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rivers Tell Blair: "We Demand Elections;" 544-CIO Members at Overflow Meeting

ay Special Membership Meeting So e That Partitions Removed to Let All ticipate - Membership Gives Ovation Ellin Exposure of Blair - Tobin - Boss Sellout onspiracy

welve hundred cheering members of Local 544-CIO d the special membership meeting Monday evethe union headquarters, to hear union officers and and CIO leaders report on the current labor hearings before State Conciliator Blair, at which 10 is pressing its demand for elections, which will

The AFL is opposing (applause) s and is brazenly pro-Blair naming the AFL

as the largest held by since it voted June 9th the AFL and accept a the CIO United Con-Workers Organizing The main hall was not th to hold the crowd, is to the adjacent hall down to permit the

bearing on the Tobin loday. The meeting turned into CIO rally with hunissue of union repre-

inne, the first speaker, membership that the called "to report to on the progress being he maze of hearings and gs being conducted by that Governor Stassen define as a cross be-

black and grocery facts and the law. Blair soubled back on

ned the bodies and drivers of Minneapoour attorneys asked the AFL, Blair grudgus 12 days.

effective way to an d claims of the AFL the drivers and allied iselves testify at the to what has been goince June 9th.

the first day in this 544-CIO has preof the case. after man has gone tness chair. They a continuous story. nute speeches, of been going on here 9th. Their story AFL organizero feeling in their The AFL autor-'organizers' grow sicker as the union

sellout contracts in are not sitting idly by, and letthe CIO testimony.

the outrageous at-

actions of the AFL

and allied workers of Min- Every driver can be sure of that."

line. I have seen the members of this union take cruel beatings, and have seen them deal blows too. I have been proud of the men in this union for many years, for the brave way they have protected themselves against the finks, the cops, the special deputies and the national guardsmen. But I was never more proud of the membership than I was today of the men who went on the witness stand in defense of their union and of

"I ask in the name of this union, its officers, and its attorneys, that meeting was held on when you men are called upon to of the first day's pres- testify, you will act in the same

nothing. If you have paid dues to members volunteering to the AFL, tell WHY. It your alle-Blair and tell him and giarce is to the CIO, state so. We agents to their faces have the enemies of this union in demand an election to a corner, and we are going to ELECTION." (loud applause)

AFL Has No Case

was the next speaker. "As lawsers we are taught that when the facts are on your side

ilding several section are against you, talk about everyinvolving the furni- thing under the sum except the

the command of Sell- the case. They testified about an the AFL's prepos- nileged red flag in the old 574 for certification headquarters, a flag that was real-FL presented its 'evi- talked about the Committee of 99 days Casey contended and the Tobin hearings in Chid answer the lies and of the union members, into the deal with them.'

"You men have the American night to be represented by the union of your own choice. You don't belong to Tobin. You don't belong to Casoy. You belong to yourselbes and no one dise. (applause)

ess stand and tell the truth, you need fear no one. Against the truth, the slickest lawyers in the world are unavailing.

"We need the honest loyal supfeel proud of the stand up and say: 'I want the are testifying be- right to choose FOR MVSELF follow Local 388 into the Clo. You should deem it a which union I belong to. I WANT give your own testi- AN ELECTION AND I HAVE frive the 544 men into want from you is the truth

at agreement and in- Are Blocking Sellout

Proud of Witnesses "I have been on many a picket

union principles.

"Tell the simple truth. Hide force Blair and Stassen and Tobin to give us an election. What is more, we are going to WIN THAT

David Shama, union attorney,

conciliator' and that and the law is against you, talk about the facts. When the facts adly frightened AFL la- are against you, but the law on a stooge for Sellout your side, talk about the law. And when both the facts and the law

"That is exactly what the AFI and called a blanket did when it presented its side of ly a red, white and blue flag. They cago and Washington. They brought eight shiny new ledgers, each with a thousand pages, in which they had copied the names hearing. They induced business agents from other AFL unions to say that the drivers cannot exercise their democratic choice and join the CIO because 'we won't

> "The AFL talked about everything encept the fact that the men had voted denocratically to join the CIO, wanted to remain in the CIO, and wanted an election to prove

When you men ret on the wit-

ery. The bosses can't ' "As to Casey's contracts, we



The Drivers Speak Up

Tobin Loses Again

Ottumwa Drivers Vote to Join CIO

Revolt Against Tobin Dictatorship Sweeping doubled its membership in the past Through Iowa—Other Drivers Unions to tous of Tobit's madding. We are hearing, when Stassen's "firee- Williams (ATL organizer) said, Follow Local 388

OFTUMWA, IOWA, Aug. 26-The mumbership of all Local 388 points the way to the Drivers Union Local 388 in Uthurwa, Iowa, acted drivers throughout Itwa to juin overwhelmingly the night of August 20th to leave Tobin's, the growing CIO industrial union and motor transport and affect AFL Transfers and affiliate with the CIO United Com-workers. Local 544-CIO is construction Workers Organizing Committee with which Min-ducting a winning fight against neapolis Local 544-CIO is affiliated. A CIO chanter was Fobiin things semi here to watk immediately issued to the Ottumva mica.

The Ottumwa drivers, who have motor transport industry. The suc- glosely together. cess of the Minneapolis drivers in challenging Tobin's ugly dictatorial machine spurred the Ottumwa port of every union man. We want drivers to take their progressive Carl Nilsen of Ottumwa. Local cracked in Ottumwa than he disyou to testify. We want you to step. Many other drivers' unions 388-CIO: in lowa are reported preparing to

Tobin Faces Revolt

has only increased the dissatisfactory ganizing Committee. packinghouse works tion of the men with the AFL. "We know that Local 388 has deal with Tobinism.

cratic industrial unionism in the house workers have been working we drivers and allied workers."

Following is the text of a tele- PWOC Votes Aid gram from Kelly Postal, secretary- No sooner had Tobia received

from CIO Regional Director Ren doomed to defeat even before he Henry and UCWOC Ovganizer starts. In an effort to stem the growing Frank Cronin that Ottumwa Driv-

ounfident you will grow even fast with the bosses in affort to smash our union. Casey's AFL selfout contracts have aroused the whole one of the fastest growing locals The CiO movement is growing movement, hundreds of drivers in lowa, take their stand with rapidly throughout lowa, where coming over to the Cho. Warmest those who are fighting for demo- the drivers and the CIO packing- maternal greetings to the Ottum-

treasurer of Local 544-CIO, to word that his dictatorship had patched an army of thugs and hop-"News reached us last night heads to the town. But Tobin is

are making it impos- THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE FOR CIO sentiments of the Iowa driv- ers Union Local 388 voted over- packinghouse in the town is CIO, air, Casey, Tobin and MYSELF MY UNION. All we ers, Tobin, head of the AFL Team- whelmingly Wednesday evening to and the packinghouse workers have stems, has placed many locals un- leave Dictator Tobin's AFL Team- worked closely for months with der receivership in the past four sters and affiliate with the CIO the drivers' union. Monday aftermonths. This dictatorial action United Construction Workers Or noon a special meeting of the packinghouse workers was held to

Stream of Witnesses Tell Blair of Blackfack Methods of Tobin's Goons - Prove that Drivers Loyal to 544-CIO, Want Elections

The claim of Tobin's hopheads that they should be certified without elections as the union of the Minneapolis transport workers was blown to him this week when the drivers, platform men and warehousemen took the witness chair at the hearings on the Tobin petition being conducted by State Conciliator Blair at the Nicollet Hotel.

The Tobin petition turned into a boomerang when Local 544-CIO began Monday morning to present its rebuttal to the Tobin claim.

Instead of bringing in shiny new ledgers with a lot of names as the Tobin gang had done, Local 544-CIO brought in THE WORKERS OF THE INDUSTRY. One after another, as fast as their testimony could be taken, drivers, warehousemen, inside workers, platform men, helpers, stood up before Blair and the AFL "organizers" and mouth pieces, and told the REAL STORY.

About fifty of these workers had already testified during the first two days, including a night session on Tuesday, and hundreds more were ready to testify during the next days.

But no himesi observer needed more testimony than has already the bess press gave a big play to, been presented by these workers, chosen almost at random. Their Tobin's groups and the retail furtestimeny has established, beyond niture and department stores. buy possibility of refutation by Tobia's hopheads, two fundamen-

tal facts: 1. Only by blackjacks, clubs and baservall bats did dues and signatures. The very gooss had collected stood up and dealared that they and their fellow-workers had been keaten, driven off their jobs, pulled of their trucks, and infimidated into surrendering maney and signatures to Tobin's gang.

workers of Minneapolis resen-Tobin employers may say or was spreading CIO propaganda.
main loyal as always to the
THERE WILL BE ELECThey tried to induce me to support
THONG IN MINNEAPOLIS AND the APL. Finally they said B read Local 544, and demand LGCAL 544-CMD WILL WIN could go back to work. George of Blair and Starsen that an THOSE ELECTIONS. election be held in which the workers can democratically follow: decide which union they wish CIO Button Town Off to represent them.

Blair Stays Away were proved and proved so that follows: even a Blein nan hardly attempt to deny them.

Maybe that's why after the first day Plair turned the bearing over to one of his assistance, one R. J. Oliver. Or maste Blair decided to stay away after an uninjeachagreet had boasted that Tabin had was all bloody and looked in bad sible witness testified how Tobin's Albur to do his bleshing.

Ross Press Silent

man commission" made public, and 'Do you want to get what Jake

a "Proposed contract" between

But by word of mouth the REAL STIORY is known, not only by the transport works ers, but by the workers after the first two days of the hearing. Neither Stassen's bunk nor the boss press nor Tobin's goons can erase the fact that the workers are for Lonal 544-CIO.

Excerpts from the testimony

Joseph Stock, city truck driver employed by Werner Transpor-These two fundamental facts fation Co., since 1935, testified as

"In the middle of June I was checking in at Wemers at about F. M. A group of men wearing AFL buttons crowded in the doorway said came into the snake poont Just then Jake Cooper, who worked there, came in. He shape. I got up to see what had happened; I was shoved down in The best press published as little and my ClO button was torn off as possible about the damning des- and they put an AFL button on thinny pussemed by Local 544 is and shoved a paper for me to CIO. An attempt to take attent sign. It said I join the AFL of tion away from the kesting came my own free will. I said I didn't

Cement Block Employers Demand Blair, Stassen Permit Employee Election

Suchsamen for the Concrete Block Mfg. Assn. stated Monday, in a concillation meeting with Local 5444GIO representatives, that the consloyers would immediately send a committee to tell State Lobor Continator Blair that "We want this conbroversy outfied at once, through an election when our employees can choose between the CIO and the AFL. One of the employers stated at the meeting that he knows

his men are \$10, even shough they wear both AFL and CIO buttons. "The only way to settle this is through on election." he said. "I'm willing to abide by the results of ac election." W. W. Gibson, representative of the Concrete Block Mfg. Assn., said, "I agree that the only way to settle this dispute is

we want this settled and settled at oute through an election." Another conciliation meeting between Local 544-GIC and the industry will be held later this week. The union opposed the 30-day waiting period set by Governor Stassen, and rejused to call off its strike notice, stating it had no faith in Blair or Stassen and considered them enemies of democracy in the union

through an election. Our committee will tell States and Blair

Blair Needn't Pretend He's Surprised

State Conciliator Blair Blair jumped a foot out of his seasion of the hearing, when one of the witnesses, Arthur McKeown, testified that Tobin's Detroit organizer Red O'Laughlin had boasted that "Blair is doing what we want him to do."

What's Blair Pretending to be surprised about? He's Stassen's stooge, isn't he? And about Stassen, Raw Deal Real boasted in a letter, which Tobia was indiscreet enough to publish in his July 1941 Teamsters

"Governor Stussen of Minne sols has promised to do everything within the law to be help

Bhair's innessal surprise would go down better if he or his bots had denied Neal's boast When he made it and Tobin printed it.

got?" I said You got me licked, I'll sign.'

"Then I took Jake, who was sick and couldn't walk and brought him to St. Parnabas Hospital. This happened on a Friday sight. The next Monday (AFL organizer) George Williams talked to me. There were three of four others Pelow we publish part of the said, 'What can I do?' He said, lost two days' testimony. Next 'Go down to the AFL at 257 Plyweek we shall publish more. But mouth and get straightened out. even this small part of the testi- I went down and talked to about

with him. George Williams told me I was all through working. I 2. Despite all Tobin's mony which we can publish today five of them in a room. George thuggery, the transport proves that, whatever Eleir Stas- Williams was there. They said I Williams said if he caught me at any ClO meeting or talking to any Dunne I would lose my job."

Q Are you a member of any Union!

A. Yes, 544-CIO. Q. Do you want an election? A. I sure do! CROSS EXAMINATION BY

AFL LAWYER NICHOLS Q Did you see Jake hurt? A. No, I saw him after he was

A. About five. One of them was ene Williams. I didn't know the

Q. Someone took your CIO button off and put an AFL button

Q. And made you sign a paper?

Q. What did it say? A. I join of my own free will, Q. And you were not? A. Not of my free will.

Priven Off Job Fred L. Arduser, Job Steward at Werner Transportation, testi-

fied as follows: "On the week of June 16th about 30 men wearing AFL buttons came down to our terminal. recognized Eddie Blixt. I told Blixt I didn't know if they could talk to the men on the job. I saw more and more AFL men coming so I said, go ahead. I couldn't do anything. He said he was going to talk anyway. He said we had to get in the AFL or we couldn't work. Pretty soon (AFL organizer) Casey came down-I think from Werner's office. He said the only thing to do was to join the AFL. We figured if we didn't sign, we couldn't work.

The following Saturday five office where I was marking up a manifest and told me I was through-Williams was one. I asked what for. He said I was colecting CIO dues. I looked up and saw the five men. He said I could walk off the job peacefully-or else. So I walked off. I tried to

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A. Yes I do.

"On August 19th I was

on a public highway by Fri

der, Alex Olson and anoti-

all wearing AFL button

told me I had to sign up if

ed to deliver lumber to

ing trades. I refused.

me to go to a meeting

day. The next day four

were parked in a car whe

der. Two trucks had bee

back. They had followed

deliver any more lu

talked it over and decided

better pay them so we co

ily but under pressure.

"Sign-Or Else"

Storage, testified:

A. Yes.

Q. Do you want an

Earl Swanson, employed

"On June 20th between

and 10 a. m. about 50 or

wearing AFL buttons cam

the plant. I recognized

Androff, Glen Smith, Bob at

Johnson, Gene and Georg

liams, and some others

names I don't know. My

called me out of B-7 wher

piling butter. The rest of

were on the elevator.

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Drivers' Testimony Proves Local 544-CIO's Cas

(Continued from page 1) show him my steward's book and Williams grabbed it. I met Joe followed a truck load back. It had up so I could go to work. So I car. We got another Minnesota went up to 257 Plymouth. I talked license. to Brennan up there. They told me if I wanted to quit the CIO and join the AFL I could go back to work. I collected dues for the CIO up until the AFL organizers came down on the dock."

Q. Are you a member of any Union now?

A. Yes, 544-Clo. Q. Do you want a Do you want an election? A. Yes sir!

CROSS EXAMINATION BY AFL LAWYER NICHOLS Q. You said the first time 30 nen came down. Eddie Blixt was

there and talked to the men? Q. Then Casey came down and

Q. If they joined the AFL they could work? A. They were told the only way they could work was to be mem-

bers of 544-AFL. Q. Who said that? Casey.

How long did Casey talk? About 25 minutes. How long did Blixt talk? Very short talk.

Did you know Casey by Yes, he was introduced Casey to the men.

Loss of Job Threat Oscar Carlson, employed at L. V. Northfield Coal and Building

Material as a driver testified next: Q Were you visited by any from 544-AFL? Yes, two men came to our

One was Ted Olsen. When? A. About noon on June 20th.

Did they talk to you? Yes. Q. What happened?

They asked what button was wearing. They said I had to wear an AFL button or I couldn't work. So I went in and signed a paper and took the AFL button. Q. Since that time, did you join another Union?

A. Yes. 544-Ci(0). Q. Do you want an election?

Did anything else happen? A. I was stopped at the office last Saturday, they stopped an-other driver and followed him to

C. Who were the men who stopped you?

A. They were AFL buttoms and said they were AFL men. They told us they were after the driver. asket what was the matter. One hig gry said "What do you care?" I said I was CXO. He said I would not deliver unless I got straight with the AFL. I said the back I couldn't and got in my truck and dcove away.

Signed Under Threats Victor Swamson, employed at Foote Lumber Co., as a mill man,

Q. Were you a steward on the testified next:

A. Yes. Q. After June 9th were you

visited by any men? A. Yes. Q. When was this?

The first part of July. How many men were there?

Five men in one car got There were two more cars.

Who were they? They said they were from 544-AFL Q. Tell what happened.

A. Five men came up to us and threw a pink slip and said, sign this. I read it and said, "Do I have to?" They said I should sign it or I couldn't work. I looked at the guys and they were big and charge? husky and I thought I might as well stay healthy, so I signed. They got about six or seven to

About two weeks later a the plant around noon we were all at lunch. Three men got out of a car and one man pointed to me and said "There is the man"pointing to me. A guy came over to one and said "You are telling the men to join the CIO. You'll

be out of a job." be out of a job." They said then that they wanted to collect dues. I said I wouldn't pay until I knew who represented me. They asked me to tell the men to pay. I told them the men could do what they wanted to do and that I don't tell them what to do. Nobody paid any dues because they felt the same way I do.

(AFL lawyer Nichols moved to strike the last sentence from record. Sustained by Blair.) Q. Were you visited any more

by AFL men? A. Yes, last Friday they told me that the lumber men wanted to have me organize in the lumber industry. I refused. A little while later some trucks came back with their lumber. The drivers said they couldn't deliver unless they joined the AFL. One of the men was sent out to Carr-Cullen but he came back and said about 30 AFL men were out there and he couldn't deliver. Later in the day the boss, Justis Smith, told me to send the men out and if they were stopped to take the license num-

Q. Did you see oars parked?

A. Yes, three cars. One car Stork and he told me to straighten a Michigan license — a Packard

Q. Do you belong to any Union

A. I belong to 544-CIO. Q. Do you want an election? A. I certainly want an election.

Pulled Off His Truck V. E. King, employed at Williams Hardware, member of the union since 1934, testified as fol-

Q. On June 16th at work were you visited by anyone?

A. Yes. Q. How many?

A. There were cars in the street. Three men talked to me, one was (AFL organizer) Fritz Snyder and the other was (AFL organizer) George O'Brien. I didn't know the third man. There were other cars in the street. Other men came from these cars.

Q. What time was this? A. 8:30 A. M.

Q. What happened? A. As I backed into the plat-

form, O'Brien took my arm and said that he came for my steward's kit and that I couldn't drive until I gave it to him. So I gave it to him, Then he said I still couldn't drive until I signed with the AFL. So I signed.

Q. Did you sign of your own free will?

to. He said I still couldn't drive And I am out of work up until the until I went to 257 Plymouth to present time." get straightened out. I said I CIO ATTORNEY CARLSON: So I went back to work. About port and wants to work, ognized one of the men as (AFL no judicial or police powers. organizer) George Williams. They all had AIFL buttoms on.

Q. What was said? A. They asked me why in the

BLAIR: Who said that? A. Williams said it. He asked me about an article that I had appeal. Sustained by Blair.) written in the paper that I didn't think the Committee of 100 was Threatened by Hopheads living up to good union principles by having meetings outside the

did not sign up with the AFL.

Q. Did any employees see you pulled of the bruck? A. Yes-Chester Post, Kenneth

(i) Has anything happened to

you since that time? A. Yes, they told me I could continue to drive if I kept away from the CiO and their meetings. They said I had a good record that I could be watched. One night I was followed clear to Midway. If recognized the men as us a few pushes. We knew if we this statement in the presence of AFL men but didn't know their dames.

C. What Union do you belong work and talked it over and de About 12:30 I counted about eight.

to now? A. 544-CRO.

Q. Do you want an election? A. II do.

Q. Did you lose any time? A. Il lost a day or about three quarters of a day. CROSS EXAMINATION BY

AFL LAWYER MICHOLS Q. Are you a steward?

Q. Have you paid any dues AFL since June 9th? A. I paid the month I was

pulled off-about June 16th. Q. When did the AFL take A. It was after the OIO was

formed. Q). Were you a steward?

Yes. Q. How long?

48. Since 1934. Q. Were you short on your collections?

A. No, the AFL started a runor that I was \$20 short. called the AFL headquarters and talked to Brennan and told him that the rumor should be stopped mmediately or I'd take some ac-

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Goons Drive Him From Job+ William Beyer, father of 13 one might have been going through children, driver for W. E. Stanch- the crowd? field, testified:

"Eddie Blixt came down to Min- then! neapolis Iron Store and wanted EXAMINATION BY CIO my steward's kit. I told him I turned it in to the CIO. He said, Well, I'm gonna take you off the job. If you come up to 257, I last Monday or Tuesday and asked to see my book. They said I had on it. 15 days in which to pay dues to the AFL. Friday I went to make a

could not make any more deliveries until I paid up my dues. I went back to Minneapolis Iron Store. I had about 24 deliveries left. The two men followed me back. They wore AFL buttons. They told Walter Girard, one of years, testified: the bosses, that I wasn't to drive

a truck until I paid up my dues.

"I called the CIO and they referred me to CIO Attorney Gilbert Carlson, who called the company. The same time Williams called Girard. Williams wanted to know which side of the fence I was on. Williams said I would not go to work until I paid AFL dues. I went to work the next day and three men told me I could make no more deliveries. They wore AFL buttons. They told Girard I could A. No, I signed because I had not make any more deliveries.

wanted to go to the CIO and see Some arrangement could be made what was what. The CIO said so this man could go back to work nobody had the right to stop me. as he has a large family to sup-

30 minutes later I was stopped BLAIR: I don't know what the in the middle of the street. If rec- conditions are. The conciliator has CIO ATTORNEY: We don't saw you can force anyone to put him

back to work but we think your weight would do some good.

work in Minuespolis again if I ing for you to go back to work?

Q. Do you want an election?

They told me to get of the track

(Motion by AFL lawyer Nichols to strike out all of CIO attorney's

years, testified:

"AFL organizers Gene Wil-Abrams, Elmer Hohenstein, Rete I don't know the mames of the hall others—about 50 or 75 all wear paid June and July dies. I want work. Elixt stepped up and said I to belong to the CIOL I want an

election. CROSS EXAMINATION BY APL LAWYER MICHOLS Q. Were you pushed syound?

A. Tes. Q. fly whom?

turned I didn't see who, there was a crowd of 100 or 75. Q. So that as you know, some

Clothing for Men and A. I don't know-ney back was

A. They were going pretty fast ATTORNEY CARLSON Q. Did you vote on any new

agreement? A. I attended a meeting of the won't.' Then three fellows met me AFL. A contract was presented. I don't know if there was a vote

delivery and some fellows said I A. They use it for a playground. Four, 10 and 20 men came down almost every day.

by the AFL?

Clement G. Rogers, truck driver at Colonial Warehouse for

Q. Prior to June 9th Union did you belong to? A. Since 1934 I have belonged to 544.

"About June 12th at 9:20 a. m. was loading the truck at Universal Carloading. AFL organizer Gene Williams came up. He said here, I saw Fritz Smyder and I) quiet. Snyder said I was all done. He reached over and took my ClO button off.

Q. Do you want an election? . A. I certainly do.

Leslie Bornfleth, at Mpls. House Furnishing since June 1935, Lumber yard man, testified:

"On about June 23rd, I was in the shipping room when these AFL one said he was an International on up. His lip and eye were all in the plant and told her she'd betouganizers came in. They said we Organizer. They said "We're from cut up and his face swellen on one ter sign so she could keep workare going to get a contract without the AFL and we're here to sign side." a strike. I asked if we'd have to you up. If you aren't AFL you yote to elect var officers or if can't work here. The International man it. A. They asked me why in the weight would do some good.

They said we'd have an election slip. I necessary that I should sign the BLAUR: It would be unfair to after it was straightened out. I three other men wearing AFL but corrubouting the account given three other men wearing AFL but.

Beaten by Hopheads Junes Leary, employed at Serley Sash and Door for 2 years, troit organizer Red O'Langldin

"The last day of June the AFL Heward L. Peterson, Myls. Cald organizers talked to the shipping to close up the yard. Storage, employed there for wine clerk. They told him to tell me to "Last Tueslay Fi report to this hall by 5 p. m. or I Red O'Laughlin and a few others come into the plant and stopped couldn't week. The none was signed came in and started discussing lording. I stw about 14 or 24

"Then the shipping clerk told ing AFL buttoms, came down me that Seeing told him I couldn't They sanited me to take my Cio go to work. Series said that the tract like that down over throats. button off and sign an AIFL peti- AFL called him and told him I tion, I told them my CIO buttom couldn't work, About 8:30 Series know Found! Dobles and his would stay on until I get my vote. said the AFL called him and said I The AFL men said Boll, you can had to go to the AFL hall, Me said see they're all CiO. Either join the his wasn't going to send the truck AFL or get off the job." They gave out and get it damaged. He made he's no use fighting the AFL. The went off the job we couldn't get Manry DelBoer. The next day Seccided rather than lese our jobs we cars with about 40 or 50 men and had better sign. We signed and they came and told me I couldn't



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to pull a truck out and get my the way down the line." head beat off. I was afraid to leave because they might follow

"I was off the job from then Fritz Snyder and Gene Williams think you will ever get this set-later on." drove up. They followed me and talked to the carpenters on the job to get them to refuse the load The carpenters said they had no

to take the load back. "The following Tuesday I was making a delivery. I had a door Q. Have you been visited since

cense covered by rags. I got up all of us on the elevator.

A. I belong to the CIO.

Arthur McKeown, Thompson

"About two weeks after June to get straight. They told me to the other parties to do anything in pull the truck over to the curb. They said that I should get the the details. Suppose we make this the details. Suppose we make this the AFL. They said look out in the they said leave it a special issue after the hearing. They said I would not the truck and leave it. They said I would not you know, your employer is will-drive it. They said I would not you know, your employer is will-drive it. They said I would not you know, your employer is will-drive it. They said I would not you know, your employer is will-drive it. They said I would not you know, your employer is will-drive it. They said I would not you know, your employer is will-drive it. They said I would not you know, your employer is will-drive other men wearing AFL but it was hear than a secourt given the accourt given the accourt given the accourt given the accourt given the AFL. They said look out in the said of the your working with me. They told my you'll see why you should the truck until got the CIO button of my cap. Wheeler Barnes for eight years, where the truck until got the CIO button of my cap. Wheeler Barnes for eight years, where the truck until got the CIO button of my cap.

> lianns, Fritz Snyder, Glen Smith by Blint. I did not go to the AFL contracts they signed. I told them preprint AFL buttons. I talked to I didn't think it was a fair contract. Also that I knew the CIO call the men to a meeting. He leaders would never force a can-said: Asie of your men are go-

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actually said that?

instructions from the union. I had Fired for ClO Loyalty Leonard Bakula, warehouseman and a mirror to deliver. I was sixty men wearing AFL buttons writing down some orders the car- visited the plant at about 9:30 a. penters wanted. I saw two men m. I recognized (AFL organoutside but paid no attention. One izers) Glen Smith and George Wilsaid, 'Hya, buddy. You at Ser liams. I was working on the 7th ley's?' I said 'Yes,' and wham, I floor. The foreman called me downgot hit and knocked down. By stairs. The rest of the employees the names and pictures in the were on the elevator and the paper I recognized them as Beeler foreman took us to the main floor

and went on with my deliveries. "Smith was the spokesman. He "Last Monday, a week ago, Sny-said: 'You have to take off your der, Casey and Red O'Laughlin CIO buttons and put on AFL butcame about 2:30 just as I backed tons, or get out. You're all in at the dock. They said 'Are you through here.' We asked for a to sign if we wanted to work. squared up with the AFL?" I said, little time to talk it over. Finally, told the men not to sign. Some of I was all done. I asked why. I was No. They said they were there they gave us 15 minutes to talk the AFL men stated they were wearing a CIO button. He said it's to follow me and turn my loads it over. We went downstairs and from Detroit, Cleveland and other back. I told them I couldn't afford decided to call our union head-cities. One of them doubled up knew his reputation so I kept button."

The button was any more work. I took their quarters. We decided that Frank his fist of the button. The button of the button of the button.

> Q. Do you want an election? A. Yes I do...

would come back with some men

"Then Red O'Laughlin said T friends. They are the best Union men I know but Farrell Ilabbs was State Labor Consillator is on our

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couldn't work, I would be foolish side and is ruling out the CIO all tled without an election?" He said,

"Well, you aren't going to get an election. We have the majority.' BLAIR: (flustered): This man I told him I was willing to bet any A. Your honor, I swore under vote the AFL 8 to 1 in the lumuntil July 17th. I reported then at oath that he said that and I still ber industry. He said, "That's years, testified: 9 a. m. I made one delivery and say it. I also asked him, "Do you right, but we will get the men

at Booth Cold Storage, testified: "On June 20th about fifty or

"Later we went back to go to get your clothes and get out." work. Mr. Finney, the warehouse About 50 per cent of the employmanager, said: You're all ees are women. through. You are not going to work here." We took our clothes and left. At the union hall I saw to the dressing room. On the way 9th, there were 3 AFL organizers, Frank Kolinsky. He was all beatout I met my sister who works

ing. I said: 'Later on, you can vote the way you want, when we Q. Do you want an election? have a secret election under the A. Yes I do. state or the government.' A big

the get out. So the got her clothes and left with me. On

Erling Nelson, employed at CIO. and get out of the yard and went cight years as hydraulic pressmen, up to the boss to tell him to fire testified. Prior to June 9th he me. They sugged for a while and was a member of Local 349, AFL then the same man said I had until Warehouse Union, and is now a townsmus mean to sign up or De-member of Local 544-CIO, Warehouse Section:

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"They told us we would have

"The AFL ween followed me up

ing to load trucks.' They allowed one truck to go out with half a load. "About 11 o'clock between 100 and 150 AFL men invaded the plant and talked to Mr. Barnes, before. They said I had Right after, the foreman, Harry up with the AFL or I Larson, called all the men to a meeting on the main floor. I followed Larson and told the men to stay on the job and not go to working. I did not do it and Buckley. They had their li- where 50 or 60 men surrounded any meeting. On the second floor about 17 AFL men surrounded me and told me to watch my step or it would be too bad. They forced

me down on the main floor. Norman and I would go up to the ing for trouble, you'll get it. Fel-Q. What Union do you belong CIO headquarters to see what lows like you can disappear, you should be done. We left the back know. You can't work here anymore. You're all through. Better

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Either wear our button or get plyees told me: 'They're coming I want an elction." and you gotta sign this paper to get you.' I was met by 12 men. and you gotta sign this paper. They said: 'Sign here.' I asked: Blackjack "Organizers" asked the boss if he wanted 'What will happen if I don't sign?' We were told: 'You either right off the job.' I said: 'In "by force," testified: right now or get out. We that case I'll sign.' I'll admit I men to replace you.' So we was upset and I didn't read the house about noon all of 50 men ed. The men elected me stew-The AFL kept pestering me under protest. ceep it an AFL plant. I said:

m a CIO steward.' Do you want an election? Yes sir.

Is there a contract now? Some say there is, some say truck loader, testified: isn't. We haven't seen any.

izers] George Williams and I want to belong to the CIO." m said: 'I want to trade that A. Yes I do.

The following men gave

estimony at the session Tues-

James Barber, employed at Mu-l Wholesale Fruit & Supply for

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men came down to the ware-

se. I had finished my run about

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es to talk it over. After button for a good one.' I said:

res sir.

cross-examination by Nich- by Chippewa Spring Water com- them. I saw about a dozen black- 20th, testified as follows: pany for the past 27 years as a jacks. We decided to sign. They

after June 9th when four men them sign. [AFL Organzier] Red ognized [AFL organizer] Gene car Halvorsen, employed by came to the plant and told us to O'Loughlin was down there Mon-Williams, Vergil Paine, Joe Marco Aslesen wholesale grocery since sign. I said: 'I am CIO and I day. We argued about the men Frank Johnson, Pat Patterson. I Aslesen wholesale grocery since sign. I didn't pay being dissatisfied with the con- was checking in some bills for the About June 23rd at 3 p. m. dues in June or July because I was tract. We had to sign the petition night dispatcher. Gene Williams at 12 men came into the plant waiting for an election. We were to save our own neck. I WANT said: 'You're all through, Jake. about 30 stayed out in auto- told that if we didn't pay up in AN ELECTION." biles in the alley. They were the AFL, we would have to get ring AFL buttons. [AFL or- out. So I paid dues to the AFL.

e Harris were there. One of Q. Do you want an election?

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health to sign.

before because my boss told me blackjacks? he had written a letter to Sid Brennan and was going to fire me. I was leary about getting fired, so 6 or 7 minutes the AFL 'No go.' I took the elevator to I paid my dues to the AFL. I

had paid dues to the AFL the day

came down and said: "Time's the third floor. Two other em- want to be a member of the CIO. fined in the trade. (He then pro-

Arthur Schirmers, employed at w crew. The boss said: 'Oh, I Pete said: 'You tell him, Red.' Red Owl for the past six years, know." We asked for more Red said: 'We'll just take you now a member of Local 544-AFL

"On June 20th at the ware-

Organizer] Frank Androff, The Q. Do you want an election? others were AFL buttons. They Beaten Up by Tobin's made everybody sign a form. We Hopheads didn't pay any attention to what Laurist Rommerdahl, employed it was. They had blackjacks on ner Transportation up to June grabbed some of the boys by the to 50 men wearing AFL butons "I don't remember the date arm and took them over and made came on the Werner dock. I rec

> Ballbat "Organizers" Eldred Phyle is an inside worker at Booth Cold Storage. He tes-

"I was working on the main floor. All at once a gang of guys pestered me to sign. They were men outside who wanted work if cold water in a lavatory. all wearing AFL buttons. I fig- we didn't want to join the AFL. "Joe Stork tried to help me stop

ured it would be best for my We asked for time to think it the bleeding. The AFL goons over, but they said that we had came in and told Joe Stork; "The day before, I had worn a to join. There wasn't much to do 'You're all through.' [AFL organ CIO button. My boss, Michaelson, so we signed up. We were short izer] Joe Wieneke reached for his gave me an AFL button. He told of men in our department, so I pocket . . . Stork said: 'I guess me I'd better wear it because he asked the boss to put a few men I'm licked. I'll sign with the AFL. had word they were going to pull to work from the group outside. After Stork signed, he asked them: all the CIO men off the job. I The outsiders said: 'Hell, no, we 'Why did you do this?' I was still did not sign the petition volun- don't want to work.'

tarily. I was stopped again since "Sometime later, Glen Smith then, about a week and a half was talking to me. The boss came with Stork. I don't remember very later, at Merchants Cold Storage, by and asked if I had my AFL well what happened. I guess I was by three men wearing AFL but- book. About August 11th, four semi-conscious. I stayed there for tons. They asked for my book. I more AFL guys, including 'Tom six days. I was under a doctor's McKeon, came down and asked care until August 15th. I WANT how many men belonged to the AN ELECTION. CIO. I told them that at least 10 or 12 were wearing CIO buttons.

that CIO button on?" I said I on the city desk. He testified: didn't put the CIO button on, Joe "About June 20th, 25 AFL men Mr. Neal took it off once, but 10:30 a. m. Two of them told me even a labor contract."

witness, Mr. Nichols. AFL Lawyer Nichols: What will I do with him?

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Q. Did they all have ballbats or

A. They had both. Q. How many blackjacks? A. What is a blackjack?

Nichols: It is pretty well deceeded to give a scientific description of a blackjack.) Phyle: It doesn't matter what

it looks like, if I am going to get hit with it. A. Well, I didn't figure a gang

of men with clubs came down just to stand around. (Much laughter, and Nichols stopped his cross-ques-

Jake Cooper, employed at Wer-

"On June 19th a group of 40 Check out.' I said: 'O. K.' I tried to finish checking in my bills Williams said: 'You heard me, check out.' I said: 'O. K.' and walked away. Joe Marco was standing in my way, so I walked around him.

"Just then somebody struck me including George Williams came in It was Glen Smith. I must have and said: 'You have to come back turned. The bunch of AFL men into the AFL or get off the job.' rushed in and grabbed my arms. 10 a. m. A bunch of men pulled A bunch of them were swinging They slugged me. They wrenched a car in front of the truck and balibats. Williams got the boss, my arms. I couldn't fall or prostopped me. In the warehouse I who was very eager to go, to run tect myself. I walked into the disrecognized [AFL Organizer] through the plant and get all the patcher's office and said to the Blixt. They told me to sign a pe-men together. The AFL gang girl, Lillian: 'Look at what the tition for the AFL. I didn't say waved clubs and didn't say much. AFL storm-troopers have done. anything. I checked in. They still They said there were plenty of I tried to stop the bleeding with

Norman Rhodes, DeSoto Cream-"He said: 'Why did you put ery and Produce, is an order-filler

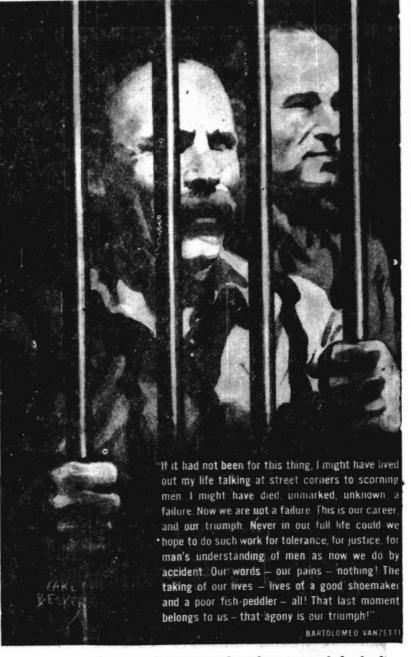
Casey put that CIO button on me. came into the creamery about Casey put it back on, when he to get off the job, that I was all showed us that contract that isn't through. Two days earlier I had been offered an AFL button and CIO Attorney Shama: Your I said I already had one. They took me to the cold storage department, and made me sign an AFL affidavit or something. I But after a while Mr. Nichols didn't read it. They took hold of proceeded to cross-examine Phyle. me and said to sign or get off the job. I WANT AN ELECTION.

for nine years as a driver. He

"On August 21st I was followed by a car. Two AFL men got out. I showed them I was CIO. They said I couldn't deliver lumber if I was CIO. I asked Johnson, the carpenter where I was delivering,

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August was also the month that claimed the lives of two whose names are known by workers the world over-Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco, the two Italian immigrants and militant workers who were framed by the Massachusetts courts and electrocuted on August 23, 1927. Sacco was killed at 19 minutes after midnight. Vanzetti died six minutes later.

Millions of workers the world over participated in the protest movement to save Sacco and Vanzetti. Tens of thousands demonstrated in London. There were huge demonstrations before the American consulates in all the capital cities of the world. Strikes and mass demonstrations reached huge proportions. But capitalist "justice" triumphed and they killed Sacco and Vanzetti. We remember Ness and Belor. We remember Sacco

and Vanzetti. We shall avenge their deaths by building a mighty labor movement that will bring justice and a better life for all who toil. That is the only monument our martyrs would want.

if he would take lumber from a rounded us and said to sign up or Harry Grundeen, of Foote Lum- CIO driver. The carpenter said he else. We asked a few minutes to ber and Coal, has been employed didn't care if it was AFL or CIO. think it over. Finally we decided I started to unload; the carpenter there wasn't much else to do, so was on the phone. Then he came we signed up. I pay dues to the out and said I couldn't deliver it CIO. I want an election." if I was CiO. I drove away and saw I was being followed, so I called the company. I finished my deliveries that afternoon. The carpenters said they'd take lumber ued): from either AFL or CIO drivers. WANT AN ELECTION.

> Ivan Parr, employed at Booth Cold Storage, is a member of 544-

"At least 50 men from the AFL came down. They wore AFL buttons and said they were AFL organizers. The foreman got all of us in the elevator. On the main floor the AFL organizers sur-

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(After a recess Parr was recalled to the stand. He contin-"I stopped to read the slip.

Someone shoved me and said: 'You don't have to read it, go on and sign.' I saw the AFL organizers carrying blackjacks, a long stick, and a length of hose. I signed," CROSS-EXAMINATION BY NICHOLS:

Q. You saw blackjacks? A. Yes.

Q. You saw a length of hose? A. Yes.

Q. You saw a stick?

A. Yes. About three feet long and an inch and a half thick.

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In the desperate fight of the Tobin machine against Local 544-CIO and the drivers of Minneapolis, Tobin's agents have reached the point where they must attack the very foundation of unionism in Minneapolis-the great 1934 drivers' strikes!

In the August 15th issue of Tobin's Minnesota Teamster, page 8, Sellout Casey calls the 1934 strikes a "hoax." And he goes on:

"In that strike the Teamsters of Minneapolis were plunged into a long and bloody struggle without the sanction of the International. They lost 91/2 weeks' pay and ended up with a wage increase of only 21/2c an hour," Casey writes with his poison pen.

Did you ever see the likes of the gall of this scurvy-headed, oyster-eyed, lying-mouthed, scalynecked, pot-bellied, boss-minded blatherskite?

Sellout Casey doesn't understand, or pretends not to understand, why the working class of Minneapolis waged the strikes of 1934. The wage increases and improvements in conditions that stemmed from that strike were bounteous, but all that came later, together with many other fruits of union victory.

A STRUGGLE FOR UNIONISM

The great strikes of 1934 were essentially a struggle for the recognition of unionism in the major industry of Minneapolis, hitherto unorganized. The strikes were fought over the issue of whether the Minneapolis union movement was to smash the Open Shop regime of the labor-hating Citizens Alliance, or whether the Open Shop was to destroy root and branch the workers' movement.

That was the issue in 1934. That was the cause for which Henry Ness and John Belor laid down their lives. That was the battle cry that mobilized the entire Minneapolis working class and inspired them to their glorious victory.

The year 1934 was the turning point in the lives of tens of thousands of Minneapolis working class families.

In the summer of 1934 the 25-year-old record of Open Shop domination by the Citizens Alliance wass hattered to bits, and the foundations for the mighty Minneapolis union movement laid. MINNEAPOLIS BEFORE THE 1934 VICTORIES

Eight years ago the Minneapolis union movement was deep in the doldrums. No strike had been won for ten years, ever since the AFL "purged" the Central Labor Union of "reds" in 1924. With the low ebb in industry, whole sections of the union movement, such as the building trades, had dwindled to mere skeletons. The General Drivers Union Local 574 had only a few dozen members and had been inactive for years.

The strike victories of 1934 energized, transformed and set upon its feet the entire Minneapolis union movement. Insofar as this progressive transformation can be attributed to individuals, it must be attributed to those men who since 1934 have stood at the head of the drivers union, and today lead Local 544-CIO. And that's why Tobin's agents are trying to wipe out the last seven years of Minneapolis unionism.

The men who built the union in 1934, who led the coal strike of February, 1934; who led the workers in May, 1934, when the union's mass picket line battled first the neapolis police force and then whipped an army of 5,000 special deputies; whose courage and devotion led to victory in the 34-day strike of July-August, 1934, where the union, with the backing of the entire labor movement, picketed rings around the national guardsmen and clinched victory-these are the men of Local

DAWN OF A NEW DAY

A new day dawned for the Minneapolis workers in 1934. Union membership in the city grew from 30,000 in 1933 to over 60,000. The average weekly wage of drivers rose steadily from \$11 to \$33. Weekly hours were cut from 66 to about 44. Workers for the first time in their lives enjoyed paid vacations, seniority, job protection. Inspired by the drivers' strike victories, scores of new unions were organized.

These are the facts about the glorious 1934 strikes, facts known to every Minneapolis toiler. Today as in 1934 the Minneapolis union movement is in

crisis. Today the drivers again confront a life-and-death struggle with the hosses.

Today, too, as in 1934 Tobin and his agents are lined up with the bosses AGAINST the drivers of Minneapolis, against Local 544-CIO.

Just as Tobin's attacks on Local 574 furnished the bosses with ammunition in 1934, so the attacks by Tobin and Casey against 544-CIO today are utilized by the bosses as weapons against the jobs and wages of the drivers.

Before Tobin could ever succeed in imposing his dictatorship upon the Minneapolis labor movement, he would first have to destroy the great tradition of struggle and militancy which the Minneapolis union movement wears like a badge upon its breast, Tobin and Casey must rewrite the very history of the city, and that is what they are trying to do,

Casey has already made common cause with the finks in their book suit against Local 544. Now he attacks the 1934 strikes, he dares to tell the workers of Minneapolis those strikes were a "hoax."

Casey even dares to raise the question that the 1934 strikes were carried on "without the sanction of the International," that Tobin gave no strike benefits or support to the Minneapolis strikes. We're glad you brought that up, Casey. Casey.

You are damned well right Tobin didn't sanction those strikes. You are damned well right Tobin opposed the strikes. You are damned well right the strikers got nothing from Tobin, except savage abuse. IF THE DRIVERS HAD WAITED FOR TOBIN TO SANC-

TION THOSE STRIKES, THE DRIVERS OF MINNEAPOLIS WOULD STILL BE WORKING FOR \$13 A WEEK, AND THERE WOULD BE NO UNION MOVEMENT IN THIS CITY.

Fortunately, the drivers understood Tobin well. Not for one minute did they ever look to Tobin for aid. They knew he would aid the bosses AGAINST the drivers. And that's exactly what Tobin did. His attacks on Local 574 so pleased the Citizens Alliance that for days the bosses reprinted Tobin's articles in huge ads in the daily press.

TOBIN NEVER FORGOT

The beating that Local 574 gave the bosses and Tobin must have been rankling in Tobin's breast these seven years.

Tohin never forgave this union for demonstrating to the drivers that they don't need Tobin on their side to win victories. Tobin is not only a worthless ally, he is a traitor to labor. It is AGAINST AND DESPITE false leaders like Tobin that the American workers forge ahead in the struggle for a better life.

The mud and slime peddled by the Tobin machine can never besmirch the magnificent tradition of 1934 from the memories of the workers of Minneapolis. Too many workers bled and suffered to win those strikes, Too many thousands of families gained from those strikes.

The tradition of 1934 haunts Tobin and Casey. That tradition of honest fighting unionism confronts Casey wherever he turns. That tradition dooms his foul union-smashing conspiracy to defeat. That tradition will drive him and his hopheads like whipped curs from this city.

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AFL Organizer Beeler

Our readers will recall that oily Mr. Goldberg, Tobin's mouthpiece here, finally admitted that the nurseattacking, farmer-shooting, alderman-slugging, marihuana-smoking Buckley and Smith were on Tobin's payroll. But he tried to claim that the ringleader of this particular mob, Beeler, was "just a friend" of the Tobin hopheads and was not connected with the Tobin payroll.

Now, however, a witness in the hearing this week before Blair has identified Beeler and Buckley as the thugs who beat him when he refused to pay "dues" to them. Lie No. 1,483 recorded against Mr. Goldberg.

Incidentally, what has happened to the federal narcotics charge which was supposed to be placed against the Beeler boys when they were caught with marihuana in their possession? Is this just another case of the federal authorities doing a little favor for their friend Tobin?

That Tobin Contract

When a crook is caught red-handed and hasn't got a thing to say in his own defense, his lawyers register in court what is known as a "general denial." It's general because he can't say anything specific.

That's the situation of Tobin's hopheads and Quislings. We published last week the contract they signed with some of the bosses and which the hophead-Quisling gang didn't dare publish in their own rag. Even though we've already published their contract, the Tobin mob still don't dare to publish it, because to do so would simply be to add further proof to our charges, for they would have to print the verbatim text that we have already printed. Rather than do that, the Tobin gang continues not to print the contract.

Instead, in this-August 22nd-issue of their Minnesota Teamster, they enter a typical crook's "general demial" of our charges. We published a full-page analysis, point by point, of the Tobin contract. All they can answer ting these sellout agreements take is that there are "wild and unfounded rumors!"

Instead of answering our very specific analysis of their contract, the Tobin gang writes an editorial attacking-the 1934 strikes which made Minneapolis a union

Instead of answering our last week's analysis of the key to their contract-Section 9, the arbitration clause which provides for arbitrating away everything under the sun-the Tobin gang talk about the fact that Tobin didn't pay strike benefits in 1934!

Instead of talking about the things the workers want application cards in the union. settled specifically-wages and hours, job protection and all the other things which we have always settled specifically in negotiations and contracts—the Tobin gang talk We have subpoenss so that your about "Americanism." Truly, as the famous Doctor John- jobs won't be jeopardized by your son said, patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel when he can't talk about anything else.

Talk about the contract, you Tobin hopheads and Quislings! Explain why you haven't printed it to this of John L. Lewis and Regional Diday! Explain why you can't answer our specific analysis of your contract! Yes, just try and explain, you mutts!

Who Is Mathew Woll?

No labor bureaucrat has a blacker or more revolting record in the labor movement than Mathew Woll, vice-president of the AFL, who heads the committee designated by the AFL executive council in Chicago to "purge" the Minneapolis Central Labor Union.

Woll for decades has represented the extreme right wing of the American Federation of Labor, being way over on the bosses' side of the fence.

He is much more the business man than the labor leader. For years he was acting president of the National Civic Federation, the company-union setup sponsored by Mark Hanna, notorioos Repub' lican skate of a generation ago.

Woll served in this set-up together with the Morgans and the duPonts. The National Civic Federation represented a bloc between unions throughout the nation of Big Business and reactionary labor leaders, aimed against everything our fight and appealing for aid. progressive in the union movement. Woll was acting president of this group until the 1935 conven-

tion of the AFL in Atlantic City, when John L. Lewis forced through that the president of the United a resolution ordering all labor representatives to get out and stay Mine Workers in Alabama has out of the National Civic Federation. Woll is president of the small craft-union Photo-Engravers, which

he runs with an iron hand on a no-strike policy whereby he gains small concessions from the bosses at the expense of the other printing Workers Union is the greatest

Wolls' real gravy bowl is the Union Labor Life Insurance company, founded in 1925. As head of this insurance company, Woll rooks the labor movement unmercifully,

Like Tobin, he is a prominent figure in the Democratic Party. As is well known in labor circles, Woll for years aspired to the residency of the AFL, and had an understanding with old Sam have written your names down in Compers that when the latter retired Woll would be his successor, their books, but that the CIO has For years Woll was known as Gompers' 'Crown Prince." The United the men.

Green in the president's chair as Gomper's successor. The oldest member of organized labor cannot remember ever here to WIN this battle. (pro- staff members of their desire to seeing Matthew Woll walk a picket line. However, on many occasions longed applause) he has taken the side of the bosses in strike situations. During the Arlye Glynn Pledges Aid great Passaic textile strike, he earned the hatred and contempt of the workers by openly opposing the collection of strike funds, and de- the CIO Electrical Workers Union

fending the textile bosses. This boss-minded insurance agent has the gall to set himself solidly behind the drivers. "Our up as judge over the Minneapolis Central Labor Union.

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In the Line of Fire



1,200 Men Attend 544-CIO Meeting

ing conditions.

backs of the workers.

the boss fight us.

Blair is. (applause)

union that has been victimized by

the Stassen Labor Law. Our union

has been hampered by the Stassen

law ever since it was enacted in

1939. At the Lewis Bolt & Nut

company, where we face a strike,

Stassen has used the law to help

"We know how unfair Blair is.

A CORRECTION: In a

leastet distributed by Local

544-CIO advertising the Mon-

day special membership

meeting, it was erroneously

stated that Brother Arlye

Glynn is head of the CIO

Electrical Workers Local

1139. Brother Glynn is leader

of the CIO Electrical Work-

Brother Farrell Dobbs started

his talk by holding up a cap he

had borrowed from a union mem-

ber as he came to the speakers'

"This cap tells a story in itself,"

Dobbs said. "On the left you see

button issued in 1935. The Local

574 button is not an AFL button.

It was issued at a time when this

union was fighting Tobin tooth and

nail just as we are today. The

brother who wears these buttons

shows that he understands very

Scores of men after the meeting

lined up at the dues table to pay

pointments to appear at the hear-

Minneapolis is going to be

Very cheap, GR, 7921,

clearly what this fight is about.

Scores Pay Dues

CIO Union Town!

the Local 544-CIO button.

ers Local 1140.

stand.

(Continued from page 1) umfair labor practice against every employer who signs with the AFL. We know the bosses, Blair and Tobin engineered these contracts in an effort to stampede you back into the AFL. But they are not going to get away with their seil-

"Your leaders cannot win this battle alone. Your lawyers cannot win this battle. YOU ARE THE MEN WHO ARE GOING TO WIN THIS FIGHT. Sign the blue Wear your 544-CIO buttoms. Pay your 544-CIO dues. Volunteer to testify to the truth before Blair. testimony."

CIO Never Loses

The next speaker was Frank

rector of the UCWGC. "I bring you fraternal greetings from the national CiO and from the other 44 national affiliates of

the CIO," Barnhart said. "With the solidarity of you men, victory will surely be ours. The CiO has never lost a war in its life. William Green and Daniel J. Tobin knew this well.

"Last Wednesday evening the Drivers Union in Ottumwa voted unanimously to leave the AFL and join the ClO. Many more Drivers Unions are preparing to come over to the CIO. We are going to keep Tobin so busy in all parts of the country, he won't know where the lightning will strike next.

"On August 13th I sent out a circular letter advising CIO Many contributions have come in. I was particularly glad tonight, in reading some of the letters, to see sent in \$100. You should have no doubts but that this fight will be

"I believe the United Mine union in the world. But I say, your leaders are the equal of the Miners leaders when it comes to knowing how to fight and win. (applause)

"Blair and Stassen will have to concede, after our CIO witnesses are through, that the AFL may

Mine Workers, however, blocked Woll's ambition and placed William "If any Tobin stool pigeon is in this meeting, go back and tell the AFL that the CIO came in their dues, while others told union

> Arlye Glynn, militant leader of Local 1140, told the 544-CiO membership that Local 1140 is 4-BURNER Universal gas range, members work in the garages and

Driver Keeps Record of **Union Gains**

feel that the drivers affiliating to Local 544. These figures show that Swing to CIO the CIO is the best way to unify the labor movement and win big-LARS A YEAR. ger pay checks and better work-

oureaucrats resort to behind the "Local 544-CIO is not the only

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even more substantial gains And has its costly ruins, Blair is nothing but a business through Local 544 since 1934, But you can always find a seque agent for the employers. Blair gains totaling over SEVEN HUN- In the work of Tobin's gooms. connives behind our backs. At one DRED DOLLARS A YEAR. The company where we were pressing year of the great 1934 strikes, I've studied modern history Barnhart, personal representative for a wage increase, Blair went Brother Brett earned exactly And deciphered ancient ruins, out to the shop and told the men \$1,028, which was high pay for But I've discovered nothing that the boss couldn't afford a the industry then. In 1840 his To compare with Tobin's goons. wage increase. That is how 'fair' yearly earnings totaled \$1,771. "Local 1140 will assist you Ray said. "Along with the lower In dives and cheap saloons financially to the best of our abil- pay, I was getting grey hair. Now By men who'd taken lessons ity. If you want to know what the thanks to union protection and From some of Tobin's goons. CIO does for its members, just ask semority, I am doing the kind of

> Minneapolis. In the CIO you have a freedom and a democracy you have made even larger gains," Unless she is ensountered can't find in the AFL. Tell the Brett concluded. "In 1935 they By a band of Tobin's goons. people of Minneapolis that you were getting about 25c hourly. are CIO members. The CIO is Thanks to Local 544 and no Remember, all you drivers worth fighting for. I know you thanks to Tobin, today these men Who are seeking yearly boons, will win your fight." (applause) get 65c an hour their first sea. That you will never get them

Cliff Smith, awning worker at the Hoigaard Tent & Awning com- Clerks in Chicago pany, has kept an accounting since 1935 of the gains won for him by Fed Up with AFL, of OVER FOUR HUNDRED DOL-

one of thousands of 544 members who have made as great or greater

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"And that's only half the story," I have read of many shootings

the mechanics and machinists of work I like to do. "The inside men at Hoigaard's In many hotel rooms son and 70c hourly the escond sea- By supporting Tabin's soons.

es - Piddling 6c Raise Already More than prices will be translated in Wiped Out by Price Rise When the membership of 544, back in May, ap-

union should enter into a process of horse-trading. On the contrary, our members, and the wives of our

a SUBSTANTIAL increase in wages-not Casey's six cents, but 60 PER CENT of what it did a of you never met that t

Every Minneapolis housewife of the country. What makes the Shortages have brought him

knows, without the assistance of situation so dangerous for labor is into prospect. WE WILL the government graphs, that her the fact that the price ceiling is CEIVE GURSELVES IF WE household dollar today buys only still nowhere in sight.

Union Serves 119 Strike **Notices**

One hundred and nineteen more strike notices have been served upon Stassen's man Blair and the a true picture, however. It is a falling upon the shoulders Minneapolis employers by Local 544-CIO in the past week, as the union moved further to protect the membership and force the employers to negotiate the union's

ten concrete block companies on August 20th. The following day twenty-eight city and suburban umber companies received their strike notices from 544-CIO.

Tuesday additional strike nofirms and eight wrecking firms. Union representatives in negotiations and conciliation meetings are making it crystal clear to the bosses and Blair that 544-CIO is deadly serious about its strike notices and means to fight unless the demands of the membership are met.

Eight hundred former members of the AFL Retail Clerks Union As an answer to Casey's idiotic Local 1248 met last week and lies about the militancy and effect voted to leave their racket-ridden to suffer in an AFL union. We tiveness of Local 544, we publish union and accept a charter in the have faced all the tricks the AFL the yearly income record of Smith, ClO Grocery and Produce Clerks Union. The new CIG members led the fight to oust Max Caldwell. racketeering ex-bootlegger and AFL leader, who is charged with stealing \$910,000 from the retail clerks in Chicago over the past

Tobin's Goons

Drivers in Austin Build CIO Fortress

AUSTIN. MINN .- The Austin Drivers & Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 778-CIO further strengthened its position in the motor transport and building construction industry Sunday when it absorbed over two hundred building trades workers who had previously been organized under a special state CIO charter. Plans were discussed for an all-out drive to make Austin a 100 per cent CIO town, and to make it impos-

sible for the handful of AFL with the Park Motor company July craft-union disruptionists to pre- 24th increasing wages for all emvent the Austin workers from reto which they are entitled. According to the Austin Union-

ist, Local 778-CIO has negotiated a number of new agreements ben- bin's goons has sulked around Arsefiting Austin workers. An agueetestify before Blair and made ap-

company providing for wage in throughout the nation. creases of \$5.50 weekly, twelve Tobin's violent and vicious methworking days' vacations, and six ods have earned him the title of left-hand oven. Good condition, days' sick leave.

ployees 5c hourly. Contracts have ceiving the wages and conditions been presented all lumber and coal dealers calling for a straight \$7.50 weekly increase. Since June 15th a squad of To-

tin seeking to use violent methods ment has just been signed with the to drive the workers back into the Kinsmans Greenhouse, bringing antiquated AFL set-up in the mowage increases of \$2-\$5 weekly, tor transport and construction inplus the closed shop, seniority, va- dustry. However, today this industry is now an impregnable CIO On July 30th Local 778 signed fortress, the forerunner of similar contract with Grain Belt Sales developments in strong CIO towns

"labor's most unscrupulous The union signed a contract my" among Austin workers.

Casey Tries to Trade Off Wage Demands of price increases is seen in the Membership For AFL Recognition by Boss osphere leap of wholesale

proved the idea of a sharp increase in hourly wages, it did not endorse such proposals with the idea that the

members, already then felt keenly the pressing need for are going up. Some of you

a REAL increase that will help few months ago. The rise in ES- monster who destroyed far make up for the zooming cost of SENTIAL COMMODITY PRICES comes in the past war-old

If Casey had bothered to look at the AFL's Monthly Survey, he would have learned that, while wage increases amount to only 1.4

per cent for the past thirteen months, WHOLESALE PRICE would, before another year INDICES show an increase of almost 18 PER CENT for the same

fact that prices have risen as much workers. But the trade union as 5 PER CENT PER MONTH do even more by broadening during each of the past four struggle from the economic months. All sorts of devices and political field. tricks are being used by retailers and wholesalers to make the pub. Labor Party Needed tention to strike was served on lic bear ALL of the burden of four cold storage companies and increased raw material prices. The bor can defend itself from Roosevelt administration last week tion and place the burden of took steps to sharply curtail in warfare where it belongsstallment buying, as one way of shoulders of the bosses lowering living standards. Credits launched this war and who have been tightened. Discounts for to gain from it. tices were served on sixty-nine large purchasse have been either discontinued or lessened.

Price Jump Looms

When the new tax program goes nto effect, prices of consumers goods will take another sharp upward leap. Not only will the wage earner have to pay income taxes and controlled by the unions. in the near future, but he will through such a labor party ca also have to pay all of the excess union movement protect profits taxes, excise taxes, etc., from the growing attacks of which Big Business always passes bosses, can the workers pr

Still another growing cause for and living conditions.

this summer; by autumn retail prices charged in the

"Ain't Seen Nothing"

Speaking before the conv of the Housewares Manufac association in New York re-Price Control Commissioner Henderson admitted that " are already complaining. But is the GREATEST in the history (High Cost of Living) LIEVE THAT THE COST LIVING WILL LEVEL

SHORTLY." The truth of the matter is the substantial wage increase manded by 544's memb passed, scarcely equalize the ward sweep of prices.

Much can be accomplished the trade unions in preventing Even these figures do not paint worst burdens of inflation

On the POLITICAL FIEL

The trade unions need dependent Labor Party. must force its leaders to with company unionism in po to sever connections with the controlled Republican and cratic parties, and to launch bor party based upon the and defend and better

Here Is the PROOF

Food Prices in Minneapolis Up 15% to 83% During Year

Below is a table comparing the prices of staple food co modities in Minneapolis in August, 1940, and in August, 194 Prices are based upon the regular Friday and Saturday specia as they appeared in the Shopping News. The information w compiled by a stuff member of the Minneapolis Labor Scho other charts are now being prepared dealing with price term in rent and clothing costs in Minneapolis.

The reader can readily understand that the measly hourly wage increase cooked up by Sellout Cusey and the box and Blair is utterly inadequate to meet the huge increases the cost of living. Price in Price in Increase Per

Food Item	Aug., 1940 /	aug., 1941		Increa
Sugar (10 pounds)		.59c	.08c	159
Eggs (Grade A, in cartons	.21	.34	.83	67
90-92 Score Butter (1-lb. re		.337	.11	42
Land-o-Lakes Butter (1-lb.)	34	-41	.07	20
Cheese (2-lb. box)	42	.55	.23	30
Lard (1-lb. carton)		.12	-05	71
Pork Loin Roast (1-lb.)		.25	.09	56
Spare Ribs (per pound)	.10	.114	.04	
Pork Chops (center cuts)		.36	.11	
Smoked Shankless Picnic				
(36.16.)	.15	.21	.06	40
Branded Bason (%-1b.)	.25	.38	.13	52
No. 1 Sugar Cured Baton	12	.212	.10	63
Smoked Ham	119	.29	.10	- 51
Bason Squares	10	.16	.06	60
Sixort Riba	10	.13	.(0)3	30
Salmon (No. 1 tall red)		.29	.00	16
24 % -lb. Flour	95	.915	.18	24
Wisconsin Colby Cheese		.21	.05	31
Fat Hens (per pound)		.25	.08	47
Broilers (ser lb.)		.37	.04	17
Coffice (2-lb. can)	48	.50	.10	24
Lamb Shoulder Roast	.17	.22	.05	29
Lamb Breast	.07	.09	.03	28
Leg of Lamb	.22	.27	.95	22
Canned Milk (1436-01.)	.06	.98	.02	33
Calery (2 bunches)	.10	.15	.05	50

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, September 5-Job Stewards

Tuesday, September 9-Lumber