necessary, according to this committee, that the mechanical employes in the industry be more than doubled, right now.

The report goes on to deplore the lack of skilled workers in the industry. In order to get around this deplorable situation, the commission proposes that a system of apprenticeships be inaugurated.

Tagged in as an afterthought in the Times article is this item: There are, at the present time, 9,000 skilled aircraft workers unemployed, and 79,000 skilled workers in closely related industries WHO HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO ENTER THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY.

But that is not the plan of the commission. They are much more interested in getting unskilled, untrained workers into the industry. THEY DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO PAY UNION WAGES DURING EITHER THE PREPARATION FOR OR THE WAGING OF THE WAR.

Says the report: "The need for aircraft factory workers in time of war will be at least four to six times that needed in the present approved air expansion program. . . . The greatly increased output of aircraft will make PRODUCTION LINE methods possible, thereby reducing the proportions of skilled workers."

"As a last resort in time of war, the remaining deficiency of skilled workers must be met by the emergency method of breaking down skilled jobs into semi-skilled operations, which can be performed by available semi-skilled workers or by beginners who can be trained in a relatively short time."

The commission proposes that the aircraft industry begin its system of apprenticeship by four methods—first by forming joint local trade apprenticeship committees. In this connection it is suggested that all federal agencies—War and Navy—co-operate fully with the industry in loosening standards now established for apprentice labor.

Secondly, they suggest that trade and vocational schools as- (Continued on page 4)

### Stassen-Leach Gang Starts Lie Machine

Underground Whispering Campaign Directed at Eide, Other Labor Candidates—Labor Campaign Committee Opens Ward Headquarters Throughout City—Only Two Days Left to Register—Reactionaries Laying Ground for Sales Tax—Appeal to All Unionists to Become Active Campaigners

The municipal campaign popped back into the headlines again this week as the opposing forces of labor and the Stassen-Leach machine intensified their final campaign drive which will culminate June 12th at the polls.

The Volunteer Trade Union and F-L Campaign Committee confidently faces the election issue as a result of late campaign developments and a greatly-expanded campaign machine. A number of new labor campaign headquarters have been opened during the week in all important wards. Following are the addresses of the labor headquarters:

- Third Ward—Plymouth and Logan.
- Fourth Ward—Glenwood and Fremont.
- Fifth Ward—1829 Fourth avenue south.
- Ninth Ward—Twenty-sixth and Central.
- Tenth Ward—2139 Lowry avenue north.
- Eleventh Ward—2505 Bloomington.
- Twelfth Ward—2815 E. Lake street, 3500 Minnehaha.

The labor campaign committee urges all trade unionists to get in touch immediately with their ward headquarters and volunteer their services for the remainder of the battle.

**Two Days to Register**  
The campaign committee issued a last-minute appeal to all unionists to register themselves and other voters in their families in preparation for June 12th. The last day to register is this Saturday, May 27th, on the ground floor of the courthouse.

**Stassenites Active**  
As was predicted, the Stassen Republican machine has moved in on Leach's campaign. Last week it was announced in the daily press that "Governor Stassen's campaign organization went to work today for Mayor George E. Leach. Representatives of the Stassen ally party committee and of both young and regular Republicans would get into the Leach campaign, helping run his headquarters."

"The city campaign, in effect," said the Star, "will be an attempt by the Republican organization to consolidate gains it made last fall with election of Governor Stassen." Labor's forces in Minneapolis had already clearly recognized that Stassen and his damnable labor-hating administration was a major issue in the campaign. It was this issue that drew the tremendous labor vote May 8th which brought primary success to the union slate.

**Dirty Campaign Against Eide**  
Being incapable of presenting a defense of the Leach-Stassen record to the common people of this city, the strategy of the bosses seems to be to concentrate on a foul whispering campaign directed at Eide and the entire labor slate. From scores of sources, word has flowed into the Labor Campaign headquarters of this dark and cowardly campaign. Leach-Stassen heeleders are telling the saloonkeepers that "Eide wants to run a Blue Sky town." Among church groups, on the contrary, it is being whispered that "Eide will run a wide-open town." Eide's true position, which scotch: both lies, has many times (Continued on page 4)

### Janney and Butler Groups to Meet

The Janney, Semple, Hill section of the Warehouse Workers Union will be called to a meeting early next week to hear a report on the new working agreement.

Workers at Butler Brothers will also be summoned to an important meeting.

### Local Warehouse Union Votes to Affiliate With I. B. of Teamsters

On Tuesday night by an overwhelming majority, the membership of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 voted to transfer immediately into the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, where they will receive a charter as Warehouse Workers Union Local 359.

Up to now the Minneapolis Warehouse Union has been chartered directly from the American Federation of Labor as a federal union affiliate. By this new step, the Warehouse Union will become a

A guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting was T. A. Eide, next mayor of Minneapolis, who was given a thunderous ovation by the warehousemen. Eide's sincerity completely won the members of the Warehouse Union who will become active campaigners for the entire labor slate in the municipal campaign.

### Smith, Harlan Named to 958 Board

A new president and new trustee were chosen by Cab Drivers Union Local 958 members at the annual election held on May 6th. Edgar J. Smith was elected president, and Ed (Tiny) Harlan was named trustee. All other committee members were returned to office. Emil Kariger was put back in as recording secretary; Roy Brown as vice-president, and William Warner and Howard Miller as trustees.

The results of the election were announced at the Cab Drivers Union meeting last Thursday, at which time the new board was installed by a representative of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

### Local Jobless to Demonstrate June 2 For These Demands

Here are the demands, adopted by the Joint Action Committee, for which the unemployed of Minneapolis will demonstrate on the WPA Holiday and Relief Demonstration set for Friday, June 2nd.

- NATIONAL DEMANDS**
1. Bread—not Bullets.
  2. Open the idle factories—Let us earn a living.
  3. Reinstatement of discharged WPA workers and provide funds immediately to employ all employables continuously at trade union wages.
  4. We insist upon our right to work—decent jobs for all.
  5. Twenty billion for Housing and Public Works.
  6. Abolish the Pauper's Oath as a condition for a job.
  7. No competitive bidding for WPA trucking—Enact the Lisinky (Michigan) Bill.
  8. Enlarge the NYA program.

- STATE DEMANDS**
1. An immediate special session of the Legislature to provide:
    1. No sales tax.
    2. An immediate slum clearance and housing act.
    3. Tax on corporate wealth to provide jobs and the necessities and comforts of life for the unemployed.
    4. Ample state funds to assure decent relief standards.
    5. Relief in cash.
    6. Larger Old Age Pensions—Repeal Stassen's Old Age Lien Act.
    7. Abolition of the Stassen Labor Slave Act.
    8. Provide a State Youth Aid program in proportion to the need.

- CITY (MINNEAPOLIS) DEMANDS**
1. No sales tax.
  2. Maintain decent relief standards or we fight.
  3. A housing program to provide jobs and rat-proof homes for workers.
  4. Stop penalizing clients for working—Let them earn the difference between straight relief and the WPA budget.
  5. Give single NYA workers the WPA budget.
  6. Stop DPR deductions on NYA earnings.
  7. No camps for single men.

### Joint Utility Council Aim for Standard Pact

With all six local affiliates in attendance, the Joint Utility Council held its regular conference last Sunday, at the Saulpaugh hotel in Mankato, Minnesota. The Council is composed of those utility workers unions in this area dealing with the Northern States Power company. Present on Sunday were representatives from Local 160 in Minneapolis; Local 110, St. Paul; Local 749, La Crosse; Local 953, Eau Claire; Local 949, Austin; and Local 928, Red Wing.

A fruitful discussion was held on policies to be followed in future negotiations with the company. A motion carried to work towards a uniform working agreement throughout the Northern States Power system.

The enthusiasm of the union representatives present made Council leaders confident that the group can do valuable work for all utility workers in the area. President Dan Tracy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has written praising the conference and voicing the opinion it can achieve a great deal of good in the way of material benefits and educational progress for the utility workers in this section.

Brothers Baldus, Leonard and Haigel represented the Minneapolis Utility Workers Union Local 160 in Mankato.

### United Front Demonstration of FWS, ITO, and Workers Alliance Set for Next Friday, June 2nd—Five Thousand Expected to Participate in Motorized Parade—Joint Action Committee Asks WPA Officials to Declare June 2nd a Holiday—Mass Action Will Protest Against WPA Cuts, Demand Adequate Relief

On Friday, June 2nd, WPA workers in Minneapolis and the surrounding area will participate in a one-day holiday demonstration, expected to be the biggest demonstration of its kind ever attempted in the United States. Committees from the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, the Workers Alliance, and the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 have met during the past few days to work out plans for the united front action against WPA cuts and for adequate relief.

### Union, Co-op Leaders Hear Rasmussen

Paul Rasmussen, state organizer for the Farmer-Co-operative-Labor Council, delivered a report of the progress made by the Council in recent weeks, to a special luncheon meeting of state labor and co-operative leaders.

The luncheon was held Wednesday noon in the St. Paul Hotel and was attended by a group of trade union and co-operative leaders from Minneapolis, as well as from St. Paul and other sections of the state.

### Dayton Cited For NLRB Violation

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 filed charges a few days ago against the Dayton company, charging discrimination against a union worker. The charges centered around the attempt of the Dayton firm to call in union employees and confer with them about union affairs. The union has conferred with Mr. Weiner of the National Labor Relations Board on the charges.

Local 20316 is also seeking to adjust the grievance of Peter Jasco, long-time union member, who was fired for "threatening a fellow employe."

Local 20316 means to demonstrate to this labor-hating store that the Warehouse Union will protect the rights of all its members to the fullest extent.

### 289 Players Breeze Thru First Game

The diamondball team representing the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 won its first scheduled game last Thursday at the Parade Grounds by whipping the Feed and Seed Union in decisive fashion, 23 to 12. Nairn and Eddie Stabno appeared on the mound for Local 289, both pitching a good brand of ball.

This Thursday Local 289 plays Electrical Workers Union Local 292 at Bryn Mawr No. 9 field at 6:15.

On Monday in a practice game the Bakery Drivers won from the Purity Bakery, 14 to 6, at North Commons.

### ITO Members to Meet June 1st

The next regular meeting of the ITO Section of Local 544 will be held Thursday, June 1st, the day before the Holiday Demonstration. It is very important that the ITO men furnish about 300 trucks on Friday, June 2nd. The union expects every trucker who is working on any kind of a WPA project to report to 257 Plymouth avenue Friday, June 2nd, at 9 a.m.

### Registered to Vote? Last Day Is May 27th

Every trade unionist is urged to register, and to see that every potential voter in his family is registered, in order that the labor candidates may be victorious on June 12th. The last day to register is Saturday, May 27th. The registration booth is on the ground floor of the courthouse, Fourth Street side. There are plenty of registration clerks, and it only takes a few seconds to register.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town



## Cooperative Health Plan Offers Special Advantages

The recently-formed Group Health Mutual organization, a non-profit hospitalization plan with offices at 2196 University avenue, offers many advantages not found in the usual hospital associations. A comparison of the Group Plan with other hospital groups now operating indicates that the Group Health Mutual is in a position to offer many special advantages to its members.

For a monthly premium of 60c, the Group Health will provide 28 days of hospital care annually. Full benefits, at a monthly cost of 20c, are also available for a member's dependent children.

The advantages of the Group Health Mutual are:

- Covers All Hospitals**  
1. It covers all hospitals in the United States and Canada, including the Mayo clinic.
- 2. It also covers public hospitals, an important factor for those with contagious diseases.
- 3. It admits patients for diagnosis of mental and tubercular diseases.
- More Days in Hospital**  
4. It gives more days in the hospital to its subscribers. Under the Group Health plan, a member may spend from 28-32 days annually in the hospital. Under other plans, only 21-27 days annually are offered.
- 5. It offers full benefits for maternity cases.
- 6. Unlike common hospital plans, the co-operative Group Health organization is planning for the future to extend coverage to members to include medical and dental care, and eventually to set up its own clinic.
- 7. Under the Group Health system, a member can cover dependents for full benefits instead of only for half benefits.
- 8. The co-operative plan provides for democratic control by the members. One delegate for every one hundred members or fraction thereof is chosen to a central delegate body which will meet once a year on call to carry out the business of the group. The local groups will meet quarterly.
- 9. The basic rate is 15c lower monthly than other hospitalization plans.

According to Mr. William Brennan, vice-president of the Group Health Mutual, "the purpose of this new plan is to make available to members more adequate hospital care on a co-operative, non-profit basis. The plan will be owned and operated by its members."

## Hotel, Restaurant Union Asks Aid In Campaign

In an open letter addressed to all members of organized labor, the local Joint Executive Board of the Hotel & Restaurant International states that "in order to offset the obstacles placed in our path by the State Labor Relations Act, and further the organization of the restaurants, cafeterias, dairy lunches, etc., we are of the opinion that the union shop or house card can play a very important role."

"We appeal to all members of the general labor movement, when eating or drinking in any establishments dispensing same, that they look for the union house card. If the members of organized labor and their friends patronize only such places that display union house or shop cards, they can, with that co-operation, give our organizational campaign a greater impetus."

## Excelsior Park Plans Holiday Fete

Excelsior Amusement Park was a scene of bustling activity this week as the management readied the place for the annual holiday festivities over Sunday and Decoration Day. On Sunday night a huge free fireworks display will be presented, which is expected to attract many thousands. On the night of Decoration Day the fireworks show will be repeated. Additional parking space has been laid out for the holiday, and the free picnic kitchen has been enlarged.

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**SIoux CITY No. 383**  
By Don Casper  
Fred Kingsley, good union member of Local 383, had the misfortune of losing his thumb in an accident last week. Hope he recovers real soon.

### With the Limousines

"Home James"  
Dear James, take a seat in the back of the limousine, while the old maestro rattles on a bit.

These days of the so-called cycle of reaction brings to mind the famous masterpiece by our own Sinclair Lewis, namely, "It Can't Happen Here." There's a lesson in them these pages.

The old proverbial cat is finally out of the bag and the old gent with the long whiskers (or have they?) let it out.

The ruling handed down reads among other peculiar things: "A 'Home' is not an industrial or a business enterprise; nor is it acquired or maintained for pecuniary gain or profit; but is, rather, an institution used and maintained as a place of abode."

Now that ought to make it clear as mud to youse mugs.

It goes on: "The 'Home' is maintained as an abiding place and the servants at the home help to make it habitable; (I'll say they do!) Then it sweeps on in flowery swintime, "The 'Home' is a sacred place for people to go and be quiet and at rest and not be bothered with the turmoil of Industry." (How're they doing?)

Well, now, if that's the case, then when the next bill collector comes around here, you'll hear me holler loud for some of (I Wanna Be Governor) Leach's bluecoats to arrest said collector for disorderly conduct.

Now, in case some of youse guys don't know how to behave yourself I want to cite part of the Syllabus by the old men of the whiskers. It raves on like this:

"Conduct is disorderly in the ordinary sense when it is of such nature as to affect the peace and quiet of persons who may witness the same and who may be disturbed or provoked to resentment thereby. The probable and natural consequences of the conduct is the important element."

The old boys don't skimp on territory.

That ought to teach some of you to let snuff alone. Or will it?

I've been told that the court got out of a tight squeeze in good shape.

Well, poor layman that I am, I'll still disagree as to the shape.

It's interesting to note how the court emphasizes the fact that in this case the "Home" was located in an exclusive residential district.

Well, I suppose that in some mysterious way the location should make it more sacred than some of the dumps ordinary people call "Home" over on the other side of the tracks.

Delving further into the opinions, I find from Chief Justice Gallagher the following: "The record is barren of any testimony from which it could be found that a labor dispute existed at the time involved."

If it wasn't a labor dispute, it was maybe a love feast. Whatever it was, the fact remains that it was settled for industrial cash, and we have a cancelled check to show for it.

Now the old maestro of the steering wheel is mighty glad to see that the court didn't get themselves out on a limb by voiding our right to picket the place where we work.

I guess that after all you have

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Brother Miller is doing a nice job of repairing and painting the new Drivers Union hall.

Sid Jarrett, Ralph Johnson and Jimmy Murphy went to Sheldon, Iowa, this week and signed up eight bakery drivers for the bakery drivers section of Local 383.

We also have 13 new Armour drivers as members of Local 383.

**NOTICE TO ALL UNION DRIVERS:** Kindly do not associate with the finks of Bekins and Stevens Trans. Co. They are below our level.

Any member having a grievance report to the Grievance Board meeting which is held every Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

After being out on lockout for eight months, the Bekins boys are just as strong union members as ever.

All union members who are not working please report at the hall. All hiring is done out of the hall. There will be no more homesteading of jobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Tucker announce the birth of a new newspaper hailer. Everyone is doing fine. By the way, Bernie took a few days off to recuperate.

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### To Our Columnists

**To Curly and Lunde, Wally Raze, George Bergquist, A. M. Ogren, Don Gustafson, Richard Gilmore, Home James, the Omaha kids, R. F. Hornig, etc.:**

With next Tuesday the Memorial Day holiday, we're going to be somewhat rushed in getting the paper out on time, as we lose one day at the printshop and editorial office. If you'll all cooperate by getting your columns in on Monday, it'll help a lot.

### THE STAFF

to be a pretty smart dude to sit on the high bench.

Anyhow, to take those rights away, must conflict with the bill of rights or something. I wouldn't know for sure.

Besides, even Private Chauffeurs hate to resort to other than the only peaceful means of emphasizing our demands, namely Peaceful Picketing.

But on the other hand, I like to quote one of our "much-loved" labor leaders: "You want fight? We give it to you."

It seems silly that we, of all people, should have any trouble collecting our demands. To date, all we ask is a living wage of \$125 a month plus a small vacation and a day off.

If I had the sort of means of some people who hire chauffeurs, I should feel like a social outcast, unless I paid the union scale. Yes, I should feel people pointing me out and saying, "He must be trying to live up to the Joneses, he can't afford to pay his chauffeur the wages the rest of us pay."

Even then, we are the only local of our kind in the country. We have a staunch membership, growing day by day, and I, for one, am proud to be part of it.

And now I must sign off to youse lugs, for I must get out my best bib and tucker and go to our Ball tonight. But you'll be hearing from the old maestro.

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## CLU Asked To Seek Union Burials

On Wednesday night at the Central Labor Union a resolution was ready to be introduced on behalf of those unions whose members produce goods and services used in burials. The resolution, to be submitted by Jerry Cremers, business agent of the Private Chauffeurs Union, and John Janasco, business agent of the Furniture Workers Union, calls upon "all members of organized labor in Minneapolis who have the grievous misfortune to experience deaths in the family to get in touch with the four unions mentioned above, for information as to the union goods and services available in the burial ceremony."

The full text of the resolution follows:  
WHEREAS, there are four Minneapolis trade unions affiliated with the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and the American Federation of Labor whose members produce goods and services used in burials; and  
WHEREAS, these four unions are the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 (casket section), the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, the General Drivers Union Local 544 (Greenhouse Section), and the Cemetery Workers Union Local 20231; and  
WHEREAS, it is fitting that the great principles of organized labor be recognized in death as in life; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that all members of organized labor in Minneapolis who have the grievous misfortune to experience deaths in the family get in touch with the four unions mentioned above, for information as to the union goods and services available in the burial ceremony.

**Coffee Cries Local 275**  
By Don Gustafson  
The next regular meeting will be held next Friday night. We would like to see all the members present as there will be a special election of a president to succeed Bill Youngdahl. The union fishing trip will also be planned at that time.

We are glad to hear that Art Radcliff has recovered from his recent illness and is now back on the job.

M. Howe, G. Haerle and Don Gustafson were on a very successful fishing trip (very successful outside of catching fish) last Sunday. Haerle used his catch for bait all day and got a few bites but was too tired to scratch them.

Leroy Lang of the Twin City was taken in as a new member at the last meeting.

Art Gustafson, a former member of our union, is now on a coffee route up in Duluth.

As long as everybody knows that the Cook Coffee and the Jewel Tea companies are on the unfair list, we won't even mention it in the column this week.

It's housecleaning time at Crescent.

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**Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man**



You don't catch me sheddin' any tears for these relievers. Most of 'em just like to be dirty and good-for-nothin'. They're too lazy to keep clean and to get work.

## State Court Backs Decision vs. 912

Last Friday the state supreme court handed down a majority opinion sustaining the decision of Judge Wright convicting Jake Cooper of disorderly conduct for picketing the home of J. D. McMillan at 239 Clifton avenue. The decision was no surprise to the union movement, who long ago gave up expecting justice from the boss courts.

McMillan had discharged his chauffeur because of the latter's membership in the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912. When the union sent Cooper to picket the home of the wealthy labor-baiter, McMillan called the cops who arrested Cooper for disorderly conduct.

**Peterson Dissents**  
Justice Harry H. Peterson, as usual in labor cases, was the only dissenter. In a dissenting opinion, Justice Peterson asserted that "the only act committed was peaceful picketing. Defendant did not accost or interfere with any person. . . . He was found guilty of disorderly conduct for doing an act which was not unlawful and which he had a right to do . . ."

"The fact that the picketing was in front of the employer's residence does not make the act unlawful. The ordinance has not prescribed zones within which certain acts shall be deemed disorderly conduct. It is city wide in its application."

"Home Is Sacred"  
Justice Olson wrote the majority opinion. Olson did not try to deny there was no labor dispute, but argued that "the home is a sacred place for people to go and be quiet and at rest and not be bothered with the turmoil of industry," and that as such it is "a sanctuary of the individual and should not be interfered with by industrial disputes."

In a special concurring opinion, Chief Justice Gallagher found different grounds for deciding the case against the union. He denied there was a labor dispute involved.

The state supreme court ruling will have no effect on the status of Jake Cooper who was sentenced by Judge Wright to ten days plus a \$10 fine. The sentence was suspended by the judge.

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**Iowa Federation Of Labor to Meet June Thirteenth**

The Iowa State Federation of Labor will meet June 13th in Dubuque for its annual convention. The two announced candidates for president are A. A. Couch, incumbent, member of the typos, and Leo Quinn, secretary of Drivers Union Local 90 of Des Moines. Quinn has the support of the state drivers' council and state building trades council.

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**LOCAL 1859 Knots to You**  
By Richard Gilmore  
Lend an ear, brothers, and let us discuss taxation from the point of view of the worker. Broadly speaking, taxation is a device by which governments bleed the many for the benefit of a few under the pretense of serving all. The rulers of former days were the nobility and the gentlemen of the cloth or the clergy. And since they were also law-makers their law exempted the castles and buildings of the nobility and also the churches from taxation. With the coming of the machine age the law-making power passed from the nobility and the clergy into the hands of the bankers, the traders and manufacturers, and taxation became a device for shifting the burden onto a fellow they call the "ultimate consumer."

To illustrate this more clearly, the tax on the tannery is shifted onto the shoe factory which buys the leather. The tax on tannery and shoe factory is shifted onto the shoe merchant who buys the shoes. Finally, the combined taxes on tannery, shoe factory and shoe store is shifted onto the buyer of the shoes—with the result that the casket, box and ironing board maker with a wife and six children and a yearly income of less than \$1,000 pays four times more tannery, shoe factory and shoe store tax than the childless couple with a million dollar income per annum from tax exempt securities.

Here's an old one that's been going around for years: Take your telephone number, multiply by 2, add 5, multiply by 50, add your age, add 365, subtract 615. The result will show your age at the right and telephone number at the left.

Local 1859 diamond-ball team, under Manager Joe Bednarski, defeated Local 71, Fur Workers' Union, by 30 to 2 at the Parade grounds last Monday. The 1859 team finally had to start playing left-handed in order to get the game over before dark. Boy, have we got class. Wally Czaw led the batting with two home runs and two doubles.

Here are the names of the 1859 players: Manager, Joe Bednarski, Joe Gustie, Nick Masica, John Peterson, Joe Gurak, Wally Czaw, Stan Czaw, Joe Gobita, Clarence Hoffman and Tony Wing.

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# St. Louis Unions Call for War Poll

Members of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, which went on record some time ago for a national referendum on war, will be interested and pleased in the support given this anti-war move by the St. Louis labor movement as indicated in an editorial in the Union Labor Advocate published in that city, a section of which is published below.

"We support the war referendum amendment, now pending in the Senate. The St. Louis Central Trades and Labor Union unanimously endorsed the proposal about a year ago.

"Unless the people can vote on war, then their right to vote on any other question amounts to little, for all other policies—our daily life both at home and at large—are changed in wartime.

"A declaration of foreign war would substitute a military dictatorship for democracy. If such a revolutionary change is to be made, the people, alone, should make the decision.

**Recalls War Hysteria**  
"Have we forgotten the yoke we had to wear during the World War? Free speech, press and assembly almost passed out for that

would mean perilous delay. 3—It would disturb our representative form of government. 4—It would tie the President's hands. 5—The voters would be swayed by propaganda.

### Answers War Makers

Our reply: 1—No, because a vote would be taken only on proposals to send our troops abroad to a foreign war. 2—A referendum could be taken in three days (Congress debated the war resolution for four days), and if Congress decided that time was needed for cautious thought, the referendum could be set any number of days ahead. 3—It would no more disturb our form of government than does the direct election of Senators; the initiative and referendum, the drastic curtailment of the electoral college, etc. 4—It would not tie the President's hands except where a President wished to enter a foreign war, contrary to the people's will (should the American people have foreign wars poked down their necks against their will?) 5—The people would not be dominated by propaganda, as the referendum would be secret and the citizens would freely vote his or her conscientious sentiments, without fear of censure from either side of the proposal. Far from danger of propaganda-domination, a secret vote would enable the citizens to fearlessly resist propaganda and mass hysteria . . ."

"It is the people who fight wars and pay for them, so we hold, the people alone should decide which foreign wars they want to fight and finance.

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period. One who opened his mouth contrary to the spirit of the then-prevailing war hysteria was an immediate prospect for the penitentiary. Publications that showed any independence were barred from the mails. No, we are not over-stating when we say that a declaration of foreign war means dictatorship, and the people should decide if and when they want it.

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## TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

James Edholm is confined to the hospital and recuperating from an appendectomy.

Roy Brown will leave the Hospital this week; we miss these committeemen lots when they're sick.

Harold Walters is also a hospital patient this week; we hope these men all have a rapid recovery.

"Judge" Harlan is off to a flying start on his committee job—oh, well, as the old saying goes, "heavy rests the head that wears a crown." But then Ed can "take it."

They "slickered up" on Kenny Bronson last week and gave him hip boots without telling him the Father of Waters was deeper than the boots, so they got full of water. Just tip those boots up and you'll find instructions on the heel how to drain them, fella.

Bill Saunders of the Y. C. unit is on his way to the New York Fair, it's good fun, big boy, but don't buy the Brooklyn bridge, 'cause they say it ain't safe.

While on safari for a certain rodent that delights in sampling his favorite shaving soap, Frank "Moby Dick" Riley scored a direct hit on a rubber mouse planted in his home by Lee Labo. His chagrin at this practical joker led him to believe that only an overgrown mouse (or rat) would do such a thing.

Buck Chambers and George "precision driver" Langham got the limit at Leach Lake, also a coat of sunburn.

A lot of the better-known anglers were too much on the wrong side of the lakes and rivers to get the finny creatures but Ernie Cloutier says it was a good boat ride; if rowing was fun, why is the "Frawg" dealing on outboard "kickers?"

It's a good thing we had a couple of rainy days two weeks ago as Cy Passolt (the guard of the Treasury) opened up and got a brand new automatic time-clock.

Famous last words: Just lift the hood and turn the doo-hickey on the carburetor.

10,000. Brother Donovan is a former teamster and we believe the Laundry Workers' International will find a place in the sun under his leadership.

Our diamondball team lost by the small margin of 15 to 13 in a game with the Textile Workers Tuesday night. There is a wonderful spirit of good fellowship among the team members this year and even if they do not win many games, the players are going to have a lot of fun. They will play the Flour and Cereal Workers on Friday night this week on Parade No. 24. Let's all get out and root for the boys a little.

We're still pecking away at the Dydee Wash. It must be pleasant for a firm to do business in this manner.

## To the Unemployed To 544 Members—

And to other members of organized labor who wish cooperation and advice on the following—Get in touch with Ed Palmquist, Federal Workers Section of Local 544, second floor at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

## IF

1. You are having difficulty in getting relief, supplementary relief, unemployed compensation.
2. You are being subjected to replevin orders and face loss of your personal belongings.
3. You are considering buying goods on time.
4. You have received a 403 from WPA.

## The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Being that all sectional meetings are postponed for the summer months, the next meeting will be a General Membership meeting on June 29. But more about that later.

Loren Johnson reports that the picnic ticket sales are rolling right along. One member sold eight books the first week, making a neat little profit of four bucks. Come on, boys, get on the band wagon. Here's an idea. Why not get a half a dozen books and let your wife sell them? I'll bet she could make enough to buy the baby a pair of rompers or a nice dress or something. What do you think?

The diamondball team certainly has all the appearance of a championship team. The team hasn't lost a practice game yet, beating the Purity ten last Monday night by the score of 39 to 1 or something. The second scheduled game will be with the Fur Workers team on Thursday, June 1, at 6:30 p. m. on Parade 11. Why don't you try to get down?

Grey Helwig, Steward, at Excelsior, has been on the sick list for the last couple of weeks. He got up last week feeling pretty good but was forced to seek the bed again.

Listen to this: Joe and Em, while out at Excelsior last Sunday, were nonchalantly watching the merry-go-round and, ye gods and little fishes! who do you suppose they saw riding the horses for all they were worth, but (hold your breath) Art Lynch, and believe it or not, Wally Borseth of Continental and the pay-off is this: Art was wearing a straw hat and white pants. Ain't that cute?

Harry DeBoer will be in Dubuque, Iowa, Saturday, May 27, where he will preside at the third bakery drivers' conference of the year. Delegates will be there from all the states of the Middle West.

Miss Georgie Brown, our major domo of the office, starts her vacation on Monday, May 29. So, if you have anything to straighten out in the office, you'd better hurry. She'll be visiting friends and relatives in the Windy City and in Michigan.

No, we didn't catch any fish Sunday. I hope this stops all these questions I've been getting.

Carl Langva made quite a few 25 cent pieces up there, however. How about it, Carl? Let's have an audit.

Floyd Plaisance of Continental has been promoted to country sales manager in Iowa and will take

## With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

Our system of having a drawing for "Free Dues and Assessments" after the adjournment of our meetings, has proven to be quite a success. The attendance has been larger and constant; now we have a full house when we transact our important business. Ernie Bengston was the lucky Brother at the last meeting. Numbers 394-1004-1162 and 114 could have had the prize if they had been at the meeting.

Dr. Henry Dewey and Bishop Henry, two of our fishing brothers, had pretty good luck at Mille Lacs. We saw the "fish." Now they aren't on speaking terms anymore; all they say is "In the Woods, Black."

At the last meeting the Milk Drivers donated three hundred dollars to put Mr. T. A. Eide over the top in the June election. He was a former member of our union and it is doubly our duty, in addition to work hard, to put him over. "Work," means "Talking," every chance you get. Talk to your friends, acquaintances and customers.

Four members of the St. Paul milk drivers visited us at our last regular meeting. They gave us a few compliments and possibly our ways and methods had some helpful suggestions for them. Also I think we could get a few pointers by visiting them. We thank St. Paul for making the initial move.

Brother Wold from Lincoln is in Northwestern hospital. He had quite an operation but is coming along nicely. We hope to see you back on the route soon.

Things around the union office will be a bit upset for a couple of weeks; Miss Bernice Iverson is going on her vacation. We hope she has a fine time and enjoys every minute. She is a hard worker and very efficient. Her efforts have had a lot to do with the success of the office for the past year.

Here is one way you could do us a favor; when you find a "hot" lake where the fish are really biting, just let us know.

Because of a crowded calendar the executive board meetings have been stepped up to three-thirty p. m. If everyone would be good for a while, business would fall off.

Date your girl friend up for July 19 and bring her out to Webbs Place at Bass Lake for the union picnic.

## Tobin Leaving For Geneva

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, will leave for Geneva, Switzerland, on May 31st as a representative of the Labor Department at a meeting of the International Labor Committee on the question of international trucking. He will be absent for five weeks.

Last Saturday President Tobin told Roosevelt he expected a resumption of the negotiations between the AFL and CIO, postponed because of the soft coal strike.

over Monday morning. Good luck, Lloyd.

Art Engstrom, who just came back from his two weeks' vacation, has been putting on quite a campaign for a three weeks' vacation. He claims you can't go far enough in two weeks. Where does he want to go—to Europe?

Next week I'll tell you about the dirty Irish trick Samuel Q. Ash pulled.

## To All Workers And Friends . . .

In case you have the misfortune to have a death in your family, please telephone the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, at Geneva 4691, for a list of the undertaking establishments on Local 912's fair list. Local 912 has sent out contracts to all mortuaries in the city, several of whom have signed with the union.

## Watt Notes

Rumor has it that there are some young tiger muskies that will soon be "ketchin' size" at Brother Baldus' northwoods hideout.

Brother Middleton (of the Exec. Board) is getting a lean and hungry look. Must be the restaurant cooking. Hi, Mid! How about some chicken-stew?

Water's going down, boys. Number 2 is back on the line at Riverside with the new turning-gear, and is carrying full load.

The Utility Council meeting held at Mankato last Sunday was a very interesting one.

Don't forget, only one membership meeting in June, and that is on June 15th.

And only one stewards meeting; that is on Thursday, June 1st.

It is reported "Bud" Tensdale is collecting some of his notes.

Please turn in your unsold dance tickets and money so that the committee will not have to publish the names of those who have failed to do so.

It is reported that Harry Leonard is learning how to play snooker and that President Baldus is an expert at the game.

Our local diamondball team won from CIO Tuesday night, ten to three.

Zdon and Firpo hit for circuit drives. Fehling pitched a very good game and had good support in the field.

Looks like our gang is going to have a real team this year. The new uniforms look classy.

The team has the three essentials, namely, slugging, pitching and fielding.

## Gassing With 977

It is our understanding that all employees covered by the contract signed by Atty. Neil Cronin, have received their back pay, except the Bud Nelson Service and the Ed Adams companies. Should there be others, kindly phone the information in to the office, the adjustment will be made as readily as possible.

A contract was presented to the employer at the Rollins Station at 2000 Portland Ave., to cover the attendants, who are members of Local 977.

The six Kunz Oil Bulk plant men who came into the local by transfer from CIO this month, are: Pat Fryer, Charles Nelson, William Bolte, John Botko, Matt Ryan, and William Wischeknewski.

As a last reminder that the By-Laws of the local are now in effect, we ask you to remember that there is a 50 cent fine on current dues not paid by the close of the month.

Carroll Handy went to work for the Goodyear Tire company and returned his honorary withdrawal card to the office this week.

We ask the cooperation of all members with the new schedule of office hours, which takes effect June 1st. The office of the local will be open daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., except Saturday; during the summer months the office will be closed on Saturdays.

Robert Larson is the new employee of the Russell-Thompson Tire Company, and was initiated into Local 977 this month.

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## Turn or Go With Omaha 554

Before long the furniture bosses in Omaha will be whistling a different tune from the melody they were wont to warble. Crews of men have been out scouring the town, soliciting work for UNION household goods movers, and they really are getting the work away from the finks.

Allied Van lines is getting worried. With Mayflower's agent, Interstate Van of Council Bluffs, signed up and rolling like mad, it won't take long before Omahans forget there was any such thing as Allied Van. How long will ALLIED suffer this?

Looks like the West Coast may have a word with Bekins! Looks like some companies who promised to move household goods via pool-car shipments may be very near future!

People learn every day that it does not pay to fink!

My! That Rocky Mountain deal was close!

Scott County wagons are strictly N. G. Members, please call the hall immediately on sighting one of the finks! Let's pour the heat on them!

Henry Monsky is in the East. Thereby delaying things. Back Monday.

Lulu Bender is doing a splendid job on furniture. His experience of many years in the furniture game is really producing results.

Armour's country trucking drivers are learning that JOINING THE UNION means much more than merely paying dues and application fees. 554 is getting things lined up to bring the men real benefits. The meat drivers should make one of our best sections.

Rumor has it that some of the Bakery employers are PETITIONING again. Separate charter for the bread men is the goal of the employers. Funny the way they get that move going before contract negotiation time each year. Or else they wait to find 554 in trouble, and then flash the old plan to cause trouble. Unfortunately for the bosses, the men feel that Local 554 isn't so bad, after all.

Ever since it got too hot to hold a real hot crap game, the milkmen's attendance at meetings has fallen off dreadfully. Some problems to be faced on the men who were called back to work.

The dairies can learn from the experience with the furniture movers as to the power and influence of Local 554 with the consuming public. We can make or break. We prefer to work with FAIR companies and make them; however, we are determined to break the UNFAIR operators who exist by chiseling on the men and living off their sweat and toil.

Make Omaha a Union Town. What magnificent hopes are tied up in that grand slogan. Let's ask ourselves; what are we doing to make Omaha a Union Town?

Can you imagine that low-life of a Margaret bragging about the miserable pittance distributed for relief. That heartless, pitiless stooge for greedy bosses, who prefers to see humans suffer in pain and misery rather than put out a couple of dollars in relief, should be driven from this city. He would shame and defile any community. His bragging about his heartless policy of greed and selfishness is a disgrace to the name of humanity. While the unemployed suffer, the wealthy masters of Margaret travel in the pleasure spots of the nation, living lavishly on the most fantastic luxuries. And all men are created equal!

## 20316 Recruits New Members at Sears, Roebuck

The Sears, Roebuck section of the Warehouse & Inside Workers Union met on Wednesday, May 17th, to discuss the union agreement and general problems of the workers at this establishment. Enthusiasm for the union's future is running high at Sears, and many new workers have been recruited into the union during recent weeks.

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Jack Schmidt is getting along quite well and may be able to leave the hospital soon. But it will be some time before he will be able to go back to work.

Earl Witzig from American Linen was laid up most of last week but is back at work again.

Wallace Peterson of the Model is planning a three weeks' trip to the West coast and the San Francisco Exposition. We all hope you have a swell time, Peter.

We'll have something on the picnic next week.

Brother Latz of 183 reports quite an exciting convention of his International held last week in Denver. They elected a new president, a very progressive man by the name of Donovan, who has been at the helm of the local in Chicago since its inception and which has a membership of about

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

## Ahem, Mr. Roosevelt

In his April 27th relief message to Congress, in which he proposes slashing WPA by one third, the President motivated his attack on the jobless by the prediction that "barring unforeseen and unpredictable developments, we are justified in expecting an upward trend in the volume of employment between now and June 30, 1940."

How about this "upward trend"? Sunday's New York Times informs its readers that the "Business Index is at Year's Low—A new low for the year was established in the New York Times weekly index of business activity." According to the Times, there were losses in the following categories—miscellaneous carloadings, steel ingot production, lumber production, and cotton mill activity—and the index of "all other" carloadings "receded to its lowest point in more than three and a half years."

Eliot Janeway, financial writer, presents an equally gloomy picture. At least two auto companies have enough steel already in warehouse to see them through the rest of the year. Auto production itself has been more than twice as great as retail sales for several months. Building is losing momentum, and the farm implement makers are shutting down after a run of many active months.

Where is this "upward trend" you talk about, Mr. Roosevelt, that is going to take care of those being thrown off WPA and the millions in need whom WPA never cared for?

It looks to us like labor and the unemployed will have to turn increasingly to the program elaborated by William Green and the American Federation of Labor, and already being pushed by the Electrical Workers, the Steel Workers, the Auto Workers and others—that is, THE THIRTY-HOUR WEEK AT NO REDUCTION IN WEEKLY WAGES.

It is becoming increasingly clear that the employers in the United States and the government are unable to find a way out of the depression which continues year after weary year. Labor will have to carry through its own solution to the problem of unemployment.

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## Labor Campaign Quarters Opened in All Parts of City

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been presented publicly. "I am not in favor of a Blue Sky town," he told the Saturday Lunch club. "I realize a metropolitan center like Minneapolis will always have gambling and prostitution. But as head of the police department, I will enforce the laws made by the legislature and the city council. No one will have to pay protection money. The gamblers and prostitutes will have to take their chances of being caught if they are guilty of violating the laws. I can promise you that no young boys and girls will be permitted to patronize saloons."

**Other Lies Spiked**  
Another set of whispered slanders against Eide runs as follows: Members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 are being told that Eide is responsible for that union's not having signed a new agreement. The truth is, of course, that Eide has been completely occupied by his campaign and is not even a member of the negotiations committee nor active in any way in the negotiations.

Another underhanded campaign has developed around the lie that Eide is "under the thumb of Local 544, etc." This is the most ridiculous assertion of all, as is known by all familiar with the labor movement. The General Drivers Union, like every single union in Minneapolis, is giving full support to all the candidates of organized labor on the basis of the sound program and the organizational set-up of the labor campaign. Eide, like all the labor candidates, is not responsible to any union, but is responsible to the general labor movement.

It would take up the entire paper to record and answer the rest of the slanders and lies being insidiously peddled by the lie factory which is operating full blast from Leach's headquarters.

**Reactionaries Push Sales Tax**  
Not daring to come out openly in favor of the sales tax, Leach's hand-picked relief commission is steadily putting over a build-up for this most hated form of taxation, and there is little doubt that a Republican victory in the city campaign would serve the Stassenites to the point where they would clamp a sales tax on the already heavily-burdened poor people of

this city and state. It is particularly important that every union man and woman, every unemployed person, make a point of discussing the sales tax with his neighborhood merchant, pointing out that such a tax would not only discourage purchases but would pile a mountainous bookkeeping burden on the small merchant.

**Candidates Active**  
All the labor candidates have stepped up the tempo of their campaigns for the final three-week drive before the election. The candidates are speaking many times nightly to labor and liberal groups and labor committees are pushing their leaflets and literature throughout the city. The best guarantee of a labor victory on June 12th, however, is for literally thousands of unionists to become active in the campaign and place themselves under the direction of the Union Volunteer Campaign Committee and the various ward committees.

## Youth Team Whips 131, 24 to 7

In a surprising upset, the Local 544 Youth softball team buried the Laundry Drivers team, last year's champs, by a score of 24-7. The league opener, which was

played last Thursday evening at Bryn Mawr field, drew a sizable crowd of union fans.

Bill Hagemeister, Bernard Budnicki, and Rube Scholl cracked out four hits each to lead the barrage for the Youth team, made up of NYA workers and unemployed youth. Wally Johnson and Vic Berdinski pitched for the winners, with Eddie Piersak doing the catching.

Local 131's athletes couldn't seem to get going against their younger opponents, but Manager Webb prophesied the laundrymen would present a more formidable team in future contests.

## The "War for Democracy" Is On!



## Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

Do not get the idea that business is not as usual with Minneapolis unions. New agreements have been secured and old ones renewed with gains both in wages and conditions, since the advent of the Minnesota Labor Relations Law.

Ruth Turgeon, former T. J. C. phone operator, has a new seven-pound baby boy. Yes, the father is a fireman.

Harry DeBoer held a meeting Sunday morning with the Gamble-Rob men from St. Cloud, Willmar and Brainerd. They met in St. Cloud.

**DO YOU KNOW THAT—**  
May First the Associated Industries issued a special bulletin entitled "Suggested Policy to Be Adhered to by Groups in Negotiations for New Agreements with Local 544"—A Levy document.

You can get even money that Eide will be the next mayor.

Milt Hodson is at the helm of the I.T.O. Section. Doing a nice job, too.

The Stassen economy program in the Highway Department has resulted in leaving the state secondary roads in the worst shape in years.

**BIGGER AND BETTER**  
Local 544 Picnic will be held on July 9 this year. It's at Webb's Place on Bass Lake.

Local 359, new teamsters' Warehouse Union, renewed its agreement with plumbing employers last week.

544's ball team took it on the chin Sunday. Nine and thirteen. They can do better than that.

The new Hoffman highway scale is making PLENTY of trouble.

Trustee elections in the C. L. U. Wednesday night.

**THE HEAT, PERHAPS**  
The Stenos' dance did not jell. Dr. McCrimmon, union health chief, pulled an all-men affair at his new home Saturday night.

The writer will speak at a rally sponsored by the St. Cloud Central Labor Union on June 3.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
Those union heads who like to accuse the rank and file of being dumb are only convicting themselves of lacking the quality of real leadership. All vote June 12th!

## Hutcheson Calls National Conference of Furniture Workers for June 15th

Efforts of the Furniture Workers unions throughout the country to achieve a national furniture conference received a gratifying response last week from William L. Hutcheson, general president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

In a letter written May 18th to all Furniture Workers unions, President Hutcheson announced that a furniture workers conference will be held Thursday, June 15th, in Indianapolis.

"The General Executive Board will convene in session at this office (Indianapolis) early in June, and decided to call a conference of representatives of the Furniture Workers for Thursday, June 15th, and I would appreciate it if your local union could send a representative to the conference," wrote Hutcheson.

Both the Pacific Advisory Council of Furniture Workers and the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodenware Workers have gone on record for such a conference.

The Minneapolis Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 voted recently to send delegates to such a conference should it be called.

**The landless and propertyless masses of Europe and America may find it easier to take land and property from their richer citizens than to take land from weak races in distant parts of the earth. This is a suggestion which property owners would do well to ponder.**—Thomas Carver, president emeritus, Harvard.

## Fink Drivers Forget About Low Bridge

Wichita, Kansas — The third week of the strike of Drivers Union Local 795 against the Yellow Cab Transfer & Storage company finds the 26 strikers as determined as ever to raise their standard of living, according to the Wichita labor paper, the Plaindealer.

The anti-labor Yellow Cab Transfer firm is discovering that finks don't make very good truck drivers. On two occasions, strikebreakers have attempted to drive scab trucks under the Second Street viaduct in Wichita without taking into consideration the low clearance of the viaduct. The result is that two trucks are now without tops. "It still takes union drivers to handle trucks," says Local 795.

Farrell Dobbs, International representative of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, has conferred with officials of Local 795 on the Wichita situation.

It is astounding with what little brains the world is governed.—Voltaire.

## 544 Nine Loses, 13-9, In Starter

With Norris Hanson off from the mound and with the team generally playing a ragged game, the Local 544 nine surprised local baseball fans Sunday by dropping the starter in the National Division to the snappy Town Pumps, 13 to 9.

Despite the initial set-back in the season's schedule, the players and the union fans are looking forward confidently to seeing Jack Herman's boys get into the groove.

Though the union team suffered a bad day, the play was not without its thrills. Both Tony Pazik and Johnny Sodd rapped out homers, and Syd Alford, slugging first baseman, lived up to his early-season promise by getting 3 out of 5 trips to the plate.

"Every ball team, no matter how good, will have an occasional day when everything goes wrong," said Herman. "We all hope this will be the last bad day for us this year."

A large crowd of union men and women were in attendance to root for the drivers.

**Set for Superior**  
The Drivers Union Local 346 indicates it will be in Minneapolis with a big crowd on Sunday, June 4th, to support the Superior Drivers nine in its struggle with Local 544 in the coming game at Nicollet Park. Tickets are still available at 40c each for the game. Get yours at the 544 office or from your steward.

## 20316 Signs Paint, Paper Companies

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 reached an agreement this week with the Pan-American Wall Paper and Paint company as well as with the Northwestern Wall Paper and Paint firm. Employees at both firms, as is true of the industry generally, had been working long hours at low monthly wages.

The new agreement provides for a 42-hour work week and a weekly wage increase of approximately 25 per cent.

## Lessee Group Aims for 400 Members

At a very well-attended closed membership meeting of the Lessee Section of Local 977, held last Wednesday evening at 257 Plymouth, plans were laid which should result in having fully 400 members in the section within 90 days.

It was observed that since the organization of the Lessee Section the Standard Oil corporation has raised its margin. Local 977's lessee group is now making efforts to get the independent and cut-rate stations to raise their margins to the point maintained by the major companies.

## Innovations Planned for 544 Picnic

If Local 544's Picnic Committee carries out its plans, the General Drivers Union Annual Picnic this year will offer more of an attraction than ever before, with many new and novel spectacles and games.

In addition to the mechanical fun devices which have already been lined up—such as a ferris wheel, chair plane, merry-go-round and kiddies' ride—the Picnic Committee is planning a mammoth fireworks display which will rival anything shown at either World's Fair.

A special attraction will be a ballgame, to be played in the afternoon between Local 544's Youth team and some promising aggregation from another local union.

All the features that are always looked forward to at Local 544's picnics, such as the yearly tug-of-war between the independent truck owners and the transfer section, will be present.

The Picnic Committee meets this Friday evening in the union hall to further plans for the affair, which will be held at Webb's Place on Bass Lake on Sunday, July 9th.

## Truck Owners Urged to Back Lesinsky Bill

Truck owners throughout the nation were being urged this week to give active support to the bill introduced in Congress by Representative Lesinsky of Michigan which would give preference to individually owned trucks on public works, and providing for the prevailing rate of wages in each locality.

Leaders of Local 544's Independent Truck Owners Section this week pointed out that reactionary business interests will no doubt raise a huge slush fund to defeat the Lesinsky bill; therefore it behooves every truck owner to do his part to offset such opposition. One concrete act that all truck owners can do is to write to their congressmen stating that this bill must be adopted. Local and out-of-town truckers and unions are urged to take quick action in support of the Lesinsky Bill, known as H. R. 4596.

## Campaigners Open Quarters In Tenth Ward

The same trade union campaign committee that backed Olson and Eide in the primaries announced this week the opening of its campaign headquarters at 2130 Lowry avenue north. The union committee appeals to all trade unionists in the Tenth Ward who are interested in furthering the campaign for Morris Olson and T. A. Eide to visit the headquarters immediately and volunteer for active work.

Tuesday night at the home of I. G. Scott a spirited meeting of the union campaign committee was held, attended by forty workers, at which plans were advanced for the remainder of the campaign.

## FWS, Youth to Sponsor Social Evening June 3rd

A benefit card party and dance will be held Saturday evening, June 3rd, at the drivers hall, by Local 544's Federal Workers and Youth sections. Profits of the affair will go to the Youth diamond-ball team, which has made an impressive showing in play to date. The social committee has worked hard, and promises a lively affair, with good food, good music and lots of fun. Tickets are 25c each, and can be obtained at the Federal Workers Section office, or from FWS stewards and members of the Youth Section.

## 20316 Whips Laundry Drivers, Ten to Six

In its first official game of the season, the Warehouse diamond-ball artists took the measure of the Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, to the tune of a 10-6 victory. Howard Hanson and Jim Kiernan of Donaldsons were the big guns at the plate for Local 20316.

Wigs Hanson, Local 20316's ace pitcher, struck out 9 hitters. The game was played last Friday evening at the Parade Grounds. Boney Selinsky is back this year as manager and coach of the Warehouse team.

## On the National Picket Line

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sist the industry by providing higher standards of schooling both for full-time students and for employed workers in evening schools, that teachers' training courses be added and that foremen's conferences be held. They also urge that the schools provide part-time courses for NYA workers employed in aviation projects.

Their third suggestion is that NYA workers who "display particular aptitude for mechanical trades" be assisted in securing employment as apprentices in the industry.

The CCC is urged to "continue to inculcate desirable work habits in its enrollees . . . enrollees, juniors, and veterans who have had mechanical training or experience or who show aptitude for mechanical work, should be CAREFULLY LISTED AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR DISCHARGE TO ACCEPT TRAINING OR APPRENTICESHIP OR EMPLOYMENT."

And—"Studies should be made to determine the MINIMUM number of supervisory and skilled workers required in the aircraft industry in time of war, giving full consideration to the MAXIMUM breakdown of skilled jobs into semi-skilled operations."

In every-day English, "Break the wage scales and union working conditions down as low as possible. Cast aside all the skilled workers with their high rates of pay. Enroll into the industry, instead, much of the youth of the country. Train them in an industry for which their will be NO use for their services, after the war is over. Organize the industry in such a way that production levels

can be raised to the maximum while production costs are cut to the bone. Get the planes, but don't let the workers who make them get any ideas about union organization!"

In England, during the last war, the trade union movement was faced with this same problem. They solved it, just as we will have to here, by organizing strong shop committees in every factory. The organized labor movement in America will stand or fall during the coming period, depending on just how much they realize the absolute necessity for maintaining standards now in existence. The only way this can be done is to see to it that every factory, every department has the watchful eye of strong, militant shop committee men on it.

SHOP COMMITTEES ON THE INSIDE. UNION DEFENSE GUARDS ON THE OUTSIDE. BOTH ARE NEEDED. THERE WILL BE USE FOR BOTH.

## Laundry Workers International Has new President

Rubin Latz, business agent of the Laundry Workers and Cleaners Local Union 183, returned a few days ago from Denver, Colorado, where he attended the convention of the Laundry Workers International.

He reports that the convention chose William K. Donovan of Chicago as the new International president in place of Brooks, former president. Donovan is secretary-treasurer of the large Laundry Workers Union Local 46 in Chicago, and is also secretary of the Craft & Trade Council in that city.

Latz was made chairman of the publications committee at the convention. His committee introduced a resolution to start publication of a monthly union trade journal, which was adopted.

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Executive Board—Every Tuesday Stewards—First Thursday
<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	<b>LOCAL 275</b> Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 1859</b> General Membership—May 3 Casket Section—May 9 Box Industry—May 16 J. R. Clark, Keller Mfg.—May 17 Kuffer-Hubbard Mfg.—May 18 Kozekar, Air-Loc, American Excelsior, Cleland, Warren Shade Western Mineral Products—May 19 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Grievance Board—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m. Twin City Stewards—May 8, 22, at 8 p. m. General Membership—June 7 General Membership, Local 20481—May 3 Executive Board, Local 20481—June 5, 8 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers—1:00 p. m. third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursday each month.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>LOCAL 544 JUNE, 1939</b> Thursday, June 1—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, June 2—Job Stewards Monday, June 5—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, June 7—Sausage; Petroleum Friday, June 9—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Monday, June 12—General Membership Wednesday, June 14—Market; Wholesale Liquor; Wholesale Paper Thursday, June 15—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m. Friday, June 16—Job Stewards Sunday, June 18—Over-the-Road, 10 a. m. Monday, June 19—Furniture Store; Coal Wednesday, June 21—Building Material Thursday, June 22—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Membership Friday, June 23—Cold Storage Monday, June 26—Spring Water Tuesday, June 27—Sand and Gravel Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large hall on the first floor. The Over-the-Road Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday at 2 p. m. All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.
<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 977</b> Second Monday—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Stewards—Fourth Monday, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m. Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m. Veterans Meeting—Every Saturday, 10:30 a. m.
<b>LOCAL 289</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.	<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month. Executive Committee Meeting—On call.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards—First and third Tuesday. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.