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Labor Pins Down Slave Law at Public Hearing

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

A brief report of the National Labor Relations Board issued February 1st contains encouraging news for all workers. The board reported that 70 per cent of the 540, 544 votes cast in a total of 1,192 elections held during the last fiscal year were marked for either an AFL or CIO bargaining agency. Only 12 per cent went to unaffiliated unions, most of which are company unions.

Despite the huge wave of anti-labor propaganda rolling across the country—highlighted by Westbrook Pegler and his phoney slogan of "Drive the Racketeers Out of the Unions"—the American workers are not being fooled. The false slogans of the 1941 Open Shop bosses are being contemptuously dismissed by those who toil. Overwhelmingly they are voting for genuine unions, and for those things that only unionism can bring: decent wages, decent hours, decent working conditions, a measure of job security.

Just between ourselves, the daily newspapers of this nation are performing a nice dirty job these days against the labor movement. The job consists in branding every strike as a "blow to national defense."

Wherever possible, this aspect of every struggle is played up in the headlines, to overshadow the fact that the real cause of the strike is that the workers want decent pay, or better working conditions, or a union agreement.

To prove the point, here are some recent headlines culled from the nation's press during the month of January:

- "12,000 Chevrolet Men to Take Strike Vote—Production of Motors for Army Trucks is Threatened."
- "Strike at Bayonne Plant—Defense Work Reported Involved at Boiler Factory"
- "Strike Threatened in Defense Work."
- "Workers in Michigan Defense Plants Get 30-Day Order."
- "Strike on Defense Jobs—CIO Workers Ordered Out in Five Auto and Plane Plants."
- "CIO Officials Intervene in Defense Plant Disputes."
- "Defense Workers End Eaton Strike."
- "Navy Yard Strike Delays Drydock."
- "CIO Strike Halts Allis Chalmers, Delaying Heavy Defense Orders."
- "Defense Tie-up Is Feared."
- "Strike Halts \$26,000,000 Defense Job."
- "Strike Halts Work on U. S. Army Airfield."
- "1,000 To End Strike at Defense Plant."
- "Two Other Strikes in Defense Industries Are Averted."

Maliciously, the boss press strives subtly with might and main to give the impression to its readers that each strike is caused by un-American workers who are striking only in order to tie up "national defense."

This foul poison is injected into every labor dispute.

Insofar as the boss press is able

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Carstater Upheld By Court; Schmid Ejected by Union

District Judge Loevinger Upholds Civil Service Order Reinstating Dr. Carstater to Post of Vocational Director—Harry Schmid Expelled from Teachers Union for Violating Union Principle—Rockwell Ouster Witnesses Testify Board's Charges Are Groundless

Labor and liberal forces fighting to uphold a free educational system and to defend labor's interests in the vocational training program scored again last Saturday when District Judge Loevinger upheld reinstatement of Dr. Eugene Carstater to his post as state director of vocational education.

Stassenites on the state board of education had discharged Carstater last September; when Dr. Rockwell, state commissioner of education, defended Carstater, the state board suspended Rockwell. A subsequent hearing of the state civil service board was held, resulting in an order for Carstater's reinstatement, holding he had been dismissed unjustly. The Stassenite majority of the board of education challenged the reinstatement order.

Judge Loevinger has now upheld the civil service board. He further held that Carstater is entitled to \$650 from the state to reimburse him for lost salary. In a lengthy memorandum on the case, Loevinger characterized the board's "evidence" against Carstater as "so fragmentary and fugitive as to afford no basis for dismissal."

Carstater appeared at his office Monday morning. Tuesday the state board of education met to consider what action to take.

Dilemma Facing Board
It certainly finds itself in a dilemma. The more it resists reinstating Carstater, and attacking Dr. Rockwell, the more obvious it becomes that the board has no real grounds save its own conservative anti-labor views for its actions.

The board could decide to get in still deeper by appealing the Carstater case further to the state supreme court, and risk having its stand again rejected. Or it could acquiesce to the order reinstating Carstater, tantamount to an admission that its case against Rockwell as also baseless.

Confronted with this problem, the board on Tuesday chose the latter course, with reservations. In a testy resolution it decided that "Pending a final determination of Dr. Carstater's status, acting Education Commissioner H. E. Flynn is directed to restore Carstater to the position to such extent as funds are available for payment of his salary and to such extent as he is able to comply with present requirements of the federal government with relation to the duties to be performed."

Dr. Carstater and his attorney, Benjamin Drake, immediately branded the qualifications in the resolution as illegal and "in no sense in compliance with the civil service board's action or the mandate of the Ramsey district court."

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160 Construction Department to Meet Saturday

A special meeting of Local 160's Construction Department will be held Saturday morning, February 15th at 9 a. m. at 257 Plymouth avenue north, to consider the proposed 1941-1942 construction agreement and recommendations of the Wage Committee.

This Isn't Picnic Weather, but 544

The annual picnic of the Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544 will be held Sunday, July 13th, at Webb's Place on Bass Lake. A meeting of the union picnic committee will be called shortly to initiate the necessary arrangements. This is the terse announcement from Walter Hagstrom, picnic committee chairman.

This is hardly picnic weather, but summer seems much closer than before, now that the unions are already announcing their annual outings.

Burlington Boss Makes New Threat

Burlington, Iowa—Desperate at its inability to produce goods with a working-force of only sixty finks and foremen, the strike-bound Northwestern Cabinet company on February 6th sent out a letter to all strikers warning them that the last chance to reclaim their jobs was Monday, February 10th. "After that date," Boss Starke threatened, "the company will proceed to fill all remaining vacancies and thereafter will not be obligated to re-employ any of its former employees. All persons who were in the company's employ on September 20th, 1940, will be reinstated if they report for work on or before February 10th."

Needless to say, this threat was treated with the contempt it merits by the striking woodworkers. Strikers showed their attitude to Starke by throwing 200 pickets around the plant last Wednesday evening when the scabs sneaked out of the plant.

One scab, seeing the cops around, swaggered out of the plant with a hammer in his right hand. A picket, sensing the possible danger to women on the picket line, strode up and firmly took the hammer away from the fink and turned it over to the nearest officer.

Less than 15 finks are entering the struck Leopold plant each day, though the boss and the boss paper try to keep up their courage by claiming "over 30 men" are working.

Franklin Women's Guild to Dance

Franklin Cooperative Women's Guild will hold a valentine costume dance on Saturday evening, February 15. There will be music by Paul Paulson's orchestra and prizes for the best costumes. Refreshments may be had for a small cost. The dance will be held at the Franklin Auditorium, 2108 Washington Ave. N., at 8 p. m.

Local 160's 1941 Agreement

There will be a special membership meeting of the Utility Workers Union Local B-160 on Friday, February 14, at 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth avenue north, to consider the proposed 1941-1942 agreement. You are instructed to be present.

12th Ward FLP Names T. A. Eide

The regular meeting of the Twelfth Ward Farmer-Labor club Tuesday evening went on record unanimously to instruct its delegates to the Farmer-Labor city convention February 23rd to nominate T. A. Eide for mayor and to recommend the acceptance of his candidacy by the convention. All club members were of one mind in believing Eide, who came within a few votes of whipping Mayor Leach in 1939, is the best possible choice for mayoralty candidate.

Eide is the candidate best fitted to mobilize the mass of union voters in the city behind the labor slate.

Boss Wants Union to Be A Racket

Ottumwa, Iowa—The very class of people who scream about racketeering in the union movement are the ones who attempt to promote racketeering practices in the unions, Frank Cronin of the Waterloo Drivers Union told an Ottumwa audience in a meeting at the labor hall February 3rd.

Cronin told of being propositioned by the heads of a Waterloo company, whereby the company agreed to sign a union contract if he agreed not to enforce it. In brief the bosses were perfectly satisfied to have their employees pay dues and fees to the union if the bosses could be assured the union would do nothing to improve conditions for the members.

When Cronin naturally turned down this dishonest proposal, the boss in question forced the union on strike and engaged the union in an expensive law suit in an effort to destroy the organization.

Officials of Des Moines Drivers Union Are Victims of "Conspiracy Indictment"

Latest union victim of the Open Shop drive of the employers is the Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90 which last week had a blanket indictment returned against five of its officers. The indictment charges that the union "conspired" to damage the business of an anti-union truck operator.

Named in the indictment are the following Local 90 representatives: Leo Quinn, recording secretary; Carl Keul, business agent; Walter Watson, Ted Beebe and Joe Keul, organizers. Local 90 has done a splendid job of organizing the transportation industry in Des Moines, of raising the wages and working standards of its members, and of cooperating to build the union movement in Iowa.

C. I. McNutt, union attorney, declared the conspiracy charges brought against the men were "plainly and simply trumped up," and "an attempt by the enemies of labor to crush the most effective union in town."

"I have studied the case over very carefully," he said, "and I have talked with all the men involved. They have done nothing which is not perfectly in accordance with recognized union rules of organizing."

Boss Attacked Unionist
Touching on the testimony of a Des Moines truck operator before the grand jury, McNutt said that the operator, Mercer Nicholson, "on one occasion

Labor Fights Wage Cut For Teachers

Representatives of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union appeared before the city school board to demand that public school teachers receive the full salaries to which they are entitled. Ever since 1933 teachers' salaries have been sub-normal; today they are 15 per cent under full salary. Teachers are desperate at the prospect ahead of them, as commodity prices continue to soar.

Among union speakers demanding justice for the teachers were George Murk, George Todd, Sam Drage and Harry Brown Alch. Laborites pointed out that continued underpayment of teachers menaces the wage standards of all workers.

Adelaide M. Ber, Edison high teacher, pointed out that teachers are actually subsidizing the public school system through the 15 per cent wage cut forced on them. A motion by Arthur LeSueur for full payment of salaries was defeated by a tie vote, 3-3.

The tie vote underlined the need of electing labor people to the school board.

Teamsters Council to Elect Friday

The regular February meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council will be held this Friday evening, February 14, at the union hall.

Annual board elections will take place. A report from the committee on a labor temple will be heard.

Bartenders Yearly Ball February 20

The Seventh Annual Ball of the Minneapolis Bartenders Union Local 152 will be held Thursday, February 20, 8:30 p. m. at the Margold ballroom. Two orchestras will play, led by Dick Long and Lloyd LaBrie. Tickets are only 50c and a number of attractive door prizes will be presented. All members of organized labor are cordially invited to attend.

664 to Hear Art Johnson, Vote By-Laws

All members of the City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 are urged to attend the next regular meeting Friday, February 21st. Art Johnson, secretary of the Municipal Employees Pension Association will speak on the pension bill now before the state legislature.

Immediately following this talk, the proposed new union by-laws will be up for final consideration. This will be the third reading. If satisfactory, the by-laws will be adopted.

Bakers' Union On Strike at Chapman's

Following two months of unsatisfactory negotiations with the Chapman-Graham company, 2923 Hennepin avenue, the Bakers Union Local 222 was forced to resort to the strike weapon. Last Thursday the four bakers at the store walked out, after the Policy Committee of the Central Labor Union had endorsed the move.

The company refused the union's request for a union shop, seniority, and wage and hour demands.

Sympathy Strike
Two members of the Milk Drivers Union Local 471 employed at the plant—an ice cream maker and driver—walked out in sympathy with the Local 222 men.

The strike is still on and all members and friends of organized labor are urged to support the strikers in their most demands.

Local 471 Backs Flikeid for Commission

The membership of Local 471 voted unanimously to support Arnie Flikeid for the position of labor's representative on the Industrial Commission. Brother Flikeid has been a life-long member of organized labor, he served as secretary-treasurer of Local 471 for three years, was on the Minneapolis Civil Service Board for two years and is well qualified in every way to represent the organized labor movement. The Milk Drivers petitioned Governor Stassen that he appoint Arnie Flikeid to this post.

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Only One Employer Representative Present, Fails to Answer Labor's Criticism—Wier and Starkey Tell How Present State Labor Law Discriminates Against Labor, Permits Employers To Violate Law with Impunity—Employer Admits Bosses Like Stassen Law and Want to Keep It: Why Not?

If testimony at Monday night's public hearing on the Minnesota State Labor Relations Act were to decide the fate of a state labor law, the Stassen Slave Act would be scrapped forthwith and there would be substituted for it a bill containing the best features of the bills presented to the state legislature by the State Federation of Labor and the CIO.

About 180 persons attended the public hearing in the house chamber Monday evening. Aside from members of the house labor committee, the overwhelming number of those attending were unionists. Save for one or two representatives, the employers didn't deign to attend or to try to justify the Stassen law.

The hearing was conducted under the able chairmanship of Representative John J. Kinzer of Cold Springs. Speakers included Frank Starkey, head of the State Federation of Labor's research division; Roy Wier, organizer for the Minneapolis Central Labor Union; Douglas Hall, an attorney who is legislative representative for the CIO; Walter Frank of the Lathers Union; and J. R. Sweitzer, representing the Minnesota Employers Association (and the lone employer representative present to speak).

Labor's Criticism of Law

Mr. Starkey listed the many ways by which the Stassen law victimizes the workers and discriminates against them to the advantage of the employers. Our readers are familiar with labor's criticism of the present labor law. Starkey told of the unfair manner in which the present law abrogates the state and federal anti-injunction laws; the injustices brought about by the long waiting periods before a strike may be declared legal. He told of the more than 700 strike notices sent by unions since the Stassen law was passed in 1939.

Starkey urged the house labor committee to study the Federation's proposed law, House File Number 46, and explained its superiority to the present law. The Federation bill, he said, provides for a full-time state labor relations board which would develop fair codes for both unions and employers.

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craft unit mandatory upon the proposed state labor board.

Industrial Unionism Must Be Protected

If this is so, it is a serious objection. For some day the CIO movement in this state is going to be led by able and conscientious unionists who will tackle the Number One CIO job of organizing what basic industries there are in the state: the South St. Paul stockyards, and the mines on the Range. This job hasn't been done and won't be done by the present CIO leadership, which has been much too busy splitting established AFL unions. But sooner or later, a healthy leadership will come up in the Minnesota CIO movement which will tackle the job of organizing the unorganized mass production workers. Such a leadership, when it arises, must not be handicapped by any statutes infringing upon the rights of industrial unionism.

When Hall finished, he introduced Walter Frank as a representative of "a trade union legislative conference held in Minneapolis attended by representatives of AFL and CIO unions."

How Stassen Law Works
Frank said the Federation bill is an improvement over the present law, that the Stassen law should be repealed, and that the Federation bill could be improved along the lines of the national Wagner Act.

He gave effective testimony as to the ways in which the Stassen law actually prohibits building trades unions from striking, because usually each craft will have finished its work on a housing job before the 10-day waiting period has passed.

Roy Wier was the closing speaker. "I had hoped," he said, "the employers would be here to tell of the accomplishments of the present labor law."

He presented the findings of a questionnaire sent to each of the 150 locals affiliated with the Central Labor Union, asking their experiences with the Stassen law.

Challenging Stassen's claim that the law has lessened industrial warfare, he told of the periods through which the union movement has passed in recent years: the period of organization, started when the passage of the Wagner act released workers from fear of losing their jobs if they organized into unions of their own choosing; and the subsequent period of stabilization, during which the unions consolidated their gains.

"Is the present industrial peace due to the present state labor law? Our figures don't justify giving such credit to the Stassen piece of legislation. Our unions want this act repealed. All the key parts of the act are directed against the unions."

Answering some of the CIO objections to the Federation bill, Wier said that in Minneapolis many of the AFL unions were large and fine industrial unions, and that the State Federation of Labor proposal would not discriminate against industrial unionism.

Will Start Study Monday
The hearing closed at 10 p. m. Chairman Kinzer said that the house labor committee would start its study of the Federation of Labor's proposal at its meeting next Monday.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Oklahoma Editor Says War-Makers Swindling People

Oscar Ameringer, Editor of Liberal "American Guardian," Has Fun Reminding Advocates of War About Facts of History

(The following article is reprinted from the "American Guardian" of January 31, 1941.)

In all the pious swindle and superheated emotionalism that has deluged the American people during the past few years, certain historic facts have been overlooked or systematically suppressed. Among these are:

FIRST—The territory of the United States has been only invaded twice and both times by England, first in the War for Independence and second in the War of 1812.

SECOND—The Monroe Doctrine has been seriously menaced only on two occasions. The first when France and England landed armed forces on American soil, and the former with the blessing of the latter placed Maximilian, the brother of the Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, on the throne of Mexico, thereby establishing a monarchy directly bordering on the U. S. A. The second occasion was when British naval forces landed in Venezuela, causing President Cleveland to threaten the British Empire with war unless said forces were speedily withdrawn.

THIRD—The only foreign power that ever seriously interfered with the domestic affairs of this country was England. It was first to recognize the Confederate states as a belligerent power—giving aid—short of war—to smash the Union. In the spursuit of this sort of neutrality the government of Her Majesty supplied the Confederate states with credit, munitions, ammunition, ships, blockade runners and sea raiders to prey on the commerce of the United States. In the final settlement of the so-called Alabama affair in 1871 the government of Great Britain pleaded guilty to these offenses and in testimony thereof paid an indemnity of \$15,500,000 to the U. S. A. for damage inflicted.

Aggressor Nations
Starting with Russia, we do not find a single instance where that country aggressed on an American interest either at home or abroad. From the inception of this Republic in 1776 until American troops landed on the Murmansk coast, relations between the two countries have been more than cordial, as for instance when Russia relinquished its title to Alaska to the U. S. A. at a nominal and mutually agreed upon price, when during the Civil War a Russian squadron anchored in New York harbor as a not too gentle hint to the British government that in the event it carried its hostility to the federal government to the point of war it would have more to deal with than the harassed government of Abraham Lincoln.

In regards to the Murmansk affair it should be mentioned that when Woodrow Wilson dispatched American troops on that occasion it was not to protect American life and property but to protect the war stores France and England had previously loaned or sold on credit to the Czarist government while a partner in the enterprise of making the world safe for democracy. After the demise of Czarism, these stores of war materials were primarily employed as first aid to the Czarist counter-revolutionary war lords engaged in restoring the morality, religion and ways of life of Czarist Russia.

This foreign intervention in behalf of the old order cost some ten million Russian lives by invasion, civil war, pest and famine, destroyed the bulk of the livestock, farm machinery and industrial equipment left after years of foreign war, and finally resulted in the war communism out of which grew the union of militarism and economic communism referred to as the Stalin dictatorship.

The only unfriendly act that may be charged against the present Russian government is that it repudiated the debts of the former regime and abrogated concessions granted to the nationals of other countries. But as there is no instance as far as we know where any government, our own included, paid for the dead horses of its predecessors or surrendered its public domain to foreign claimants, we may profitably forget the trespasses of the USSR also. However, leaving out the above slips from the narrow path of morality, etc., Comrade Stalin paid his honest debts and that is a great deal more than can be said about some of our highly moral friends over there.

Japan
Until our own Admiral Perry woke up Japan, the Japanese were

as Spain, England and France were dividing the earth between them when not engaged in taking it from each other, the Germans conducted themselves quite decently, strange as it may seem. This was the Germany we all love, the Germany of Bach, Beethoven and Mozart; of Lessing, Schiller and Goethe; of Kant, Hegel and Schopenhauer; the dear old Germany chopped up into 32 states with not a seaboard outlet save by the grace of others, and nothing to sell but culture and mercenaries for others to conquer with—as for example, Hessians to King George and Prussians to pull England's hot chestnuts out of the embers at Leipzig and Waterloo.

Too bad that dear old non-aggressor Germany is no more. No doubt Mr. Churchill will do all he can to restore it to its former glory and be it at the sacrifice of the last American dollar and boy, for such is the altruism of Germany's first cousin. And yet we predict the failure of this moral enterprise, not because the Germans are not fully deserving of the wrath of the righteous. We predict this solely because what technology has joined together, not even ideology shall rend asunder.

The 289 Blab

By A. M. Ogren

Next meeting will be the Cake and Pie Drivers on Thursday, 4:30 p. m., February 20. Come on, you guys. Get up here and pitch. Make this a real big cake meeting for a change. . . . A special meeting was called last Friday on the contract proposal and a change made in one clause which was o. k.'d by the entire committee. . . . Frank Smith, Hostess cake, reports that both his wife and daughter are sick and in the hospital. Due to the fact that I've been on the sick list for a couple of days myself (I discovered I was flying around with the flu) I haven't much of anything to write about. So I'm lifting a column written by Bugs Baer that I think is pretty good. Says Bugs: Looks like congress is sort of hand-cuffing the president like the lady who let her husband go anywhere he wanted to, provided he didn't enjoy himself. Now, I read both Republican and Democratic newspapers and I see both sides like a fellow turning over a waffle. But I still don't know whether to enlarge the factory or the complaint department. I don't know why they wrangle that way, but I do know that the last time those fellows agreed on anything was the last time. While they were kicking the gong around the subject, I see Mrs. Roosevelt told the students at Mount Holyoke that Franklin could send the whole navy to Europe and nobody could do anything about it. If that is the case, I suggest the next time they take inventory of the White House spoons they also check on the bathtubs. Well, here's one thing you can say about a democracy. It's lots of fun and excitement even when it gets serious."

Due to the terrific pressure of population the Japanese made repeated efforts to extend their Lebensraum, as living space is called in Japanese. But as the available living space was occupied by other people and living space is rarely secured by the exercise of brotherly love, they resorted to force and violence.

However, in spite of the aggressive proclivities of the Japs there never has been a clash of arms between them and the U. S. A. Indeed, until as recently as a few weeks ago, Japan was one of our best customers for scrap iron, finished steel and related commodities customarily employed in the securing of living space.

Italy being only a little aggressor, we shall content ourselves by merely stating that the Italians, who, according to all reports, are running like scared jackrabbits all over Africa and Albania, are the same Italians who as our allies of the First World War stood for four long years like a reinforced concrete wall against the grey hordes of the Beast of Berlin. How these erstwhile so heroic, liberty-loving and highly intelligent people eventually allowed themselves to be humbugged by such a notorious windbag as Benito is more difficult to explain. Our own theory is that in an age so largely governed by wind they merely followed suit to remain in fashion.

Germany
We come now to the worst and most warlike of the aggressor nations, Germany. This is the more astounding because the peace-loving Anglo-Saxons, Jutlanders and Danes who settled the British Isles along with its aborigines are of the same blood as the Teutons who remained in their own woods. Then when we further consider that the non-aggressor descendants of the original aggressors acquired some 14 million square miles of overseas real estate in the short space of three centuries while until quite recently their warlike tribesmen at home occupied the 160,000 square miles inherited from the Neanderthal men, our astonishment bounds on the miraculous. Or could it be that these now 65,000,000 Germans who for all we know may be God's children, living on a territory considerably smaller than Texas, barred by almost insurmountable tariff walls from exchanging the fruits of their industry for food and raw materials, deprives by quotas of relieving themselves of surplus population, may have some cause for changing from non-aggressors into aggressors?

We say changing because during the three centuries in which such well-known non-aggressor nations

Firms That Are Unfair

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Dyde Wash, 718 Washington Ave. N.
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Bridge Cleaners, 1510 4th St. S. E.
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Edina Cleaners and Tailors, 4952 France Ave. S.
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Gopher Cleaners and Dyers, 811 4th St. S. E.
Hennepin Ave. Tailors and Cleaners, 2015 Hennepin.
Lunow Hennepin Cleaners and Tailors, 2015 Hennepin.
Lake Dale Cleaners, 622 W. Lake.
McKee Cleaners, 2858 Chicago Ave.
New Deal Tailors and Cleaners, 1512 E. Franklin.
Plaza Cleaners and Dyers, 1418 3rd Ave. S.
Rosedale Cleaners and Dyers, 9 West 43rd St.
Rustic Lodge Tailors and Cleaners, 4811 Nicollet.
Sir Knights Cleaners and Dyers, 2403 Lyndale Ave. S.
Busy Bee Cleaners, 4752 Grand Ave.
Penguin Cleaners, 714 W. Lake St.

Note: Some of the drivers at the Liberty Cleaning and Dyeing company are UNFAIR TO LAUNDRY, LINEN AND DRY CLEANING DRIVERS LOCAL 131. If you patronize this firm be sure to ask the driver for his union book or button.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

The reading of the by-laws was postponed last meeting due to the late hour of adjournment. Several speakers from Hennepin County Central Committee Farmer-Labor Party consumed a good portion of our time and adjournment was voted an hour later than usual. . . . The compromise offered by the B. P. C. was better than we expected. A long step has been taken toward complete elimination of the customary long spring layoffs. Henceforth, the yearly layoff shall not exceed two weeks and the same scale will be paid the year 'round. . . . Skating season closes officially on February 16. . . . Brother Henry Husebo has been confined to Swedish hospital for several days, but is home again now. Hope to see you soon, Hank.

Brother Joe Knight (Mayor, West Broadway) is in hospital for an operation, the nature of which is unknown to the press. Good luck, Joe. . . . Brother Louis Anderson has been ill and abed the past month, but in good spirits. You might drop in and see him. Brother Helge Bjerg reports that his missus, who has been ill a long time, is slowly regaining her health. Good news to all of us. . . . Saw Brother Chris Jensen a few days ago and he's looking good and feeling better. You are now on withdrawal, Chris. . . . Brothers Mlynec, Martin and the press, along with their wives, were entertained at the home of Parnell and Mrs. Larson last Saturday night—and how Olga sure can cook!

Again, I ask every civil service employee in Minneapolis to contact his senator and representatives regarding the new pension bill. Let them know you are interested and vitally concerned in the passage of this bill. The pension board is putting on a good fight and now is your chance to pitch in and help them to help you. . . . Art Johnson is scheduled to speak at the meeting of February 21 on pensions and social security, so make it a point to attend. . . . Did any of you ever watch Brother Ed Vogel dunking doughnuts? A doughnut looks like a lawn hose washer in his dukes. Ed was laid up with flu a couple of weeks ago, but is o. k. at present. . . . Send in the news.

Card of Thanks

To Local 544:

Your kindness and sympathy at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.
Mary Porter and Family.

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Can Capitalism Defend America? Is Forum Subject

Mrs. Dorothy Schultz will speak this Sunday afternoon on "Can Capitalism Defend America?" before the regular Sunday forum at 919 Marquette avenue. The forum starts at 3:30 p. m. and luncheon is served following the talk and discussion. Admission is 10c.

Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carl KE. 4232

These are the news items that should have been in last week. The copy was turned in on time by the writer, but through an "error" in our office, it didn't reach the office of the Northwest Organizer in time for the last issue. . . . To avoid misunderstanding and any confusion regarding the requirements necessary to collect sick benefits, I am writing the provisions quoted in our by-laws herein: "If a member is delinquent for non-payment of dues, sick accident, doctor and death benefits shall be automatically cancelled as of date of delinquency, and member shall not be eligible for said benefits until thirty days have elapsed after member becomes paid up to date. No member shall be entitled to any benefits when able to perform any part of his regular duties or while receiving workmen's compensation. . . ."

Correcting the week before last week's article pertaining to the long pencils: the Troy laundry, and not the Minneapolis issued each of their drivers 18-inch pencils. On each of these pencils is the following inscription: Take your age—multiply by 2—add 5—multiply by 50—subtract 365—add the loose change in your pocket under a dollar—add 115—and the first two figures in the answer are your age and the last two equal the change in your pocket. (It works out; try it!) . . . Starkey the Hatter, located at Dinty Moore's cleaners, called my attention to the fact that he not only employs a union driver but pays union wages year-round and that this driver, Frank Dooley, has been a member of our

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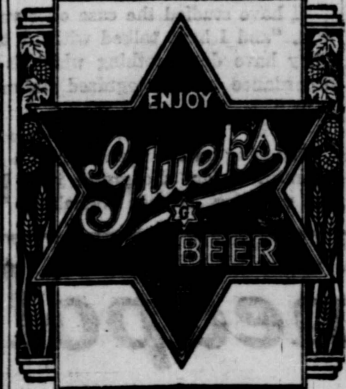
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union for the past three or four years. So I am removing this old hat that adorns this curly konk to Steve and Frank, hoping this retraction will soothe their indignation.

The above error and the pencil incident make me believe they actually read this doggone column. I was corrected no less than four times on the last writing. One was my mistake, the other was the printer's. Well, anyhow, if it doesn't read right, let us know. . . . Bob Johnson (Nevens), Vince Donahue (Royal), Max Schanfield (G & K), and Joe Mennes (Model), were all on the sick list last week. One or two may not be back working yet. This sickness lately has really taken a good bite out of some of the paychecks. (Being sick is bad enough.) Incidentally, Alvin Nesheim took over Joe Wennis' route during his illness. . . . Visited the Lincoln cleaners the other day and for a small plant, they have some really up-to-date equipment and are quite able to turn out nice work with plenty of modern equipment to handle peak periods. Incidentally, the only one not owning a car out there was the boss. Yuh can't have everything, yuh know. . . . Minneapolis laundry has a "new" tow truck in operation now. The boys can hardly wait to break down. . . . There's been a "scuffle" out Modern and Mill City way, but things have quieted down now. Everyone's heppy.

Model laundry put on two new International trucks last week with more on the way. By the way, speaking of trucks, I believe I saw two new ones marked "J. and H. Laundry." (I suppose Herb Bloomdahl will have to keep the window open to get used to his. . . . Lawrence Brink, (Service Cleaners) volunteered for the army. He was pretty close to the top of the list for the draft. . . . Earl Witzig (American Linen) is making the old haunts again over northeast. . . . Jim Rogers, Sr., is back on the job again after "mending" for quite a spell. Jim, as you remember, had an accident which resulted in several broken ribs and internal injuries. . . . Harley Bartlett (Custom) was "promoted" to a regular combination route after having been on a special route four years. Hank Carlson succeeded him on the special. . . . Eldon Rogers and Frank Nelson and their wives, plus Connie Beckland and a girl friend, made the "rounds one night last week. Well, Connie has given up the idea of being a confirmed bachelor. (This is unofficial, of course.) These boys hail from the Model.

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GAS LOG

By Bob Fitzsimmons

Well, Uncle Sam is exercising his seniority preference throughout the land and this week is calling on two of our brothers to be his guests for the coming year. George Hanson, meter installation steward, and Paul Husen, of utilization, are the first to be called from our union and you fellows can be sure we are all proud of you and will look forward to hearing about the good old army life first hand. . . . The report about Ken Smith of the street making "homing pigeon coops" at the new street building is all cleared up. They turned out to be some new bins for fittings. . . . And talk about your fast people. Believe it or not, George Kloster of the street was out after rabbits last Saturday and actually caught six after running them down. In fact, he over-ran a couple of them—it says here. . . . We are sorry that Jim Smith of utilization is down sick with bronchial pneumonia and hope he recovers quickly and that the rest of our sick list, including George Keller from the street, who has the flu, and George Tripp from meter repair, who has a cold settled in his eye, will be back on the job real soon. . . . Those fellows in the street department sure know their stuff as they take the lead again in that "blessed event" contest. Or is this a contest? Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berglund are justly proud of that bouncing baby girl the stork brought them last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. And to even things up for the week, Mr. Stork made another one of our families very happy when he knocked at the door of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Healy last Wednesday morning and said, "I've got a boy here who wants to stay at your house." Our congratulations to these proud parents. . . . A note here reminds me that Red Hanson of utilization, who was a recent new father, will instruct new fathers—free—on the art of applying baby diapers. Sounds like the voice of experience speak-

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ing, or Fun for New Fathers.
Bowling Bazo or Who Will Hit 500? The week's big five includes Don Schomning, 533; Gil Burton, 524; John McGaughy, 522; Red Dymoke, 517, and Tom Gallagher with an even 500. Bryant Gas Heat took three from Murray's Red Feather and Collins Electric, Lee's Broiler and Home Appliance took a pair each from Minneapolis Gas Heating, Gas Heat Equipment and Hermetal Liners, respectively. Worthy of mention, I think, is the record of the Hermetal Liners in taking 19 out of 21 games up to last week which is not a bad percentage in any sport. I don't know whether the boys think you guys need more competition or not, but every week we learn of a brother who is getting in condition for next season, the latest being Walter Perler who thought of bowling in the Gas League until last Saturday night when friend wife took him to the cleaners with a 128 to his 125. . . . Valentine's Day falling today, we know of a happy young man in the street department who asked a certain miss to be his valentine, and she evidently thought the idea was a good one. Arthur Ferran leaves the ranks of you remaining bachelors and makes a living reality out of this valentine tradition. We wish for you and your bride the best of health, happiness and a growing prosperity. Congratulations. . . . Certainly, Kenneth Bemis of utilization, Vic Lofstrom, meter reading, and Peter Kallevig of the street, deserve a hand for leading the parade to more tips that resulted in more range sales and brought them in winners in their respective departments for January in our employees' range sale. This makes them just a ten spot better off for their efforts. Who will win this month? Let's put over a grand finish.

TAXI TOPICS

By F. H. Lunde

John Berglund, Yellow Cab airport bus driver who was struck down by an automobile as he was boarding a streetcar, is getting on nicely. . . Roy Brown and Bud Lundin are the latest victors over the flu-bug, glad you're back boys. . . Be sure to attend the next Local No. 958 union meeting February 20th.

In a suburb of Budapest, Hungary, last week a flood forced quick evacuation of a hog farm and in order to save the critters it became necessary to haul them away in taxicabs—by the way our Minneapolis cabs look "the morning after the night before" the day drivers are convinced that night drivers must do that rather often. . . More foreign stuff: A newspaper pictures a post-war hack in Warsaw, Poland, it is a three wheeled affair that must be pedaled like a tricycle, the passengers sit in front and the cable driven meter shows that the driver or pedaler-man is running a straight-up bet all the supervisors got

executed for something or other. . . E. Evans copied this out of the magazine Steel (a house-organ for that industry) February 3, 1941. Frank O. Emmitt, engineer and inventor with the Packard Motor company, has developed a working model in a Packard chassis of a hydraulic drive turbine to make a four-wheel drive with no clutch, no transmission, no drive shaft, no rear axle or differential and no brakes eliminating two thousand five hundred parts used in conventional passenger cars. At full throttle of one hundred and thirty-five H. P. motor a pressure of 650 pounds per square inch is developed on the pressure side of the system and a vacuum of 28 inches of mercury in the return line ample to drive car at a speed of 75 miles per hour. Ratio of engine speed to wheel speed is four to one.

Caught cruising—According to our State Highway Department persons under twenty-one years of age are the most dangerous drivers and law-violators. Apparently "punks" are "punk" drivers. . . The Hennepin-Lake gang of mile-mongers won't take a full-time lease on the stand unless they can have their hacks equipped with periscopes so they can see from the feeder-stand. . . The warm weather will soon be here, and so will Jack "Super" Daly's famous wheelbarrow. . . More drivers have left the employ of the Y. C. than for many past years. Back to the field that looks greener, eh, fellows? . . . Don't be too optimistic, boys, the Hill Billy will take his new glasses off.

"Do you keep Rixie's Reviver?" asked the mousey little man to the druggist. "Yes, indeed," was the answer. "Give me six bottles for my wife." "Tried all other remedies without success, eh?" "No, she's not sick. But I saw an advertisement where a woman wrote, 'After taking six bottles I was a new woman'."

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

By Harry Raymond Guest Columnist

(Note: Permission to read the following column, contributed by Brother Harry Raymond, is given only to seasoned union members. In regard to the conditions discussed by H. R., we refer you to the story, "From Cannibalism to Capitalism," published in the Northwest Organizer two years ago.—Richard B. Gilmore).

How long are we going to be bound by old philosophies, which twist the truth and blind us to the purpose of man's life on earth? For ages, those philosophies have taught that man is here on earth to struggle to attain enough to try to live. This is the most amazing, senseless and enslaving, diabolic thought ever taught to man. It is a vicious snarl to teach that man is here on earth to work himself almost to death in order to exist until he at last dies. Apples grow upon the boughs of trees and fall with ease into your hands. But you are always taught to wallow with your face deep in the mud, to work and struggle to find the apples there.

The earth abundantly produces all that man wants. Remember, water, earth and sun produce all things you want to eat. There is no money cost, for they never ask for taxes, interest or wages. The sun shines free. The rain is free. All hindering costs are due to struggles man creates to keep on struggling for the things he wants and could so easily attain without the strife. And so, you do not pay for food; instead, you pay for your struggling efforts ever going on. One group of men is struggling to maintain a price so high that it prevents you from getting food until you too, struggle enough to pay that price. Farmers struggle just enough so they can pay for the struggles of another group of men who strive to hold up the prices of the things the farmer needs to raise his crops.

Our economic system is the strangest thing ever known on earth, creating Frankensteins of war to kill off half the men on earth, and then, by our strange economic policy, starve the rest to death. Too bad we mortals have not the sense of squirrels. They live. They are free.

"Do you know where bad little girls go," asked the mother in chiding her young daughter. "Oh yes, mother, they go almost everywhere."

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With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

The Ohio Dairy Products Association is circulating a pledge among dairy farms, reading as follows: "Dairymen's Pledge—My family shall have plenty of fresh milk, the best food—I will not grumble about milk prices until I have used an abundance of dairy products on my own table—I will not use substitutes in place of butter—I will cooperate with my fellow dairymen to promote increased use of dairy products." It seems that such a program has unlimited possibilities and should be carried on throughout the entire nation. . . In Chicago no milk licenses for 1941 will be issued by the city until the milk ordinance which is now being revised has been acted upon by the city council, it was recently announced. The new ordinance provides an amendment which would assess a two-cent inspection fee on every hundred pounds of milk delivered in Chicago.

During the month of January, 1941, Local 471 paid to its sick members over two thousand and eight hundred dollars which was an up of one thousand dollars over January of last year. This week we are printing the entire "sick list" with the sincere hope that we will endeavor to call on our Brothers who are unfortunately ill at this time. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to John Anderson, Thomas Moran, Earl Connors, Glen Corbett, Harry Holmes, Paul Keechle, Frank Nelson, Paul Peterson, Ralph Stuth, Art Peterson, Ernest Dale, Jack Alvarez, Eugene Aitkin, Hjalmar Johnson, Fremont Anderberg, Harley Wind, William Schwab, Gordon Nelson, Erick Beckstrom, Karl Kidd, Wallace Sellum, H. W. McCluskey, Gust Larson, Arnold Anderson, Preston Hoover, Charlie Plansson, Ole

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Franklin Chorus Benefit Dance February 22nd

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The benefit dance will be held in the Franklin creamery auditorium, 2108 Washington North. There will be good music, old and new, and a door prize. Tickets are only 40c. H. Milstroh is chairman of the dance committee.

12th Ward FLP Card Party This Saturday Eve

The 12th Ward Farmer-Labor club will hold a card party in the club hall, 2815 East Lake street, at 8 p. m. Saturday, February 15. Cash and door prizes will be awarded, and the public is invited.

An honest God is the noblest work of man.—Ingersoll

Nelson, Hans Meyers, Les Schroeder, Herbert Tjesvold, C. A. Nelson and John Manus. . . Our sincere and proven friend, Bill Wiedner, secretary of the Retail Grocers Association, is out to be alderman for the Seventh ward. More power to him and we will all have an opportunity to return some past favors.

Congratulations to Lenny Fahl on that up and coming skating daughter, Betty. Last Saturday in St. Paul she copped the State Juvenile Girls Championship which convinces us that there was no "company angle" needed to spur her to victory in the Franklin Co-operative meet. We all wish her the best of success in her coming contests at Duluth and Winnipeg. . . Brother Clarence Young will have to go short of sympathy on his new bowling score of 79 in the singles (or was it 97)? We understand he has been playing around with the elephants and they do make people "jumpy." . . In our column we soon expect to run a booking recently written by Brother MacCarlson. It is entitled, "Taking the Wife Bowling."

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\$1,250,344 Slash In City Relief

Last Friday the local welfare board adopted a budget totaling \$5,278,968 for direct relief and other public welfare costs, as against expenditures last year of \$6,529,312. The slash in city relief will amount to \$1,250,344.

With every unit of government, from President Roosevelt to the state legislature, taking a swing at the unemployed, the public welfare board fell into line.

Almost all the saving is expected to result from reduction in relief requirements because of increased employment and general business improvements, the board said.

Watt Notes

By Amps & Volts

Special meetings this week: Membership 8 p. m. evening of February 14th at which the proposed 1941-42 agreement will be a special order of business, and the Construction Department at 9 a. m. Saturday, February 15th, to consider the new construction agreement and the recommendation of the Wage Committee. . . If anyone has any suggestions for the By-Laws, either meet with the committee or make them in writing, signed and addressed in a sealed envelope to the By-Laws Committee at the Union office. . .

St. Cloud News

Brother Hertzberg of the power plant is in the hospital. If you can find time, drop in and see him. . . Brother Faucher was off with an eye injury for several days, but fortunately is now back on the job. . . Some of the brothers have received their valentines already, and boy, are they proud of them. . . Brother Anderson was in Minneapolis Saturday, and was ably assisted in the driving by his six-year-old son.

We understand that Joe Hurst, the Riverside flash, is training for the Olympics on aspirins, kraut and Ex-Lax. According to latest reports from the Hurst camp, Joe can now outdistance any dick in the employ of either the Great Northern or the Northern Pacific, and do it under extremely slippery conditions. . . At the time of writing this column we could still place electricians in Detroit at \$1.65 per hour, 48 hours per week and O. T. over 40 hours. Living conditions good. . . Due to world conditions and the rapid change of the status of the United States in relation to Europe, which is bringing about rapid militarization of our country, we are entering a period that will rock the very foundations of organized labor. It has never been more necessary that we have the loyalty and support of every member of our unions if we are to effectively combat the trials and difficulties that will confront us in the near future.

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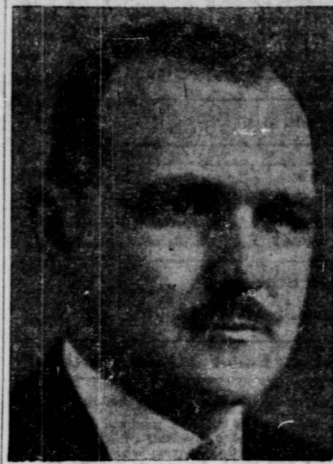
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Group Health Speaker



Mr. Maurice B. Visscher, head of the University of Minnesota's physiology department, who will talk on recent developments in scientific medicine at the second annual convention of Group Health Mutual, Inc., state-wide hospital care co-operative. The convention will be held this Saturday, February 15th, in the Midway Club, St. Paul.

Group Health was organized two years ago primarily to meet the health needs of organized workers and members of co-ops and farm organization and their families. About 7,500 persons are now covered by the plan. Consideration of plans for all-family medical care on a pre-payment basis will be the chief business before Saturday's convention, which opens at 9:30 a. m.

Always say HAVE IT DELIVERED. Help create more jobs.

Independent Truck Chatter

By R. F. Hornig

You're in the army now, You're not behind the plow, You're . . .

By this time most of you should have heard that Herby Paulson will have no call for worrying about the Belt Line situation. Likewise, your press agent herewith announces that he, also, faces the same dismal future. Very ungood, to say the least. In consequence, Herby, after the 15th and I, after the 17th, may be addressed by mail: care of the army. Only barrier remaining in the way of Draftees Hornig and Paulson becoming inducted into the service is the final medical exam at the Fort. . . This last column under this heading is not a very easy one to write. This breaking into one's life by something so unpromising, yet so definite, produces a state of mind hard to analyze. I know of no one who rejects the practice of a regimented life as completely and emphatically as I. So I get a low number in the draft and must drop out of the picture for a year (?) before anyone I know. Confusion, doubt, fear, disgust and a hundred other feelings rolled into one give you an idea of what it means to me. And all the ribbing you have to take, the good-natured advice, conversation on the street and newspaper stories all seem like so many nails being driven into the old coffin. You wait hopefully for the blow to fall without any fear of physical danger.

Checking the ITO book six last week produced these figures. I personally know 150 truckers who are paying dues in December or January. There are 120 more men paying dues as members of our section whose names I did not recognize. About forty independents have recently taken out withdrawal cards since November. That record is far better than last year. . . Let's go forward this year of 1941. We must adopt progressive programs. Independent truckers' existence depend more than all else in keeping abreast of the times. Use a sane and reasonable approach in working out your problems. Fighting amongst ourselves is a waste of time, especially when we can gain so much by fighting together against outside opposition. The defense program at this time furnishes more possibilities for us than the WPA ever did. That is worth while going after.

Dealing with Vincent and the

G.A.R. Luncheon Next Wednesday

Mrs. Katherine Holewa is chairman of the ways and means department of the Ladies G.A.R. luncheon and card party to be given next Wednesday, February 19, at one p. m. in the Russell Gaylord memorial hall, 2025 Fourth street north. She will be assisted by department officers. Proceeds of the luncheon will be used for patriotic work.

park board are still going on in regard to the merging of the contract truck list and the establishment of rates on the basis of the yard-load on the job. . . The unemployment list is the longest we have ever had in the month of February. . . Blacken Conroy's reputation as an employment director and help your ITO committee get a state seniority setup. We want the state to hire trucks through the Hopkins office and as in previous years. . . A little trip to Iowa on a cooperative basis might turn out something. . . Candidates for committee member and columnist are requested to apply next week to Hodson or Zander. . . Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Zander on the new member they have added to the family. . . Goodbye, and good luck; see you next year! . . . P. S. As a draftee for the next twelve months I hope to have the opportunity to smuggle an occasional letter to you in the columns of the Organizer.

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Preamble of Constitution of American Federation of Labor
"Whereas, a struggle is going on in all the nations of the civilized world between the oppressors and the oppressed of all countries, a struggle between the capitalist and the laborer, which grows in intensity from year to year, and will work disastrous results to the toiling millions if they are not combined for mutual protection and benefit.
"It, therefore, behooves the representatives of the Trade and Labor Unions of America, in convention assembled, to adopt such measures and disseminate such principles among the mechanics and laborers of our country as will permanently unite them to secure the recognition of rights to which they are justly entitled.
"We, therefore, declare ourselves in favor of the formation of a thorough Federation, embracing every trade and labor organization in America, organized under the Trade Union System."

Court Upholds Carstater, Schmid Expelled by Union

(Continued from page 1)
Union Throws Out Schmid
When the lone liberal member of the board of education, Mrs. Colvin, raised the question of the status of Harry Schmid, strike-breaker who took Carstater's job, the Stassenites said that Schmid would remain on "indefinitely."

A special meeting of the board of education has been called for Wednesday morning, presumably to decide what to do about the post of vocational director and its two occupants, Carstater and Schmid.

Schmid, incidentally, was ordered dropped last week from the union to which he belonged, the Men's Federation Chapter 238 of the American Federation of Teachers. The union had notified Schmid to appear before its executive board, and, later, to appear before the membership meeting. Schmid disregarded both notices. He has now been ejected from the union. Union officials say the action was taken because Schmid has taken an office where, by all trade union principle, no vacancy existed.

Local 238 is to be congratulated in upholding a basic trade union principle against the opportunist and strike-breaker who sought to take Carstater's job.

Rockwell Scores in Hearing
In the meantime defense attorneys continued to call witnesses in the hearing in the ouster of Dr. Rockwell. Chief witnesses during the week were Dr. A. B. Caldwell, deputy commissioner of education; Dr. F. H. Finch of the University of Illinois college of education, and George Mayer, chief accountant in the education department.

Caldwell said the system introduced by Rockwell to facilitate departmental business resulted in increased flexibility and was considerably more practical than the staff meeting system previously used. The board of education had criticized Rockwell for not holding staff meetings. Caldwell cited as an achievement of Rockwell's administration passage of a law in 1935 encouraging establishment of 6-year high schools to give seventh and eighth grade pupils advantages of high school facilities.

Answering criticisms of the board of education on the handling of state aid, Caldwell said that budget restrictions made it necessary to use inexperienced help from NYA to compute state aid, and that it was at this time that schools in St. Louis Park, Hopkins and Tracy were over-paid on their 1938 school aids.

Dr. Finch, who was director of rehabilitation under Rockwell from 1935 to 1938, testified the division was reorganized so that less money was spent on administration and more used for actual training of handicapped persons. The standards of the division were raised considerably, he testified.

George Mayer on Monday testified that legislative acts by the 1937 special session made it impossible to deliver to the state auditor the certificates required for special school aids by October 1st, as specified by law. This had been another charge of the Stassenites against Rockwell.

On Tuesday Pierce Butler, Jr., attorney for the board, tried to bolster his case by tacking on new charges against Rockwell, regarding relations with subordinates in the office. Referee Foley permitted the charges.

New Attack on Education
A new, oblique attack on the state education system was contained in the report of the legislative interim committee on education, released last Thursday. The report advocated cutting down state aid to schools by more than \$1,000,000, and sought to reappraise

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

Dick Hornig, fellow columnist, ITO'er, and our friendly verbal sparring partner, will shoulder a musket and march to the wars some time next week. God luck, Dick.

Final action on the proposed change in the local by-laws will be up for disposition at our next regular meeting Monday, March 10th.

Don't Believe All You Read Dept.
Friday, February 7th, the Minneapolis Star-Journal carried a prominent story, under inch-high black headlines, which said "544 Member Given Term." The article said that Lee Faulkner had been given a 30-day workhouse term for careless driving. The story itself may or may not have been true. But the item in the story on which they based their headlines was not true. Lee Faulkner is NOT a member of Local 544. Evidently the desire of the Star-Journal to slander and smear the General Drivers Union overcomes even the elementary decencies of reporting the news.

How about another get-together for the Organizer columnists?
In the Spring
The poets say one thing about it, but for Local 544 it means contract time and this year over 150 agreements await negotiations. They range in importance from the transfer group to places that employ one member.

Guess
Eide and Leach to fight it out for number one spot on the mayoralty seniority list.
Did you know that all Standard Oil drivers and warehousemen are now members of Local 977?
The new arrangement at the dues window has relieved the Grievance Board of dozens of cases. Steve settles plenty of them right on the spot.
Born
The Zander babe, 7-7, has arrived on the scene after a two month battle of nerves. Mother and dad are recovering and the staff has gone back to work.
While on the subject we might as well tell you that Lafe Younker fathered a baby Sunday.
The much-needed change in the chauffeurs' license law has a good chance of passing this year. Tell your state representative and senator to vote for it.
If you have a low draft number, see the union about getting a leave of absence from your job and a withdrawal card from the local.
If your boss gets sore when you insist on your rights under the agreement, remember it's easier to get along with a sour puss than a short pay check.

THE DEBATE

Labor Versus Westbrook Pegler

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Westbrook Pegler has the brass to charge that "the proportion of crooks is higher in union leadership than in any other occupation."

We say this is a ridiculous lie, and that the exact opposite is the truth; that there are fewer crooks within the organized labor movement than in any other social stratum in America. In preceding articles we have shown how it is Big Business that patronizes and hires the gangsters to prey upon organized labor. In our closing article we are going to list more evidence of the racketeering carried on in those circles which are forever trying to avert public gaze from themselves by hollering "crook" at the union movement. We no longer even ask Pegler why he never exposes these people. That isn't what Roy Howard and the other newspaper publishers pay Poison Pen Pegler to do.

Before we present our list, we wish to call attention to a recent article by President Daniel J. Tobin in the February issue of the official magazine of the Teamsters Union. Commenting on a recently-published story of a crook in New York who has been shaking down officers of one of the Drivers Unions, President Tobin anticipates that "We will undoubtedly have another series of articles written against us, especially against the International President, charging him with being responsible for having crooks, thieves, robbers and racketeers connected with our union." Referring to the "scalping writers" who overlook the great amount of good within the labor movement and only refer to the few isolated black spots, Tobin summarizes: "We have in our local unions and in our International Union perhaps seventy-five hundred salaried officers. Once or twice a year we hear of something going wrong. No other institution has such a record or such a minimum of wrongdoing in proportion to its membership."

The Industrial Pirates
Well, Mr. Pegler, you have made your statement against organized labor, and you are stuck with it. Now we are going to prove you a liar.
As Exhibit One, we produce the recent report of the United States Treasury Department on enforcing Federal liquor laws. In the calendar year 1940 "arrests for violation of Federal liquor laws totaled 25,862; property of an appraised value of \$2,305,611 was seized; 21,295 PERSONS WERE INDICTED AND 18,247 WERE CONVICTED."

This is just one branch of business, Pegler. In this one branch 18,247 persons were convicted of violation of Federal law during 1940.
Come, Mr. Pegler, show us an equal number of union racketeers to match those in this ONE branch of business. Show us 18,000 racketeers in the trade union movement. Show us 1,800; show us even 180!
Why, if you were interested in giving your readers a true picture of the extent of crime, you would have material here for about 90,000 daily columns. Your regular practice is to pounce on some alleged racketeer in the union and chew over him for at least five columns.

While you're thinking up some slick answer, we'll cite a few more figures from the Treasury Department.
"Special agents of the . . . Bureau of Internal Revenue obtained the indictment of 239 individuals, including business and professional men, as well as racketeers, for evasion of income and other taxes during the calendar year 1940. Of 201 individuals tried during the year, 155 were convicted."

During this same period the Bureau of Customs made almost 8,650 seizures of smuggled merchandise, "a decrease of 25 per cent in comparison with the preceding year."

The Racketeers of Big Business
Now we branch out a bit into the larger domain of Big Business. Here are some examples called to our attention in the period during which this debate has been proceeding.
On January 29th a suit was filed by McKesson & Robbins in Connecticut against the accounting firm which audited the McKesson books during the period before the fraud of its president, the late

F. Donald Coster alias Musica, was exposed. The suit charges that the accounting firm covered up substantial losses and watered up the assets.

On the same day in Indianapolis Federal Judge Baltzell set a date for the trial of a \$5,000,000 damage suit against George A. Ball, Indiana glass jar manufacturer, whom a group of business men charge with illegally manipulating the market to enhance the value of stocks before selling it to the plaintiffs. This Ball is the same man whom a Senate Interstate Commerce Committee has just reported for seeking to avoid income and inheritance taxes on a \$5,000,000 profit, by establishing a "charitable foundation."

Also on January 29th a New York insurance broker who owns the slum property which burned recently, causing the death of seven Chinese, went on trial in General Sessions on first and second degree manslaughter indictments. It is the first trial of its kind, though the multiple dwelling law has been in effect for eleven years. You never thought it important to devote even one column to the crimes of some landlords against the people, did you, Pegler?

On January 25th Hallet R. French, insurance broker, pleaded guilty of embezzling \$1,217.88 in premiums on insurance he wrote on the Tacoma bridge which recently collapsed. French collected the money for the insurance and it stuck to his fingers.

The Law in Its Majesty
On January 10th Howard C. Hopson, pompous head of the Associated Gas & Electric system, received a five-year jail sentence for cheating the system of a mere \$20,000,000. Hopson's lawyers, incidentally, got off scot free. Hopson was found guilty on seventeen counts of using the mails to defraud.

About the same time, a 19-year-old youth in Fort Worth, Texas, received a seven-year jail sentence—for stealing a wrench worth less than \$5.
Maybe some people, in comparing this sentence with Hopson's, will think the quality of justice here was a wee bit strained. But we'll let that pass for a moment.

The Stock Swindle
On January 25th in Chicago a referee in bankruptcy recommended a final settlement of the Insull Utility Investment swindle. Investors are to receive 7c on the \$1.00. Among the investors no doubt are many employees of Insull whom he forced to purchase stock in his various undertakings. This is a common practice of public utilities; they force their workers to purchase company stock at inflated prices, and the workers wake up one day to find themselves with a bundle of worthless paper. It is one slick way to institute a wage cut. We hate to bother Pegler with such details from the life of the working class of people.

Here's another item regarding Tasillo von Schmidt, New York broker, sentenced in General Sessions recently in New York to two to four years in Sing Sing "for defrauding customers of his brokerage of more than \$86,000 in money and securities in fraudulent stock promises . . . He used securities belonging to many of his customers in obtaining loans from other brokers," the N. Y. Times reports.

On January 25th the Times reported that "a million dollar swindler," Mustain, had himself been swindled by a young man falsely purporting to be an FBI operative.

The Arms Racket
On February 2nd Supreme Court Justice Cawey in New York characterized as "corrupt and illegal" an agreement between the Curtiss Wright company and a former commander of the United States Navy by which the latter was to receive commissions on all airplane materials sold to the Republic of Columbia while he was acting as adviser to the Latin-American government. The sum of \$41,400 was involved.

We see by the papers that William P. Buckner, Jr., broker and play-boy who received a two-year sentence last April 3rd for selling defaulted Philippines bonds at the same time he was lobbying in Congress for legislation to make them good, has now been released. He never did pay the \$2,500 fine levied against him.

On January 1st in New York a coal dealer named James Cash received a 10-months workhouse sentence for selling shortweight to his customers.

On January 18th the press reported that "a socially prominent New York stock broker accused of swindling \$350,000 in securities from Playwright Sherwood and others pleaded guilty."

Banker "Earns" Five Million
On February 5th Federal Judge Knox in New York ruled that J. C. Penney, chain store operator, must account to depositors of the City National Bank in Miami (of which Penney is chairman of the board) for losses suffered by depositors when the bank failed. Judge Knox said Penney was liable because of his "gross negligence" and that most of the directors were "mere dummies" of Mr. Penney and did not meet the legal requirement that they own at least \$1,000 of the bank's stock in their own right." Five thousand depositors lost \$5,000,000 in the deal.

On January 11th a warehouse superintendent, Harry Ettenson, was arrested in New York and charged with grand larceny after detectives said they had seen him carry four bundles of clothing from the Belgian Relief Fund warehouse and load them into an auto. Ettenson admitted he sold the clothing.

On January 18th Louis Egan, president of the Union Electric Company of Missouri, was indicted for violating the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935; the indictment charged that Egan and the company made financial contributions to political parties and candidates. Two former vice-presidents of this company are now serving federal prison sentences for perjury.

On January 16th a Springfield, Ill., oil promoter and three other ambitious men were indicted for swindling an elderly woman, Miss Johanna Bayer, out of her entire fortune of \$60,000.

Big Business Pecadillo
On January 30th Hiram W. Evans, former imperial wizard of the anti-labor Ku Klux Klan, was fined \$15,000 in federal court for price rigging in sales of asphalt to the state, which cost taxpayers thousands of dollars. Convicted with Evans were the Shell Oil company, the American Bituminous company, and the Emulsified Asphalt Refining company. A state purchasing agent, also indicted, will be tried in March.

A \$1,000,000 loan-shark ring in Brooklyn has just been uncovered, which has been charging 572 per cent interest on short loans.

On January 7th Court Tomadelli was taken into custody at his luxurious suite at the Shoreham hotel, charged with a mail fraud involving more than \$500,000.
(Because of the overwhelming amount of information on the constant racketeering in Big Business circles, this last chapter of the debate with Poison Pen Pegler will have to overflow into next week's issue of our paper. We ask our readers to bear with us just a bit until we dispose of this point.)

2,700 Face March Draft In State

Slightly more than 2,700 young men will be conscripted in Minnesota during March, and about 4,500 in April, state draft board officials reported last week.

During this month 2,241 will be enrolled, of whom all except 750 will be volunteers.

One of the February draftees is Richard Hornig, member of Local 544's Independent Truck Owners Section, who for several years has written the interesting weekly column in the Northwest Organizer, "Independent Truck Chatter."

Eighteen of the men in the first March draft call will be Negroes, the first Negroes drafted from the state.

Two Minneapolis men, 22 and 29, were arrested last week and charged with failing to fill out and return draft questionnaires. Draft board officials said the two "monkey with the wrong people" and pointed out the maximum penalty for failing to register or respond to a draft board summons is five years.

Bad teeth are barring more Minnesota men from selective service training than is any other physical defect, Colonel Hulsick, medical supervisor, reports. Defective teeth have been responsible for 24.3 per cent of all rejections, as against a ratio of only 4.8 per cent in 1917-1918. Poor eyes were responsible for 14.2 per cent of rejections.

Of 9,573 draftees examined, 1,337, or 19 per cent (about one in five) were rejected because of physical disqualifications.

Always say HAVE IT DELIVERED. Help create more jobs.

To All Trade Union Members

So many workers applying for unemployment insurance or relief have been rejected through their own negligence and misunderstanding of the law, despite the fact they are clearly eligible to receive such aid, that the Federal Workers Section of Local 544 has set up a special department to deal with this problem.
All workers seeking unemployment insurance or relief are asked to get in touch with Ed Palmquist before applying for aid. Palmquist is in the office of the FWS from 9 a. m. to noon, Monday through Friday each week. The office is on the second floor, 257 Plymouth avenue north.

THE ANTI-FASCIST
One may dislike Hitler's system and yet admire his patriotic achievement. If our country were defeated I hope we should find a champion as indomitable to restore our courage and lead us back to our place among nations.—Winston Churchill, Sept. 1937.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 February 9 — American Excelsior, 10:30 a. m. February 10 — Stewards, 8 p. m. February 14 — Casket Section, 8 p. m. February 21 — Box Section, 8 p. m. February 24 — Stewards, 8 p. m. February 28 — Kozek and Travelers, 8 p. m. Executive Board — Every Friday night, 8 p. m.	Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 912 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.
Milk Drivers Union 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	Warehouse Employees Union Local 359 Stewards—Fourth Monday. Executive Board — First and third Monday. General Membership—Second Tuesday.
Laundry Drivers Union Local 131 Second Thursday each month, 8 p. m., third floor.	Tea & Coffee Drivers Union Local 275 Tea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275, meets the first Friday of every month.
Taxi Drivers Union Local 958 Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month. Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.	Utility Workers Union Local B-160 General Membership—First and third Thursdays. Stewards — Second and Fourth Thursdays. Seniority Board—Every Monday. Executive Board—Every Tuesday.
City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 General Membership—First and third Friday. Park Board Grievance Committee—Monday night preceding last meeting of month.	Ice Drivers Union Local 221 Day Laborers Section—First Tuesday each month. Independent Truck Owners Section—Second Tuesday each month.
Petroleum Drivers Locals 544 and 977 and Warehousemen Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.	Pulp & Sulphite Workers Union Local 259 Second Monday of each month, 8 p. m.
Petroleum Workers Union Local 977 General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m. Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. Sauce Section—Third Wednesday, 9 p. m.	General Drivers Union Local 544 Monday, Feb. 3—Package Delivery; Department Store. Wednesday, Feb. 5—Sausage; Petroleum. Thursday, Feb. 6—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners. Friday, Feb. 7—Job Stewards. Sunday, Feb. 9—City Pickup, Dockmen and Road Drivers who come under area contract. Monday, Feb. 10—General Membership. Tuesday, Feb. 11—Lumber. Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Market; Wholesale Liquor. Friday, Feb. 14—Wholesale Grocery. Monday, Feb. 17—Furniture Stores; Coal; Paper and Printing. Thursday, Feb. 20—Tent & Awning; Newspaper 10 a. m.; Ways and Means Committee ITO. Friday, Feb. 21—Job Stewards. Monday, Feb. 24—Spring Water. Tuesday, Feb. 25—Building Material. Wednesday, Feb. 26 — Sand and Gravel and Excavating. Thursday, Feb. 27—Wholesale Drug; Transfer & Warehouse. Friday, Feb. 28—Cold Storage & Produce. Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall 3. Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Local No. 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.

On the National Picket Line

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to do so, it seeks to create the impression that strikes are never called nowadays because the workers are sick of low wages, because they can't stand the oppressive practices of the management, because they want union recognition. Strikes are only called to hinder "national defense."

This is a lie and every boss editor knows it. The "defense" angle plays no role at all in the strikes so far as the workers are concerned. What the workers want is decent wages and conditions.

They see their employer dripping with war profits, and they see no reason at all why they, who make the boss's profits possible, shouldn't receive a larger share of the wealth they produce.

The tendency of the press to label every industrial dispute a threat to "national defense" has gone so far that the "defense" angle has even been played up in a strike involving some two-bit corner neighborhood shop. Thousands of smaller manufacturers in the country have some picayunish defense order their employees are working on, together with other work. Should the workers strike, the manufacturer runs to the boss press and stresses the fact he is working on a "defense job," and that the strike is holding the job up. That is, the boss and the boss press appeal to the basest prejudices of the public in an effort to turn public sympathy away from the strikers.

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel," an English statesman once said. This truism applies with triple force to the campaign of the bosses and the boss press to accentuate out of all proportion the "defense" angle of those industrial disputes that have occurred in recent months.