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FIVE CENTS

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

Bastille Day, 1940, was a day of intense sorrow for the French working class as they watched the gains of one hundred and fifty years being torn away from them. On July 14, 1789, the thundering of thousands of feet resounded throughout the capital of France as a revolutionary army marched on the dread Bastille prison to demonstrate against the symbol of absolute monarchism. Met by cannon and rifle from the parapets of the bleak old castle wherein were incarcerated the voices of the people, they went on, heedless of the death into which they were marching.

It was a glorious victory—the triumphant storming of the Bastille. And ever since, July 14 has been celebrated in France as a day of national independence. In spite of the misdeeds, the middle-of-the-roads like Blum, the French workers had made many and wonderful gains during the one hundred and fifty years their republic lasted. On one memorable occasion they overthrew the bourgeois ruling class which came into power after the 1789-90-93 revolutions. On March 18, 1871, the Paris Commune came into power. That too was beaten back by the combined forces of the French and German armies, but it left its indelible mark upon the workers of the world.

The anniversaries of both the storming of the Bastille and the Paris Commune will live forever, giving glorious promise of the day when once again the workers of the world will rise up against their oppressors and take unto themselves the fruits of their labor.

The mockery and sham of this "democracy" of ours is again being enacted—this time at Chicago as more than one thousand delegates to the Democratic convention gather to draw up their platform and endorse their candidate for the presidential elections. Not so long ago the same play was put on by the Republicans at Philadelphia.

What a choice we have before us this November! Wilkie for the Republicans—a boss-minded politician whose labor record is as besmirched as it can possibly be. "Drafted" Roosevelt—there is little doubt—whose labor record contains such horrible scars as the trials against the WPA workers in Minneapolis last year, the use of the FBI against the entire labor movement, Thurman Arnold's drive to put as many labor leaders as possible behind jail doors, the lowering of the wage levels proposed under the Walsh-Healey Act upon all government contractors, (without a similar move to enforce the clauses restricting excess profits)—these and dozens of other anti-labor acts, some of them so cleverly put over that the labor movement itself didn't know what was happening until it was too late. Thomas, with his middle-of-the-road pacifism, his "please let's be friends" attitude toward the boss politicians. And Browder whose line may change back to a pro-war position any moment, waiting only word from Moscow!

Was there ever more concrete evidence of the crying need for an honest to God Labor Party, completely divorced from any of the old boss-political parties? What can—or will—any of these men offer to the workers of America?

Except war!
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Rooster at 289 Picnic

Wives of Local 289 members scramble for this rooster at the Bakery Drivers Picnic at Costello's Grove last Sunday. The rooster, a tough old bird named "Myron," was one of many who wound up Monday night on a dinner plate.



Unions in Duluth Rally to Teamsters In Hardware Strike

Duluth—The strike of 200 drivers and warehousemen against the Marshall-Wells and Kelley-How-Thompson heavy hardware companies went into its fourth week Monday after the bosses had rejected two compromise offers. The men, organized in the Duluth Drivers Union Local 346, are demanding the union shop and a 10 per cent increase in the hourly wage rate, in order that weekly wages will be the same when the weekly hours are cut from 42 to 40 this October.

The strike has the solid backing of all labor. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters is mailing in weekly strike benefits of \$1,420. Many AFL unions in Duluth are donating liberally to Local 346's strike fund, and a lengthy statement supporting the Drivers Union demands and signed by leaders of eighteen leading Duluth unions, has been issued.

The labor-hating hardware firms distribute products under the following brand names: Zenith; K-H-T; Hickory. Workers everywhere are hereby warned against purchasing these fink products until the bosses agree to the reasonable demands of Local 346.

Bosses Try Intimidation
"The managements have tried in every possible way to break the strike," charges the statement on the strike issued by organized labor in Duluth. "In a campaign of intimidation, the managements have tried to instill fear into the wives and families of the strikers and have urged the latter to influence their husbands, sons, brothers and other relatives to return to work."

"Every union in Duluth—and Superior and elsewhere, for that matter—is supporting the union employees of the two companies 100 per cent. The officers and members of all the unions know that the issues are simple and clearcut. They know that this strike is being used as a guinea pig by employers and that it is a test of the strength of union labor in Duluth.

"We give assurance, by means of this statement, that no striker in the controversy will suffer or know want because of the strike. We want the public to know—and the companies to know too—that the labor movement stands ready to give of its resources to support the strike.

Rap Lloyd Haney
"The bosses' battle cry was sounded through the mouth of Lloyd J. Haney, state labor conciliator, when he said, in effect, that this will be a fight to the finish."

600 Fans See Local 977 Win in Tenth

Playing before six hundred frenzied fans Sunday afternoon at Farview park, Kenny Roth singled in the tenth inning to drive the winning run across the plate and give the Local 977 Oilers their eighth straight victory of the season. The Downtown Chevrolet nine made a battle of the game all the way. Three times the score was tied up before the Chevys succumbed to their second defeat at the hands of the Filling Station Attendants Union.

The final score was 7 to 6. Sunday's game was replete with spectacular plays, including Ray Johnson's homer with one on in the first, and Jockety's spectacular somersault catch of a Texas leaguer in the sixth, which, if the ball had landed safely, would have brought in two runs for the Chevys. Jockety streaked a hundred feet, dove for the ball, somersaulted and came up with the pill firmly in his glove.

The Downtown Chevrolet team protested the game, claiming that Roth stepped out of the batter's box in the tenth to swing at a ball. The opposing pitcher was trying to pass Roth intentionally when Kenny reached over the plate and laid the bat on a wide pitch, to raid out a single with a man on third, who scored on the play. Roth was clearly in the batter's box when he hit the ball, and the umpire so held, over the objections of the Chevies.

Needing only one more game to clinch the pennant in the Park Federal League, Local 977 will play the Hove's team this Sunday afternoon, 2:30 p. m., at Folwell park, 36th and Knox avenues North. A victory Sunday will assure Local 977's being in the play-off for the city title.

Cab Drivers Win
Though the Cab Drivers Union team kicked away several early-season games, Local 958 showed it really has the makings of a good ball club by taking its third straight victory Sunday, downing the Mose's Place team in decisive fashion, 16 to 5. Griggs starred for the Cab Drivers, striking out ten batters and getting four hits in six trips to the plate, including a triple. Landis and Thompson each garnered a pair of hits.

All Oil Drivers—Please Note

All oil drivers will be permitted to leave their employment without loss of seniority from May 1 to September 1 to take other jobs, if they so desire. This is by decision of the Executive Board of Local 544.

Getting Theirs Already—Some Profit Figures

Company	1st quarter 1940	1st quarter 1939	% increase 1940 to 1939
AIRCRAFT			
Douglas	\$1,804,766	\$771,552	134
Fairchild	209,102	56,254	274
Curtiss Wright	2,414,196	1,698,157	42
United Aircraft	2,380,029	1,489,979	60
Martin, Glenn L.	2,162,670	682,496	218
AUTOMOBILES			
Chrysler	15,742,388	11,638,290	35
General Motors	67,028,461	53,177,928	26
Studebaker	511,503	56,914	800
STEEL			
Inland Steel	3,059,844	2,024,601	51
National Steel	4,009,193	2,426,669	65
U. S. Steel	17,113,995	660,479	2500
American Rolling	1,005,194	793,479	27
Bethlehem	10,891,139	2,409,059	350
Youngstown	1,253,929	217,107	480
Republic Steel	3,111,723	532,899	480
ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT			
General Electric	11,951,450	7,373,431	62
Westinghouse	4,041,428	2,356,150	72

PROFITS GOING UP—United States Steel shows a 2500 per cent increase in the first quarter of 1940 over the same period in 1939. The other companies listed in this chart taken from The Economic Outlook are also doing nicely.

From the Top of the Ferris Wheel



Above is shown a portion of the 25,000 persons in attendance Sunday at 544's Fifth Annual Picnic. One person out of every twenty persons in Minneapolis attended the outing and unanimously pronounced it the best picnic yet. This picture was taken from the top of the ferris wheel.

25,000 Make Merry At 544's Outing

Twenty-five thousand men, women and children journeyed to Webb's Place at Bass Lake on Sunday to make the Fifth Annual 544 Picnic the largest and most successful outing in the history of the union. From the youngsters' race at noon to the colorful 544 emblem in fireworks, with rockets popping off in all directions, the day was a complete success. Even the weather, after threatening in the early morning hours, knuckled under to the General Drivers Union and turned on the sun.

CLU Protests City Cut in Relief

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union at its July 10th meeting adopted a motion made by Delegate Walter Hagstrom of Local 544, protesting the recent cut in city relief which prefaced the introduction of the cotton stamp plan in this city.

The Central Labor body also adopted a motion to probe the "Sixth Column, Inc.," recently organized in Minneapolis for the purpose of spying on unions and other bodies.

Local 471 Mourns George Anderson, Died Saturday

Members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 mourn the death of George Anderson, 2813 Bryant avenue South, who died last Saturday, July 13th. Brother Anderson was admitted into the union in November, 1936. He was employed by the Isles Dairy.

The funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Thursday at the Swanson mortuary, Irving and Lowry, with burial at the national cemetery at Fort Snelling. He is survived by a wife, Alice, and three sisters.

Woodworkers In Dubuque Go Forward

The organization campaign among woodworkers in Dubuque, Iowa, received new impetus last week when the United Brotherhood of Carpenters appointed Tom Kirkwood, charter member and founder of the Dubuque Woodworkers Union Local 1646, as special representative.

The Dubuque Leader points out that "Brother Kirkwood's appointment is part of a program to organize the mills of the Mississippi valley. At least one more special representative will be named to help carry out the program, details of which are to be announced later. John Janosco of Minneapolis, secretary-treasurer of the North Central District Council, has laid groundwork in Dubuque for such a campaign."

Stassen Relief Head Cuts State WPA Aid To City Unemployed

"Minneapolis will receive only \$68,000 of WPA funds from the state in the present fiscal year, as compared with \$100,000 for the year ending June 30th, because of the need to appropriate funds for national defense."

So city officials were informed Monday by Walter Finky, Stassen's state social welfare director. Finky said the legislative emergency committee had allotted \$115,000 to the adjutant general for construction of military facilities in Minnesota.

Thus the Stassen state administration is following out the same policy pursued by Roosevelt on a national scale—taking money away from the unemployed and diverting it for military usages.

State Starts Purge
The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 learned early this week that the Minneapolis relief department, acting on written instructions from the State Department of Public Relief, is refusing direct relief to all who, otherwise eligible for WPA, refuse to sign the WPA affidavits that they are United States citizens or owe allegiance to the United States, that they don't want to change the United States government, and that they are not or will not become members of any Nazi Bund organization or communist group.

When the relief director in New York sought to bar "subversive" elements from direct relief, following the new federal relief law, he was immediately stopped by the absence of a state law permitting such treatment of the unemployed.

If the state and the Minneapolis welfare board were permitted to get away with this action, there is no doubt whatsoever that the ruling could be used against all militant workers and all those who don't line up with the Republican-Democratic party.

Even a Farmer-Laborite could be denied direct relief because he wants to change the government. Local 544's Federal Workers Section is challenging the State Department of Public Relief's right to instruct to the Minneapolis Welfare Board, and means to protect the right of ALL those denied jobs in private industry and on WPA, to life and food.

1859 Continues Negotiations With Grain King

Negotiations are still in progress between the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 and the Grain King company, for a new agreement to replace the old contract which expired July 1st. All men on the seniority list are employed at present.

ITO's Win Jobless Insurance

An important test case involving the right of independent truck owners to unemployment insurance has just been fought and won by four members of Local 544's Independent Truck Owners Section.

The four men—H. L. Sundby, Henry Carlson, Marlin D. Lee, and Vernon C. Johnson—demanded unemployment insurance from the Minnesota Sand and Gravel company. The demand was refused and the case was carried to the Department of Social Security of the state of Minnesota. The case was appealed to the three-men appeal tribunal after it went against the drivers, and the appeal tribunal decided in the men's favor.

The company then appealed the case to Victor Christgau, director of the Department of Social Security. Last Wednesday the Department handed down its decision, in favor of the four drivers, thereby establishing the important precedent entitling independent truck owners to unemployment insurance.

Gilbert Carlson, attorney for Local 544, represented the drivers in the appeal. Milton Hodson, organizer for Local 544, also appeared in behalf of the claimants.

544 Banners Bingham Firm For Seniority

After seeking since last November to reach an amiable settlement of a violation of the seniority rights of a worker who was laid off out of seniority, Local 544 on Monday placed a banner on the Bingham Manufacturing company, 902 South 3rd, makers of printers' rollers.

This firm is unfair to the General Drivers Union and the banner will stay on until the boss lives up to the union agreement.

The children were made delightously happy by the seaweed candy scrambles and the professional entertainers, including Jack Mason in his police-clown get-up, the tumbling clowns, and the Flying Buddies, roller-skating artists.

The outing took on the aspect of an old American county fair when the tug-of-war teams representing the Transfer Section and the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544 staged their annual pull. The men straggled off their coats, the two heavyweights serving as anchor men looped the heavy rope about their hips, and after much checking-up to see that the sides were equal and roars of encouragement from the throng, the teams started pulling with might and main. In about three minutes the transfer drivers pulled the independent truckers over the line, to gain their first victory in three years.

Swede Olson and Tiger Johnson put on a wrestling match that pleased the crowd, with Olson declared the winner in 16 minutes when the Tiger injured his leg. Harry De Boer refereed the contest.

Winners of the field events, all of whom received handsome and worthwhile prizes, were as follows: Youngsters' race, boys—First prize, Roland O'Brien; second, Samuel Mikre; third, Robert Piccandi.

Youngsters' race, girls—Betty Lou Johnson, Donna May Hodge, Donna Lee Haynes.

Dash, boys 6 to 10—Joseph Mikre, Dick Johnson, Warren Kojten.

Dash, girls 6 to 10—Lucille Johnstad, Betty Lee Angelo, Ruth Corbett.

Dash, boys 10 to 13—Clayton Gutzke, George De Angelo, Bill Anthony.

Dash, girls 10 to 13—Elaine
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Local 977 to Play Local 288 In Superior

The Drivers Union Local 288 of Superior, Wisconsin, has accepted a challenge from the Minneapolis Filling Station Attendants Union Local 977 to a ball game, Larry Davidson of Local 977 reported Monday.

The game will be played in the municipal stadium in Superior on Thursday, August 8, at 8:30 p. m. under the lights. A number of Oiler fans are expected to make the trip. A return engagement in Minneapolis is contemplated if the Superior brothers put up any kind of resistance at all on their home grounds.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

2 Brainerd Lumber Firms Ordered to Pay \$35,000 Back Wages, Fined \$10,000

For employing eight-year-old children and for paying wages as low as 4c hourly, two northern Minnesota lumber companies got socked last week with the heaviest fines yet assessed under the Federal Wage and Hour Act. The companies are the Park Region Timber company and the Northern Pine Manufacturing company, with joint offices at 1602 Mill street, Brainerd, Minnesota. The two sweat-shop firms are interlocking, and are owned by three Brainerd businessmen, Edward Sullivan, S. J. Zeman, and S. W. Locke.

The bosses were ordered by Federal Judge Nordbye to pay back wages and unpaid overtime totaling \$35,000 to some 700 workers, and to pay fines of \$10,000.

The anti-labor companies admitted guilt to 27 counts charging falsification of records and time cards, 18 counts charging employment of child labor, 34 counts charging failure to pay the minimum wage, 40 counts charging failure to pay overtime rates, and 32 other counts.

16 Persons in Hut
A report filed by government investigators reveals conditions existing in the northern Minnesota lumber camps. "Living conditions in the tracts owned by the companies were deplorable," reads the report. "Inspectors from the Minneapolis office found as many as 16 persons living in a house built of rough lumber and slabs, and covered with tar paper, bits of tin, cardboard, pulpboard—anything, in fact, that would keep out the wind and cold. No sanitary facilities were provided. A number of single men lived in one shack and did their own cooking. Where a married man was working, every member of the family old enough to do something useful would be permitted to work. We saw boys and girls as young as 8 years peeling pulpwood, piling brush or slash, or cutting brush. Boys 12 years old were swinging axes, pulling saws, piling pulpwood and logs, loading timber, felling trees and doing other dangerous and hazardous work . . .

"The average pay check, we found, was \$6.18 a week in winter, \$9.66 in summer. Pay as low as 4c an hour was uncovered."

SLP Candidate For President Here July 25th



John W. Aiken, Socialist Labor Party candidate for president of the United States, will speak in Minneapolis on Thursday evening, July 25th, at Pioneer Hall, Lumber Exchange Building, Hennepin avenue and Fifth street, at 8 o'clock p. m. The subject of his lecture will be "Socialism, the Only Solution to the World Crisis." He will explain the program of the Socialist Labor Party, which calls for social ownership of the nation's industries and an Industrial Democracy government.

Aiken was the party's choice for vice-president in 1932, and in 1935 he was nominated for president. He addressed a large audience at Pioneer Hall in Minneapolis during the Presidential Campaign of 1936. Running with him at this time as vice-presidential candidate is Aaron M. Orange of New York City.

Mr. Aiken is at present a resident of Chelsea, Massachusetts. He is 44 years old, is married and has five children. He is a World

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Gassing With 977

This is the time of the year to do a little checking on ourselves, to see if we are really UNION minded in action as well as in principle. The By-laws were written by our fellow members to help us keep in line—let's reread the By-laws, for instance, Section 10 of Article VI: "Any member who accepts less than the Union Scale of Wages without filing claim for difference due, with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union within 30 days, shall be subject to a fine of not to exceed \$25, at the discretion of the Executive Board."

Members and friends of the Local may obtain tickets for the Second Annual Jamboree on their steward or collector, or at the office; the tickets are 25c and are good for prizes as well as in trade at the Jamboree. The date this year is August 29th at Costello's Grove. The Jamboree is a benefit to the Local 977 Baseball "CHAMPS" (we hope).

The tragic death of Bro. Bernard Martins on last Thursday evening, July 11th, was a severe shock to the fellow union members and friends, and the Local extends sincere sympathy to Bernard's mother and relatives in their bereavement. Because details of the accident were covered at length in the daily papers, we are not repeating them here, but wish to caution members to drive safely and sanely.

Sec. Davidson spent one week of his vacation in the northern part of the state last week, and hurried back to the city to take care of important business matters over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week. He returned north by plane to Duluth, where he was joined by Mrs. Davidson. They will complete their vacation and return to the city by Monday of next week.

We remind organized labor that the Sears, Roebuck station at Elliot and Lake street is still unfair, and should not be patronized.

Bro. Elmer Kurth of the Pure Oil Station at 3601 Lyndale Ave. S. is mending a broken leg at his home, 5421 24th Ave. S. How about cheering him up with a call?

Sec. Davidson has had this poster over his desk for the past two years: My friend, never speak kindly of pricecutters, never knock them. Because God made them the same as He made hornets, wasps, lizards, snakes, ants, roaches, fleas, lice, bugs, centipedes, skunks and other unpleasant things. In His inscrutable wisdom He made them. Why He made them, only He knows. Some day He may enlighten us—but up to now, I'll be damned if I understand.

War veteran, having served as a top sergeant in the Motor Transport Corps.

Card of Thanks
To 544 FWS:
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FWS NEWS

By Joe Kelly
All of you members who missed the women's meeting on July 9th really missed one of the best FWS meetings that we have had recently. Wm. Riley gave a most inspiring talk to the women, and it made us all feel that we haven't done very much in the fight in comparison to these boys that bore the brunt of the struggle by going to prison. We know these faithful union men can be relied upon in the future to lead the fights for better conditions for the working class.

Thelma Brinda, our acting secretary, is working on the sewing project these days. Of course she is wearing her button on the job and reports that all is well so far.

All of the members will be glad to know that Bertha Gates is out of the hospital again. Bertha, you know, is one of our sisters who was very active in the section last summer.

A Special Committee has been set up to plan to welcome event for the rest of our brothers who are still in Sandstone Prison, and are due for release August 23rd. Watch this column for further reports.

The Stork has been very gracious to our members during the last month. Peggy Shoefeld reported an eight pound and three ounce 22 inch baby boy on July 10. Lois and George Viens are the proud parents of a baby boy. Frank Stevens and wife should be reporting a little newcomer to their house any day now. We hope all of these additions will be as good union members as their parents.

The Education committee has agreed to dispense with the classes during July and August. But don't forget the library at the office of the Northwest Organizer. It has some good fiction and non-fiction books for summer reading.

Hopkins and Edina Sections report good success in handling their grievances out here. Johnny Specken, Bill Greenwood, Rex Garvey and George Hoskins are faithfully on the job out there.

From what one can learn about the Democratic convention that is in session at Chicago this week, it would seem that they are all acting like a bunch of jackasses. Saying that the best peace guarantee is a huge defense mechanism to protect our shores. Europe armed for peace and held peace conferences for the past twenty years, put their unemployed in concentration camps and jailed union men on any pretext they could think of. The surest road to war is for the bosses to hold peace conferences and manufacture armaments.

Card of Thanks
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Burr Funeral Home, 3040 Lyndale Ave. South
Davis, Harvey, 4084 West Broadway (Robbinsdale)
Enger Memorial, 1300 Lowry Ave. North
Enger Funeral Home, Grant at Park Ave.
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.
Sundseth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons
Our street department crews have taken on five new permit men, James Madison, Bob Smith, John Mulreay, Merle Plotenbauer and John Balent. You know the old slogan, "Where the gas mains go our city grows."

Charlie Spencer of meter installation has left for a 30 day vacation trip out west to Seattle, his former home. His plans call for a visit to Hollywood and the boys will be awaiting his return with the latest in gossip, also those autographs from the many pretties.

The main office janitors have a new vacation relief permit man in Don Benon.

Ed Nygaard of the works who became Executive Board chairman with his election as vice president, was on his vacation July 9th, so Vice-Chairman Mooney filled in. There were 11 members present.

Welcome back! Clifford Holm, Albert Nyquist, Clifford Bergren, Edward Winkowski, Carl Jacobson and Winstan Moline have all been called back to work in utilization.

Ray Anderson, Hallet Swanson, Ellis Sweet, Leonard Levy, Wallace Montenic, Lewis Burnett, Wallace Nelson, Douglas Barnett, Leroy Grant, and Emil Kroghstad will be eligible to come into the union next meeting. Better get the goat ready, boys, for the ceremony.

Gordon Martin and Reino Thompson of the street service crews are calling each other "Daddy"—that long-legged bird must be about to pay them a visit. From a very good source it is learned that there will be a blessed event

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TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Luade
We have a belated report of the death of Judith Mary Hager, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hager, who died May 5th. We sympathize with them in their loss.

June 10th, 1940, Marshall Hager became the proud father of an eight pound and two ounce boy. Just in time for the census, too.

This is one time we are glad to make a correction; Martin "The Fox" Stirriup is the happy father of a hussy baby boy; the boy has an older sister so this makes them a family of four.

The uncompromising attitude of the weights and measures office of our fair city cost the cab companies and drivers many wasted hours running all the new cabs through meter-lane at once to get a city seal on the meters. We all appreciate the value of a sealed meter, but we also like to have enough cabs on the street to take care of business.

The Liberty-Blue and White Cab boys had a trying day at the meter-lane last week: They witnessed a fatal traffic accident, Tony Cesare's new cab caught fire and Tom Olson's five year old son got a peanut stuck in the windpipe and lung but at present writing is out of danger.

With the warm weather coming on we expect Elliot Hall and "D"

DUES BY THE 25th. There will be no waiving of fines for delinquents. A good union member is one who attends meetings, gives his opinion there on the floor, speaks well of his union and cooperates with its officers and members, AND KEEPS HIS DUES PAID UP. The strength of a union is like that of our nation, it is within, not without.

Thought for the Week
Don't wait till you're in a jam to show what a good union member you are.
Meeting Wednesday, July 24.

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We envy Yellow Cab Starter Tom O'Brien who has worked a lifetime around cabs and baggage, yet does not drive an automobile.

Helpful hint for the day: Simon Edwards keeps a plug of tobacco in his "poke" to foil the moths.

Envy of the week: A. Nichols is the proud owner of a new Nash.

We wonder what Ralph Ryan has got on "gentleman-farmer" Quinnell, we saw him do a swell job of cleaning on Ralph's hack.

A. B. Christensen's new DeLuxe Cab was converted into scrap-iron in a short time last Saturday night when the cops raced a car thief up the avenue who tried to make a right-angle turn at seventy miles an hour.

The U. D. G. and Local 544 picnic committee did a good job handling the folks at the picnic at Bass Lake and the Local 958 picnic drivers wish to acknowledge the refreshment tickets. They came in handy.

The last of the new Yellow Cabs are here, which makes the extra drivers happy. After driving the fleet safely to Minneapolis, two of them tried to occupy the same spot just fifty feet from the garage so the formality of launching these two cabs with the proper fender dents can be omitted.

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Canada Jails AFL Unionist—Will U.S. Be Next?

Toronto—Canada's crack down on civil liberties in wartime reached a new low with the arrest of J. A. "Pat" Sullivan, president of the Canadian Seamen's Union (AFL). Sullivan was picked up in his hotel room and jailed under Section 21 of the Defense of Canada Regulations, which reads that "The minister of justice, if satisfied that with a view to preventing a particular person from acting in a manner prejudicial to the public safety it is necessary to do so, may notwithstanding anything in these regulations, make an order . . . directing that he be detained in such place, and under such conditions, as the minister of justice may from time to time determine."

According to the Toledo Union Leader, every effort was made to keep the arrest secret. Had Sullivan not been able, by a clever ruse, to convey an intimation of his fate to a friend, he would just have "disappeared."

Sullivan had been testifying daily at the federal conciliation board hearings which have followed the government's breaking of the recent seamen's strike on the Great Lakes.

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ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raza

A Mrs. Warburton, relative of Walter Carney, who passed away last week, phoned me last night, wishing to thank the members of Local 664 for the flowers sent to the funeral of our deceased brother. Our sympathy goes out to Brother Carney's family.

Brother Andrew Walik is seriously ill with pneumonia at St. Mary's hospital. We are wishing Brother Walik a quick and complete recovery.

Wonder if the hefty wallops the federal government landed on the lumber interests up North were delivered because said interests deserved it or because there's an election coming on this fall? Personally, I'm inclined to believe the latter is the chief reason for the action. Have been under the impression that there were no fangs in the wage and hour law and, like thousands of others, was pleasantly surprised when proven wrong. U. S. labor in general can take heart even from government action which is dubiously motivated.

In last week's Organizer, Brother Seavey gave a detailed and very enlightening account of the progress made by our local in the past five years. Assuming that all members read it, I predict less belly-aching from those brothers who have in the past over-indulged in the same. Our business agent has a full-time job of work to do at all times and must, of necessity, be all things to all men when dealing with our local politicians who have great power over wages, hours and working conditions. In view of the great progress made by our local, Brother Seavey merits a rising vote of thanks for his efforts in our behalf.

Brother Al Mlynek doesn't like eel fuzz on the sickle-barr.

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Iowa Drivers Council to Meet July 21st



Above is a picture of the powerful Iowa State Drivers Council, composed of representatives of all drivers' locals in the state. The Iowa Council will meet in Marshalltown July 19th to seek a statewide contract with the Western Grocer company, after which it will go to Des Moines for its regular monthly meeting.

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

Fellow members of 1859: As all of you who read last week's column have no doubt observed, the story of "Slavery" has dealt with the past conception but that is only to give you the background. In the near future the modern method will be explained in good old plain workingman's language, so don't stop yet. In fact, it will be so plain that even a college professor can understand it.

"SLAVERY" Chapter II.

(Continued from last week) (6) "Wherever one human being deems it honorable and right to have other human beings mainly devoted to his or her convenience or comfort, and thus to live, diverting the labor of these persons from all productive or general usefulness to his or her special use, while he or she is rendering or has rendered no corresponding service to the cause of human well-being, there exists the spirit which originated and still sustains human slavery."

The above is quoted from the writings of Horace Greeley.

Now there you have it, fellow inmates of this great American Bug House. Add to the above, when war comes and you are dragged from home and loved ones. Your body collects lice, rheumatism and pneumonia in stinking trenches. The light in your eyes is switched off by flying pebbles and iron splinters. Your ear drums are burst by detonation of murder machines. Your lungs are drench-

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ed in poison gas. Your entrails mix with dirt and gore. Your jaws are gone, your legs blown off, and thirty and sixty ton tanks flatten out the remains.

Not a pleasant picture, fellow workers, but is there any one of you that doubts the raw truth of it? Not a one of you but knows that this is what has happened in our time.

Now we come to the "New Slavery," and here it is in clear, plain language:

Let us now examine, brothers and sisters, how the new slavery came about. American democracy, with its high degree of economic equality rested primarily on the union between ownership and labor. With the growth of the machines, the old arrangement under which every mechanic, farmer and shopkeeper was both capitalist and laborer, gave way because machines soon became too costly and complicated to be owned and operated by one man. So it happened that individual craftsmen surrendered their individualism by forming partnerships. In these early partnerships the partners usually performed separate functions, as, for instance, one partner managed production, another attended to financial matters and a third busied himself at the selling end.

Out of these partnerships grew the joint stock company. These in turn developed into corporations, out of which grew syndicates, trusts and finally mergers of trusts. And now we hear of a "hemisphere cartel" in its formative period. So that by now in this year of our Lord, in place of the simple owner-manager workshop we have whole series of enterprises, owned by one corporation, commanding hundreds of millions of dollars in capital and hundreds of thousands of property-less workers.

(Concluded next week)

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By Amps and Volts

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Looks like what we need in Minnesota are changes in the insurance law making available a safe, cheap and sound Savings Bank Insurance.

If you missed the DRIVERS PICNIC last Sunday, you missed a good time. Like Christmas, it's another milestone for the kids.

How about a B-160 picnic?

Here's one we heard on good authority but don't guarantee. To inoculate against poison ivy, eat a sandwich which has a leaf of poison ivy in it. We understand it's done in the CCC and also the Telephone Company.

Jimmy Barr seems to like it at Coon Rapids. Quite a change, Jimmy, and plenty of fresh air out there, too.

Inquiries on the TVA jobs are coming in every day. Don't apply if you are inexperienced in the classifications which were named.

The eminent banker explained how he got his start in life:

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

George Bergquist

At a recent Joint Council meeting when the problems of our union were being explained, a brother delegate suggested that we adopt the slogan, "Have It Delivered" and then get busy with that thought in mind. The three words are very valuable, full of possibilities and are appropriate for all of the driving unions. If we should adopt the slogan, practice and preach it, there would be lots of new jobs for drivers. What would happen tomorrow if all of the people who shop at Sears would insist on "Have It Delivered"? To be most beneficial for Local 471 we could add the word, Daily. And it will require education and co-operation to put over a "have it delivered daily" program. It seems that even some of our members are trying to undermine their own jobs. Last week a report came in on one member (two in the family) who bought eight quarts when he purchased. We could do well to line up behind this movement: first, to set our own members right, and second, to gain public support.

Fishing reports have not been very good so we are going to appoint Brother Bill Jackson as a committee of one to find out from Mabel how she lassoes, hog-ties or brings the crappies in, all snarled up in the line. We really think she has something in her method and some more of us would like to give it a tryout.

Local 471 expresses its deepest sympathy to Brother Fred Newquist for the recent loss of his son.

At the last membership meeting we were favored by a fine talk by a fine farmer friend, John Wisdorf, president of the Farmer-Cooperative-Labor Council. He liked our pleasant orderly meeting and we like his program. He promised us that some day the farmers will set the price they want for butter and they will see to it that we pay that price. More power to him. We think the farmers should have a nice rate of pay for all of their hard work.

Tom Ammerman is chairman of the delegation which our union is sending to the International Convention at Washington, D. C. If you have any suggestions, resolutions or convention ideas, kindly get in touch with him.

People who are on "relief" have five cents to spend for each meal. In conjunction with their use of the Orange and Blue Surplus Commodities Stamps these people are able to have seven and one-half cents a meal to eat on. If these same people were normally employed they would be able to afford twelve cents. It has been figured out that if all the unemployed were restored to normal employment at one hundred dollars per month, there would be an increase of forty-seven per cent in the dairy industry in the United States.

Ed Corbett is out to find the guy that started the "Citizenship" story over on his route. It couldn't be your friends, Ed, and we don't think you have any enemies. We would like to help you in your search and hope you will post a small reward.

Here goes for a word of explanation. If you want something to appear in our column you can

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Indeependent Truck Chatter

By Mike the Mucker

Here is good news for all Minnesota truckers: the claim filed against the Minnesota Sand and Gravel company on May 13, for unemployment compensation for H. L. Sundby, independent truck owner employed by this firm, came up for hearing on June 25. On the evidence presented by Gilbert Carlson, attorney for Local 544, the state division of employment and security has handed down a decision allowing Sundby compensation during his unemployment on the basis of his work in the employ of this company. This establishes a precedent for all truckers throughout the state and means a real step forward for these drivers. Until now these men have not been extended the benefits of the unemployment compensation provisions in Minnesota. The decision is dated July 10, 1940.

An excavating contract providing for a preferential shop was signed by Fred Dann, a newcomer into the contracting business. The agreement is good for two years.

Those who witnessed the tug-of-war Sunday at the picnic must agree that Charlie Quick had one h--- of a time organizing his end of the proposition. The Independents lost and forfeited their championship title of three years' standing to the Transfer Section. If you want to get anywhere in this business, I guess you just gotta have a pull!

Earl Doty, ex-St. Paul contractor, has also signed a contract with the union and all men covered by it have been certified by Local 544.

Rumor has it that Milt and Dick finally had a meeting with the State Highway Department in regard to a certain job. More on this later.

And speaking of the guy whose shoes I find myself filling, he has grown a nice, long, thick crop of hair. My suspicion is that it's protection for the next time someone drops a dump box on his konk.

rest assured we will submit same no matter how "hot" it is. Possibly your item will be stricken before the paper goes to press. That is because there is a Censorship Committee, made up largely of conservatives and it is all their fault. So if there is any "heat" forthcoming kindly pass it on to them.

We hope that you attended the 471 Picnic, that you had a swell time and that you are out of the "doghouse" by now.

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With the Limousines

By Home James

It is almost impossible to sit down and write a column without taking a rap at someone. If the head of a business organization was away from his office as much as our governor is, we believe the directors would soon find someone to take his place. So if the governor's office is not so important, why not abolish it, or put in a man at the next election who will stay there most of the time. It sure is amusing, the way these one-track mind Republicans call Roosevelt a dictator. It seems a poor name for a man that tries to correct the mistakes another man has made.

I don't think we will ever forget the bread lines that Hoover established. You can only fool a man once, and the next time he will catch up to you. We still believe that the relief and WPA money spent is a lot cheaper than a revolution, and don't forget, that's what the Hoovers were headed for.

As one who was lucky enough to be at the Central Labor Union the other night, and hear the speech delivered by Governor LaFollette of Wisconsin, it would have made a number of politicians sit up and take notice. As you sit and watch him, you can't help but think of our old friend, Governor Olson, a true friend of the laboring man.

One of the presidential campaign issues, it seems, will be the defense program, and its relation to the Wage and Hour Act. If war comes, all labor will have to work harder and longer, but we still have too many unemployed. So it seems training unskilled labor and stabilizing employment would be the best defense program possible, also the best assurance that war will not come to this country.

Considering everything, it would be far wiser for the government to spend more for defense rather than undermine the basic 5-day week and other gains made in employer-employee relations in order to show a false economy in the national defense program.

You members who were absent from the meeting really missed out. The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock to enjoy the hospitality of the General Tire company—movies, refreshments and a little talk by Ferris Calton, who always has been one of the good friends of this Local. Many thanks to General Tire company.

More new members this week and also at least two members have more reason to be glad they are members of Local 912.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
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We Nominate Tobin

The other day the daily press reported that a certain U. S. Congressman was frantically scribbling a plank for "the defense of democracy" to be included in the platform of the Republican or Democratic parties, we forget which party. This Congressman had described democracy as "that system ordained by God," etc., etc.

All such mystical and supernatural explanations of democracy are quite useless in defining this much-abused term. Certain it is that democracy was not "ordained by God," any more than feudalism or serfdom, or Czardom or fascism were ordained by God, though rulers in countries suffering under all these forms of rule assured the world that God had blessed their state.

Democracy refers to those rights established by the capitalists in their historic struggle against feudalism, and to other rights that have come into existence under capitalism.

Democratic rights are roughly divided into three broad groups.

(1) The first group consists of those special "rights" which defend capitalist property relations. These include the right to hold property in the basic means of production and the basic raw materials; the right to exploit wage labor; the right to monopolize for the sake of private gain; the right of individuals and corporations to control the instruments of propaganda—movies and press and radio and telephone; the right to suppress the products of science and invention in the interest of profit; and a score of similar "democratic" rights.

(2) The second group of democratic rights likewise were born in the struggle of capitalism against feudalism, but have a different character. These include many of the civil liberties: the rights of free speech, free assembly, freedom of religion and of belief, and the right of habeas corpus, of free public education, etc.

(3) The third group of rights that exists under capitalist democracy are not properly "democratic" rights at all, but rather working-class rights, as have been won in the struggle of the workers against the employers. These are such rights as the right to organize into trade unions, to strike, to picket, to build Farmer-Labor and labor parties, etc.

Who Defends These Rights

The one group of democratic rights that the capitalists wholeheartedly defend is the first group of rights, those guarding capitalist property relationships. The second group of democratic rights are manipulated by the capitalists to their own ends. The capitalists are actively hostile to the third group of rights, and always seek to curtail them or abolish them completely in practice.

Fascist regimes rabidly defend the first group of rights, while completely abolishing the second and third group. All countries today in times of war take approximately the same position as Hitler in respect to these three groups of democratic rights. For instance, in Britain today, and in France since last September, the second and third groups of democratic rights are largely or completely banned—only the first group remains.

Should the M-Day that is creeping up on the people of the United States get its grip on this nation, the second and third group of democratic rights would likewise be banned.

So far as the working class of people are concerned, we have no interest in defending the first group of "democratic" rights which protect property relations only in the interests of the wealthy monopolists.

But the working class, foremost of all groups in society, has a definite interest in protecting the second and third groups of rights that constitute democracy.

The workers can not defend these democratic rights by supporting either of the two old boss-dominated political parties, both of which are committed to supporting and bringing into being the M-Day military dictatorship in preparation for war.

The workers can only defend democracy by strengthening their own unions, by seeing to it that the unions themselves are democratically controlled, that they follow militant policies. And just as important and necessary, the workers must have THEIR OWN POLITICAL PARTY, a national labor party, based on and directed by the unions, to challenge the Democratic and Republican parties not only for minor city and state offices, but for the highest offices in the land.

A Union Man for President

Today it is apparent as never before that there is no essential difference between the Republican and Democratic parties. Even the New York TIMES acknowledges this truth.

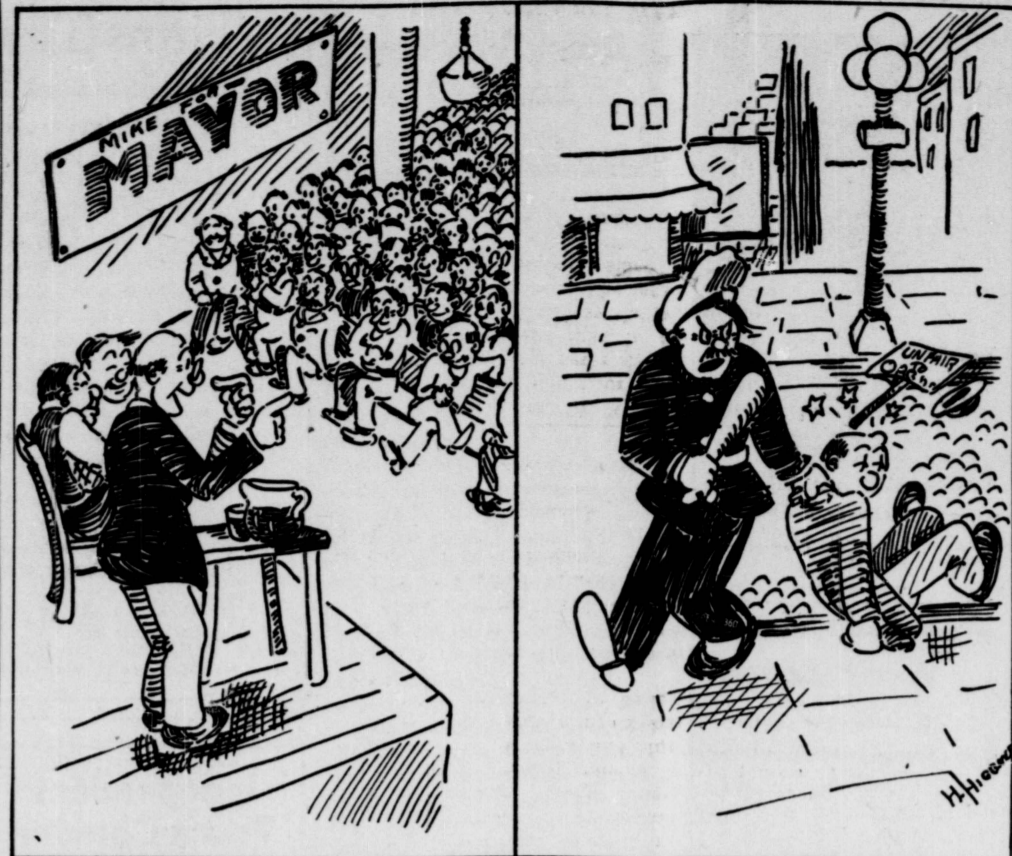
We should like to see some outstanding union figure stand for nomination to the post of the presidency of the United States, as the representative of a national labor party. Such a party could easily find the road to cooperate with the dispossessed farmers, the locked-out youth, the Negroes (who have never known what democracy is), and the lower middle class.

As a starter, we would like to nominate Daniel Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, for President of the United States. And we would like to see the trade unions in every state nominate loyal trade unionists for every post in the elections, including the posts of United States senator and congressman, and governor.

What has happened to organized labor in such countries as Norway and France, where the entire capitalist class went over to fascism and where the independent trade unions have now all been smashed and the workers enslaved to fascism, should be a last warning signal to workers everywhere that IF ORGANIZED LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES IS TO SURVIVE IT MUST BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO WORK OUT ITS OWN INDEPENDENT PROGRAM TO CHALLENGE BIG BUSINESS.

We want our readers throughout the country to write in their ideas on the proposals we make in this editorial.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH — By Higgins



The boss politician who promises the union a fair shake if they back him in the campaign . . . Turns out to be just another anti-labor skater who sics the cops on the first strike that comes along.

25,000 Children, Adults, Thrill at 544's Picnic

(Continued from page 1)
Wyman, Theresa Haller, Marilyn Herbert.

"Dash, young men 14 to 18—Harry Garlick, Wesley Smith, Lloyd Pierson.

Haller Family of Runners
Dash, young ladies, 14 to 18—Helen Jordan, LaVerne Arnold, Wanda Leifermann.

Shoe scramble for boys—Joseph Dropik, Ray Ehlers, Ronald O'Brien.

Men's shoe-kicking contest—Russell Anderson, Wesley Anderson, Walter Sommerfeld.

Wheelbarrow race, ladies and men—Nancy Kuehn and Ted Wines; Deloris Haller and Harry Anderson; Magdaline Haller and Bob Cross.

100 yard dash, men—Robert Leonard, Harry Anderson, Gus Guspil.

100 yard dash, ladies—Delores Haller, Magdaline Haller, Nancy Kuehn.

Carpenter Wins Gate Prize
In the drawing for gate prizes, conducted shortly after 6 p. m., Henry Rentsch, member of Carpenters Union Local 7, won the first prize of \$15.

Harriet Gallop, daughter of a Local 544 member, won second prize of \$10, and Hans Bergum, member of Local 544, won third prize of \$5.

The Arabian Nights and the DeSoto Creamery diamondball teams staged a fast game which delighted the crowd.

V. R. Dunne gave the memorial address at 6 p. m.

Drum Corps Serenades 544
A pleasant surprise greeted the picnic shortly after 6 o'clock when the crack Drum and Bugle Corps of the Russell Gaylord Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars marched onto the picnic grounds and entertained the throng with several military numbers.

The commander of the corps stepped to the microphone, greeted the picnic, and pledged that his men were with the General Drivers Union today just as they were in the great 1934 strikes. Many members of Local 544 are also members of the Drum and Bugle Corps. The Veterans of Foreign Wars had been picnicking at a nearby grounds and sent their very splendid corps over to serenade the General Drivers Union.

Hundreds of members of brother unions in Minneapolis attended the picnic with their families, and helped make the outing a success. The fireworks display in the evening was pronounced by all the outstanding fireworks display this year, much superior to anything offered in Minneapolis during the Fourth of July.

544's own band was certainly in the groove, packing the dance hall until the wee hours, and the merry-go-rounds and ferris wheels captivated the children. The Union Defense Guard kept order and supervised the parking of the more than 4,000 autos, without a single untoward incident. The several children who accumulated minor cuts and bruises during the day were immediately attended to by

Street Car Men Picnic July 21st

Division 1005 of the Twin City Street, Electric Railway and Bus Employees Union is inviting all members of organized labor to its annual outing at Costello's Grove, Cedar avenue and 92nd street, to be held Sunday, July 21st.

A feature of the program will be a ball game between the St. Paul and Minneapolis players; in addition there will be games and contests of all descriptions, with many attractive prizes awaiting the winners.

There is no admission charge, and Division 1005 will have free bus transportation available from Fort Snelling to the picnic grove and return.

Holsum Bread Is Fair to Billposters

The Bill Posters and Distributors Union Local 10 BB announced this week that the recent dispute with the Holsum Bread company has been removed, and that the company is now 100 per cent fair to Local 10 BB as it is to the rest of the union movement.

The company is carrying on a huge house-to-house advertising campaign with samples of Holsum bread, and is employing members of Local 10 BB for this work.

Bakery Drivers Launch Campaign Throughout Iowa

Ray Mills, secretary of the Midwest Bakery Drivers Council, reported last week that the organizing campaign among bakery drivers is progressing rapidly in Cedar Rapids, Waterloo and Marshalltown. A large contract has already been negotiated in the latter city.

"Every attempt will be made to bring the bakery drivers in other Iowa cities under conditions similar to those that have been established in Des Moines," Mills stated.

Do I contradict myself? Very well, then, I contradict myself.—WHITMAN.

The union physician, Dr. Korchik, Local 544 is famous never showed to better advantage than in the smooth and effortless way the picnic program unfolded. The picnic committee and all who aided in making the outing a success deserve a warm vote of thanks from all.

If you believe organized labor should sponsor its own labor party, tell us why.

If you believe that organized labor should continue its old "non-partisan" political policy, tell us why.

If you believe organized labor should support President Roosevelt for a third term, tell us why.

If you believe organized labor should support Wendell Willkie, tell us why.

Our pages are open to our readers for a discussion of these vital matters.

... the last word

By B. G.

Love—in the words of George Hegel, philosopher of the last century—is: "the ideality of the relativity of the reality of an infinitesimal portion of the absolute totality of the Infinite Being." Maybe times have changed, but that ain't the way I heered it.

Speaking of love: Dorothy Dix, well-known for her perennial advice to lovelorn ladies, is stepping outside her jurisdiction when she advises a girl of 16 on the rewards of poverty.

Little Sixteen-Year-Old believes that poor people ought not to bring children into the world to have nothing and suffer. Gracious Miss Dix says she hopes poor people will go on having sons and daughters because being poor has its advantages, although she fails to state just what these advantages are. I'm not so sure she'd know, anyway—living in luxury on \$10,000 a year.

Little Lessons in World Peace Girls at a New York university gave as one of their nine reasons for lowering the marriage age this one:

"Girls should be given every opportunity to get married at an early age rather than have their sweethearts called to war and have no marriage at all."

Maybe these girls don't know that married or no, their men will be called to war just the same. And their husbands will have to be well over 30 in order to come anywhere near being exempt from compulsory military service.

Maybe they think it's better to be married to a dead soldier than not to be married at all. But somehow that just doesn't appeal to me.

And then there is the story of the housewife who sent in cake flour premiums for "a pair of pantry panties, size 42."

Save the next two-pound shortening can you get and keep it for your oily dustcloths. It's much neater than having them hang in the closet where they can soil your other equipment. But more important is that it will prevent spontaneous combustion. Most furniture polish is highly inflammable and should be handled with care, whether in the bottle or on the dustcloth.

Vi Williams, wife of Organizer Tommy Williams of 544, gave me this recipe for a cool summer drink: Juice of oranges, lemons and limes in proportions to suit your taste, mint leaves, lots of ice. If you like, you can add your favorite gin—for flavor.

A woman visitor to the zoo asked the keeper whether the hippopotamus was male or female. "Madam," replied the keeper sternly, "that is a question that should be of interest only to another hippopotamus."

A DICTIONARY OF LABOR TERMS

lockout, the closing of a plant by an employer as a maneuver to smash a union. While a strike also closes a plant, the union calls a strike at the time, and under the conditions, most favorable to the workers; while the employer locks out his employees under conditions which tend to place the union at a disadvantage.

London Bureau, a group of centrist parties which attempted to get together on an international scale on a program between reform and revolution; so called because the group had headquarters in London. The major groups in the London Bureau are the ILP of England, the P.O.U.M. of Spain, and the P.S.O.P. of France.

lumpenproletariat, a German term for slum dwellers, one-time workers who have become so discouraged, demoralized and poverty-stricken by unemployment and poor conditions that they no longer have any working-class loyalty. Generally, beggars, petty thieves, drunkards, loafers, pimps, all those divorced from productive labor. In times of social crisis the lumpenproletariat is more apt to side with the employers against the workers.

M-Day, the term employed by the United States war department to denote the first day of mobilization for war. Detailed plans have been prepared by the government to draft men into the army, to organize industry for war needs, to launch the war propaganda and to set up innumerable regulations controlling many aspects of the life of the nation. Though the government originally planned to step by step for military dictatorship.

Maritime Federation of the Pacific, a joint council of the maritime unions on the Pacific coast formed as an aftermath of the 1934 San Francisco general strike. Originally included the Longshoremen and Stevedores; Marine Cooks and Stewards; Masters, Mates and Pilots; Marine Engineers; and Teamsters. Once a powerful union council, it has since disintegrated due to the wrecking policies of the Longshoremen's Union under Harry Bridges.

Marxism, the science of achieving a socialist, classless society. The theories and doctrines developed by Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, and their successors. The outstanding features of Marxism are the dialectic method and the materialist interpretation of history, the theory of surplus value, the doctrine of the class struggle, and the need for international organization of the working class in replacing capitalism with working-class control, leading eventually to a classless, stateless society.

A Marxist is one who accepts the class struggle and the need for a dictatorship of the working class during the transition from capitalism to socialism.

mass action, political activities which enlist the support and activity of organized masses of people, in contrast to action which hinges upon one or a few individuals.

mass production industry, any industry operating on a large-scale basis, employing large numbers of workers whose labor is quite specialized.

materialism, the philosophical doctrine that all beliefs, spiritual forces, and imaginations in beings have their origin in matter and concrete events. The opposite of idealism which is the doctrine that ideas, imaginary forces and supernatural beings govern and precede the world of things.

May Day, since 1889 the day celebrated by workers the world over as a day of international working-class solidarity, and as a demonstration of the will of the working class to destroy class distinctions through social change and thus enter the road

to international peace. May Day originated in the United States in 1886 when the American Federation of Labor set that day as the day upon which it launched a nation-wide general strike for the 8-hour day.

The strike was gaining momentum and almost 200,000 workers had won shorter hours when the Haymarket bombing in Chicago occurred, throwing the country in a panic and giving the employers an opportunity to work up an anti-labor hysteria which stemmed the strike movement.

Menshevik, from the Russian word "menschinstvo" or minority. Likewise, Bolshevik means majority. The old Russian Socialist Democratic Labor Party split in 1903 into two wings, the right wing or Mensheviks having the minority and the left wing or Bolsheviks the majority. Menshevik has come to mean one who believes in class collaboration. A Bolshevik is one who believes in consistent class struggle and technical men are organizational ideas of Lenin.

metal trades, machinists, foundry workers, blacksmiths and other workers engaged in the manufacture of metal products.

metal trades council, a union body embracing all the local metal trades unions in an area.

middle class, a term used very loosely to include all persons in between the working class and the employing class. The term includes various combinations of small business men, professional men, technicians, independent farmers, "white collar" workers, salesmen, high salaried employees, etc. In reality many white collar workers and professional and technical men are workers, receiving wages, subject to being fired, etc., but many in this class still think of themselves as "above" the working class.

Middle Way, a term invented to denote the hope of certain liberals that some "middle" way out of the worldwide crisis of society could be found between the solution offered by Big Business (fascism) and the working-class solution (socialism). The Middle Way was supposed to have made particular headway in Norway and Denmark, where the consumer cooperative

movement flourished. This "consumer socialism" failed to satisfy the workers, and antagonized the capitalists. Hitler's legions blasted the "Middle Way" off the map and into the limbo of bankrupt political theories.

On the National Picket Line

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A two day "work stoppage" during which 20,000 garment workers played bridge and cribbage, went to the Fair and to shows, or just sat, ended on Saturday as both unions and the employer groups ratified an agreement reached last Saturday in Albany. The new Wages and Hours Act provisions will be in effect immediately with 34,000 workers all over the nation benefiting.

The wage boosts under the new interpretations of the Act will not affect many of the workers in Manhattan where wages are said to be much higher than in other sections of the country. However, the new contract limits the number of contract-workers employed in each plant and is considered a victory by the leadership of both the ILGWU (AFL) and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO).

The word "victory" has changed its meaning since the Defence Program received the endorsement of all of the labor-fakers in this country! Not enough details of the new contract are available to judge just how much these thousands of workers won by agreeing not to strike, but our guess is that what has been pawned off on them as a "victory" today wouldn't have gotten so much as a hearing prior to 1940.

SAFETY IS THE N. W. ORGANIZER

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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 160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday. Stewards—Wednesdays preceding 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
LOCAL 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	LOCAL 221 Day Laborer Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
LOCAL 259 Second Monday of each month.	LOCAL 1859 Membership—August 7. Box Section—August 13. J. R. Clark Section—August 21. Grievance Board—August 22. Stewards—August 12 and 26. Executive Board—Every Friday, 8 p. m.
LOCAL 664 General Membership—First and third Fridays. Pay Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	LOCAL 20481 Grain King—August 20, 4:15 p. m. Twin City Lumber—August 20, 4:45 p. m. Twin City District Council Hall Hastings Section—August 20, 8 p. m. Hastings Hall
LOCAL 1086 The Retail Clerks Local 1086 will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.	LOCAL 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.
PETROLEUM DRIVERS LOCALS 544 AND 977 AND WAREHOUSEMEN Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	LOCAL 544 JULY Monday, July 1—Package Delivery and Department Stores, Greenhouse Wednesday, July 3—Sausage, Petroleum Monday, July 8—General Membership Tuesday, July 9—Lumber, Raymond Bros., 9 p. m. Wednesday, July 10—Market, Wholesale Paper, Wholesale Liquor Friday, July 12—Wholesale Grocery and Meat Drivers Monday, July 15—Furniture and Coal Thursday, July 18—Tent and Awning, Newspaper, 10 a.m. and Ways and Means, ITO Friday, July 19—Job Stewards Monday, July 22—Spring Water Tuesday, July 23—Building Material Wednesday, July 24—Sand and Gravel and Excavating Thursday, July 25—Transfer and Warehouse and Wholesale Drug Friday, July 26—Cold Storage and Produce Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 3 Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local 544 office, first floor All regular meetings start at 8 p. m. unless otherwise indicated
LOCAL 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 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 Thursday. 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—Second Monday of 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.

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