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On the National Picket Line

Through the British censorship has come news of how strikes are now forbidden in England, of how factory workers are rigidly regimented, are told when and where to work and live. Almost no news, however, has been permitted to leak out of Canada concerning the suppression of workers and workers' rights in that country.

The Newspaper Guild REPORTER for February 15th contains a lengthy article by a Canadian reporter "who for obvious reasons prefers no by-line." The report appears to be an authentic account of what the Canadian workers are enduring during this war.

"In Canada, in the name of patriotism and defense of democracy, 70 trade union leaders . . . have been imprisoned without trial for duration of the war, the right to strike and peacefully picket have been virtually abolished by law, and by an 'order in council' wages have been effectively frozen at or below the 1926-29 level of \$600 yearly for 65 per cent of all workers," the account reads.

The labor movement "is being murdered by slow poison. Democracy is being destroyed with it, of course, in the 'war in defense of democracy.'" The report tells how Patrick Sullivan, head of the AFL Canadian Seamen's Union, was secretly snatched by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during strike negotiations. Neither Sullivan's family, friends, nor the union, have since heard from him.

Under Section 21 of the Defense Regulations, the minister of justice can now order that any individual can be taken out of circulation without trial. This has happened to scores of union men. "Almost equally indicative of the savagery of the attack on democratic rights of trade unionists in Canada has been the conviction of 46 members of the United Auto Workers at Windsor for peaceful picketing against Chrysler Corp.

"They were fined \$1,650 under the Defense Regulations and their conviction has been sustained by an Ontario court.

"When the U. A. W. members were locked out last November in protest against violation of the company's own seniority regulation, scores of uniformed Ontario police were sent to the scene by Premier Hepburn. They walked constantly through the plant in groups, intimidating the workers. Coincidentally, companies of His Majesty's armed forces went through Chrysler and Ford Windsor plants on an 'education' tour.

"The Canadian labor movement in the last war tripled its membership through the attempts of workers to catch up with rising living costs. Early measures were adopted this time to hold down wages and weaken the urge among workers to trade union action, by the extension of the 'Industrial Disputes Investigation Act' to all industries producing war goods. This was supplemented by an 'order in council' freezing wages at the 1926-29 levels."

Despite a so-called 75 per cent excess profits tax, corporation profits are high. While Canadian workers are restricted from holidaying in the United States, a Canadian business organ reports that "air cruises to the Bahamas are designed to enable Canadians generally to holiday."

Minneapolis CLU For Uniting Labor In City Campaign

Proposes that Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Committee Join It in Call for Joint City Nominating Convention—If Seestrom Group Balks, Central Labor Union Will Issue Own Call to AFL Unions for City Convention—Motion Against Lease-Lend Bill Fails to Carry

The Political Committee of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union has proposed to the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor committee that it postpone its nominating convention set for February 23rd, and that a nominating convention be held two weeks later. Organized labor further proposes that all AFL unions, CIO unions and Farmer-Labor ward clubs be permitted to send representatives to such a convention, each delegate to be charged a 25c registration fee.

Should the Seestrom clique in control of the Hennepin County Farmer-Labor committee reject the proposal of the union movement, the Central Labor Union itself will issue a call for a nominating convention for the city campaign.

This was the report given last Wednesday evening by Organizer Roy Wier to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. Over objections of Walter Frank, who urged the Central Labor Union to hold up its convention call until after the Seestrom machine had held its convention, Wier's report was adopted.

Discussion and vote on the Political Committee's recommendation showed the Minneapolis union movement as determined as ever to function as an independent labor force on the political field, and in no mood to accept hand-outs from the Seestrom group.

Lease-Lend Bill Debated
A motion by Kelly to go on record against the Lease-Lend Bill lost, 52 to 80. Debate on the bill uncovered all shades of political opinion on this measure, from the ardent pro-war position to the consistent anti-war stand.

"Labor Committee" Kills Labor's Bill

Boss-Dominated Small Town Legislators Oppose Changing Stassen Slave Act—Would Block Debate on State Federation of Labor's Proposed Labor Law

A brief item in Tuesday's press told that the State Federation of Labor's bill repealing the hated Stassen Slave Law has been killed by the house labor committee. Committee chairman Kinzer reportedly said "rural members opposed the change."

If Big Business and its legislative stooges among the small-town lawyers, bankers and dentists have their way, the State Federation of Labor bill will not even come up in the house and senate for debate this session.

The fate of the labor bill reveals clearly the lack of fundamental democracy in the state government. The house committee on labor is composed chiefly of avowedly anti-labor small town businessmen who know absolutely nothing of labor's problems.

Members of this committee attended the public hearing on the labor law February 10th. They heard labor's reasoned arguments, backed by proof, for desiring repeal of the Stassen Slave Law and passage of labor's own bill. They saw with their own eyes that the bosses, save for one man, didn't deign to appear to defend the Stassen law, and that the one employer representative had not one argument to present in public against labor's arguments. Yet the house labor committee cynically brushed aside the views of the city workers and are working to kill the bill this session.

Legislature Distorts Democracy
That the state legislature does not nearly reflect the views of the people of Minnesota is well known

White Wash At Glen Lake Doesn't Go

The judicial white-wash by district court judges of conditions at the Glen Lake school for boys apparently is not going to get by unchallenged. Last Wednesday over one hundred persons crowded into rooms of the county board of commissioners to voice protests against the clean bill of health given the Glen Lake home by the five judges.

Protesters demanded Superintendent M. E. Hawley should be removed; members of the recent grand jury which attacked conditions at the school testified they saw ill boys at the school who were not receiving medical and hospital care.

Representatives of women's organizations asked the county commissioners to continue investigations of conditions at the school.

Following the grand jury report denouncing conditions at the school, the district court judges responsible for the school conducted a public hearing. The school was denounced by witnesses as "a pretty rotten place." Hawley admitted swearing at the boys and giving them the "Glen Lake cocktail," a mixture of castor oil, aloes and hot water. Dr. Harrington, city health commissioner, testified that the cocktails, forced upon rule-breakers, could be detrimental to a boy's health.

Following the hearing, the judges reported themselves satisfied with conditions at the home.

Medical Care Plan Approved By Group Health

A medical care plan on the prepayment basis to correspond with its successful hospital care plan was approved by delegates and members of Group Health association at its second annual convention in St. Paul last Saturday.

The plan is intended to provide practically complete doctor service to Group Health members whose incomes do not exceed \$3,100 yearly. It is scheduled for its first try with a group of Minneapolis doctors, and if successful will be extended into other centers of Group Health operation.

Des Moines Teamsters Purchase New Hall

The Des Moines Teamsters Joint Council No. 45 has purchased the Maple Exchange Telephone building to be used as headquarters for all the unions affiliated with the Council. The Council will spend \$3,000 to remodel the building and expects to move in about May 1st. The new building is located at East 9th and Des Moines street.

Local B-160 By-Laws Being Readied

Any member of Local B-160 wishing to make suggestions for the By-Laws may do so by submitting them in written form, signed and sealed in an envelope addressed to the By-Laws Committee c/o the Local Union, or an appearance may be made before a meeting of the Committee.

Attention!

Teamsters History On WLOL Next 2 Mondays at 7 P.M.

A detailed account of the development and achievements of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will be presented over radio station WLOL on Monday, February 24th, and Monday, March 3rd. Both programs will go on the air at 7 p. m. and all readers are urged to listen in, and to tell their friends to do likewise.

The Council has not yet named the speakers who will present the radio series.

544 Wins Dispute at Davis-Ruben

January 11th the Davis & Ruben furniture company laid off a man out of seniority. Local 544 protested, and finally sent a strike notice. The dispute was settled this week when the worker was placed back on the job, with back pay for the time he was off.

Last Saturday Local 544 sent a strike notice to the New England Furniture company, preparatory to taking action against this firm for a violation of the same clause: laying a man off out of seniority.

Negro Group Raps Stassen On Defense

Some weeks ago the Minnesota Negro Defense Committee was set up to work for the removal of unconstitutional racial bars in the Minnesota defense force or home guard. Similar work is being carried on by Negro groups throughout the country.

The Committee sent numerous letters to Governor Stassen requesting a conference, which the governor ignored.

Recently the Committee proposed to organize a protest march on the state capitol, after which the governor notified the committee he would meet with it to discuss the problem. The governor also appointed two men to study the defense situation as it affects Negroes, making the appointments without first consulting or discussing with the Minnesota Negro Defense Committee.

Stassen also charged the Committee was motivated by political ends.

Paper Answers Governor
The February 14th Minneapolis SPOKESMAN comments editorially:

"The governor's recent charge that the agitation for a place in the Home Guard for Negroes who wanted to join was inspired by his political opponents, is just so much poppycock and a weak effort to belittle the real issues. On the defense committee are men and women who are political supporters of the governor just as there are those who are not. The committee simply sought a fair deal for Negroes, no more, no less. He . . . created an issue when he ignored requests for a conference on the matter.

"The trouble with Mr. Stassen is that he always has been poorly advised in those matters which affect the Negroes of the state. From his statements, public and private, one can see that he has little knowledge of the real aspirations of the Negro people . . .

"The Negroes of this state and most of the other states are not in the appeasement mood in regard to either military or industrial defense participation. They want full participation without discrimination. To have to beg to serve their country makes only the country appear ridiculous . . ."

Teamsters Council Re-Elects Officers

Local 471 Nominates For 2 Posts

Tuesday evening the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 held nominations for the posts of recording secretary and business agent No. 3. The nominations were scheduled to fill the posts left vacant by Tom Ammerman, who is resigning to take up work at the Franklin creamery, and of Ernest Donaghue, who resigned as recording secretary to run for Ammerman's post.

The following were nominated for recording secretary: Henry Johnson; Archie (Ole) Ogg; C. C. Pearson; Mike Rusinko; Gilbert Chell.

Nominated for business agent No. 3 were Ernest (Jiggs) Donaghue; Axel Williams; Thor Brocker; Adam Kurtz.

Elections will be held Tuesday, March 4th.

Farm-Coop-Labor Executive Board Meets Saturday

The executive board of the Minnesota Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council will meet Saturday, February 22nd, in the Council office in Minneapolis. The board will hear the report of J. J. Leipzig on work he has performed as temporary field man in the Duluth area during the past six weeks.

The board will also consider applications for the post of state executive secretary.

Excerpts from Annual Report To Teamsters Joint Council By Sec.-Treas. Miles Dunne

Following are excerpts from the annual report by Miles Dunne to the meeting of the Teamsters Joint Council held last Friday evening:

The unions affiliated with the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, like unions generally, are now entering a new phase. Formerly our energies were directed towards building and establishing our unions. Today organization is no longer our big problem. We are now in a period of stabilization. Year by year, we are getting better conditions for our membership . . .

We must avoid jurisdictional disputes. Rather, we must follow a policy whereby each worker belongs to that union where he can get the best wages and conditions . . .

My job has been one of coordinating the work of the Teamsters Joint Council, and gaining cooperation with the rest of the union movement. The Council sent delegations both to the State Federation of Labor convention, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters convention, as well as to conferences such as that of the Wisconsin State Drivers. In order to solve its problems, the union movement is going to become more and more interdependent, not only on a city and state, but on an area scale. We are cooperating with those unions in the area who confront problems similar to ours . . .

With an almost 100 per cent organization of the trucking industry, other unions are constantly seeking the aid of the powerful Drivers movement in their disputes with the employers. We

Six of Seven Incumbents Unanimously Re-elected—Ray Rainbolt Chosen to Fill Post of Vice-President, Left Vacant by Carl Skoglund—Skoglund and Sinaott Will Continue to Represent Teamsters on CLU Policy Committee—Progress of Teamsters Council Cited by Miles Dunne in Annual Report—Skoglund Installs Officers

Six of the seven incumbent officials of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council were unanimously re-elected to office for the coming year, at the February Council meeting held last Friday evening. Vice-president Carl Skoglund, retiring from office, urged the election of Ray Rainbolt. Rainbolt and James Bartlett were nominated for the vice-presidency, Rainbolt winning, 47 to 19.

The Council executive board for the coming year will consist of Harold Saavey, president; Ray Rainbolt, vice-president; Miles Dunne, secretary-treasurer; L. Clair Johnson, recording secretary; Joe O'Hare, Gene Larson and Larry Davidson, trustees.

William Sinnott and Carl Skoglund will continue as the Teamsters Council representatives to the Central Labor Union Policy Committee. Both were elected on white ballots.

The new Teamsters Council building committee, appointed by the chair, will consist of Clair Johnson, Bruce Vincent, Sundberg, O'Hare, Bartlett, Larson, M. Dunne, Seavey, Creemers, Rainbolt and Davidson.

Hear Labor Temple Plea
A committee from the Minneapolis Labor Temple association addressed the Teamsters Council meeting, urging all unions to send their executive boards to a meeting Sunday afternoon, March 16th, at the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, where plans will be presented for a Labor Temple building. The committee, consisting of Tom Jordan, Austie McInerney and Nels Anderson, answered questions from the floor regarding the proposed Temple. A motion carried to concur in the request of the committee.

Secretary-treasurer Miles Dunne briefly summarized the progress of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council during the past year. He stressed the need for those unions holding executive board meetings on Friday when the Council meets, to change their executive meetings so officers can come to Council meetings on time. Excerpts from his report are reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

Trustee Larry Davidson read the January financial reports and the quarterly audit.

Brothers Gene Larson and Joe O'Hare reported on their attendance at the Green Bay meeting of the Wisconsin Drivers Conference, and suggested the need for a similar state-wide Drivers Conference in Minnesota. A motion carried urging each union affiliated with the Teamsters Council to subscribe to a copy of the new paper, the Wisconsin DRIVER.

Brother Larry Davidson reported on the recent Union Oil Conference held in St. Louis. The next meeting of the conference will be held April 17-18 in Chicago, he said. "Though the petroleum industry is the third largest in the country, it is one of the most poorly organized, but unionism is now making inroads in the industry," he said.

Following election of officers, Carl Skoglund installed the 1941 board in office as all delegates rose.

Among the new delegates introduced at the Teamsters Council meeting were Frank Gates of the Bakery Drivers Union, and Don Wilkins and Frank Johnson of the Warehouse Employees Union.

The drawing was won by Emil Kariger.

The executive board of the Council has worked harmoniously during the year to meet and solve its problems, and I believe the Council will continue to act harmoniously.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Maneuver is Seen To Oust Carstater

Stassenites Seek Passage of State Bill to Manipulate Carstater's Job, Remove Him from Civil Service—Leaders of Minnesota Educational Association Oppose Move—Rockwell Scores in Ouster Hearing

Thwarted by both the civil service commission and the district court in its illegal attempt to dismiss State Vocational Director Eugene Carstater, the state board of education and its cronies last week took a new tack in efforts to oust the pro-labor official.

Stassen followers in the senate introduced a bill frankly described in the daily press as designed to manipulate Carstater's position, to remove him from civil service and to make him subject to dismissal by a newly created state board of education. The bill, a brief one numbered Senate File 486, is designed to do what neither the courts nor the civil service laws will permit.

Governor Stassen told the Minnesota School Board association last Friday he would ask educational groups in the state to form a statewide advisory committee to furnish him with names of persons qualified to serve on school boards. With a straight face, the governor said his plan was designed "to keep education as far removed from politics and the accusation of politics as possible."

State Teachers Protest

A special meeting of the executive and legislative committees of the Minnesota Educational Association, educational group embracing over ten thousand teachers in the state, was held a few days ago. It is learned the meeting went on record to oppose the trick senate bill abolishing Carstater's job.

The majority members of the board of education, though they have held several meetings with legal counsel, have apparently decided to hold up an appeal to the state supreme court on the Carstater matter until they see if they can achieve their ends by passage of the senate bill described above.

Rockwell Scores

During the week the hearing in the dismissal charges against Dr. Rockwell continued. Defense Attorney Drake restricted the testimony to show the achievements of the state department of education under Rockwell's administration. Pierce Butler, Jr., board attorney, made repeated objections to the testimony presented by department employees. Drake pointed out that Rockwell has been charged with inefficiency, with demoralizing the work of the department and with failing to coordinate the work, and that the testimony has a direct bearing on these charges in that it shows them to be false.

D. H. Dabelstein, director of the rehabilitation division, testified Friday that a federal inspector reported recently that the work in Minnesota was "one of the best jobs of any similar division in the country." Board witnesses had testified Rockwell was unsympathetic to rehabilitation work and that his attitude disrupted the division.

Dabelstein said Rockwell was of great assistance in this program through his advice and interest.

Indian Work Improved

O. R. Sande, director of Indian education in the state, said that since Rockwell became administrator, conditions have greatly improved, under a contract between the state and federal governments, which saves Minnesota taxpayers about \$15,000 yearly.

Thomas O'Brien, president of the Brainerd school board, testified to the encouragement and help received from Rockwell for the Brainerd junior college.

Monday Rockwell himself took the stand to testify on various phases of the work of the education department not touched upon by previous witnesses.

Though the daily press estimated the hearing would wind up this week, it is more than likely that it will not be completed until late next week.

Variety Artists Give Vodvil Show, Dance Friday Eve

The newly formed Twin City local of the American Guild of Variety Artists will hold a mammoth vaudeville show and dance Friday evening, February 21st, at the Eagles Hall, 117 SE 4th street, starting at 8:30 p. m.

The largest aggregation of entertainers ever assembled on one stage will be presented, according to T. B. Alch, executive secretary. Bob Byrnes and his Variety Aces will furnish music for the vaudeville and dancing. Admission is 40c for adults, 20c for children.

There are thousands of unorganized people who would appreciate our side of the story . . . if they KNEW it. Pass your Northwest Organizer along to them.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle

Anchor Laundry gets the nod this week. They've been installing some new and modern up-to-date laundry equipment. Also a large generator for generating their own juice. In addition, they're swapping the old trucks for some new ones. Not long ago, they put in a new and complete dry-cleaning department which I mentioned in this column at the time. These improvements should just about place them on a par with the best of 'em. . . . Troy has a furniture and rug contest on. This is in the form of a bowling contest. Each driver plunks down one buck and the plant puts up an equal amount. There are two teams of six. Winning team takes all; high individuals on losing team get bowling shirts. One team already claims a perfect score; the reason for their success will be mentioned further in this column. . . . Custom also has a sales contest on. The drivers are divided up into small teams. Anyhow, Bud Peterson, Al Dietz and Don Boxell flashed around some of the extra lettuce the other day. . . . A nice crowd was on hand for the last meeting and party. Everyone seemed pleased with the entertainment, not to mention the refreshments and delicious sandwiches, pickles, herring, etc., that were served. Visiting delegates in attendance were Rubin Latz of the inside workers, Local 183; Sal Juetten, St. Paul laundry drivers, Local 319; Harold Seavey, sanitary drivers, Local 664; and Jimmy Bartlett, warehouse workers, Local 359. Jimmy, incidentally, is the 10th ward Farmer-Labor candidate for alderman. The committee and volunteer helpers deserve a word of praise for their efforts in making the evening a pleasant one for everyone.

There didn't seem to be any trouble in getting the boys up to the front seats at the last meeting. It was just like one big happy family. . . . Ralh Biorn (Nevens) and Jack Gorman (Despatch) were both allowed out that night. Ralph Kummert (Minneapolis) and Bill LeBrin (Mill City) weren't. . . . Howie Keating (Model) was just voted the Number One Glamour Boy of the Brooklyn Center Quilting Bee and Crochet Society. Tsk, tsk and slush. . . . Clayton Ducklow (Troy) was seen with a load of furniture last week which accounts for the high bowling score previously mentioned. You gotta make a showing if you wanna be captain. The boys thought you were moving. . . . Ainer Christenson, formerly of Custom and Royal, is now driving for the Mill City. Harold Porter, former inside an at G. and K., is now driving the rug truck which makes him a member of our union. . . . Al Hanson (Anchor) is in the market for a '39 Buick or ap. (The spending urge must be in the air over that way.) . . . Lloyd Bell (Royal) popped for a new Chev just recently. . . . Dy-dee now delivers on Sundays. Such crust! . . . Marty Withrow, former driver at the Crystal, has been demoted to a mere spotter at Lawrence's. . . . Custom drivers' banquet is scheduled for the last week of this month. We can hardly wait. . . . Donald "Duck" Johnson (Despatch) will announce the rates on the new Pontiac shortly. Contact the cab drivers union, Don. Maybe they can help you. Lee Gooding (G. and K.) just fathered a bundle from heaven. Pass the cigars, please. . . . Howard Peck (Globe) wants the new directions to Hudson, Wisconsin. The highway moved since he was out that way last.

"Dad, what is ethics?" "Well, son, I will give you an example. Today a man came into our store and bought a shirt for two dollars and paid for it with a twenty dollar bill. When I wrapped up the shirt and gave it to him he forgot to get his change. Now, here's the ethics: should I tell my partner?"

Women's styles may change, but their designs remain the same.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

The Business Research Corporation found some interesting data through its recent survey of the Chicago milk market about which we have heard so much. "The survey indicated that two-thirds of the consumers still have regular, home-delivery and prefer it for milk. Approximately that percentage of the consumers secure their milk from the milkman at the doorstep. The principal factors revealed in the preference for home delivery were convenience, quality and freshness. Our survey of storekeepers' attitude toward the dealers revealed that the great majority of the storekeepers are not dissatisfied with the milk situation or conscious of a need for any change, except when influenced by suggestions from the companies or from other specific sources. Few storekeepers indicated an ambition to increase store sales without a greater margin for handling. Most of them put the bottle of milk in paper bags which they claim cost 14c, giving them a profit margin of 10% which they maintain is not sufficient to exploit milk as is done with many other foods in the store. One of the chief conclusions drawn by the Business Research Corporation was that milk dealers should remain aware of the fact that the over-the-years trend in the United States is toward more and more service and that while in periods of reduced buying power price was a major consideration, the general attitude of housewives is to welcome services that lighten their duties. Primarily, the neighborhood storekeeper regards milk as a convenience to his customers and this was confirmed by interviews with leading chain store operators. It is inconceivable, concludes the business engineers report, that the American public would permanently be satisfied with the inconvenience of buying milk from milk depots in the outlying districts on the cash and carry basis.

When four cars of 471 ice-fishing brothers go out together, they should look out for and be helpful to one another so we send our apologies to our Franklin co-operative brothers in car No. 4. It seems that car No. 3 fell down on the job and the brothers therein will be in the "dog house" for a long time. . . . Here is a chance to get a free beer. Just give us the name of that brother of ours who used to be a barber and who finds time during his accumulated days-off to practice on some of our most aristocratic members. . . . Wally Smith could certainly help our "twenty-five years ago" angle if he would come through with a complete report on the subject, "knocking down the limit of ducks while pulling a wholesale route." . . . For some reason it is impossible to get any news from our 471 girls. They are so quiet they will not even come out and say, "we are sorry that Tom is not going to be with us any longer." . . . Our license plates this year again look like so much dead wood. If they carried "Have it Delivered" or "Drink More Milk" we might pull out of the rut we are traveling in.

Who's For War?

That is an easy question to answer. In the year ended June 30, 1940, the defense program and the first ten months of the European war boosted the profits of 373 large American industrial corporations by 58 per cent. That isn't ANYTHING to the profits made since then, and the still higher profits in the offing. During the same year the total wages and salaries of American workers rose only 5 per cent, and the total income of American farmers by less than 8 per cent. Figures are from the Department of Commerce report, just released.

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Firms That Are Unfair to Laundry, Linen and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131

Dydee Wash, 718 Washington Ave. N. Star Valet Cleaners, 2744 Lyndale Ave. S. Bridge Cleaners, 1510 4th St. S. E. Don's Campus Cleaners, 1300 4th St. S. E. Edina Cleaners and Tailors, 4952 France Ave. S. Joe Glass Cleaners and Dyers, 3304 W. 44th St. Gopher Cleaners and Dyers, 811 4th St. S. E. Hennepin Ave. Tailors and Cleaners, 2015 Hennepin. Lunow Hennepin Cleaners and Tailors, 2015 Hennepin. Lake Dale Cleaners, 622 W. Lake. McKee Cleaners, 2858 Chicago Ave. New Deal Tailors and Cleaners, 1512 E. Franklin Plaza Cleaners and Dyers, 1418 3rd Ave. S. Rosedale Cleaners and Dyers, 9 West 43rd St. Rustic Lodge Tailors and Cleaners, 4811 Nicollet Sir Knights Cleaners and Dyers, 2403 Lyndale Ave. S. Busy Bee Cleaners, 4752 Grand Ave. Penguin Cleaners, 714 W. Lake St.

Note: Some of the drivers at the Liberty Cleaning and Dyeing company are UNFAIR TO LAUNDRY, LINEN AND DRY CLEANING DRIVERS LOCAL 131. If you patronize this firm be sure to ask the driver for his union book or button.

Labor Denied Rights Thru Unfair Gerrymandering

Aside from all the other ways in which the American working class is denied its political rights, many states are so gerrymandered into districts that the state legislatures cannot represent the will of the people.

The extent to which this is so is revealed in an article by Richard Neuberger in the February 1st issue of the Nation. In a survey of legislative apportionment, Neuberger states that "Rural districts are greatly over-represented and the cities, conversely, are shockingly under-represented."

Neuberger examines state after state to prove his contention. Portland, Oregon, and its environs has a third of Oregon's population and yet only 22 per cent of the membership in the legislature. "Each representative from Portland has more than 25,000 constituents. Contrast this with some of the backwoods districts where constituencies number less than 7,000." The state constitution, providing for reapportionment according to population at every census, has simply been disregarded.

"Oregon is merely an example of a national situation," Neuberger finds. "Rural districts cling to representation in state legislatures out of all proportion to the number of their inhabitants. Because legislators are masters of their own apportionment, the condition cannot be corrected unless rural legislators are willing to vote away the unequal power they now enjoy. This is not the way of mankind."

Other Examples St. Louis has 29 per cent of Missouri's population, yet only 14 per cent of the membership of the state house of representatives. Wilmington with 63 per cent of the population of Delaware has 28.6 per cent of the house of representatives. Baltimore has 58 per cent of Maryland's people but elects only 38 per cent of the lower house of the legislature. These anomalies are repeated in many states. Legislators from Los Angeles and San Francisco, for example, must represent 70,000 people apiece while each lawmaker from a California rural district has an average of 36,000 constituents. . . . In many states the legislatures are defying constitutional requirements to allocate representation on the basis of population.

City Workers Cheated "In our American rotten boroughs men and women in the cities and in newly settled agricultural areas are denied equal legislative representation with the older rural regions. Sometimes this unfair ad-

vantage attains a ratio of three or four to one. In such cases, representative government ceases to exist," concludes Neuberger. It is obvious that such a situation works to the disadvantage of the industrial workers, who are overwhelmingly city workers. A comparative handful of rural reactionaries, basing themselves on this anti-democratic gerrymandering, are able to deny the city workers a proportionate voice in government and to bar progressive legislation from the books.

Slated to speak at the next general membership meeting will be Mickey Dunne who will give a short and as always interesting talk on plans for the state-wide set-up of drivers' unions soon to be further pushed in this state as well as surrounding states. . . . I would

been told G. G. is having another vacation. I hope he stays out of these P. M. bridge games at 1210 LaSalle. . . . The newly elected officers have taken charge and it looks like action. So let's support them all and attend a meeting when possible.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers, None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others Comes back into our own."

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The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the General Membership on Thursday, February 27, at 7:30 p. m. I don't think I need to stress the importance of attending this and succeeding meetings. . . . At the annual election of officers for the Teamsters Joint Council, all officers were returned to office, with the exception that Ray Rainbolt takes Karl Skoglund's place as vice-president. . . . By the time you read this, negotiations for the new contract will have started, we hope. . . . From all indications congress, together with the federal government are doing all in their power to hamstring unions and, in my estimation, when you choke unions, you are choking democracy itself, as all unions are democratic organizations, democratically run and controlled. Now, with the excuse of war and war orders the employers and large organizations and corporations are more than willing to knock down unions in the abused name of patriotism. . . . Authentic reports have it that the government is training the thousands of men in the maritime trades who will no doubt be ready as strike-breakers in the event of an active interest in what is going on in Washington. . . . Last Tuesday the only thing you heard in the morning was, "How about giving me a push, Bud?" I pushed three cars myself, which was all right, but I began thinking what a joke. Here I am pushing all these yokels when I had to take a street car myself as my jalopy didn't choose to run.

Slated to speak at the next general membership meeting will be Mickey Dunne who will give a short and as always interesting talk on plans for the state-wide set-up of drivers' unions soon to be further pushed in this state as well as surrounding states. . . . I would

been told G. G. is having another vacation. I hope he stays out of these P. M. bridge games at 1210 LaSalle. . . . The newly elected officers have taken charge and it looks like action. So let's support them all and attend a meeting when possible.

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will like to call your attention to the debate running currently in the Organizer. The final chapter appears in this issue. I hope the editors of this paper will continue bringing things like this to our attention. . . . Well, it's only a short while until the good ol' fishin' season rolls around and already some of the boys have made their reservations. Along about the time the robins begin singing again we will take up the matter further. . . . To the Ladeez: Let's cooperate now for this next meeting and get the boys out, thank you. The entire union membership wishes to extend its sympathies to Hal Borg of Regan's in his recent misfortune.

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Caught cruising. . . There's a rally in the offing for action on a labor temple. . . The Miller's cafeteria is still on the unfair list. . . A yegg took F. Wirtz for a ride out Third Avenue and put a concealed heater on him but Frank saved his dough. . . When putting on your new plates break up the old ones and maybe save somebody including yourself some trouble. . . The "Judge" had a good reason to fall off the wagon but none other will be accepted till St. Patrick's day. . . Jack Penrith had the s. r. of the week, Radisson to Dayton's, forty feet. . . A mathematical minded oldster on the hill wants to go the route with the least hills 'cause the shortest distance between two points is a straight line claims the hilly way up the meter a dime, so bring your slide rules and surveyor's maps, we gotta give the public their money's worth. . . The car washers at the Y. C. want your cooperation in keeping the doors closed. . . John Berglund will be in the hospital for many months so he would appreciate your visits. . . Pat O'Connor, high mogul of the Minnesota Cab, is in the hospital with pneumonia. We pull for an early recovery.

T. "Howie" Miller is now a

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happy married man. The wedding was solemnized Saturday, February 15th, at church and after a trip into Wisconsin the couple returned to their dinner and reception dance at the union hall. . . A new cab company is being formed by four well known cab men, Pete Deckers, H. Langdon, Tom Clarity and Sandeen. They will use the green and cream (old Tip Top Taxi colors) color rights and the name Town Taxi. . . C. "Smitty" Smith, W. "Wild Bill" Ranklin and Archie Nordstrom through a deal last week became the owners of a three-place Commanche-Aire biplane. . . Johnny Jallo of the Liberty Cab is impatiently waiting for warm weather and good fields so he can pile up some cross-country time with his new Luscombe monoplane. Right now we think the Liberty Cab aviators have the edge on the Y. Cab pilots for hours. (Bet we get called on this).

Vern Falk (Y. C.) who was recently inducted into the regular army, drives a medical corps meat wagon (ambulance) which proves that you just can't make a cowboy or hack driver walk. . . Floyd Anger is finally "hep" to why a lot of his passengers want to hear him sing a tenor solo. His "jam session" musician pals in the cab game are the cause of it all, and the Johnsville troubadour, Sydney McNeal, will have to discipline his band. . . Busy Man: Ray Rainbolt is now a vice-president of the T. J. C. replacing Carl Skoglund. . . "Big Joe" Nelson had his cash-in envelope lifted from the drivers' washroom. He says that makes two guys that know just who got it.

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House "Labor" Committee Kills A. F. of L. Proposal

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to all persons who have studied the many ways in which democracy is distorted.

One of the ways in which city workers are denied representation is by so apportioning districts as to give rural districts many more representatives than they are constitutionally entitled to. For twenty years Minnesota legislators, in defiance of the state constitution, have refused to reapportion themselves in line with the census returns so that representation shall be equal.

When the Minneapolis Tribune, for its own reasons, brought this question up recently, a rural senator wrote an amazing letter opposing the plan, arguing that the big cities were not able to govern themselves.

Some Farm Leaders Fight Labor
The position taken by the farmers Central Co-operative association on the labor bill is interesting. This live-stock marketing organization held its annual convention in St. Paul last week; on the recommendation of its leaders, it voted to approve the Stassen Slave Law and to oppose any changes in that law.

This farm group is mainly representative of the middle and wealthy farmer. It is dominated at present by Democratic politicians. Like all farm groups, it has no independent political position of its own, but must side with either the workers or the big businessmen in the cities. On most

questions up to now the Central Co-operative association sides with the bosses against the workers.

Many farm members of the association no doubt have private misgivings that if they seek to play the bosses' game, wages in the cities will go down and the market for farm produce will likewise suffer. But they are being told by the politicians that the Lease-Lend bill will contain provisions to send American farm surpluses to Britain, the transfer to be paid for by American tax-payers. This is the big strategy of the national administration to win farm support for the Lease-Lend bill.

However, the better-informed farmers know that the vast majority of farm families will have their incomes still further reduced by the war, with the market on the European continent today inaccessible.

The only hope of the poor and middle farmers is to link hands with the workers in the cities and fight together against the common enemy—monopoly Big Business—that suppresses both.

Was Krivitsky a GPU Victim? Forum Subject

"Walter Krivitsky—GPU Victim or Suicide?" will be the subject of a talk by Max Goldman at the regular Sunday forum on February 23rd, 3:30 p. m., at 919 Marquette avenue. Krivitsky, a former agent of Stalin's GPU, was murdered last week on the third anniversary of the death of Leon Sedoff, son of Trotsky.

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To the Office Staff at the Drivers Hall:
Many thanks to you all for the very nice wedding gift.

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SEEKING AD IN THE N. W. ORGANIZER

Last Harlan Miners Are Now Free

W. B. Jones, Chester Poore and Jim Reynolds—last of the Harlan, Kentucky, coal miners framed and sentenced to life imprisonment in the historic Battle of Evarts murder-conspiracy cases of 1931—are now free men. The trio was released on parole February 15th.

Stepping out of the steel-barred portals of the penitentiary they were met by Herbert Mahler, secretary of the Kentucky Miners Defense, who had worked unceasingly for their liberation from the time of their arrest; and by AFL officials. Then they sped by auto to Louisville where they were joyfully greeted by members of their families and by union friends.

Jobs have been found for the three. Jones will work as a carpenter on a union contract; Poore will work on an AFL construction job. Reynolds will be employed by Local 185 of the Tobacco Workers Union. Efforts will continue to obtain full pardons for all of them.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard E. Gilmore

Last Friday, the Grievance Board elected at the last general meeting, met with the Executive Board and made a good start toward working out an organization for getting down to business on grievances. As this was the first meeting, and due to the difficulty in getting all of the members in the other plants notified, only about one third of the men were present. But this will be taken care of and everyone should be there at the next meeting. Those present were Erling Bruhjel, Jim Slobodzin, Ingolf Hagen, Alfred Johnson and Gilman. The Grievance Board will meet twice a month. One meeting will be entirely devoted to hearing grievances and the other meeting will be in conjunction with the general Executive Board. This new setup will be a big thing in improving the organization of Local 1859, as it will bring about fourteen more men into active union work and will furnish a long-needed, regular, functioning grievance committee distributed among all the sections, so that any member can make arrangements to present his or her problems very easily.

Brother Carsten Nelson suffered

Mortuaries That Are Fair

The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:

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- Anderson Eros, 1117 East Lake Street
- Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
- Anderson, W. A. (Ehrenstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
- Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4034 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Ave.
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapals, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Ois H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

Independent Truck Chatter

By Ralph Mengelkoch

By this time, Hornig and Paulson are inducted into the U. S. army. Herby has left for some place in the state of Washington and Dick will follow in a few days. We hope to see them again one year from now. . . . Two of our I.T.O.'s are driving down to Burlington, Iowa, this week and possibly as far as Missouri, to investigate the possibilities of work on these defense jobs. They will work back to Milt if they are successful. It has been reported that several truckers from Local 62 have gone to work in Missouri. . . . Err. . . . Still 18 degrees below! Well, anyway this weather should give the coal haulers a break. They need it. . . . Ways and Means Committee meets this Thursday. I.T.O. State Committee will meet at the same time. Let's have a good turnout! . . . Joe Faustgen has made a deal for new super-duper. It is reported that Duane Paulson has done the same. . . . If you see Curt, ask him how the cigars are holding out. . . . The unemployed list still covers a whole page. Let's hope it decreases soon.

City Truck Driver Eligible List from recent examination:

- Theodore Strick
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- Ragnar Larson
- Joseph A. Schaefer
- Asa D. Foster
- William Himmler
- Roy E. Olson
- Helmer G. Hanson
- Phillip L. Dean
- Lloyd L. Dulac
- Lyle Hougher
- Robert F. Bove
- Karl E. Peters
- Clarence C. Strick
- John Skeate
- Harold Johnson
- Edward W. Dimmick
- Daniel Doyle
- William Palmer
- Leonard Horsch
- John Kubalske
- Wallace Stern
- Thomas Harrison
- Lawrence Landry
- Albert G. Martin
- Lawrence I. Keech
- Marshall Wiltgen
- Albert McLain
- Cecil R. Kingsbury
- Martin R. Nelson
- Duane Paulson
- Lawrence Landry
- Richard Hornig
- Franklin Miles
- Lawrence Haley
- Jean Fournier
- Mike Petrie
- Earl B. Miller
- Bjarne Lee
- Gustave R. Eide
- Clifford Ray
- Clifford Nelson
- Harvey M. Johnston
- Lloyd Otterdahl
- Edmund E. Gilmore
- Bertil Almqvist
- John C. Jenks
- Amund J. Swenson
- Cari E. Carlson
- Peter A. Peterson
- Vernon Hill
- Harold J. Johnson
- James J. Mandite
- Arthur Foster
- Howard Wright
- Walter Lindell
- Paul E. Schwab
- Christian A. Hansen
- Arthur Harris
- Ernest W. Graf
- Paul Lueck
- Roy Berg
- Harold E. Hubbard
- Neil O. Lewis
- Sander Koskela
- Frank Grech
- Everett Joseph
- Leslie R. Johnson
- Vernon S. Snow
- Leslie C. Cross
- Antonio G. Felicetta
- Edwin C. Hackert
- Aubrey G. Hand
- Clarence Carlson

Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts

Brother Hertzberg has been discharged from the hospital. Anyone wishing to visit him may do so at his home. . . . Weather affects people in various ways. On one cold day Bro. Clarity was singing to keep his mind off of the temperature, and here's what came out: "Ho! Ho! The Mary-O, the farmer she loves you. . . . Bro. Wheeler, the fisherman (did some one say turtle) is back on the job again. We're glad to see you back. . . . The flu has been laying them low in the Gas Department. . . . We understand Bro. Martin had a little difficulty in welding a piece of tin for the back-run line. . . . We know of a certain school teacher that reads this column. She gets a kick out of our calling an individual "brother." Lissen, William Lutter, our display man, who has been in the hospital for some time, has recovered nicely and returns to work this week. Welcome back. . . . Russell Swanson and John Hahneman are taking a time out this week for illness, both from meter reading. BOWLING HIGH LIGHTS: Lee's Broiler took three from Hermetal Liners and are beginning to pull away from the field, now having a ten game lead. Gas Heat, Murray's Red Feather and Home Appliance Store were taking a pair each from Bryant Gas Heat, Collins' Electric and Gas Heat Equipment. Einar Fahnerberg came close to that charmed 600 when he piled up three good games for 584 followed by Adam Gibo with 571, Harry Brandon, 527; Gil Burton, 504; and just inside bounds for the first time land Ray Garin with an even 500. . . . With many boys going south, at Uncle Sam's request and not because of the weather, we failed last week to include one of our brothers who has answered the call and who makes three from our Union who will carry the best of luck from all of us. Brother Elmer Troseth from utilization, step up and take a bow. . . . They say that Cecil Dunham of utilization joined the mustachio club and that it is very becoming. Now the boys would all like to see both of them at the meeting next Friday night. We can expect the price of spuds to hit the ceiling this fall with Dale Becker of utilization planning on a bumper crop this far in advance. "Paging Bill O'Donnell, the Dirt Farmer."

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Gasping With 977

REMINDER: There are still many members of Local 977 who have not filled out the beneficiary cards and returned them to the office. In order for the Local to make a legal settlement of claim in the case of the death of a member, said member must designate his beneficiary. Therefore, we urge all those who have not taken care of this matter, to fill in the beneficiary card and return to the office immediately. . . . If at any time in the future, a member wishes to change his beneficiary, he should notify the Local and a new card will be mailed to him for this purpose. We also remind any member who may go on withdrawal for a month or so, that he may keep his death benefit insurance active by paying his dues while he is on withdrawal. . . . At long last — the Local 977 basketball team is to be congratulated for winning a game. The boys of the Local 34 (Sheet Metal Workers) bowed to the 977 boys—and what a bow—the score was 43 to 9. We are looking forward to more scores like that, fellows—congratulations. . . . We just received the news this week that Bro. Andrew Theisen (Apex Oil) was married last month. The best wishes of the Local are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Theisen. . . . Bro. C. Shervy (Phillips—1127 Marquette Ave.) left this week for Pensacola, Florida, where he will be employed at the naval air base. Bro. Ruben Lenthe (Purzone, 45 30th Ave. N.) has entered the air service and took a withdrawal from the Local.

Strike Shuts Down Wards In Oakland

The Los Angeles CITIZEN, AFL weekly, reports that the strike of the Retail Clerks and the Drivers against Montgomery-Ward in California is so effective that this profit-mad corporation has been forced to close down several of its stores. On February 15th the Oakland plant closed down "indefinitely." The San Pedro branch is also reported closed. Picket lines have been established at other M-W stores at Alhambra, Pasadena, Huntington Park, Long Beach, San Fernando, Whittier, Santa Monica and Glendale.

Unions effected have filed a complaint with the NLRB against the Montgomery-Ward corporation charging that the management has intimidated workers to withdraw from the union, has refused to bargain in good faith, has inspired formation of a company union known as Montgomery-Ward Employees Association, etc.

A union press release reports clerks receive as little as \$16 weekly, from which is deducted taxes, as much as \$2 for company dues, etc. In the mail order department the management felt that workers could not walk fast enough so they put them on roller skates. "If the price of gasoline were not so high, they would probably put them on scooter bikes."

"The bonus system used effectively against the employees is the worst known practiced anywhere. Under the hypocritical term 'wage incentive' the bonus system goads the employees to speed up their movements to the point of exhaustion."

All unionists are urged to take note of the unfair treatment Montgomery-Ward is giving its employees.

GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:

Remember our regular February membership meeting on Friday night, the 28th, instead of on Wednesday, our usual meeting night. The question of an amendment changing the time of election of officers will be discussed and voted on at this meeting. We urge all members to attend. . . . Joe Mayer of meter reading certainly enjoyed Valentine's Day, receiving three valentine telegrams—all unsigned. The boys were just waiting for the singing one to show up—but it didn't. . . . William Lutter, our display man, who has been in the hospital for some time, has recovered nicely and returns to work this week. Welcome back. . . . Russell Swanson and John Hahneman are taking a time out this week for illness, both from meter reading. BOWLING HIGH LIGHTS: Lee's Broiler took three from Hermetal Liners and are beginning to pull away from the field, now having a ten game lead. Gas Heat, Murray's Red Feather and Home Appliance Store were taking a pair each from Bryant Gas Heat, Collins' Electric and Gas Heat Equipment. Einar Fahnerberg came close to that charmed 600 when he piled up three good games for 584 followed by Adam Gibo with 571, Harry Brandon, 527; Gil Burton, 504; and just inside bounds for the first time land Ray Garin with an even 500. . . . With many boys going south, at Uncle Sam's request and not because of the weather, we failed last week to include one of our brothers who has answered the call and who makes three from our Union who will carry the best of luck from all of us. Brother Elmer Troseth from utilization, step up and take a bow. . . . They say that Cecil Dunham of utilization joined the mustachio club and that it is very becoming. Now the boys would all like to see both of them at the meeting next Friday night. We can expect the price of spuds to hit the ceiling this fall with Dale Becker of utilization planning on a bumper crop this far in advance. "Paging Bill O'Donnell, the Dirt Farmer."

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Preamble of Constitution of American Federation of Labor

"Whereas, a struggle is going on in all the nations of the civilized world between the oppressors and the oppressed of all countries, a struggle between the capitalist and the laborer, which grows in intensity from year to year, and will work disastrous results to the toiling millions if they are not combined for mutual protection and benefit.

"It, therefore, behooves the representatives of the Trade and Labor Unions of America, in convention assembled, to adopt such measures and disseminate such principles among the mechanics and laborers of our country as will permanently unite them to secure the recognition of rights to which they are justly entitled.

"We, therefore, declare ourselves in favor of the formation of a thorough Federation, embracing every trade and labor organization in America, organized under the Trade Union System."

THE DEBATE
Labor Versus Westbrook Pegler

VI. (Continued)

(With the material below, we end the chapter on racketeering amid Big Business circles, and also end the series of articles on Westbrook Pegler, the poison pen artist. The Northwest Organizer hopes to announce shortly its plans to make available in pamphlet form the material on Pegler, so that the widest circle of workers will be informed of the fakery surrounding Pegler's charges against the trade union movement.)

On January 9th two Denver brokers were jailed for attempting to sell unregistered stock to a retired Indiana University medical school dean; on the same day a man was jailed in Washington on charges of mail fraud involving \$500,000.

On January 29th in Pennsylvania twenty indictments were returned against former State Senator McClure, Republican leader of Delaware County, for mulcting citizens of the county of some \$625,000. Twelve other big shots were indicted, including Mayor Clifford Peoples of Chester.

On February 7th two brothers, Wallace Groves, chairman of the board of the Phoenix Securities Corporation, and his brother, George, an industrial banker, went on trial in New York charged with defrauding the General Investment Corporation and minority stockholders, of \$750,000.

The following day a New York lawyer got turned down on his appeal from a court action which disbars him for procuring a \$250,000 loan for a business friend of former Judge Manton at a time when the lawyer's client was involved in a suit before Manton. Manton was recently convicted of selling justice across his bench in return for over a million dollars in bribes.

On January 7th, two Minneapolis attorneys, Franklin Petri and Millard McCabe were ordered disbarred by the state supreme court. Petri was accused of failure to return money entrusted him by a guardian. McCabe was accused of having defrauded persons by posing as an agent of the FBI, of passing worthless checks in Duluth, and of "having made a practice of using checks on banks in which he had insufficient funds."

We see that the Republican leader of the Fifth Assembly District in New York County has just been arrested and charged with being a common gambler. On January 22nd James Gallagher, New York lawyer, was sentenced to from 2 1/2 to 5 years for looting the estate of his father-in-law of about \$130,000. That sentence reminds us that not so long ago a 15-year-old boy was sentenced in Louisiana to three years in prison for breaking into a house and stealing an apple. Apparently it is a worse crime to steal an apple than it is to go in for big time thievery.

To get back to lawyers for a moment Controller Joseph McGoldrick in New York has held up paying city fees to lawyers pending an inquiry into the exorbitant daily rates charged for legal service.

On January 11th in Minneapolis a park police officer was sentenced to a year in the workhouse for keeping in his own pockets about \$1,200 in fines taken over a 4-year period.

Corrupt Public Officials

A nice graft was uncovered in Detroit in January, involving former Prosecutor McCrea and former Sheriff Wilcox, and 35 political aides and police officers. The specific charge is accepting payment for protection given illegal enterprises and the acceptance of graft by public officials. Also uncovered in Detroit on January 17th was a Big Business liquor ring which is alleged to have derauded the government of \$2,500,000 in liquor taxes.

On January 28th the Police Chief of Atlantic City was discharged pending trial on departmental misconduct charges.

New Manton Case

On January 12th a newspaperman named S. Burton Heath broke a really sensational story similar to the notorious Judge Manton case. According to Heath, the United States Department of Justice is refusing to arrest J. Warren Davis, who retired two years ago as senior judge of the circuit court of appeals in the East, at a yearly pension of \$12,500. Heath charges that the FBI has evidence that Davis accepted bribes from William Fox, movie magnate, at the time Fox and his corporation were involved in litigation. Heath cited a great deal more evidence of judicial connivance and venality.

Early in January a nice racket came to light when it was told that congressmen received travel checks totaling \$250,000 "although many of the lawmakers did not stir out of their seats in getting from the 76th to the 77th congress session. Lawmakers are allowed 20c a mile for one trip home a year." Pegler isn't interested.

Well, now we'll turn for a minute to some recent large-scale indictments against various corporations.

Monopolies Milk the People

On February 6th the Western Pine Association, 59 lumber companies and 14 individuals were fined \$81,500 after pleading nolo contendere to charges of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

On January 29th fourteen leading carpet manu-

facturing concerns were charged with a conspiracy to fix prices and production quotas.

January 27th twelve companies, including General Electric and others, were sued for unlawfully restraining competition in the electric light bulb industry.

January 23rd thirteen big shots in the glazing industry were fined up to \$5,000 in Chicago on charges of price fixing.

January 20th the nation's leading optical companies were fined \$45,000 for violating the anti-trust laws and combining to fix prices of spectacle lenses and frames. Frame-makers were required to pay \$20,500 more. There ought to be a great story here, of interest to millions of Americans with bad eyesight, but Pegler will never dig it out.

A number of corporations and individuals in Manhattan are now under indictment for running a paving and sewer construction racket which defrauded taxpayers of \$1,000,000 in four years.

Trial of 34 tobacco companies and 33 executives on charges of criminal monopoly and price-fixing has been postponed to May 5th.

Since the accompanying article was written last week, several new examples of Big Business corruption have come to light:

Mayor LaGuardia announced the suspension of seven oil burner inspectors guilty of accepting bribes from the oil company as a condition of issuing city permits approving the installations.

William Jameson, controller for the Gottfried Baking company in New York, is being held for stealing \$40,000 from the concern.

The president of the Estate Planning Corporation of New York City owes \$143,000 in income taxes for 1934-35, the Board of Tax Appeals has ruled.

Robert J. Boltz, leading Philadelphia socialist and investment counselor, has been arrested, accused of embezzling more than \$2,500,000. He is held on a mere 206 different counts.

An ex-convict and murderer, Frank Matroicore, has been arrested in New York. He had been hired by the bosses to fight the poultry drivers union now on strike in New York. Eight other ex-convicts were also hired by the bosses to fight the union. The story is printed in the February 15th N. Y. Times.

Three Detroit businessmen have been indicted on testimony they offered a \$15,000 bribe to a councilman to influence his vote on a federal housing project.

Eleven corporations and two individuals have pleaded guilty in New York to defrauding taxpayers of \$1,000,000 in the last four years, through a paving racket.

Frank Blossom, a member of the War Department's Construction Advisory Committee, has confessed that while drawing a government salary, a firm in which he is a partner has received a million-dollar contract for a shell-loading plant in Elwood, Ill.

A head of an oil company in Anoka is now on trial for withholding more than \$5,000 in state gasoline taxes collected in November and December.

February 17th the N. Y. Times reported that employers in New York State are fraudulently holding back more than \$18,000,000 due the state insurance fund, and that this is just a part of the fraud being practiced in this field.

February 14th Ray Tucker's column revealed that the \$1-a-year men now in Washington are heads of law and industrial firms which "are getting fat contracts from the government."

On January 20th a federal grand jury in New York indicted seven corporations for conspiracy to restrain importation of bricks essential in manufacturing steel and copper.

January 9th a federal grand jury in Philadelphia indicted 11 bakeries and 33 individuals for conspiracy to fix prices of bakery products.

January 17th the General Motors Corporation and three of its satellite corporations were fined \$5,000 each on the charge they had formed a monopoly for sale and financing of General Motors autos.

January 7th the Texas company was fined \$14,000 on an anti-trust law charge of fixing gasoline prices. Three other companies were fined an aggregate of \$45,000 in Chicago December 13th on a similar charge. The Texas company is one of nine under indictment in Madison, Wis., on similar charges.

January 8th Federal Judge O'Brien in Detroit assessed fines of \$39,262 on three electrical supply companies (General Electric, Graybar, and Westinghouse), ten electrical jobbers and nineteen individuals for violating the Sherman anti-trust laws.

January 29th fifteen corporate and individual defendants in the food industry in Denver were named in an indictment charging price fixing and unfair trade practices.

January 29th eighteen Pennsylvania slate companies were indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of price fixing and monopolistic practices.

January 31st in Chicago "a picture of a gasoline pump monopoly affecting the sale of gasoline in nearly every filling station in the United States was drawn by a federal grand jury in two indictments returned before Judge Woodward."

Early in January Senator O'Mahoney charged that the American Aluminum company is seriously delaying the manufacture of warplanes for the United States and Great Britain by "keeping supplies down in order to keep prices up." January 30th this company was charged in three federal indictments with breaking the anti-trust laws and conniving with the German monopoly in the magnesium industry.

February 6th government attorneys charged that the American Medical Association (the doctors' "union"), two of its affiliated societies and 20 individual physicians had boycotted other physicians, hospitals and individual patients.

January 3rd a farmer from Stillwater, Minnesota filed suit in Ramsey county against two former operators of a chain of anti-labor cut-rate milk depots, charging the operators cheated him out of \$3,487.32.

Well, we haven't begun to touch the clippings collected during the past month revealing the full extent of the all-around, day-in and day-out, crookedness among the wealthy people of this nation. We haven't even mentioned the examples of fraud in the so-called defense program. We haven't even mentioned the hundreds of manufacturers who sell shoddy goods, medicines that don't cure, salves that only harm, machines of all kinds especially constructed to break down within a year or so, or to become out-moded. Indeed we have only lifted a tiny corner of the veil on this corrupt society in which we live, a society where racketeering flourishes in all sections like maggots grow in dead flesh.

If one were to write an honest book of one thousand pages on the subject of racketeering in American life, and to give to each topic its due proportion of space, in such a book there would be not even a footnote about racketeering in the union movement. NOT EVEN A FOOTNOTE!

Could Reveal More on Racketeering

We have so many unused clippings in our pockets hinting at questionable practices that we feel a

Hatch Act Broken by Both Boss Parties in Election

"Enough evidence has already been uncovered by the Senate committee investigating campaign expenditures to indicate that a score of Democratic and Republican 'big-wigs' should be started on the road to the penitentiary."

So writes Raymond Lonergan in his column in the January 21st issue of LABOR, weekly paper of the railroad workers.

The Senate committee headed by Senator Gillette estimates that at least \$21,746,475 was spent in the last campaign by the two old parties. That much has been uncovered, but the Senator says contributors are reluctant to come forward and confess the full story of how crooked lawyers and politicians shrewd them ways to evade the Hatch Act.

"Both parties are up to their ears in this scandalous affair. Because that is true, there is little chance that any of the culprits will be prosecuted," writes Lonergan.

Old American Game Voters of the nation are once again playing the good old American game of seeing how, after each election, they have been bunched by the old parties and how it is the corporations and not the people who buy and own those parties.

Briefly, the Hatch Act provides that an individual must not contribute more than \$5,000 to a campaign fund, and that a national committee must not spend more than \$3,000,000 in a general election. The Senate is now investigating the extent to which both old parties broke the law.

Boss Gave Dems \$300,000 R. J. Reynolds, son of the head of the tobacco trust, has testified that he "loaned" \$300,000 to the Democratic committees of New York, New Jersey and Illinois. A lot of the money eventually found its way back to the national committee.

In its report, made under oath, the Illinois committee makes no mention of the Reynolds "loan." Either the committee didn't get the cash or its officials have perjured themselves.

Oliver Quayle, Jr., now general manager of the Democratic committee, suffered "lapses of memory" while on the stand. One day he told one version of the Reynolds "loans"—the next day he recanted and told a new version.

Republicans Had Angels Too Of course the Republican party, just like the Democratic party, had its angels among the fat boys. Some of the Republican backers were Joe Pew, Pennsylvania oil multi-millionaire and labor hater; the duPonts and the Rockefellers, etc. These three financial barons contributed \$276,725 to the Republican presidential campaign funds in the 1940 election. Four years ago it was revealed the trio kicked in with \$1,060,000.

Despite the prohibitions of the Hatch Act, Senator Gillette revealed January 17th that both old parties spent in Ohio and Pennsylvania alone in the 1940 campaign \$4,199,408' and this only

good deal like Fibber McGee's friend, Colonel Boomer. We could literally go on for years revealing examples of large scale racketeering and swindling among Big Business circles. But we contend we have revealed enough. We have here cited enough samples of corruption among the wealthy class in this country to pin the label of liar on Westbrook Pegler, with his ludicrous claim that there are more racketeers in the unions than in any other occupation.

If Pegler were honest with himself, he would take a good long look at this world and hang his head in shame that he ever agreed to do the job for the bosses of trying to identify trade unionism with racketeering. But Pegler is what he is. It goes without saying that the man is completely devoted to capitalism. Pegler believes that any system that pays him \$60,000 a year for dashing off a daily outburst of 750 words against the organized workers of the nation is a damned good system—and Pegler is going to do everything he can to bolster that system and serve it and protect the special privileges and profits of the class that pays him.

What a wretched swindle Pegler is trying to put across on the American public, how unfair he has been in charging the workers' organizations with racketeering, and remaining silent about the colossal scale of racketeering amid the upper social circles in America.

Pegler deserves a prize of some sort for his filthy job. We seriously propose that a referendum be taken among the editors of all AFL and CIO labor papers in the country, to identify the nation's number one Yellow Journalist. We hereby nominate Mr. Pegler for this honor.

The mystery of Pegler's typewriter ribbon is this: That the ribbon only records the words when Pegler is warring on the union movement. When it comes to divulging the true facts about racketeering in America, the ribbon simply refuses to print.

We are under no illusions that Pegler will discontinue his attacks on the union movement. That is what he draws his \$60,000-per-year to do, and that he will continue to do. Our job, labor's job, is to get the facts on Pegler before the workers of this nation, organized and unorganized, and thus to render harmless the poison pen of this venal writer.

We aim to make the material presented in this series of articles on Pegler available to the widest circle of workers, and we shall ask all unionists to help us in this work. We reserve the right to any future time to again take up this debate with Pegler.

The End

Workers FORUM

WPA DEFENDANT WRITES

Federal Workers Section 544 Dear Fellow Workers:

I haven't been around to see many of you in quite a long time now, so am dropping you this line to show you that I haven't forgotten you, and to wish you more power in your good work in behalf of social justice and human standing of living for those who produce our great nation's wealth.

It is my duty as a Christian to support such principles wherever and whenever I can, so am enclosing a contribution of \$1 which I hope you will be able to use to some good purpose; and, of course, I know you will.

I have enjoyed the Northwest Organizer immensely and always pass it on to someone else. I find that others enjoy it likewise.

So, as said above, MORE POWER TO YOU. Cordially yours, BEN PALMER

FROM A CANNERY WORKER

San Diego, California Dear Editor:

We've got a swell union for fish cannery workers here in San Diego—it's still so young that most of us are just really beginning to learn what unionism means. Once in a while I get hold of your paper and read it from end to end because you've got so much to say—and there's no bettering around the bush. One of the things I like best is "On the National Picket Line."

Every week I write a little column about the canneries in our union paper. I don't know much about writing so I like to read your columns to help get ideas—as well as to help me understand what the score is. Maybe someday stuff like the N. W. Organizer can be printed all over the country—in all labor papers.

How about sending me a bundle of papers for distribution to other workers. CANNERY WORKER

Typos to Vote On Return to Federation

An agreement has been reached between the executive boards of the American Federation of Labor and the International Typographical Union whereby the latter organization would return to the AFL.

The Typos, one of the most democratic labor organizations in the country, will hold a nationwide referendum of its 80,000 members on the question of returning to the AFL, which it left in 1939 in protest over an assessment of one cent per month per member as a war chest to fight the CIO.

On the National Picket Line

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day in the colorful subtropics despite wartime regulations. They are especially planned for the convenience of Canadian business executives and senior government officials working under pressure of wartime duties."

I can understand very clearly why the large banks and corporations, the Morgans and Rockefeller, are in favor of the United States entering the war. The wealthy have huge investments abroad to protect. They want new places to invest their surplus profits. They want new markets in which to sell the goods that their under-paid workers in the United States cannot purchase. Yes, it is very easy to see why the rich are in favor of war.

But I am darned if I can see why any working man or woman in his or her right mind is in favor of this nation's going to war, or for supporting any of the moves such as the Lease-Lend Bill which will create conditions where the nation will be involved in war. A worker who actually wants his government to participate in this fake "war for democracy" is either a moron or an agent (conscious or unconscious) of Big Business. This war is definitely NOT our war, it is Wall Street's war.

Always say HAVE IT DELIVERED. Help create more jobs.

To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance or relief have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such aid, that the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has set up a special department to deal with this problem.

All workers seeking unemployment insurance or relief are asked to get in touch with Ed Palmquist before applying for aid. Palmquist is in the office of the FWS from 9 a. m. to noon, Monday through Friday each week. The office is on the second floor, 257 Plymouth avenue north.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Table with 2 columns listing union names and meeting schedules. Includes: Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, Warehouse Employees Union Local 355, Tea & Coffee Drivers Union Local 275, Utility Workers Union Local B-160, Ice Drivers Union Local 221, Petroleum Drivers Local 544 and 977, Petroleum Workers Union Local 977, Federal Workers Section Local 544, Bakery Drivers Union Local 289, Jewelry Workers Union Local 103.