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Spokesmen Pledge National CIO Support to 544

On the National Picket Line Marvel Scholl

The threatened subway strike in New York City has been averted. Saturday afternoon, in an exchange of telegrams, Philip Murray and Mayor LaGuardia agreed on a formula which extends the now existing contracts held by the Board of Transportation, until such time as the courts dispose of the suit, brought by the City of New York and the Board of Transportation, to determine what powers, if any, those bodies have for dealing collectively with their 32,000 civil service employees.

Later in the day Michael Quill, international president of the TUW, announced that since the contracts would be extended beyond July 1, 1941, the necessity for the strike has been eliminated. Today, Tuesday, the executive board of the union and the Board of Transportation are continuing negotiations meeting with the board over wages, hours and working conditions. The Board refused to pass resolutions extending the contracts, but read the "La Guardia memorandum" into the minutes, thus, they say, eliminating the necessity for a resolution, and paving the way for the extension of contracts also held by the Brotherhood of Railway Locomotive Engineers, and the Brotherhood of Railway Signal Men.

However, the Board made it clear in a press interview on Monday night, that it does not intend to listen with any real interest to the Union's demand for an additional \$1.00 per day general wage increase, over and above the "adjustments" now being worked out by the Board. These increases have been announced and projected, only since the threat of a strike has been real. Under the new adjustments the employees of the city transportation system will work 48 hours instead of 54, and split shifts will be eliminated. The Board also hinted that it would give a cool reception to the Union's demand that the funds now deducted from employees' wages for the pension fund be paid by the city.

New York City was ready for the strike if it came. In fact, most of the strike talk in the past two months has come from the large mouth of "The Little Flower," La Guardia himself. Extra police have been inducted onto the force, plans were made to "have every foot of track, every station, every car" protected. Police were to have been put on "Chart 2" which means that they would have had eight hours active service, eight hours reserve, and then back on duty. In 1926 when a strike took place, two policemen rode on every train, one guarding the motorman, the other the conductor.

Firms around the city had also made plans to see to it that their employees got to work. The New York Telephone Company had made arrangements to house its employees in hotels near exchange offices. The Consolidated Edison had made arrangements to have its trucks haul its workers back and forth. The Army had also laid plans for carrying defense workers in Brooklyn and Queens to the plants.

At Blair Hearing

544-CIO Exposes Pretenses of AFL

Local 544-CIO Have Pledge Cards from Majority of Drivers and Workers in Industry—Testimony Exposes Methods of Tobin's Hoodlums in Pinning AFL Buttons on Men — Hamel Testifies on Overwhelming Vote at June 9th Meeting to Leave AFL, Join CIO—Many Election Hearings Scheduled for Early Next Week

Though the employers, Governor Stassen and the AFL continue to obstruct and delay the demand of Local 544-CIO for free and democratic elections throughout the motor transport industry, the hearings held Monday before Alfred Blair, state labor conciliator, fully justified the 544-CIO contention that it represents the men and that Tobin's agents have used gangster methods in an effort to gain support for the AFL.

Hearings for three different industries were held Monday before Blair—furniture at 10 a. m., grocery at 1:30 p. m., and cement block at 3:30 p. m. Appearing for the union were Hamel, DeBoer, Rainbolt, Postal, Hanson, Skoglund and Hodson, and the union attorneys, Gilbert Carlson and William Thomas.

At the hearing involving the men in the city's furniture industry, Kelly and Skoglund testified that 544-CIO had pledge cards to prove that the men were overwhelmingly in favor of being represented by Local 544-CIO.

AFL Backs Down The AFL, for all its loud talk and big claims and caravans of thugs, didn't dare exhibit its lack of application cards from the furniture drivers and workers. I. A. Goldberg, lawyer for the AFL, said that it "wasn't the proper time" to do so.

He sought to draw attention away from the weak position of the AFL by challenging the June 9th regular membership meeting where 544 voted to leave Tobin's set-up and join the CIO.

When the grocery hearings got under way after lunch, Goldberg again avoided the issue and brought up the action of the mem-

AFL men tore off all the buttons and put on new ones and said if we didn't wear them we'd be pulled off the job." I. E. ("It's Not the Proper Time") Goldberg, AFL attorney, failed to shake Mastrian's testimony.

100% 544-CIO The grocery hearing then gave way to one scheduled for the cement block industry. Milt Hodson took the stand and testified that 544-CIO had pledge cards from 100 per cent of the workers in the industry, and that these cards had been secured by himself and one other staff member, and signed in his presence. Again the AFL refused to submit its claimed "proof" that it had the men.

Hearings Continued Local 544-CIO got decidedly the better of Tobin in the election hearings, though no elections have yet been ordered in any section of the industry. A whole series of hearings are scheduled for next week, and the union is prepared to bring in proof of its contention that it retains the allegiance of the drivers of Minneapolis.

On Monday, July 9th, hearings are scheduled for spring water, Wheeler-Barnes, and plate glass. Tuesday hearings will be held for commercial gas, chop suey, and cold storage.

On Wednesday the furniture, grocery and concrete block hearings will be continued, with 544-CIO determined that elections be ordered.

Local 544-CIO will present additional witnesses with testimony on the "organizing" methods of Tobin's goons.

We Made Minneapolis a Union Town—Let's KEEP It That Way. Revive the Spirit of 1934

AFL Organizing Methods

6 20-41 Leary you are requested to report to Eddie Blixt or Sid Brennan at 5 pm today. Failure to do so, you will not be allowed to go to work tomorrow. Ed Blixt 544 Q. F. I. Organizer

The above note, written on the back of a piece of company stationery, was handed Jim Leary, driver at the Serley Sash & Door company, 2909 Bryant avenue south, by the shipping clerk on Monday:

"Leary—You are requested to report to Eddie Blixt or Sid Brennan at 5 p. m. today. Failure to do so, you will not be allowed to go to work tomorrow.—Ed Blixt, 544-AFL Organizer."

Leary being a UNION man, immediately reported this to his union, Local 544-CIO. Following work Monday, he came to the union hall and made a personal report, which was noted in detail by the union staff.

Tuesday morning he reported for work as usual. There the collusion between the AFL and the company was proven to the hilt, as was intimated by the fact that the note had been written on the back of a piece of company stationery, and that the shipping clerk who also understood what was expected of him, gave Leary the note on company time.

When the whistle blew, the shipping clerk, instead of giving Leary his orders for the day, informed him that the boss, Serley, said "You can't go to work." Leary went direct to Serley, who admitted the AFL had talked to him. At 8:20 a. m. Serley said the AFL had just phoned and told him to tell Leary to report to the AFL headquarters.

Leary then came to 544-CIO headquarters and reported the new developments. Union attorneys immediately contacted the employer and informed him that he was violating the state and federal labor laws, that Local 544-CIO would fully protect the rights of Jim Leary, and that the company would have to pay Leary for all time he was held off the job.

We record this episode to show again the collusion being practiced by the employers and Tobin's agents. Union men have always faced such intimidation and coercion. But they build their union, Local 544-CIO, just the same.

544-CIO Headquarters Now in Shape

Under the able direction of Henry Schultz the Local 544-CIO headquarters at 1328 Second Street North is undergoing a remarkable transformation to the end that adequate meeting quarters and office facilities are available to the membership.

The entire block-long main floor has been whitewashed. Wednesday morning carpenters were putting finishing touches on new partitions which set off three large meeting halls seating from 250-300 members. Each hall is clean and airy, with cross ventilation. A large office is being established at the front of the main floor.

The second floor is now arranged to provide adequate rooms for the office staff, the editorial offices of the Northwest Organizer and the staff meeting room. Steve Glaser presides as usual at the dues window. In addition to the offices, there are several toilets, locker rooms and showers on this floor. The two phone numbers of

Local 544-CIO are Atlantic 4403 and Atlantic 4404. Daily staff meetings are held at 8:30 a. m. sharp, and the work of the union is being conducted with the usual efficiency and dispatch that the membership has come to expect of its board and staff members. Both office and meeting facilities are considerably improved over those available at the former 257 Plymouth avenue hall.

ITO Meeting Is Postponed to 10th

The regular meeting of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544-CIO, scheduled for Thursday evening, July 3rd, has been postponed one week to Thursday, July 10th, 8 p. m. in the 544-CIO headquarters.

The postponement is announced because the July 3rd meeting falls on the eve of the long week-end holiday. ITO members had suggested the meeting be held July 10th and the union executive board has approved the change.

We Made Minneapolis a Union Town—Let's KEEP It That Way. Revive the Spirit of 1934

Enthusiastic 544-CIO Mass Meeting at Lyceum Hears Lee Pressman, James Robb, Cecil Owens, Frank Barnhart Voice Support of CIO Movement Throughout Nation to Local 544 and to New Industrial Union of Motor Transport Workers in United States — CIO Speakers Lash Tobin for Willingness to Sacrifice Drivers to His Personal Ambitions—Real Trade Union Speeches Highlight Meeting

A spirited and enthusiastic audience of 544-CIO members heard messages and speeches from national CIO leaders pledging nation-wide CIO support in the move to build a new national industrial union of motor transport and allied workers under the banner of the CIO. Among the speakers at the 544-CIO mass meeting in the Lyceum theater Tuesday evening were Lee Pressman, national counsel for the CIO; James Robb of Indianapolis, fresh from the Ford victory in Detroit;

Cecil Owens, publicity director of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee; and V. R. Dunne and Ray Rainbolt, leaders of Local 544-CIO. Frank Barnhart, personal representative of John L. Lewis and regional director of the U.C.W.O.C., presided.

The solid supporters of 544-CIO in attendance received at first-hand the assurances of the CIO leadership that the whole CIO movement recognizes the importance of the Minneapolis developments and is standing behind 544-CIO.

Barnhart opened the meeting by denouncing the AFL lie that the CIO had "raided" Tobin's antiquated organization. "The drivers of 544, in membership meeting, voted overwhelmingly to leave Tobin's union and to accept a charter in the CIO," he said. "It is the policy of the CIO to take in any worker—regardless of creed, race or color—if that worker wants to come in voluntarily. This is exactly the case in Minneapolis.

Praises Dunnes "The CIO granted the charter only after A. D. Lewis had sent me here to make an exhaustive investigation of Local 544 and its leadership. I talked both to unionists and to the Minneapolis police department, and everywhere was told that the Dunnes and other 544 leaders were honest union men, with no police records. Since working with these leaders, I want to tell you that in my forty years in the labor movement I never met more honest and earnest union men in my life than the Dunne brothers," Barnhart said as the audience applauded.

He predicted that within a short time all the drivers in Minneapolis will be at home in the CIO.

All CIO Greets 544 Carlos Hudson, managing editor of the Northwest Organizer, read a sampling of the more than two hundred telegrams received from heads of the leading CIO international unions, from regional CIO directors, and from state, county and city CIO industrial union councils from Connecticut to California. Only state from which no messages of brotherly welcome and support came was from Minnesota. The message that brought down the house was one from John Jones, president of United Mine Workers District 16, urging that the slogan of truck drivers all over America should be "To Hell with Tobin and His Gang!"

Barnhart read messages from John L. Lewis and Phillip Murray to Local 544-CIO, welcoming them into the CIO and anticipating a new nation-wide industrial union movement for motor transport workers.

Robb Scores on Tobin Barnhart then presented James Robb, one of the leaders of the recent successful Ford drive, who came in place of Michael Widman to bring messages of support from Widman and Alan Haywood. Robb, an able young man with as bushy eyebrows as John L. Lewis, brought cheers when he told of the Ford victory and the 90,000 new CIO members in Detroit. He told the 544 members of their fortune in having Frank Barnhart, pioneer leader of the United Mine

Workers, here to counsel with the union. Robb listed the impressive achievements of the CIO since 1936 in organizing the basic mass production industries that the AFL would never tackle.

Himself from Indianapolis, he spoke of Dan Tobin and drew a roar of "No's" from the audience when he asked, "Did Tobin ever give you any help in building your union?"

"The CIO has licked U. S. Steel and General Motors and the nation's coal operators. We are certainly not fearful of tackling Dan Tobin anywhere we meet him on the road," Robb said to applause.

"In Tobin's home state, the CIO has as many teamsters in its ranks as Tobin. Dan backed down before the CIO there, and now he wants to move out of Indiana to Washington.

Tobin's Ambition "Dan Tobin will sell every teamster in America to become secretary of labor," Robb told the appreciative audience. "That's his object. He is more concerned with European affairs, with the national administration, than with the conditions of the drivers of America. I suggest Tobin go with the politicians and give the workers in the industry a chance to build a real honest industrial union that can win them better conditions.

"Nothing worthwhile was ever gained without a fight. You have the entire backing of the CIO in this country. Why worry about Tobin, and the politicians? Back up your leaders. You have started something here that will spread until all of the drivers of the nation will be under the banner of the CIO in a great CIO industrial union."

V. R. Dunne received a prolonged wave of applause when introduced by Brother Barnhart; the audience thus demonstrating its solidarity with the 544 leaders now being hounded by the FBI.

Why 544 Went CIO Brother Dunne traced the reasons why 544 was forced to take action to disaffiliate from Tobin's union and apply for membership in the CIO. "We understand clearly that Tobin was out to destroy what had become a symbol to drivers throughout the country of the nearest approach to industrial unionism within the Teamsters International."

He told of the actions of 544 which, though applauded by the drivers and warehousemen of the city, were considered "crimes" by Tobin—the union's refusal to accept Tobin's policy of raiding the Brewery Workers Union, 544's opposition to Tobin's dictatorial powers, the part 544 played in defeating Tobin's efforts at the last convention to force compulsory arbitration upon the locals, 544's opposition to Tobin's undeserved \$10,000 salary increase.

"Our union has always looked to the day when the decrepit and backward AFL set-up would give way to the progressive CIO movement," he said. "Local 544 was among the first organizations to hail John L. Lewis for his progressive move to create the CIO. The columns of the Northwest Organizer ever since 1935 prove our consistent appreciation for the

Don'ts and Does for Union Drivers

- DON'T pay dues to Tobin's goons. DON'T wear Tobin's fink button. DON'T attend Tobin's meetings. DON'T sign Tobin's application cards. DON'T attend Raw Deal Neal's grievance board meetings. DON'T let the goon squads force you from the job. DON'T let the boss tell you that you have to wear Tobin's button or join Tobin's union.

Both the National Wagner Act and the State Labor Law guarantee to you that "Employees shall have the right to self-organization, to form, join or assist labor organizations to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and to engage in concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection." Both acts declare it an unfair labor practice for employers or boss representatives to intimidate, restrain or coerce employees in the exercise of their rights.

- SIGN Local 544-CIO's application cards for the elections. SUPPORT Local 544-CIO's demand for free and democratic elections. SUPPORT the democratically-elected leadership of Local 544-CIO. STAND BY the union and the union leadership that have stood by you for seven years.

WE MADE MINNEAPOLIS A UNION TOWN! WE WILL KEEP IT THAT WAY!

CIO of Nation Extends Royal Welcome to 544

From Maine to Texas, and from New York to Oregon, a flood of congratulatory telegrams, letters, phone calls and messages have poured into Minneapolis in the past few days, expressing the enthusiasm and fraternal solidarity of the great progressive CIO movement of this nation for the affiliation to the CIO of the Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO.

Below we print but a sampling of the hearty messages of praise and welcome received by Local 544-CIO, and Frank Barnhart, regional director of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee. As space permits, we shall publish further messages in future issues of the Northwest Organizer:

FROM RUBBER WORKERS PRESIDENT
I send greetings to Minneapolis truck drivers who have taken forward step of affiliating with CIO in the Construction Workers Organizing Committee which is their best guarantee for genuine democracy and improvement of their working conditions. I am sure the officers and members of Local 544 will be given ample consideration and the full support of the CIO in their efforts to attain higher wages and better working conditions. It is also hoped that this is the beginning of a powerful organization of truck drivers in the CIO.
Signed: S. H. Dalrymple, President
United Rubber Workers of America

FROM DIE CASTING WORKERS
The Die Casting Workers welcome the membership of Local Union 544 into the united family of industrial unions known as CIO. Your dream of organizing every truck driver in Minnesota can now become a reality.
Edward T. Cheyfitz, National Sec.,
National Assn. of Die Casting Workers CIO

FROM UNITED FURNITURE WORKERS
Greetings from the United Furniture Workers of America to the courageous truck drivers now enjoying CIO affiliation. Your fight for honest unionism is an inspiration to American labor.
Morris Muster, International Pres.
United Furniture Workers, CIO

FROM DISTILLERY WORKERS
The Distillery Workers Organizing Committee is tremendously interested in the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee chartering former Local 544 of the Teamsters International. Sooner or later there will be a stampede from the derelict AFL set-up to our industrial form of organization. Perhaps the action of the teamsters in Minneapolis is a forerunner.
Joseph D. Cannon, Chairman
Distillery Workers Org. Committee

FROM PENNSYLVANIA
Please accept congratulations of officers and members of District Number Four upon your splendid work in getting the truck drivers into the CIO, the outstanding labor organization of the United States. Wishing you every success in your great work.
Wm. J. Hynes, President
C. C. Boner, Sec.-Treas.
United Mine Workers Dist. 4

FROM CANNERY WORKERS
Will you express our greetings in the name of the food processing and agricultural workers of the country to the mass meeting of truck drivers and teamsters. We know that this movement of the teamsters in Minneapolis to affiliate with the CIO is the beginning of similar movements throughout the country by other organized teamsters. The overwhelming victories recently achieved by the CIO in industry after industry will eventually bring about the unity of the entire labor movement by just this kind of action. The dead and dying leaders of the AFL cannot block militant workers from joining the CIO and eventually unifying the labor movement.
Donald Henderson, Pres.
United Cannery, Agricultural Workers

CIO OFFICE WORKERS
Please convey to the mass meeting of Minneapolis truck drivers the warm fraternal greetings of the United Office and Professional Workers and the full assurances of our support to the Construction Workers Organizing Committee. The CIO to us has meant real progress and growing strength. Under the sound progressive leadership of the UCWOC, Minneapolis truck drivers have the chance of their lives to nail down their past gains and go forward to new victories.
Lewis Merrill, President
United Office and Professional Workers

FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
I extend to the membership of Local Union 544 UCWOC my hearty congratulations and fraternal greetings and wish you complete success in your present undertaking under the CIO banner.
Yelverton Cowherd, Regional Director

FROM DENVER, COLORADO
We wish to congratulate the membership of Local 544, UOWOC, for their forward step in seeking affiliation with the UCWOC. We also wish to express the hope that Local 544 may successfully complete the organization of truck drivers of Minnesota into the CIO.
Frank Hefferly, CIO Regional Director
Denver, Colorado

FROM SEATTLE, WASH.
We are taking this means to express our congratulations upon your fine constructive undertaking in securing Local Union 544 truck drivers into the UCWOC and CIO. Please convey our congratulations to your membership in this fine forward constructive action in bringing the much-desired relief to the truck drivers from the oppressive yoke they have been laboring under for many years.
Sam Nicholls, President
Richard Francis, Sec.-Treas.
U.M.W.A., District No. 10

FROM PORTLAND, OREGON
Please convey congratulations and good will of all CIO locals in Oregon to Local 544 UCWOC truck drivers. May their entry into the CIO be all they expect it to be as their membership exercises a greater degree of autonomy than heretofore possible. We wish success ever.
Wm. Dalrymple, CIO Regional Director, Oregon

FROM PITTSBURGH, PA.
Hearty congratulations and sincere felicitations upon the induction of the truck drivers into the CIO.
P. T. Fagan, President
United Mine Workers District 5

FROM OREGON STATE COUNCIL
Please convey our compliments and good wishes to the membership of UCWOC Local 544. We are confident that under the leadership of the CIO they may achieve that industrial democracy which all organized workers desire. May they have complete success in their efforts to throw off the yoke of dictatorship under which they have been serving in the AFL.
John M. Brost, Pres.
Ralph W. Peoples
Oregon State Industrial Council

FROM LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
Please convey to the membership of Local Union 544 UCWOC congratulations from the many thousands of coal miners in Eastern Kentucky, members of District 30, and also my own personal congratulations. I believe this is the beginning of another great organization which will truly represent its membership.
Sam Caddy, President
United Mine Workers District 30

FROM WEST VIRGINIA
As a CIO regional director, I express the greeting of the entire CIO membership from the northern part of West Virginia to the truck drivers of Local 544 meeting on Tuesday, July 1st, and compliment them for their affiliation with the CIO, to relieve themselves from the yoke of servitude and racketeering practices in the Teamsters organization. Please convey to them my personal greetings and felicitations for their success and pledge our support and consideration from this end of the line.
Joseph Angelo, CIO Regional Director
Northern part of West Virginia

FROM ALBIA, IOWA
Congratulations on your action to accept the truck drivers local union into the Congress of Industrial Organizations.
Louis Boldrini, President
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FROM KANSAS CITY COUNCIL
Heartiest congratulations to you and membership of Drivers Local 544 upon their affiliation with CIO. I know membership will be happy and contribute much to the growth of industrial organization.
H. Edwards, Kansas City
Industrial Union Council

John L. Lewis Sees 544 Move as Forerunner of Nationwide CIO Drive

Here is the telegram received Tuesday by Frank Barnhart and Local 544-CIO, from John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America:

PLEASE CONVEY TO MASS MEETING OF TRUCK DRIVERS IN MINNEAPOLIS AREA TUESDAY EVENING MY COMPLIMENTS AND MY CONGRATULATIONS UPON THEIR FORWARD STEP IN JOINING THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THEIR ACTION IN JOINING THE CIO IS A FORERUNNER OF AN INTENSIVE DRIVE TO BRING ALL TRUCK DRIVERS IN THE UNITED STATES INTO A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION.
JOHN L. LEWIS

FROM SIOUX CITY, IOWA
Please convey my compliments to the membership of Local 544 UCWOC in uniting with the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee. Am sure that the evils that have existed in the past will be eliminated by this action. Our best wishes to you, the officers and members of Local 544, in having a successful meeting and 100 per cent organization of truck drivers into the CIO throughout the country.
H. R. Ballard, Regional Director, CIO
Sioux City, Iowa

FROM INDIANA
Congratulations to you and the truck drivers who were inducted into the CIO. With best wishes and a grand success.
Thomas Rea, President
UMWA, District No. 8

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H. Edwards, Kansas City
Industrial Union Council

FROM BILLINGS, MONTANA
On behalf of the membership of District 27, United Mine Workers of America, I join in extending to Local Union 544 UCWOC congratulations and greetings to its membership for their action in joining the ranks of so great an organization as the CIO, and pledge our support in the future.
W. A. Boyle, President
District 27, UMWA

FROM ARKANSAS
Miners and all CIO workers in states of Arkansas and Oklahoma congratulate Local Union 544, UCWOC, and wish them success in forwarding a movement which carries with it the voice of the rank-and-file, and frees them from the sitdown strike of disabled old men who hibernate yearly at expense of AFL at Palm Beach.
David Fowler, Regional Director
Arkansas and Oklahoma

FROM SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA
Knowing the sincerity of the teamsters, we extend a welcoming hand and express congratulations upon your decision to enter the CIO, the labor organization which actually represents all the sincerity the teamsters believe in.
Michael J. Kosik, President
United Mine Workers District 1

FROM CLEARFIELD, PA.
Am sending this telegram congratulations you and the AFL truck drivers who were inducted into the Motor Transport Union, CIO. I am sure they took the proper action in affiliating with a progressive organization like the CIO and will receive more benefits therefrom than they would by continuing affiliation with the AFL. The officers and members of this district are willing to cooperate in every possible way to help these truck drivers in their new affiliation. Again congratulations.
James Mark, President
United Mine Workers District 2

FROM CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA
I wish you would convey to this mass meeting you are holding July 1st my sincere congratulations of the foresightedness on the part of the truck drivers in that vicinity inducting themselves into the great CIO labor movement.
Van A. Bittner, President
United Mine Workers, District 17

FROM NORTON, VIRGINIA
The officers and miners of Virginia wish to convey their congratulations to you and the members of Local 544 UCWOC in their decision to become members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and to wish you continued success.
John Saxton, President
United Mine Workers District 28

FROM TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA
Heartiest congratulations to the truck drivers of Minneapolis area in joining forward march of CIO and they are assured of our wholehearted support.
Louis Austin, President
United Mine Workers District 11

FROM NEWARK, N. J.
Please extend my compliments to the members of Local Union 544 UCWOC Minneapolis for the wisdom of their action in seeking affiliation with the UCWOC, CIO. The hundreds of thousands of CIO members in New Jersey are sending greetings to these militant workers who have chosen to affiliate themselves with the real responsible labor movement of America, the CIO.
Pete Mosele, Regional Director
New Jersey

FROM PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
Please convey my compliments to members of Local 544 UCWOC for their position in releasing themselves from an old reactionary organization, and along with millions of toher members joining the CIO. The CIO has brought more benefits to the people of this country during the past five years than the American Federation of Labor has in its existence. The Congress of Industrial Organizations has just begun to secure benefits for the people who labor in this country. We are proud that the members of Local 544 have joined the progressive labor organization of the United States and that the local union will be a part of that organization and will aid in securing better wages and working conditions for the people of this country.
Henry Allai, CIO Regional Director
Pittsburgh

FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
Please convey my compliments to the membership of Local 544, UCWOC upon their forward step in seeking affiliation with the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee. The action taken by the membership of Local 544 and the UCWOC in chartering this local will encourage the membership of drivers organizations in other sections of the country to relieve themselves of the yoke of servitude and become members of the UCWOC and have the backing of the Congress of Industrial Organizations throughout this nation, which is a modern, streamlined industrial organization.
Neil Beam, CIO Regional Director
Kansas City, Mo.

FROM TENNESSEE
District 19 United Mine Workers of America, comprising southeastern Kentucky and Tennessee, extends to the truck drivers of Minneapolis most hearty congratulations in affiliating with the UCWOC and CIO and wish you every degree of success and progress.
Wm. Turnblazer, President
United Mine Workers District 19

FROM NEW YORK CITY
Congratulations to Local 544 UCWOC. It is our heartiest wish that you will go forward under the banner of the Construction Workers Union to complete organization of all teamsters in Minnesota as well as other parts of the country.
Abram Flaxer, President
Henry Wenning, Sec.-Treas.
State, County, Municipal Workers

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
CIO members in Maryland and in the DC rejoice at the CIO successes against the teamsters in the Middle West. Accept our best wishes and support for your continued success.
Sidney R. Katz, Sec.-Treas.
Maryland and DC Industrial Council

Head of 550,000 Auto Workers Sends Best Wishes to 544-CIO
From R. J. Thomas, president of the United Auto Workers, CIO, comes the following sympathetic message to the drivers of Minneapolis:
"It is the sincere wish of the United Automobile Workers to the membership of Local Union No. 544 that you may successfully complete organization of truck drivers under the guidance and leadership of the CIO, in Minnesota and throughout the nation."

A. D. Lewis Wires Support, Flays Hoodlum Tactics


Kindly convey to the mass meeting of motor transport workers tonight my sincere good wishes for a successful meeting. On the shoulders of the membership of Local Union No. 544 rests the great responsibility of combatting the forces of reaction as symbolized by the leaders of the craft unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The hoodlum tactics of such reactionaries will only be overcome by such action as has been taken by the membership of Local 544 and through their untiring efforts and the efforts of all CIO affiliates will the yoke of servitude and racket control imposed upon the workers by these craft union leaders and their hired hoodlums and goon squads be overcome to the end that all motor transport workers in Minneapolis and throughout the United States will be permitted to belong to an aggressive, progressive and honest organization of all workers in this great industry. The UCWOC pledges its full support to the membership of Local 544 in their effort to bring the principles of industrial unionism to the thousands of workers employed in the motor transport industry throughout the United States.
United Construction Workers Organizing Comm.
A. D. LEWIS, Chairman

FROM ST. LOUIS, MO.
Congratulations to the membership of Local 544. The step taken by this membership in becoming affiliated with the UCWOC, in my opinion is a very constructive step and in complete accord with the policies of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and in the future will reflect its benefits to the members of this local union.
Walter H. Harris, Director
United Shoe Workers

FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Will you please express my hopes as regional director for northern eastern Pennsylvania, CIO, that the membership of Local 544 will be successful in releasing themselves from the yoke of servitude under which they have been laboring for the past years, and may you successful complete the organization of truck drivers under the banner of the CIO in Minnesota.
George Craig, Regional Director
N. E. Pennsylvania

FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Hearty congratulations to members Local Union 544 UCWOC for recognizing personal benefits of industrial union organization. The CIO stands for free membership action such as was exercised by each member of Local 544, and the entire CIO movement is encouraged by the action taken. An ever-growing number of persons outside the labor movement are coming to judge such actions as that of Local 544 by the opposition to it. The opposition in this case represents a long period of dismal failure by so-called union leaders to represent workers. They have been too busy representing themselves.
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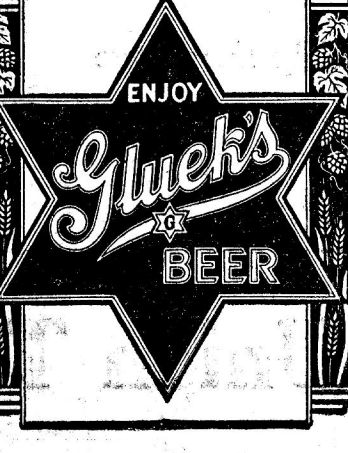
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The Transport Workers Union CIO extends warm fraternal greetings to the newest transport local in the CIO, Local 544, United Construction Workers Organizing Committee. We hope your courageous example in breaking with ineffective and corrupt leadership will be inspiration to other AFL unions. Recent raids in Minneapolis made with high government sanction will only spread suspicion and distrust of present government leaders. Such tactics are worthy only of a Hitler and should be resisted with all our strength. Local 100 of the Transport Workers Union achieved an important victory over opposition of the press and city officials, and have preserved collective bargaining rights for workers on city-owned New York transit systems. We support your action to seek honest and progressive leadership under the CIO and President Murray, and we look forward to the day when all truck drivers will be members of the CIO.

MICHAEL J. QUILL, President
Transport Workers Union

Frank Barnhart Welcomes 544

Below is the text of the talk delivered Monday, June 30th, over station WLOL at 8:45 p. m. by Brother Frank Barnhart, personal representative of John L. Lewis and regional director of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee with which Local 544-CIO is affiliated.

Friends of the Radio Audience: For the next fifteen minutes I wish to speak to you very frankly about the CIO, its accomplishments, and the principles for which it stands. As you know, the CIO was born at Atlantic City in the year 1935. In five short years, starting from scratch, the CIO has built a great industrial union movement of more than five million members. In our organization we have thousands of men and women, of all creeds, colors and religious beliefs. The CIO, through its great leader and one of its founders, John L. Lewis, who was national chairman of the CIO for five years, has put into the pockets of the workers of this country untold millions of dollars. The CIO has shortened the work day and work week, secured better working conditions, made long strides toward the elimination of the sweatshops of this nation, and has brought new self-respect to millions of workers.

Working side by side with John L. Lewis in these achievements has been Phillip Murray, now the national chairman of the CIO, and a man in whom we all have the utmost confidence. I have known both of these men personally for a great number of years. While I was the elected president of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 11 of Indiana, it was my pleasure to work side by side with these two great Americans, statesmen and labor leaders. For more than twenty years these men have been elected by the rank and file membership of the United Mine Workers of America. What high officials of the American Federation of Labor, including old man Tobin and Joseph Casey, can truthfully say they were elected by the rank and file of their unions?

When the CIO was launched in 1935, such basic mass production

industries as steel, auto, textile, packing, rubber, electrical and many others were unorganized. Men and women were working long hours under almost unbearable conditions, and for wages entirely too low to maintain what is regarded as an American standard of living. Today millions of workers in these industries are working under CIO union agreements, enjoying the fruits and the strength of industrial unionism.

You well remember, I know, that Henry Ford said, on many occasions, that the Ford Motor Company would never deal with any labor organization, that his employees were satisfied in their serfdom. But when the Ford workers finally had a chance to express their true sentiments in a secret ballot conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, they voted in overwhelming majority for the CIO, a union that would truly represent them and their interests. Following the recent Ford election, officers of the CIO United Auto Workers union negotiated a contract bringing higher wages, better working conditions and the closed shop in all the Ford plants in this nation.

The great victory just won by the United Mine Workers of America is fresh in the newspaper headlines; the union won wage increases of one dollar per day for the Northern mine workers, and one dollar and forty cents per day increase for the Southern mine workers. The new agreement does away with any discrimination or differential between the employees of the North and South, and fills the breasts of workers throughout the South with new hope that, through the CIO, they can lift themselves to the level of life attained in the North. The United Mine Workers has a membership of more than six hundred thousand workers. It is the largest union in the nation, and these increases affect every one of these workers.

All this progress for the workers of mine, mill and factory has come about through the brilliant leadership of John L. Lewis and Phillip Murray. During the past few years, workers throughout America have been looking for leadership and organization—they have found it in the CIO.

Having won a measure of industrial democracy for the

workers in the mass production industries, the CIO has now turned its attention to the building of an industrial union in the building and construction industries of this nation. The CIO has launched such a union, after receiving thousands of requests for just such an organization from workers and business people in all parts of the country. Such an industrial union movement is sorely needed, to replace the present antiquated, unwieldy craft-union set-up that covers but a portion of the workers involved and results in numerous jurisdictional disputes with consequent work stoppages. Such stoppages, called not for the purpose of improving the conditions of the workers involved but only to decide which little craft union should have jurisdiction over a certain construction operation, delay and hinder the building of new homes, business buildings, roads, sewers and defense construction work, so badly needed throughout this nation.

The CIO union in the building and construction industry is the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee; its chairman is A. D. Lewis, brother of John L. Lewis and a man who has spent his entire life in the labor movement. The Executive Board of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee is made up of A. D. Lewis, Phillip Murray (chairman of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee); R. J. Thomas (President of the United Auto Workers); James Carey (President of the Electrical and Radio Workers); and S. H. Dally (President of the Rubber Workers). These men, all with long labor records, approved the rules governing this union. Since truck drivers are a vital part of the construction industry, it was agreed that they should be eligible for membership in this union. In all parts of America, drivers, as well as construction workers, are embracing the great industrial union movement in the construction industry, the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO.

Now with regard to the situation here in Minneapolis: A number of public statements have been made recently, with the main purpose of obscuring the real facts and the true position of the CIO. So far as Local 544 is concerned, the Union and its leaders have committed one cardinal sin—they have dared to oppose old man Tobin.

Local 544 has the full approval of the CIO in its policy of asking for elections in the motor transport industry, so that the workers themselves may decide, in the free and democratic way that is in the best tradition of America, their choice of bargaining agent.

In closing, I wish to invite all members and supporters of the CIO to attend the mass meeting to be held tomorrow evening at 8 p. m. in the Lyceum Theater in Minneapolis. At this meeting all the facts surrounding Local 544 and the CIO organization campaign will be presented. Among the speakers will be Lee Pressman, national counsel of the CIO; Michael Widman, fresh from Detroit where he led to victory the Ford organizing campaign; and leaders of Local 544 who have just returned from Washington where they conferred with national CIO leaders on a program of action for the motor transport and allied workers of this city and nation.

Thank you and good night.

bin and the other aristocrats of the executive board of the AFL Teamsters Union. Local 544 opposed Tobin's attempt to break up the Brewery Workers Industrial Union, by grabbing off the brewery drivers for himself; Local 544 representatives opposed a resolution introduced at the recent Teamsters International convention which would have given old man Tobin the last word in negotiating all contracts and grievances; Local 544 opposed the entirely unjustified ten thousand dollar salary increase which Tobin presented himself at the last convention. Local 544 has consistently opposed the craft-union exclusiveness championed by Tobin. These are the unpardonable sins committed by Local 544.

To the CIO and to intelligent workers, these are not sins but virtues. The dictatorial attitude of Tobin towards Local 544 and its leaders has caused the union to disaffiliate from the AFL and ask for a charter with the CIO. When the CIO received 544's application, it first made a searching investigation. It talked with other unionists and with the Minneapolis Police Department. The CIO's investigation convinced it that the leaders of Local 544 were honest men and serious men, men who had done a great deal to aid in winning better lives for the workers of the Northwest. Local 544 has been granted a CIO charter with the full knowledge and consent and approval of the national officers of the CIO. Here is a telegram I received on June 24th from Phillip Murray, national chairman of the CIO. I quote:

"Please convey my compliments to the membership of Local Union 544, United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, Minneapolis, Minnesota, upon their forward step in seeking affiliation with the UCWOC. The action taken by the membership of Local 544 and the UCWOC in chartering this local union is in complete accord with the policies of the national Congress of Industrial Organizations. Will you please express also my hope as president of the CIO that the membership of Local 544 will be successful in relieving themselves of the yoke of servitude under which they have been laboring these past many years, and that they may successfully complete the organization of truck drivers under the banner of the CIO in Minnesota and in other parts of the United States. Signed, Phillip Murray, President of the CIO."

I read you Mr. Murray's telegram to impress upon you the fact that it is the national policy of the CIO to support Local 544 and join with it in the effort to build a strong industrial union movement in the motor transport and construction industry of this great nation. The CIO is confident that before many months have elapsed a flourishing industrial union will exist in this industry, under the banner of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee. What the CIO has observed in Minneapolis and the Northwest during recent weeks only strengthens this conviction.

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It's Nice Work If You Get It

Those of us who often wondered how all those dollar-a-year pay-triots who flocked to Washington at the beginning of the war crisis got along on such a miserable wage can now breathe an easy sigh. For they're not going around the streets of Washington panhandling—at least so far as food and shelter are concerned.

A Virginia congressman in charge of a deficiency bill legislation revealed for his own record last week that these dollar-a-year officials are given expense accounts of \$25 PER DAY. In addition, many of them still draw down salaries of from \$10,000 to \$100,000 yearly from the corporations they left behind them. Many of the buck-a-year boys are in Washington chiefly to see that their defense contracts are let. There are said to be 311 dollar-a-year men in Washington today, plus another 1,291 who draw down nothing but the \$25 daily allowance. At that, these corporation lobbyists who receive \$150 weekly from the government are convinced that this is the best of all possible systems.

With the Limousines

By Home James

All men have an equal right to employment, the use of material goods and a living wage. Justice demands that not one part of the people be impoverished while the other part lives in abundance. Social Justice cannot be said to have been satisfied so long as workingmen are denied a wage that will enable them to secure proper sustenance for themselves and families, so long as they cannot make suitable provisions for old age, for periods of illness and unemployment. Only then will an economic and social order attain its end when it offers to all and to each, all those goods which the resources of nature can give. These goods should be sufficient to uplift men to that higher standard of living which should be the birthright of everyone.

As I have said over and over again, when a man gets out and fights for a raise in wages, better working conditions and good living conditions, he is called a radical, a socialist, communist or fifth columnist. Now they have a new name—we are called the subversive element. I can remember as a Kid going to school they had only one name then, the I.W.W. . . . But brother members, all I can say to you is, regardless of what we are called, let's stick together and fight for what we want, regardless of what banner we march under. One thing that I abhor is the spectacle of a labor leader palling around with capitalist, labor-hating bosses. That isn't the kind of union we want, because anybody can join a bosses' union and the dues don't cost a dime.

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Mass Meeting of 544-CIO Applauds CIO Union Talks

(Continued from page 1) CIO and industrial unionism. In 1935 when we were expelled the first time by Tobin we sent a committee to the CIO to find if they had a place for drivers. It was with their agreement we returned to Tobin's union. For a period we were still able to make progress for the drivers under Tobin. But that period has ceased. Tobin is now cutting the drivers to pieces, driving it back to the point where he can exercise his undisputed dictatorship. Tobin can move in only one direction today, and that is backward.

"He talks about 'democracy' and sends in thugs and hoodlums. He talks of 'justice' and disregards the democratic actions of the union membership. He talks of 'fair play' and won't let you vote. With the help of the CIO we can break the iron hoops of the IBT, we can get a start towards building a new industrial union for motor transport workers. And a start is all the Minneapolis drivers ever need—they will keep the movement rolling. All we ask is a fighting chance, and we have much better than that. We shall weld into the CIO the motor transport workers, the warehousemen and the building tradesmen of the nation."

V. R. Dunne was applauded many times during his fighting talk.

Owens Tells of UCWOC

Cecil Owens, the next speaker, presented greetings from President A. D. Lewis of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee. He told of the steady progress made by the UCWOC since its inception two years ago—of the exploitation and racketeering oppressing the nation's construction workers—the battles with the AFL paper unions in the industry—of the winning fight being waged against the old corrupt craft union AFL set-up in the construction industry.

"Your coming over to the CIO created a sensation in Washington," Owens informed the audience. "For a few days it appeared that the national administration had dropped its campaign of 'Aid to England' for a campaign of 'Aid to Dan Tobin'."

Owens sharply criticized the war hysteria and red-baiting emanating from government officials, many of them formerly connected with labor.

Rainbolt vs. Tobin

Ray Rainbolt, the next speaker, brought down the house with his recitation of some of the petty actions of Tobin during the past seven years, actions directly aimed at weakening the union movement. He quoted from a letter Tobin wrote in 1935 forbidding a union to strike. "We've paid that old bizzard \$130,000 in per capita since 1936 and haven't received back one dime. Though Tobin told us we couldn't, we went out and took the lead in organizing the over-road drivers. . . . Not so long ago in Chicago, Secretary Gillespie of the IBT stated publicly that Farrell Dobbs was one of the best union organizers in America, and that the IBT would always welcome Dobbs back. Dobbs is in the right place now, with the CIO. . . . Tobin knows that the drivers are getting wise to him. He can't take the heat. He runs crying to Franklin for help against Local 544."

Rainbolt described how Tobin railroaded through the last IBT convention his motion in favor of Roosevelt. "Maybe Holy Joe Casey and Greasy Neal, with the help of fifty thugs, can pin a Tobin button on a union man. But they can't change the feelings of that man inside, and that man will show his true feelings at the ballot box at the coming election," Rainbolt said, to hearty applause. "Tobin dares to talk of his 'Americanism.' Why, some of us were here behind the trees, looking at the Tobins and the Caseys when their boat landed from Europe. We sold them Manhattan for a string of beads, and they've been cheating us ever since. "TOBIN HAS NO SECRET WEAPON TO CHANGE THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE MEMBERS OF 544," Rainbolt concluded, "WHEN THE TIME COMES WE WILL BEAT HIM IN THE ELECTIONS, WE WILL MAKE MINNEAPOLIS A UNION TOWN UNDER THE BANNER OF THE CIO."

Pressman an Orator

The closing speaker, Lee Pressman, national union counsel of

the CIO, held his audience spellbound for forty-five minutes as he delivered a splendid trade union speech tracing the growth and the triumph of the CIO and what its victories had meant to every worker in the nation, CIO, AFL or unorganized.

"Rainbolt is a truly American Red," he observed. "None of us should be ashamed of being called Reds after seeing Rainbolt."

"Once John Mitchell, early leader of the miners, was at an AFL convention. After the first day a friend saw him packing his bags. 'This is no place for a workingman,' said Mitchell.

"I imagine that is the basic reason why 544 left the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the American Federation of Labor. They are no places for workers to be."

"When a single local union like 544 joins the CIO, why is there all this excitement?" Pressman asked. "Why have you become a national issue? The story dates back to 1934 when you teamsters, under your present leadership, decided to build a strong militant union and succeeded against great odds. The tradition behind your local union leads right to the origin of the CIO. The CIO was formed in 1935, led by Lewis and Murray, men determined to build a mighty labor organization representing the workers who toil for a living.

"Your 1934 strikes gave meaning to the need of the workers for strong unions. The CIO has carried out concretely on a national scale what you started in 1934.

CIO Fights For All Workers Pressman told the absorbing story of the start of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee in Pittsburgh on June 16, 1936, by a handful of men, and its unparalleled success in doing a job that the AFL had shied from for fifty years. He told of the sit-down strikes in the auto industry in 1937, and of the leadership furnished by men like John L. Lewis, men who knew what the workers wanted and were determined that the workers should get it.

"The CIO has given the workers of America a chance to lift their heads and say 'We are men.' Our movement is a powerful, mighty thing.

Pressman told convincingly of how the CIO, by its successful stand against wage cuts in the depression of 1938, defended the entire working-class against the conspiracy of the National Association of Manufacturers to slash wages."

Raps FBI for Attacks

Pressman drew cheers from the audience as he characterized the union-smashing work of the U. S. Department of Justice and the FBI for their attacks on organized labor.

Boss Conspiracy

"Last July the National Association of Manufacturers formed a conspiracy to take advantage of the immense possibilities for profit in the defense program. They conspired together to form an agreement of the employers that only 2c hourly wage increases would be granted the workers to meet the rising cost of living. The United Mine Workers and the SWOC smashed this conspiracy when they forced wage increases of 10c hourly for one million workers. We informed the Department of Justice of the conspiracy, but do you think they were interested? They wouldn't touch it.

"Workers at the Vultee aircraft plant were receiving \$19 a week. They finally were forced to strike for their demand of 62½c an hour. A federal mediator, a representative of the U. S. Army, was sent in. For one solid week this man was so drunk that negotiations could not be held. At this time the attorney general of the United States had the nerve to denounce the strike as one 'fomented by Reds.'

Pressman advised the FBI men in the audience to take that story back to their chief. He told of the wave of wage increases set off by the victories of the miners and steel workers. "There is no stopping the onward march of the workers of this nation when they are united in powerful industrial unions. The employers have taken an awful lot for granted these many years. . . . The AFL hierarchy, through its lack of success, had given the American workers an inferiority complex. What is there to fear from Dan Tobin? Why, Tobin

would be tickled to death if you would only let him alone," Pressman said amid laughter and cheers.

FBI Not Interested

He told of many things, of the meaning the CIO has given to the word democracy, of the 40,000 SWOC local grievance men, of the horrible poll-tax conditions existing in the South. "John L. Lewis brought the truth about the poll-tax to the attention of the Department of Justice," he said. "If Schweinhaut wants a little extra under a job for him—riding the South of the poll tax conspiracy."

Pressman told of the constant fight being waged by the CIO against the reactionaries in Congress, of how just the day previous the FBI's wire-tapping bill had been defeated in the House, of how the Tobins of the AFL would be pleased by anti-strike laws.

He closed his thrilling talk by extending on behalf of the CIO best wishes and pledges of the united and complete support of the CIO.

Audience Impressed

It is certain that a Minneapolis union audience has never before heard the inspiring kind of trade union talks delivered at the 544-CIO mass meeting. Local unionists were particularly impressed with the youth, ability and militancy of the CIO representatives, and with the thorough way in which the CIO nationally is lending its support to the important movement developing in Minneapolis.

Between 1,200 and 1,500 workers were in attendance, with every section of the motor transport industry represented. The daily press pulled an old, old trick in its reports of the meetings, by giving a fractional estimate of the attendance, thus doing its best to aid Tobin's agents. Radio reports of the meeting and the attendance were much fairer.

Those in attendance, the very backbone of 544, received such inspiration from the splendid union talks, that they left more determined than ever to complete the job of building the industrial union movement among the motor transport and construction industry, not only on a local but a national scale.

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To Delinquent 544 Members and to The Unorganized

Having completed the move from the AFL into the CIO, the Minneapolis Local 544, CIO, wishes to start off with a clean slate.

The union executive board therefore has moved to accept for reinstatement into Local 544, CIO, all members who have become delinquent in dues under the old set-up. Reinstatement can be affected by the payment of the current month's dues of \$2.00.

Drivers and allied workers not hitherto members of Local 544 may also join Local 544, CIO, simply by paying the current month's dues of \$2.00. Until further notice this decision will remain in effect.

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One CIO Brother to Another



On the National Picket Line

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Had it come, it would have been a bloody strike, either swiftly won, or equally rapidly broken. There is little doubt that the Army would have been brought in, in view of the fact that Roosevelt had expressed concern about the effect of the strike on "national defense."

Editorial comment on the averted strike and its leaders is as bitter as you would expect. Says the New York Post — "The subway strike threat is lifted, and on the city's own unalterable terms . . . subway service will keep up without interruption . . . there will be strict continuation of the city's policy of not recognizing any right to strike, not accepting a closed shop, not requiring membership in the Transport Workers Union as a condition of employment . . ."

Says the New York Herald Tribune — in an editorial entitled "Intimidation a la Quill" — "The 'unanimous' strike vote of some 6,000 members of the TWU . . . is a significant commentary on the methods of mob rousers like Michael Quill and union procedure . . ."

La Guardia has always used the same phrase which Roosevelt used during the WPA strike — "You can't strike against the government." Yet it has been proven that strikes can be called and won

Birds of a Feather

"The principal Social Workers Party leaders against whom the prosecution is being brought are also leaders of 544-CIO. This is the first step in a nation-wide drive against radicals." — Acting Attorney General Francis Biddle.
"I am pleased that action has been started against the subversive elements. Our state department has been co-operating with the federal government in this matter." — Governor Harold Stassen.
"The raids were made on authorization of the justice department in Washington. I supervised them." — Henry A. Schweinhaut, special assistant United States attorney general.
"I shall ask indictments against an undetermined number for seditious conspiracy." — Victor E. Anderson, U. S. district attorney.
"The federal government action justifies our action in refusing to have anything to do with the Dunnes." — Leonard Lageman, state secretary of the Minnesota CIO.

Smear Campaign Denounced

(On June 27th the FBI demonstratively raided the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party in the Twin Cities, which raid was immediately utilized as the basis for a smear campaign against the leadership of Local 544-CIO. The following joint statement denouncing the raid and Tobin tactics was issued the following day, last Saturday, by Frank Barnhart, regional director of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, and the Executive Board of Local 544-CIO.)

The demonstrative Friday raid by the F. B. I. on the headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party in the Twin Cities and the public announcement by the U. S. Department of Justice threatening indictments and inferring that leaders of Local 544-CIO are involved, is nothing but a smear campaign against the CIO.

Unable to bend the workers to his will by the other vicious tactics which he has employed, Dan Tobin has persuaded Roosevelt to carry out this action in payment of his political debt to Tobin for past services rendered. It is deplorable that the functions of the U. S. Department of Justice have been perverted in this reprehensible manner.

Not long ago, Tobin issued an ultimatum to the officers and members of the AFL Teamsters union ordering them to give unequivocal support to Roosevelt's war policies under threat of reprisals against them by Tobin if they failed to comply. Tobin devised this policy both as a service to Roosevelt and as a protective screen under which he hoped to maintain his arbitrary and dictatorial rule over the rank and file of his antiquated organization.

A great majority of the membership of the AFL Teamsters union is opposed to Tobin's high-handed methods and moth-eaten organization policies. There are also many who are opposed to war, especially in the Northwest area. This is not Hitler-Germany. The United States is still a democracy. The people of this country still have a right to express their opinions about the policies of both Tobin and Roosevelt.

Tobin Opposes Workers' Rights

The arbitrariness of Dan Tobin is revealed with startling clarity in his bull-headed opposition to the demand of the CIO for collective bargaining elections by secret ballot under government supervision to give the motor transport and allied workers of Minneapolis a democratic opportunity to designate their choice between the AFL and the CIO. Under the law, as well as by every standard of common decency and justice, this is the workers' right. Yet Tobin has resorted to every conceivable tactic, including acts of violence against the workers, to deprive them of this legal and moral right.

Honorable Record of 544 Leaders

The CIO did not raid Local 544. The membership of Local 544 in regular meeting assembled voted overwhelmingly to leave Tobin's horse-and-buggy organization and apply for a charter in the modern and progressive industrial union movement of the CIO. Before granting a charter to Local 544, the CIO made a careful investigation of the union and its leadership. As a part of this investigation, representatives of the CIO consulted the Minneapolis Police Department and were informed by them that the leaders of Local 544 had no criminal record and were not in any sense classed as labor racketeers. A further irrefutable evidence of the honorable record of the leadership of Local 544 is contained in the findings of Judge Carroll during the court hearings which involved an examination of all of the books, records, minutes, contracts, financial transactions, etc., of Local 544. This court examination which extended over a period of almost three years resulted in a finding by the Court which exonerated the leaders of Local 544 from the slanderous insinuations that had been leveled against them.

Dan Tobin has had all of the facts about the leadership of Local 544 for many years. He has known of their union record and has been fully aware of their political beliefs. However, he did not see fit to press any charges against the leadership of Local 544 until they openly resisted his attempts to further entrench his dictatorial authority in the AFL Teamsters union and voted against his wholly undeserved \$10,000 increase in annual salary.

Is a False Issue

When Tobin, a short time ago, raised the question of the political affiliations of some of the leaders of Local 544, he made it plain that he was going to use this false issue as a smoke screen for his campaign to remove the leadership of the union. Those few men involved involuntarily gave up their right to belong to a political organization of their own choosing and resigned from the Socialist Workers Party in the interests of the fight to protect the union against Tobin's dictatorial assault. This did not deter Tobin for one minute. He continued to vigorously press for the installation of a dictator-receiver.

CIO Will Press Fight

The membership of Local 544, confronted with this ultimatum from Tobin, voted overwhelmingly to leave his organization and apply for admission in the CIO. Tobin's goon squads have been unable to crush the spirit of Local 544-CIO. Neither can Tobin crush this union by running to Roosevelt to get his cooperation in a smear campaign against the CIO.

The CIO will continue to press its fight to win for the motor transport and allied workers of Minneapolis their democratic right to belong to an organization of their own choosing—the CIO.

FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Please convey my compliments to the membership of Local 544 UCWOC Minneapolis upon their constructive forward step in seeking affiliation with the UCWOC. This action taken by the members of Local 544 and the UCWOC in chartering this local is in complete accord with the policies of the National Congress of Industrial Organizations. I respectfully request that you express my hope, as regional director, that the membership of Local 544 will be successful in relieving themselves of the oppressive yoke of the servitude under which they have been laboring these many years and that this constructive action on their part may be the start to complete the organization of truck drivers under the banner of the CIO in Minnesota and other parts of the United States.

Richard Francis, CIO Regional Director
State of Washington

You Can't Fool Meyer Lewis

With considerable solemnity the padlock on the front door of the former editorial office of the Northwest Organizer was removed. First to step into the sanctum was Harold Seavey, followed by heavy-footed Meyer Lewis and the reporters.

Lewis strode to the back of the office, frowning at the files of the Northwest Organizer lining the room. He thought to himself of the pity that the AFL had permitted such a paper to be published for those many years and sent around the nation. He thought about the brilliant deal Seavey had negotiated with 544-CIO in selling the paper for one dollar. He made a mental note to advise old man Tobin of the deal so that the editor of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters magazine would not make another blunder such as the claim in the current issue that the Northwest Organizer is being edited by responsible AFL skates. He grimaced as his mind turned back to his first struggle with Local 544 in 1936.

Turning, he strode towards the front door, at the great man's heels were the newspaper reporters and Harold Seavey. Suddenly Eagle-Eye Lewis stopped in his tracks. What was that sight confronting him. There, piled atop one another, were books—RED books—books by Karl Marx, Darwin, Lenin, Tom Paine, Jack London, books about science and history and Russia and revolution and socialism.

Gingerly Lewis turned over a few pages to verify his discovery.

He wiped the dust from his fingers. Absent-mindedly he used a handkerchief to remove his finger prints from the books. A grim smile came over his face.

Turning triumphantly to the reporters, he roared: "There. Those books. Conclusive proof of the subversive, seditious, revolutionary activities of the Dunnes. The Dunnes deliberately leave books like that around where innocent workers may find them. You see, what sort of people we are dealing with. Write it up."

The reporters approached the books. They began to list the titles and authors. Suddenly one alert reporter caught sight of a slip of paper, nestling in plain view between the books. He picked it up and read it aloud: "These books are the property of the Franklin Co-operative library."

Behind him he could hear the sound of heavy breathing. Silently, Meyer Lewis strode from the office. At his heels padded Harold Seavey.

The Inalienable Right

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington dated June 25th stated that President Roosevelt "urged the American people today to rededicate themselves on the coming Fourth of July to 'defend and perpetuate those inalienable rights which found true expression' in the Declaration of Independence."

This is an excellent idea and we urge all workers to rededicate themselves this July 4th to defend and perpetuate those inalienable rights which found true expression in the Declaration of Independence.

The most impressive section of that impressive document should be engraved in the hearts and minds of all:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the rights of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

"General President" Tobin Conserves His Health On the Drivers' Dough

Certainly one of the most fantastic clauses ever written into a union constitution, in this or any other country, is the famous Section 2 or Article V which Daniel J. Tobin wrote into the Constitution of the AFL Brotherhood of Teamsters, providing for the "RIGHT OF GENERAL PRESIDENT TO TRAVEL, TAKE PERIODIC RESTS FOR CONSERVATION OF HEALTH, WITH COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES PROVIDED."

Nothing better exemplifies the shameless self-seeking of this aristocrat of labor towards grabbing special privileges for himself and setting up an unbridgeable gap between himself and the rank-and-file membership than this clause of the constitution, which reads:

"The General President, for the purpose of promoting the interests and welfare of the International and the making of diplomatic contacts with other organizations and institutions, and for the purpose of conserving his health, may in his discretion travel in this country and abroad and may take periodic rests. The General Executive Board shall provide for all expenses of the General President when performing the services mentioned herein or when taking periodic rests; the said expenses shall include travel in this country and abroad, the full and complete maintenance of his wife so that she can accompany the General President, and all secretarial help and services which he deems necessary while engaged as afore referred to. The expenses provided for herein are in addition to all other constitutional compensation and allowances."

These little "health" cruises that Mr. Tobin periodically takes to Europe help to compensate him for his modest salary of \$30,000 per year, plus \$12 a day hotel expenses when away from home, plus \$5 a day for incidental expenses.

Need we say that there are no constitutional provisions to care for the health of the rank-and-file members and their wives.

They Can't Dodge the Elections

Each day that passes brings new evidence of the correctness and justice of the demand by Local 544-CIO's executive board for an immediate general election throughout the city's motor transport industry, where the workers themselves shall determine by secret ballot under governmental supervision their choice of union bargaining agent in negotiating with the employers.

Monday's hearing before Blair completely exploded the claims of Tobin's agents to represent the will of the workers involved. The testimony there presented was proof positive that (1) the AFL in collaboration with the employers have used threats and intimidation in an effort to pawn off Tobin's fink buttons and pledge cards; and (2) that despite this joint campaign of intimidation, the majority of the motor transport and allied workers of Minneapolis, in the industries covered, are standing firmly behind their union, Local 544-CIO, and have so signified by FREELY signing pledge cards to that effect.

Twist and turn as they may, Holy Joe Casey and Tobin's other agents and allies cannot avoid the logic and obvious justice of Local 544-CIO's demand for a free and democratic election to determine the workers' bargaining agent.

Local 544-CIO deplors the delay in obtaining the elections, and again points out that Governor Stassen and other public officials are taking upon themselves a grave responsibility in aiding Tobin's agents in such delaying action.

Our union well understands that Tobin and his allies realize that the election will explode their preposterous claims to any measure of support from the motor transport drivers. That is why Casey and Goldberg seek to postpone as long as possible the vote that will expose the weakness of their position. Local 544-CIO and the workers in the industry demand the test, and their demand is supported by all fair-minded people.

Both the state and federal labor laws guarantee the right of workers to designate by secret ballot their choice of collective bargaining agent. WHY SHOULD THERE BE ANY MORE DODGING OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ISSUE?

LaGuardia Backs Down at Threat of Transit Strike, Agrees to Continue Pact

A few hours after the last of four individual meetings of the New York Transport Workers Union, CIO, had voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike, Mayor LaGuardia of New York capitulated to the workers on the city transit lines and agreed that the city would continue

negotiations to Phillip Murray, chairman of the CIO. Murray and the leaders of the Transport Workers Union announced they would accept the victory and would call off the scheduled strike.

Mayor LaGuardia had exhausted every trick of the union-buster to seek to intimidate the union and split its ranks. The transport workers called his bluff, however, and enthusiastically voted strike authority to its leadership.

For weeks before the showdown LaGuardia and the police commissioner had issued aggressive statements to the effect that all preparations were completed to concentrate the entire police force of 18,000 to break the strike. The large corporations had aided in the game of nerves by announcing they had made preparations to house their workers and take them to and from work.

The more belligerent and hostile determined were the union members to assert their rights. The entire CIO movement in New York City, plus many AFL unions, announced that in case of a strike their members would refuse to ride on scab-manned subways.

As the strike deadline, June 30th at midnight, neared, LaGuardia and the Board of Transportation announced a series of wage increases and shorter hours, hoping this would draw the workers away from their union. But this device failed also.

Mayor Capitulates

At the last moment LaGuardia had to back down before the display of union solidarity, and agree that the collective bargaining agreements between the city and the union would be extended.

The pact will continue in effect, it is estimated, for at least one year during which the courts will hand down final rulings on the power of the city to make a collective bargaining agreement with the 32,000 transit workers. LaGuardia transmitted his ca-

Keul's Lawyers Seek New Trial

Des Moines, Iowa — Attorneys for Carl Keul, Drivers Union Local 90 business agent recently convicted on "conspiracy" charges, filed a motion for a new trial last week. The attorneys assert the jury verdict was contrary to law and based upon "passion and prejudice." They cited a score of instances in which they claim error occurred.

Keul is one of five members and officers of Local 90 charged with "conspiracy" by a labor-hating boss who charges the union conspired to injure his business.

THE RADICAL

A man is thought a knave, a fool, A bigot plotting crime; Who, for the advancement of his kind, Is wiser than his time. For him the gibbet shall be built, For him the stake prepared, For him the hemlock be distilled, For him the ax be bared. —ROBERT BURNS

WAR AND PROFITS

Our political governments are not our real governments. Our governments are themselves governed. There is an invisible government behind our governments it — is our economic system. Our political government is but an instrument, a tool, of economic forces. And these economic forces inherently make for war. . . . The spirit of war dwells in the body of our capitalist economy, which holds war as the clouds hold lightning. —C. C. MORRISON, editor, Christian Century.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

July 1, 1941—Sausage, Petroleum	July 21, 1941—Furniture, Coal, Paper and Printing
July 3, 1941—Greenhouse and Independent Truck Owners	July 22, 1941—Building Material
July 7, 1941—Package Delivery and Department Store	July 24, 1941—Transfer, Warehouse and Wholesale Drug
July 8, 1941—Lumber	July 25, 1941—Cold Storage and Produce
July 9, 1941—Market and Wholesale Liquor	July 28—Spring Water
July 11, 1941—Wholesale Grocery	ICE DRIVERS
July 14, 1941—General Membership	2nd Monday, July 14th, 1941, Day Laborers
July 17, 1941—Text and Awning, Newspaper, 10 A. M. Ways and Means, I.T.O.	WAREHOUSEMEN
July 18, 1941—Stewards	General Membership, Second Tuesday Stewards, 4th Monday Executive Board, Every Monday