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Official Organ of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

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Till right is done!  
Believe and dare  
and do!

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## WORKERS SHUT DOWN THE NORTHERN STATES POWER

### Grain King Company Signs Contract With Local 1859

### Midway Woodworking Factory Grants Wage Increases to All Workers as Union Agreement Goes into Effect

Wednesday of last week saw the final settlement of the strike at the Grain King Co. The strike, which was called by the Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, was for the purpose of compelling the Grain King Co. to recognize and deal with the Union.

The Grain King Co., which is located in the midway district, are manufacturers of farm implements. The ending of the strike brought about vastly improved wages and working conditions for all of the workers there.

New high minimum wages were set in the agreement, seniority throughout the plant was agreed upon and the Furniture Workers Union Local No. 1859 was recognized as the sole bargaining agency for all of the workers.

The ending of this strike saw union conditions established in one more wood working factory in the Twin City area. Officials of Furniture Workers Union report that there are still several wood working factories in the process of organization and that agreements will be presented to employers in various places soon.

The wage and hour provisions of Local No. 1859's contract with the Grain King Co. are printed herewith:

#### WORKING AGREEMENT

The Grain King Manufacturing Co. and the Furniture Workers' Local Union No. 1859 agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages and conditions in the Grain King factory.

#### ARTICLE 1

The Furniture Workers' Local Union No. 1859 is recognized as  
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### M. L. Rothschild Sign Contract

Tuesday, February 23, union contracts were signed by the management of the M. L. Rothschild Company covering wages and working conditions of all employees of the company.

Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, No. 20316, dealt for the clerks and warehouse workers and Office Workers Union handled negotiations for all office employees.

The union contract brought about a 33½ per cent wage increase and reduced the working hours 18½ per cent.

The workers also were granted full seniority and vacations with pay. Florence Huber represented the office workers while James Bartlett spoke for the clerks and inside workers.

### Poirier Writes On Court Change

On the editorial page of today's issue will be found an article on the Supreme Court which was written by Judge Joseph Poirier of the Municipal Bench. Judge Poirier, who is an authority on U. S. Supreme Court and its procedure, states his views on a proposed shakeup on the Supreme bench.

### Sanitary Drivers Report Progress

Officials of City and Sanitary Drivers Union report that their campaign directed toward bringing all Park oBard drivers into the union has been 100 per cent successful.

Brother Seavey, business agent of Local No. 664, says that organization among city drivers is proceeding nicely and that the only place where his organization does not have a majority of the workers coming under his jurisdiction is in the waterworks department.

### Workers Sit Down In Spring Plant; Demand Agreement

A new sit down strike broke unexpectedly Tuesday when all employees of the Nachman Spring Co laid down their tools, shut off the power and declared themselves on strike.

They had been recently organized by Warehouse and Inside Workers Union. Their demand was for union recognition and wage adjustments.

Negotiations with the employer are in progress.

### Blind Justice



### Trade Unionists Issue a Statement in Answer to Lying Attack on Leaders

### Brand Writers of "I Accuse" Leaflet as the Real Wreckers of Unions

The Minneapolis trade union movement has reached a cross road in its path toward better wages and working conditions for Minneapolis workers. Those familiar with the situation that now exists in the Minneapolis movement can justly view with alarm symptoms that are being exhibited by a certain section of the city's organized workers.

There are those deliberate misleaders of the working class who are attempting to further their own political ambitions by creating confusion and disruption in the ranks of the organized workers.

Their campaign is characterized

by false and misleading statements and charges, by the issuance of slanderous and lying documents and in attempting to create in the minds of the workers the idea that true and proven trade union leaders are betrayers instead of builders.

These same people are deliberately conducting a campaign of propaganda designed to confuse trade union issues with political issues, of attempting to make the workers believe that some reformist political party will solve their economic question.

The time has come when, distasteful as it may be, issues must be discussed, names must be named, and a spade must be called by its true name.

We print here a statement that has been drawn up and signed by a group of trade unionists who have the real interests of the working class at heart.

It is hoped that this document will bring some clarification to an issue that has too long been beclouded with falseness and deceit. The statement follows:

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### NSP WORKERS STRIKING FOR RECOGNITION

Power Fails as Workers Leave All Plants of Power Co.

Electrical Workers No. 160 Fight for Right to Unionize

Wednesday morning, at 6 o'clock, all employees of the Northern States Power Company, who are organized into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 160, laid down their tools and walked off the job in protest against the refusal of the management to sign an agreement with the union.

At 9 a. m. the effects of the strike were beginning to be felt in the loop and in the wholesale district. Union leaders predicted that the entire town would be without power or light by noon.

The strike of the Northern States employees came after six months of fruitless negotiations between the company and Local 160. Leading the strike of the electrical workers was Mike Boyle, International Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

About 800 men are affected in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The union is demanding union recognition, seniority and wage adjustments in all departments. The strike is a replica of one recently staged by power workers in Chicago.

At press time Wednesday (11 a. m.) over 600 power workers were in the strike headquarters at 257 Plymouth Ave.

### Business Agents Hit Liquor Bill

Tuesday the Minneapolis Board of Business Agents at their noonday luncheon meeting went on record against the passage of the State Liquor Dispensary Bill.

The motion, with only two votes against it, was taken into the Central Labor Union as a recommendation of the Business Agent's Board.

# Make Minneapolis a Union Town

**Yellow Notes**

It is the desire of the membership of this unit to extend to Mrs. Cipperly and other members of the family, our sincerest sympathy in the loss of Brother Fay Cipperly. Brother Fay died Tuesday, Feb. 16, from complications incurred from a hunting accident which occurred last fall and which resulted in the amputation of his left leg. With the aid of numerous blood transfusions from various members of this organization, he made a valiant fight for recovery and went through untold suffering. A splendid attitude of respect and esteem was displayed by the members of this unit in the number who paid their last respects to Brother Fay by attending his funeral Friday, Feb. 19. It has been requested that the sincerest thanks of the membership of this unit be extended to Rev. Bjerre, a member of this unit, for so efficiently performing the last rites to Brother Fay.

**Bowlers Fight For Leadership**

Ind took the odd game from the Meats to take undisputed possession of first place. L. Harves hit 213. Joint Council gained on Con. No. 1, as they won two games. Nationals lost three games to F. W. S. to go down another notch. "544" rolled 2,613 to take three straight from Con. No. 2, thereby going into third place.

	W.	L.	Per.
Ind.	24	12	.667
Meats	31	17	.646
544	30	18	.625
F. W. S.	29	19	.604
Nat.	24	18	.571
Con. No. 2	23	25	.479
Con. No. 1	11	37	.229
J. C.	9	33	.214

**NOTES**

Someone pilfered Bruce Vincent's new bowling shoes. Nat. Teas broke in a new man. The tournament season is now on, but remember all you nonu men, save enough money to get into the first annual City Union Bowling Tournament to be held in April. The Dunnes were spectators Friday. Ebert is no longer teething. Two-thirds of the season is over and the league is getting more compact each week.

**Power Workers Hold Meeting**

Tuesday, February 23, saw a huge turnout of employees of the Northern States Power Co. The meeting, which was held at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., was for the purpose of acquainting all members of Local No. 160 and other employees of the company with the status of negotiations between Electrical Workers Union and the management of the Northern States Power Co.

The Tuesday meeting was one of the largest ever held since the formation of the union and interest was at a fever pitch as officials of the local explained what demands had been made upon the company and how they were received.

**Bill Brown Says—**

The division in the ranks of the petroleum workers has led to a serious situation in the Minneapolis labor movement. Two unions are contending for members among petroleum workers, filling station attendants and oil drivers. One faction is conducting the struggle in a manner that can never win the approval of serious trade unionists. These people cannot understand that their actions affect the whole local movement. These people should bear in mind that oil drivers REALLY BELONG TO LOCAL 544.



BILL BROWN  
President of 544

**Grain King Company Signs Contract With Local 1859**

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the bargaining agency for its members by the Grain King Manufacturing Co.

**ARTICLE 2**

The employer agrees not to enter into any contract or agreement with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

**ARTICLE 3**

Seniority shall be governed by the length of service with the company. In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate cause, the last man hired shall be the first man laid off and re-employment shall be in the reverse order providing that Seniority as exercised shall not interfere with the efficient operation of the business, and the employees' seniority rights shall be subject to his ability to qualify for the position.

**ARTICLE 4**

The regular work week shall be from Monday to Saturday noon, consisting of five days of eight hours each and one-half day of four hours. Time and one-half shall be paid for all work done in excess of eight hours in any one day or 44 hours in one week; if this overtime occurs on Sunday or legal holidays, double time will be paid.

**ARTICLE 5**

It is agreed and understood that the minimum pay shall be 45 cents per hour for all unskilled and unclassified workers. The attached schedule covers the hourly rates of pay guaranteed for the various classifications in the factory. This contract may be opened for negotiations on or about July 1 by either party.

**ARTICLE 6**

All matters pertaining to wages, interpretation of the agreement, and other matters that can not be determined by the management and employee affected or Shop Committee, are subject to arbitration if either party asks for arbitration within twenty-four (24) hours after the failure to agree. During that time neither the management will lock out the workers, nor will the workers leave their work.

**ARTICLE 7**

Any claimed violation of this agreement affecting a member of Local Union No. 1859 which can not be satisfactorily adjusted by a negotiation between this employee or his representative and the management shall be referred to an arbitration committee consisting of five members, two to be selected by the employer, and two to be selected by the union, the fifth person to be selected by the first four. The fifth person will act as a neutral chairman. The decision of this committee will be final and binding on both sides.

**ARTICLE 8**

This agreement shall be in full force and effect until October 31, 1937.

FURNITURE WORKERS' LOCAL UNION NO. 1859.

By John Janasco  
Business Agent

**With the Laundry Workers Union**

The membership meeting of February 17 was very well attended. A large group of new members were initiated. Mr. O'Leary's speech about the benefits that could be derived from joining the Hospitalization Association was very well received. All recommendations coming from the shop stewards and from the executive committee were approved with the exception of a contest of the fourth delegate to the Central Labor Union, which will be brought up again at the next meeting. Miss Mary Miterko of the Dyckman Hotel Laundry was the winner of a door prize, a beautiful electric lamp, and Julius Cicek was the winner of a comb and brush set. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3. Door prizes will be continued.

The following members, appointed by Mr. Latz, were approved by the executive committee to serve as an entertainment committee for the ensuing year: Mary Martin, Lillian Hungerford, Katherine Kennedy, Millie Mumm, Hannah Mattson, and Jack Strobel. They are getting active in making arrangements for the coming installation dance and entertainment which will be held on Friday, April 9, at the South Side auditorium. This will be the biggest affair of the season. Members of Local 183 are requested to secure books from the office and sell as many as possible. There are 12 tickets in each book at only 25 cents each, amounting to \$2.50. Members are required to turn in only \$2, keeping 50 cents for themselves. Everybody put their shoulder to the wheel.

Copies of the agreement and the auditor's financial report may be had free for the asking by calling at this office.

Members Take Notice: No one is permitted to appear as a witness for any employer in any case which will be brought up before the Compliance Committee of the Arbitration Board. An unfortunate situation existed where a member would appear against a fellow worker which resulted in injury and worked against the best interest of the entire Union. When your employer approaches you and wants you to help him out in any controversy, please get in touch with the business agent first.

Archie Smith has accepted a position at the Laurence Company.

The workers at the Andrus Hotel Laundry were happy last pay-day when they received their overtime which someone had forgotten to give them when they had it coming. The value of belonging to a Union was vividly demonstrated again.

**Independent Truck Chatter**

**Airport**

The public has a muddled idea of the situation at the airport thanks to misleading statements of the local WPA autocracy, and the eager efforts of local newspapers to pass over the true facts. Christgau simply went into a trance on one moonlight night and decided that relief workers, being such, have forfeit all moral and physical rights as men and American citizens. Through his stooges he forwards the ultimatum that staunch union men must work month after month alongside unprincipled finks (of the type that scab employers and strikebreaking agencies find so useful in times of industrial trouble) or no one else works either. Thus the protest of union men against being contaminated by the presence of these orphans of the sewer resulted in the lockout of the union trucks at the airport. We used to think that this was a democracy and that the majority ruled, but then ours is a democratic locality under the dictatorship of a rock-ribbed Republican who says that 50 union trucks and two union gas shovels are to be kept from working if they have the temerity to protest daily contact with four scabs. Maybe Victor, fink valet extraordinary, just doesn't realize how difficult it is for union men to hold their nose with one hand and still put out a day's work. The administration's championship of the cause of any and all scabs in this case is merely an extension of the attitude they have consistently followed in the past. Union truckers and project workers have repeatedly been the butt of open discrimination at the mercy of hand picked superintendents. Socially minded people, even with the support and pressure of militant organizations, have had utmost difficulty in forcing a grudging WPA to make slight concessions in favor of workers. The lowest point has been reached when workers on WPA projects are told, in effect, by administrative czars that, "You have a relief number now, you can forget that you ever had a name or social consciousness; we class you with the criminals in the penitentiaries who are also identified by number. You should have no more privileges than they have, and if you dare assert your will, we shall take care of you with the methods at our disposal." The poet says, "Bars do not a prison make." Perhaps you can have a prison without bars if Christgau is in the warden's chair, and Sassman acts as turnkey.

**Election**

The election of ITO officers will be held next meeting on March 4. The nominations made last meeting are as follows:  
Chairman, Axel Soderberg, Milton Hodson, John Larkin.  
Vice chairman, Ray Cooper, Tom McCue.  
Recording secretary, Eugene Lundholm.  
Assistant recording secretary, Richard Hornig, Al Himmler.  
Sergeant at arms, C. H. Quick, Ed Morstad.  
Ways and means, Curt Zander, Art Karlen, John Hough, Larry Hagen, W. G. Rossback, Frank Hall. Four to be elected.  
Election committee, Lee Hoffmoeckel, A. McKowen, Herman Muri, F. Wilhaardt, J. McShane, Milo Peterson.

The polls will be open from six-thirty to nine p. m.  
After his recent actions someone asked if Mr. Victor Christgau was growing a toothbrush mustache, too.

**FAY CIPPERLY PASSES AWAY; LOCAL MOURNS**

**Loyal Union Member Dies of Accidental Gun Wound**

Local 544 last week lost one of its most loyal and trusted members. At 6:30 p. m., Tuesday, February 16, Fay Cipperly died.

The immediate cause of his death was attributed to gangrene which set in after the amputation of Brother Cipperly's leg.

On October 25, while on a hunting trip, Brother Cipperly received a full charge of a shotgun shell in his right leg. The wounding of Cipperly was accidentally done by a hunting companion. He was rushed to the General hospital and had been confined there since that date.

So serious was the wound that in November his leg was amputated. After the operation, Brother Cipperly apparently rallied and grew stronger and high hopes were entertained that he would fully recover.

Two weeks ago, however, the brother suffered a relapse from which he never recovered, but continued to grow weaker until his death. His passing brings real and sincere grief in General Drivers Union.

Cipperly was known and respected by his union brothers as a militant, sincere trade unionist. From the earliest days of the 1934 Driver's strike, Cipperly has been continually active in the union. During the May and July days of 1934, Brother Cipperly was continually on the picket line fighting militantly and courageously for the union that he loved.

He was buried Friday, February 19, at Hillside cemetery. His pallbearers were fellow workers at the Yellow Cab Co., where Cipperly had been employed for six years.

He was survived by a wife and three children.

**Thanks**

February 18, 1937  
General Drivers Union  
Local 544  
Dear Brothers:  
I wish to thank you all for the flowers you sent me. They were very nice.  
Yours Truly  
—Dick Helm

**MEETING SCHEDULE Local 544**

Friday, Feb. 5—Job Stewards  
Monday, Feb. 8—General Membership  
Wednesday, Feb. 10—Market  
Thursday, Feb. 18—Tent and Awning  
Friday, Feb. 10—Job Stewards  
Tuesday, Feb. 23—Taxi Drivers: night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.  
Grievance Committee—Meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m.  
Executive Board—Meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m.

**Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule**

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.

# Trade Unionists Issue a Statement in Answer to Lying Attack on Leaders

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## A Statement on Recent Developments in the Minneapolis Labor Movement.

### Minneapolis Forges Ahead

Today, after three years of struggle and organizational effort, the trade union movement of Minneapolis occupies the strongest position it has ever held, and is recognized everywhere for its solid achievements. There is not an industry which is not either organized or in the process of being organized. The slogan, "Make Minneapolis a Union Town," is close to realization. It is this great organizational progress on the economic front in Minneapolis that is the very keystone of all progressive political developments in the state, and is the chief reason for the election victories of the Farmer-Labor Party during the past few years.

### These Gains Endangered

Because today these magnificent achievements are being threatened by an unscrupulous gang of political shysters and labor misleaders, the undersigned trade unionists of Minneapolis, after careful consideration, consider it vitally necessary to point out to all local trade unionists who it is, that is working overtime to undermine the local labor movement, to disrupt and smash what it has taken so much sweat and toil and blood to build. It is high time that the truth be told as to who are the constructive builders, and who are the destroyers, of our union movement.

### The Leaflet "I Accuse" Lies

The chief danger to the unity and the progress of the Minneapolis trade union movement today is represented by the inspirers of a certain leaflet appearing under the name of Robert Kelly, which has been widely distributed in the last few days. Those who wrote the leaflet for Kelly make up the group that for the last several years has done its best to tear down what honest and serious trade unionists have worked to build. This leaflet makes a number of abominable accusations against a number of responsible and proven trade unionists, charging these people with unspeakable crimes against the very movement of which they in a large measure are the architects and builders.

### The Frame-Up at the Central Labor Union

The authors of the leaflet are the same individuals who, at the February 10th meeting of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, dropped the most fantastic cock-and-bull story about being threatened by gunmen who were riding around in a car owned by one of the leaders of Local 544. This provocative act, as well as the leaflet are part of a cold-blooded plan to behead the General Drivers Union and its allies. Today, as yesterday, these union-smashers echo the demands of the organized bosses of Minneapolis.

### The Present Smear Campaign Not Accidental

We say bluntly to every Minneapolis trade unionist The charges and slanders spread by the Assersons, the Mayvilles, the Gabriel Saltuses, working under the direction of Nat Ross and the Communist Party, are lies, deliberate lies, whose only aim is to seize leadership of the trade union movement even at the cost of its complete disruption. And it is by no means accidental that this is the case. Over a period of years, these charlatans have given us ample opportunity to observe them in action.

When the upsurge of the local labor movement began in 1934 with the great strike struggles of the General Drivers Union, who does not recall where these "fighters for the unity of Minneapolis labor," these "best friends of the Farmer-Labor Party" stood? We do not forget that in this acid test, the Communist Party played an out-and-out strike-breaking role, echoing every lie of the Citizens Alliance, the Saturday Press and the bosses of Minneapolis. Who was then writing in the Communist Party's "Daily Worker" that: "Governor Olson is the main enemy—the exposure and defeat of Olson should have been the central political objective of the Minneapolis struggle." Who, months later, shouted about "Farmer-Labor machine-gun aldermen?" These papers and leaflets are documents of record and can be examined by any one interested. In exactly the same vein today, these people besmirch all those who disagree with them. Although today they loudly proclaim undying love for the Farmer-Labor Party, in view of their past record, one must ask: "How far can they be trusted?"

Responsible trade unionists, without a past to live down, do not have to hysterically assert their fidelity to the Farmer-Labor Party. Instead they constantly and vigilantly seek to guide the Farmer-Labor Party along progressive lines, to support it when it is right, and to criticize it when it goes wrong.

### They Aim to Smash General Drivers Union

While Leslie Sinton, object of special attack, together with other active unionists, was showing in action and under fire where they stood in 1934 by working day and night in the strike headquarters and on the picket line, these political quacks were repeating the cry of the organized employers of Minneapolis, yesterday and today: "Remove the leaders of Local 574." It came as no surprise to thinking trade unionists that months later, a copy of the directives of the District Committee of the Communist Party revealed their chief aim to be the smashing of the General Drivers Union.

### Who Is Building the Movement Here?

The role that the General Drivers Union had played in the rise of the local union movement is known to all. The Drivers have been the spearhead of the struggle to unionize Minneapolis. Without exception, the Drivers have come to the aid of every union struggling against the employers for higher wages and union conditions. A request for aid has never been turned down. In view of the part played by the General Drivers Union in rescuing the strikes of Local 382 and Local 1313, the shameful accusations of Kelly-Asserson and Co. come with particularly bad grace.

What responsible trade unionist can give the least credence to the vicious slander that the very unionists who built the movement to its present great height are today seeking to destroy the very thing that they, together with other responsible trade unionists, have created? The General Drivers Union has fought and will continue to fight shoulder to shoulder with every trade union struggling to better the lot of its membership, to build the Union movement.

### The Record of the Union-Wreckers

Everything in the charges of

these union-smashers is just turned around on its head. There is a reason for this. In order to cover up their own mistakes and abuses in the union movement, these petty politicians must resort to slanders, lies, and mud-slinging, in the vain hope that trade unionists will not notice their own criminal adventures.

Have these people demonstrated that they can build the union movement? Just the contrary. It is enough to mention that the only strikes lost in Minneapolis during the last few years have been lead, or rather, mis-lead, by these Generals or Defeats. Among the "victories" must be listed the unfortunate Gas Station strike of last spring, the Miller Cafeteria incident, the Woolworth "strike," the not-to-be-forgotten WPA strike of last summer and the antics at Sears-Roebuck.

### An Old Debaters' Trick

The inspirers of the Kelly leaflet are obviously following the questionable logic of that old trick of debaters—to raise a hundred questions and hope that some of them may be overlooked, and, therefore, score.

Why does part of the trade union movement oppose the state liquor dispensary bill? Because if this bill were to pass, hundreds of union members would lose their jobs. And part of the union movement would be weakened thereby. There is an honest division on this matter within the trade unions—who can truthfully say that those who oppose are "in the pay of the Liquor Trust?"

The situation of Local 665 cannot be discussed in this leaflet, since by agreement of the parties involved a two-weeks truce has been declared during which an International Cooks and Waiters' officer will come to Minneapolis to hold an investigation.

What about the ludicrous accusations made at the Central Labor Union? Did several occupants of a car belonging to Murphy of the Drivers pull a gun on Wick of the Carpenters? A bold frame-up is attempted here. The facts are: 1. Murphy was in Washington at the time, and 2. this fact is supported by trustworthy evidence.

And every other charge made by these scandal-mongers is a lie, from start to finish. "Communism," as practised by these people, has nothing in common with progressivism in the labor movement. They are simply seeking to use the Minneapolis working class as a pawn in the diplomatic chess game being played by their national and international leaders.

They who have consistently raised political differences in an effort to split the labor movement and by the use of any and all methods, seek to crush their opponents, have the gall to speak of a "rule or ruin" policy. Their actions in the 1934 strike, and up to the present miserable Kelly leaflet are proof enough for every honest trade unionist of their hypocrisy and double-dealing.

### Lies Will Be Answered at Public Mass Meeting

Distasteful as it is to wash the dirty linen of the labor movement in the open, the time is ripe—over-ripe—for every trade unionist interested in the further progress of the Minneapolis labor movement to learn the truth about these connivances are seeking to besmirch the movement. Every charge made by the Assersons and Rosses must and will be answered. Their treachery must be exposed before the entire movement. To this end, the undersigned trade unionists are sponsoring a Public Mass Meeting at General Drivers Hall on Monday, March 1, at 8 p. m. All union members are invited to come and learn the truth. We believe that when the truth is known, these union smashers and misleaders

## Spick and Span Notes Local 131

The business agent has placed two men who were on the unemployed list in new positions during the last two weeks. If anyone is laid off be sure and inform the office immediately. From 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. our telephone number is Ge. 4691. After hours it is Ge. 4694.

There will be a new policy adopted shortly that will overcome one of the bad conditions existing in our industry. It will need the co-operation of our entire membership.

New members are still coming in every meeting. Not many left now.

If any member has any news for this column see that it gets into the office not later than Tuesday noon.

The matters coming up before the Central Labor Union are important. All of our delegates should attend these meetings regularly.

There are still lots of unpaid dues. Why?

You ought to see our new office and hall. You should have a genuine feeling of pride that you are a member of Local 131 and of the Teamsters Joint Council No. 32, the real hub of the labor movement in the Twin Cities today.

## Sears Employees Meet on Friday

Friday, February 26, a public mass meeting will be held for all employees of the Sears Roebuck Co. This meeting is being sponsored by Warehouse and Inside Workers Union No. 20316.

Organization at the Sears Co. is proceeding at a rapid rate and officials of Warehouse Union predict that only a short time will elapse when all workers there will be members of Local No. 20316. The meeting will be held at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

## Bakery Drivers Forging Ahead

Bakery Drivers Union, Local No. 289 reports that the organization of the bakery drivers is practically completed in Minneapolis and now efforts are being directed toward St. Paul bakery employees who come under the jurisdiction of the Bakery Drivers Union.

An agreement has been drawn up which has been presented to all Minneapolis bakery employers and it is expected that the union and bakery bosses will soon reach an accord.

will stand completely discredited before the movement they seek to disrupt.

Signed:

### Local 131

The regular meeting of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Union are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All members are requested to be present.

### MEETING SCHEDULE Local 471

Tuesday, Feb. 2—Membership Meeting.  
Friday, Feb. 5—Executive Board  
Friday, Feb. 12 — Executive Board.  
Tuesday, Feb. 16—Membership Meeting  
Friday, Feb. 19 — Executive Board  
Friday, Feb. 26 — Executive Board

## On the Route With the Milk Man



Local No. 471 reports that only a few days will elapse until they will be in possession of a signed union agreement with the Pedersen Dairy of Hopkins.

Organizers Sinnott and Johnson have conducted negotiations with the dairy owner for the past two weeks. An agreement has been reached and only the formal signing of the contract remains to be done.

A counter-proposal has been received from the Land-O-Lakes Creamery and is being studied by the union Executive Board.

Many features of the proposal are objectionable to the union and will be protested at the next meeting between the union and the Land-O-Lakes officials.

March 15 will mark the milk drivers return to summer working hours. At that time delivery will start at 5 a. m. instead of the present hour.

Each spring some confusion always exists as to the date for starting out summer delivery hours. Information can be found in Article 21 of the Milk Drivers agreement.

Last week was marked by a tussle between officials of Local No. 471 and the outlaw Petroleum Union. Plenty of milk drivers were stopped from making deliveries.

No notification of the union. Sounds like a game. If you are stopped, call the union.

Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union is still paying a large number of sick benefits.

It is apparent that the current epidemic of flu has made serious inroads among the milk drivers.

Another cartoon from the pen of the gifted milk driver will appear in an early issue of the ORGANIZER.

### REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316  
Regular membership meetings first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m.  
Executive Board meets every Thursday at 8 p. m.  
All meetings will be held at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

### NEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL 1859

Executive Board, February 13.  
J. R. Clark and Box Industry, February 17.  
Puffer Hubbard, February 19.  
Executive Board, February 20.  
Executive Board, February 27.  
General Membership Meeting, March 3.

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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."

**C. L. U. Meeting**

It would be interesting to know what actually motivated those who were responsible for calling the special meeting of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, which was held at 2 p. m. Saturday, February 20. Whoever is responsible has committed a grave crime against the workers they are supposed to represent.

The calling of a meeting of workers in the middle of the afternoon of a work day cannot be condemned too strongly. If it is logical to say that Central Labor Union meetings can be held on working days, why then, do not local unions also hold their meetings during daylight hours? Considering the fact that union after union has protested that their delegates were working during the time the meeting was going on, it is only reasonable to assume then that the meeting was called at this time for the specific purpose of EXCLUDING a majority of the delegates.

If that assumption is correct, then there must be a reason for desiring such exclusion. One does not have to seek far to find the reason. We charge that the Saturday Central Labor Union meeting, called on short notice and set at an unseasonable hour on a working day, was for the specific purpose of jamming through an endorsement of the State Dispensary Bill. Those in charge of this unprincipled maneuver knew that an endorsement of this bill could not be secured at a regular session of the Central Labor Union, with a full quota of delegates present and with a chance for full and free discussion.

Knowing this, they called a meeting in such a manner and at such a time that it could be packed with delegates, who now seem to have made their life work lobbying for the State Dispensary Bill. We deny that such endorsement truly represents the opinion of the Minneapolis organized working class on this matter. Such a meeting is a sham, a farce, and a crime against the workers. Such a meeting means nothing except the lengths to which unprincipled people will go in attempting to repay political debts. Those who are responsible have an old man of the sea on their neck, whose demands will become more and more exacting as time goes by.

In the meantime, the Driving Crafts denounce and repudiate any action that was taken at the Saturday Central Labor Union meeting. We are opposed to the State Dispensary Bill for a real and principal reason. We intend to voice that opposition regardless of charlatans and quacks in the movement who use shady and shoddy tactics to gain their ends.

**Supreme Court**

Section 2 of Article III of the United States Constitution distinctly makes the power of the Supreme Court secondary and subordinate to that of Congress, by providing that the Court shall function "UNDER SUCH REGULATIONS AS THE CONGRESS SHALL MAKE."

What is needed therefore is not more judges; but that Congress shall courageously exercise the power vested in it by the Constitution and enact legislation which will make it unlawful for the Supreme Court to invalidate or attempt to invalidate any Act passed by the people's duly elected representatives in Congress assembled, or to interfere or attempt to interfere in any manner with the legislative policies of the country as expressed through Congress, which in turn is under the control of the people.

This would restore to the people the political and legislative power which the Constitution conferred upon them, but which the Supreme Court has seized by usurpation.

**Workers at Northern Ski Again Are Turning to a Union Organization**

Organizational attempts are again being made at the Northern Ski Co. This company, where a union was formed about a year ago, is one of the most notorious anti-union open shop concerns in Minneapolis.

After the workers there had been unionized in 1935, the company spared no efforts in their campaign to break up the union and installed in its place a company dominated organization of the workers. Their efforts were successful and the union was finally forced to concede defeat.

However, after a year's experience with a company union many

of the workers had a demonstration of the futility of attempting to gain wage and hour concessions with a boss controlled "union."

As a result, many of the workers there are again turning to a union of their own building, and a short time will see a 100 per cent organization in this plant.

London news item: When Prime Minister Baldwin retires, he will be rewarded with an earldom for his services.

Retiring statesmen in America are rewarded with jobs in insurance companies and banks.

**Keeping Step With 544**

By Mickey Dunne

Look on page one of the Minneapolis Journal Sports Extra of February 22 and you will see a picture of a 544 button. The finest ever printed in Minneapolis.

Royce Rundle, Steward at Lambert Transfare, had his engagement announced last week. It was printed elsewhere first, however. Shame on you, Royce, for not telling us about it. The Organizer is your paper.

T. N. T. Taylor, A. F. of L. organizer, was a caller at Teamsters Council headquarters this week. He likes the driving crafts.

What militant ITO member had his truck pulled out by a fin' last week.

Pay no attention when Shultz tells you that he is not married. It happened one night last week.

Lay in a supply of candles. Local 160 is threatening to Do It.

All long distance phone calls MUST go through the Council switch board. Just to avoid errors.

Sassman and Christgau have set themselves up as authorities on trade unionism during the past week. The trade union movement doesn't like nor does the Organizer. Draw in your horns, boys, you are out of your territory.

Benson should again demand that Christgau be tossed into the ash heap.

There is a real fight in the petroleum industry. Two unions there now.

What we want to know is: Who called that special meeting of the C. L. U. Saturday afternoon?

A rather pointed telegram that Central Labor Union officials received from William Green.

One of our members, a fuel oil driver, got a brick through his windshield Monday evening. Fortunately he was not seriously injured. The only joyful part about it is: WE KNOW WHO DID IT.

Quick is happy. He is on strike again.

The new Joint Council headquarters will be completed this week.

The crew at the Yellow Cab Company was saddened by the death of Fay Cipperly. One of our oldest members.

The Tuesday dance of the bartenders saw a huge crowd. Very damp.

Charles Walker's book "American City" will be off the press March 4. Don't miss it.

Laundry Drivers continue

**Ice Drivers Hit Dispensary Bill**

At the regular Tuesday meeting of Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, that organization went on record against the State Liquor Dispensary Bill. When it was pointed out to the union that passage of the bill would lead to more unemployment the membership went against the act without a dissenting vote.

to forge ahead. New members at every meeting.

Do you know that there are very few non-union cab drivers in Minneapolis.

The state WPA administration locked out the workers on the Airport job. Even hard boiled employers don't do that any more.

Do you know that an assessment of one day's pay on every member of the Minneapolis trade union movement would build a labor temple here that would be excelled by none in the country?

The third district convention of the F-LP broke up in a row Monday when I. G. Scott walked out. The farmer's went with him.

One of the big Minneapolis trucking firms moved to St. Paul last week. They like that lower wage scale. We don't blame the employer but we do blame the St. Paul Drivers Union.

Every hall in the building is busy all of the time.

The Warehouse Union has new buttons. And they are Red, too.

Rothschild store is organized right up to the hilt.

The Northwest Organizer will be out in a new size soon. It will be bigger and better.

Some of the boys are getting mad on the Belt Line.

Lot of the boys were in Chicago over the weekend.

Why, Mr. Miller!

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

By Carl O'Shea

From Prof. Woytensky's report on the Social Consequences of the Economic Depression: The growth of anti-capitalist feeling during the later period of the depression cannot be explained solely by the particularly heavy losses which the depression involved for capitalists.

That's the sort of treasure you'd expect from the International Labor Office at Geneva.

From the C. S. Monitor: Perhaps enlightened methods of compromise may soo make it possible for labor and industry to "strike" without losing the wages due to a sit-down or the profits due to idle mills.

Sort of an absent treatment, in short.

Berlin news dispatch: Nazi newspapers today attacked artists who have depicted Christ with emphatically Jewish features.

They'll have Moses Aryanized before they're through.

Social Note, from Wimbledon, England: Four hundred feminine guests at the Lady Mayor's tea party were served with gas masks instead of tea and cakes.

From an ad in the New York Times: Big Executives Are Not an accident.

It's sure they're born, not made.

Danzig news item: Police today arrested 13 chess players, accusing them of talking Socialist politics between moves.

Serves 'em right. They

**Buzza Workers in Organization Drive**

All employees of the Buzza Co., including those employed in the printing department, attended a meeting at camsters Joint Council headquarters, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., Friday, February 19.

The meeting was sponsored jointly by Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local No. 20316, and Minneapolis Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union, Local No. 20. The result of the meeting was that over 100 workers joined No. 20316 and the printing pressmen reported they had made splendid organizational progress by the meeting.

The organization of the Buzza Co. will be a real victory for the whole Minneapolis trade union movement.

**Laundry Drivers Conduct Campaign**

Laundry Drivers Union, Local No. 131, reports that their organizational drive directed against all non-union laundry and dry cleaning drivers is having effect.

Laundry and cleaning drivers continue to come into the union at each meeting. Clair Johnson, business representative of Local 131, requests that all trade unionists ask Laundry and Cleaning drivers for the union button.

shoulda been readin' Lenin's "State and Revolution."

Mr. Oswald Bullerton, manufacturer: If Labor is not careful, the employers of this nation will sit down.

To what, besides a ten-course dinner?

Spain's Loyalist Minister, del Vayo: I admit that the Communists at present show the most enthusiasm in the defense of the republic, and are most firmly opposed to certain premature agricultural collectivization.

Toronto headline: Dr. Dafoe is Sick; Enters a Hospital.

Let's hope He's not going to have twins.

Moscow news item: John Reed's book, "Ten Days That Shook the World," a favorite of Lenin's, is now banned throughout the U. S. S. R.

General Goering: Eating too much leads to degeneration. Butter causes big bellies.

Did you ever notice the gut on General Goering?

**Thanks**

To the Editor of the Northwest Organizer

Dear Sir: We wish to express our appreciation and sincere gratitude to the General Drivers and Independent owners for their sympathy and beautiful floral offerings in our bereavement in the loss of our daughter, Mrs. Daisy Murray Wise. Mr. and Mrs. Manley Murray and family

**Coal Workers**

Due to a misunderstanding the coal meeting which is to be regularly held on the first Monday of each month was not scheduled for February. A special meeting of the Coal Section of Local 544 will therefore be held on Monday, Feb. 15, at 8 p. m.

**Federal Workers Section OPEN MEETING**

Friday, Feb. 5, 8 p. m.

Issues:

1. The six hour day on WPA.
2. Direct Relief orders by mail
3. Rural Relief supplements
4. Orville Olson's written reply to FWS questions