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## WAREHOUSE UNION STAGES MEETING IN DRIVERS HALL

### FULL REPORT OF GATHERING BY SECRETARY

Minutes of N. C. C. Meet  
Reveal Scope of  
Program

Accord Reached on Unity of  
Action by Northwest  
Locals

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT  
DRIVERS COUNCIL

Minutes of Conference  
Sunday, Jan. 10, 1937

Chairman, P. J. Corcoran; Sec-  
retary, Farrell Dobbs.

Roll Call: Unions present: Du-  
luth Milk Drivers Local No. 32:  
R. E. Rooney, Milo Pennington,  
Otto Fichtner. Duluth General  
Drivers Local No. 346: George  
Lyes, William Campbell. Super-  
ior, Wis., General Drivers Local  
No. 288: Al Bernacki, Ed O'Brien,  
William Larson. Minneapolis Milk  
Drivers Local No. 471: Paul  
Schwab, Ray Swyer, William Sin-  
nott, Mike Lavery, Carl Johnson.  
Minneapolis General Drivers Local  
No. 544: Carl Skoglund, Nick  
Wagner, William Brown, Farrel  
Dobbs. E. Scott, Grant Dunne.  
Minneapolis Laundry Drivers Lo-  
cal No. 131: Claire Johnson. Min-  
neapolis Ice and Coal Drivers Lo-  
cal No. 221: A. P. Eberl, Bruce  
Vincent, Richard Wilson. Minne-  
apolis City and Sanitary Drivers  
Local No. 664: Harold Seavey.

Motion that delegates from Aus-  
tin, Minnesota Truck Drivers  
Unit, be seated as fraternal dele-  
gates. Carried. Those seated  
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### Warning to All Union Members

All members of Team-  
ing Craft Unions are here-  
by warned not to fill out  
or sign any questionnaire,  
blank or card given to him  
by the employer for the  
purpose of giving the em-  
ployer "Social Security in-  
formation." Such cards,  
blanks, etc., which require  
information as to the  
member's religion, pre-  
vious employment or union  
affiliation are illegal and  
generally are used to fur-  
nish material for a "black  
list." Full information on  
the Social Security Act  
can be secured at Union  
headquarters. Contact  
your union before signing  
anything at your place of  
employment.

### On Top of the Heap



### Showdown Near as Thousands Strike in General Motors Plants

Auto Workers Buck Bosses, Injunction and Threats of  
Craft Union Scabbery as Epic Struggle Unfolds

The struggle between the United Automobile Work-  
ers' Union and the General Motors Company is rapidly  
approaching a showdown with thousands of workers on  
strike in many plants and with the vital "feeder" industries  
being tied up by strikes.

Violence has already broken out in Flint, and labor  
spies, thugs, and Pinkertons are being imported into the  
affected areas in wholesale numbers. General Motors has obtained  
a sweeping injunction against the sit-down strikers in the Flint  
Fisher Body division of GM which even prohibited peaceful picket-  
ing. The injunction was issued by Circuit Judge Edward D. Black.

The position of General Motors was summed up in a bulletin post-  
ed in all plants which read in part, "General Motors will not recog-  
nize any union as the sole bargain-  
ing agency for its workers, to the  
exclusion of all others. General  
Motors will continue to recognize,  
for the purpose of collective bar-  
gaining, the representatives of its  
workers, whether, union or non-  
union."

#### Union Demands

The United Automobile Work-  
ers, a CIO affiliate, have present-  
ed the following demands to Gen-  
eral Motors as the alternative for  
a general strike affecting all GM  
plants:

1. A national conference be-  
tween representatives of General  
Motors and the union to discuss  
and bargain over:
2. Abolition of all piece work  
systems of pay and the adoption  
of a straight hourly rate.
3. Thirty hour week and six  
hour day with time and one-half  
for overtime over the basic work  
day and work-week.
4. Establishment of a minimum  
rate of pay, commensurate with  
an American standard of living.
5. Reinstatement of all em-  
ployees who have been unjustifi-  
ably discharged.
6. Seniority based upon length  
of service.
7. Union recognition.
8. Speed of production shall be  
mutually agreed upon by the man-  
agement and the union.

President Homer Martin of the  
United Automobile Workers in a  
significant speech representing  
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### Wright County Workers Obtain Relief Increase

The Wright county locals of the  
Federal Workers Section obtained  
concessions for direct relief clients  
and supplemental aid for  
WPA workers, both of which  
were granted by the newly elected  
county commissioners. The gains  
consisted of a 15 per cent in-  
crease in direct relief and a grant  
of \$1,400 (\$1,000 from the state  
and \$400 from the county) as sup-  
plemental aid to WPA workers.

The action followed a demon-  
stration and march upon the coun-  
ty seat at Buffalo, Minn., on Janu-  
ary 6 in which more than 200  
FWS members participated. Many  
of these workers walked eight to  
ten miles in -15 degree weather  
to voice their desperate need.

The increases were but a drop  
in the bucket of real need, WPA  
workers obtaining only \$2 to \$9  
according to size of family, which  
does not even approach the ex-  
tent of the needs of Wright coun-  
ty WPA workers. The 15 per cent  
direct relief increase, based upon  
the \$10 monthly average relief in  
Wright county, is also but a small  
beginning.

The Wright County Board of  
Commissioners has flatly refused  
to do anything further at this  
time. The chairman of the board,  
however, promised Roy Anderson,  
chairman of the Wright county lo-  
cals of the FWS, to call a special  
"county meeting of taxpayers" to  
consider the relief demands for  
adequate relief and supplemental  
aid.

The relief workers have threat-  
ened, unless their demands are  
met, to boycott all merchants in  
the county and to pool their meag-  
er funds for co-operative buying  
elsewhere.

The relief situation in Wright  
county brings to the fore the  
state-wide question of rural re-  
lief administration. So long as  
township and county boards are  
left free to hold down relief stan-  
dards and to ignore and neglect  
their lawful relief duties at will,  
just so long will misery and want  
be the lot of rural unemployed  
and WPA workers in this state.

It is therefore essential that the  
Legislature immediately authorize  
and direct the State Relief agency  
to establish and enforce uniform  
standard minimum relief budgets  
which recognize the actual rela-  
tionship of rural living costs to  
those in the cities. Requests for  
such legislative action are now be-  
ing made by the Federal Workers  
Section.

### WAREHOUSEMEN HOLD MEETING TO ORGANIZE

Huge Crowd Attends First  
Gathering of Local  
20316

Many Workers Join Union  
as the Program Is  
Announced

Approximately 500 warehouse  
and inside workers from several  
different companies throughout  
the city attended the mass meet-  
ing called by the Warehouse and  
Inside Workers Union, Local  
20316, at the General Drivers hall,  
January 13. The meeting form-  
ally launched an intense organiza-  
tional drive that will be un-  
dertaken by the union to organize all  
warehouse and inside workers in  
the city of Minneapolis into its  
ranks. That this union is deter-  
mined to improve the conditions of  
its members was voiced emphatic-  
ally by representatives of the  
union many times during the meet-  
ing.

Enthusiasm ran high as leading  
figures in the local labor move-  
ment voiced their pledge to sup-  
port this newly formed local union  
in their coming struggles with the  
employers, and as an indication of  
their sentiment, a great number  
of those attending the meeting  
signed up at its close.

The following speakers ad-  
dressed the mass meeting: Muni-  
cipal Judge Joseph Poirer, Farrell  
Dobbs, Secretary of Local 544;  
Robert Cramer, Editor of the Min-  
neapolis Labor Review; Miles  
Dunne, Editor of the Northwest  
Organizer; Gust Beck from Ma-  
chinist Union No. 382, and others.

### Erber Will Talk On Spanish War

Ernest Erber, National Chair-  
man of the Young People's Social-  
ist League, who has just returned  
from several months in Barcelona  
and Madrid where he took part in  
the actual struggles between the  
Fascists and workers, will speak in  
Minneapolis Wednesday, Jan. 27.  
Erber will appear at the Pioneer  
Hall, Sixth St. at Hennepin Ave.,  
at 8 p. m., where he will discuss  
the subject, "The Actual Truth  
About the Spanish Civil War."

His talk will be sponsored by  
the Minneapolis chapter of the  
Spanish Solidarity fund. Miles  
Dunne will act as chairman.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# FULL REPORT OF GATHERING BY SECRETARY

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were Carl Nilsson, John Bray and Sandy McCourt.

Northwest Organizer—Miles B. Dunne, Editor, present.

Organizations invited which did not send delegates — Litchfield, Minn., General Drivers Local No. 104; Minneapolis Taxi Drivers Local No. 125; Minneapolis Tea and Coffee Drivers Local No. 275; St. Cloud General Drivers Local No. 329; St. Paul General Drivers Local No. 120; St. Paul Ice Drivers Local No. 756; St. Paul Mill Drivers Local No. 546; Minot General Drivers Local No. 74; Fargo General Drivers Local No. 116; Eau Claire General Drivers Local No. 662; Superior, Wis., Milk Drivers Local No. 512.

The Conference was opened by Acting Chairman Corcoran who gave a brief review of the reasons why a council of this type is so urgently needed in the drivers' movement. He pointed out that the old ideas of organizational method and contact do not suit the present day needs. Until such time as more adequate arrangements can be made we must make the best possible provisions for organization work under a District Council of this nature. We must have a live group which will really produce results. The wage scales must be equalized by doing a thorough job of organization throughout this entire territory. The best way to accomplish this is for every local union to give full co-operation and support to the District Council so that we may all work together and in the same direction. Brother Corcoran further pointed out that in advocating the creation of a District Council no one had any ulterior plan for capturing any of the local unions. This is to be an honest and sincere program of co-operation.

Reading of the minutes of the Cloquet meeting by Acting Secretary Dobbs and a brief review of the background of the movement for a District Council together with an outline of the proposed points of discussion at this conference.

### NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

Motion that the name be the North Central District Drivers Council. Carried. Motion that the district include North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Carried.

### MEETINGS:

Motion that quarterly meetings be held at specific time and place designated by the Executive Board. Carried. Motion that next meeting be held in Minneapolis on the 2nd Sunday in April. Carried.

### FINANCES:

Motion that Secretary-Treasurer write to each local union requesting them to contribute to the support of a headquarters and a full-time organizer on the following basis: Locals having less than 100 members, \$10 per month. Lo-

icals having 100 members or over, \$20 per month. The first monthly contribution to be due and payable in January and the check to be mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer immediately upon approval by the local union. Carried.

### OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Motion that we elect from the Council delegates a President, First Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer to serve as active officers and members of the Executive Board for a period of one year and that each local union affiliated designate one of its representatives to serve as a member of the Executive Board in the capacity of Vice-President except that those locals who have one of their representatives elected to the Board as President, First Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer shall have no other representation on the Executive Board. Carried.

Motion that local unions not in attendance at today's conference be permitted to designate one of their representatives to serve on the Executive Board in the capacity of Vice-President immediately prior to the April Conference. Carried.

Motion that we put a paid full-time general organizer in the field and that he be hired by the Executive Board. Carried.

### NOMINATIONS:

Motion that Pat Corcoran be nominated as President. Chairman Corcoran then turned the chair over to Delegate Schwab who remained in the chair until elections were completed. There were no further nominations for President. Motion that R. E. Rooney be nominated as First Vice-President. There were no further nominations. Motion that Farrell Dobbs be nominated as Secretary-Treasurer. There were no further nominations. A white ballot was cast by Delegate Schwab declaring the above three officers unanimously elected. Motion that we declare a five minute recess for the local unions to nominate their representatives to the Executive Board. Carried.

Motion that the Austin, Minnesota Truck Drivers group, have a fraternal delegate to the Executive Board. Carried.

At the end of the recess the following Vice-Presidents were named:

Minneapolis Ice and Coal Drivers, No. 221, Richard Wilson; Superior General Drivers, No. 288, Al Bernacki; Minneapolis Laundry Drivers, Local No. 131, Claire Johnson; Minneapolis City and Sanitary Drivers, Local No. 664, Harold Seavey; Duluth General Drivers, No. 346, George Lyes; Austin, Minnesota Truck Drivers Unit; Sandy McCourt, fraternal delegate.

In accordance with the above motion no Vice-President was named from Local No. 32, Local No. 471 and Local No. 544 since representatives from these three organizations were elected as officers.

### LONG DISTANCE DRIVERS:

Report by Pat Corcoran that on the Pacific Coast the various Teamsters Joint Councils take in the entire state and that effective co-operation throughout the entire area has been achieved through a District Council. He further reported that on a recent visit to the Coast he was assured by Dave Beck, the general organizer, that they will give us complete co-operation on all fronts.

Report by Grant Dunne of Local No. 544 that in a recent meeting with the Secretary of the Regulated Motor Carriers Association it was stated that the Association would be interested in discussing the establishment of a district agreement with the various Truck Drivers Unions. Motion that the Council request all General Drivers Unions in the District to ap-

## Bill Brown Says—

The Auto Workers, who are fighting the owners of the auto industry, deserve the united support of the entire American labor movement. The outcome of the struggle in the automobile plants will have a bearing on the outcome of all future labor fights in this country. If the auto workers win, the fight for union recognition in steel and rubber will be made easier. The whole strength of labor movement must be thrown into this battle.



BILL BROWN President of 544

point delegates to a joint negotiating committee which will meet with the Regulated Motor Carriers Association and negotiate a Union agreement for the entire District. Carried.

Motion that the Executive Board be instructed to arrange for representation at the hearing of the Inter-state Commerce Commission in Chicago on February 8. Carried.

Motion that the Executive Board be instructed to follow up on the bill now before the Minnesota Legislature regarding the restriction of the use of semi-trailer equipment in terminal cities. Carried. The object of this bill is to increase work for local drivers and to generally improve terminal conditions for road drivers.

At this point there was a general discussion of the present difficulties in organizing line drivers and the need for co-operation between the various local Unions was forcefully proven.

A motion was made that the Council recommend that all local unions charge a minimum initiation fee of \$25 for drivers and helpers on long distance hauling. This is not to apply regarding the initiation fee of men engaged exclusively in local work whose initiation fee would be determined at the discretion of the local union. Carried.

Motion that the Council recommend to all local unions that they recognize only paid-up membership books in checking the standing of long distance men and that each local union record the number of the drivers' chauffeurs' license in the membership book so that the book cannot be used by more than one driver. Carried.

Report by the Minneapolis Unions that it has now been arranged to have the monthly membership buttons the same color in each union to facilitate checking on dues payments. This is recommended for the consideration of all local unions.

Request by the Duluth and Superior delegates for assistance in organizing the long distance drivers at the following companies:

- Barker Transfer Co., hauling to Chicago and Grand Forks.
- Moland Bros. Trucking Co., hauling to Chicago.
- Security Van and Storage Co., hauling to Eau Claire, Wis.
- Volk, hauling to Rice Lake, Wis.
- Gateway City Transfer Co., with main offices in LaCrosse, Wis., which hauls to St. Paul, Minn., and Superior, Wis.

### LOCAL TRANSFER:

A discussion of wage scales and contracts on local transfer work disclosed the following information. The present agreements in Superior, Wis., expire on May 1, 1937. There is no agreement in Duluth at this time. The St. Paul agreement expires on June 1, 1937. The Minneapolis agreement runs until June 1, 1938; however, the wage clause is to be opened for negotiation on May 1, 1937. There is no agreement at the present time in Fargo. Information on other local unions was not available.

This set of conditions makes it possible for joint discussion of wage scales by these unions before new contracts are signed.

Motions that the Council request all of the local unions involved to hold such a joint discussion on contracts prior to May 1, 1937. Carried.

Motion that the Council further request all local unions to mail copies of the existing contracts to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council and where there is no contract to give the best possible information on existing wage and hour conditions. Carried. This request is made for the purpose of providing the Executive Board of the Council with adequate information to make a general study of existing wage, hour and contract conditions so that definite recommendations can be made for the creation of uniform conditions throughout the entire District.

### DRIVERS LICENSE LAW:

Under the present provision of the law after a truck driver is convicted of drunken driving his chauffeurs' license as well as the drivers license is revoked. This means that he is deprived of his means of livelihood. William Brown of Local No. 544 reported that this had been discussed with some of the Minneapolis judges who told him that it was not the intention of the law to deprive any one from their means of livelihood and that this could probably be amended to provide for revocation of the drivers license so that the man involved could retain his chauffeurs license and continue on his truck driving job, although he would be deprived of the right to drive his own car. Motion that Brother Brown be instructed to pick a committee from the Minneapolis delegates and continue efforts to have such an amendment passed by the present Legislature. Carried.

### NORTHWEST ORGANIZER:

Miles Dunne, Editor of the Northwest Organizer, the official organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, gave a brief review of the good work done in Minneapolis by this paper and pointed out that it would be of equal value to all truck drivers unions in the District, since it provides an immediate and direct medium for reports to members on general union activity, the publication of specific instructions and the dissemination of articles of educational value to trade unionists. Arrangements for organizational subscriptions are made on the following basis. Each member is automatically a subscriber as long as he pays dues. The local union pays 10 cents per month per member for the subscription. The paper is mailed directly to the home of the member. Brother Dunne urged all delegates to advocate that their locals subscribe to the paper.

### RAILROAD BROTHERHOOD:

Brother C. R. Hedlund of the Minneapolis Railroad Council spoke to the Conference advocating that discussions be held between the Railroad Brotherhood and the truck drivers unions to establish a basis for mutual co-operation transportation organization problems. Motion that the Executive Board be instructed to arrange such a conference. Carried.

### PUBLICITY:

Motion that the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to draft a special letter setting forth those

## Yellow Notes

Our most sincere condolences are extended to Don Moore in the loss of his wife who died during the past week from a throat ailment.

"Pinch Penny" Passolt is in New York on a business trip. His bank roll will be pretty slim when he returns as his wife went with him and from rumors it was learned she intended to do a "littie shopping."

Somebody evidently evened up a grudge against the switchboard operators and turned loose a "flu" germ in the switchboard room. It visited each operator in turn, and they are all back to work now.

Jack Daly was relief operator one day during the flu siege and at the end of one shift he expressed a desire to cut "paper dolls."

Ask Blomgren, alias Blomberg, how he got the ski pants.

The Blue House Hamburger Shops, Inc., have discharged a man for wearing a union button and attempting to organize the help. We ask that all organized labor boycott this "chiseling" outfit.

Here's an interesting side-light on a recent Rochester run made by a 9:30 driver. He received \$2.50 for refusing to drink while making the run. That's something to think about.

The entire unit of drivers of the Yellow Cab Co. of Pittsburgh joined the General Drivers Union of Pittsburgh on January 9. A lot of credit for this must be given to Mr. Maters, our manager, whose favorable description of the Yellow Drivers unit of Local No. 544 impressed the Pittsburgh manager to such an extent, he urged his drivers to organize. Our experience proves that the only way to organize cab drivers and keep them organized is to make them units of General Drivers unions.

Somebody remarked the other day that there was one thing about Waterbury. You never find him and his cab in the shop. Oh yeah!

points on which the various local unions are required to take immediate action and that this letter, together with a copy of the minutes be mailed to all of the 19 local unions invited to the conference and to the secretaries of the State Federations of Labor in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and upper Michigan. Carried.

Conference adjourned.  
Signed,  
FARRELL DOBBS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### MEETING SCHEDULE Local 544

The membership meeting on Monday, January 11, voted to alter the meeting schedule on the following basis:

(1) There shall be only one full membership meeting per month, to be held on the second Monday.

(2) There shall be two job steward meetings per month, to be held on the first and third Fridays. (The next job steward meeting will be held on Friday, February 5.)

(3) There shall be not more than one regularly scheduled meeting per month in any section. The schedule to be arranged by the Executive Board. Wednesday, Jan. 13—Market. Tuesday, Jan. 26—Taxi drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.

Note: Schedules for other section meetings are now being arranged. Grievance Committee — Meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. Executive Board—meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m.

## Local 1859 Meeting Schedule

January, 1937

- Sat., Jan. 2—Executive Board.
- Wed., Jan. 6—General Membership.
- Sat., Jan. 9—Executive Board.
- Sat., Jan. 16—Executive Board.
- Tues., Jan. 19—Box Section.
- Wed., Jan. 20—J. R. Clark Section.
- Fri., Jan. 22—Puffer Hubbard Section.
- Sat., Jan. 23—Executive Board.
- Sat., Jan. 30—Executive Board.
- Wed., Feb. 3—General Membership.

# Doctor McCrimmon Writes On Winter Care of Health

## How to Avoid Flu Is Told by Union Doctor

### PNEUMONIA

By H. P. McCrimmon, M. D.  
Pneumonia, one of the most widespread and fatal of all acute diseases, has been named "Captain of the Men of Death." If pneumonia should strike you, nothing more important than proper treatment, as life hangs in the balance. Overwork, lack of sleep, overindulgence in alcohol, exposure to cold and wet increase susceptibility to this disease.

Of every five persons sick with pneumonia, one will die. Yet the startling message of modern medicine is this: Out of every four who die of lobar pneumonia, three die needlessly.

A serum is available, for the most widespread types of pneumonia, which is definitely curative if given in time. In the Rockefeller Institute where this serum was developed all pneumonia cases are serum treated. Think of this. Cases treated on the fifth day of infection, or later, show a death rate of 19.5 per cent, almost equal to the general death rate of pneumonia, 20 per cent. Cases treated on the fourth day of infection have a death rate of only 8.6 per cent, and those receiving serum during the first three days of pneumonia have a death rate of only 4.8 per cent.

Most persons threatened with pneumonia have pneumonia. When the patient has a chill, with or without influenza symptoms, fever over 102 degrees, cough, sharp pain in the chest, rapid breathing and, above all, when the sputum is blood tinged, in the greater majority of cases he has pneumonia. Sputum is sent to the laboratory for immediate diagnosis. This can be made in less than an hour.

The treatment of pneumonia may be complicated so the doctor must decide whether the patient should remain at home or go to a hospital. If hospital treatment is necessary, this move should be made as soon after the onset as possible. It is a mistake to wait until the patient is desperately sick. It is important that the patient remain quietly in bed from the onset, not even getting up to go to the bathroom.

The organism causing pneumonia falls into four large groups, Group I, II, III, IV and some smaller groups. Groups I and II account for 60 per cent of all cases of lobar pneumonia. Type I is the most effective serum of all. Type II is less specific, but still indispensable. The effectiveness of other types is still doubtful.

The death-dealing properties of the pneumococcus are not suffocation or "drowning" from water in the lungs, as many people think.

Both these conditions may appear, but the thing that kills the patient is the toxin set free in the blood stream. Thus, a blood transfusion at this critical stage furnishes new and fresh blood and always gives the patient a boost. The oxygen tent also may help, but it is not a cure.

Ways in which colds, influenza and pneumonia may be prevented:

1. Stay away from people with colds.
2. Keep the body in good condition by eating the right kinds of food, drinking lots of water, and sleeping at least eight hours out of twenty-four.
3. Train your skin to stand changes in temperature by frequent bathing.
4. Wear sufficient clothing in cold weather, and keep your feet warm and dry.
5. Breathe through your nose.
6. Have diseased tonsils and bad teeth removed or treated.
7. Always wash your hands with soap and water before eating and after toilet.
8. Live and work in well-ventilated rooms. Sleep with window open in winter and summer.
9. Cool off gradually.
10. Call your doctor early if pneumonia is suspected, as early diagnosis is all important. If this is done he can increase your chances of getting well four to one.

## Independent Truck Chatter

### Notice

The schedules have been rearranged to give each section of the union one meeting a month. The ITO Section will meet the first Thursday of each month. January 4, is the date of the next meeting.

A communication from Washington shows that the delegation isn't wasting any time. Full details will be forthcoming upon their return the latter part of the week.

Can never get too many letters like the one printed in last week's paper wherein the Honorable Henry G. Teigan asked for information regarding WPA truck appropriations.

### Thankee

Acknowledgements of Christmas presents and telegrams are still being received by the Independents.

### Rolling Stock

Preparing for likely labor difficulties in 1937 the tire manufacturers hastened to stock their warehouses so that they now have more than seven months supply of casings on hand. At the first sign of union trouble they could be ready to close the Akron plants and shift production to scab districts of the United States. This might have been clever, but if the auto strike continues they can make floor mats out of the tires.

The committee finds prices sky high in Washington and practically all lodgings sold out for the inaugural ceremonies. If they have a peculiar dizzy look when they return you will know that the four of them have been trying to get sleep in the revolving door of some public building.

The airport trucks have two gas shovels tossing dirt at them now. A record number of breakdowns in the first few days.

## Albert Goldman, Union Attorney, To Speak Friday

Albert Goldman, prominent Chicago Socialist and one of the editors of the Socialist Appeal, a leading Socialist theoretical organ, will speak under the auspices of the Twin City Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky on the Moscow trials of last August where the Stalinist bureaucracy liquidated almost the last of the most prominent of the old bolsheviks, participants with Lenin and Trotsky in the October Revolution of 1917.

The meeting will be held in the Pioneer Hall, Lumber Exchange building, Minneapolis, Friday, January 22, at 8 p. m. All are welcome and admission will be 15 cents. Especially invited are all Stalinists and their sympathizers, who will no doubt hear the truth concerning the trials for the first time.

Albert Goldman is well known to all militant unionists for his splendid service in the 1934 Truck Drivers Strike where he served as attorney for Local 574, now Local 544. Goldman delivered the funeral oration for Henry Ness, who fell under a fusillade of shot by the Minneapolis police on Bloody Friday during the strike, and many persons consider his speech at this time to be fully as fine as that delivered by Robert Ingersoll on the death of his brother. Those who hear Goldman will, therefore, be treated to a discourse by one of the outstanding orators of the Socialist movement, speaking on a subject that is of utmost importance to all class conscious and militant workers who are looking for socialist clarity through the fog engendered by the Stalinist machine.

## Bowlers Battle In Second Half

### BOWLING

Con. No. 2	912 924 934—2770
Ind	966 929 930—2825
F. W. S.	875 854 870—2599
Con No. 1	769 761 842—2372
"544"	882 926 879—2687
J. C.	882 903 837—2622
Meats	850 915 900—2665
Nat.	859 913 893—2665

Some fine bowling by Rasmussen kept the Consol. No. 2 from being swamped by the Ind. Led by J. H. Johnson, the F. W. S. took three games from Consol. No. 1. Arnold Johnson's excellent bowling for the second straight week could not keep the J. C. from taking the first game from "544." Sinnott pulled the game out of the fire for J. C. The Meats, lost the first game to Nat. by nine pins, won the second by two pins and also took the last by seven pins for some very close games.

### NOTES

The "flu" has hit quite a few of the bowlers. Thoreson, J. Stoner, and L. Hanson all scored "200" games. Others who bowled well were Gillespie, McKean and J. Smith.

## Bartlett Speaks to Butler Co. Workers

James Bartlett, president of Local 20316, addressed a number of Butler Bros. employees assembled at a meeting at the Central Labor Union headquarters last Tuesday night. An effort will be made to bring all inside workers employed at this company into the ranks of Local 20316. Many of these workers are heartily in favor of this move.

## Showdown Near as Thousands Strike in General Motors Plants

**Thanks**  
Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gust Lindberg and family.

## With the Laundry Workers Union

The Unemployment benefit dance held by Local 183 was well attended and a splendid time was had by all. However, a pall of gloom was cast over the joyous throng at the close of the dance when James Halvorson in some manner lost his balance at the head of the stair and plunged 60 feet through the stairway well to the basement. He died shortly thereafter.

Mr. Halvorson, though not a member of our organization, was well known to some of our members and his tragic and untimely death was a shock to all.

Mrs. Jennie Latz, mother of Rubin Latz, died in St. Paul last week. Mrs. Latz was 92 years old and had been ill for some time. Local 183 extends its sympathy to the bereaved family on this occasion.

From time to time in the past there have been sporadic drives in our union for subscriptions to local labor papers.

This has been done to encourage workers in the reading of labor news and editorials so that they may have reliable and first-hand information on passing events in the world of labor.

At present we feel safe in saying that the great majority of our members are either subscribers or read the Northwest Organizer, while many also read the Minneapolis Labor Review, official organ of the Central Labor Union.

Those members whose subscriptions to the Organizer are about to expire are urged to see Osborn, subscription representative of the Organizer, for renewing their subscriptions. Information on rates for other labor papers may be obtained at the union office.

For the information of those not yet apprized of the result of the union election, we take this means to give the particulars.

The "Non-Sectarians" in most cases defeated their opponents by a good margin particularly for the offices.

For board members the "Non-Secs" didn't do so well and were defeated in many instances. In the election of officers this writer was not only hung once but cut down and hung over again and left to the ravens for further attention. In the zeal for victory, locks were changed on the portals of that holy place known as the office to safeguard the sacred archives from pilfering by profane and alien hands. Now, with this precaution taken, all is again serene and a return to the more mundane routine of getting new members, bettering their conditions and boss-baiting are in order.

Now that the post mortems have been taken care of let's get back to the job of keeping and building the union.

To give you some idea of what a St. Paul union official can do for a worker you should have seen Bill Brennan pull a set of silverware out of a hat and hand it to a worker at our dance. But then the silverware didn't come from the bosses.

OSBORN

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the new trend of thought in the organized labor movement stated, "The speed of the lines in General Motors has been determined arbitrarily by the corporation without taking anybody's welfare into consideration. In other words the human beings on the lines of General Motors have been tuned to the machinery, not the machinery to the human beings."

Four craft unions in Cleveland issued a letter to General Motors claiming jurisdiction on the automobile industry and threatening to supply strikebreakers in the event of a general strike by the UAW. The unions are the Electrical Workers, Machinists, Plumbers, and Bricklayers unions.

Action was in line with similar action by John P. Frey, reactionary leader of the craft union elements in the A. F. of L.

## Sears Roebuck Workers Come Into the Union

The field organizer for the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316, reports a rapid inflow of Sears Roebuck employees into the union. At the present rate, it is expected that it will not be long before these employees are sufficiently organized to present the company with a union agreement. It is also reported that since the large mass meeting held by the union, many employees have been given wage increases in an effort to dampen their enthusiasm toward the union. Needless to say, the contrary effect is the case. The workers are beginning to realize the need of this union more and more each day.

## Labor School Will Hold Open Forums

As part of its service to the Minneapolis Labor Movement, the Minneapolis Labor School will conduct a weekly forum at 250 Transportation Building Annex, 4th St. and 2nd Ave. S.

The first forum will be on Tuesday evening, January 26, at 8 p. m. Gordon Gilbertson, who is an authority on Co-operatives and Labor, will be the speaker. Mr. Gilbertson has written a series of articles on co-operatives which has been published by the State Department of Education. His subject will be Co-operatives and Labor.

The purpose of this forum is to make available to workers current information and opinions on social and economic problems. This forum is open to the public.

For further information, call the Minneapolis Labor School, 249 Transportation Building Annex, Telephone, Geneva 1264.

## Liquor Warehouse Workers Organize

All inside workers employed at Ed Phillips Co., liquor wholesalers, are now members of the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316. The drivers and platform men, are members of the Drivers Union, Local 544. All employees are covered by a closed shop agreement.

### NOTICE TO LOCAL 131 MEMBERS

Any member of Laundry Drivers Union who has not paid his dues for the month of January will not receive a button for the current month. This means that your book must be stamped for the month of January in order to get the latest union button.

**MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 160**  
Jan. 5—Stewards and Executive Board.  
Jan. 6—General Membership.  
Jan. 12—Executive Board  
Jan. 19—General Membership.  
Jan. 26—Executive Board.

**MEETINGS FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION**  
FWS membership meetings, first and third Friday of each month, 8 p. m.  
FWS Leadership class No. 1, each Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.  
Direct relief grievance hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 to 12 a. m.  
Federal Workers Stewards Meetings—Each Wednesday at 8 p. m.

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"When I ply my needle, trowel or pick,  
I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick,  
But when I strike, I'm a Bolshevik  
I'm labor."

**Two Important Decisions**

Two decisions, one by an arbitration board, the other by a New York Supreme Court justice, establish precedents of far-reaching importance to organized labor and give valuable tactical leads to unions for current and future battles against the stretchout and speed-up and runaway chiseling employers.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers ended a 7-month dispute with the Illinois Power and Light Co. when a joint arbitration board ruled that in cases where labor-displacing machinery is installed working hours must be cut with corresponding pay raises, to provide extra employment.

The decision affects 1,200 men employed by the company, and is retroactive to June 1.

Members of the arbitration board included Secretary Victor Olander of the Illinois Federation of Labor, Vice-President M. J. Boyle of the I. B. E. W., Mayor John Gray of Urbana, Ill., and representatives of the employers. Board members claimed their decision was the first actual measure taken in this country to balance man-power and labor-saving machinery, while Mayor Gray touted it as the "most important precedent ever established in the battle of men against machines."

Officers of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and other labor bodies are rightfully jubilant over a court decision ordering a runaway factory which had sought to evade a union agreement to return to New York. The judge will appoint a referee to compute damages sustained by union members.

The ruling was handed down by Supreme Court Justice Philip J. McCook in a breach of contract suit brought by President Dave Dubinsky of the union and Philip Kapp, treasurer of the dress and waistmakers' joint board, against the Blue Dale Dress Co. and the Blue Fox Co., which locked out its employes and moved to Archbald, Pa., to get away from the union.

The court found the companies has participated in a three-year contract covering wages, conditions and peaceful adjustment of disputes and prohibiting removal of factories beyond the five cent fare limit.

"The logic of the situation calls for application of strong measures," states the decision. "With the end of the NRA appeared a new need for such contracts as the one in suit. Without a remedy as wide as that need, unscrupulous employers of labor will be tempted to play one community off against another."

**Supplemental Coal Is On Again**

WPA coal supplements which were tied up for the last month by legal red tape, while needy families froze, was resumed by the Welfare Board at its meeting on Tuesday, January 19. The Board's latest motion on the coal controversy reads as follows:

The Board of Public Welfare after an investigation of WPA employees earning \$60.50 and having three or more in the family finds that an emergency does exist and to meet the need in these families it is moved that a supplemental order for fuel equivalent to one ton of coal monthly be disbursed to the above WPA workers in the \$60.50 group.

The Federal Workers Section contends that the original WPA coal action was a legally proper act in the right direction and that the Welfare Board was bluffed by threats of a couple of reactionary tax dodgers. In its original coal motion, the Board recognized what everyone now concedes, that families of a given size have definite minimum needs. Years of the depression and the worker's struggles have established this. The Board was fully aware that WPA workers are fully "investigated" every three months as a condition of their continued employment. From a legal point of view this constitutes a "proper investigation." Now that the Board has once more recognized the need of WPA workers and has again authorized the disbursement of supplementary coal, it is essential that the utmost vigilance be exercised by the organized unemployed if they are to retain even this little realization of the principle of supplemental relief and standardized budgets.

The Federal Workers Section is determined to maintain present relief standards, and to fight determinedly against any return to the old "Charity Trust" traditions whereby a relief investigator constantly harries each needy family to discover how cheap a shanty it will live in, whether it will accept castoff clothing, and how little it will eat, without resorting to violence.

**Keeping Step With 544**

By Mickey Dunne

All copies of the last issue of the Northwest Organizer were gone 12 hours after the paper was off the press.

Pat Corcoran, organizer of the Teamsters Joint Council, has now established headquarters at 257 Plymouth Ave.

It is expected that all teaming craft unions will be in their new homes by February 1.

**ORGANIZATION NOTE**

The last Executive Board meeting lasted a day and a half.

Independent Truck Owners have not returned from Washington yet.

Signed union agreements from greenhouse owners are arriving in every mail.

Nick and Ray are hammering at the fish houses.

Bakery drivers buttons are red this month. Ask for them!

The J. R. Clark affair is one of those off again on again things.

Floyd Evans is the new chairman of the news drivers section.

The Teamsters Joint Council Executive Board held their first meeting at General Drivers headquarters.

Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union, took in 50 drivers in the last 15 day period.

City and Sanitary Drivers are making inroads among park board employes.

The American Linen company will soon find out that it is good practice to employ union drivers.

The health article by Dr. McCrimmon, which appears in this issue, is well worth reading.

The wholesale drug agreement will soon be in the bag.

Bill Brown was a fugitive from the Chain Gang last week.

**THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE**

If you have a friend, keep him so.

But do not let this friend your secrets know.

For if this friend becomes your foe,

Then all the world your secrets knows.

Back pay fights at several of the wholesale grocery houses.

The Warehouse Workers Union is taking them in like nobody's business.

American Railway Express drivers are acting up again.

Bob Hawn is going to reduce.

Hats off to those workers in the automobile industry in Detroit and vicinity who are holding the fort against the auto barons.

**PROSPERITY IS HERE**

Last week Bill Brown found two pearls in an oyster stew.

The Council bowling league resumed sessions after a two weeks' lay-off.

Pittsburgh Yellow drivers are now all members of the Drivers International.

Trouble again at the Werner Transportation company.

**FINE, RED!**

Golden put the run to a non-union bakery driver.

Rainbolt's daughter, who has been confined to the hospital for over three weeks, is now on the road to recovery. We are all happy.

A new election will be held in Local 221 this week.

The Wednesday meeting of the Bakery Drivers Union, held in 544 hall, resulted in 178 new members for the organization. It was in charge of Organizer Corcoran.

When the organization of bakery drivers is completed, a drive will be made on tea and coffee workers.

There are less than a dozen non-union milk drivers in the city of Minneapolis.

The Editor spoke to a group of social workers at the Minnesota Union Monday night. Such fun!

Why, Mr. Clark!

**LABOR... Looks at the Press**

By Carl O'Shea

When through my pants the skin show bare  
It means we have too much to wear.

Arthur Hopkins

Daily Doubt: Aside from all arguments, it may be assumed from the successes which Mr. Green and his lieutenants had in controlling the Tampa convention and by their re-elections to carry on, that organized labor as a whole is inclined to favor craft unionism.—National Republic.

That may be true—aside from all arguments.

From an ad in Nation's Business: Every executive, interested in the welfare of his employees, will want to know how, for instance, a family can eat well for \$8.90 a week.

Every WPA worker, interested in the welfare of his family, will want to know that too.

Berlin news item: According to the German Business Research Institute, the world's armament expenditures now triple those of the last year before the first World War. In 1913, 10 billion marks were spent on arms; in 1936, 35 billion marks.

The Germans ought to know.

By the way—getting hungry, boys? Oh well, you can vote again in four years.

Jay C. Hormel, in the American Legion monthly: Whoever originated the idea the employees and employers have their interests necessarily opposed has a lot to answer for when he comes to judgment.

Let's give in, boys. Hormel's got us. For instance, the more money that a company pays out in dividends, the more there is left over for wages. The longer and faster the assembly line runs, the happier the boss is, the more the workers like it. The rich and the poor benefit alike from imperialist war. The police take the side of the strikers quite as often as they protect scabs, etc., etc.

Lord Rothermere, British press

**Native Son Wants N. W. Organizer**

Redlands, Cal.  
January 15, 1936

The Northwest Organizer Gentlemen:

Have followed a series of articles in Survey Graphic dealing with the history of 574-544 and have a great deal of respect and admiration for what you have done and are doing. In this part of the state we have what you had, and it is with respect and admiration some of us former agitators look upon what you have done.

Was interested in I. A. of M. and some what active in the G. N. in 1902.

Please send me some copies of the Northwest Organizer and samples of any printed dodger of appeals for membership. Thanking you in advance for all consideration.

Yours Truly,  
STUART PETTINGILL  
R. 1 Citrus Ave.  
Redlands, Cal.

**Local 20316 Will Claim 665 Members**

Inside workers employed by Chesapeake Brands Liquor Rectifiers will be signed up with Local 20316 shortly. A few matters of importance that involve Miscellaneous Workers Union, Local 665, will have to be settled first, however. When that has been done, these workers will be taken into its ranks.

maggot: Not for one moment can you imagine the fascist countries arming for no purpose.

The guy's got a mind like a steel trap.

A southern clergyman sez (quoted from New Republic): The rich would become too smug without poverty around to remind them of their duties to the poor, but they are, on the other hand, an incentive to the poor to better their condition.

Ya, if it weren't for the rich pots hangin' around, I'd never thin of eating or wearing clothes or sleeping in houses. And we sure don't want the rich to get smug about life, do we, boys?

**Notice to All Local 544 Men**

**JOB GRIEVANCES**

Effective immediately job grievances from members will be received by the Union during the following hours only:

7 a. m. to 9 a. m. except Sunday.

7 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. except Saturday and Sunday.

2 p. m. to 4 p. m. Saturday only.

Grievances will not be accepted at any other time except by special appointment. All grievances must be submitted in writing on the standard Union report form. Grievances will not be accepted over the telephone.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Any group of members in a company or section desiring a special meeting may obtain a meeting hall and the assistance of a Union official by contacting the Secretary of the Union.

Meeting facilities cannot be guaranteed unless arrangements are made through the Secretary.

EXECUTIVE BOARD LOCAL 544