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Utility Workers to Vote on Union Shop Thurs.

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

To all intents and purposes the Transport Workers Union dispute with the City of New York is settled. According to the New York Times, the contract between the Transport Workers Union, and the IRT and the BMT will be honored by the city and the Transportation Board.

BUT — ALL CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES ARISING OUT OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE SETTLED BY THE COURTS.

The CIO News says, "The New York Transport Workers Union today gained a complete victory in its life-and-death struggle to win recognition of its union shop agreement on local subway transit lines when they are merged under city ownership and operated as one super-transportation system."

John L. Lewis and Mayor LaGuardia have met several times during the past week, attempting to iron out the difficulties which arose after the Transportation Board issued a public statement to the effect that they could not heed the mayor's recommendation to honor the contracts. However, after negotiations had been resumed on Tuesday last the present agreement was put in the form of a letter from the mayor to the union committee, and publicly read at a press conference. The Transportation Board is drafting new resolutions which will say practically the same thing.

The mayor's letter reads in part: "There is no room for any misunderstanding and in order to avoid any, let me say that I so construed the resolution that when a ruling is made by the board affecting any of the provisions of the contracts, it will be held in abeyance pending a final judicial decision and the provisions of the contract affected will be performed in the meantime."

The mayor's assurance that provisions of the contract would be honored and in effect pending the decision of the courts, even though they had been adjudged illegal by the Board was looked upon as a victory for the union. On the other hand, the city still holds the right to raise any legal objections to any clauses of the contracts, from the very beginning.

AND THE BURDEN OF PROVING AND UPHOLDING THE VALIDITY OF ANY CLAUSE BEFORE THE COURTS RESTS SOLELY UPON THE UNION.

Thurman Arnold and his Trust-Busters of the Department of Justice were made very unhappy recently when a Federal District judge dismissed indictments against twenty-five AFL Building Trade officers. The men had been charged with restraint of trade and conspiracy to do the same. The Federal Judge who heard the case ruled that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act was not applicable to trade unions, and that unions are immune from prosecution.

The Department of Justice has filed a brief with the Uni- (Continued on page 4)

Local 977 Deals Ass'n Blow; New Contract Signed

Minneapolis Ass'n. of Petroleum Retailers Tries to Push Way Into Negotiations—Union Refuses To Deal with Jackson—19 Individual Employers Sign Preferential Shop Agreement, Workers Get Vacations, Wage Increases—Ass'n. Yells for "Mass Meeting" of Dealers To Plan for "Protection of Your Business This Summer"

The Filling Station Attendants and Helpers Union Local 977 dealt a smashing blow to the Minneapolis Association of Petroleum Retailers this week when the union signed a preferential shop agreement with nineteen individual employers, while the Association agent cooled his heels outside the conference rooms.

The Association had attempted to force its way into the negotiations by claiming that most of the employers were its members. The union refused to recognize the Association as representative of the bosses. Only seven of the nineteen companies involved held membership in the Association.

When the employers were forced to hire Cronin as their attorney to negotiate the contract, and to pay the attorney fees out of their pockets, the Associations' "prestige" took another fall.

The contract signed on Monday contained a preferential shop clause which allows the employers to hire their own men, but provides that new employees must join the union within thirty days. Another section grants vacations with pay to all those workers who have been employed one year or over, and one day off for every two months worked for all part-time employees.

The union now has access to the employers' payroll records in all disputes involving seniority or wages.

Preferential Shop Won
The contract runs until January 31, 1943 but may be opened for negotiations if the "Cost of Living" Index of the U. S. Department of Labor for December, 1941 shows that living costs have either risen or fallen ten percent.

Association Frantic
The Minneapolis Association of Petroleum Retailers, in a frantic attempt to regain the ground lost as a result of the signing of this contract has issued a leaflet calling for a "mass meeting" of lessees Thursday evening, April 11.

The leaflet warns the employers who signed that "your troubles are not over," and that "they won't be unless you attend this meeting and have a clear understanding what procedure must be (Continued on page 2)

Supreme Court Gets Apex Case: Test Sherman Act

On April 2, the suit brought by the Apex Hosiery Mills against the American Federation of Hosiery Workers for alleged damages under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, reached its final stage with attorneys for sides summing up their arguments before the United States Supreme Court.

Sherman Act Invoked
The case grew out of a sit-down strike in the company's Philadelphia plant in 1937. It was first tried before a Federal District Court and the company was awarded \$711,932 in damages. On Appeal the Federal Circuit Court reversed the decision on the grounds that the union was engaged in organizing the plant, and not in restraining trade. The company is now appealing to the Supreme Court to reverse this decision.

Attorney Sylvan H. Hirsch, for the company, argued that labor unions are exempt from prosecution under the Sherman Act, "only

Utility Workers Negotiating Committee



The Joint Utility Workers Union committee, representing both Local 160 of Minneapolis and Local 10 of St. Paul have been working day and night to bring the dispute between the two unions and the Northern States Power company to an end. For more than one month this committee represented the workers in the hearings before a three man commission appointed by Governor Stassen. Reading from left to right they are Tom Hall, Francis McGrath, and George Hale from Local 110, John Goldie, union attorney, George Philips, William Heigel and Gerald Baldus of Local 160.

Local 131 Wins Wage Increases, Seniority, Vacations in New Pact

The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union, Local 131, won a signal Victory last week in the contract signed between the union and the Laundry and Dry Cleaners Institute. The new contract runs until February 1, 1942 and contains many new features not in the contract which expired last November 1.

Among those new features are a straight seniority clause, increases in wages for drivers of linen, exclusive dry cleaning, commercial, special

and relay trucks, new regulations regarding hours, and many others.

The seniority clause is in itself the most important concession wrung from the bosses. Heretofore the laundry and dry cleaning drivers have not had seniority. The negotiations for this contract have been bogged down and came to a virtual deadlock over this issue. The employers were willing to include a clause for "qualified seniority" i. e., that there should be seniority among those employees who "qualified" but they made no mention of who should do the qualifying.

48-Hour Week Won
Another clause keeps the hours of work down to 48 per week. Still another provides that any and all bookkeeping, formerly done on the driver's own time, shall now be considered working time and shall be done during the allowed 48.

Still another clause provides that if any employer so plans his work that it is impossible for his employees to finish within the forty-eight he shall keep a record of starting and quitting time.

There is also a clause providing that the employers shall keep a record of the volume of sales, thus eliminating the possibility of chiseling on wages earned by the drivers.

Henceforth all back pay, collected for any reason whatsoever, shall be paid to the workers through the union.

Still another new feature of the contract is a clause permitting the members of the union time off to attend labor conventions.

Strike Threatened
The signing of this agreement comes after more than eight months of negotiating. The old contract expired on November 1, 1939. The union asked for the opening of negotiations on September 15. After many weeks of fruitless effort, a strike notice was filed with Lloyd Haney on March 13 for both Minneapolis and St.

Paul. An extension of time was granted to the employers to run until March 26. On the day that the extension was up the union broke off meetings with Lloyd Haney and went into direct negotiations with the employers.

The St. Paul agreement, virtually the same as the one signed here, was reached on March 29.

Despite the fact that the two unions agreed to meet with the St. Paul and Minneapolis employers separately, virtually the same committee negotiated both settlements. It is considered likely that in view of these facts, the next time the contract comes up for negotiations, the employers of both cities will be more willing to negotiate and settle the contract in joint negotiations.

The first part of the contract is published elsewhere in this issue, and will be continued next week. It would be well if all men covered by this agreement were to clip it and carry it with them at all times.

Wheeling Co., Local 359 Near Agreement

Negotiations between the Warehouse Workers Union, Local 359 and the Wheeling Corrugating Co. have reached virtual agreement. It is expected that the contract will be signed by the end of the week.

Agreement has been reached on the questions of vacations, and the clause specifying when men shall be placed on the seniority list and join the union has been clarified.

Unions Demand Pardons for WPA Prisoners; Protests Lodged with Roosevelt

Civil Liberties Union Demands That Roosevelt Pardon Prisoners—Claim Rank Discrimination Exercised by Rogge in Allowing Sentencing of Twelve After Other Indictments Had Been Quashed — Local 544 and Omaha Federal Workers Union Pass Resolutions for Executive Clemency

Copies of resolutions addressed to the President of the United States by local, state and national labor unions from all over the country continue to pour in on the Defense Committee as the time for the actual presentation of the case to the Pardons Attorney at Washington draws near.

Carl Yaeger, defense attorney in charge of preparing the case for its presentation in Washington, received a copy of a letter written by John Haynes Holmes, chairman of the board of the Civil Liberties Union and that body's general counsel, Arthur Garfield Hayes to the President.

Civil Liberties Union Protests
The Civil Liberties Union pointed out the rank discrimination against the twelve men now imprisoned, by John Rogge, Department of Justice man, who quashed the indictments against 125 workers, yet allowed the sentences imposed on those already tried to stand.

The letter reads, in part, as follows: "These twelve persons were among 165 indicted by the Federal Grand Jury and have been in prison since February 3, last. A few days prior, on Jan. 31, Rogge came here and quashed the indict-

Special Meeting O.K.'s Vote on Union Shop Victory for Union Assured

In a special meeting, called on less than twenty-four hours' notice last Sunday, more than 800 members of Local 160 agreed to an election to decide once and for all the controversial issue of the union shop. For many weeks, the Northern States Power Co., and the Utility Workers Locals 160 and 110 have been dead-locked over this very important question.

Book Suit Drags Into Second Week

As the anti-labor-inspired accounting suit against officers of Local 544 drags into its second week in Judge Carroll's court room, it becomes more and more apparent that the jury whom Anderson is trying to impress is composed of reporters of the labor-hating capitalist daily scandal sheets.

From the progress of the trial it looks as though the finks' attorneys have promised the "fair and impartial" daily papers a sensation a day. Apparently Anderson is just as interested in the newspapers' headline as those who write the biased and lying reports of the trial each day. Despite distortion, half-truths, ironic quotes and all other capitalist press tricks which mislead the readers, not one single fact has been brought out that brings discredit on the union or its officers.

Union officials have been on the stand for six days. Since it is apparent that one of the motives behind the suit is to exhaust the union financially, the trial will probably drag on for a long time. Members are urged to attend the trial session if they wish to get a true picture of the kind of a law suit the union is forced to fight.

Yes or No—
The NSP workers will be allowed to vote "yes" or "no" on the question "Are you in favor of an all union shop?" If the majority vote "yes" then the company agrees to sign a contract for an all-union shop. If the majority vote "no" then the company will sign the same collective bargaining clause which was in the 1939 contract.

The union further agreed in the stipulation that after the union shop issue has been disposed of, the union and the company will go back into negotiations on the other controversial issues—the general five per cent wage increase, and the "other conditions of employment" which caused so much trouble in the last contract.

If the negotiations fail to bring about a settlement of the issues, then the union has agreed to allow further negotiations with Governor Stassen as a participant, and that these negotiations shall continue for three days.

The union has agreed that for the time necessary for all of these separate items, the election, the negotiations, the further conferences with the governor, that no strike action shall be taken.

Pack Capitulates
This stipulations, under these terms for the election laid down can be considered a real victory for the union. Some time ago the company made an arbitrary demand for an election on the closed shop issue. At that time the company said that they would sign such a contract only if 75 per cent of its employees voted for it.

Under the present plan, the election shall be binding only for the jurisdictional area in which it is conducted.

In other words, Minneapolis has jurisdiction over the city itself, St. Cloud, the warehouse and construction workers of the NSP, St. Croix and the St. Anthony Falls Mill and Water Power Co.

A simple majority among these workers will mean that the NSP (Continued on page 2)

359 Executive Board Clears Meeting Rules

In order to clarify the rule on meeting attendance requirements, the Warehouse Union Local 359 Executive Board states the following:

All members of the Warehouse Union Local 359 are required to attend one meeting every two months. If a member misses two meetings in succession he or she is subject to a fine of fifty cents.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Laundry Drivers Gain in New Pact

This Agreement made and entered into this day of April, 1940, by and between the Laundry, Linen, and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union, Local No. 131, hereinafter referred to as the Union, and the Company, hereinafter referred to as the Employer.

ARTICLE I
A. The Union shall be sole representative of those classifications of the employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the Employer. There shall be no discrimination against an employee because of Union affiliations.

ARTICLE II
In any controversy arising from the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement, an attempt of settlement between the Union and the Employer shall be made. If the controversy cannot be so settled promptly, the Employer or the Union may request that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of three representatives of the Employer and three representatives of the Union for settlement. This committee of six may, by majority vote, elect a 7th neutral party to assist in settling the controversy. The majority decisions of the joint committee shall be final and binding on both parties. The Union and the Employer agree that there shall be no strike, stoppage of work, or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.

ARTICLE III
Any claim of alleged violation of the wage and hour provisions of this agreement, or any other consideration, must be filed in writing, specifying the details of the alleged violation with the Employer within thirty days after the regular pay day, for the period in which the alleged violation occurred. The thirty day limitation shall not apply where there is evidence of collusion between the Employer and employee to violate the contract.

ARTICLE IV
In the event the employer violates, or there is collusion between employer and employee, to violate any of the terms or provisions of this agreement relating to wages, hours of employment or vacations, any back pay owed to the employee because of such violation shall be paid by the employer at the rate of two times the amount involved if so ordered as a result of negotiations and/or arbitration as provided for in Article II. Reasonable evidence of clerical error or honest mistake in interpretation of agreement shall exempt the employer from the double penalty provision. Any back pay collected shall be deposited with the Union in the form of a check made payable to the employee on the basis of a wage assignment for the employee.

ARTICLE V
Employees shall not be obliged to pass through a picket line authorized by the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union. The Union agrees to exhaust all peaceful means to effect a peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise with any other Union.

ARTICLE VI
The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees (who are in the classification herein noted) individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms of this agreement.

ARTICLE VII
(a) When a regular job becomes open for any reason in any classification of work covered by this agreement, qualified employees in the order of their seniority standing shall be eligible to accept or reject such job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing. This seniority provision shall not apply in the selection of routes of drivers or supervisory or managerial employees.

(b) A reasonable length of time, not to exceed 30 days, shall be allowed an employee to qualify for a new job before such former employee is returned to his former job in the event he fails to qualify. Any controversy over the qualifications of an employee to try out for a new job or to fill the job requirements shall be adjusted according to the procedure set forth in Article II of this agreement. Only one change of drivers need be made by the employer in filling a job vacancy.

(c) In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or for other legitimate reason, the last employee hired shall be the first laid off, and laid off employees shall be returned to work in the reverse order.

ARTICLE VIII
The employer may terminate the employment relationship without notice of any employee for proven drunkenness, drinking while on duty or dishonesty. Any employee that wishes to quit his position shall give the employer one week's notice. If the employer wishes to discharge an employee he shall give him one week's notice; such notice shall be submitted in writing and a copy furnished within twenty-four (24) hours to the Union. If the Union feels that the employee has been unjustly discharged, the matter shall be referred to negotiation as provided in Article II. At the expiration of the time specified, the employee shall receive all money due him and on request, a statement concerning his character and service. An employee may be discharged without notice by the employer during the first sixty-day period by giving the Union written notice of the discharge, provided the second new employee selected to fill the vacancy can only be discharged under the provisions of discharge for regular employees.

Where employees have been employed less than sixty days, they shall receive one week's notice, providing employee left his former employment and immediately assumed his new position. If requested to work his route the week following the week of the notice, employee shall be paid for another week during which time he must continue his employment if the Employer so decides. All payments, after notice has been given shall be based on the route earnings for the period paid. When employee has been given notice or quits his position, and is not requested to continue his work, at the expiration of such notice, he shall be given his pay that may be due him, and all of his earnings except \$20 which may be held for thirty days. Further, if an Employer does not pay an employee at the time of dismissal, he will be considered as in the employ of the Employer until such moneys have been paid to him.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

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Mortuaries That Are Fair

The following funeral homes are classed as FAIR:

- Anderson, Barney & Son, 3644 Chicago Ave.
- Anderson Bros., 1117 East Lake Street
- Anderson, Henry W., 1839 East Lake Street
- Anderson, W. A. (Ehrenstrom), 1825 Riverside Ave.
- Billman, Dan, 2518 Central Ave.
- Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
- Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
- Enga Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
- Elliott Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Heinrichs Funeral Home, 902 West Broadway
- Johnson Undertaking Company, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Kozlak, Peter Funeral Home, 1918 University Ave. N. E.
- Kapala, Stanley, 230 13th Ave. N. E.
- Larson, O. E., 2301 Central Ave.
- Oakley, Otis H., Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Peterson Funeral Home, 1838 Central Ave.
- Simpson, Kenneth, Mortuary, 1900 Hennepin Ave.
- Sullivan, Frank D., 2617 Hennepin Ave.
- Sundeth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
- Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

Utility Workers To Vote On Union Shop Thursday

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will have to sign a union shop with Local 160. Likewise, since St. Paul local has jurisdiction over both that city and the Stillwater area, a majority there will mean the same thing. If either city should lose the election it will not affect the other. But, if both elections are won, the company must sign a single contract covering the entire jurisdiction area of both.

Strike Averted for Present
The stipulation which has, at least temporarily, averted the threatened strike, came as the result of many days of intensive work on the part of the union negotiating committee, assisted materially by the International representative, Mike Boyle.

On Wednesday of last week, a few hours before the legal time limit had expired after which the union had ever legal right to call a strike, the Northern States Power went before Judge Frank Reed and obtained a temporary restraining order, with the hearing for a permanent injunction set for Monday morning, April 8. The same kind of order was obtained in St. Paul but a further time limit to April 13 was set in that city.

Last Thursday evening the union held a meeting to decide upon its future activity. During the day, however, the governor had again called the union leaders into conference with himself, Lloyd Haney and the company representatives. The conference lasted for the rest of the week, with the stipulation for the election coming early Saturday afternoon.

started from scratch. Ray even gave you boys a leg up on the season because he did not enter the league until December. I can let you in on a little secret, though. Ray cheated a little. But the opportunity was open to all of you, also. Mr. Woolery just had the veteran (and no slouch, either) Kenny Corbett watch him bowl for a while and followed out the pointers that Kenny gave him. Results: the nice 144 average for the season that Ray turned out.

EQUIPMENT. I cannot say now how many pee-wee shovels there are operating in Hennepin county but it might be fun to know. Look for the lineup here by May. You can buy one of them now for \$300 per month and no down payment. We can say that new deal on the Belt Line hung up its dipper stick and silently stole away! . . . L. O. Swanson has not yet scratched the yellow off of his new RD4 (Diesel "40" cat to you greenies), and all slicked up with a fancy hydraulic angle-dozer. You can price the little jigger at over \$5,000 at Ziegler's.

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taken to protect your business this summer."

It also states falsely, "the above mentioned nineteen dealers did not sign the agreement individually, but registered their signatures with our Attorney, setting a precedent for all other association members to follow. NOW, your association is and shall be the sole representative of all its members pertaining to this union agreement. YOU SHOULD NOT IN ANY CASE BE SIGNED INDIVIDUALLY BUT SHOULD BE REGISTERED. . . therefore we request all members for their own protection NOT to sign any agreement as an individual but register their signature with the association and let your association so notify the union. Therefore, placing the responsibility on us, and not on you as an individual."

So far as anyone has been able to determine the "membership" of this association is practically nonexistent. What they can do for the lessees—or more graphically—what they CANNOT do for these people was very well demonstrated by what happened to the nineteen employers during the negotiations for the contract with Local 977. With less than one third of the employers "members" of the association, the union was perfectly within its rights in refusing to deal with the association.

Lessees Are Workers
Local 977 has already greatly benefited its lessee membership. The Association is and has been a paper organization, set up by the big bosses to draw away from the union all those workers, who, because they lease their stations and are under obligations to the big oil companies for their rent, supplies, pumps, etc., are more likely to think of themselves as "business" men.

Local 977 contends, and rightly, that these men are as much workers as any station attendant. Membership in a bona-fide labor union has, as we said before, benefited them greatly. It is not likely that Harry Jackson and his fink "Association" will garner much in his so-called "mass" meeting, and even if he does get the "masses" to attend, it is a foregone conclusion that he will not be able to offer these people a program for their protection in any way comparable to the one offered by the union.

Card of Thanks To Local 544

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TAX! TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

Paul Gesino, Jr., arrived early Monday morning. Mother and son are doing nicely and papa will be o. k. when he's caught up on spaghetti he postponed eating while walking in circles.

A couple of slaps on the wrist: some lazy or thoughtless taxi-drivers are wearing their welcome thin and risking a police tag by driving and parking in filling station driveways. Also, even in this warm weather some certain drivers won't get off their seats to assist passengers in and out. If you are not capable of doing this you are an incompetent worker. (Hope I don't get caught.)

Taxi Drivers Union, Local 958 will hold its third annual ball Wednesday, April 24. Get your ticket books sold and make this a financial as well as a social success.

Caught cruising: the Tom Harrisons and James Huntingtons are moving to their country estates. . . clinking the signs of spring—Francis Ebner has doffed his sheepskin "benny" . . . some old meters will be on the new hacks . . . the "glooms" and "joys" are fighting a pitched battle while the boys are waiting for the hacks.

Ray "Whiskers" Landis reminds us that the local baseball season starts May 2 this year and as we have nearly all the necessary equipment how about another good ball nine?

"Keggie" McNeal says Floyd "d.c.o.h." Anger will have to reduce or buy a harp 'cause he's getting too stout (fat is an ugly word) to strum the "geetar."

Seth Edson and James Edholm and party went to Hugo for a steak dinner. You see, it's very necessary for the "Fire-Ball" to eat a long way from home as he just cannot get into his trailer house with a full tummy.

Curley Cues (Curley finally emerged from his hibernation.)

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Bakery Drivers Negotiate in Three Cities

The Bakery Drivers of Minneapolis, Des Moines, and Omaha are now engaged in negotiating for their new contracts. In each city the workers are demanding increases in wages and better working conditions. A study of the demands shows that these workers are continuing to grow in militancy and the realization that they must organize and fight for their rights.

Harry DeBoer met with the employers and the negotiating committee for the Bakery Drivers Section of Local 554 of Omaha on April 2. The Omaha Drivers are demanding a weekly guarantee of \$37.50 for city drivers and \$40 for the country route men. They are also asking for a reduction in hours to nine per day.

In Des Moines the demands are for a \$40 weekly guarantee and for a nine hour day.

In Minneapolis the employers are demanding that the union sign last year's contract.

Local 289 voted at the last membership meeting to instruct its Executive Board to continue pressing the union's demand for a \$35 guarantee per week. If the employers continue to refuse this demand, the union has also instructed its Board to file a strike notice with Lloyd Haney for immediate strike action.

The millionaire was addressing a graduating class. "All my success in life," he pontificated, "I owe to one thing—pluck, pluck, pluck."

Hearing this one realistic graduate arose to say: "Yes, sir, all that you say is true, but can't you give us a tip on how and whom to pluck?"

sponsored by Taxi Drivers Local 958.

Courtesy on the streets is a wonderful commodity, inexpensive, too. But one wonders what is the proper mode of conduct if after giving up the right of way, the receiver does not know what to do with it.

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400 Attend Sioux Falls Drivers Ball
About 400 couples attended the Annual Truck Drivers Ball in Sioux Falls, S. D., on Tuesday, March 26, at the Coliseum Annex. Music was furnished by Bill Franklin and his artists and entertainment included a floor show. This is the most successful social affair ever sponsored by the General Drivers Union, Local 749, according to union officials.

The indignant householder held up before a member of the City and Sanitary Drivers Union a dead cat that had been lying in the alley for three days. "What am I to do with this?" he demanded. "Take it to headquarters," was the serene reply. "If nobody claims it within a reasonable time, it's your property."

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FWS To Celebrate Release of Eight WPA Prisoners

The Federal Workers Section is holding a dance on May 4, to celebrate the release of eight WPA prisoners.

Three of the workers who were sentenced to short terms in the work house have already been released. They are Minnie Cohn, Ralph Core, and Charles Connors.

Five others will be released from Sandstone on May 2. They are Eddie Alberts, Frank Stevens, Myron Phillips, Richard Connell, and Floyd Hurler.

The Federal Workers Section asks the support of the entire trade union movement to make this dance a real success. This is an occasion for real rejoicing when we can welcome back to our midst these workers who have suffered so much for their principles, as a result of the government's persecution.

Proceeds of the dance will be used to carry on the work of the Federal Workers Section, hard hit by those same persecutions, along with the rest of the movement.

Tickets are only 25c. There will be a union orchestra, and refreshments. See Charley Sather at the FWS office or get your tickets

Watt Notes

By Amps and Volts

Once again on very short notice the members responded by packing the hall last Sunday. And what a fine meeting it was. It is reported many of the members were really "converted."

Brother Stein received quite an ovation after leaving the "mike" last Sunday. We all admire his sincerity.

There are others besides "human beings" who are class conscious. For verification, contact Mrs. Heigel. She claims her dog has "self-determination."

Art Larson, splicer in the Underground, has got rid of the "ark" with the fence on top, and is now driving a "Poonyac." But my! Oh my! the oil.

Now that spring is here, "Daddy Warbucks" is seriously considering his potato crop.

Francis Anderson from St. Cloud is proud of the fact that he from any of the stewards of the Section.

can greet the census taker with an additional six pounds, all male.

Shorty Peterson from St. Cloud sez he is waiting to hear that guy say "yingle."

Lagerbauer was surprised when he was down to the Union meeting at Minneapolis Sunday. He was standing against the door of the hall after the meeting, when suddenly the door flew open, and he had all he could do to keep from going into the street. After the barking was over he started talking to the guy (H. E. Leonard) and found out that they had played together as kids 30 years ago at Little Falls.

Don't tell me B-110 isn't a live local. There were over 500 at the special meeting Sunday, and on short notice.

You should have heard Baldy's talk at St. Paul.

Why did we welcome the election on Union Shop? It shows our strength and solidarity.

St. Cloud had 24 at the Sunday meeting, including "tiny" Brother Beggs.

Ever since Sunday Leonard has been crying because he didn't have his camera at the meeting.

Floyd Weber Is Burned To Death

Union members were shocked to hear of the death of Floyd Weber, former 574 driver and member of Local 120 of St. Paul, who was burned to death in a frightful accident Wednesday morning, April 3. Floyd was driving a semi carrying five new cars on the highway a mile and a half out of Le Sueur when he was forced into the ditch by a drunken driver. Apparently knocked unconscious and with the doors jammed, Floyd met death when the entire rig burned. Floyd is well remembered by many union drivers as a coal hauler in Local 574. Before his death he was working for the Pioneer Auto Carriers. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Lorraine, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Weber and five brothers.

With the Limousines

By Home James

Well, the contract committee for the private chauffeurs finally met, and believe that they will have something constructive to offer at the next meeting.

Several new members who joined the union this month have been taking a lot of heat from a certain group whose aim seems to be to smear No. 912. It is being investigated and we don't mean maybe.

Tickets are going pretty good so far with Joe Fredericks and Mel Johnson vying for top honors. By the way, Joe has been back in town five days and has sold 25 tickets—laugh that off.

Our sympathy and condolences goes to Joe Gress, our old secretary, whose wife passed away last week. Joe has been retired from

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driving for quite a few years now.

Bill is taking bowling lessons from Sammy Kartes.

Our next meeting should bring in all the travelers—that is if there is no snow storm or blizzard between here and California.

Have you noticed how the Associated Industries are very willing to take the credit for the fact that there have been no strikes lately? If they had paid living wages and recognized the unions there never would have been any strikes at any time.

These Young Republicans had better watch out—they're liable to be called Communists if they aren't careful.

President Daniel J. Tobin says FDR is going to be elected again and is asking Labor to support him—who else could we support and not lose what we have already gained under his administration. All we have to do to see that this is true is to look at our present state government.

Labor divided against itself cannot stand—this is exactly what the enemies of Labor want and are striving for.

By the way, what became of Lord Elgin?

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

Last Friday was regular meeting night and Brother Fred Nylander won the drawing. You have missed out a couple of times, Fred, by being absent. It pays to attend.

Park crews are now busy with the spring clean-up of boulevards and parks and once again the press gets a chance to listen in eight hours a day on some very entertaining conversation. However, as Brothers Mick Lanigan, Ed Burseth and Henry Husebo are not on my crew the orations are somewhat lacking in verve and zip compared to former years. Well, my loss is some other fellow's gain. Can't help wondering about the Swedish "nightingale" though.

The most skeptical of us at 38th and Bryant are now convinced that spring is here but to Brother George Smart it's Town Hall tonight—and what a broadcasting studio!

To those of you brothers who have teen-age kids, I direct the following remarks: the ever-increasing number of cheap, salacious magazines which appear on our newsstands and in our drug stores, constitute as great a menace to the morals and mental health of our children as heroin, marijuana and other drugs are to their physical health. An honest, efficient government censorship would prevent such verbal filth from ever being published, to say nothing of permitting its sale to the public. How many of us have any idea what our kids read? The reading of such stuff by kids in their teens is largely responsible for the hushed-up scandals which involve hundreds of high school pupils every so often here and everywhere. Think it over. It's possible that organized labor, by concerted action, can do much to permanently remove such literary excrement from the hands of our children and from the nostrils of decent Americans.

There is a possibility that the convicted WPA-ers now serving sentences may be pardoned soon by F.D.R., judging by the great number of letters and telegrams which are flooding Washington. I hope I'm not too optimistic.

To Brother Gilmore of 1859: The delicious doings of Dullnoode, trying to juggle his Jiggle-nots, is mighty entertaining and shows a real knowledge of big business methods as employed in the U.S.A. today. Don't disappoint us by skipping a chapter, R. B.

What member of the Equipment is having trouble with his wife? Or is it vice-versa? As far as that's concerned, show me a man who doesn't.

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As usual, the dance will be held in the ballroom of the Drivers' Hall at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Let's get going on diamondball practice. More news as soon as I can get it.

Read this carefully, brothers and sisters of 1859. This is important and comes from a worker who went through the mill. Misinformed applicants for unemployment insurance (quote). The writer has been deprived of a week's compensation for unemployment because of inadequate information concerning application for compensation. And has since come to know of others who have likewise been deprived of a week or more of such insurance which was rightfully due them. Undoubtedly there are a great many other workers who have had similar experiences.

The Third Street Unemployment Compensation Division office offers no definite instructions except quick off-hand questions and no explanations until the limited time in which you might have claimed your benefits is past. I believe that many get the impression, as I did, that registering at the beginning of your week of unemployment is all that is required except to mail in the green card that was given you when you return to work.

If one is fortunate enough to have his period of unemployment come in three or more successive weeks he will automatically be registered correctly by reporting only once a week. For those who are employed alternately, one week on and one week off, BE SURE that you REPORT both at the BEGINNING and the END of your week off or within seven days after that week ends or you lose your benefits for that week. Then you will be told that "they know" but you should have asked your acquaintances or interpreted the scant, indefinite instructions on the back of your registry card "correctly." And that after the seven days have passed it is "too late" and you must be penalized because of your lack of information. Of course we must overlook the fact that it is our money they are withholding from us. Question? Should not organized labor ask that the State Administration make some provision whereby such unfortunate workers may recover that which is rightfully theirs even though the seven days are past and in the future give adequate directions to new applicants? Seven days past would not be too late to investigate a falsified claim (unquote).

359 Opens Negotiations With Nelson, Ruberoid

Negotiations between the Warehouse Union Local 359 and both the B. F. Nelson Manufacturing Co. and the Ruberoid Co. for new working agreements have begun. Demands include the clarification of seniority and wage increases.

The Nelson negotiating committee met with the management early this week for preliminary discussion of the demands. Meetings will continue later in the week.

The Ruberoid Co. and union representative have also met in preliminary discussion, and will meet again later this week to continue negotiations.

Editor's Note: Here is a brother who is willing and anxious to help his fellow-workers by showing them how to avoid loss through lack of information which he has gained at the price of loss of compensation to himself. I wish to thank this brother on behalf of the members of 1859 for this contribution to our general welfare.

It seems to be the general opinion of the members of 1859 that the best speaker we have ever had in our union meeting is the Rev. Dr. Roy E. Burt. Dr. Burt left something with us and just to prove it here is what he said Democracy is:

"Democracy is achieved when every man and every woman shall have a share in the making of every decision that affects his or her welfare."

The subject of Dr. Burt's talk was "What Price Democracy" and he pointed out that democracy is literally a thing to be achieved, not fought for. Democracy is not gained by sending armies out to fight battles in foreign lands. Democracy is achieved by workers such as we only in the sense that we gain the right to have a share in the decisions that affect our welfare, our wages, our hours of work, our conditions of work and in that way only.

It is therefore very apparent to us as union and organized workers that any act of any official that shall have for its purpose the weakening or dissolution of our collective bargaining powers is a direct attack upon whatever condition of democracy we have achieved since the success of such an attack would take from us the right to share in any decision that affects our economic welfare. I must confess that prior to Dr. Roy Burt's talk I didn't have any sensible idea of what a democracy was and it is our hope that Dr. Burt will be kind enough to honor us again in the near future.

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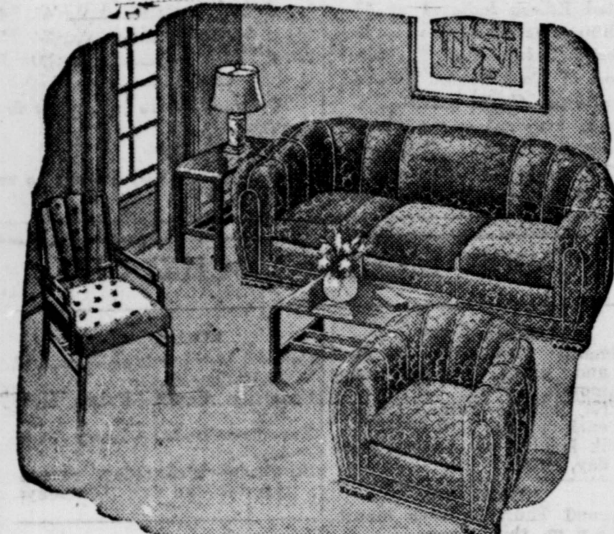
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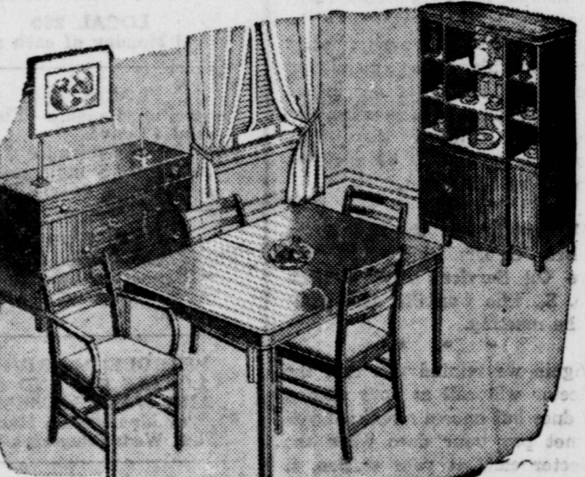
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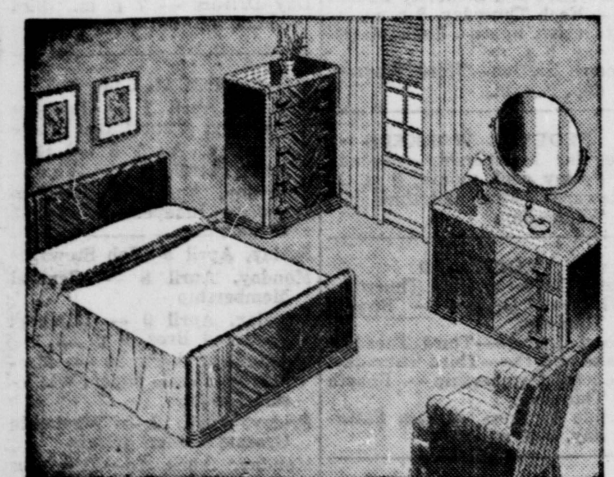
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WHY THE NATION'S COURTS ARE PROSECUTING UNIONS

II.

Organized labor and the public revolted so vigorously against the mockery of mis-using the Sherman Anti-Trust Law against labor, and the court practice of permitting the huge industrial combinations to go scot free, that in 1914 the United States Congress passed the Clayton Act, amending the Sherman Law in such a way as to very specifically protect labor from the terribly unjust "conspiracy" charge.

Every time a judge today convicts a union for an alleged violation of the anti-trust laws, that judge is breaking the Clayton Law enacted by Congress some twenty-five years ago!

When the Clayton Act became law, Samuel Gompers, then head of the American Federation of Labor, hailed it as "Labor's Magna Charta."

Maybe on paper. Not in reality. The Clayton Act was very specific in stating that henceforth organized labor and the organized farmers were to be exempt from ANY prosecution under the anti-trust laws.

We call the attention of our readers to Section Six of the Clayton Law, which states:

"Labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce . . . Nothing contained in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of labor, agricultural or horticultural organizations, instituted for the purpose of mutual help, and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such organizations from carrying out the legitimate objects thereof; nor shall such organizations, or the members thereof, be held or construed to be illegal combinations or conspiracies in restraint of trade under the anti-trust laws."

William Green has recently pointed out that the debate in Congress over the Clayton Act made it clear that both the House and Senate understood that by passing the Clayton Act they were clearly and expressly exempting labor and farm organizations from liability to prosecution under the anti-trust laws.

President Green has called attention to Congressman Henry's statement to the House of Representatives during the final debate on the Clayton Act, reported in the Congressional Record of May, 1914:

"In my judgment, when Congress was dealing with 'combinations in restraint of trade,' it never intended that the law should apply to labor organizations or farmers' organizations without capital and not for profit. The courts took a different view of it and construed the (Sherman) Act as it was never intended that it should be interpreted. The time has come when we can correct that error and write the language in the law as those gentlemen insist that it should be and should have been. They (the heads of the American Federation of Labor) have said that when we are dealing with conspiracies in restraint of trade and combinations and trusts it was never intended that the man who sells his labor should be classified as conspiracy against trade or any unlawful combination against the anti-trust laws. WE ARE NOW ABOUT TO CORRECT THE ERROR AND MAKE IT PLAIN AND SPECIFIC, BY CLEAR-CUT AND DIRECT LANGUAGE, THAT THE ANTI-TRUST LAWS AGAINST CONSPIRACIES IN TRADE SHALL NOT BE APPLIED TO LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND FARMERS' UNIONS."

After Congressman Henry's explanation, the House and Senate both adopted by large majorities the Clayton Act.

Yet, twenty-five years later, in the eleventh year of the depression, with the rulers of the United States preparing again to take the people into war, we find this old fake "conspiracy" charge being trotted out—in violation of the law of the land as set forth in the Clayton Act, but NOT in violation of the material interests of Big Business.

Next Week: Thurman Arnold's Letter to the Indianapolis Central Labor Union.

Unions Demand Pardons For WPA Prisoners

(Continued from page 1)
day night, passed a similar resolution.

The Defense Committee continues its work of preparing to release these workers from Sandstone prison. Last week Ralph Core was released from the Work House at the expiration of his term. Minnie Cohn was released from the Women's Detention Home about a week previous. On May 2 Eddie Alberts, Frank Stevens, Myron Phillips and Floyd Hurley will be released from Sandstone.

Despite the fact that many of these workers will have already

served their sentences before the Pardons Attorney can act on the plea, it is still very important that the charges and the sentences imposed on them as a result of their activity in the WPA strike last summer be wiped off the slate. No lagging in the efforts of the entire movement should be allowed in this case. It is to the interest of the movement, nationally as well as locally, that this flagrant miscarriage of justice be rectified. That can only be done now by executive clemency.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Work on the Belt Line road has gone on steadily during the winter months and has proven an ace-in-the-hole for a number of truck owners.

Jack Smith has been granted a ten-month leave of absence. Doctors have ordered a complete rest.

After five months of negotiations laundry drivers have secured the best agreement ever. The Teamsters Joint Council and the Minneapolis and St. Paul laundry drivers locals are a party to the pact.

Gene Larson, Milk Drivers secretary - treasurer, will return to his desk this week. We've missed the Swede.

One hundred union stewards voted Friday night to support the board 100 per cent in the present book suit.

WHAT NEXT!

According to present rulings it is unwise to even give beer away at private gatherings in our headquarters.

Harriet Karlen has been hospitalized and will be absent from her job for a couple of weeks. We all

wish her speedy recovery. All double parking, both private cars and trucks, may soon be totally abolished in the loop.

A pamphlet on the 544 accounting suit will soon be off the press. It contains a foreword by this writer and will be available to all members. Ask for your copy.

All furniture in the headquarters has been inventoried and marked with the councils' name and number.

Members who belong to a hospital group and who avail themselves of the free medical service provided by the local union have a splendid, cheap, complete health service.

The county boys are having seniority troubles.

All members who are covered by an agreement containing a vacation clause should see that vacation periods are allotted according to the seniority list.

Do not pay dues or talk union business with anyone who cannot show union credentials.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Cake and Pie Drivers who meet Thursday afternoon at 4:30 p. m., April 18. No need to tell you, I suppose, that you better be there.

Harry on his return trip to the Omaha local tells me that the boys down there have \$37.50 in their contract instead of the \$35 per week guarantee they received last week.

Jimmie Hanna has been appointed the new steward at the Continental plant, taking the place of Hubert Taylor, who recently resigned due to the fact he is now on a country route and is unable to handle the job right. Hubert did a real bang-up job as steward there and we sure hate to see him leave. But we think Jimmie will take care of the job right.

It's a baby boy in the Fred Weibert (Zinsmaster) domicile. I almost missed this one.

Maybe I'm awful dumb but here's something I never noticed before. There are no A and B letters on the new license plates.

Sam Ash's father-in-law is very seriously ill in the hospital.

It's happened again for about the third time. George Zuckman ran out of gas on the way to work the other morning. I don't know, but it looks like George is trying very hard to wean the old Chevvie.

It hasn't been generally norated around yet but 5 will get you 10 that Fred Linstad (Zinsmaster) will join the ranks of the married men, being practically the last single man at the plant.

Richard Safely, Purity, is back on the job after a two-week stay in the hospital.

Wally Doerr, Purity, is expected back this week after two weeks in the hospital. He's the one who had the hiccoughs.

Maybe it would be a good idea to save trouble and argument for all those who are not carrying chauffeurs' badges to get them as I hear they are going to start a drive soon.

The picnic date is all set for Sunday, July 14, and the committee will soon hold its first meeting, according to Chairman Loren Johnson.

To the Ladeez: We need help on this committee so if your husband is on it, why don't you join him?

Gas and Suds

Maynard Hoyle, custodian of the attendance record at our meetings, is wearing a smile from ear to ear. He didn't let Old Doc Stork get by this time. It's a girl.

Frank Daly at the Despatch has a new sideline. He's running in competition with Roto-Rooter people. How do you like being a sewer rat, Frank?

Sal Juetten's visit with us at

our special meeting was appreciated by all of us.

Elmer Kaeder of American Linen is back at work again, after a long siege of illness.

H. C. Hanson from the Calhoun was off a couple of days last week.

George Sparrow, the lake driver at Troy, suffered a stroke last week and may be off for some time. Johnny Olson is handling his route.

Now that the contract is settled and out of the way for a couple of years, we can all concentrate on getting all the possible available business to be had. Let's show our employers we can fight just as hard for business as we will for our just rights when negotiating a contract.

Here's an actual fact: the employee who will let his boss ride rough-shod all over him and put up with all sorts of injustices, does not usually do a good job of work. Do the best you can on your job and demand a square deal in return. Let's see that both employers and ourselves live up to the new agreement and everybody concerned will prosper and be happier than before. When we, as members of the union, enter into collusion with a chiseling employer to defeat the terms of the contract, we are cheating ourselves and any member who will do that is very similar to the fellow who cheats when playing solitaire.

... the last word

By B. G.

Violet Johnson—well-known as an income tax expert and now employed part time as an organizer for the Office Workers Union, told us this. While filling out an income tax report for a man who had requested her services she asked him if he paid union dues. Dues, of course, are deductible from income. "Sure," the man replied, "if I didn't pay union dues, I wouldn't have enough income to pay any tax on."

Only this week it was discovered that a family of four was living in parked cars and hotel washrooms in Mankato while two young children attended school for a whole year. And no one ever knew until the parents, unable to stand it any longer, applied for aid. Who dares say we don't need a good housing program?

DID YOU KNOW THAT the Crosley company now has a union-made refrigerator on the market? It's called the Allied and it bears the union label. You can get one at Donaldson's from a union clerk . . . The first all-woman strike in the United States took place in 1825 when the tailresses of New York walked out. . . One out of every four workers in this country is a woman. . . About 800,000 of these women workers belong to unions. . . In war-time France normal hours for women workers are 10 a day and 60 a week. And if the government so decides, they are longer. . . Provisions for vacations, overtime pay, sick leave in a contract signed between the

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

We had a fine attendance last Tuesday at the membership meeting. The speakers were interesting and we transacted all of our routine business. The "Cash Register" was picked to pieces so thoroughly that it will take a long time to assemble the affair again. Certain questions and the remarks of some members were rather damaging to the machine program. And we learned the Townsend Recovery Plan offers a retirement fund at 60 of \$51 per month per person (the \$200 a month has always been press propaganda to combat the movement. Our members who are interested in the plan should affiliate with their neighborhood clubs. Carl Johnson of L.O.L. had just mentioned that his number was never called. Out it came and it was free dues and assessments for Carl. Possibly it pays to complain about one's luck. We spent a lot of time trying to locate 1006, 565, 786, 1613, 42, 1064, 1072 and 1090.

Dues for April will be \$3.50. The fifty cents assessment goes for the WPA defense fund which already has accomplished wonders and we can justly feel proud that we held up our end. This month let's send the business agents back with all of the dues, including those of members not working on said day.

There has been quite a movement on foot around various plants to get Wednesday, June 5, off. No one seemed to know why until a "half-breed" talked and told us that it is the Danish Independence Day.

After the "lukewarm" reception of our union extended to the Cash Register program we are convinced the problem of scaling, counting and recording has not been solved. Perhaps we should consider a plan which has evolved slowly in the drivers' rooms throughout the city. By said plan, the companies would place on every truck a stewardess, hired for her attractiveness, personality and aptitude for figures. Besides adding "color" to the fluid milk business, these girls would accomplish a great deal more than any mechanical device. They could reduce units, quote quantity prices, count stops served, mark route books, tidy the truck, force solicitations, deliver "moo," check the lunch time, speed up deliveries and transact sales direct from the truck (a milk station on wheels). We see only two possible objections. Perhaps after a period of years there would develop collusion between the driver and his stewardess against the employer. And those drivers who live on their route might in a few cases find it difficult to bring the stewardess home for lunch. However, the savings to the dealers would be extensive. They wouldn't have to buy any more stop dogs (shuts motor off) or Meter Misers. And Local 471 would certainly appreciate 837 new girl members.

Our sympathy has always gone out to the Route Foremen. We copy his instructions verbatim: "In regard to the pots (flower pots of cottage cheese) there is a sample pot in the truck, so please use it; take orders for cheese for Friday. I have orders for 36 in the book and knowing your super sales ability I will be satisfied with about 50 more. When you are through resting you can collect for the sour cream on the Special Slip in the truck. I seem to forget every day. It must be old age or . . . Minneapolis Office Workers Union and a local firm were cited in a government bulletin recently as outstanding gains for organized white collar workers.

A writer for the Unionist and Public Forum, Sioux City, Iowa, labor paper, gives us this classical recipe for "Deep Dish Spinach Pie": First you build a rabbit hutch in the back yard, then buy a pair of rabbits. Next, stir up a batch of pie dough and roll it to a thickness of about one-eighth of an inch. Line the deep dish with the pastry dough and save enough for a top crust.

Wash the spinach in cold water and tear into shreds. Then hippity hop down to the store and buy a can of luscious blueberries. Dump the berries into the deep dish and cover with the dough reserved for top crust. Put the pie in a moderately hot oven. Then tote the spinach out to the back yard and leave it into the rabbit hutch.

The Standard station at Lyndale and 7th St. N. comes off the unfair list this week, and is now 100 per cent Union operated.

Please do not request a current month's button unless your dues are paid; the privilege of wearing a current button is reserved for those members who are in good standing.

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CLU Round Table Meeting Backs Union Rights

Before an audience of 300, speakers at the Labor Meeting on Human Relations in the old East high school last Thursday stressed the importance of the basic rights of the working man—free speech, assembly, trade union organization—and the need to defend them.

John Boscoe, acting as chairman of the meeting, expressed labor's point of view when he quoted Gladstone: "A trade union is the very bulwark of democracy."

On the speaking program were Robley D. Cramer, editor of the Labor Review; Rev. C. P. Deems, D.D., Rector of St. Mark's Church; Rabbi Albert I. Gordon, Adath Jeshurun Synagogue; Rev. Francis Gilligan, St. Paul Seminary; Paul Dobson, chairman, Minneapolis Round Table of Christians and Jews; and Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, director, National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The meeting was sponsored by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union in cooperation with the Minneapolis Round Table of Christians and Jews.

WHY WORKERS MUST FIGHT FOR VACATIONS

"Honey," said the shiftless sweetheart to his girl, "when we get married you won't quit your job, will you?"

"But aren't we going to take a trip for our honeymoon?" asked the girl.

"Well, one of us might go. There's nothing to stop me. But you—you have responsibilities!"

my friend Mabel that makes me that way. Order about three regular cheese and about eight pots more than we have orders for. If there is anything else you want to know, call company. Signed." On their day off a few drivers are on hand early in the morning to give the R. P. a send-off. We take it, he must be "instructed."

The Franklin Male Chorus will perform at the National Song Fest at Rockford, Illinois, on June 13, 14 and 15. Our brothers sing very well and are a distinct credit to Local 471.

Gassing With 977

A report on the proposed amendment to the Patman chain store tax bill was given before the General Membership assembly last Monday evening. The amendment would apply to all stations owned or controlled by companies, regardless of whether they were leased to individuals or operated directly by the owner.

Congratulations this month go to Bro. Gilbert Rinehart of the Pure Oil Service, 3601 Lyndale Ave. S., who won the door prize at the meeting.

Again we remind you that the collector will call at your station for dues but once a month; if you do not pay your dues when the collector calls at your station, it will be necessary for you to pay your dues at the office to avoid penalty of fines. The following schedule is being followed by the collectors: SOUTH—(Territory West of Nicollet)—1st to 5th of each month only; SOUTH—(Territory East of Nicollet)—5th to 10th of each month only; NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST—(Entire Territory)—10th to 15th of each month only; DOWNTOWN—(Entire Loop Territory)—15th to 20th of each month only; NORTH—(Entire Territory)—20th to 25th of each month only. We call your attention to Article VI, page 15, of the By-laws.

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On the National Picket Line

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ted States Supreme Court, asking a review of the dismissal of the indictments. Officials of the department insist that the Sherman Act does apply to labor unions and, according to the New York Times, they "are anxious for a test case."

The department also intends to ask the Supreme Court for an immediate consideration of the case, so that the decision can be handed down before the Court recesses for the summer, early in June.

Labor also waits anxiously for the decision in this case. The fate of more than 500 union leaders is at stake. There have been at least 100 indictments already—since Arnold began his union-busting under the guise of "law-enforcement." It is apparent, however, from Arnold's anxiety for an early decision that he wants to know what to do with his corps of special assistants during the summer. It would be a shame, we assume Mr. Arnold is thinking, to let all that time go by without any further persecution of the labor movement!

One of the largest elections ever conducted by the NLRB was held on Thursday and Friday of last week. The 31,500 employees of Consolidated Edison balloted at 65 polling places. They were to choose either the Brotherhood of Consolidated Edison Employees (Independent, i. e. company union) or the Amalgamated Utility Workers, (CIO) or for no union at all. Mrs. Elinor Herrick, regional

director of the NLRB was in charge of the election. No news of the results are available as yet.

April 6, 1940 marks the twenty-third anniversary of the entry of the United States into the First World War. All over the country organizations are holding "Peace" meetings on that day.

It behooves the organized labor movement to do something more than just hold meetings in the cause of peace. It will take more than petitions, resolutions, and speeches. The time is rapidly approaching when we will again be engaged in a conflict which will be foisted on us by the rulers of our country in the name of "democracy." Let's not be fooled by this kind of propaganda again!

Local 289 Leads Union Bowlers

Local 289 won first place in the bowling standings of the Union Drivers League last week. They took two games from Meat Drivers, all of them having over 500. But H. Hawkinson led with 584. Kenzies blanked the Soft Drinks to hold second place. Carlson had 549. Local 359 took two games from Oasis to keep Oasis tied with Meat Drivers for third and fourth places. E. Klein had 564. L. Mascock had 511. Local 544 took two games from Local 221 in last place. M. Mickelson and D. Curran led with 177.

Team	Won	Lost
Local 289	55	29
Kenzies	47	37
Oasis Bar	44	40
Meat Drivers	44	40
Soft Drinks	41	43
Local 359	41	43
Local 544	34	50
Local 221	30	54

"Do you believe in love at first sight?"
"No, do you?"
"No. That's why I want to see you again."

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471
General Membership—First and third Tuesday each month, 7 p. m.
Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each month (7:30 p. m.)
Milk Haulers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30.

LOCAL 131
Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.

LOCAL 259
Second Monday of each month.

LOCAL 664
General Membership—First and third Fridays.
Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.

LOCAL 1086
The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN
Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.

LOCAL 977
General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Grievance and Seniority Boards—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.
Executive Board—Each Thursday, 8 p. m.
Lessee Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.

FEDERAL WORKERS
Regular Membership—Second Friday each month, 8 p. m.
Stewards—First and third Wednesdays.

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Tuesday.
General Membership—Fourth Thursday.
Inside Workers—Last Saturday, 3 p. m.

LOCAL 346
Regular Membership Meeting 2nd Monday each month, 8:30 p. m., 4th Monday each month, 1:30 p. m.

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—First Monday each month.
Executive Committee Meeting on call.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

LOCAL 275
Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.

LOCAL 359
Stewards—Second Mondays.
Executive Board—First and third Mondays.
General Membership—Fourth Tuesdays.

LOCAL 160
General Membership—First and third Thursdays.
Seniority Board—Every Monday.
Executive Board—Every Tuesday.
Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

LOCAL 221
Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month.
Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.

LOCAL 1859
General Membership—April 3
Box Section—April 16
J. R. Clark Meeting—April 17
Air-Loc Seat, Inc.—April 18
Grievance Board—April 4 & 18
Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m.
Twin City Stewards—April 8 & 22
General Membership—May 1

LOCAL 20481
General Membership—April 3
Webster Lumber Co.—April 9

LOCAL 958
Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month.
Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.

LOCAL 544
Monday, April 1—Package Delivery; Department Store Wednesday, April 3—Sausage; Petroleum Thursday, April 4—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners Friday, April 5—Job Stewards Monday, April 8—General Membership Tuesday, April 9—Lumber; Raymond Bros. 9 p. m. Wednesday, April 10—Market; Wholesale paper; Wholesale Liquor Friday, April 12—Wholesale Grocery; Meat drivers Monday, April 15—Furniture Store; Coal Thursday, April 18—Tent & Awning; Newspaper 10 A. M.; Ways & Means Committee ITO Friday, April 19—Job Stewards Monday, April 22—Spring Water Tuesday, April 23—Building Material Wednesday, April 24—Sand Gravel and Excavating Thursday, April 25—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Friday, April 26—Cold Storage and Produce Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 P. M. in Local 544 office, first floor The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 10 A. M. in the large hall on the first floor All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.