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FIVE CENTS

Local 544-CIO Strikes 19 City Furniture Firms; All 300 Workers Come Out Solidly Behind Union

National Picket Line

Two contrasting statements came, this week, out of the two apparently warring groups which are forming within both the AFL and the CIO. The president's Non-Partisan League, headed by Union Local 778. John L. Lewis, characterized the general trend of events of the past week as a "virtual tidal wave of The other group, which calls itself the "Fight for Freedom, Inc.," said to the president, 'Go Forward, Go Forward, bold-

After reading both statements, I'll vote for the Lewis summary and tell you some day when I have more time what I think of the other one. The League's statement reads in part:

In a virtual tidal wave of reaction, the Administration sponsored legislation that advances far along the totalitarian path of forced labor, embraced compulsory arbitration, perverted the Conscription Act into a strikebreaking agency, deserted the unemployed, accepted a blanket condemnation of strikes, and finally ordered Federal troops on strikebreaking duty and the week ended in a witch hunting free-for-all with Administration sources outdoing the Dies Committee in slandering elected union representatives . . . these congressional actions, plus the work-or-fight and army strikebreaking orders of the Administration, all add up to the most severe crisis of the modern American labor movement Unless the events of this past week can be reversed, it is clear that American democracy will soon be just another museum piece to be put on a shelf aside the former democracies of the Old World."

The witch hunt of which the League speaks is on in full swing Every militant in the organized labor movement is finding himself labeled a Communist or a Nazi or a Fascist if he so much as raised his head. Frankensteen, representing Philip Murray, has already taken over the local union of the UAW Aircraft Division which last week had its strike at North American Aircraft broken by Uncle Sam's little boys in khaki. All eight of the local leaders of this strike face indictments on California's Criminal Syndicalism Act. Yesterday Murray himself "convinced" O. M. Orton, president of the 12,000 striking loggers in the Pacific Northwest to send his men back to work under a formula proposed by the National Defense Mediation Board. And today, Monday, the Industrial Union Marine and Shipbuilding Workers signed a two-year contract with 55 ship builders which OUTLAWS STRIKES.

Sunday the striking Machinists who for more than a month have tied up the San Francisco Bay area shipbuilding, voted to continue (Continued on page 4)

On the Austin Drivers Union Joins CIO

Austin Drivers Union Local 778 Votes Unanimously to Leave AFL and Join CIO - Sunday Membership Meeting Takes Action-Movement of Drivers to CIO Spreads Outside Minneapolis—Fargo Drivers Union to Vote Late This Week on CIO Move—Fargo Chamber of Commerce All for Neal and Tobin-544 and CIO Receive Flood of Inquiries from Other Drivers

First of the drivers' unions outside Minneapolis to strike-breaking action in the North leave Tobin's International Brotherhood of Teamsters and American Aircraft strike widened affiliate to the new CIO industrial union movement in the the already deep schism. Labor's motor transport industry is the Austin, Minnesota, Drivers

Important

To Delinquent 544 Members and to The Unorganized

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

wishes to start off with a clean slate.

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

Drivers and allied workers not hitherto members of Local 544 may also join Local 544, ClO, simply by paying the current months' dues of \$2.00

Until further notice this decision will remain in effect.

Lavoris Men Vote for CIO By 27 to 1

Fed up to the gums with Rartlett and the AFL, workers at the Lavoris company, 918 North 3rd, Minneapolis Local 544, CIO, and voted last Friday, 27 to 1, to with- by T. T. ("Raw Deal") Neal of draw from the AFL and join the Tobin's group. Neal was met at

These workers, because of the nature of their work, become a ection of the Chemical Division of the United Mine Workers Union eaded by John L. Lewis.

Last Sunday the Austin union, at a regular membership meeting in the presence of Walter Brock, representative of the CIO United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, voted unanimously to swing over to the more progressive CIO movement.

"Our union voted to take this action because of the dictatorial action of Daniel J. Tobin and the executive board against Local 544 of Minneapclis and other unions in this territory, and because of lack of assistance from the international in time of trouble in the Austin area," stated Howard Ollman, head of Local 778. "We have applied for a charter to the CIO, asking that we retain our union number, 778."

A. D. Lewis, chairman of the UCWOC, announced that the charter was being sent post-haste to the Austin teamsters.

The move to the CIO spread outside the confines of Minnesota last Monday night when the Fargo Drivers Union at its membership meeting took steps to go CIO. The Fargo union approved a resolution to vote by secret ballot Friday and Saturday of this week on the CIO

Fargo Drivers Next

The Fargo membership meeting was attended by Harry DeBoer of the airport by a delegation from the Fargo Chamber of Commerce and transported to the union hall

There is no question but that the overwhelming majority of the

Strutwear Hosiery Union Welcomes 544 Into CIO

A hearty welcome to Local 544 in its affiliation to the CIO was extended Tuesday in a letter to President Miles Dunne, signed by the entire executive board of Branch 38 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

"The executive board of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Branch 38, CIO, extends to you and the organization you represent the best wishes of the hosiery workers for a successful future," the letter reads.

"Although we deeply regret the events which made it necessary for your membership to transfer its affiliation to the CIO, we welcome your entire membership and leaders into our ranks. We know full well your union will carry on under the CIO banner in the same militant manner for the workers as it has in the past.

"We have no quarrel with the local American Federation of Labor unions, but fully support the right of your Union, or any other Union, to change its affiliation if the rights of the members are being denied by dictatorial leaders.

"Branch 38 still remembers the militant assistance given us by your union when the chips were down and no holds were barred. Your Union played a major part in making Minneapolis the Union Town it is today. No one can speak of Unions without mentioning your Union, Local 544.

"We hope the friendship which has existed in the past between our respective locals will continue in the future, and we wish to assure you of our full support in the future in any problem which may confront your union."

With fraternal greetings, Branch 38's letter is signed by the fourteen members of the union's board and staff.

Here It Is, Men Motor Transport & Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544

UNITED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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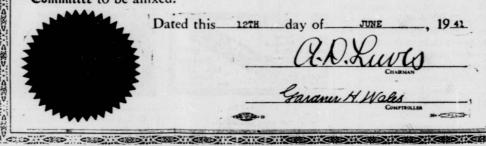
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Co Constitute a Local Union to be known as Local Union No. -544-

This Charter with all of the rights and privileges appurtenant' thereto is granted upon the condition that the said Local Union' shall at all times comply with the rules and the regulations of the United Construction Workers Organiging Committee; and in the event of violation thereof this Charter may, pursuant to said Rules and Regulations be revoked, whereupon all rights and privileges appurtenant thereto shall be annulled.

So long as this condition shall be duly performed in all respects, the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee does hereby agree to promote and assist the said Local Union in the exercise of all of the rights and privileges secured hereunder.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto attached our signatures and caused the seal of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee to be affixed.



Here is the copy of the new CIO charter received last Saturday by Local 544. The new union is to be known as Motor Transport & Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544, with jurisdiction covering Minneapolis and vicinity.

Charter members, as can be seen, consist of the entire sixteen members of Local 544's general executive board and staff.

In place of the horse-and-buggy organizational set-up enforced by Tobin's International, the CIO recognizes the necessity for streamlined industrial unionism in the motor transport industry, with all types of drivers, warehousemen, inside workers, helpers, filling station attendants and allied workers in one powerful industrial union.

Whereas Tobin insists in splitting up the drivers into a dozen of score of weakened crafts, and playing one craft off against another, CIO industrial unionism helps to concentrate the full power of all the workers behind each union section. Such concentration of economic power cannot help but be translated into better wages and hours and conditions for the affected workers, and greater capacity to resist the growing union-smashing efforts of the employers.

Local 544's new charter is not only the legal embodiment of its affiliation with the CIO. It is a charter to freedom for the drivers and allied workers of this vicinityfreedom from Tobin's treacherous and reactionary dictatorship.

Strikers March on Picket Line to Show Bosses and Tobin Their Loyalty to Local 544-CIO-Local 544 Board Issues Statement Recounting Bosses' Stalling-Union Complies With All Provisions of Stassen Slave Law-Bosses Admit Strike Is Effective

Tuesday morning three hundred members of Local 544-CIO employed by 19 wholesale and retail furniture stores in Minneapolis were called out on strike. The men came out solidly, established picket lines and effectively shut down the struck establishments. The strike was called only after the bosses continued their stalling tactics and refused to renew the union agreement. A strike otice had been served on the

companies on May 22nd. The old agreement expired June 1st.

Giving the lie to the bosses claim that they "didn't know who to deal with." and to Tobin's claim that Local 544-CIO didn't represent the drivers of Minneapolis the 300 drivers, warehousemen and shipping and inside workers came out on strike unanimously. The employers later admitted that this was the case and that they could not operate in face of the strike.

porary restraining order from living, the furniture workers unaa-Judge Luther Youngdahl, which was later served on strike pickets. As fast as the restraining orders diate strike action. This was taken. were served, other pickets came forward to patrol the struck firms. Despite the restraining order, the strike will effectively continue. Bosses made no attempt Wednesday to move trucks.

544-CIO Statement

Tuesday evening the executive board of Local 544-CIO issued the following statement on the furni-

"Three hundred employes of 19 wholesale and retail furniture stores in Minneapolis, including truck-drivers, warehousemen and workers in the shipping, receiving furniture and finishing departments, were called out on strike this morning by Local 544-CIO.

"The Union has been compelled to take this action after of the furniture employers to renew their long - standing contractual agreements with its workermembers of Local 544.

"Our Union has had continuou contractual relations with the fur niture employers involved for the past seven years and aside from minor disagreements these rela tions have been maintained on a amicable basis during that time.

"The last contract expired on June 1st. Following its regular procedure a Union Committee opened negotiations with representatives of the employers for a renewal of the contract on mutually acceptable terms. These negotiations began a month before the expiration of the contract.

Bosses Evasive

"The negotiations dragged of for weeks. The Union representatives met with obvious evasion on the part of the employers to have any serious discussion concerning the terms of a new contract. They have persistently refused to sign any contract at any time. Following a long series of unproductive meetings, in order to protect the interests of its members, the Union was obliged, ten days before the expiration of its contract, to file written strike notices with the State Labor Commission, as re quired by law. The Union has at every step complied with all provisions of the Stassen Slave-Labor

"Even during the legal pe riod of waiting, the union committee made several attempts to persuade the furniture employers of the neces sity of arriving at a mutually acceptable agreement. As late

as yesterday the Union met with Lloyd M. MacAloon, the counsel retained by the furniture dealers, to endeavor to come to terms. MacAloon was given until 8 p. m. to meet the union demands. When Mr. MacAloon was called upon the telephone at that time, he gave a firm and final refusal to accede to any terms.

"Confronted on the one hand by this evasive attitude on the part Several hours after the strike of the employers and on the other began the bosses received a temimously voted to instruct their exexecutive board to prepare imme-

> "Mr. MacAloon today issued a statement to the press that the furniture dealers do not know whether to deal with CIO or AFL representatives in this situation. There is no such thing as any AFL employee coming under the jurisdiction of the teamsters in any of the furniture stores involved. They are all members of Local 544-CIO. Mac-Aloon and the furniture dealers know this full well.

"Strike headquarters of Local 544-CIO are now located at 1123 Second Street North." All union business and all meetings of the Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544 will be held at 1123 Second Street North until further notice. Editorial offices of the Northwest Organizer are also located at that address. The phone number of 544's headquarters is

New Members Stream Into 544, CIO

Atlantic 4403.

Over three hundred new mo tor transport and allied work-ers have joined the Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544 since last Friday, Steve G'azer announced Wednesday morning. The bulk of these men are

new members. A portion of them were delinquent members of Local 544. All are taking advantage of Local 544's offer to reinstate delinquent mem-

to reinstate delinquent members and take in new members for the payment of only the current month's dues of two dollars (\$2.00).

Workers in the motor transport and allied industries who have not yet taken advantage of this offer may do so by coming to Local 544's new headquarters at 1328 Second Strest North and paying the current month's dues.

one of the most heartwarming aspects of the present struggle between Local 544 and the bosses is the arrival of old Local 544 and 574 men from all over the country into Minneapolis, to join the fight.

A typical case is that of a staunch unionist who arrived several days ago from California. "I heard last week cut on the Coast that Local 544 was in another big battle," he told union officials. "I drove up here as fast as I could and I'm ready to pitch in and fight for ready to pitch in and fight for our union." This man is a dis-tinguished veteran of the 1934 strikes, ready to fight again for

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A. D. Lewis Announces

Streamlined Drive Launched for Motor Transport Workers

Many Requests

Motor Transport & Allied Work-

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UCWOC have called forth requests

from many AFL teamsters unions

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Town-Let's KEEP It That Way.

News of the creation of the

CIO Conference in Chicago Sunday Launches Streamlined Organizing Campaign Among Motor Transport and Allied Workers of Mid-West—Extensive Plans Laid for Series of Meetings in Minneapolis and Area-Local 544-CIO Leaders Attend Conference-Eyes of Nation's CIO Workers on Minneapolis

A. D. Lewis, National Chairman of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, announced at a CIO conference at Chicago last Sunday that his organization is launching "a streamlined CIO organizing campaign among the motor transport and allied workers of the entire midwest area" to bring them "into a modern, progressive industrial unon.'

This great forward step followed the momentous action taken by tion Workers Organizing Committhe Minneapolis General Drivers Union Local 544, in severing its affiliation on June 9th with Daniel J. Tobia's antiquated AFL craftunion Teamsters International. The Minneapolis union immediately applied for and received a charter from the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, an affiliate of the CIO. The UCWOC has created the Motor and it is expected that other im-Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union to embrace under one broad, national, industrial organization all the motor transport

The Chicago conference was quated craft union set-up of the held at the offices of Frank Barn- AFL International Brotherhood of hart, Regional Director of the Teamsters has only begun. It will UCWOC in the Engineers Build- not end until all of the motor ing. In addition to Lewis and transport workers from coast to Barnhart, there were in attendance coast have been brought under the at the meeting, Lee Pressman, banner of the great modern, pro-General Counsel for the CIO, who gressive union movement of the formulated legal plans for defend- CIO. ing the CIO Teamsters movement; a committee from Local 544-CIO Minneapolis: representatives of several of AFL teamsters councils and local unions in the midwest area; and a group of CIO field organizers working under Mr. Barn-

Extensive plans were made at this conference for a series of meetings to be held in Minneapolis to promote the organizational efforts of the new CIO motor transport movement, at which leading CIO officials are expected to speak. Lewis announced that campaign will be directed, will be campaign will be directed, will be the Federation that the Brewery established in Minneapolis this Workers Union would be suspend-group of brewery drivers in this are glad to hear they are feeling velt ordered in the troops and per- of force are not the methods that CIO's staff is being sent in to han-technicalities are removed. dle the legal problems connected Judge Joseph Padway and Democratic state senator Gerald T. Mullen, to tie up Local 544 in legal knots in the bosses' courts.

Full Speed Ahead A. D. Lewis declared that the full speed ahead and would not be If the money and time he has of Industrial Organizations. stopped by President Roosevelt's spent in concocting craft-union warning, made in response to Tobin's appeal against jurisdictional raids by rival unions. He said that the CIO would welcome new members whether they were former AFL teamsters or unorganized. the union would be a very differ-One leading CIO officer wanted to know why President Roosevelt didn't move against "raiding" cle in on the CIO unions in the at the River Rouge plant.

buttons have been blooming on ery Workers Union has defended workers' caps and lapels all over itself, in court and out, against the Minneapolis giving AFL adherents AFL's decision. Tobin continued the "blues." The teamsters were to rave and bluster at each yearly delighted to toss away their AFL AFL convention, but the AFL exbuttons, and enthusiastically ac- ecutive board did little to carry cepted the new CIO emblems.

Austin Drivers Go CIO The campaign to bring the truck-drivers under the CIO banner gained momentum when Team- galvanize itself to life over this sters Local 778 of Austin, Minnesota voted unanimously on Sunday deal has been made between Tobin to quit the AFL and apply for a and the AFL. In return for the CIO charter. Lewis' office report- AFL's promise to finally execute ed that the charter had been sent the decision to suspend the Brewto them, special delivery. The ery Workers Union, it is felt likely action at Austin was taken in the in labor circles that Tobin has presence of Walt Brock, general made some behind-the-scenes conorganizer for the United Construc-

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CIO Gives Tobin Fair Warning

The motor transport industry operates in and out of plants, factories, warehouses and other establishments manned by 5,-000,000 members of the CIO. If reprisals are to be taken, Tobin can be matched 10 to 1 at that game. The responsibility for this rests upon Tobin."

Not to Try It

The threat of Daniel J. Tobin to undertake "reprisals" against CIO workers because of Local 544's move to the CIO was immediately and sharply answered last Saturday by Frank Barnhart, regional director of the CIO's United Construction Workers Organizing Committee. "Tobin has made it clear he does not want the progressive

"Tobin has made it clear he does not want the progressive leadership of CIO-544 in his organization," Barnhart said, "but the CIO, on its part, welcomes them into its ranks and will help defend them against Tobin. At one time, Tobin seemed to be for the National Labor Relations Act, and what seemed to be for the National Labor Relations Act, and what it stood for, but now he is re-sorting to every conceivable means to prevent Minneapolis motor transport workers from having an organization of their own choosing.

"Tobin will not settle this issue by running to President

issue by running to President Roosevelt. "The CIO did not raid Local

"The CIO did not raid Local 544. The union voluntarily entered the CIO by an overwhelming vote of its membership.
"Tobin will do well to think ten times before he talks about reprisals against CIO drivers.

Barnhart announced a mass rally of CIO-544 members will be held shortly in Minneapolis.

New Eruption in AFL, Move a \$100 a month, and then a man It is estimated that the company to Suspend Brewery Workers and behold, a fellow came along in 1941.

The American Federation of Labor, which has just the union to do something for him. lost 80,000 members in 900 locals of the International He is not a member now, because Typographical Union, is apparently on the verge of suspending the large Brewery Workers International Union.

According to the Chicago Federation News, the ex- do for him. . . . The sick commitecutive council of the AFL at its May session in Washingthe offices from which the CIO ton, D. C., adopted a resolution to notify all affiliates of

the Federation that the Brewery

Referring to the conduct of the with the efforts of Tobin's lawyers, Brewery Workers Union as "intolerable," the board relates the pute between the Brewery Workal Brotherhood of Teamsters.

raids on the Brewery Workers Union had been spent in organizing the unorganized drivers of this nation, the IBT would have over one million members today, and

ent organization than it is. Finally in 1933 Tobin induced the Washington convention of the when the AFL was trying to mus- AFL to give jurisdiction of the midst of the struggle against Ford to the IBT. Succeeding conventions of the AFL have affirmed The blue and white 544 CIO this decision. However, the Brew-

> out the convention decisions in regard to the brewery drivers. The fact that the governing body of the AFL should suddenly matter would indicate that some

cession to certain AFL leaders. Incidentally, Local 544 always got along well with the friendly



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bin's craft-union raiding policies covery In closing, let us add When Col. Branshaw, commander against the Brewery Workers Union, which is one important reason why Tobin was after the scalps history of the jurisdictional dis- of the Minneapolis drivers' leaders. It is probable that both the Tyers Union and Tobin's Internation- pographical Union and the Brewery Workers Union will move to For many, many years Tobin wards the more progressive labor CIO organizing drive would move has coveted the brewery drivers. movement of today, the Congress ganized people who would appreci- shey, director of the Selective Ser-

Minister Likes Paper To Northwest Organizer:

For the last several years I have been receiving a complimentary ganized people who would apprecicopy of your valuable paper. I ate our side of the story if wish to express my appreciation they KNEW IT. Pass your Northfor this courtesy.

I have gone through your pape carefully from week to week and I assure you it has been of great teamsters in the brewery industry value to me to have the labor side of current issues set forth with such care and detail.

Very sincerely yours, Paul G. Hayes, Minister Calvary Methodist Church June 15, 1941

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to see Pop Kline at the meeting President Steps Forward as Nation's No. 1 Strikebreaker —Company Shakes Down \$7,000,000 Profits But White House Moves Only Against Workers — CIO Head Protests But Tobin Maintains Shameless Silence at Bayoneting of Pickets

President Roosevelt stepped forward as the nation's bers into the local . . . Yes, Lorenz No. 1 strike-breaker when the Cabinet, the Army, Navy, Miller has landed a driving job, the Selective Service System and Congress combined with but he is still keeping Miller's DX the White House to move against the workers in two gas station at 1210 LaSalle ave-important West Coast struggles. These involved CIO auto nue. He has Dave running the station, so we will have a place to wood, Calif., and AFL-CIO shipyard workers at San Franstop and chat when we are down- cisco.

Roosevelt, in his capacity as "President and Commander-in-vice System ordered draft boards —to destroy organized labor."

The Modern Woodmen are exChief of the Armed Forces," sent to re-classify for military service,

"The Connally Amendment," he tending an invitation to all mem- 3,000 U. S. troops, with bayonets all registrants who because of said, "is the most flagrant attempt tional average of about \$1,400. bers of Local 912 and their fam- drawn and carrying machine guns, striking, were not working on the to wipe out all rights and benefits ilies to come to their picnic this summer — plenty of prizes, all North American Aviation plant given deferred status. This order, and labor unions have obtained kinds of races and also dancing, and to take possession of the fac- which included all strikers and not down the years through bitter cent) received less than \$1,400 in coffee and sugar free, just bring tory. One picket was bayonetted simply those engaged in "wildcat" struggles." your lunch and cups and contain- by the advancing troops after 30 strikes, gave local draft boards a ers. Let's turn out and make half persons had been injured in clash- powerful weapon for strike-breakof it a chauffeurs' picnic . . . Here es between pickets and strike- ing. are a few pieces of this and that I breakers.

picked up: You can't believe everyworse and sell a little cheaper. . . was stalling in meeting their destrike-breakers from entering or people don't know that makes manded a 75 cent basic hourly tute sabotage and be punishable trouble in this world, as it is the rate compared with the present 50 by a fine of \$5,000, imprisonment things that people know that ain't cent rate, and a 10 cent an hour for five years, or both. These acts so We also wish to remind boost in higher skilled classifica- will serve to legalize Roosevelt's you members that you should turn tion. Pickets carried placards read-use of the armed forces against in trying to smash the five-week- and death of men whom the ruling in your tickets or money from the ing: "Bayonets won't build bomb- the American workers and to out- old strike of the machinists at 11 class does not like.—Clarence Dardance, so that the committee can ers" and "We can't feed our fam- law all strikes. straighten up their books, and find ilise on 50 cents an hour." out how much was made on the

The North American workers were asking only a small share of the tremendous profits being made This just happened about a week by the corporation. These profits ago, so it is still news. A chauffeur (over \$7,000,000 in 1940) were who have approved or remained AFL machinists, to "get the men wage demands. who was out of a job due to the the largest of any other aviation strike hyperbolic activity has been back to work." The striking AFL boss's dying, landed a job at \$125 firm and amounted to \$855 for strike-breaking actions, CIO President CIO machinists, however, have a month. They also hired a butler every worker employed last year. to take care of the lawn. But lo should make at least \$40,000,000 troops to break strikes and re-Members of the two unions, in

Bosses Protected

month. Now the chauffeur wants Instead of exerting pressure against the North American officials to grant these reasonable dehe dropped out a long time ago, mands, Roosevelt proceeded with sonally directed their movements. that old "Home James" will keep of the troops, reported that the spouting off so long as there is a strike had been broken, Roosevelt progressive labor paper left, redeclared, through his secretary, gardless of what kind of union that he was "delighted" at the results.

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Roosevelt Strike-Breaking Denounced

In contrast to Daniel J. Tobin dent Philip Murray, on June 12th, held their lines firm against all denounced the use of Federal efforts to smash their struggle. quested all affiliated unions to fight closed meetings Sunday, voted against the anti-labor bills now be- against ending the strike until the ing rushed through Congress. Murray declared that "the injection of is forced to sign a closed shop armed forces of the nation into a private industrial dispute must so I don't see what the union can full force to disrupt the workers' can only serve to create a status solidarity and break their strike. of enforced labor in this nation tee was out visiting the other evening, and saw our old friend, John Anderson, and also Ed Foster. We work by Monday—or else, Roose-ing people. Repression and the use can be or will be countenanced by the American people for the es

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tablishment of wholesome and sound industrial relations."

The CIO president denounced Brig.-Gen. Hershey's "work or fight" order to strikers as "deeply Raises Needed repugnant to the American way of doing things" and a "flagrant

compulsory arbitration and all the Social Security Board. other curbs on the right to strike. The Act does NOT cover work-He said "no Mediation Board, ers engaged in domestic or agriwhich has as its function to me- cultural labor, the two groups acdiate labor disputes, should usurp cepted as the lowest-paid and most or be given the authority to im- exploited in the nation. Were these pose compulsory arbitration or to two groups to be included, the interfere in any way with the ba- annual wage would be considersic rgihts of labor."

The Vinson Bill and Compulsory Arbitration Amendments to from these figures is that healthy were branded by Murray as "vic- The Bureau of Labor Statistics has ious and having but a single intent computed the cost of living "at a

Rallies CIO

Murray's letter ended with a call to all CIO unions to take im- \$800. mediate action to inform members The striking aircraft workers Committee has passed amendments of Congress and government offithing you hear, but you can re- had previously disregarded ap- to the draft act empowering the cials of their opposition to all the peat it . . . Our greatest glory is peals to return to work from the President to order resumption of anti-labor measures now under \$400. not in never falling, but in rising President, Secretary of Labor, production at any strike-bound de- way. Many CIO local unions, City every time we fall There is plant officials and various AFL fense plant and to use the armed and State Councils all over the ill-housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed? hardly anything in the world that and CIO officials on the ground forces for that purpose. The use country have already passed resosome man cannot make a little that the Defense Mediation Board of force or threats to prevent lutions vigorously condemning higher. The cure is bigger and Roosevelt's use of the troops more militant trade unions. It ain't so much the things that mands. The union negotiators de- leaving such plants would consti- against strikes and the reactionary boss anti-labor campaign connected with it.

> San Francisco shipyards, where na- row. val trucks and marines have been used to run in strike-breakers but Town—Let's KEEP It That Way. erations. The President flatly or- agreement with them and the other and other leading AFL officials dered Harvey W. Brown, head of struck plants agree to the union open shop Bethlehem Steel Corp.

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The average annual wage in abuse of the Conscription Law, 1939 of 32,000,000 wage earners and an open breach of faith with covered by the Social Security Act was only \$877, according to the Murray came out in opposition official statement just issued by

ably lower.

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covered by the Social Security Act, 25,000,000 (about 78 per

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Wednesday morning Local 544, with customary efficiency, was established in its new office and strike heading secretary. Brother Pete Worrel quarters at 1328 Second Street North. The building is two of Local 61 made a very compre-blocks from the old hall, from which Local 544 was hensive and illuminating report, illegally dispossessed by police Tuesday afternoon. T. T. also turning over the records and ("Raw Deal") Neal and harold seavey had called the cops data of the former joint board on the union, and sought to seize all properties of the which had ceased to function some

Local 544's new headquarters is building. The main floor consists of a long auditorium with vaulted ceiling, capable of holding several thousand people. Wednesday morn- headquarters of "Local 544, CIO." to the job of drawing up a lettering strikers were putting the finishing touches towards readying the hall for a strike headquarters, a purpose for which the building Hall at 1328 Second Street North. all locals may be informed of the is ideally fitted.

The second-floor offices are large and clean. Phones have been installed. Local 544's new telephone number is Atlantic 4403. The water has been turned on. A van-load of furniture was brought in Wednesday morning and installed in the offices.

in to pay their dues. Shortly after nine o'clock Local



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a large block-long structure, with 544's staff meeting was under way. lined a program for the coming a suite of modern offices on the Organizers were being dispatched month. second floor at the front of the to various industries. Office girls were at work on the union books. treasurer of Local 164 arranged

time ago. Brother Roy Johnson,

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Brother Art Rank, secretary

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activity of their officers on the

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building identifies it as the new committee of four was assigned All scheduled union meetings head and arranging for the fiwill be held henceforth in the new nancing of same. Motor Transport Local 544, CIO,

LOCAL 1859 Knots to You By Richard B. Gilmore

Diamond ball news: The game A dues table has been set up last week were cancelled because in one of the second-floor offices, of rain. Tickets were sold for the the lumber yard that chartered a and members were already coming game at Pease, Minn., for a night hack last election day to get to game. This will be an important Golden Valley? Them's the Beaver game. This will be an important game when it comes off, as the folks up at Pease take their diamondball very seriously. Well, anyway the boys got a good rest. Norman Hartman's wedding in

The Mississippi Valley Joint Osseo last week. That is, he was Board, U. I. U., met last Thurs- at first, but the pace was too fast. day at 2635 University for the In a special statement to the press, regular monthly meeting. Impor- Willie sez: "Loose living gets a guy tant developments concerning ex- down." pansion and progress for the U.I.U. locals were reported on by the delegates. Brother Fred Died- Credit Union committee reports ed to the eye of man, woman or rick of 1859 presided as president the C. U. is doing fine. The C. U. child. This crowning and glorious of the M.V.D.J.C. and Sister Julia meets every Tuesday evening from climax to months of planning by



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Tobin to Padway to Neal

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"We'll grab up our law books and take them to court, A habeas will slow the boys down. If that doesn't work a corpus we'll try. I'll pawn every jewel in my crown. Democracy is not for the plain rank and file; That's official (notice my seal). The idea of members demanding their rights!" Said Tobin to Padway to Neal,

Said Tobin to Padway to Neal.

"They want to belong to a Union they choose, From a heart overflowing with love, I declare when you're in, you're a member for life, (Unless you're removed from above). When I think of the tax we'll no longer collect, I'm cold, like a man made of steel.

Oh! give me a Union that bows to my will," Cried Tobin to Padway to Neal.

"I've always been good to the boys from the North. The records will testify so. Now all that I want is their desks and their chairs, Their members and all of their dough. If they'll give me that, I'll rest content, And call it a wonderful deal. But I fear that they won't when the die has been cast," Sobbed Tobin to Padway to Neal.

"The life that I've led with virtue's been blest, I've suppressed every liberal squeak. Of graft and corruption, I've this much to say No hearee, no see-ee, no speak. So pull out the by-laws and give me a look. I cannot believe it is real. But I fear that we're simply deluding ourselves," Spoke Tobin to Padway to Neal.

the members of Local 1859, Upholsterers International Union, AF.L., will witness the most earthshaking, colossal, and spectacular Brother William Mullins of the picnic that has ever been unfold-

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meeting of the committee Tuesday, The M.V.D.J.C. has just re June 24, at 257 Plymouth. Time is ceived a report from Internationa president Sol B. Hoffman, regarding an intensive campaign to organize the unorganized of our industry. Preliminary outlines and literature were viewed by your delegates and the orders are Forward and Upward. That's the kind



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Just compare the "patriotic" Just compare the "patriotic" pledge not to profiteer with the article in the May 20th N. Y. Times showing that the first 357 concerns whose stocks are listed on the stock exchange gained 19 per cent during the first quarter of this year, and that dividends rose 8.1 per cent. Or with the N. Y. Times' article of June 1st that dividends declared in May by 1,156 corposations amounted to \$521,381,031, the largest in five years and about 25 per cent above the profitable year of 1940.

"Patriotism is the last ref-uge of scoundrels," once ob-served old Samuel Johnson. He could have been thinking of Big Business.

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544 Board Lashes **Tobin for Seizure** Of Headquarters

Tobin's Outrageous Actions Give Aid and Comfort to Bosses-Indianapolis Dictator Has No Moral Right to Even Postage Stamp Belonging to Local 544-CIO-Has No Legal Right to Any Remaining Assets of Our

The Executive Board of Local 544-CIO Tuesday issued the following statement on the Court Writ issued by Judge Luther Youngdahl at the petition of AFL attorneys, calling upon 544-CIO to turn over all its books, funds and physical properties to T. T. Neal, dictator-receiver appointed by President Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters:

Yesterday morning a committee Hotel. At that conference Judge take with them all their property, Padway proposed that 544-CIO office equipment and supplies. All turn over all its properties, funds these assets have been bought and and books to Tobin's dictator-re- paid for over long years of work ceiver. 544's representatives agreed to submit Padway's propos- our local union. al to the union executive board and present its reply by 7 p. m. give a penny toward the purchase tenants here in Minneapolis, the last evening.

During the day Mr. Lee Press man, General Counsel for the CIO, wired Local 544 that he would be sonal representative, Mr. William K. Thomas of Cleveland, to consult on the matter with Gilbert Carl-that he is entitled to receive CIO. son, Counsel for 544's executive board. Judge Padway was notified of these developments at 7 p. m. yesterday and at that time agreed (Tuesday).

ies, Attorney Thomas was unable to arrive until 10:30 this morning and Judge Padway was notified of this fact through his associate, Senator Thomas J. Mullen. He was also informed that we would meet with him as soon as Mr. Thomas came and acquainted himself with all the facts in the case.

During noon-hour, after we had been notified that Padway was meeting with Samuel Levy, the attorney for the Citizens Alliance during the 1934 truck strike and now counsel for the Associated Industries, the trustees and officers of Local 544-CIO were served Judge Luther Youngdahl to turn over to Tobin's trustees "all monies, books and property including the charter, contracts, leases, documents and other effects" of our

Police at Hall

Later in the afternoon we learndispossess the union from its leased premises and to seize all the properties owned by the union. Our attorneys inform us that this action is contrary to the law.

The executive board of Local 4-CIO deeply deplores this outrageous action and perfidious conduct on the part of Tobin and his cent jobs to all workers is given in 1940. Soon it will be down to 17, agents, taken in the midst of an important and serious strike action an article by Henry Dorris. against the furniture employers. Tobin's moves can only give aid and comfort to the bosses.

Belongs to Membership We wish to point out te outra geous character of Tobin's demand that our union turn over its assets to his International. The property concerned belongs to the member ship of Local 544 who voted by erwhelming majority at a regu-

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trance into the CIO. Every penny owed on this per sum total of the per capita tax we

nothing more than his charter and whatever per capita tax is due to the International up to the date of our break with the AFL and en-

capita tax has been paid by us. The have paid into the International treasury over the past seven years amounts to more than \$130,000. This is the equivalent of about three years salary and expenses for Tobin.

Has No Claim, Moral or Legal Tobin therefore has no moral or egal claim upon any of the renaining assets of Local 544-CIO.

No serious union man in Minneapolis questions the fact that the members of Local 544 voted at a free and democratic election by overwhelming majority to shift their affiliation from the AFL to the CIO. Everyone familiar with the record of 544 and its leaderof Local 544-CIO met with Judge lar meeting to disaffiliate from the ship knows that its affairs have Joseph Padway and other repre- International Brotherhood of always been conducted in a thorsentatives of Tobin at the Nicollet Teamsters, AFL; join the CIO and oughly honest, above-board and democratic manner. The most convincing proof of this fact is the support given this leadership by the members of 544 year after

Despite this outrageous action on the part of Tobin and his lieuof these physical assets. They were leaders and members of Local 544purchased exclusively from the CIO are determined to continue money raised by our men here. It along the road they have taken, will be clear to all that Tobin has in maintaining a powerful union unable to arrive as expected but not the slightest moral right to here and in building a strong Inwas sending in his stead his per- a piece of paper or a postage stamp dustrial Union of Motor Transport belonging to Local 544-CIO. We and Allied Workers througout the

WPA Research Director Says:

to postpone the conference to discuss his demands until today Future of Jobless Owing to transportation difficules, Attorney Thomas was unable Far From Bright

Unemployment has NOT been materially reduced by the national defense program. The future prospects of the unemployed are not bright. This is what WPA research director Howard Myers declared to the National Conference on Social Work. Myers estimated there are at present $6\frac{1}{2}$ million unemployed. He said that even an increase of $2\frac{1}{2}$ million jobs in the next 12 months will mean a reduction in unemployment of less than two million.

The 20 per cent slash in WPA proposed by Roosevelt and accept- reached a defense plant they would ed by Congress will mean a loss of receive work. . . . The WPA work-45,000 jobs in Detroit alone, he er's average age is 43 and the numsaid. In Hampton Roads, Virginia, unemployment is actually greater today than one year ago, due to with a show-cause order signed by the influx of tens of thousands of workers in search of jobs.

production is at the highest level production index for 1941 was 25 on record, iron and steel employment is still 8% below the 1937 peak. Unemployment in rural in- percentage of increases in the dustries, such as mining, has de-Later in the afternoon we learn-ed that police were entering the ed that police were entering the headquarters of Local 544-CIO to southern Illinois, southwestern Indiana, southwestern Ohio, southern Colorado and Pennsylvania, as much as 50% of the population of the counties are dependent upon

public aid. the June 15th New York Times, in

600,000 More Workers

Explaining why unemployment figures still remain high, Dorris points out that "The labor force is increased each year by 600,000 new eligibles. In addition, other workers come into the labor force, under conditions of high wages and plentiful employment, from among those on the farm, from among the youths in schools, and women who are attracted by the increase in job offerings and higher wages, and from among those who are 'self-employed' and who leave their self-created jobs to seek higher renumeration.

"One of the reasons militating against the general absorption of unemployed workers in defense industries is the lack of distribution of such contracts. . . . Even though jobs are available in distant areas, the WPA has found that those on its rolls in many instances would hesitate to leave their status and take a chance on paying railroad fare and leaving their dependents, wholly on a gamble that when they

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ber of dependents is 3.5 for each head of a family. "Still another factor in the situ-

ation is the advance of technological processes. For instance, the In the Pittsburgh area, although Federal Reserve Board's industrial per cent higher than for 1929, although there has been only a small number of workers."

Never since WPA was first formed in 1935 has it ever provided so inadequately for the unemployed as will be the case starting next month, the new fiscal year. In 1936 WPA provided employment for 34 out of 100 men A similar picture of the inability out of work this was increased to or still lower.

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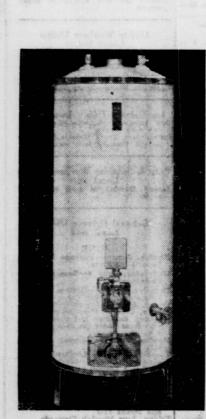
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Who Attacks 544 Through the Courts?

God knows that Local 544, throughout its militant and effective life, has been no stranger to the courts of law. Because of its very effectiveness as a workers' in-strument, this union has been hailed into court by almost every anti-labor force it has opposed ..

In the aftermath of the 1934 strikes, the union and its members were often indicted and sued by the old Citizens Alliance gang. Sam Levy, in his quest for injunctions against 544 on behalf of the bosses he serves, has practically worn a path from the Rand Tower to the

From 1938 on, the five finks and attorney Arthur Anderson fought this union in the courts.

In their far-flung organizational work for over-road drivers, 544 men have been attacked in the courts of half

It was through the courts that the federal government victimized the 544 WPA strikers.

The latest person to pick up this vicious anti-labor weapon and wield it against Local 544 is Daniel J. Tobin. He has ordered a battery of lawyers into Minneapolis, headed by pompous Judge Padway, and instructed them to attack 544 in the courts.

In "calling the cops" on 544, Mr. Tobin finds himself among an unappetizing company of finks, FBI cops, Associated Industries lawyers, and bosses. Tobin's actions will not pass unnoticed or unpunished by the nation's motor transport workers.

Meet the Receiver-Dictator

Ten days have passed since the huge 544 membership meeting at which a majority of the union voted overwhelmingly in a free and democratic meeting to leave the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters and affiliate with the CIO.

In these ten days events have unfolded exactly as predicted by Local 544's board in its report to the membership. Tobin, flanked by Governor Stassen and the bosses, has moved in here and appointed a receiver-dictator, T. T. ("Raw Deal") Neal, with orders to take charge of all union affairs, remove and appoint officers, negotiate contracts, etc.

For the first day or two after Local 544 left the AFL Tobin tried to make it appear that he had decided not to move against our union. However, Dave Beck gave away Tobin's game when he admitted, in an interview published in the June 12th Minneapolis Times, that 544, "in pulling out of the AFL, was just trying to beat us to the punch."

It is now crystal clear that Local 544 DID beat Tobin to the punch, did move just in time to save the union from Tobin's disruptive activities. Tobin had mapped out carefully just what moves he would make against the Minneapolis drivers, and he is now putting them into effect. But unfortunately for his dictatorial ambitions, and fortunately for Local 544, we anticipated his moves and took all the necessary steps to protect the union.

Consider what Tobin has done in the past ten days. He has sent a plague of receivers in here headed by T. T. ("Raw Deal") Neal. Trailing Neal around town and listening to the sound of the master's voice is harold seavey.

Tobin's agents have closeted themselves in hotel room conferences, with George Belden and Sam Levy, heads of the Associated Industries, as related in last Thursday's Times. Following this meeting, the bosses ran to the courts and obtained anti-strike injunctions against Local 544.

Tobin has criticized Local 544 in press statements. leaning upon the testimony of the boss-inspired stool pigeons of the FBI. Tobin has run to Roosevelt for aid. Tobin has whined to Philip Murray and A. D. Lewis of the CIO, begging them to refuse a charter to Local 544. The CIO treated him with the contempt he deserves.

Tobin has referred to the rats at the head of the "Committee of 99" as "good union men."

Tobin has lyingly claimed that the 544 defendants "were privileged to appear in person" before Tobin's court, when Tobin knows well that the bulk of the 544 leadership was denied the opportunity to appear in person to defend themselves against Tobin's red-baiting charges, and that these leaders were convicted with no opportunity to defend themselves.

After being turned down by the CIO, Tobin redbaited that entire progressive organization.

He again lyingly charged that Local 544 was directed by undercover agents of Hitler and Stalin, when every literate person in the labor movement KNOWS that Local 544 has always been the most bitter opponent of fascism and Stalinism.

Tobin wraps his reactionary brand of trade unionism in the American flag, as though to underscore Samuel Johnson's statement that "Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel."

For the fact remains that NOT ONCE, AT ANY POINT IN THIS FIGHT, has Tobin made one trade union charge against Local 544 and its leaders. On the contrary, Tobin has been forced to admit that the union is a good union, that the leadership has done good work, that it has raised wages and shortened hours and improved working conditions, that it has carried on successful and widespread organization activities.

Always, Tobin is forced to fall back on red-baiting, the typical weapon of the open shop employer who often fires efficient workers because he disagrees with their ideas about unions and politics. This is exactly why workers organize, to protect themselves against such unfair discrimination, such undemocratic denial of the right to any beliefs they choose.

Red-baiting is a union-smashing weapon. Red-baiting never served to win five cents an hour more for a single worker. Red-baiting is not going to be enough for Tobin where flowery speeches were the deed, as we are, and we want you raids on the Brewery Workers company and the American Teleand Neal and seavey to stop Local 544 and the CIO III got up to speak:

the drive to organize a modern streamlined industrial got up to speak:

"My good men," he said, swell-stitute of ours that he was shot in

Tobin's Got His



has come the threat that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will "shoot the works" in its fight against Local By Local 544's Board 544. "We've got \$6,000,000 in our International defense fund, and if we have to spend it all to keep our locals in the AFL, we're going to do it," these people say in an interview published in the June 16th Star-Journal.

We want every driver, every present and former member of Tobin's union, we want every trade unionist to ponder the meaning of the above words. Here is a great and fundamental lesson for all workers, a lesson unionism as it is still conceived and practiced by the Tobins of the American Federation of Labor.

For years Tobin has been amassing a huge union treasury, snarling and lashing out at any and all appeals growing rank - and - file revolt dragging across the trail for the that he spend some of it for organization work, or to pay adequate strike benefits to IBT members forced out on strike by anti-labor employers. For years Tobin has boast- against free men. ed to his International that he was building a "war fund" He would probably like President Roosevelt to call out federal party. peals from the field for funds has of recent years become troops to herd the 6,000 members a source of various wry jokes within the International, of Local 544 back into the A. F. of the Socialist Workers Party—with as is well known.

Today Tobin announces, through his yes-men, that he, who hasn't and won't spend 6c to organize the un-forced union membership as well when the present controversy organized, is prepared to spend \$6,000,000 to oppose the as forced labor. But the rank and began several months ago. the democratic right of an army of drivers in a free and file of Local 544 are fully aware This action was taken by the inopen meeting to select their own union.

for unionism, but six millions to bolster union of their own choosing. dictatorship! If Tobin were perfectly truthful, that is the slogan he should issue.

When we say Tobin won't spend money to organize the unorganized or to pay adequate strike benefits, we meeting, and their choice is CIO. cers and affiliate with a national know whereof we speak. Literally the entire membership of Tobin's union knows that we speak the truth. Many the revolt of 544's membership as are the strike situations known to members of Local 544's an isolated local movement engin-rights, and thousands upon thouboard that have been brought to victory, not thanks to eered by a handful of "radicals" Tobin, but thanks only to the guts and courage and union devotion of the strikers and their families. The most with his bootlicking support of the low them. They know, as well as moved the stony and miserly spirit of Daniel J. Tobin.

"War fund" indeed! When Tobin's unions are en-

gaged in wars with the employers, Tobin doesn't give the men even a sniff of the union treasury. Few indeed have the great mass of the rank and day. been the exceptions to this rule. But today he announces file truck drivers throughout the he's ready to spend the whole sum, to shoot the works- nation hate the name of dictator NOT in a struggle for better wages and conditions, NOT Tobin. They welcome the revolt CIO Sanitary in a campaign to organize the unorganized, NOT in a fight against him and the beginning of in a campaign to organize the unorganized, NOT in a light against him and the beginning of for unionism—but in a reactionary and lost cause, in a reorganization in a modern, pro-"war" in defense of union dictatorship against union de- gressive industrial union — the mocracy.

Do you wonder why the ranks of the nation's motor transport workers are finally revolting against the intolerable and callous policies of this man of narrow vision and broad bottom?

Progress for the motor transport workers of this nation does not lie with Tobin and his antiquated and incredibly short-sighted organizational practices. Progress for these workers lies with the streamlined movement of the present and the future, with the Motor Transport and Allied Workers Local 544, with the CIO.

And we promise you one thing. Local 544 will never amass a treasury of \$6,000,000. We'll do what is best and most intelligent for the drivers and for unionism, we'll plow the money back into organizing the unorganized, in paying decent strike benefits, in caring for our members. Against our correct union ideas and practices, Tobin's entire \$6,000,000 will not prevail.

During the Civil War, when almost popped from his vest, "I filled the air, there was a lawyer even in the thick of battle, with who got a poor fool to take his the guns roaring death and deto take their places in the army We want you to be patriots, men, We consistently refused to supgave the soldiers-to-be a banquet, patriots in thought and word and port or have any part-in Tobin's the Metropolitan Life Insurance

ing up his chest until the buttons the back!"

(then as now) talk of conscription want you to remember always, yearly salary.

well-heeled men who had got men tinguished citizens of this town, late all its affairs. rule. Said the lawyer, when he to be shot in the front. Never, Union. These are the real crimes phone and Telegraph company. NEVER let it be said of a sub- of Local 544.

The Purpose of Tobin's 'Defense Fund' Tobin Gets Answered

Following is the complete text of the statement issued last Friday by the general executive board of the Motor Transport and Allied Workers Union Local 544, in answer to Daniel J. Tobin's red-baiting attack on the Minneapolis drivers and his whining appeal to Roosevelt and the FBI

Mr. Tobin's appeal to President

They have made their choice democratically in a free and open a local union to elect its own offi-Tobin would like to represent organization of its own choosing. that is, people who don't agree sands of other track Roosevelt administration in its re- we, that the CIO is today the great pressive actions against the work-

Local 544 was mainly instruarea. That was a crime in the eyes ing organization which can't be ontrolled by his antiquated horse-

At the Washington convention fought and defeated Tobin's monto impose compulsory arbitration on all locals in their disputes with

We also voted against his wholly undeserved \$10,000 increase of

Local 544 rejected the demand of Tobin that he be allowed to ap- Committee received testimony,

Is Old Boss Stuff

cops:

Roosevelt is only an admission of the same old red herring which his own inability to cope with the Minneapolis employers have been against his dictatorial rule and his past seven years as Tobin and hopes for governmental coercion everybody else knows. Very few

This "labor leader" believes in mally resigned their membership of their legal right to belong to a dividuals concerned in order to re

Choice Made Freely

The truth of the matter is that CIO.

544's "Crimes"

of the Teamsters International we strous proposal to give him power ening to fire 150 others. employers.

who got a poor fool to take his struction to every living creature point a dictator-receiver over the union with arbitrary power to reshowing that two corporations each for \$100. Then he and the other are representing US — the dismove its elected officials and regu-

of the leaders of 544 have ever He would probably like Presi- been affiliated with any political

Those who formerly belonged to the full knowledge of Tobin-for-

move false issues and put the dispute on the ground where it really belongs-the democratic right of

sands of other truck drivers progressive banner of labor beneath which the mass of workers can really go forward to a better

In McKeesport

About two hundred city sanimental in organizing 200,000 of tary drivers in McKeesport, Pennthese workers in the central states area. That was a crime in the eyes Monday, demanding union recogof Tobin because he fears expand- nition and higher wages. Involved were all workers in the municipal street, sanitation and water deand-buggy conceptions of union- partments. Effective picket lines halted all garbage collection. Strikers are members of the CIO. Mayor George Lysle, an extreme anti-laborite, refused to recognize the union, to grant the men decent pay, and met the strike by dismissing five strikers and threat-

> WHO HAS THE WEALTH? The recent hearings before the

Temporary National Economic sessed valuations of each of 38 Sixteen corporations showed assets greater than the assessed valua-Tobin's red-baiting charges are tions of each of 25 states,

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On the National Picket Line

Austin Union

Fargo Voting

Fargo motor transport workers

AFL Forces Shaken

Obviously shaken and worried

by the tempo at which the new

CIO industrial motor transport

union movement is displaying its

attractive powers to the workers

who have suffered under Tobin's

dictatorship, IBT officials sought

to wave aside the Austin move to

the CIO by saying it "was expect-

ed because of strong CIO leanings

in the past," and because "Austin

parent, even to Daniel J. Tobin.

In peace time it is the accepted

custom and normal manners of

We Made Minneapolis a Union

is a CIO town."

dustrial Union.

the coming period.

Goes CIO,

will embrace the CIO.

(Continued from page 1) their strike until their demands were met. They voted -AFL -- 584 to 400, and-CIO-359 to 56 to disappoint Harry Brown, International president of the AFL Machinists, who had promised OPM officials that he could persuade the local Executive Board to send its men back to work.

Probably the story of the events Actually, the Tobin bureaucracy in Inglewood, California, is still an get cold comfort indeed from the most important to labor as a such reasoning. There are literally class. For from that strike many hundreds of towns and cities in the other events of the past week have United States today that are CIO strongholds, in which the drivers New York Times carried a story, stemmed. Monday, June 16, the have strong CIO sympathies. Dozburied deep on a back page, which ens more are being added weekly. reveals more of the intentions of During the next few weeks and the President and the War Demonths this will become very appartment in using the troops to That many other IBT locals in retary of War, Robert Patterson, the Middle West are interested and "The troops will stay only until sympathetic with Local 544-CIO production is back to normal," and is indicated by the influx of inadded that that would probably quiries concerning the CIO Motor be "in a few days." He went on Transport and Allied Workers Inthe soldiers stay indefinitely, or to Mr. Tobin has many surprises the soldiers stay indefinitely, or to have the government operate the strikes the likes of which we canand shocks in store for him during plant. They went in only to stop interference with production." . . .

Perhaps a brief resume of those hectic days of the strike would not be amiss. For some time the company and the UAW Aircraft Division had been bickering over the wage clauses of the proposed contract. After negotiations were broken off, strike notice was filed, and the strike immediately given into the hands of the National Labor Defense Mediation Board. Committees from both sides immediately went to Washington, and cooled their heels for a long time waiting for the Board to get around to taking up the case. According to the newspapers, an alleged promise was given by the union that no strike would be called pending the outcome of the hearings.

However, on June 5, impatient it the long delay, the union went on strike. For four days the plant lay idle, a mass picket line of 11,000 men assuring its continued quiet. Repeated attempts by the tuous and happy in the depth of Los Angeles police failed to dent poverty, but not a whole people. the line. Repeated attacks by the ISELIN.

top leadership of the UAW likevise failed to phase the pickets' firm intentions. On June 9, President Roosevelt ordered 3,000 regdent Roosevent ordered chose ular army troops into the plant.

During the occupation several pickets were bayonetted by soldiers because they didn't move fast enough. Most of the leadership were arrested and now face indictments under California's Criminal Syndicalism Act.

> For two days the press told the world that "normal production" would soon be the order of the day, stressing the fact that 2,000 workmen came back. However, it wasn't until the union itself voted to return to work that anything near normal production was achieved. When the unionists went back to work they found that the most active pickets and all of the leadership were blacklisted.

After the occupation, the colonel in charge made a statement that he didn't see that there was any need for any further meetings with the strikers' committee. He also said that the men would continue to draw wages based on their former rate. The New York Times and other newspapers editorialized about the dangers of this occupation, stressing the fact that if the army granted the workers the -"it was never planned to have raises they were demanding, "it would virtually assure a wave of not imagine." But the Army saw that danger too. So now that the strike is broken, the company can come back in and continue to make the same tremendous rate of profit from the government contracts that it did before.

> . . . There were several other repercussions from this strike but the two most important were the orders from Brig. General Hershey to all draft boards, ordering them to immediately reclassify any and all strikers who had been deferred because of their occupations, and the swift ending of the strike called by the die casting workers of the Aluminum Corporation of America. While these workers won a contract and a small raise by their strike they could have won a lot more if it hadn't been for the club of federal intervention which was swung over their heads.

> CZAR: The people have no ights. CZAREVITCH: Then they have got great wrongs .-OSCAR WILDE, VERS.

A philosopher may be great, vir-

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Furniture Workers Union
Local 1859

June 15, 1941—American Excelsi

m. 1941—Stewards 1941—Box Section

Mfg. Co.
June 19, 1941—Kozy Kar, Travelez
Air-Loc. American Wicker & Cas
Ket Sections & Warren Shade.
July 14, 1941—Stewards' Meeting.
July 16, 1941—General Membership
Grievance Committee meets every 2n
and 4th Friday of the mouth, Second floor. Executive Board meets
every Friday night.

Milk Drivers Union Local 471
General Membership—First and third
Tuesday each month, 7 p. m.
Girls' Section—Second Tuesday each
month (7:30 p. m.)
Milk Haulers—Fourth Tuesday, 8:30

Laundry Drivers Union
Local 131
Second Thursday each month, 8 p.
m., third floor.

Taxi Drivers Union Local 958
Night Drivers—1 p. m., third Thursday each month.
Day Drivers—7 p. m., third Thursday each month.

City & Sanitary Drivers Union

General Membership—First and third
Fridays.

Park Board Grievance Committee—
Monday night preceding last meeting of month.

Petroleum Drivers Locals 544 and 977 and Warehousemen Regular Membership Meeting—First Wednesday each month.

Petroleum Workers Union Local 977
General Membership—Second Monday each month, 9 p. m.
Executive Board—Each Monday, 8 p. m. ssee Section--Third Wednesday, 9

Federal Workers Section
Local 544
Regular Membership—Second Friday
each month, 8 p. m.
Stewards—First and third Wednesdays.

Bakery Drivers Union
Local 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday,
Wholesale Drivers — Second Thu

Jewelry Workers Union
Local 103
Regular Membership Meeting—Second Monday of each month.

Private Chauffeurs Union Local 912
The Private Chauffeurs and Helpers
Local 912 meets the first and third
Tuesdays of each month.

Warehouse Employees Union Local 359
General Membership—Second Tues day,
Stewards—Fourth Monday.
Executive Board—Every Monday.
Diffice open Tuesdays and Fridays,
6-8 p. m.

Tea & Coffee Drivers Union Local 275
Fea and Coffee Drivers, Local 275,
meets the first Friday of every
month.

Utility Workers Union
Local B-160
deneral Membership—First and third
Thursdays.
tewards—First Monday after third
Thursday. niority Board-Every Monday.

Ice Drivers Union Local 221 Day Laborers Section—First Today each month.

Independent Truck Owners Section
Second Tuesday each month.

Pulp & Sulphite Workers Union Local 259 Second Monday of each month, 2

General Drivers Union Local 544

JUNE
Monday, June 2—Package Delivery;
Department Store
Wednesday, June 4—Sausage;
Petroleum

Wednesday, June 4—Sausage;
Petroleum
Thursday, June 5—Greenhouse;
Independent Truck Owners
Friday, June 6—Job Stewards
Sunday, June 8—Over-the-road. City
pickup, dockmen and road drivers
who come under the area contract,
2 p. m.
Monday, June 10—Lumber
Wednesday, June 11—Market;
wholesale Liquor
Friday, June 13—Wholesale Grocery
Wonday, June 16—Furniture Store;
Coal; Paper and Printing
Thursday, June 19—Tent and Awning; Newspaper, 10 a. m.; Ways
and Means ITO
Friday, June 24—Building Material
Thursday, June 24—Building Material
Thursday, June 24—Building Material
Thursday, June 25—Transfer and
Warehouse; Wholesale Drug
Friday, June 27—Cold Storage and
Produce
Seniority Committee meets each
Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hail No. 3.
Grievance Committee meets each
Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in
Local 544 office on the first floor.
The Executive Board
Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the large
hall on the first floor.
All regular meetings start at 8
p. m. unless otherwise indicated.