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VOL. 7, NO. 5 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1941 FIVE CENTS

Labor Makes Clean Sweep of City Primaries Challenges Control of City Hall by 8th and 13th Wards

Twin City Drivers Pledge Fight on Montgomery-Ward

Minneapolis and St. Paul Teamsters Joint Council Pledge Cooperation to West Coast Teamsters in Struggle Against Montgomery-Ward Chain—Act at Request of Meyer Lewis, Dave Beck—Drivers in Chicago, Kansas City, Also Join Fight—Montgomery-Ward Store Unworthy of Labor's Patronage

For several months the International Brotherhood of Teamsters unions on the West Coast have been striking against the Montgomery-Ward chain stores there in an effort to win demands of the workers. The strike is completely effective, and Ward stores in Seattle, Oakland and other cities have been forced to close down. Still this company, infamous for its labor-hating stand, has refused to sign an agreement with the union. Instead, it seeks to avoid unionism by shifting its West Coast mail order business to its plants in the Middle West.

In an effort to block this maneuver, leaders of the Teamsters and of the American Federation of Labor are appealing to the drivers in this area to cooperate in the struggle against the Ward chain. Last Sunday Meyer Lewis, West Coast representative of the AFL, was in Minneapolis and requested the drivers' movement of the Twin Cities to act in the Ward situation.

Tuesday morning representatives of both the Minneapolis and St. Paul Teamsters Joint Councils met in the offices of the St. Paul Warehouse Employees Union. Bernie Simmer, president of the St. Paul Teamsters Council, was chairman of the meeting. Harold Seavey, Joe O'Hare and Gene Larson represented the Minneapolis Teamsters Council. Carl Skoglund, Harry DeBoer and Ole Ogg represented the Minneapolis General Drivers Union and the Minneapolis Warehouse Employees Union.

Upholsterers Form Mississippi Valley Joint Board

As an outgrowth of the recent District Council of Upholsterers Union locals in Chicago, four unions in this area met last Friday and set up a Mississippi Valley Joint Board, with a program of organizing all eligible workers in the Mississippi Valley into the Upholsterers Union.

Keul Trial Opens in Des Moines

The first of the "conspiracy" trials involving five members of the Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90 opened Monday in district court. Carl Keul, recently appointed an international representative of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, was first to go on trial, on an indictment charging conspiracy to ruin the business of a union-hating truck operator.

TJC Names Ogg to Aid Local 359

Delegates scrambled for their chairs last Friday evening as the May meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council opened at 8 p. m. sharp. The financial reports were read by Brother O'Hare and approved.

Reporting for the executive board, Brother Rainbolt stated that a temporary arrangement is being considered whereby members of the Brainerd Drivers Union would go into the St. Cloud Drivers Union. The board has concurred in its previous decision to close the second-floor hiring hall. The Council has placed Emil Kariger as organizer for the Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912 for a trial period, where he will work under the direction of the Council and Jerry Cremers.

Local 977 In 1st Pact With Webb

The Petroleum Workers Union Local 977 signed its first working agreement with the Webb Oil company last week, covering drivers, stationmen and warehousemen. The pact is the regular union contract. It also contains a Cost-of-Living clause permitting the union to re-open the agreement for wage negotiations with each 10 per cent rise in living costs.

ATTENTION—Local 544 Members Bosses Are Stalling Contract Negotiations

Our union has presented contracts to all the major employers' groups. These contracts in every case, according to the long-established custom and procedure in Local 544, have been drawn up and adopted by the members of the various union sections.

In presenting these contracts to the several employers' committees, the Executive Board has emphasized the need for immediate negotiations in order that the negotiations may be completed and the contracts signed before June 1st, the expiration date of the present contracts.

Many Unions Seek Wage Increases

The strike of 200 members of the CIO Machinists Union against 16 Minneapolis repair, storage and ramp garages, called Monday to win wage increases, continues. The anti-picketing injunction obtained by the bosses was modified Tuesday to permit the union one picket at each garage.

Special Notice To 664 Members

The executive board of Local 664 has been instructed to prepare a suitable motion to amend the constitution, to bring about better attendance at the meetings.

Just a reminder that many unions impose fines on members who do not attend a certain number of meetings each year. Your union is very important to your welfare.

Membership At New All-Time High

Union membership in the United States today approaches the 10,500,000 mark, double the peak reached after the First World War, the weekly newspaper LABOR states.

Every Candidate Bearing Labor's Indorsement Places on Ticket—Eide Leads Mayor's Race—Labor Candidates Lead in Fight for City Council, City Boards—Bosses Switch to Kline

The city primaries are over. Every single candidate endorsed by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union won a place on the ballot for the general election June 9th. In most instances the labor candidates led the field by substantial margins. Organized labor is seen to be in the best position in many years to challenge the conservatives of the 8th and 13th wards for domination of the city hall.

T. A. Eide, labor's candidate for mayor, led Marvin L. Kline by 2,000 votes. Eide polled 34,492 votes to 32,512 for Kline. Mayor Leach, only incumbent failing to win a place on the ballot, polled 25,946. Al Hansen ran a poor fourth with 6,157 votes.

359 Wins Wage Gains In New Pacts

Substantial wage increases were won by employees at several companies this week through the Warehouse Employees Union Local 359.

Ask Your Ice Man For His 221 Card

The next time your ice driver delivers ice to your home, ask to see his membership card in the Ice Drivers Union Local 221. If he cannot show his card, refuse to accept the delivery until he can show such a union card.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

GAS LOG

By James Mooney

The Works will hold its annual Golf Tournament Saturday, May 17, at 11 o'clock. George Deiner is in charge of this event...

diamondball team held a practice Tuesday evening at the Parade ground and prospects seem good for a real team.

ANOTHER LOAD From City and Sanitary Drivers Local 664

By Wally Raze

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Theodore Newville, who lost his wife last Friday.

Eide and Kline have been nominated. Let all of us unite in putting T. A. Eide in office.

REMEMBER THIS? Why, my fellow citizens, is there any man here or any woman—let me say is there any child here—who does not know that the seed of war in the modern world is industrial and commercial rivalry?

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British Union Leader Fears For Labor

Citing the fact that workers in England are now being conscripted to work in the factories, that is, "tied to their jobs," the head of the British National Union of Railwaymen warned recently that "Trade union safeguards are being overthrown."

TAXI TOPICS

By Curly

Attention fishermen: Clip this out to show to the little woman in case of—Judge W. F. Shaughnessy of Milwaukee denied a woman's petition for divorce on the grounds that she was a "fishing widow" with this statement: "A wife who objects of her husband going fishing is unreasonable and has no standing in this court."

Sports Department: Local 958's newly reorganized baseball team opened the season last Sunday with a 2 to 1 win over Columbia Heights at the Heights' new park.

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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.

With the Dairy Workers Local 471

By George Bergquist

In Superior, Wisconsin, dairy cows are being put to shame by beef cattle. Recently a store advertised that it was selling milk at five cents per quart and in doing so was not making milk a loss leader, so that customers were welcome to buy milk at that price and nothing else if they chose.

Another 471 brother has stepped upward; Joe Rusinko of Superior is now on the police force. We wish him all kinds of luck but hope that he will always keep a warm spot in his heart for the members of the best union in town.

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By "Over Code"

Howie Priem is going to enter the state of wedded bliss soon. Howie, as you all know, works out of the Regan's north Minneapolis plant. We have often wondered if this so-called state of "bliss" is taken from the word "blister."

Mrs. O'Hare is now appearing again in public and looking grand after a winter of almost continuous illness. Staggering up to a pedestrian on the street, the drunk asked, "Where's across the street?"

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Frank Alsup, organizer for the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee, will speak at a dinner meeting at the Minneapolis YMCA Friday, May 16th, sponsored by the Workers Defense League.

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Independent Truck Chatter

By Ralph Mengelkoch

Well, here we are back again after a three-week absence. These ten-hour-a-day jobs, thirty miles from home, do not leave much time for anything else. The recent rush of work, however, has died down to a certain extent, as indicated by the increase in the number of unemployed for this week...

According to all reports, TIRE prices (as well as all other merchandise) will be rising again soon, so if you need new skins, now is the time to make the deal...

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New Typesetting Machine Threatens Jobs of Workers

The union-hating R. R. Donnelly printing company of Chicago, printers of LIFE and TIME magazines, have taken a further swing at organized labor through replacing linotype operators by \$18-a-week typists, the Chicago Printing Trades Union inform the labor press in their latest bulletin.

The Donnelly company is now using a newly-developed Type-o-Writer, a portable electric keyboard which can be applied to any linotype or intertype machine by merely placing it in position over the machine keyboard. The machine permits typists to take over the work of skilled linotype men.

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Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

By N. E. Carle, Ke. 4232

This column desires to pay a humble tribute, be it ever so small, to one who passed on from this world, one who unselfishly devoted her services and time to the unions comprising the bulk of this industry, one who, when unions were in their darkest moments, never failed or gave up the fight when she knew and felt the workers were justified in bettering their miserable conditions, a loyalty that kept her in almost dire want, a loyalty that deprived her of many jobs, a loyalty that perhaps contributed to her untimely death.

In all sincerity, dear Caroline, the Laundry and Dry Cleaning industry has lost a valuable and true friend and your role in this world of uncertainty will be hard to fill. Your deeds will be remembered by many and may God reward you for them.

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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.
Sundeth Funeral Home, 2024 Lyndale Ave. North
Swanson's Mortuary, 1610 Lowry Ave. North

SWOC Protects Drivers Who Prove Solidarity

Bridgeport, Conn.—A two-day strike conducted by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee at the Bridgeport steel mills of the Stanley Works ended in a 10% wage increase and union recognition.

Of interest to teamsters is a clause of the settlement agreement providing that "Upon the resumption of work the company agrees that the freight of the company shall be handled by the same carriers as prior to the stoppage of work."

We find upon a visit to the Despatch Laundry that, lo and behold, just across the alley is the new headquarters of the Associated Unions (fink unions). I thought I smelled something when I went by and when I returned and looked, I knew it.

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Howard Tyree, 544, Saves Man from Fire

Howard Tyree, 24, 2538 Pleasant avenue, is a driver for the Economy Furniture company. Last week as he was driving through the city, he saw a man in flames. The victim, James Cosgrove, 52, had become a mass of flames when a cloth he held while repairing his car engine caught fire.

Tyree jammed to a stop, grabbed a furniture pad from his truck, ran to Cosgrove and rolled him in the pad, extinguishing the flames. Cosgrove is recovering in a hospital. His rescuer left the scene unidentified and it was only later that he was identified as the hero.

Howard Tyree is a member of the General Drivers Union Local 544.

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LOCAL 1859 Knots to You

By Richard B. Gilmore

The schedule of games for the J. R. Clark team is not yet completed but we will have it by next week. The team will be comprised of the following: Joe Bednarski, Joe Gurak, Ed Piersak, Don Revoir, Don Schemp, John Peterson, Wally Biernat, Al Thomas, Red Johnson and Nick Masica.

ORGANIZER WANT ADS

(If you are a subscriber, your ad will be published here free of charge. Mail or phone the Northwest Organizer, 253 Plymouth Avenue North.) Bridgeport 8741 WANTED—8 ft. hydraulic dump box or stub frame and hoist.

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Dorothy Bjorkman, I. Haugen, H. Raymond, B. Bingham, G. Rognrud, E. Eklund, J. Olejar, B. Listerberger, J. Kulbieda, A. Cooklock, S. Stolarke, M. Mennick, J. Schmidt, J. Bednarski, J. Gurek, and J. Polunsky. These 22 brothers and sisters of Local 1859 will see to it that this is a picnic what is a picnic. American Wicker, American Excelsior, J. R. Clark, Traveler, Kozy Kar, Warren Shade, Illinois Cooperage, Cleland Manufacturing, the box industry and the casket industry are all represented on the picnic committee.

A meeting was held Tuesday, May 13, to make plans and arrangements and Eagle Lake was decided upon for the place; August 31, the date. Plans are being hatched to have the powerful J. R. Clark ball team play some worthy opponent for winner take all and a barrel of what Brad Morrison calls "pop"...

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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...

Growing List of Victims of Local Newspaper Merger

Between 200-300 Lose Jobs as Result of Latest Shake-up in Minneapolis Newspaper Set-up—Papers Are Refusing to Pay Dismissal Indemnities to Those Re-hired on New Paper—Newspaper Guild Plans to Take Its Story to Public

Between two hundred and three hundred Minneapolis newspaper employees thrown into the streets during the past few weeks, with yet more condemned to lose their jobs in the near future!

These are the immediate victims of the latest local newspaper blitzkrieg consummated in the dead of night by John Cowles, the Republican carpet-bagger from Iowa. Over a year ago Cowles staved in the old Minneapolis Journal. Just recently he took over the morning Tribune which is now printed at the plant...

Star-Journal Won't Accept Demands of Office Workers
The Minneapolis Star-Journal would like to have the reputation of paying good wages to its office employees. But it doesn't want to pay the good wages which would give an honest basis for such a reputation.

Striker's Deferment Is Canceled
Cancellation of a draft deferment was used as a strike-breaking weapon for the first time April 25th by the West Hartford, Conn. draft board.

There are thousands of unorganized people who would appreciate our side of the story... if they KNEW IT. Pass your Northwest Organizer along to them.

To All Unionists
When repairing, altering or building your home, make sure that all men you hire are members of their respective AFL unions.

Always say HAVE IT DELIVERED. Help create more jobs.

TJC Names Ogg to Aid Local 359

(Continued from page 1)
The St. Cloud Drivers Union Local 329 has received strike sanction from the International in an 11-man bakery drivers strike to go into effect next week.

Brother Sinnott reported the Milk Drivers Union is in negotiations with the dairy companies, with the Twin City Milk Producers and with Land o' Lakes.

Local 544 reported all major contracts expire May 31st, and negotiations are under way in many industries. Local 544 has contributed \$350 to the city labor political campaign.

The Private Chauffeurs Union reported it will hold a dance May 24th at the Royal Arcanum hall, and invites all friends to attend.

The Petroleum Workers Union Local 977 reported success in its organizational drive; the union is now negotiating with Midland Co-op and service stations.

The drawing was won by Bruce Vincent.

AFL Says Further Pay Raises Are Justified

Since 1929 the wages of American workers have risen 21.9%, the American Federation of Labor recently reports.

But during the same period, the productivity of labor has increased 41%, the AFL adds. Therefore, considerably further wage increases are called for.

The AFL estimates that in the first four months of 1941 nearly 1,000,000 workers in manufacturing and building have won wage increases varying from 5c to 10c hourly, and that several hundred thousand workers have also won paid vacations for the first time.

"Even after these increases," the AFL concludes, "workers today are not repaid in wages for all their increased producing power." The AFL pointed to the rise in prices as a further justification for higher wages today.

With the Limousines

By Home James

Convoy, convoy and more convoy! Why should the United States ship anything to England? Let them fight their own battles. After all, it is only a war-mongers' battle, for the purpose of fattening the bankrolls of the wealthy. Sure, let the government take over the defense factories, they will pay union wages and it will take the profit out of war. When the profit is taken out of war, there will be no war. Our war is right here, for better wages and better living conditions.

How these chauffeurs do get around. The latest is a night club that doesn't open until 1 o'clock in the morning. Sure enough, we find chauffeurs there. Of course, we won't mention any names... We are asking all of you members to get out and sell tickets, and plenty of them. We want to make the dance a success and it all depends on you members. The entertainment committee has put a lot of work on this dance, and they want it to go over. It has the makings of a big affair, so let's get going and put it over with a bang.

Well, it looks like the laboring class is going to put a laboring man in the mayor's office. Everyone knows that we do need a labor representative in that office... Don't forget to give our organizer a helping hand. There are a lot of chauffeurs that Emil doesn't know, so take a few minutes and introduce him to them... We are in favor of passing a bill preventing any more refugees from entering this country, because when the war is over, what are we going to do with them? We can't dump them in the ocean, so they will stay here and take our jobs, working for less money. I think we have given them enough without giving them our jobs.

ON AID TO BRITAIN
Such subtle covenants shall be made,
Till peace itself is war in masquerade.
—JOHN DRYDEN

Demand for Public Vote on War Again Raised in Senate

Democratic Demand for War Referendum Introduced by Senators Nye, LaFollette—Quotes Roosevelt Pleague to Keep Peace — Proposes That Before Congress Votes War-like Act It Hold National Advisory Referendum—Demand Opposed by Both Old Parties

With the introduction in the United States Senate on March 27th of the Concurrent Resolution Number 7 calling for an advisory referendum on peace or war, the demand for the passage of such a referendum is once again sweeping the country.

Resolution Number 7 was introduced by Senators Nye, Wheeler, Capper, LaFollette, Clark and Shipstead. The resolution is simple and understandable. It quotes the

try to the best of their abilities. Having faith in them is having faith in America and the American form of government.

"After election, there should be no great, all-impelling, popular lobby . . . to sway the judgment of an elected official. Intermediate popular referendums make puppets of those elected. Other considerations are the curious inflammability of the popular mind, the hour by hour change of world affairs and possible changes of structure of government resulting from such a referendum. No person or group of persons will declare war. War, if it comes, will be forced upon them by a set of unalterable circumstances that no one can prevent or fully understand." Arguments Don't Hold Water

The above arguments boil down to the following: (1) the referendum would show a lack of confidence in "our chosen form of government"; (2) Congress and the president adequately represent the will of the people; (3) A referendum idea might "change the structure of our government," that is, make it more democratic.

Each of these arguments is absurd from the point of view of real democracy.

Our government is said to be a representative form of government. What is the government supposed to represent? The will of the people, of course. If those who claim to be representatives of the people believe that the nation should go to war, then a popular vote on the issue could only help to prove whether the government is truly representative. If a free popular vote went against the war being proposed, that would prove the government did not really represent the will of the people; on the other hand, if the popular vote went in favor of the war, the government would be strengthened as the genuine representatives of the people. The confidence of the people in the government would be increased.

Wars Declared Despite People
Do Congress and the president adequately represent the will of the people? History and experience has shown that the American people can be and have been dragged into wars AGAINST their will. This seems to have been true of the war fought against Mexico in the 1840's. It is certainly true of the Spanish-American war, which was deliberately cooked up by a small handful of big capitalists, newspaper publishers and politicians. It is overwhelmingly true of the First World War. The Nye Committee and various competent histories have shown that the needs and interests of the people were never consulted in connection with the decision to enter the First World War. When Wilson and Congress went to war, they went to war not as the representatives of the people but as the representatives and agents of the Morgans and duPonts and Rockefeller.

The pattern of the last war is repeating itself. The people don't want war; but more and more they express fear that war is coming despite their will.

That Congress does NOT represent the will of the people, at least on the question of the war referendum, is shown by the way in which Congress has voted down the war referendum proposal at the very time when the Gallop poll has shown the overwhelming majority of the people in favor of a war referendum. The people are correct in distrusting the President and Congress, and in demanding a war referendum.

Similarly with the third argument, that the taking of a referendum might "change our form of government," that is, make it more democratic.

More Democracy Needed
After all, those in Washington never tire of telling us that this war, like the last war, is a "war for democracy." Very well, let us GET some democracy. Let us start out with a referendum on war. If such a referendum would serve to introduce more democracy

Jack Smith, Victor Lloyd Pass On

The membership of the General Drivers Union Local 544 mourned this week at the death of two loyal union members, Jack Smith and Victor Lloyd.

Brother Jack Smith passed away last Wednesday morning at St. Barnabas hospital from pneumonia and heart failure. Services were held Saturday afternoon at the Kozlak funeral home, with burial at Sunset Memorial. Brother Smith is survived by a wife, Mary, two married daughters living in Chicago, a mother and two sons.

In 1936 he was vice-president of Local 544, a position from which he resigned because of failing health. Later he became an organizer for the union, but poor health had rendered him inactive for the past year.

Last Thursday Brother Victor Lloyd passed away. The burial services were held Saturday. Brother Lloyd had been employed for many years as a driver at the Glenwood Inglewood company, but ill health had prevented his working in recent months. Brother Lloyd was an old-time member of the union, and a familiar figure among the teamsters of earlier decades.

Local 1859's First Picnic August 31st

By vote of the membership at its last regular meeting, the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 will hold its first annual picnic this year. Tuesday night the Picnic Committee met and chose Sunday, August 31st, as the date for the union outing. The picnic will be held at Eagle Lake.

Sub-committees are busy at work laying out the program and details, and will submit their reports at the next meeting of the Picnic Committee Tuesday evening.

Local 1859 will be represented by a fast diamondball team in the city league.

The union is now in negotiations with the Northland Manufacturing company for a new agreement to replace the present pact which will expire late this month.

Fitzsimmons Thanks Union Supporters

Robert Fitzsimmons, labor candidate who won a place on the ballot for alderman of the 10th ward, thanked all union members and supporters in the 10th ward for their good work during the campaign.

Fitzsimmons left town Tuesday for a brief vacation, to rest up for an intensive campaign drive prior to the general election.

There are thousands of unorganized people who would appreciate our side of the story... if they KNEW IT. Pass your Northwest Organizer along to them.

977 Team Drops First Ball Game

The Cornelius nine more than compensated for its poor fielding by its heavy work at the plate, and swamped the Petroleum Workers Union Local 977 ball team, 16 to 4, in the opening game last Sunday at Nicolet field. The Cornelius players got 17 hits off four Local 977 pitchers.

Local 977 was handicapped by the absence of several of its star players from the lineup, and by a further lack of practice games preceding the opener. The Oilers team is expected to round into shape rapidly and to compensate for loss of the starting game.

The Cab Drivers Union Local 958 won an exhibition game Sunday from Columbia Heights, 2 to 1. This Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at Bottineau field the Local 977 Oilers will play the Christianos Cafe nine. All union fans are urged to turn out for a good game.

Always say HAVE IT DELIVERED. Help create more jobs.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE
Table with columns for various unions and their meeting dates/times. Includes Furniture Workers Union Local 1859, Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912, Warehouse Employees Union Local 359, Milk Drivers Union Local 471, Laundry Drivers Union Local 131, Taxi Drivers Union Local 958, City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 654, Petroleum Drivers Locals 544 and 977, Petroleum Workers Union Local 977, Bakery Drivers Union Local 289, Jewelry Workers Union Local 103.