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Montgomery-Ward Strikers Continue Struggle

Fargo Drivers Union Adopts Steward Set-up, Elects Slate

General Drivers Union in Sioux City, Iowa, Sets Up Machinery

Farrell Dobbs, NCDDC representative who spent some time in Fargo, North Dakota, last week, reports that the General Drivers Union Local 116 has overhauled its organizational apparatus and is now in a position to function much more efficiently for its members. A job steward system has been installed, regular meeting dates have been set for the Executive Board, for the Grievance Board, and for all committees. A definite program of procedure has been established for the conduct of membership campaigns, and for the negotiation of contracts.

Local 116 held its yearly elections on Friday night, Dec. 17. The following officers were chosen: Jack Worth, president; Arvid Johnson, vice president; Joe Callahan, secretary-treasurer; Chester Anstatt, recording secretary; J. Newbauer and R. Turnipseed, trustees.

From Sioux City, Iowa, comes news from Jack Maloney that the General Drivers Union there has also laid the groundwork for a smoothly working organization. Stewards will meet every Friday night from now on. The Grievance Committee of the General Drivers Local in Sioux City meets every Tuesday and Friday night. If any member has a grievance or knows of a contract violation, he should report immediately to the Grievance Committee.

Dairy Workers Join
Clarence Schwab, NCDDC organizer, has been active during the past week in Mankato, Rochester, Dodge Center, Litchfield and St. Cloud. He reports that the Drivers Union in Mankato, Winona and Rochester are dealing jointly with the Armour company. Dairy workers in Rochester are organizing and drawing up a contract for presentation to the employers within a few days.

The St. Cloud General Drivers Local has completed negotiations and signed a contract covering all dairy workers in that town. The victory in St. Cloud represents a most significant gain in the struggle to unionize the dairy industry, and foreshadows the growth of unionism throughout the state in this industry. Through the new contract, St. Cloud dairy workers are now receiving substantial wage increases and better working conditions.

Over 1,000 N. Y. Cab Drivers Out

New York City—With over one thousand cab drivers on strike, and with a blanket authority to call a strike having been voted the executive committee, the Transport Workers Union is preparing in earnest for a showdown with taxi companies here.

Fifteen thousand cab drivers voted last week to authorize union officers to call a general cab strike. At mass meetings, Manhattan's cab drivers also adopted resolutions condemning strike-breaking activities of the police.

A total of six companies, employing 1,145 drivers, are now being struck. The union charges the companies with chiseling on union agreements, failing to pay the agreed wage scales, etc.

In a circular issued Saturday, the union warned against hoodlumism. The overturning of cabs in the street was part of a program of sabotage inspired by fleet operators, according to union circulars. The Transport Workers Union has been considered one of the most successful of the CIO unions.

University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.

STATE ELECTRIC COUNCIL MEETS

Advisory Council to Broaden Organization Work; Radio Section of Union Grows; Pick, Lake Unfair

Organized on a permanent basis at the Hibbing convention of the State Federation of Labor, the Minnesota State Electrical Workers Council held a meeting Sunday, Dec. 12, at 257 Plymouth Avenue North in Minneapolis. Delegates were present from Hibbing, Duluth, Red Wing, Austin, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The proposed constitution was discussed and amended to broaden the aims of the Council so that it can aid in organizational work as well as in the legislative field. The amended constitution will be sent to all locals in the state for ratification. The interesting discussion which took place indicated all delegates were anxious to cooperate in arriving at the best possible procedure to make more successful the work of the Council and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

A sub-committee on Rural Electrification reported at the afternoon session. Brother Oscar Cooper of Local 292 was asked to aid in obtaining further information on Rural Electrification at various locals in the state.

The Council will meet four times yearly. George Garney, chairman, can be reached at the State Office Building in St. Paul, care of Board of Electricity. Secretary B. E. Schilling can be reached at 1823 W. 5th St., Red Wing, Minn.

Radio Section Grows
Though the negotiations between the Radio Section of Local 292 and the various studios are being dragged out, progress is being recorded at stations WDGW, WTCN, and WMIN.

The production employees at WTCN have joined the Twin Cities chapter of the American Newspaper Guild, and the negotiations committee of the Guild and the Local 292 Radio Section will conduct joint negotiations with the management of Station WTCN.

Pick, Lake, Still Unfair
The Pick Electric company, 215 East Lake, and the Lake Electric company, 1225 East Lake, are unfair to Local 292 of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. These shops do motor rewinding, and sell motors. They are not being patronized by the labor movement while they persist in their anti-labor stand.

Auto Salesmen Get AFL Charter
Local automobile salesmen, formerly organized in Automobile Salesmen Local 1072, have applied for a new American Federation of Labor charter embracing all car salesmen in Minneapolis.

The union membership is now completely sold on the idea of siding in with the progressive labor movement in this city. The union will hold weekly meetings each Wednesday night, at 9:30 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

The former Local 1072 took in salesmen in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, and did not take a definite stand on the struggle going on between the American Federation of Labor and the Stalinist-dominated CIO movement in this section.

Leaders in Ward Strike



Above are Bernard Simmer, President, and Ted Dostal, Organizer, of Warehouse Employees Union Local No. 20297, which is conducting the strike against the mail-order department of the Montgomery-Ward plant in St. Paul. The strike began December 6, and has made serious inroads into the mail-order business of the Ward company. Many unions both in St. Paul and Minneapolis have made generous donations to the strike fund. Local 20297 maintains a strike headquarters at 1609 University Avenue.

R. W. Bergstroms Are Cleared of Charge of Violating Picketline

In the December 16th issue of the Northwest Organizer, the following item appeared in one of the union columns, that written by the Machinists Unions:

"R. W. Bergstrom and wife drove through the picket line at Montgomery-Ward's even after being cautioned not to do so. Maybe he wanted to buy a noise maker of some kind."

On Friday afternoon, December 17, Mrs. Bergstrom phoned the Northwest Organizer, stating that the item was untrue. She was informed that as a matter of editorial policy, the Northwest Organizer does not edit material contained in the union columns, each union being responsible for its respective column. Mrs. Bergstrom was asked to embody the denial in a letter, and promised that the Northwest Organizer would print her letter.

A letter from Mrs. and Mr. Bergstrom, a letter from the "North Star Ladies Auxiliary," and a statement from the editor of the machinists column, "Rough Cuts and Mike Measurements," are published below. The statement withdraws the charges against the Bergstroms.

December 19, 1937
To the Editor Northwest Organizer:
In the last issue of the Northwest Organizer, you printed a statement which in substance claims

they appear at the gates of the assembly plant. Their places have been taken by other pickets, who in turn are also arrested. On December 15, the union introduced a new feature in picketing family style. Little children and women with babies in their arms joined their fathers on the picket line. They too took their places in the patrol wagons. The first children arrested were turned over to the juvenile authorities, but so great was the indignation at such action that they changed this and are now sending the children home. The women arrested are booked on disorderly conduct charges and released.

This strike was called prematurely on Friday, December 9, because of two incidents—shots fired into the home of the secretary-treasurer of the union, and a deliberate attempt to run over the president of the union's ladies auxiliary. It was originally called for Monday, December 13, to stop discrimination against union members in the recalling of employees

after the annual retooling lay-off. Union officials have said that picketing will continue if it means filling every jail in Kansas City.

The United Auto Workers Union has filed an injunction against the Ford Motor company to restrain them from interfering with the distribution of literature, before the Dearborn plant gates. Last week sixty-one unionists were arrested and charged with "disturbing traffic" (without the formality of warrants) when they were attempting to pass out the union paper to Ford employees. Fichard Frankenstein, assistant president of the union, has stated that \$500,000 will be spent in organizing Ford workers. He said that although the union membership is forty-five percent unemployed, no let up in Ford organization work will be allowed. Many organizers in other fields will be laid off.

Automat Strike Sticks
Another strike in which the police are using the "fill the jails" (Continued on page 2)

Hostility of Courts, Police, Ward Workers Undaunted

DAYTON SIGNS PACT WITH LOCAL 20316

Second Contract Signed by Firm; Union Recognition, Seniority, Wage Increases Granted

On Tuesday morning a contract was signed between the Dayton company and the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316, covering about three hundred employees at this store. This is the second union working agreement ever signed by Dayton's, the first being with the General Drivers Union. Four years ago, open-shop Minneapolis would have scoffed at the idea that Dayton's would become a unionized store. The new Warehouse contract is an index of the growth of unionism here in the past few years.

The agreement provides for union recognition, seniority rights, and wage increases for all employees involved. Definite wage minimums are established in each classification. Dayton workers met Monday night at 257 Plymouth Avenue and ratified the agreement; on the following morning it was signed. The contract is retroactive to October 11, and extends to May 31, 1938. Back pay will be forthcoming for all workers, and the company has agreed to issue these checks before Christmas.

Local 664 Elects Slate of Officers

At its meeting last Friday night, City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664 elected a slate of officers for the coming year. The successful candidates are: for president, Ray J. Helwig; vice-president, Harold H. Seavey; Sec.-treas., William Holter; recording secretary, Harold E. Nelson; trustee, Frank Dahlman; sergeant at arms, Edwin Vogel.

Delegates to the Hennepin County Committee of the Farmer-Labor party are Seavey, Roland Prindle, and Fred Sefried. Seavey, Prindle, Francis Doyle, Harold Nelson, and Edward Belland will represent Local 664 at the Central Labor Union. Harold Seavey will continue as business agent of the union.

Ten Pickets Arrested Saturday; Will Not Be Given Jury Trial

Dogged by a hostile court, a police force consciously intent on breaking the strike, and a Grand Jury that has carried its anti-labor bias to unusual lengths, the strike of Montgomery-Ward employees goes into its third week, with morale unbroken despite the hostility of all the enemies of a strong and progressive union movement.

Arrests neared the thirty-mark last Saturday, when police jerked in ten pickets and sympathizers. The arrests were made over the most trivial offenses, or for no

Unions Donate To Voorhees Case

Austin, Minn.—According to the Austin Labor Defense Committee, which is leading the fight to overthrow the decision against Joe Voorhees who was sentenced for violating an anti-picketing injunction, funds to appeal the case to the U. S. Supreme Court are beginning to come in.

Up to December 18, 1937, the following contributions were received:
From General Drivers Local 544—\$100.00
From United Packinghouse Workers Local 426—\$10.00
From General Drivers Local 120—\$5.00
From Electrical Workers Local 292—\$10.00

This is a start, but the contributions must come in faster, in order to realize the two or three thousand dollars necessary for the appeal.

Wide Interest in Case
The Voorhees case, because of its peculiar and important angles, is attracting nation-wide interest. Requests for copies of all briefs have been received from Yale University, the national CIO legal staff, the American Civil Liberties Union, etc.

The Voorhees case is important to labor because of its bearing on future interpretations of the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act. If the present decision of the Minnesota Supreme Court stands, district judges may issue injunctions against labor whenever they see fit to do so.

Employees of Standard Store Win Union Pact

Late Wednesday afternoon, December 15, a settlement was reached in the strike of Retail Clerks Local 1086 against the Standard Clothing company. Climaxing a two weeks' strike, during which picket lines bannered the store each day, the settlement provides for recognition of Local 1086 as sole bargaining agent; a minimum weekly wage of \$16, representing an increase over former wages; higher commissions; machinery for the arbitration of grievances, etc. Building Service Employees' Union Local 26 also obtained a satisfactory agreement with the Standard.

A few hours before the settlement, a group of Business Agents joined the picket line at Sixth and Nicollet. By signing up with the unions, the Standard store thus becomes worthy of union patronage. This is the first strike of retail clerks against a large loop store, and its success will undoubtedly stimulate unionization in the other large stores on Nicollet avenue.

Truck Drivers—Note!

Truck Drivers, Note—Will the truck driver who took a young man struck by an automobile at Twelfth and University avenue southeast on Tuesday, November 23, to the University Hospital please call the parents of the boy, Atlantic 6964?

reason at all. If a girl walked across the road, she was promptly hauled in, charged with obstructing traffic. If another picket questioned the arresting officer, that picket would be arrested on the charge of interfering with an officer.

Late Monday afternoon, another picket, Martin Seuffert, was arrested, and charged with malicious destruction of property. Cops said he threw a brick through a window at the Ward filling station. As a matter of fact, Seuffert was fully a block away from the station at the time the window was broken. Union officials believe that the window was smashed by an agent provocateur. The union has evidence that the company is injecting such people into the situation. Seuffert was being held at the exorbitantly high bail of \$500.

Picket Rearrested
In a move which was irregular, to say the least, attempts were made on Tuesday to break the back of the strike by rearresting the last seven pickets who had been charged with assault and battery, changing the charge to disorderly conduct, and raising the bail on each person from \$25 to \$200 each.

The persons charged with assault and battery were to come up for trial on January 12 before Judge Clayton Parks. Through the charge, they will not be tried by jury.

One of those formerly arrested, Miss Hulda Humola, secretary of the City and County Employees Local Union, was actually rearrested Tuesday afternoon. The union soon secured her release.

Gilbert Carlson, attorney who took over the defense of union members after Attorney Samuel Lipschultz withdrew from the defense work, was able to quash the charges of disorderly conduct which were placed against the others.

The seven who were originally charged with assault and battery appeared Wednesday morning before Judge Finehout. A trial date was to be set.

Jury Hampers Strike

The St. Paul Grand Jury, whose widely advertised investigation into "labor racketeering and gangsterism" turned out to be a flop for lack of evidence, has been sabotaging the Ward strike during the past few days by issuing subpoenas for many of the most active Ward strikers. The strikers are kept cooling their heels for hours outside the door of the Grand Jury room and are thus

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Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

New York Swept By Strike Wave; Jail Ford Pickets

(Continued from page 1) with pickets' tactic is the one being carried on in New York City by the A. F. of L. Cafeteria Employees Union, Local 302. This strike was begun on August 6, against the Horn-Hardart chain of automat cafeterias. It too is unrecognized by the employer involved. Shortly after the strike began, Mr. Hardart sailed for Europe on a pleasure cruise. He told the press that the strike did not exist. He used the usual phrase: "my employees are satisfied, this strike was called by outside interests, etc." Since that time more than one hundred strikers have been jailed.

On Thursday, December 16, the strikers assembled at their headquarters and marched in a body to one of the struck restaurants. Here they were met by the police. A battle, three quarters of an hour in length, ensued. Thirty men and seven women were arrested. The remaining strikers fled to a second eat shop, carried on a demonstration but evaded the police, only to reassemble at still a third automat. Here another melee held sway. Finally, greatly outnumbered, the strikers were quelled. Eleven men and two women were jailed. For a strike which does not exist, it would seem that this one is particularly healthy.

Electrical Workers Win
The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 79, was named the bargaining agent for the electrical, gas distribution, staff and commercial departments of the Central New York Power Corporation last week, after hearings before the State Labor Relations Board. Workers in gas production will be grouped in a different union, however. The Board has asked for more time to investigate an employee's association which the A. F. of L. union claims is a company union, and which claims the workers in this department as its members.

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Sweatshop Wages
The new minimum wage law, covering women in New York state has necessitated intense investigation into actual living conditions of the workers employed in the laundry industry. A clause in the new law, basing the establishment of a minimum wage on "the cost of adequate maintenance and protection of health" set in motion an investigation, under Miss Frieda Miller of the Women's division of the state department of labor. Miss Miller's inquiry revealed these facts—in order to maintain a decent standard of living a worker, living at home with her family, would have to earn about \$20.73, or \$1,078 yearly. If she lived alone she would need \$23.45 or \$1,215 per year; the actual average wage for women workers in this industry is \$13 per week; seventy-three percent of these workers earn less than \$15. Laundry work is seasonal, thus lowering substantially even this low average wage. The laundry industry is the third largest in the employment of women, in the state of New York.

BAKERY BLAB

The strike committee of Local 544 Grocery Workers together with the Executive Board of our Local, jointly offer thanks for the full cooperation given them in their recent strike. There was some misunderstanding about selling some of the stores the first day, but the Strike Committee, after putting the men right, say they had full cooperation from everybody at all companies.
Palmer (the big pork and butter man at Excelsior) is going to be furnished with a nice shiny lantern so he can find his way in these dark nights.
Only two more shopping days 'til Christmas.

The General Membership Meeting, called for Wednesday, Dec. 29, instead of Thursday the 23rd—PLEASE TAKE NOTE. The new contract will come up for discussion.
The officers for the coming year are as follows:
President—Harry DeBoer
Vice-president—Samuel Ash
Sec.-Treas.—Joseph O'Hare
Recording Sec.—A. M. Ogren
Three-year trustee—Loren Johnson
Two-year trustee—Harold Simons
One-year trustee—Ed Skelly

They tell me Sam Ash is still wearing his victory smile and campaign hat, but will put both away shortly after Christmas.
You can all help the Milk Drivers by sending in the coupons printed in the newspapers recently. The Northland Milk company is trying to put over a deal that would result in the unemployment of hundreds of milk drivers. Don't let them get away with it.

Clark Box Spurs Demands of 1859

Counter Proposal Rejected Unanimously by Clark Workers; Contract Expires at End of Year

On the basis of the lack of results from the series of negotiations held recently between Wood-ware Workers Local 1859 and the Clark Box company, it becomes increasingly apparent that a show-down is looming between the union and the company.
The old contract expires with the close of the year. On November 26, the Clark plant was shut down, and except for 25 men, has been more or less dormant since then.
The union negotiating committee met with company representatives at a downtown hotel on Thursday, December 16, where wages, seniority and working conditions were discussed.
On Saturday afternoon, a meeting of Clark workers was held at 257 Plymouth avenue, to discuss the company's counter-proposal. As the company refused to make any concessions, the contract was unanimously rejected by the workers, who stood on their original demands.
Monday afternoon another meeting was held with the company, at which the union demanded an increase in wages, and vacations with pay. The company refused, and broke off negotiations, intimating that if business picks up around the first of the year, it will discuss wage increases. Tuesday at 5 p. m., Clark workers held another meeting, heard a report on the company's attitude, and voted full powers to the negotiating committee to take whatever steps are necessary to win the demands of the union.
Whereas last year, Clark threatened to move out of town, this year he says he will "liquidate the business." Local 1859 is not taken in by such threats, and stands pat on its demands.

Watt Notes

Those who haven't as yet received their insurance policies should please notify Guy Alexander, Financial Secretary, or the office.
Policies are effective from the date of initiation.
Any member who hasn't yet been initiated should appear at the next regular advisory board meeting without fail.
Well, we hope the Stores and Land and Tax Departments will be happier after this pay day.
From present indications, all 1937 wage adjustments will have been agreed upon before the year draws to a close.
Again let us remind you that the 38th Annual Electrical Workers' Ball will be held on Saturday evening, February 5, 1938. The price is forty cents. It will be held at the East Side Eagles Hall, 117 4th Street S. E. Every brother should buy at least two tickets. You'll admit if you attend this event that your money was well spent. Bring your family and friends too, for there will be two

Is it true that Cliff (duck dinner) Bodall, Independent Bakery, is shopping the local jewelry stores for important rings?
Some of the boys are starting to work overtime, we hear. Maybe it's just the holiday season. But the union will bear down hard on this. So don't be surprised to be slapped with a fine if you're guilty. The Executive Board means to get to the bottom of these reports.
Continental Bakery threw a big Christmas Party last Saturday for 500 employees, and their wives and husbands.
HARK!—The regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 30, will be held Wednesday, December 29. Please note—this is a most important meeting.
The Executive Board wishes all the members a Merry Christmas and a swell New Year's—one that's all union.

Yellow Notes

The membership of the Yellow Cab Section desires to extend to members and officers of Local No. 544 and other trade union organizations their heartiest and sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year.
The slogan at the bottom of the N. W. Organizer states, "Make Minneapolis a Union Town." Considering the progress made in accord with this by-word during the past three years and the wide distribution of this weekly throughout the Northwest, it is believed a slogan should be added, "Make the Northwest a Union Community."

Phillips Advances On 125 Bowlers

By winning two games from the Phillips Liquor team, Local 125 bowlers retained their slim hold on first place in the Union Bowling League. The results of other games bowled Monday night at the Lincoln Alleys: Hedin led the Ice Drivers to a double win over the Meat Drivers. The Soft Drinks took a pair from Local 20316, and the Teamsters Joint Council put on a spurt to win two games from the Consolidated, which still retained its grip on last place.
The week's standings:
Team Won Lost
Local 125 25 11
Phillips 23 12
Meat Drivers 22 14
Ice Drivers 20 16
Local 20316 16 20
Soft Drinks 15 21
T. J. C. 13 23
Consolidated 9 26

R. W. Bergstroms Are Cleared of Charge of Violating Picketline

(Continued from page 1) my wife and myself drove through the picket line at the Montgomery-Ward store was supplied by a member of the Machinists Union who was on the picket line in front of the Montgomery-Ward plant in St. Paul. Heretofore, we have always found this person to be reliable in his statements.
"However, in view of the seriousness of the charge, and in view of the denial from the Bergstroms, we withdraw the charge rather than risk doing a grave injustice to the Bergstroms."
Signed:
R. W. BERGSTROM
MRS. R. W. BERGSTROM
4106 Nokomis Ave.
December 17, 1937
Northwest Organizer,
Dear Sir:
We, the undersigned members of the North Star Ladies Auxiliary of Locals 1139 and 1140 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, demand that you publish a retraction of the article in this week's issue of the Northwest Organizer wherein you state that Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom passed through the picket line at Montgomery Ward. This statement is absolutely untrue.
Mrs. Dora McBroom, 618 Van Buren St. N. E.
Mrs. Florence Rassel, 5240 N. Dupont
Mrs. Bertha Longren, 1829 La Salle Ave.
Mrs. George Forseth, 3154 Columbus S.
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Mrs. Irene MacDonald, 3629 35th Ave. S.
Mrs. Alice Androli, 4747 N. 6th St.

Bill Brown Says—

The Christmas spirit has gotten to me too. I feel in harmony with the world. I open up my heart to everyone—except the bosses, the fiends, the Communist Party and the cops.

Watt Notes

Statement of Machinist Column Editor
"The information regarding the R. W. Bergstroms having gone
In answer to the article in last week's issue regarding Jack Herman's innervation episode, he has this advice to offer:
"When you desire to drink, be damn careful who you drink with."
The Special Meeting of the Yellow Cab Section held on Friday, December 17, set a record for speed in disposing of major problems. Fifty minutes constituted the amount of time consumed. Now, that's speed!
And it only took those fifty minutes for the members to decide the company's last proposal did not conform with our demands for a \$4 daily wage and toss it on the ash heap.
Rumors are prevalent that Andrew Buck can't stand prosperity. How about it, "Buck?"
Closing this column with a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all members of this section and their families from their Committee.

BILL BROWN
President of 544

Watt Notes

orchestras in two different halls so that you can dance either to "ye old time" music or the "modern swing" and the "big apple."
Henceforth, no cards will be mailed out to the Stewards notifying them of their twice monthly meetings. This saves both time and expense and was endorsed by the Stewards at their last meeting. So, Brother Stewards, please remember meetings are on Wednesdays preceding the first and third Thursdays of each month.
The final seniority list for the Overhead Department will soon be out. All members of this department were given an opportunity to be heard, and they cooperated very well. The same procedure will be followed in establishing a correct seniority list for each department.
Hope the 1938 wage adjustments won't consume as much time and effort as was necessary on the 1937 adjustments. Well, the wheels of progress move slowly, eh, Brothers?
This column wishes all our brothers a "Very Merry Christmas" and a "Happy and Prosperous New Year." And wo DO mean prosperous.

Brother Ralph Anderson is still laid up. However, he expects to be home from the hospital for Christmas, and looks forward to a more pleasant holiday season.
The returns are still coming in by the hundreds to Local 471's ads stating the union's position on the Northland proposals. Of 106 returns in the first mail Monday, exactly 100 were pro-labor. Most of them gave as the reason that if the Northland proposal were put into effect, fewer workers would have jobs.
The first mail Tuesday brought 212 answers, over 200 of them being against the company's proposal. Those opposing the union's stand, without exception, are persons who frankly state that they are opposed to the union movement. Most of the people who voted against the union refused to sign their names.
One person favored the plan "because milkmen see only milk and never others, nor do they see Jesus. Sin is in the way." The connection between seeing Jesus and throwing honest drivers into the unemployed ranks is a little obscure.
Another labor enemy asks "Why don't your men go whole hog and demand to be taken to the South Sea Islands with lounging pajamas and silk robes for all and a pension for life?"
This same person says: "If the plan should for some reason go through, we will use canned milk as I would be afraid of any product the union delivered if they did not have their own way. They would certainly see to it that the milk delivered under the company's plan wasn't 'Healthy.' That ought to give you a good hearty laugh to set off the holiday season."
Yet another person, after writing an anti-labor blast, says: "Unsigned, because of fear of personal harm by mob tactics in expressing an opinion obviously adverse to a group run by thugs."
We quote from all those favoring the company's plan to lay off drivers, because their reasons are so fantastic and absurd. There is nothing funny about the overwhelming majority of the answers which firmly oppose the company's plan—just good common sense and economics, and the desire to keep down unemployment.
Incidentally, the enemies of organized labor have started a whispering campaign against what they term the "four weeks' vacations" that milkmen get. The idea that milk drivers receive "four weeks' vacation" is utterly false.
These are the facts, Milk drivers work 5 1/2 days a week out of the seven days (like the overwhelming majority of all workers), resulting in approximately 76 days off each year, counting Sundays.
These days are taken off, one day each week, leaving an accumulated balance of 24 days. These 24 days represent, NOT vacations, but accumulated half-days. These accumulated half-days, six days at a time, are taken off quarterly by each driver. A deliberate lie is being spread by our enemies that drivers get four weeks' vacation. This is not so.

Watt Notes

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On the Route With the Milk Man
Brother Ralph Anderson is still laid up. However, he expects to be home from the hospital for Christmas, and looks forward to a more pleasant holiday season.
The returns are still coming in by the hundreds to Local 471's ads stating the union's position on the Northland proposals. Of 106 returns in the first mail Monday, exactly 100 were pro-labor. Most of them gave as the reason that if the Northland proposal were put into effect, fewer workers would have jobs.
The first mail Tuesday brought 212 answers, over 200 of them being against the company's proposal. Those opposing the union's stand, without exception, are persons who frankly state that they are opposed to the union movement. Most of the people who voted against the union refused to sign their names.
One person favored the plan "because milkmen see only milk and never others, nor do they see Jesus. Sin is in the way." The connection between seeing Jesus and throwing honest drivers into the unemployed ranks is a little obscure.
Another labor enemy asks "Why don't your men go whole hog and demand to be taken to the South Sea Islands with lounging pajamas and silk robes for all and a pension for life?"
This same person says: "If the plan should for some reason go through, we will use canned milk as I would be afraid of any product the union delivered if they did not have their own way. They would certainly see to it that the milk delivered under the company's plan wasn't 'Healthy.' That ought to give you a good hearty laugh to set off the holiday season."
Yet another person, after writing an anti-labor blast, says: "Unsigned, because of fear of personal harm by mob tactics in expressing an opinion obviously adverse to a group run by thugs."
We quote from all those favoring the company's plan to lay off drivers, because their reasons are so fantastic and absurd. There is nothing funny about the overwhelming majority of the answers which firmly oppose the company's plan—just good common sense and economics, and the desire to keep down unemployment.
Incidentally, the enemies of organized labor have started a whispering campaign against what they term the "four weeks' vacations" that milkmen get. The idea that milk drivers receive "four weeks' vacation" is utterly false.
These are the facts, Milk drivers work 5 1/2 days a week out of the seven days (like the overwhelming majority of all workers), resulting in approximately 76 days off each year, counting Sundays.
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Organized Labor United Against Its Enemies

Organized labor of Minneapolis has rallied around the fallen body of our beloved brother and friend, Pat Corcoran. Pat shall be avenged! With these words we have pledged ourselves to find his murderers and to prevent a like fate overtaking other chosen leaders of Minneapolis labor. The Teamsters Joint Council has posted \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the assassins. Other labor bodies have followed suit with smaller sums. We have organized—as in the special meeting of all A. F. of L. officers of Minneapolis labor on November 30—to spur the man hunt to track down the killers. Labor cooperated with the coroner's inquest which opened after insistent labor demands, and with other law-enforcement agencies, to investigate all possibilities to unmask the murderers. In a word: labor has lost a leader, and labor will do all that is humanly possible to bring his murderers to justice.

With what bitter indignation, therefore, have we witnessed the attempts by labor's enemies to throw the search off the track, to smear labor with the blood of its own martyr, to employ the occasion of Pat's death for an attempt to attack and split the Minneapolis labor movement.

Needless to say, labor's open and undisguised enemies, particularly the employers' press, were in the forefront of this campaign of slander and vilification. But vying with the employers' press for first place in the anti-labor campaign were people who take to themselves the name of workers and working-class organizations. The so-called "CIO" of this locality, which bears not the slightest resemblance to the national CIO, being nothing more than a stooge for the Communist Party; the Stalinist leaders, William Mauseuth and Hilliard Smith, who criminally split the Machinists' locals of this area; Harold Bean, who got out a leaflet using the names of eleven A. F. of L. officials without their knowledge or consent; Detlaff Wieck, who slandered Pat Corcoran by saying that gangsters said they were "Corcoran's men"; that imitation of a Hearst scandal sheet which calls itself the Daily Worker; and all the parade of Stalinist stooges and their innocently-named false fronts, were launched against the memory of Pat Corcoran and against the unions for which he lived and died.

These enemies of the labor movement did not get away with it. The representatives of organized labor, on November 30, denounced them as "an aid to the mortal enemies of labor." They have been pilloried before the whole labor movement. The rank and file of the unions have had their say against these scoundrels in the membership meetings, as in the ousting of Pat's slanderer, Detlaff Wieck. The Stalinist wrecking crew are more isolated from the trade union movement of Minneapolis than they have been for years. Organized labor stands solidly united against these slanderous enemies.

One factor which is perhaps not clearly understood in the Northwest is that the utterly absurd stories in the special anti-Corcoran edition of the Daily Worker of December 16 are not primarily meant for local consumption. The Stalinists spent considerable sums in mailing copies of this issue to every registered truck driver of Minneapolis, but they did this merely to go through sufficient motions to satisfy their local followers. The top leaders of the Stalinist gang, however, are not to be thought of as fools; they are fairly shrewd. They know that the rank and file of the Minneapolis labor movement know the main facts and that any new stories spread by the Stalinists are greeted with immediate suspicion. They know that their flimsy lies are easily and adequately answered by such an issue of the Northwest Organizer as this one. But they hope that in sections of the country where the main outlines of the Minneapolis labor situation are not well-known, the Stalinist fairy tales will get a better reception.

For example, in San Francisco, where the Stalinists are engaged in a murderous onslaught against the Sailors Union of the Pacific and other sea-going crafts, they tried to use these slanders against Minneapolis labor as a weapon against the progressive leadership of the sea-going crafts.

But even in far-off San Francisco, they did not get away with it. Forewarned by previous bitter experience, the progressive labor leaders of San Francisco took the offensive. The Central Labor Council of that city, by a 3 to 1 vote, denounced the frameup schemes being practiced in Minneapolis by the Stalinists. The boasted strength of the Stalinists in the West Coast labor movement was shown to be a fraud. San Francisco labor, like Minneapolis labor, knew how to differentiate between its friends and its enemies.

Nothing so much demonstrates the fact that this wrecking crew is carrying on its work in Minneapolis for outside consumption as its preposterous attempt to link us with gangsterism through constant references to the Firottos and Bellini. Every honest worker here knows the notorious fact that the Firottos and Bellini are not in Local 544 and that they are not friends of Local 544. Long before the expiration of the one year agreement between Locals 500 and 574, whereby the Firottos and Bellini were employed by the merged local, a unanimous Executive Board fired the Firottos for insubordination, and Bellini was separated from the union. Every honest worker knows that the Firottos nurse their grievances against the leadership of Local 544 and that Bellini howled long and loud when Local 544 took over jurisdiction of all gasoline drivers. The bosses, the "CIO," and Bellini all were hostile to 544 jurisdiction of the gas drivers. The bosses, because the previous confused situation enabled them to prevent organization of gasoline drivers; the "CIO," because they received dues from some of these drivers; and Bellini, because he was head of the gasoline station workers local and received dues from some of the drivers. All these elements expressed their hostility when Local 544 accepted jurisdiction of all the gasoline drivers and really organized them.

As we have said, these facts are known to every active union worker and to everyone who takes the trouble to inquire about the facts. Facts are stubborn things. They rise up and confront those who deny them. They rise to expose the foul lies of the Stalinists.

Labor's main struggle is against the common enemy, the exploiters, the chisellers, the anti-labor bosses. Often, however, the struggle against the common enemy is impeded by disguised enemies. As we fight against the common enemy, we have to clear the road of those disguised enemies who prevent the necessary unity of labor for the struggle. That is the process which is now going on, in the Northwest, on the West Coast, as progressive labor leaders tear the mask off those who masquerade as friends of labor while they join labor's enemies in smearing and slandering the trade union movement. Minneapolis labor stands united against both the open and disguised enemies. We thereby provide an inspiring example for our fellow-workers in the rest of the country. As one man against all our enemies!

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What the Daily Worker Didn't Print

The Daily Worker never reported the victories in the February, May, and July-August, 1934 strikes.

It never reported the phenomenal growth of the Teamsters movement of Minneapolis.

It never reported the aid that the Drivers gave to every Minneapolis strike.

It never reported the formation of the North Central District Drivers Council, comprising 25 thousand workers over the five-state area.

It never reported the success of the North Central District Drivers Council in stabilizing pay rates over the five-state area.

It never reported the annual re-election, by overwhelming majorities, of the progressive Teamsters leaders.

It never reported that Minneapolis Teamsters have received raises in pay from a minimum average of 42½ cents per hour in 1934 to a minimum average of 70 cents per hour in 1937.

It never reported the fact that, under the inspiration of the Drivers, Minneapolis ceased to be an open shop town and became the best organized city in the country within three years.

It never reported that the officers of the bona-fide labor movement here, in full meeting assembled, on November 30, denounced the boss press and the Daily Worker.

It never reported the fact that Vern Simonson, Minneapolis progressive unionist, received a brain concussion and broken ribs when attacked by thugs.

It never reported William Wright's refutation of the phony Bell affidavit.

It never reported that George Cole, Regional Director of the CIO, repudiated all responsibility for the so-called "CIO Industrial Unionist," in which the Stalinists attacked the memory of Pat Corcoran.

It never reported Professor John Dewey's charge that the Stalinist murder and frameup system was being transported to America.

It never reported the wholesale grocery workers' strike.

It never reported Mayor Leach's strike-breaking role in the strike.

It never reported the fact that the wholesale grocery workers, in meeting assembled, unanimously adopted the splendid agreement ending the strike.

It never reported the ousting of its stooge, Detlaff Wieck, by the membership of the Carpenters Union.

It never reported the attack upon the local Stalinists by the Minneapolis Labor Review.

It never reported the fact that the membership meeting of Local 544 renominated the whole Executive Board, and that the Board stands unopposed, except for one man, in the coming election.

Why didn't the Daily Worker report these facts? Because the facts don't fit into their phony picture. And because the Daily Worker prints nothing except what fits into their phony picture. And because the Daily Worker is a lying, filthy, scandal sheet.

Can you imagine? They claim it's a labor paper!

Drivers Statement Brands Bell Irresponsible; Cites His History

In an attempt to strike a blow at progressive labor leaders, both in Minneapolis and the West Coast, the frameup artists produced a purported affidavit of one Robert J. Bell, charging that Meyer Lewis, A. F. of L. representative here, hired Bell to murder Harry Bridges, Stalinist stooge on the West Coast. The affidavit was read at a Stalinist mass meeting in Minneapolis on December 1 and published in the press they control in various parts of the country.

This frameup didn't last very long. The very man who read the affidavit at the meeting, George Cole, Regional Director of the CIO, when confronted two days later on the witness stand at the coroner's inquest into the murder of Pat Corcoran, denied all knowledge and responsibility for the affidavit.

Then came William Wright's annihilating analysis of the affidavit, and immediately the Stalinists pulled in their horns. But we are not going to let them forget this attempted frameup so easily.

Bell's actual whereabouts remain a mystery. When he is found it will be finally ascertained just how the frameup was concocted.

Just who Robert Bell is and the experience of the Minneapolis labor movement with him is told in the statement just issued by Local 544, which we print in full:

Robert J. Bell first came to the knowledge of the Teamsters Union in Minneapolis during the May, 1934 strike, led by the then Local 574. At some point early in the strike, Bell turned up at strike headquarters and offered his services.

He was the owner of a truck which he drove himself and became a member of the Independent Truck Owners section of Local 574.

Soon, he made the first of many demands upon the Union. Because of his activity in the strike, his plea for a loan of \$150 with which to make back payments on his truck was granted. Subsequently, we discovered that Bell never used the money for payments on his truck, and he never repaid the money.

With the end of the strike, Bell disappeared and was not heard from again until the July-August, 1934 strike. He then appeared at strike headquarters. He proposed

John Dewey Cites Corcoran Murder, Warning Against Moscow Frameups

Current Drivers' Election Exposes Stalinist Lies

Union Defamers Faced With Overwhelming Successes of Local 544; Its Growth; Its Trusted Leadership

Attempts of the enemies of labor to smear the Drivers' leadership always run up against the hard and simple fact that the union has a consistent record of success. In three years it has won every important strike and has raised the drivers' wages from 42½ cents per hour to 70 cents per hour.

The Stalinists can't and won't attempt to explain the growth of the union. Nor can they get around the fact that the membership consistently reflects the leadership.

In a resolution of the Minnesota State Committee of the Communist Party, published in the anti-Corcoran edition of the Daily Worker, the Stalinists try to explain the situation away by claiming that the Drivers' leadership manages to fool the workers all the time. "Their use of the wildest demagoguery and radical talk," says the Communist Party, "makes it possible for them to confuse and mislead the militant truck drivers and the toiling masses."

But since this is just a polite way of saying that the truck drivers are a bunch of dumbbells and faithless, the Daily Worker tries to find another alibi. But their second explanation is even worse, for it pretends to state facts which every worker in the Northwest knows to be complete falsehoods invented for the occasion.

In an article signed by "a truck driver," but obviously written by the notorious Harry Raymond, New York hatchet man sent here

to smear the unions, it is asserted that "they (the union officers) control Local 544 without democratic procedure. The Executive Board appoints the stewards; the stewards elect the Executive Board."

We challenge the few Stalinist stooges who still hold official posts in A. F. of L. unions in Minneapolis to repeat this anonymous slander on the floor of the Central Labor Union.

Nailing this lie, Bill Brown, President of Local 544, declared: "Not only every driver, but every union man in Minneapolis knows that the Executive Board of Local 544 is elected by the membership as a whole in annual elections in December. As in all previous years, so this year at the regular full membership meeting, December 13, the membership made its nominations from the floor. Those nominated and accepted will appear on the ballot."

"The union uses the Australian secret ballot system of election. The polls are open for the casting of ballots from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on both Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8. To my knowledge there are few unions in the country which provide two 14 hour days for the casting of ballots. Members who cannot appear at the polls on the specified days for voting may cast an absentee ballot."

"A board of five election judges, elected by the membership at the nomination meeting, supervise the election. No officers of the union or candidate for office is allowed to serve on the election board."

"As to the job stewards, they

Famous Thinker Warns that Minne- apolis Events Reveal Frameup System Has Been Transported to America

Anti-Labor Pastor Joins Stalinist Game

Mecklenberg, Notorious En- emy of Unemployed, Is Hailed by Daily Worker

Having found no support in the labor movement for the anti-labor proposal to initiate a governmental investigation of the Minneapolis trade union movement, the "CIO" Stalinists here have embraced strange allies.

The special Minnesota edition of the Daily Worker carries a story entirely devoted to favorable reporting of the pontifical lubrications of one Dr. George Mecklenberg, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church. "Pastor Hits Police Probe on Corcoran. Sentiment for Special Prosecutor Growing." Proof? Dr. Mecklenberg!

Mecklenberg is the most notorious anti-labor preacher in Minneapolis, particularly an object of long hatred by the unemployed workers.

When asked to comment on the Daily Worker's alliance with Dr. Mecklenberg, Ed Palmquist, Vice Chairman of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, the leading

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are directly elected by ballot by the members on the job.

"What makes the Daily Worker slander so screamingly absurd is that right this minute we are in the midst of the election campaign, as everybody knows who reads the labor press of this area. The only way the Daily Worker can get anyone to believe this tripe is by chloroforming them first."

Labor has an account in this bank, nor have they ever had accounts at the Marquette National.

"The affidavit states that Mr. Lewis gave Bell this check on September 28, 1937. Mr. Lewis was in Denver, Colorado, on September 28, 1937, having left Minneapolis on the evening of Friday, September 24.

"Bell states that he gave six hundred dollars of this amount to his wife.

"I assumed my present position on September 24, 1937, and a few days later, Mrs. Robert J. Bell called me and stated that she was destitute. She wanted to locate her husband. She later informed me that her stove had been attached, and asked our office to assist her in getting on city relief. She said her efforts to get on relief had been fruitless because the investigator was of the opinion that her husband was in the employ of the American Federation of Labor. I took the matter up with the relief committee of the General Drivers Local No. 544 to see if anything could be done for her, and the committee was able to get partial relief for her. She is now on relief."

"I wish to say here and now, that Robert John Bell has never been on the payroll of the American Federation of Labor. I, personally, drove him off the job of organizing the filling station attendants in Duluth when I was assigned to that territory. I had undertaken to organize the filling station attendants, and soon found that Bell had been signing up members and pocketing the money. He made away with something over seven hundred dollars that he had collected and never accounted for."

"It may suit the purposes of the Communists, agitators, and disruptionists to resort to such tactics, but the fact that they have resorted to such tactics should be enough to convince any fair minded person that these attacks are unfounded."

"WILLIAM F. WRIGHT
Representative
"American Federation of Labor"

Using the murder of Pat Corcoran as a concrete example, Professor John Dewey, speaking over the Columbia Broadcasting System from New York on December 13, warned the American masses that the Moscow frameup system has been transported to America.

Dr. Dewey, America's outstanding philosopher and the father of progressive education, well-known to Minnesota as a pioneer of third-party and farmer-labor movements, was Chairman of the International Commission of Inquiry into the Moscow trials which on December 12 handed down a verdict branding the trials as a frameup and declaring Leon Trotsky to be innocent of the vile charges made against him.

Warns American Workers

Dr. Dewey's radio speech, over a national network, warned that "the blood purges being reported almost daily" from Soviet Russia had "a claim upon the attention of every American citizen, especially those who call themselves progressives, liberals, or who are interested in labor."

Dr. Dewey pointed out how Stalinist propaganda in Spain, using the Moscow trials as a lever, had branded Trotskyists and other workingclass groups as "Fascists," murdered Andres Nin and other workingclass leaders, and had thereby weakened the cause of anti-Fascist unity in Spain.

"You will say Spain is Spain and America is America," Dr. Dewey went on. "But the same tactics are repeated here and the same issue is being forced upon us. . . . Only the other day a trade union official was murdered in Minneapolis, which is certainly an American city."

"Already Stalin Communists and their sympathizers are asking us to believe that because Moscow courts held Trotsky guilty of conspiring with Hitler and Japan, therefore Minneapolis workers friendly to Trotsky assassinated Corcoran. When unionists who are not in any way connected with Trotsky ridiculed the charge, they were at once denounced as Trotskyite stooges. This is a fresh example of the way that what went on in Russia is used to disrupt the ranks of labor in this country. It won't be the last time. American labor and progressive groups are going to be asked over and over again to decide local questions on the basis of charges against Trotsky and Trotskyites in Moscow."

Leon Trotsky, carefully guarded by fixed bayonets from the assassination attempts of his enemies, predicted the collapse of the Communist International as a result of the findings of the Dewey commission.

Speaking to the press in his Mexico City home, Trotsky predicted that the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, Troyanovsky, "has lost his career and perhaps his head" because he was "unable to compel American public opinion to believe in the justice of Stalin."

"The commission, which includes people of different political views, could not follow our political aims" said Trotsky. "But its verdict has an immeasurable political importance. The methods of lying and blundering frameups, which contaminate the inner life of the U. S. S. R. and the workers' movement of the whole world, received today a terrible blow. Let the official friends of the U. S. S. R. and other pseudo-radical bigots say that the verdict will be used by reaction. That is untrue. Nowhere and never did the truth serve the cause of reaction. . . . Aiming to serve the truth, the commission served the liberating struggle of all mankind."

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Local 544 Balloting

Voting for officers of General Drivers Local 544 for the coming year will be by secret ballot. Polls will be open for balloting at the Union Headquarters from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8. Members in good standing who cannot appear at the polls on the specified days may cast absentee ballots.

Dairy Union Tells Of Harmony With Drivers' Leaders

Cites Healthy Growth of Both Unions to Show Cooperation

William Sinnott, officer of the Minneapolis Milk Drivers, described the relations between the Milk Drivers and the General Drivers, in refutation of the assertion of the special anti-Corcoran edition of the Daily Worker that "all was not peace between the Trotskyites and Corcoran."

The Stalinist story slandered Corcoran with references to "his corrupt union officialdom," claiming that "Corcoran was jockeying for more power," by "chartering of a rural milk drivers union" which "new local would have raided a section of the Dunnes' membership in Local 544."

William Sinnott, just re-elected as Business Agent of Milk Drivers Local 471, declared:

"As one who was associated for over a decade with Pat Corcoran in the Milk Drivers Union, I want to nail the lying story about Pat's friction with the leadership of Local 544, and the absurd story that Pat was preparing to 'challenge the power of the Dunnes' by going to Indianapolis to charter a rural milk drivers union."

"From first to last the rural milk drivers have been under the jurisdiction and direction of Milk Drivers Local 471. We have always represented them and continue to represent them in the Teamsters Joint Council."

"Pat, as everybody knows, was going to Indianapolis, as he went regularly in connection with his duties for the Teamsters Joint Council, to consult with President Tobin on the routine business of the union."

"Pat and I and all the other officials of the Milk Drivers have had the most harmonious relations with the officials of Local 544. The well known fact that both unions have flourished is positive proof of the loyalty and cooperation existing between us."

Local 292 Blasts Charges Linking Drivers to Power Co.

Brands Lie "An Insult to Intelligence of Union Movement"

That the "Dunne Brothers" are linked with the Northern States Power Co. is one of the charges made by the special anti-Corcoran edition of the Daily Worker.

A three-column picture of the Northern States Power Co. emblem was published by the Stalinists with the following caption: "Public utilities in Minneapolis were the main backers of Mayor Leach's campaign, but the Dunne Brothers, Trotskyists, had their hands in it too."

It is, of course, a matter of public record that the "Dunne Brothers," far from supporting Leach, actively campaigned against him, both in the primaries and in the elections. This is known from coast to coast.

Walter H. Hackett, Business Manager of Electricians' Local 292, declared: "The preposterous attempt to link the Drivers' leadership with the Northern States Power Co. in electing Leach is an insult to the

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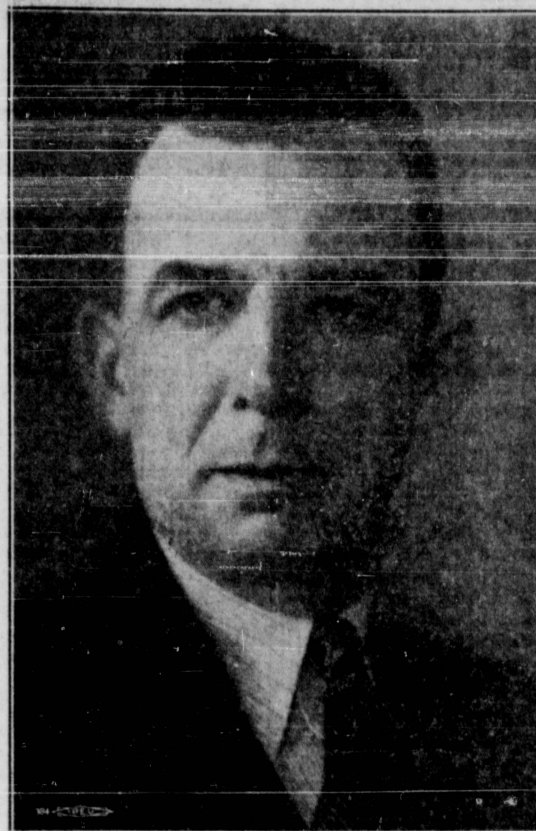
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Pat Corcoran



V. R. Dunne

The special anti-Corcoran edition of the Daily Worker printed faked pictures of these three Teamsters leaders. They painted in a scowl and a scar on Pat's genial face, drew lines and a blotched nose on Bill Brown's, and a lascivious leer on Vincent. Just compare their real pictures published above with the fakes printed by the Stalinists!

History Of Leading Minneapolis Events To Date

1. Minneapolis, No. 1 open shop town up to 1934, is transformed by the great Drivers' strikes of May and July-August 1934. In three short years Minneapolis becomes the best organized city in the country, as union after union is founded with the aid of the Drivers.

2. Various threats made against the union leadership as the teamsters unions grow strong and make enemies. "Fan mail" from anonymous enemies becomes a regular occurrence. Pat Corcoran warned that he will be killed by "Bugs" Moran, if he continues to organize workers. Pat defies threats and spurs organization of workers. Other threats from all varieties of enemies of labor.

3. Pat is murdered on November 17, 1937.

4. Ten thousand workers honor Pat's memory in the most gigantic funeral ever held in Minnesota.

5. Teamsters Joint Council posts \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the murderers of Pat Corcoran. State Federation of Labor follows suit, posting \$1,000 reward. Other rewards posted.

6. "Pat shall be avenged" is intelligence of the trade union movement of Minneapolis.

"When the workers in the Northern States Power Co., members of Local 292 of the Electricians, went on strike, they received the fullest cooperation from the Drivers unions. "The very fact that Local 292, representing the Northern States Power Co. workers, shares the building with the Drivers, indicates the friendship and cooperation existing between the two labor organizations. The people who did not hesitate to sign my name, without my knowledge or consent, on one of their leaflets attacking the good name of the Minneapolis labor movement, have not hesitated to follow this up with another lie. But such lies are easily exposed to the light of day."

the slogan launched by the Northwest Organizer.

7. Labor's enemies try to smear the labor movement with the blood of labor's own martyr! The boss press attempts to use the occasion of Pat's death to raise a lynch spirit against unionism. Most vicious boss paper of the Twin Cities, the St. Paul Daily News, threatens that "a vigilante movement will develop." Capitalist press goes to wild lengths to dishonor the memory of Pat Corcoran.

8. Open enemies of labor are joined in their slander campaign by the so-called Communist Party. Stalinist stooges in the foreground of this frame-up and murder campaign are the notorious Hilliard Smith and Bill Mauseth, leaders of the criminal split in the Machinists Union and parading as the CIO in this locality.

9. Organized labor answers the slanders. Over 150 officials assemble at the call of a committee of the Minneapolis Board of Union Agents, on November 30, and adopt a resolution "to protect the labor movement and its chosen officers from terroristic murder campaign," denouncing "the daily press controlled by the employers and the Daily Worker published by the Communist Party" for having "joined in a campaign to smear and discredit the martyred Corcoran and the trade union movement," and denouncing a Stalinist mass meeting the next day "as being an aid to the mortal enemies of organized labor and further evidence of an unscrupulous campaign by irresponsible elements to discredit and split the labor movement of Minneapolis."

10. Coroner's Inquest into the murder of Pat Corcoran exposes brazen forgeries committed by the Mauseth-Smith-Bear gang: 11 officers of the AF of L testify that their names were listed as "AF of L sponsors" on a Stalinist leaflet without their having ever seen or authorized the use of their names. (Full details in Organizer of December 2.)

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Drivers Mourn Loss of Leslie Turnham, Loyal Union Member

Leslie Turnham, loyal and active member of Local 544, died yesterday morning at University Hospital as the result of injuries received in a fire at his home. Two of his children, burned to death, were buried Monday. Leslie is to be buried this morning at Holy Name, Minnesota.

Nothing can erase the tragedy to the wife and three children who survive Leslie. But at least they have the satisfaction of knowing that seven thousand union members stand with them in their hour of need. The family of a member of Local 544 has the moral and financial support of the union. Preparations are being made to restore to the family the cottage which was destroyed in the fire, and other steps will be taken to protect them from insecurity.

As our union members pause in sorrow at the passing of a brother, they are consoled by the realization that every union man can be assured that the union will protect their families. Union action taken on behalf of Leslie Turnham's family will be reported in next week's Organizer.

asks juror I. G. Scott. "No. I never did the bosses any harm."

11. Coroner's Jury calls Stalinist stooges to the witness stand to give what information they have on their claim that "gangsterism in the labor movement resulted in the murder of Pat Corcoran." All admit they have no information. Biggest laugh of the week comes when one of them, H. Opperman, is asked why he assumed men who threatened him were in the labor movement. "Couldn't they have been stool pigeons or agents of the bosses?"

12. George Cole, Regional Director of the CIO, denies all knowledge on content and refuses to accept responsibility for the "CIO Industrial Unionist," a new paper gotten out by Smith-Mauseth to attack Corcoran and his unions.

13. Cole also denies any knowledge or responsibility for the "Bell affidavit," alleging that Meyer Lewis, William Green's representative here, hired Bell to go to Portland, where he was ordered to murder Harry Bridges, Stalinist West Coast union stooge.

C. P. Forgers Caught With the Goods
This is not the first time that Stalinists have printed statements supposedly made by progressive labor leaders—statements which were in reality written in the offices of the Stalinists. But when William Mauseth used this old trick to put words into the mouth of Miles Dunne, he forgot one little detail: that Miles Dunne was talking on the witness stand at the Coroner's Inquest and that there was an official stenotype operator taking down the proceedings verbatim!

Here is what William Mauseth, writing in the stooge paper, "People's Press," Minneapolis edition of December 11, quoted as having been said by Miles Dunne as answer to a question concerning criticism made by Dunne of Teamsters International leaders during the time that Local 574 was outside of the International:

"It was only a matter of polemics—jockeying for position of leadership."

In other words, Mauseth is trying to tell the workers that Miles Dunne cynically does things in order to climb the ladder to higher places. Now for the truth. Here is what Miles Dunne actually said, from the official transcript of the inquest held by Coroner Gilbert Seashore, November 30 to December 3, 1937—Miles on the witness stand on December 2:

"This [article] was of a polemic nature, written against the A. F. of L. at that time, which was wishing us to take a charter in the Drivers International. We were conducting a struggle in this manner in order to get in as favorable a condition to come back into the Drivers International as possible for the union."

In other words, Miles Dunne was fighting for decent conditions of affiliation for the local drivers. In the end, there was a mutually satisfactory arrangement under which the Minneapolis Teamsters have grown and flourished.

But neither Mauseth nor any other Stalinist wanted the workers to know this. So they resorted, with their usual morals, to an outright forgery. But this time they forgot that there was going to be an official record. Just another example of the frame-up system of this gang.

14. Detlaff Wieck, Stalinist stooge, charges that men who threatened him said, "We are Corcoran's boys." Previous story told last February, when Pat was still alive, made no mention of Corcoran. Outraged membership meeting of Carpenters ousts Wieck from organizer's job as a slanderer of the trade union movement.

15. William Wright, AF of L representative, exposes Bell affidavit as a deliberate frame-up, proves that Bell's claim that he got a check for \$1,000 was sheer invention.

16. Vern Simonson, close friend of the Dunnes and co-worker with Pat Corcoran and the progressive unionist group and opponent of Stalinist policies in the Hosiery Workers, brutally attacked. Brain concussion and broken ribs keep Simonson in semi-conscious condition for long period.

17. Minnesota State Council of Packing House Workers unanimously denounce vile attempts to dishonor the memory of Pat Corcoran; declare the slander campaign "one which can only lead to the destruction of bona-fide unionism."

18. Teamsters Council 544 wins complete victory in 4 day strike of wholesale grocery workers. Strike breaking attempts of Mayor Leach and the employers' press fall flat. This first test of strength since the death of Pat Corcoran shows that despite all slanders the Drivers are as strong as ever.

19. AF of L Central Labor Council of San Francisco, by a 3 to 1 vote, adopts resolution condemning the Stalinists for their attempted frame-ups in the Corcoran case. Harry Bridges walks out of meeting under the barrage of the representative of the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

20. Affirming once more their

confidence in the leadership of Local 544, the general meeting of the membership of December 13 renominated the whole Executive Board, all but one unopposed, for reelection.

21. International Commission of Inquiry into the Moscow Trials, headed by Dr. John Dewey, America's most outstanding philosopher and editor, declares Trotsky innocent of Stalin's charges and concludes that the Moscow trials were a deliberate frame-up.

22. Alexander Barmine, Soviet charge d' affairs in Greece, refuses to obey orders to return to Moscow. Walter Krivitsky, former head of the Soviet War Industries Institute, abroad on a governmental mission, also decides to remain in Paris. Both declare solidarity with the militant workers of the Soviet Union and the international working class and pledge all efforts to clear the names of many innocent people framed up and murdered by Stalin.

23. John Dewey warns American workers that events in Corcoran case reveal transportation to America of Stalin's murder and frame-up system.

Anti-Labor Pastor Joins Stalinist Game

(Continued from previous page) unemployed organization of Minneapolis, said:

"You can be sure that any project with which Dr. Mecklenberg associates himself is designed to undermine the trade union movement. That man is a disgrace to the cloth. For years he has used his church as a forum against the labor movement."

"When the unemployed began to organize for united struggle against hunger, Dr. Mecklenberg became the chief enemy of the militant unemployed movement. In 1931 he set up in his church a racket designed to draw the workers away from struggle. It was the notorious scrip system. He paid workers \$1.50 to \$2.25 a day in scrip for the worst kind of drudgery. The product of their labor—cordwood, canning, etc.—was sold by Mecklenberg for good American money; but when the men tried to get something for their scrip, they could exchange it for goods only at the store which Dr. Mecklenberg controlled. There they had to pay 30 cents scrip for 10 cents worth of tomatoes, \$2 scrip for a \$9 cord of wood, etc. The general price range was three times as high as in an ordinary store. The only bosses outside of Mecklenberg's own outfit who accepted scrip were some landlords, who accepted it on the basis of three times as much in scrip as ordinary rent."

"Mecklenberg used to send men out around the countryside getting free donations from farmers of produce, cows, pork, chickens, etc. But the unemployed didn't get them. Mecklenberg sold the stuff for good hard cash."

"When the organized unemployed movement finally forced the government to provide CWA jobs, we busted up Mecklenberg's racket. Since then Mecklenberg has occupied himself with vicious attacks on the labor movement."

"Under the guise of fighting vice and drunkenness, Mecklenberg has attempted to organize pressure on law-enforcement agencies to build a bigger police force and overawe the militant workers in Minneapolis."

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