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State Federation Roars 'NO' to Anti-Labor Bill

750 Delegates to Special State Federation of Labor Convention Oppose Governor's Version of Vance-Myre Bill, Instruct Officers to Work for Federation's Own Measure

Stassen Bill as Vicious as Original—Aimed to Take Guts Out of Union Movement—Would Hamper Picketing, Strikes, Would Sanctify Scabs—Part of Boss Plan to Start Drive Against Wages and Hours

More than seven hundred and fifty delegates from all sections of the state attended the special convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor on Monday in St. Paul. It was the largest convention in the history of the State Federation, drawing many unions not represented in Mankato last fall at the regular convention.

In a spirit of militant opposition to the atrocious Stassen labor bill, the delegates voiced their thunderous hatred for the governor's latest version of the Vance-Myre bill and reiterated indorsement of the State Federation of Labor's labor relations bill.

Local 131 Dances Next Tuesday Eve

The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union Local 131 will hold its spring dance next Tuesday evening, April 11th, at the Southside auditorium, 12th Avenue South and 3rd Street.

With Ernest Bjorklund's orchestra playing both modern and old time music, and with beer and good eats for everyone, a bang-up affair is anticipated. All friends of the union are cordially invited to attend. Tickets are 25c each.

Janney Sample Section Drafts New Agreement

The Janney Sample Hill Section of the Warehouse Workers Union met last Thursday for a discussion on terms of the new working agreement to be drafted to replace the present agreement which expires on April 19th.

A committee was selected to represent each of the various departments. This committee will draw up the demands to contain the proposals made at the membership meeting. Another membership meeting will be called soon to discuss and ratify the terms of the proposed agreement.

Local 20316 Aims For New Contract With Sears Firm

A meeting of the Sears, Roebuck contract committee was held Wednesday, April 5th, at which proposals for a new working agreement were drafted. The committee will present its recommendations to the membership shortly.

The new pact will be the third between the Sears management and the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316. The Minneapolis warehouse union was the first in the United States to secure a pact with this large mail order house.

Warehouses To Dance on Wednesday

The Warehouse Workers Union Local 20316 will hold its second annual spring dance at the Mari-gold ballroom next Wednesday evening, April 12th, with Cec Hurst and his orchestra playing the dancers' choice music. Tickets are 25c and plenty of door prizes are awaiting the lucky winners.

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Though the main resolution adopted at the three-hour session instructed Federation officers "to press for amendments in the Senate which will eliminate such objectionable features and bring about enactment of an equitable labor relations act," the general feeling of the delegates was that the bosses' labor bill was so rank that no amount of amendments would help. A careful study of Stassen's amendments to the original Vance-Myre bill reveals that the bill in its present form is every bit as objectionable to labor as was the first draft, despite all the boss-inspired baloney to the contrary. Many delegates at the Monday special convention suggested a mass march on the state capitol. Others stated that if the administration's bill passes, the union movement ought to declare a general strike.

Aimed at All Unions
In a realistic approach to the crisis facing the state labor movement, Miles Dunne stated that hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the state will be adversely affected by the Stassen bill. The proposed anti-labor measure, he said, is directed not only at the drivers' unions and the building trades unions, but at all unions. He said that labor doesn't want the Stassen bill in any form. "If we have to have a labor bill, let's have the State Federation of Labor bill," he said. His complete condemnation of the Stassen bill was roundly applauded by the delegates, after which George Lawson, secretary of the Federation, rose to second Dunne's remarks.

In part, the major resolution passed by the delegates read: "Whereas, It appears that some type of a Labor Relations Act will be enacted by the present session of the Legislature; and

Would Guarantee Discard
"Whereas, It is our considered judgment that the Vance-Myre bill as passed by the House, if enacted into law, will be productive of a new period of turmoil, unrest and discord; therefore be it
"Resolved, That this special session of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor reiterates its indorsement of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor Labor Relations bill; and be it further
"Resolved, That this special convention instruct and authorize its officers to press for amendments in the Senate which will eliminate such objectionable features and bring about enactment of an equitable labor relations act, etc.
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Transfer Men—Come April 27th!

A very important meeting of the Transfer Section of Local 544 will be held Thursday, April 27th, 8 p. m., in the union hall. Ample advance notice is being given for this meeting so that all members can plan now to attend.

Unions, FLP, to Hold Caucus This Saturday

All Minneapolis trade unions are urged to send delegates to the caucus of trade unions and Farmer-Laborites called for this Saturday, April 8th, 10 a. m., at the East Side Eagles Hall, 117 Fourth Street S. E.

All trade unions are entitled to three delegates each, and affiliation to the Farmer-Labor Association is not necessary in order to be represented at the Saturday caucus. Farmer-Labor ward clubs will be represented by five delegates each.

Credentialed forms have been sent to all unions, and these should be returned immediately to Roy Wier, 18 North 8th Street, or brought direct to the convention. In case there is no meeting of the union before Saturday, delegates should be appointed by the union executive board.

A large number of trade union officials and Farmer-Laborites, 45 in all, representing all sections of the movement, have signed the convention call. Saturday's meeting will attempt to formulate and adopt a platform to be advanced in the coming city elections and to endorse candidates for all city posts.

Strike at Dallas Now in 6th Week

Dallas, Texas—With the backing of the Eleven State Area Committee and the Southwest Organizing Committee, the teamsters movement is concentrating its efforts behind the Drivers Union Local 745 of Dallas, whose strike of eighty men against the Dallas Transfer and Storage company is now in its sixth week.

Dallas is a key point in the organization campaign now under way in Texas, and this strike has therefore assumed unusual importance. A victory in Dallas, coming on top of the victory won against the Houston and North Texas Truck Line, will really sound taps for the Texas-wide company union which exists in the freight industry.

Appeals for Funds
Though several unions have made liberal donations to Local 745's strike fund, the union is the target for a shrewd campaign of the bosses, and an urgent appeal for more funds has gone out. The Dallas bosses are putting on a real drive against the strikers to starve them out. Landlords, loan sharks, credit companies, furniture stores, auto finance agencies, creameries, etc., are all ganging up on the strikers, in much the same sort of campaign that faced the Omaha drivers some weeks ago.

Despite this pressure the morale of the men is excellent, and with the support of the rest of the movement company unionism in the driving industry in this state can receive its death blow, which will open the road for a victory march of the drivers' unions through the Southwest.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Joplin Drivers Union Local 823, the Joplin business agent, Floyd Webb, is now in Dallas to give direct experienced leadership to Local 745's strikers. In addition, T. T. Neal, chairman of the Southwest Organizing Committee, and Farrell Dobbs, secretary of the 11-state area committee, are working closely with the Dallas teamists.

Watertown Union Collects \$37.85 From Chisler

The Watertown Drivers Union Local 277 has collected \$37.85 back pay for A. L. Stroup from the local North American Creamery which had cut his wage in violation of the agreement.

Last fall when Local 277 sought to negotiate an agreement with this labor-hating concern, it stalled the union while it dismantled the plant. Today employment in the plant has dropped from 105 to 16.

Des Moines Cab Drivers On Strike

The strike of 86 Yellow Cab Drivers, called on Saturday, March 25th, continues with no immediate prospect of a settlement. The strike was called by the Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90 after the company failed to grant the wage demands of the union.

The union sought arrangements with the street car company to provide transportation for handicapped school children, and conferred with a private ambulance company in order to provide the ambulance service which heretofore has been provided by the struck Yellow Cab company.

Ask \$22.50 Weekly
Local 90 is demanding a guaranteed weekly wage of \$22.50 for a working week of 54 hours, with a 44 per cent commission on all proceeds over \$50. The commission would amount to 42 per cent if the company refuses to grant a week's paid vacation.

The company has countered with an offer of \$18 weekly and nothing definite on the commission.

Pickets have moved a trailer house to a lot across the street from the Yellow Cab garage, and this trailer is serving to house the pickets.

Yellow Cab Has Monopoly
Francis Quinn, acting secretary of Local 90, in commenting on the union's demands, said: "Mr. Reel (company official) compares our demand of \$22.50 with the wage scale for the Minneapolis Yellow Cab drivers, who are paid \$18 weekly. He does not take into consideration the fact that in practically every city in the United States the cab business is highly competitive, with the industry in a cut-throat state of affairs. Consequently, the cab companies of those cities cannot afford to pay such high scales as Des Moines where the Yellow Cab company enjoys a pure and simple monopoly. We believe that any fair arbitrator or business man would say that \$22.50 per week is not an exorbitant wage to pay drivers who have been with the company an average of about eight years. There is no reason on earth why the cab drivers should not be paid a living wage."

The bakery drivers and milk drivers unions in Des Moines are providing the striking drivers with free bakery goods and cream.

125 CIO Men Join Drivers In Flint

Flint, Mich. — In the most friendly manner, an agreement was reached here Monday whereby 125 drivers belonging to the former CIO's United Gravel and Coal Truckers have been absorbed into the General Drivers Union Local 332. In uniting with Local 332 the CIO lived up to its principle of industrial unionism. The former CIO drivers and their officers moved right into Local 332 as a result of the amicable settlement.

Under the leadership of J. C. Brantley, business agent, and H. H. Wilson, secretary-treasurer, Local 332 has grown from about 150 members to an organization of nearly one thousand men in the past year. The union has organized hundreds of drivers who transport newly-manufactured autos from the assembly plants in Flint. The 11-state area agreement has greatly stimulated the progress of the Flint Drivers Union. At present, Local 332 is putting on steam to conclude an agreement covering the fruit and vegetable houses.

Unemployed Union Members Attention!

All unemployed members of General Drivers Union Local 544, and of all other Minneapolis unions, who wish assistance in obtaining the unemployment insurance to which they are entitled, are urged to see Ed Palmquist at the office of the Federal Workers Section of Local 544, on the second floor at 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

All workers who have received 403's from WPA on the basis they were absent from the job, are urged to report immediately to the Federal Workers Section if the absence was because of accepting private employment. In such cases, immediate action is necessary in order to correct injustice.

FCL Council Elects New Officers

Twenty delegates from throughout the state attended the yearly meeting of the Minnesota Farm-Cooperative-Labor Council held all day Tuesday at the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, and elected officers and a field representative for the coming year.

John Wisdorf of Duluth will be chairman for 1939. William Gydeson of St. Paul was chosen vice-chairman. Cecil Cruse was elected recording secretary, and Gene Larson, treasurer. Paul Rasmussen was elected field representative for the Council.

Rasmussen was scheduled to meet with the Council executive board Wednesday morning in the Council's new offices in the Sexton building, at which plans for an ambitious educational program will be discussed.

Dy-Dee Wash Still Rates Picket Line

The Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 maintained its picket line at the union-hating Dy-dee Wash company, 718 Washington Avenue North, this week. Local 131 will keep its pickets there until this firm lives up to its contract with the union.

The company got out an injunction against the Laundry Workers Union Local 183 last Saturday, and Local 183 is making a court fight on the injunction.

The more we think about this situation, the more we are reminded that the Baby Diaper Service at 2741 Hennepin Avenue, Geneva 4178, is the only fair company of this sort in the city.

Hormel Likes His Workers—But He Buys Tear Gas

The Hormel packing plant in Austin has gotten somewhat of a reputation among certain liberals for being a progressive sort of a company as regards its employees. Mebbe so, mebbe so. But we see by the LaFollette report that Hormel purchased \$1,623.97 worth of tear and sickening gas and gas guns during the past few years. And they haven't been used yet.

New Bakery Driver Pact Brings Gains

A weekly wage increase of \$1.30 for all inside workers, and an additional week's paid vacation for all bakery salesmen with three years or more seniority, are stipulated in the new working agreement which has been negotiated by the Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 and the St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union Local 409. Terms of the pact were accepted at a special membership meeting of the union last Thursday night, and the agreement was signed this week.

The wage increase for the inside men will bring their weekly minimum up from \$24.40 to \$25.50. Other changes were made in the old contract in the interest of clarification.

The new contract is retroactive to February 15th and will run for one year to February 15th, 1940. Over 600 men are involved in Minneapolis.

Handing the negotiations for Local 409 and 289 were William Gydeson and Ed Esboldt of St. Paul and Harry De Boer and Joe O'Hare of Minneapolis.

Little Change In WPA Fight On Drivers

The Works Progress Administration which nationally is continuing to appease business by striking cruel blows at the unemployed, maintained its fire on the independent truck owners of Hennepin County during the week.

Highway Commissioner Hoffman and WPA Administrator Grotzbach, with the blessing of Governor Stassen, continued the campaign of smashing the wage scales for independent truckers in the Minneapolis area.

Under the pressure of the competitive bid system, the expected is happening, and the hourly scale is being driven lower and lower. Over 400 bids were received for a job requiring 25 trucks. Twenty-eight of the bids fell below \$1.24 hourly, some were as low as \$1. The fires of resentment against the union-smashing WPA program are banking higher daily.

Butler Bros. To Get Pact From 20316

The Butler Brothers Section of the Warehouse Union met Monday, and following a lengthy discussion, ratified proposals for their new working agreement as recommended by the contract committee.

The committee has been instructed to present the union's demands to the management before the end of this week.

Watch Out For Finks From Indiana

Crothersville, Indiana — On March 25th the Drivers Union Local 694 of Crothersville declared a strike against the Scott County Canning company, also known as the Morgan company.

This labor-hating company has done everything in its power to avoid doing business with Local 694, and has refused to sign the agreement in effect with other over-road freight haulers.

Drivers' unions throughout the North Central Area are urged to keep a sharp lookout for any trucks of this firm, which are all fink.

On the National Picket Line

The most important news on the labor front this week comes out of the United Auto Workers Convention at Cleveland. No matter what the ultimate composition of the Executive Board is, the most pertinent fact of all is that this convention IS A CONVENTION OF AUTO WORKERS.

For more than two years the auto worker, the rank and file member of the UAW, has been the forgotten man. He has been kicked around, neglected, allowed to wallow in the morass created for him and his fellow workers by the Martin-Frankenstein factional fight. He has been "disciplined" with the Union's sanction, by the General Motors corporation. He has been like a soldier in a huge army, with no general to lead him. Consequently he has faltered, been driven back, has lost much of the glorious victory which was his after the militant sit-down strikes of 1937.

The rank and file member of the UAW knows all this. And knowing, he banded together with thousands like himself and determined to do something about it. The Cleveland convention is no cut-and-dried, machine controlled convention. There are no steamrolling tactics being slipped over on the delegates. The delegates, at least a large majority, are jealous of their authority, and are determined that they shall have a voice in the constitution which is being builded by this convention.

Among the major victories won so far is the elimination of all vice-presidents. This came about by a recommendation from Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray, after a great mass of pressure from the rank and file delegates. When it was read on the floor, even the Stalinists did not dare to talk against it. This means of course, that Frankenstein, Wyndham Mortimer, and Ed Hall will have to go, unless they can be jockeyed on to the Executive Board.

However, so great are the hopes of the Stalinists of gaining control of the Executive Board, they are willing to sacrifice a few of their key people in order not to endanger themselves in this direction. It is all-important that the wrath of Lewis be kept away from them, and that above all things, the Stalinists must impress upon the CIO representatives, Hillman and Murray, their loyalty to the New Deal and to Lewis.

The new proposed constitution strips the president of almost all of his former powers, placing them in the hands of the Executive Board, which in turn is greatly restricted by control from the membership. No assessment of more than one dollar per year may be levied against the membership without a referendum vote. The hiring and firing of officers and organizers has been greatly limited for the new Board and president.

The infamous disciplinary letter, written to General Motors by the old Executive Board, was severely criticized and condemned and the new board was instructed to act accordingly in any future negotiations with the corporation.

A militant resolution, with a well worked out plan, for the organization of the Ford

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Locals 289, 409 Sign New Contract

Following is the complete text of the new working agreement signed this week with the baking industry in the Twin Cities by Minneapolis Bakery Drivers Union Local 289 and St. Paul Bakery Drivers Union Local 409:

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into by and between the Baking Industry, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, coming under the jurisdiction of our Charter and the Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union, Local 289 of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Steamblenders, and Helpers of America.

ARTICLE I. It is agreed and understood that all employees coming under this agreement shall adhere to the following conditions:

City Salesmen shall not report for work before 6:00 a. m., and shall have routes completed and be in the plant not later than 8:00 p. m. and must be punched out at 8:15 p. m. week days, with the exception of Saturday and days before holidays when one and one-half (1½) hours extra time will be granted.

Country Salesmen shall work ten hours per day, not to exceed 60 hours per week.

In the event that bakeries have salesmen working on a five (5) day week basis, such salesmen may work twelve (12) hours per day or less.

Cake Salesmen shall not report for work before 7:00 a. m. and shall have routes completed and be in the plant not later than 4:00 p. m. and must be punched out not later than 4:15 p. m.

Restaurant Salesmen shall not report for work before 4:00 a. m. and shall have routes completed and be in the plant not later than 1:30 p. m. and must be punched out not later than 1:15 p. m.

It is agreed that all drivers, as soon as their routes are properly finished, shall be allowed to drive in, unload their goods, and settle their accounts without unnecessary delay.

Yeast Wagon Drivers — Nine (9) consecutive hours or less shall constitute a day's work.

ARTICLE II. Employers shall provide a satisfactory means of recording the starting time and the quitting time; the records of which shall be accessible to the Business Representatives of the Union at all times. The Union shall have the privilege of insisting that the employer provide a satisfactory time-keeping system.

ARTICLE III. All city bread salesmen's wages shall be not less than \$32.50 per week, plus 5% commission from \$275.00 to \$375.00 sales, 6% from \$375.00 to \$475.00 sales, and 7% over \$475.00 sales.

Country salesmen shall receive not less than \$35.00 per week, plus regular city salesmen's commission.

All cake salesmen's wages shall be not less than \$32.50 per week, plus 7% commission over \$225.00 sales per week.

Doughnut salesmen's wages shall be \$25.00 per week and 5% commission on all sales.

Extra men and Student Salesmen shall be paid at the rate of \$25.00 per week for the first twelve (12) weeks and on salesmen's guarantee thereafter. Regular relief men shall receive regular salesmen's salary and commission after three (3) days when running a route and not to be paid commission while on vacation relief work.

Special Delivery Drivers shall receive \$26.50 per week for forty-four (44) hours per week with time and one-half for overtime.

Transport men shall receive not less than \$32.50 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week. Overtime, however, shall not start until forty-eight (48) hours have been completed at the rate of time and one-half.

Shipping and Receiving Clerks shall receive not less than \$34.00 per week for a forty-four (44) hour week. Overtime, however, shall not start until forty-eight (48) hours have been completed at the rate of time and one-half.

(B) Wearing apparel prescribed by the employer shall bear the union label and the cost and maintenance thereof shall be borne by the employer only.

ARTICLE XII. It shall not be considered a violation of this agreement for the members working under this agreement to refuse to deliver products where there is any labor trouble.

ARTICLE XIII. All employees coming under the jurisdiction of this contract shall be granted the following Holidays without reduction in pay: New Year's Day, May 30th, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas. Also for Grocers Annual Picnic and there shall be no Sunday or Holiday deliveries in any classification, except for trains for out of city deliveries and when Holidays fall on Saturday or Monday, goods may be delivered to hotels and restaurants and like public places by Special Delivery only, on call. Drivers making such deliveries shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half. Also, no bread or cake deliveries shall be made on Sunday to stores or restaurants.

ARTICLE XIV. All members shall be entitled to one (1) week's vacation each year with pay, plus commission for all members who have worked one (1) year. All salesmen, after the (3) years' service, shall receive an additional week's vacation, at regular base pay. Preference in the matter of vacations shall be given according to seniority, and no member shall be called back to work during his vacation.

It is further agreed that any employee leaving the service of his company, except for dishonesty and drunkenness, shall be paid such portion of his vacation due him.

Lou Miller is gone. The man we all loved and admired for his staunch union spirit left Omaha for the western part of the country. Personal difficulties forced him to do something we know he did not want to do; for like all of us, Lou wanted to make Omaha a Union Town. Lou was one of the small group that inspired the birth of Local 554; the man that fought most prominently for the union when it was suffering its birth pangs. Now that we are facing our good days, with the toughest part of the fight behind us, Lou pulled out to lend a hand elsewhere. Some other town will be richer for his going there. There is not a man who will ever forget his loyalty and devotion to our union, and to the cause of the workers who toil for their livelihood.

Aero Mayflower is operating but not in the city of Omaha. Proud pickets parade before Fidelity Van & Storage, and the Mayflower men will not violate the principles of unionism... they are respecting the picket line. Fidelity Van is not moving any household goods out of Omaha. My, will they get rich quick!

Bekins is not doing so well, either. Shortly, it is expected that Allied Van Lines will be persuaded to insist that they do business with a company in Omaha that will pay decent wages and provide decent conditions of work to its men.

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1940, and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter, unless thirty (30) days' notice is given by either party prior to February 15, 1940, or any year thereafter.

ARTICLE XV. No member shall be held responsible for damage accidentally occurring to their vehicle and no employee shall be charged for any damaged or stolen goods.

ARTICLE XVI. It is further agreed by the employer that when a route is split, the man whose route is so divided, shall have first preference for the two routes with full commission, plus commission earned for the twelve (12) weeks following to be governed by the four (4) weeks' average sales previous to dividing said route.

ARTICLE XVII. Wages mentioned in the above sections are considered minimum wages and any employee receiving more shall suffer no reduction, because of this agreement.

ARTICLE XVIII. Delegates to conventions shall be given time off for same without pay.

ARTICLE XIX. It is further agreed and understood by both parties to this agreement that should any controversy arise not provided for in this agreement, it shall be submitted to a committee of five (5) for arbitration; two (2) to be chosen by the Union and two (2) from the employer, and the fifth to be selected by the first four and this Board shall meet within five (5) days at place and date set by both parties. If for any reason either side fails to appear within a reasonable time set, those present shall render a decision to be handed down in ten (10) days. During the time the case is pending, there shall be no strike or lockout. The decision of this Board is final and binding on both parties.

ARTICLE XX. This agreement shall go into effect February 15, 1939, and remain in effect until February 15,

(A) Wearing apparel prescribed by employers shall bear the union label and the cost of the garment shall be borne equally by the employer and the employee.

Local 471 to Offer Prize At Meetings

The Tuesday membership meeting of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 approved the recommendation of the executive board to offer a prize of one month's dues each meeting to the winner of a drawing to be held at the close of each membership meeting. In order to win the prize, the member must be present.

Local 471 has sent a copy of its proposal for a new working agreement to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters office, for the latter's approval.

Turn or Go With Omaha 554

Through the generous thoughtfulness of Farrell Dobbs and associates on the Area Committee, the wherewithal for a vacation was provided the good brother Tommy. The board compelled him to go. He was getting a wee bit too grouchy for comfort. Nobody's rum was safe from his teeth. Yes, he's feeling much better now, thanks be to Dobbs-Allah.

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Scissorbill Sam, The Boss's Man



I'm not opposed to certain kinds of unions. It's just the AFL and CIO unions that I don't like.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

Now that all of the union truck owners know the worst the next thing to do is plan for the next ninety days with the closest possible cooperation by all of us to work out the right answer to this whole tangle.

Perhaps we cannot blame the out-of-town locals too much because the WPA truckers in their locality are a small minority of their membership. Strike action on this matter may be too big a nut to crack for their manpower and pocketbooks. Only Roff of Brainerd had realized the danger of the situation and voted for us.

On the strength of reports by some of our men the members of these smaller locals have a full knowledge of the consequences of this competitive bidding system but have not yet been hit hard enough by this order for them to put the pressure on their representatives to take such a positive stand as we thought necessary.

The difficulty of continuing a proper program on our part lies in the natural letdown our men are bound to feel in being asked to forget the action they had been led to expect would be forthcoming to settle this job stealing for good.

Toughest thing to explain to a group of men in the mood of those at the Tuesday meeting was the necessity for the executive board and the committee to have the confidence of the members to allow them to continue this fight in whatever manner they think best. For the men to accept this proposal when so few things could be said of just what actual work could be undertaken required a loyal and firm belief in the integrity of their leaders.

Despite all kinds of rumors the state jobs are still holding up.

The county boys have a bill on the house file calling for seniority in the guise of civil service protection.

Many of the statements made by most of the members on the floor at our last meeting seemed to me

Gassing With 977

Keneth Stennes is the new steward for Local 977 at Western Oil and Fuel. Kenneth has taken over the work of Don Spaulding who has been promoted to the position of plant superintendent.

Archie Dean and Reis Beck have returned to work at the Apex Oil Bulk plant and have turned in their withdrawal cards to the Local.

The Lessee Executive Committee met with the Teamsters Joint Council Executive Board last Tuesday and met with the General Drivers Local 544 Board on Wednesday to discuss future plans in regard to the oil industry as it effects them.

Stanley Dahlsted returned his withdrawal card to the office and went to work for the Freeman Oil company in their station at 805 7th Street North.

J. H. Smith, formerly an attendant at the Phillips station at 2202 Lowry Avenue North, has entered

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Services for Engelbretson Held Monday

Funeral services for William Engelbretson, 38, secretary of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and secretary-treasurer of the North Central District Council of Furniture and Wooden Ware Workers, were held Monday at 2 p. m., at the Memorial Funeral Home. The union had arranged with the J. R. Clark company so that the plant was closed at noon on Monday to permit employees to attend the funeral of their fellow worker and union official.

The executive board of Local 1859 issued the following statement on the loss of its brother: "The executive board of the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 feels the deepest sorrow and regret at the death of its secretary, William Engelbretson. "Our late brother was one of the founders of this union. For the past year he served it as financial secretary. Finding him a capable and devoted man, the union movement placed more and more responsibility upon him. He played a leading role in the creation of the North Central District Council of Furniture and Wooden Ware Workers, of which he was secretary-treasurer. In that post he made organizing trips frequently throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The Veterans Hospital for a major operation.

Curtis Lemberg returns to work at the Western Oil and Fuel this week.

The new By-Laws for Local 977 will be off the press and available to the membership by Wednesday of this week.

Don McCullough is a new member recently employed at Western Oil and Fuel.

The Rustic Lodge Motor Inn, selling Globe products at 4737 Nicollet Avenue, is now 100% union.

Harold Holman, attendant at the Greening Standard Station at 822 3rd Avenue South, was initiated into the Local this week.

Soft Drink Team Increases Lead

The Soft Drink bowlers increased their lead by taking two games from Local 221. Hanson had 535, Brennan 506. Minkins Department Store blanked the Liberty Cabs. Leading scorers were Mascock with 560 and E. Klein with 549.

The boys around the hall will hear plenty from brother Ambrose as he led Local 544 with his first 620 to take the odd game from the Gold Bubble. Local 289 took a double from the Meat Drivers. Taylor rolled 689 and Gillespie showed 525.

| Team | Won | Lost |
|--------------|-----|------|
| Soft Drinks | 45 | 33 |
| Local 221 | 43 | 35 |
| Gold Bubble | 42 | 36 |
| Meat Drivers | 38 | 40 |
| Local 289 | 38 | 40 |
| Minkins | 37 | 41 |
| Local 544 | 37 | 41 |
| Liberty Cab | 33 | 45 |

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