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## 1,500 Stage Mass Protest vs. WPA Lay-Offs

### On the National Picket Line

In retrospect we live again the high lights and head lines of labor news for 1938 . . .

January, 1938 . . . Mayor Hague fights the CIO . . . Peace negotiations between joint committees from the AFL and the CIO break down as John L. Lewis delivers his ultimatum . . . Dave Dubinsky publicly criticizes Lewis' stand and is supported by Max Zaritzky of another CIO affiliate, the United Cap, Hat, and Millinery Workers . . . The Eleven state Uniform Area Contract for over-the-road drivers is burning . . . A many month's old strike against the Seattle Star by the Newspaper Guild is settled . . . John L. Lewis succeeds in putting down a rising revolt within his own union over the question of local autonomy . . .

February, 1938 . . . Minneapolis Street Car workers thrill the whole area by their militant two-day strike . . . Likewise the Cab Drivers tie up traffic . . . The five finks begin their accounting suit against 544 . . . Puerto Rican longshoremen win their strike . . . The Puerto Rican CIO and the AFL locals unite in assisting these exploited workers to win their fight . . . A sit-down strike in the Crucible Steel at Harrison, New Jersey is won by the workers despite the efforts of Mayor Hague . . . Financial reports indicate that Milady's fur coat will cost more because of a strike among the fur workers in greater New York City . . . The American Federation of Hosiery Workers in Philadelphia refuse to accept a wage cut . . .

March, 1938 . . . Evidence is uncovered that Army officials and WPA heads in New England are working hand and glove to increase the size of the standing army by forcing WPA workers to join . . . disclosure brought "much embarrassment to both departments . . . Harry L. Barch, Poormaster of Hoboken, N. J., dies at the hands of a crazed father whom he had denied relief . . . A wage cutting program on a national scale begins as Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company tries to sell its workers a reduction in pay with a threat to "decentralize" if they refused . . . Army of the Unemployed is swelled by three million . . . New reports from Washington flash President Roosevelt's plans for a five billion dollar armament program . . . Roosevelt imposes economic pressure on Mexican workers in retaliation for Cardenas' expropriation of foreign oil lands . . . Roosevelt . . . "Labor's Friend" . . .

April, 1938 . . . Secret War Games in Hawaiian Islands . . . Street Car strike in Detroit — stronghold of CIO—yet even here unity between rank and file AFL and CIO workers to bring victory to car men . . . Iowa over-the-road drivers strike Brady—and get cooperation from fast growing Area Committee set-up . . . Republic Steel found guilty of violation of NLRA by NLRB in 1937 Steel strike . . . Ordered to reinstate with back pay all men fired after the strike . . . Republic Steel refuses to comply . . . Strike vote of Mexican field hands in southern California's vast vegetable fields bring negotiations between union and so-called "farmer" bosses or-

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### Omaha Unions Defy Anti-Picketing Law

Throw Picket Line Around State Capitol—Protest Foul Law to State Legislature—Union President Freed—Distribute 50,000 Strike Bulletins—Boss Vandals Seek to Provoke Fight

The drivers of Nebraska and Sioux City, Iowa, marked the 18th week of their great fight for the area contract by taking their story dramatically to the workers and farmers of this area.

When the Nebraska legislature opened its 1939 session Tuesday morning in the capitol at Lincoln, it was confronted by a picket line of 60 trade unionists representing General Drivers Union Local 554 of Omaha and many other Omaha trade unions. In bold defiance of the monstrous Nebraska anti-picketing law, the pickets marched back and forth before the state house carrying signs attacking the reactionary law and asking: "Does the Omaha Business Men's Association Control the State House Too?"

The demonstration was the first of its kind in many years in the anti-labor state of Nebraska, and set the capitol agog. Defy Anti-Picket Ban Though the police in Lincoln have been particularly vicious against the drivers during the current tie-up, going so far as to arrest workers for even walking or driving by the truck terminals, it was noteworthy that at present no arrests had been made. The cops and their reactionary masters realize that the just fight of the drivers has gripped the hearts of tens of thousands of workers and farmers. They did not dare to lay a hand on the pickets who flaunted banners in defiance of the hated anti-picketing law.

Legislators scurried out on the sidewalks to study the banners and to purchase copies of the second weekly strike bulletin which was being sold by the pickets. Many sympathizers contributed generously when purchasing the strike bulletins.

Present at the opening of the legislative session were Senator Edward Burke, friend of the Minneapolis Associated Industries crowd of labor-haters, and Senator George W. Norris, whom many people in the United States still regard as a liberal.

Norris Won't Talk Each week in its strike bulletin, Local 554 asks Senator Norris if he has anything to say about the ferocious campaign of terrorism and repression being directed against the drivers. Norris, who speaks as a liberal outside the boundaries of Nebraska, hasn't uttered a peep as yet about the shameful anti-union crusade in his own state.

While the picket line continued its march on the capitol's sidewalks, a union committee headed by Mace Brown, president of the Omaha Central Labor Union, went before the legislature to protest against the anti-picketing law, and the manner in which this law is being administered by the police in an attempt to smash the drivers' unions. In another part of the capitol the state supreme court was hearing oral arguments over the question of constitutionality of the state's anti-picketing law.

50,000 Copies Early this week the drivers hit the streets of scores of towns in Nebraska and Iowa with 50,000 copies of the second issue of Local 554's strike bulletin. The first week's issue of 30,000 bulletins had been completely sold out two days after Christmas. The strike paper is a great success and several Omaha unions have asked to subscribe to the paper for their

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### Big Program Launched by FCL Council

Before the month of January is over, the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council of Minnesota will already have embarked upon a plan to take its program to the people of the state.

Three public mass meetings for the latter part of this month are already scheduled, to be held under the auspices of the Council, with speakers from the unions, the cooperatives, and the farm organizations.

On January 25th the Council will hold a public meeting at Mora. Two days later, Friday, January 27th, a meeting is scheduled for Redwood Falls. On January 31st the Council will sponsor a meeting at the town of Miesville, south of Red Wing.

Attractive Program George Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, will represent organized labor at the meetings. Cecil Cruise will be the spokesman of the cooperative movement, and either John Bosch or John Wisdorf will present the viewpoint of the farmers.

In addition to the speaking program, a movie showing "What Has Happened to Minnesota in the Last 100 Years" will be presented. Refreshments will be served.

Build Local Committees Mr. Leipsig, a farmer, who is working as field man for the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council will be in charge of arrangements for the three January meetings. Leipsig will travel throughout the state for the Council, aiding in setting up permanent local Council committees in each community.

The Education Committee of the Council will meet next Tuesday in Minneapolis at 12:30 p. m. George Lawson of the State Federation of Labor, and John Geary, representative of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, will be present at the meeting. All committee members are urged to attend this important session.

### Dayton Meeting Pending Soon

A meeting for members of the Warehouse Union Local 20316 employed at the Dayton company is planned for the near future. Cards of notification will be sent out to all members.

### 5-Point Program Adopted At Mass Meeting Tuesday

1. Stoppage of the WPA lay-offs.
2. Thirty hours of work each week at trade union wages and conditions.
3. An immediate local construction program to furnish modern homes for all WPA workers and unemployed, to be constructed under trade union conditions without displacing any civil service or regular construction employees.
4. State and municipal housing authority acts and an enabling act authorizing the city of Minneapolis to issue twenty-five-million dollars in special bonds for financing the housing and heavy public works program, in addition to all demands for federal aid.
5. That all agencies of the Minneapolis city government immediately meet jointly and separately to cooperate with the trade union movement in drafting plans for a five or ten year public works and housing construction program at trade union wages and conditions.

### Mass Meet For Youth On Jan. 16

Preparations for the mass meeting to be held by the Youth Section of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, on Monday, January 16th, 8 p. m. at the Drivers' Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave., are going ahead full swing.

The meeting has been called to force the opening of additional National Youth Administration projects and thus create new jobs for unemployed Minneapolis youth. All NYA workers and unemployed youth are invited to attend the meeting. Admission is free.

### K. C., Omaha Sign Adams Terminal

Late last week the Adams Truck Terminal, operating between Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph and Chicago, signed the standard area over-road agreement with Drivers Union Local 41 of Kansas City. The Adams firm also signed the city contract with Omaha Drivers Union Local 554.

### Plumbing Supply Workers Meet Next Monday

The regular section meeting of members of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316 will be held next Monday night, January 9th, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

All members are instructed to attend.

### Papermakers Win Contract In Duluth

The Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union Local 252 of Duluth has just signed a new working agreement with the Van Vick Paper Box company which brings wage increases up to 7c hourly, the 40-hour week and time and one-half for overtime to the 16 men involved. Elmer Meinz of St. Paul, at the suggestion of the International Union, assisted Local 252 in securing the pact.

### \$275 Back Pay Collected for Three Drivers

Following a one-day tie-up last week of the Consolidated Freight Lines, General Drivers Union Local 544 collected back pay for the three drivers involved. Checks of \$118.08, \$113.28, and \$44.16 were received. The settlement straightens out this firm.

### Butler Bros. Section to Meet Jan. 16

Employees of Butler Brothers, members of the Warehouse Union Local 20316, will meet Monday, January 16th, to discuss matters of great importance. All members are instructed to attend without fail.

### Mass Meeting Sponsored by Central Labor Union Adopts Positive Program to Give Union Jobs to All—Hits Arms Program as Way to Recovery—Demands Huge Program of Public Works Here—Calls on Roosevelt to Stop WPA Lay-Offs

Fifteen hundred grimly determined workers protested the WPA lay-offs at a mass meeting sponsored by the Central Labor Union Relief Committee, Tuesday, January 9th, at the Old Eagles Hall.

The chairman of the meeting was Peter Murch, president of the Building Trades Council. Speakers were Walter Frank, business agent of the

### Workers Hold Moline Plant In Hopkins

Several hundred workers continued Wednesday to hold the fort at the Hopkins plant of the Minneapolis Moline Power Implement company, as federal conciliator Frank E. Wenig opened a conference at the plant between union representatives and the management looking towards a settlement of the strike.

The stay-in strike started a week ago in protest at the firing of Jack Biby, chairman of the union's shop committee. The union has experienced difficulty in negotiating a new agreement to replace the contract which expired January 1, 1939.

The union took the edge off its militant action by immediately wiring the federal conciliator that it was willing to negotiate all differences, including the discharge of Biby. The United Electric and Radio Workers Union Local 1138, CIO, which was split off the AFL Machinists Union over a year ago, is conducting the stay-in.

On Sunday church services were held in the plant. A gay New Year's party was held by the shut-inners, with music and eats. Strikers have established a twenty-four-hour guard, with eight-hour shifts.

### Union Men Don't Go to Sid, Stubby's

Union members and friends of organized labor continued to stay away from "Sid & Stubby's Place" this week as the cafe remained unfair to the 3.2 Beer Dispensers Union Local 346. The scab cafe is located at 3037 Nicollet Avenue. With scores of good union cafes in Minneapolis, no one could think of a good reason this week for patronizing this cafe.

### Notice: Local 544 Members Important Meeting Jan. 9

It is important that every member of General Drivers Union Local 544 attend the next general membership meeting on January 9th. The newly-elected officers of the union will be installed. A special order of business will be the report of the By-laws Committee. Walter Hagstrom, secretary of the committee, will present the report for the approval of the membership.

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
General Drivers Union Local 544

## Make Minneapolis a Union Town



# New Prize Contest Pushes Union Label

A first prize of \$50 and 24 other prizes ranging from \$25 to \$1 await the winners in a new Union-Made Products and Service Contest being sponsored by the Minneapolis Union Card and Label Council and the Women's Union Label League.

The contest starts immediately and will end March 31st. Judges are John Boscoe, George W. Lawson, and Myrtle Harris.

The aim of the contest is to win as many credits as possible by buying union-made merchandise or being waited on by union clerks or workers.

When making any purchase, ask to be served by a union clerk. Sales slips signed by a union member and the contestant, showing the name of the store or company and the date of purchase will constitute one credit. If purchase is union made, it will also count one credit.

## On WPA Projects

By Vic W. Nicholas

The New Year brings a new governor with the promise of a new department of social security and public welfare. This department is to be administered by an all-seeing, all-knowing appointee of the boy wonder. Will his selection know as much about welfare as the lawyers and big business men called to the labor conference, know about labor? No, I think all the boy wonder is trying to do is find a place on the state pay-roll for the many carpet-baggers who jumped on his cow-train.

The publicity given the mass meeting in the daily press is the result of many hours of hard work and promoting by Karl Kuehn. If the rest of us would give as freely of our time, talents and efforts, our goal of decent wages and living conditions would be realized in a short time.

The youth program outlined in the governor's inaugural address lacks even one concrete statement of a definite plan of action. And even this verbiage of the cow-town orator is emasculated by the last paragraph in the so-called program for youth.

The sit-in strikes and demonstrations of the unemployed organizations in Detroit and New York are warnings to the administration that the workers are not accepting the "bullets instead of bread" policy being so zealously pushed by F. D. R. and his munition-maker friends.

Homes instead of ships, furniture instead of airplanes, clothes instead of cannon, food instead of bullets—now what's so darned illogical about that? Millions of unemployed in the United States would be put to work on such a program.

If workers shaved the way they voted, they'd be cutting their throats all the time.

## TAXI TOPICS

By Curly and Lunde

Everything on wheels was out booking the dough on New Years Eve except Jack Daly's famous wheelbarrow, and we suspect that Cy Passolt (the guard of the treasury) would have had a meter installed on it but for the fact that our wide-awake claim agent, Ed Irving, demands that all cab equipment have four-wheel brakes and safety glass.

Some smart guy should devise a fur-lined receiver for those outside phones during this sub-zero weather. Better yet; a snapper reply from the dispatcher.

Understand that William X., otherwise known as Pussey Johnson, one of our regular nite rough-riders, is fixin' to become a benedict. After the trip down the middle aisle, all bachelors will seem to him like miserable and lonely men.

This delightfully cold weather has brought us calls from places we'd bet the tax-collector or dog catcher couldn't find.

Eternal puzzle: why, oh, why after a driver has rescued a soue from the gutter or worse, and brought him safely home, does his ever-loving spouse take out her wrath on the said driver instead of feeling grateful?

Cecil Cotton wants his favorite waiters equipped with snowshoes so he can continue eating curb-service style and save a couple of minutes.

"Shorty" Quinnell, "Hill" William Blomgren and "Fresh Eggs" Duncan are punching the clock on time despite their morning trek from the far north where we're told their mail is delivered by dog sled; that's proof they can read and write out there.

Hathaway and Moore have spiked the canard (terminological inexactitude to you) that they are using up all the available oxygen for the cab tires. They point out the fact that eventual slow leaks and blow-outs keep the balance of air density constant. That settles the question once and for all.

Clyde Keddy and his ilk of the Franklin and Lyndale stand have observed some accidents done in a very amateurish manner and aver if given a loud-speaker they could give some professional advice from the sidelines.

Two months more of Eskimo weather and we'll burn the mortgage on the old homestead.

The Sleepy Hollow gang weeps 'cause scale went down with the thermometer.

Charley Miller needs a bus to haul his passengers on airport runs.

That noise you hear is from a New Year's resolution being broken.

The miles are going on fast, who has the highest reading?

We have a belated report that William Johnson is confined at the hospital. All your friends hope for an early recovery, Bill.

To Local 958: I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Taxicab Drivers Union Local 958 for the box of

What a difference a telephone makes

When the weather is bad... TELEPHONE!



# Beauticians List Union Beauty Shops

The Beauticians Union Local 61A has compiled a list of all beauty shops in Minneapolis which have agreements with Local 61A and thus are worthy of the patronage of the families and friends of organized labor.

All beauty shop patrons are urged to heed this list and aid Local 61A in its fight for decent wages and conditions for beauty shop workers:

**SOUTH**  
New Lake, 319 West Lake St.  
Supreme, 415 West Lake St.  
Blue Bonnet, 1817 East Lake St.

Harders, 1719 East Lake St.  
Richards, 1104 1/2 East Lake St.  
Gold Bond, 1530 East Lake St.  
Mary Helens, 4307 East 64th St.  
Dells, 4207 East 54th St.

Nells, 5361 Minnehaha Ave.  
Scotts, 736 E. 27th St.  
Grays, 3038 E. 35th St.  
Venus, 2950 36th Ave. S.  
Ringlet, 3006 4th Ave. S.  
Curleys, 3026 4th Ave. S.

Ann, 1302 Nicollet Ave.  
Band Box, 3015 1/2 Hennepin  
Paulinas, 5462 44th Ave. S.  
**LOOP**  
Scientific, 15 South 7th St.  
Johannes, 55 South 8th St.  
Hultgrens, 627 South 6th St.  
Vivians, 2 North 7th St.

Loretta, 731 1st Ave. N.  
**NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST AND COLUMBIA HEIGHTS**  
Stanleys, 1628 Wash. St. N. E.  
Curley Top, 2300 Central N. E.  
Dorothis, 1842 Central N. E.  
Ralpchs, 2602 Johnson N. E.  
Reopelles, 651 Pierce N. E.  
Raymond, 3026 8th Ave. N. E.  
Buttery, 1792 University N. E.  
St. Anthony, 19 4th St. S. E.  
Four-Hundred, 400 East Henn.  
Rosebud, 425 40th Ave. N. E.  
Tims, 530 40th Ave. N. E.

**NORTH**  
Pinks, 1704 W. Broadway  
Boutins, 1215 35th Ave. N.  
Helens, 4145 Fremont N.  
Priscilla, 708 Lowry Ave. N.  
Weinmeyers, 2221 19th Ave. N.  
Pecks, 407 Plymouth N.  
Gloria, 3854 Thomas N.  
Victory, 4149 Thomas N.  
Hansen, 3423 Logan N.

The following shops do not display the shop card but have agreements with us:

Sha-Ri, 35 South 8th St.  
Sha-Ri, 35 South 7th St.  
World, 9 North 7th St.  
MarSelm, 49 South 8th St.  
Evelyns, 1538 E. Lake St.  
Deluxe, 3541 E. Lake St.  
Artistic, 73 South 8th St.  
Beas, 13 North 6th St.  
State, 13 South 8th St.  
Leaders, 5th and Nicollet Ave.  
Lauras, 404 South Cedar Lake Road.

The D.A.R. know the patriots and revolutionists of yesteryear, but not of today.

Circumstances? I make circumstances! NAPOLEON.

Who was the Yellow driver plowing up the boulevard in front of the municipal auditorium Sunday morning?

It was very kind of you to remember me, and I want to thank you for the Christmas basket. Please know that I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Gratefully yours,  
Mr. S. Edwards and family

food sent to me at Christmas time. Many thanks to you all.  
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### Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man

When the boss smiles, I laugh out loud. That's the way to get along.

## The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogrea

Next meeting. Please take note: Wholesale Drivers, Thursday evening, 7:30 p. m. sharp, January 12th.

Being as how football has been in the air so much the last few days, how's this for a backfield for a football team: Frank Smith, 235 pounds; R. L. Smith, 230 pounds; Al Englehard, 215 pounds, and R. J. Dibbs, 238 pounds. All from Continental. Then they could have Jerry Chapman for mascot or something. He weighs about 130 pounds soaking wet.

It's a good thing they pulled all these Bowl games on Monday instead of Sunday. I don't think anyone would have been up to listen to them Sunday, much less go to them.

One of the fellows says he was sleeping peacefully Sunday morning after a night of tooting in the New Year. About 11 a. m. the phone rang. It was the guy next door who wanted him to stop his car from stamping his feet so much. Tek, tek.

My idea of darn poor union men are these members who always claim to be such staunch supporters but are the ones who are always consistently breaking the rules. Something's wrong some place.

Joe had quite a party at his place New Year's Eve. Boy, what a spread. We got there about 2:30 and helped him get rid of the pickled herring and stuff.

Members should be sure to attend all meetings from now on as the contract committee is ready to report and everybody is certainly directly concerned.

George Prais, Continental, took over his new route Tuesday, working out of Glencoe, Minnesota. There's a funny thing connected with this: when Chet Ryan left his route in the city, Prais followed him on the city route. Now when Ryan leaves his country route, Prais follows him again.

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### On the Route With the Milk Man

By Mike Rusinko

Well, gang, another year has rolled around. We may just wonder what has happened in the last year, and how fast it went, just like my sheekles. Also, we have a new contract coming up this year; well, we demand the best.

Was talking to Al Christensen the other day when one of his old cronies came up to Al and said, "How about a slug for a few snifters, Al." Well, Al put on his saddest face and said, "Brother, I am so poor that if steam boats were selling for a dime I couldn't buy the echo of the whistle." Well, the old egg breaks down and digs in his pocket and hands Al a cart wheel and said, "Al, you are a bigger liar than I am."

Some of the Clover Leaf gang are going up to Anoka and are bowling in the tournament there. At the present time Clarence Palm is second high and so far is in the money.

On Sunday, December 25, in the Mpls. Tribune, there was an article under the heading of "Christmas is Banner Day—For the Milkman," by Ed Solem. Of course, some people don't know that Ed had reference to prehistoric times and the present-day milkman.

Here is a swell cast of characters for a play they are going to put on by the Co-Signers club. One of the plays is about Rip Van Winkle, the lug who slept for 20 years and held the record until just now. Mike Lavery is still sleeping. And the three musketeers are One-Round Anderson, Fisherman Fahlen, and last, but not least, is Gable Berquist.

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## THE FRIENDLY BEER



# Big Business Runs Associated Farmers

The pretenses of Minnesota's "Farmer" Schilling that the Associated Farmers represent the bona fide farmers of the United States were further exposed recently in an article by Marquis W. Childs, writer for the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Childs has just made a first-hand study of the Associated Farmers in California and has unearthed new material on this gang of anti-labor racketeers.

In explaining the organization's vicious opposition to organized labor, Childs points out that "many California bankers and industrialists are themselves farmers. Their interests include large land holdings, planted in peaches, walnuts, citrus fruits, avocados—and other highly profitable crops which are California specialties."

"In fact, ownership of these great 'factory farms' is interlocked with virtually all industry here on the coast."

"This is streamlined farming. The 'farmer' is an industrialist with offices in the city. California agriculture has been put on a mass production basis. It is Big Business with a revenue last year of \$660,000,000."

"It is estimated that members of the Associated Farmers own four-fifths of the arable land in the state."

"Less than 10 per cent of all California farms produce 53 per cent of all the crop value. The 41 per cent, which are small farms, produce less than 6 per cent of the crop value."

**Banker-Owned Farms**  
"Mortimer Fleishacker of the San Francisco banking family is a director of Tyler Island Farms, trustee for the Calamba sugar estate, and a director of California Delta Lands, Inc. The latter, alone, has 38,000 acres of land in the San Joaquin valley, in which both Mortimer Fleishacker and his brother, Herbert, are interested."

Childs explains that instead of trying to reduce the exorbitant charges they pay to railroads, electric power and water monopolies, the "factory farmers" constantly attempt to economize on labor costs by cutting wages and refusing to pay for overtime work and by refusing to provide decent living and sanitary conditions for their hired workers.

**Exploit Smaller Farmers**  
In explaining how this group of Big Business farmers use their

power against small and moderate-sized farmers, Childs states:

"Leaders of the Associated Farmers are in strategic posts in the state Chamber of Commerce and the grower-packer associations. But nowhere is their influence more important than on the state Pro-Rate commission, which was established in 1933 to fix quotas on California agricultural products. Quotas, limiting the amount that may be taken to market, are enforced today on walnuts, apricots and other crops."

"Five of the nine members of the Pro-Rate commission are members or officers of the Associated Farmers. They represent large holdings."

These Big Business farmers in California use their majority control of the commission to set quotas discriminating against small farmers.

In Minnesota, as in California, Schilling is attempting to subordinate the interests of the small and medium farmers to the Big Business agricultural interests. Under the pretense of "rescuing the farmers" from organized labor, Schilling aims to organize the Minnesota farmers to cut their own throats.

**With the Limousines**  
By "Home James"  
We hope this column will be bigger and better for the coming year and we hope all of you will contribute all the news you know of to this office, or Jerry Cremers in person.

Our president, John A., was in very fine spirits Tuesday evening as John wished every one of the new officers the best of luck in his new position.

Joe F., our vice president, per our telephone conversation, wished me to express to all members, the heartiest of thanks for the flowers which were sent to his home during his recent illness.

Heavy Duty Carl is now talking so loud that no one seems to be able to hear anyone but Carl. You tell 'em, Carl, there's the best.

I just happened to take a good look at Carl and I notice that he has not got all of his gold teeth yet although he looks swell as is.

It seems good to have all the bunch here tonight as we haven't met for some time and then of course some of us were worried about a few of the boys whom we

thought might go astray over the New Year.

Our good friend Ted from 77th-Plowed Ground was at the meeting and as usual was in a good talking mood.

Mel J., they tell me, was all in from tearing up paper New Year's night, but I bet he didn't tear up that picture he was showing the boys some time ago.

Ernie J. was at the meeting and looking very well for the after-effects of New Year's.

Ted G. must have been a honey, we saw him thumbing a ride on 29th-Hennepin Avenue. Of all things to be riding in, he wound up in a hearse. He even admits it.

Prof. Ed L., 99th-Plowed Ground is sure making plenty of resolutions for the coming year. How about it, Ed?

Our two good members, Jack K. and Jess B., who are A-1 fishermen, are still hoping that the ban on ice fishing will be lifted. They tell me they really catch fish.

Joe F. is still at his home but is getting along as well as can be expected at this time. We all hope that Joe will be out and around very soon as we all miss him very much.

I see that at the last meeting Johnny F. was still in the picture business and from what I saw he sure must have got some good pictures.

Our faithful member Gordon L. is leaving for California and they tell me he will be gone for some time. Of all news, this news seems to be the worst of all.

The new officers were installed at our last meeting and Vice President Ray H. took charge of the meeting.

Carl G. did a lot of hiding his new teeth at the meeting and of all things he was given choice of wearing a new set of teeth donated by Mel J.

As we told you in the last edition of the column you would hear a lot of insurance discussed and that is exactly what was done by our insurance reporters, Ted G. and Sam K., in fact so much that it had to be stopped.

The Vice President, Ray B., received a great hand by the members but the rest of the newly elected officers received some very jolly boos.

W. D. Watson was present with his new Christmas present on. Boy, is it a honey, eh, Wallie?

What's the matter, Jack K., or was Sam doing too much talking for you to get started? At least we missed your pleasing voice.

Harold said he will have to start a campaign of his own on selling his suits and overcoats as they are starting to give out cards, not his make.

This being the beginning of the

## New Executive Board of Warehouse Workers Union



Above is the new executive board of Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316, elected last month and installed at the recent membership meeting. Sitting, from left to right: James Bartlett, president and business agent; Fred Tepilo, treasurer; Don Rock, sergeant-at-arms; Ray Lind, recording secretary; Don Penwell, vice-president; Robert Tibbets, financial secretary. Standing are Frank Johnson, Phil Snyder, and Axel Jensen, trustees.

## St. Paul Warehouse Workers Elect Board

The St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297 held its annual elections last Friday, December 30th. The following officers were elected: Thomas Woulfe, president; Mark Stanchfield, vice-president; Charles Scheer, recording secretary; Don Casseday, financial secretary; Bernie Simmer, James Richards and Ed Ludwig, trustees; Bertrand Slama, sergeant-at-arms; Bernie Simmer, business agent.

Local 20297 also elected the following delegates to the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly: Simmer, Casseday, Scheer, Stanchfield, and Thomas Powers.

The new officers will be installed at the next meeting of the Warehouse Union on January 9th.

Life is no brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations. — GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

New Year we all wish to thank all the individuals that helped our local in 1938 and of course we hope you all will keep up the good spirit through 1939.

We learned at the meeting that there are a couple of new ambulance companies operating and we hope to have the drivers join with us in the very near future.

You should have heard some of the boys tell about the Christmas presents they received, some of them even had some of their presents with them. You know what I mean.

We hope you will all make a new resolution for 1939 and that is that you will pay your dues when they are due, and also attend the meetings regularly so you will know what is going on in the Union. This means YOU.

## LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard Gilmore  
The Air-Loc Seating company has been closed for several weeks. Pretty tough this time of year—or any time of year. The boys are maintaining good spirits, however.

The Casket industry is opening up negotiations for the 1939 contract. The high spirit and progressive attitude apparent in this section shows that the workers will back up their demands all the way. All members should attend the next section meeting to be fully informed on the situation.

The executive committee was overloaded with business last meeting.

Brother Fred Johnson reports a fine Christmas holiday, including squiring a wealthy widow about the better spots on upper Nicollet.

Klaus Kalgren spent the holidays quietly at home resting up for his new duties. On New Year's Brother Klaus took over the stewardship on the third floor. This will relieve Viken, who is overloaded with other business.

Al Jarvis and family spent New Year's at the home of L. Sarenpa. The genial host popped for a turkey.

Ernest Trunan of the machine shop has offered legal advice to us—for what it is worth.

Ernest Cleveland and family holidayed at Sturgeon Lake, 150 miles north of Minneapolis.

Brothers Salempa, Thomasson, Thomas and Berglin in the clothes rack department were sure hitting the ball last week. Tek.

Joe Gurek spent Christmas in the provinces. Late news trickling in has it that Joe got caught in a blizzard while in Blue Earth.

Arvid Fern spent the holidays quietly at home in the bosom of his family.

## Roosevelt's Arms Program Subject At Sunday Forum

"Roosevelt's New Armament Program" will be the subject of a talk by Max Geldman at the Socialist Sunday Forum on January 8th, 3 p. m., at 919 Marquette Avenue.

Admission is 10c. All friends of labor are invited to attend.

## Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig  
It is now the New Year, boys, and I wish you all the luck in the world. . . . But will you come and join with us at 544 and help make all the breaks possible for the ITO?

When this issue of the Organizer reaches you it will be too late to notify all of our members of elections for our Ways and Means committee but also too early to say what the results are.

I received a call from Curt this Sunday and if he talks to all of you as long as the two hours that I did, it is no wonder that he has a phone problem. . . .

The city started the year off with a bang by beginning a new program calling for twenty-eight trucks. . . . Ten of the old boys re-joined Mr. Greasa's legion. . . . And how does it feel to have beaten down the big cheese (not Mr. G.) on that deal? . . . Will we or won't we have "Hellzapoppin" when all of those seniority lists start to clash this spring?

Mr. and Mrs. Zander wish me to thank all of you in this column for all the many personal remembrances they received during the Christmas season.

Bill Percy pulled up stakes and left for California. All his friends wish him good luck in his new home.

Remember McGinty?—He has been working out at Hopkins for the Moline outfit. Must be with the boys on sit-down now.

January is the month for ice-

## Union Staff Members Relax At Holidays

hauling, so get out your platform.

Our Local 544 mailmen did right well by themselves this year. Don't forget to pay your MHTA insurance for the month.

The ITO are certainly wedded to their trucks.

Toohy complains his car cost him too much money by keeping him out all the time.

Art McGowan got to arguing with a tree.

R. A. Larson has his truck clean as a whistle, but his car looks like it went through a threshing machine.

Carlos, ye Ed, says the column was O K last week, but Zander squawks like blazes because it is too long. So now what, have you any opinions?

Has the grapevine got to you yet why Hornig switched jobs overnight? It is plenty tough, this coming home at 2 A. M. after making the rounds and trying to turn out this copy for you guys!

Staff members of the unions housed at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., joined with the office staff in celebrating the holidays on two different occasions. On December 23rd, Local 544 held an Open House to which all union officials and office workers in the Drivers' Hall were invited. A banquet and get-together was held on December 29, at Jennings' Tavern at which union staff members, their wives and sweethearts, mingled in a strictly social way, leaving the cares of the office behind for the evening.

For the Open House, Al Friedlund furnished the coffee, Local 544 served fruit cake, Mrs. Grant Dunne sent a box of home-made cookies, and Julia Lubick brought several bottles of home-made wine.

## Gassing With 977

By Jon Conder  
For the first time in several years, our Secretary-Treasurer, Larry J. Davidson, was able to spend Christmas at his home in Cleveland. Combining pleasure and business, Larry visited Filling Station Attendants Unions in Cleveland, Toledo and Ashtabula, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and found that a higher wage scale prevails in the cities mentioned, than that covered in the contract for Minneapolis attendants. Larry and Mrs. Davidson returned Sunday evening.

John Eidsvold reports the following "lost" item: one pair brown cloth gloves and one pair black leather gloves. If they are at your station, please call the office.

Those members who are three months in arrears in dues and have a \$2.50 reinstatement fine imposed, should observe that this fine does not take the place of the three months dues.

The Barber-Connelly seniority list will be straightened out this week, or else.

Your organizers collected back pay in amount of \$25 for each of two attendants at the Phillips main station at 17th and Nicollet, and returned them to work. The fellows are K. McDonald and K. Sagmo.

A week's vacation pay was collected for E. Kohl, Pure Oil station at 44th and Nicollet, to be paid by the installment method.

Withdrawals were issued to J. Hedlund, J. H. Smith, A. Chapman and L. Glenny. New members initiated into the local are Art Knudson, Standard attendant at Fremont and Broadway; H. A. Hagen, Shell station at 2920 Nicollet Ave.; Fred Bennett at the Phillips station, 4200 West Broadway, and B. A. Trageser at the Petroleum Service Bulk plant.

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

## For Bread, Against War

(The following speech, setting forth the attitude of the WPA and unemployed workers of Minneapolis to the cut on WPA, was delivered over Station WMIN Monday afternoon by Karl S. Kuehn, recording secretary of Local 544's Federal Workers Section.)

I, as a WPA worker, want to tell you listeners what WPA jobs mean to us. First of all, they mean the difference between subsisting on relief or doing useful work. We don't believe that private industry will absorb the unemployed. That is a delusion, like Hoover's "Prosperity around the corner."

We are tired of being guinea pigs, experimented on to see how low the American standard of living can be reduced. We've been guinea pigs long enough to learn the important lesson that our standard of living will be the very lowest that we will accept peacefully.

We see a ray of hope in the fact that the recent national conventions of both the AFL and the CIO for the first time recognized their responsibility to aid the unemployed.

On the other hand, Senator Bird's talk of impending national bankruptcy from vast federal expenditures such as WPA impresses us as just so much whistling in the dark, because we know that any stoppage of federal funds would immediately be reflected in stopping all but big corporation business—which would mean general catastrophe.

But we do see a real spendthrift policy on the part of WPA as well as on the part of its critics. WPA is making the untenable attempt to dispose of the huge productive power of 15,000,000 unemployed without raising their standard of living. Many of those who are loudest in criticizing the non-productiveness of WPA are the greatest obstructionists to steering WPA into productive channels. These people always raise the plea to preserve the sanctity of private enterprise.

No, we are NOT in love with our WPA jobs. But our families must eat. What sane person would make a career of \$60.50 a month? What youth, now on NYA, would be satisfied with the NYA wage of \$20 monthly?

We want to get back into productive industry at our trades and professions, and produce and obtain decent living standards. At present, however, WPA, even at its miserably low level, is ALL THERE IT FOR US.

We want a real program with something more substantial than the vague, ballyhooed hopes for upturn in business. We want an immediate construction program to furnish modern homes for all WPA workers and unemployed. We could much better be building a new, modern, efficient general hospital in Minneapolis than performing much of the WPA work now being done.

We want a public works program of \$25,000,000 locally, a quarter of a billion for the state, and 20 billion dollars nationally.

We want a 30-hour week throughout all public and private industry WITHOUT REDUCTION IN WEEKLY PAY, and at trade union wages and conditions, with a minimum of \$30 per week.

We want the idle factories opened even if the government must do it. There must be a huge and immediate expansion and improvement of WPA, not a curtailment.

We emphatically OPPOSE the administration's armament program as a basis for recovery or as an excuse for WPA curtailment, because such work is equivalent to digging our own graves. Millions of lives sacrificed in the last war did not solve—and in the next war will not solve—the problem of economic balance that makes for a better standard of living.

Maybe the WPA curtailment scheme will get by in some places, but in Minnesota, and particularly in Minneapolis, we have fairly established our power of resistance to such retrogression. Mr. Joseph's advance admission that the community must provide, even to the point of exhaustion, if the state and federal governments do not, is evidence in itself that the close solidarity of the trade union movement with the unemployed and WPA workers of Minneapolis has demonstrated its power to preserve and improve minimum living standards here.

## Local 1859 Signs J. R. Clark Pact

That usual feature of the winter season in Minneapolis—a strike at the J. R. Clark plant—will be foregone this year as a result of the new working agreement signed late in December by the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859.

The new pact gives a week's paid vacation to all Clark workers who were employed for 40 weeks or more during 1938, that is, to about 150 of the 170 employees. The remaining 20 workers will receive half a week's vacation with pay.

Wage adjustments for about 40 workers are included in the contract.

**Employment Stabilized**  
Important developments aimed to stabilize employment at the Clark plant are included in 1859's agreement. Whereas in former years it has been customary to close down the plant in November and December and then to hire several hundred new workers in the early spring, this year the management agreed to supply 150 workers right up to December 30th, thus giving these workers six weeks more work in 1938 than

in former years. The union expects the company to follow out this new policy in the future.

After the signing of last year's pact, the union experienced trouble with the company, which hired several hundred employees and then tried to weed out union workers.

**Preferential Hiring**  
A preferential hiring clause in the new contract will give members of the union first chance at jobs in the plant, in order of seniority. Formerly, the seasonal layoffs worked a distinct hardship on the Clark workers. If a worker was laid off and then secured a job elsewhere, he would have to

## ... and We Go to South America to Preserve Democracy!



## Keeping Step With 544

By Micky Dunne

If that Labor Committee which met with the incoming governor last week represents the Minneapolis labor movement then this pillar is the ghost of O. O. McIntyre.

The next regular meeting of Local 544 will see the installation of incoming officers. John Geary will do the job.

Let Go of My Hair!  
The Stenos will elect Monday night.

All of the workers in the building held a dandy New Year's party at Jennings' Tavern last week.

Back on the Job  
George Prosig is serving his second term as vice chairman. He held the post in 574.

Flick - Mack  
Hear the story of Hugo Flick who tried to Fink on a five-ton Mack.

But Hugo's paying dues today Sadder and wiser—and with better pay.

Complaints about WPA workers leaning on their shovels are generally made by big shots leaning on gilded bars.

Milk Drivers installed new officers Tuesday night.

Raymond Brothers' seniority list, badly jacked up during the last few months, is being straightened out.

Union by-laws will be considered at the next membership meeting.

The Federal Wage and Hour law is still shrouded in a veil of mystery.

The Omaha situation is cracking.

The Warehouse Union may soon be in the fold of the Drivers' International.

The WPA mass meeting, held at the East Side Eagles Hall Tuesday evening, was one of the best meetings of its kind held there.

return to the Clark plant when a job opened up again, even though the job might be for only a few days. If he failed to report for work, he lost his seniority rights. If he did report for work, he would lose the part-time job at which he might be working elsewhere.

Under the new arrangement, the worker may arrange for a leave of absence and thus preserve his seniority standing.

This week the Clark plant is closed down for inventory but is expected to re-open shortly. Between 150 and 250 workers are employed during the year by the factory.

In previous years Local 1859 has had to stage annual demonstrations of its power in order to win its agreement with the Clark company. On March 26, 1936, the union staged a sit-down strike at Clark's. In December, 1936, and again in January, 1938, strikes had to be called to win agreements.

The sit-downers are still sitting in Hopkins.

Household Hint Dept.  
The union man has something in his home that a non-union worker can never have—Security.

## Omaha Locals Challenge Picket Law

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union membership. A plan is being worked out to accommodate them. Copies are sold in a hundred towns in the area and at packing plants, warehouses, flour mills, WPA projects and factories.

**Boss Vandalism**  
While the drivers hammered away with their exposure of the boss terror, the hirelings of the employers sought last week in Omaha to provoke a fight with pickets in order to furnish authorities with an excuse to further persecute the Drivers Union.

On Wednesday night around 10 o'clock two swarthy men driving a 1935 V-8 black Ford coupe drove past headquarters of the General Drivers Union Local 544, at 1222 Harney Street, and hurled pieces of slag through the first floor window, after which the car sped away. A local business man across the street noted the license number of the car—1-36130.

Union men in the headquarters who witnessed the act of vandalism identified the men and the car as the same that had, on several previous occasions, sought to run over union men. The occupants are persons who have never driven trucks in Omaha. A union picket car followed the Ford coupe until it turned in at the Gate City Terminal.

**Won't Explain Act**  
The car license has been traced to Henry Ogram, owner of the Union Transfer company. In its strike bulletin, Local 544 asked Ogram of the Union Transfer, and Wilbur Van Patten, of the Gate City company, to explain this act of vandalism. At press time, neither men had offered an explanation, nor had the Omaha Business Men's Association answered for them.

## Excelsior Firm Gets 1859 Demand

A show-down pends between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the American Excelsior company as a result of the firm's failure to grant demands of Local 1859 for a wage increase and a week's vacation with pay.

The old agreement with the firm expired December 5, 1938, and a new agreement has not yet been forthcoming. During negotiations, the management has refused the demands of the union.

Local 1859 is demanding a 10c hourly increase which will establish the hourly minimum in the plant at 60c.

Local 1859 stands firm on its demands and expects the American Excelsior company to grant them.

## 1,500 Demand End of WPA Lay-offs

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regard for their previous training, and then discharging them as "inefficient workers." There are hundreds of thousands of idle factories which should be opened for the use of the unemployed, and operated by them for use and not for profit. Despite the constant reiteration by the national WPA offices that the WPA lay-offs have been stopped, they are still coming in. Many workers present at the meeting had received their 403's that very day. The speaker also spoke of the continuation of the fight, the prospect of mass demonstrations in the future to impress upon the WPA officials that the workers in this area mean business when they demand that this curtailment of WPA be stopped.

**Adapt Resolutions**  
Karl Keuhn presented three resolutions which were adopted unanimously by the meeting. The first resolution calls upon the congress and senate to immediately appropriate twenty billion dollars for a construction and heavy public works program, to be administered by the workers which will receive union wages and will work under union working conditions; that all idle factories be immediately opened and operated to capacity even if the government must operate them; that the thirty hour work week be instituted in government and private industry without reduction of wages; that all "categorical agencies" disbursing relief through the social security act immediately increase those benefits by at least thirty percent; that all military and armament appropriations remain unspent and be immediately diverted from such channels of destruction and into the production of the necessities of life; and that there be no state or national legislation enacted which would in any way abrogate the rights of workers to strike, organize, picket or bargain collectively.

**Demand State Action**  
Resolutions covering demands upon state and city governments were also presented and adopted. The state resolution called upon the state legislature, now in session, to immediately create a state and municipal housing authority and heavy public works program; that the legislature authorize the city of Minneapolis to issue twenty-five million dollars worth of bonds to finance a housing program; and that the legislature immediately set about to open the idle factories in the state.

The city resolution called upon the city council to cooperate with the trade union movement to bring about the curtailment of the WPA lay-offs, and for the institution of a housing program. Further the resolution called upon the city council to provide NYA jobs for the 30,000 unemployed youth of the city, at a minimum of \$60.00 a month.

The meeting wound up with the announcement of the impending pardoning of Tom Mooney. The workers rose and cheered at the announcement.

If you work hard and save your money, you not only have your money when you die, but you die sooner. AL PIERCE, radio comedian.

## On the National Picket Line

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Another victory for workers in the New Jersey plant of Crucible Steel... most decisive victory of this strike... the breaking down of racial prejudices long fostered by company as Negro and white workers picket side by side... Factional fights within the Auto Workers Executive Board begin to appear... Gar Wood workers strike in refusal to accept a twenty percent wage cut... Eleven State Area Negotiating Committee officially established by Teamsters and serves its demands for a uniform area contract for over-the-road drivers on the American Truckers Association... Ringling Brothers circus struck in Madison Square Garden... Frank Buck leads performing workers in strikebreaking activities... Stalinist leaders of Fur Workers Union meet with LaGuardia (another "friend" of labor) while his police club and arrest strikers... Executive Committee of the Railroad Brotherhoods flatly rejects proposed twenty percent wage reduction for rail workers... CIO announces proposed new rival federation of labor... Dubinsky again kicks... 1,000 truck drivers in Rochester, N. Y. tie up traffic for three days... Homer Martin charges Wyndham Mortimer and Ed Hall are members of or under direct control of Communist Party as factional fight in UAW grows...

May, 1938... Wage cuts fought by UAW in strike against the Federal Screw Works... Rubber workers continue to resist cuts... International Ladies Garment Workers Union Executive Board meets in Minneapolis... Dubinsky's representative to the Executive Board of the CIO abstains from voting on question of permanent organization... Minneapolis Central Labor Union sets up Policy Committee to iron out differences between AFL and CIO locally... Army big-wigs, meeting in San Francisco lay plans for drafting a million men in three months WHEN WAR COMES... United States Supreme Court reverses three NLRB decisions against Ford Motor, the Inland and Republic Steel Co-operations... Martin scores victory over Communist-controlled Frenkenstein and Hall in UAW Executive Board meeting with adoption of his twenty-one point program... Harlan County coal baron's trial begins...

June, 1938... General Strike threatens Detroit as workers rise in anger against pickets brutally beat strikers at American Brass company... Roosevelt begins "investigation" of price fixing and monopolies... Two-state Gamble-Rob strike won by workers with a five cent an hour raise... Benson wins state primaries... Four day strike of over-the-road drivers in Omaha won... first test of Area Committee... British possession, Jamaica, is torn by strike as exploited workers turn on their masters... FWS demands doubling of WPA quota for Minnesota...

July, 1938... Four west coast maritime unions form council on five-point program... Indianapolis and Cincinnati sign Over-the-road contract... Local 544, Omaha Drivers, strikes bakery and gets around vicious Nebraska Anti-picketing law by carrying banners in Council Bluffs... CIO union banners and pickets Communist Party summer camp where girl workers get as little as seven dollars a week... Area negotiations are on in Chicago... Strikers at North Chicago Hardware Foundry are set upon by police and brutally beaten... New Orleans strikers hounded by state and city governments bent on driving unionism out of the state... Montgomery Ward revealed as hiring stool pigeons.

August, 1938... Judge Reed favors Fink's Suit against 544... CLU backs 544... Harry Bridges loses four big Maritime unions who set up Progressive Council... Silver Shirts meet in Minneapolis, George K. Belden in attendance... Sioux City Drivers in fight with bakery

industry... Ski workers strike in Wisconsin... Another strike against Gamble-Robinson... AFL offers charter to Sailors Union of Pacific... Executive Council of AFL decides to form Maritime Department... John L. Lewis charges "peace" negotiations last winter were broken because Green wanted to rob CIO of its autonomy... even as he tries to exert autocratic control over the Auto Workers... Area Employers ratify uniform area contract with Eleven state Area Committee... Workers in twenty-seven San Francisco department stores strike... 175 union locals ratify Area Contract...

September, 1938... Minneapolis Grand Jury shocks world by refusing Mayor Leach's unsupported testimony that 544 is run by racketeers... bawls out Mayor... Omaha Drivers strike to enforce Area Contract... Isolation of Communist Harry Bridges in west coast maritime situation complete with chartering of Sailors Union of Pacific by AFL... War scare reaches peak... Minnesota State convention of AFL sets up Relief Committee... Czechoslovakia is raped... American armament program speeded up... Omaha strike holding strong as International comes to the aid of striking local... Drivers Union in San Antonio strike... police brutality... Daniel Tobin explodes bombshell into AFL convention by demanding that peace negotiations be picked up at once...

October, 1938... New York truck strike affecting 30,000 drivers shows new spirit of metropolis' drivers... Homer Martin meets Henry Ford and causes much talk... Omaha strike in fifth week, still strong... 3,000 city and sanitary drivers in Philadelphia strike... Mayor says they can't strike against city government... Harry Bennett, Ford personnel manager says, after Martin call,

"our workers may organize if they wish BUT... AGC contract signed for Minnesota... Daniel Tobin and Dave Dubinsky meet with Secretary Perkins on peace between AFL and CIO... Thirty-two hour work week in Auto gains popularity... Fact-finding committee appointed by Roosevelt in Railroad controversy sits in hearings... Governor Kraschel of Iowa calls national guard in Swift Company strike at Sioux City...

Nov. 8, 1938... Benson and almost all Farm Labor candidates defeated...

November, 1938... Emergency fact-finding committee on railroads finds against the carriers... order no pay cuts... Pecan pickers of San Antonio, Texas forced out of jobs when owners of industry close up shop rather than pay twenty-five cents as is now legal under the Wages and Hours bill... CIO convenes convention in Pittsburgh... Congress of Industrial Organizations results... "democratic" convention wherein nobody had anything to say except Lewis... Curran and Bridges slapped in the face and spanked where it hurts most... good boys now... Armistice Day...

December, 1938... CIO convention ratifies constitution... Martin's humiliation before Lewis complete... Stalinists crawlfish... Kansas City negotiations for Area Contract signed... ring around Omaha now complete as valiant drivers of that city still fight... International Teamsters give all possible aid... Banks in Omaha refuse to cash check from K. C. bank for drivers... War Department is "anxious" to militarize CCC camps... WPA truckers strike in Ohio... General Motors cracks down on UAW... Auto workers refuse \$1.50 assessment asked by Executive Board to pay for factional fights of board... Omaha carries on... BRING ON 1939...

## UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>LOCAL 471</b> The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p. m.	<b>LOCAL 160</b> General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards' — Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays.
<b>LOCAL 131</b> Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third-floor.	<b>LOCAL 1859, 20481</b> General Membership 1859 — January 4 Casket Industry 1859—January 10 American Excelsior 1859—January 17 J. R. Clark Section—January 18 Puffer-Hubbard Section—January 19 Box Industry—January 20 Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m. Grievance Board—January 9 and 23, 8 p. m. General Membership 20481 — January 4 Executive Board 20481—January 4 Executive Board 20481—January 16, 8 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 259</b> Second Monday of each month.	<b>LOCAL 958</b> Night Drivers — 1:00 p. m. third Thursdays each month. Day Drivers—7:00 p. m., third Thursdays each month.
<b>LOCAL 664</b> The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Park Board Grievance Committee — Monday night preceding the last meeting of the month.	<b>LOCAL 544</b> January Monday, January 2—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, January 4—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, January 5—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, January 6—Job Stewards Monday, January 9 — General Membership Wednesday, January 11—Market; Wholesale Liquor Friday, January 13—Wholesale Grocery; Meat Drivers Sunday, January 15—Over-the-road Drivers, 10 A. M. Monday, January 16 — Furniture Stores; Coal Wednesday, January 18 — Building Material Thursday, January 19 — Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 A. M. Friday, January 20—Job Stewards Monday, January 23 — Spring Water Thursday, January 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug; Excavating Sand and Gravel Friday, January 27—Cold Storage Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 1 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Hall No. 2 The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor All regular meetings start at 8 P. M. unless otherwise indicated
<b>LOCAL 1086</b> The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	<b>PETROLEUM DRIVERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.
<b>LOCAL 977</b> General Membership — Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Grievance and Seniority Boards—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m.	<b>FEDERAL WORKERS</b> Regular Membership Meeting—Second Friday each month. Stewards' Meeting — Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 239</b> Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers — Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership — Fourth Thursday.	<b>LOCAL 346</b> Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m. 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.
<b>LOCAL 103</b> Regular Membership Meeting—2nd Tuesdays. Executive Committee Meeting — On call.	<b>PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS</b> The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
<b>LOCAL 221</b> Day Laborer Section — First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.	<b>LOCAL 20316</b> Stewards — First and third Tuesdays. Regular Membership Meeting—Fourth Tuesday. Executive Board — Regularly every Monday.