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Local 544-CIO Answers Tobin's Brazen Demand To Blair Asking Certification Without Elections

Comedy of Indictments Continues

County Jury Does It Again to 544

How They Have Indicted Kelly Postal and Moe Hork for 'Grand Larceny'—Jury Tells Raw Deal to Come Back Anytime—County Grand Jury Spends Weeks 'Investigating' Mayor Kline, Police Chief and Underworld But Just Can't Get Anyplace—But Can Always Find Grounds to Indict 544-CIO

With a yawn the Hennepin County grand jury voted our new indictments against Local 544-CIO Monday, bringing to at least sixty-seven the number of indictments chalked up by the federal and county grand juries against the union that dares to challenge the dictatorship of Dan Tobin.

Monday's indictments are directed against Secretary-Treasurer Kelly Postal and Organizer Moe Hork. Postal and Miles Dunne had earlier been indicted by the same grand jury for "embezzlement." This time the grand jury thought they would give it a new twist, so they charge "first degree grand larceny."

Most Indicted Man Through the latest indictments, Kelly Postal now stands as about the most-indicted person in the ranks of organized labor. He is charged with working days as an embezzler and grand larceny expert. Nights he sticks pretty close to the job of overthrowing the sovereign government of the United States of America. Week-ends he puts in as an all-around scoundrel, villain, miscreant, scamp, rascal, ruffian, bully, incendiary, blackguard, loafer, rascalion, vagabond, rogue and general all-around scum of the earth.

But his worst crime is that he is one of the best damned union men this neck of the woods ever saw.

The funds around which the county grand jury action revolves are also the subject of a civil fink production on grand jury action. This civil fink has not yet been heard, but the grand jury having recently asked for postponement, in order that they can staff off having their fake claims exposed.

Should the courts decide, as they uniformly have in suits of this nature, that the union's property belongs to the seceding union, then the county grand jury indictments will be worth just as much as a promise from Dan Tobin.

Raw Deal Testifies Not that the latest indictments against 544-CIO are without value. They made a story for the badgered city hall reporters. They helped Mayor Kline cover up the smelly situation in regard to the resignation of police chief "Heas" Hansen. They offered Raw Deal an opportunity to inform the jurors as to how the boys run things down Kansas City way. And, who knows, maybe a few jurors will round town found in the city, a new justification for cursing the militant unionists of Local 544-CIO.

Raw Deal was in fine fettle as he appeared before the grand jury. In words of one syllable he is said to have told the bug-eyed jurors that 544-CIO was not acting according to Tobin when it rented a strike headquarters. "Why down in K. C. we never used to do that," Neal is said to have explained, "because we never have strikes that amount to much. We get along fine with the bosses."

The jurors obligingly voted four new indictments against Postal and Hork, charging them with dealing \$9,000 of union money right out from under Dan Tobin's hands. The jurors are said to have invited Neal to come back

544-CIO Mails Strike Notices

In conformance with the provisions of the Stassen law, Local 544-CIO on Wednesday served strike notices on fifty-six Minneapolis employers. CIO notices of intention to strike, signed by Secretary-Treasurer Kelly Postal, were sent to 19 grocery employers, 20 furniture employers, and 17 paper employers.

The notices are being sent in order to force the employers to negotiate with the union in conformance with the law. Further strike notices to other groups of employers are being prepared and will be sent out. Copies of all notices are being sent to state labor conciliator Blair.

Gantner Mattern Swim Suits Unfair

The Gantner & Mattern strike committee of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union points out that the strike against this labor-hating company is in its 20th month, and that all Gantner & Mattern swimming suits are unfair. The ILGWU states that whatever Gantner swimming suits are being sold are inferior in quality due to the fact they were made by unskilled scabs. Don't buy Gantner swim suits.

Hennepin County CIO Council Backs 544-CIO, Asks Elections

A resolution supporting Local 544-CIO's demand for industry wide elections was unanimously approved by the Hennepin County CIO Council at its regular meeting last Wednesday evening, July 23rd. The local CIO movement further calls upon all workers to vote CIO and demands that the state labor conciliator "order elections immediately in order to give the worker the right to participate in a democratic choice of their union."

Through its unanimously-expressed support for Local 544-CIO, the CIO industrial union movement of Minneapolis adds its voice to those of the national CIO, Labor's Non-Partisan League and the American Civil Liberties Union, all of whom are defending the Minneapolis motor transport drivers against the reactionary attacks of Dictator Tobin and his political cronies.

Full text of the Hennepin County Council resolution follows:

"In the past weeks, the workers in the teaming crafts have expressed a desire to join the ranks of the workers in the CIO. These workers have filed petitions with Alfred P. Blair, state labor conciliator, for elections in which they can vote by secret ballot for representation by the CIO. Hearings on some of the petitions have been concluded but no decision has been made.

"In the past, CIO unions have been discriminated against by the state conciliator's office when elections have been denied to them for long periods of time. Delay in these elections can only be construed as discrimination against the workers who wish to make their own choice of a union.

"We demand that the state conciliator order elections immediately in order to give the worker the right to participate in a democratic choice of their union.

"And to the workers in the teaming crafts, we say that the organization best able to defend and advance your economic interests is the CIO, as proven in the steel and mining industry, to say nothing of the tremendously increased wages in Ford, General Motors and electrical industry, and we say to you that within the CIO you will find a thoroughly democratic organization which will enable you to properly manage your own affairs.

"The Hennepin County Industrial Council urges all workers in the teaming crafts to vote CIO in the proposed coming elections."

CIO Labor Non-Partisan League Calls Persecution Of 544-CIO a Menace

National Political League of CIO Lashes Department of Justice Plot Against Minneapolis Drivers—Says It Threatens Labor's Basic Rights and Civil Liberties—

The persecution of the leaders and members of Local 544-CIO at the hands of the United States Department of Justice is a "witch hunt" and constitutes "a menace to fundamental civil liberties and to labor's basic rights," Labor's Non-Partisan League charged in a statement released last Thursday from its Washington office.

The League is the national political arm of the CIO, which but recently demonstrated its power by successfully organizing pressure upon Congress to vote down a series of union-smashing bills. The League's slashing denunciation of the plot against 544-CIO points out that J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, was one of the key figures in the administration of Attorney General Mitchell Palmer in 1920, when the federal government was also conducting a monstrous witch hunt against radicals and militant union men and women.

The government's action against the leaders of the Minneapolis motor transport workers is a plot calculated to set a precedent by which other unionists "can be jailed for their opinions," the League charged.

"If it is successful," observed the League, "many informed observers are expecting other indictments of labor figures who do not toe the mark in the way some bureaucrat would prefer that they do."

"In this particular case, the justice department did not act against these allegedly subversive persons until three years after the deed complained of, and only after they had transferred their mem-

bership from the AFL to the CIO . . .

"Today, justice department activities again are a menace to fundamental civil liberties and to labor's basic rights. The pattern of activity is the same as in Palmer's day, and J. Edgar Hoover has forgotten none of it."

Inasmuch as Labor's Non-Partisan League had supported President Roosevelt's candidacy in 1936 and again in 1940, its sharp attack upon Roosevelt's department of justice activities is interpreted as signifying a growing realization that the labor movement can no longer hope for anything progressive from a national administration bent on carrying the nation into war.

Local 544-CIO Distributes Bulletins

Fifty thousand copies of a special information bulletin were printed and distributed this week by the Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO. The bulletin was published in answer to thousands of requests from rank-and-file members, and from other CIO and AFL unions throughout the city and area.

The information bulletin contains a brief but detailed history of the fight being waged in Minneapolis against Tobin, and the support pledged to Local 544-CIO by the local and national CIO movements.

Jim Leary Slugged by Tobin Goons

The Tobin hoodlums who attacked Jim Leary Tuesday in St. Louis Park used true underworld methods to conceal their identity. Leary, a member of 544-CIO driving for the Sirley Sash & Door company, was making a delivery at a new house going up in St. Louis Park. As he left his truck, two strangers accosted him and asked him if he was the truck driver. He immediately slugged them down to the ground and kicked them.

When a carpenter ran out of the house to aid Leary, the Tobin thugs fled. The carpenter sought to examine their license plates but found them covered over with cloth.

The thugs were lying in wait for Leary when he came with the delivery, and appeared well-aware of his movements. They obviously had collaborators working with them in the Sirley company.

For the past few days, cars of Tobin goons have been following Leary, threatening him and intimidating him. The two thugs who beat him were strangers, however. It is probable that Tobin has sent in underworld figures here from other cities to help him establish "democracy" in the Minneapolis motor transport industry.

Some men smile in the evening. Some men smile at dawn. But the man worthwhile is the man who can smile. When two front teeth are gone!

(Wednesday morning the agents of Dan Tobin petitioned Blair and Stassen for certification as the bargaining agent of the Minneapolis drivers, without permitting the drivers to decide through a democratic election their choice of union bargaining agent. Below is the answer delivered by the Executive Board of Local 544-CIO to this shameful AFL move.)

By Executive Board, Local 544-CIO

Afraid to allow the truck drivers of Minneapolis to select their union bargaining agent in a free democratic election AS DEMANDED BY THE STATE LABOR CONCILIATOR BY THE CIO SINCE JUNE 20TH, Tobin's carpetbaggers—Casey of San Francisco, Neal of Kansas City and Brady of Detroit—today brazenly asked the Conciliator to certify the AFL, without giving the workers the chance to vote on this issue in a secret election.

On June 20th, SEVEN LONG WEEKS AGO, Local 544-CIO petitioned the Conciliator to hold elections among the truck drivers and allied workers of Minneapolis to decide whether the men want the CIO or the AFL to represent them.

Tobin's appointed agents immediately answered this democratic demand by announcing, as quoted in the Minneapolis Tribune of June 20th, "They would oppose such an election."

For seven long weeks the Conciliator has conducted hearings on the CIO's petitions, with the AFL putting into effect its threat to obstruct this democratic procedure. Scores of employees—from the furniture, wholesale grocery, cement block, commercial gas, and many other industries—have flocked to the witness stand, and hundreds have signed petitions, testifying that THEY WANT TO VOTE FOR THEIR CHOICE OF BARGAINING AGENT IN A FREE DEMOCRATIC ELECTION.

Scores of employees have taken the witness stand to swear under oath how they have been forced against their will to sign AFL authorizations. Many told how they had been threatened at the point of gun, and menaced by baseball bats wielded by mobs of roving hoodlums and threatened with loss of their jobs if they refused to sign with the AFL.

These self-styled union leaders sought by unleashing a reign of terror to drive the men away from the CIO union for which they had overwhelmingly voted at their regular union membership meeting on June 9th. This was clearly brought out in the testimony at the various hearings.

It has also been made abundantly clear at the hearings that the workers demand elections.

The wholesale grocery hearings were completed last week, and the CIO is pressing the Conciliator to rule immediately that an election among the wholesale grocery employees should be held. The CIO is also pressing for the earliest possible completion of all other hearings so that ALL THE TRUCK DRIVERS AND ALLIED WORKERS OF MINNEAPOLIS can quickly enjoy their right to vote in democratic elections for the bargaining agent of their own choosing.

Today's request for certification without election climaxes Tobin's campaign to sabotage the workers' insistent demand that this dispute be settled through elections. The AFL petition is an affront to the workers who have so patiently pressed their demands for an election.

Should the state labor conciliator permit himself to be influenced by this outrageous demand of the AFL for certification without election, the workers would be denied their constitutional right to select a union of their own choosing.

Support CIO Machinists Vs. AFL Finking at Honeywell

Local 544-CIO Pledges Aid to CIO Local 1145 in Fight Against Company-Union Plot of William Wright—Sees AFL Raid at Honeywell Plant as Move to Crush CIO Movement Locally — Warns Against Tobin's Goons

Full support to the CIO United Electrical and Machine Workers Union Local 1145 in its fight against the disruptive company-union activities of the AFL at the Minneapolis Honeywell company was voiced Saturday in a letter sent by Secretary-Treasurer Kelly Postal of Local 544-CIO to Local 1145's executive board.

After failing for years to lift a hand to organize the exploited workers of the Honeywell plant, the American Federation of Labor suddenly galvanized itself into action last week by issuing a charter to the company union outfit at Honeywell through which the management has been trying to resist the successful organizing efforts of the CIO.

The AFL's finky action at Honeywell was branded by Brother Kelly Postal "as a further step in a premeditated AFL campaign to raid and thus attempt to crush all CIO unions in the city and state."

Last May CIO Local 1145 conducted a successful strike against Honeywell, consolidating the union and forcing the management to re-hire a group of workers fired for union activity.

Last Thursday evening about seventy members of the Honeywell company union met and voted to accept an AFL federal charter tendered them by AFL organizers William Wright and Buster Slaughter, two of the AFL bureaucrats who have been directing the fight of Tobin and the AFL against Local 544-CIO.

Of the 1,900 Honeywell employees, 1,456 have already signed (Continued on page 2)

We Made Minneapolis a Union Town - - - Let's KEEP IT That Way

Tobin Organizers Appointed by Neal are Jailed for First Degree Assault

Tobin Goes Face Minimum Prison Sentence of Five Years for Shooting Hill City Farmer—George O'Brien, AFL Trustee, Axel Soderberg, AFL Organizer, Bochniak and E. W. Brennan Held—New Details on Assault Brought to Light—They Shot Doree While He Was Down—Feeling in Hill City and Aitkin Bitter Against Brennan Gang and AFL

Hill City, Minnesota—Charges of first degree assault were filed last Wednesday by the county attorney against four members of the Brennan gang held in the shooting of Walter Doree, local farmer. Bond was set at \$5,000, and all are still being held in the county jail. Hearing has been set for September 26th in justice court, where they will probably be bound over to the December session of district court. If the men—George O'Brien, trustee of the Minneapolis AFL-544 Drivers Union, Axel Soderberg, organizer for the same union; E. W. Brennan, father of Sid Brennan, secretary-treasurer of that union; and Frank Bochniak, AFL-544 member—are found guilty of first degree assault, they face a minimum of five years and a maximum of ten years imprisonment.

Testimony before the coroner's jury last Monday, with stories of townspeople, throw new light on the shooting affray precipitated by the leaders of Mr. Tobin's union. The Brennan gang arrived in Hill City about 11:30 Saturday night, where they stopped at an oil station run by a friend of the Brennans. Sunday morning the gang went to Brennan's farm, where Doree was working. The Minneapolis men sat during the morning and watched Doree cultivate. In the afternoon, the gang went fishing, after which they proceeded to Doree's farm.

Doree had a truck belonging to the elder Brennan. Doree had been using the truck while having on shares for Brennan. Doree testified that Brennan owed him \$40 and he meant to keep the truck until the debt was paid. The Brennan gang, probably summoned by the elder Brennan, came to Hill City for the purpose of seizing the truck by force.

Aimed to Use Force According to the story in the July 24th Aitkin Republican, "They found Doree away from home when they first came to the farm and would have taken the truck forcibly at that time had the keys been in the ignition. However, they were unable to start the motor so returned to the Brennan place to get a tow rope in order to haul the truck away."

"Before they got back with the rope, Doree came home. He was expecting the men and hailed a neighbor, Earl Wilkins. . . . Before Wilkins arrived, the Brennans pulled up to the farm and prepared to haul the truck away. Doree ordered them off his land and they refused to go. Six of Doree's children and his wife were with him in the yard at the time of the fight. Two of the children, the year-old baby and another child were said to be hanging onto their father when he fell."

"When the Brennan crowd left their car and closed in on Doree, he got his gun from the house and warned them off the place at the point of his 30-30 rifle. The Brennan gang had at least two 38 calibre revolvers which they passed from one to another."

"Doree fired the first shot, killing Robert Brennan with a bullet that passed directly through the heart. As soon as he fired he was set upon by the men."

"Presumably, Bochniak sneaked around to the back of the porch, jumped up behind Doree and flung him down. He was then fired upon by the others. Several shots went wild, lodging in the porch wall and the foundation of the house. One bullet hit Doree in the left chest region. The angle of the shot, which left the body approximately six inches below the point of entry, indicates that Doree was hit after or as he fell rather than while he was still standing on the porch as the Brennans claim. When they had Doree down, they piled on him, witnesses reported."

"When they realized that Doree was no longer able to attack, they pulled off and several of the men started for the truck. The others, however, insisted that they get young Brennan into the car at once."

The Brennans put Bob Brennan in the bottom of the car and drove to Aitkin where they informed Sheriff Ned Price that "the man had been shot by Doree who was running wild with a gun."

Ten Reasons Why You Should Vote for Local 544-CIO

1. Local 544-CIO stands for higher wages to meet the rising cost of living. Tobin stands for "sacrifices" on the part of labor, but not on the part of the profiteers.
2. Local 544-CIO furnished the leadership that has raised the wages, shortened the hours and won job security for the drivers and warehousemen of this city.
3. Local 544-CIO stands for honest, democratic and militant unionism. Tobin stands for dictatorship, shuggery and horse-and-buggy craft unionism.
4. Local 544-CIO elects its officers in free and democratic elections by secret ballot. Tobin's receiver appoints officers for the AFL.
5. Local 544-CIO has the backing of the great progressive CIO industrial union movement, the dominant movement in America today.
6. Local 544-CIO has always insisted that the employers live up to the union agreements.
7. Local 544-CIO protects its members on the job, and settles their grievances.
8. Local 544-CIO fights all finks. Tobin imitates them.
9. Local 544-CIO symbolizes the future of American unionism. Tobin and the AFL represent the dead and dying past.
10. Local 544-CIO is the union that Made Minneapolis a Union Town and means to Keep It That Way!

16,000,000 In U. S. Infected With Hidden Disease

Approximately 16,000,000 persons in the United States—one-seventh of the nation—are today infected with trichinosis, a dangerous disease caused by almost microscopic worms burying themselves in the muscles, bringing about weakened heart muscles, fevers, influenza, and general debility.

Trichinosis is the greatest hidden disease menace in the U. S. today, according to the U. S. Public Health Service. The tiny white worms bearing the disease come from undercooked pork butchered from infected hogs.

Chief source of the infected hogs are the corporation farms, who feed their hogs garbage collected in the large cities. This practice is responsible for the U.S. leading the world in its trichinosis rate.

Greatest danger of trichinosis comes from eating ordinary hamburger, as quite commonly the meat is part pork, and it is almost never cooked enough to kill the trichina spiralis.

An example of a corporation farm that has probably infected tens of thousands of people with trichinosis is the great Fontana Hog Farm near Los Angeles, which buys tons of garbage daily from the city of Los Angeles.

Whatever garbage the hogs don't eat is carefully collected by Fontana workers and dried in the sun, pulverized and sacked and sold as a fine orchard and field fertilizer at \$6.50 a ton. From this fertilizer end of the business, the Fontana Farm realizes \$125,000 a year.

Government Does Nothing Though the federal government knows the facts about how the huge hog farms are infecting the nation with trichinosis, nothing is done about it. Important business and political interests have strangled every attempt to curb the practice of garbage feeding. One of the stumbling blocks has been the fertilizer trust, which fears that the establishment of fertilizer plants throughout the nation would be a smashing blow at monopoly prices.

Canadian Jobless Are Left Stranded

A rare detailed story of the extreme suffering of the unemployed in Vancouver, Canada, is contained in the issue of the Canadian Labour Herald (published by the Canadian Federation of Labour), just received in Minneapolis.

The growing callousness towards the unemployed has advanced even further in Canada than in the United States, according to the article, from which we reprint the following excerpts: "The 'blitz on Vancouver's unemployed is now well on the way. Jobs or no jobs, they are gradually being thrown off the relief rolls. Nothing will be left eventually but the so-called social service department and its political heels, with no destitute people to care for. The staff will still have their pay cheques, but nothing to do; the unemployed will have neither. . . . At no time have the unemployed approached the authorities for relief when they were not confronted with the same old stock arguments indicating why they should not do so. The civic authorities at all times adopt the technique of matching their own hard luck stories against those of the unemployed."

Blamed "Agitators" Periods of so-called prosperity or depression make no difference when the unemployed sought relief; the city was "alle time bloke." The policy was to strain the elastic properties of human endurance to the limit. When a demonstration occurred resulting in a riot, with people being beaten up and a few windows broken, then some money could be found. Some "agitators" were of course blamed for it all, and put in the hoosegow, but the authorities could usually get the money from somewhere when pressed to do so.

Now that the war is on, the civic authorities see in it the opportunity they have been looking for. They are figuring on making a clean-up. If the war industries were absorbing these unemployed, the purge would be well looked after automatically. But such is not the case. They are putting up a very poor argument for democracy when their best contribution towards winning the war is that of allowing their own unemployed to rot in destitution.

The Dominion Government has cut out all grants-in-aid to the provinces in behalf of employable unemployed. It claims the jobs are available for those who want them. These same employable unemployed lack the microscopes with which to find them; regardless of this, the provincial government states it will continue its assistance to municipalities. The statement may be so much window-dressing for the coming provincial election. . . .

Even Aged Get Axe Some months ago, as a preliminary step, the edict went out that all under the age of 55, married or single, were to be put off the list. This was largely in the nature of an experiment to see what the reaction would be. With bans on unemployed organizations among the destitute of the city, it was estimated that nothing would come off. Since nothing happened and the unemployed accepted the "new order" complacently, the authorities prepared themselves for another extension of the "blitz."

They next started on those between the ages of 55 to 65, and as it seems at present, appear to get away with it. . . . Let us take a case or two in point: A map 63 years of age with wife and two of a family, just an ordinary labourer, is questioned as to his inability to find work. The third time he was on the carpet, he was told that failing to find work before the next date of issue (of relief checks), his case would be closed. His prospects are not very good.

Another man over 60, in no condition to measure up to the requirements of modern industry, finding it necessary to augment his allowance, sold some tools to a second-hand dealer. Heretofore, the recipient was allowed to earn five dollars each issue before any deduction was made from his allowance. In this particular case, he made a notation on his destitution form of the two or three dollars received from the sale of the tools. Had he not done so he would have been given a month in Oakalla. He was told that the amount received would be deducted from his next issue. It may be true in some cases that "honesty is the best policy," but they don't give it much encouragement at the relief office.

Men subject to epileptic fits are asked why they don't get work in the shipyards. Many are asked why they don't try to get work on a farm where others are trying to eke out a precarious existence, growing spuds for a non-existent market. . . . In British Columbia there was a decrease of nearly 23 per cent in the number of jobs offered through the government offices during February of this year as compared with the previous month. Since then many of the so-called war industries have not measured up to the hopes that these idle men would again find employment.

Railroads Raise Millions To Fight Wage Demands Is Charge of R. R. Unions

Officials of the five operating railroad brotherhoods opened negotiations at the Morrison hotel in Chicago Thursday with the railroad executives over demand the rail workers for a 30 per cent increase.

The following day the bosses met with representatives of the fourteen non-operating unions on the latter's demand for a 30c hourly wage boost. Disclosure that the nation's railroads are raising a slush fund of millions of dollars to finance agitation against the railroad workers' wage demands is made in the current issue of Labor, weekly newspaper. This paper claims to have in its hands official documents supporting its charges.

According to Labor's story, two "assessments" for \$450,000, have already been levied by the railway executives on Western railroads. The Western Association of Railway Executives has sent to all chief rail executives a letter "covering the first installment of public expense in connection with labor matters." This letter states that the Western carriers' "labor publicity assessment No. 1" totals \$250,000, divided among the individual roads according to their gross operating revenues.

Among individual contributors to the anti-union fund are the Minneapolis & St. Louis, \$1,450; the Union Pacific, \$24,900; the Santa Fe, \$25,175, etc. A second assessment was levied June 18th, nine days later. It is assumed the assessments were used to insert the large ad recently run in over 8,000 newspapers, claiming the railroads will go bankrupt if they meet the unions' demands.

"In gratitude for this profitable advertising," charges Labor, "the newspapers print editorials deploring the 'unreasonable' attitude of the railroad workers, and making the most fantastic statements concerning rail wages." Profits Up 150% To counteract the boss propaganda, the 14 non-operating unions have issued a four-page statement on rail wages which compares them with wages in other industries. The statement contends that railroad workers, far from being aristocrats of labor, have always been poorly paid in proportion to the skill and experiences required, and that hundreds of thousands of them are among the most miserably paid workers in the country.

A prediction that the net profits of the Class 1 railroads will be 150 per cent higher in 1941 than in 1940 is made in the "Outlook for Securities Markets" published by Standard Statistics and Poor's Statistics, well-known financial commentators. Thousands to Change Jobs Last week agreement was reached between the railroads, the unions and the government providing for the transfer of an estimated 100,000 railroad men to key war industries. According to the unions, the men transferred will have their seniority protected

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How'd You Like A Bonus of \$208 an Hour?

By accident the CIO Auto Workers union across an item in a report of the U. S. Security & Exchange Commission, revealing that top officials of General Motors Corporation received bonuses amounting to \$204 an hour to each corporation executive for each workday in the first quarter of 1936. The bonuses were issued to the corporation "insiders" the form of shares of common stock. Among the beneficiaries were President Charles Wilson who received 2,762 shares, a market value of \$147, vice-presidents Charles King, Donaldson Brown, Al Bradley, who received 3 shares each, at a market value of \$122,228. General Motors has been recently haggling over the union demand for an employees' bonus of \$40 a year. It's sure a great system, isn't it?

CIO Drivers In New York Win Increase

Wage increases of from 22 hourly were won for 3,400 employees of the New York Omnibus and Fifth Avenue Coach companies, in an arbitration decision handed down by the chairman of the National Defense Mediation Board. Wage increases are effective to March 1st.

The bus drivers, members of CIO Transport Union, also time and one-half for one after eight hours daily and hours weekly. The union was compelled to strike the bus system last because the companies insisted upon one-man operations of Avenue buses, wage cuts, elimination of sick leaves and vacations.

on the railroads. Men to be transferred will be drawn largely from those engaged in maintenance equipment, way and structure

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544-CIO Grievance Committee Meets Tuesday, Friday

Attention of all motor transport and allied workers is called to the fact that the regular meetings of the Grievance and Seniority Committees of Local 544-CIO are being held in the union hall at 1328 Second Street North. The union Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. The union Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. If you have grievances or questions on seniority to take up, the place to discuss them is before your union committee.

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NATION Magazine Raps Indictments Here, Calls Them 'G-String Conspiracy'

The July 28th issue of the Nation, liberal weekly magazine, carried an article by its Washington correspondent, I. F. Stone, entitled "The G-String Conspiracy," exposing the flimsy grounds on which the Department of Justice is prosecuting Local 544-CIO. With the permission of the Nation, we re-print below Mr. Stone's article:

By I. F. Stone
do not think I am expounding a novel proposition when I suggest that you cannot kill an idea by putting its spokesmen in jail. The indictment obtained by the Department of Justice against the leaders of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party and Local 544 in Minneapolis indicates that this is one of the platitudes better understood by the writing than in the making of history. The indictments say that the leaders of the Socialist Workers Party, unless placed in jail, may overthrow the government of the United States, a task which would seem to call for more than a handful of men. The party claims that it has but 3,000 members. The department promises at proper time to bring forward evidence to prove that the Socialist Workers Party has all of 5,000. Against this political gnat the government is about to let go with big hammers. One count of the indictments is based on the Smith Act and Seditious Act, which Congress passed last year over the objections of such radicals as Paul Harter of the American Communications Association are next on the list.

No one questions the right of a government to protect itself, not only against overt acts but even against the expression of ideas, when there is, in the formula of Justice Holmes and Brandeis, "a clear and present danger" that they will precipitate disorder or revolutionary action. Though the indictments allege that the Socialist Workers Party is preparing to take over the government, officials of the department look pained when one asks them about this charge. On the department's estimate, 1/250 of 1 per cent of the people of this country belong to the Socialist Workers Party. In the Twin Cities, the party's stronghold, the ratio is much higher. There the party membership is 1/18 of 1 per cent of the population. No minority is too small to cause some trouble, but the burden of proof is on the Justice Department.

To Acting Attorney General Biddle, to Mr. Berge, and finally to Henry Schweinhaut, who is in charge of the prosecutions, I put the same questions: "What did these people do? What were they ABOUT to do? In what way did they menace Minneapolis?" All three were kind enough to discuss the case at length with me, but Mr. Biddle said he was not familiar enough with it to answer these questions and suggested that I ask Mr. Berge. Mr. Berge was also unwilling to provide particulars and suggested that I ask Mr. Schweinhaut when the latter returned from Minneapolis. Mr. Biddle, as Acting Attorney General, had to approve the prosecution before it could be begun. Mr. Berge heads the division in charge of the case. Without allegations as to overt acts or some clear and present danger these prosecutions are prosecutions of opinion. Yet Mr. Biddle and Mr. Berge were willing to take responsibility for them without the full inquiry warranted by a step so out of accord with our free traditions. If I understood Mr. Biddle right, he thinks a

government need not wait for an overt act but can punish men for the probable consequences which would result if they tried to put their ideas into action. This reasoning is no different from that on which Trotskyists are jailed in the Third Reich or the Soviet Union. On this basis Thoreau could have been kept in jail for life.

From Mr. Schweinhaut I obtained the bill of particulars. They were not impressive. He is a well-meaning young man who headed the moribund Civil Liberties Division of the department until recently. He is now in charge of Commercial Frauds. He brought out pamphlets and quotations from speeches to prove that the Trotskyists do not believe in democratic processes and are opposed to participation in war. He charged that party members were favored in the distribution of jobs through Local 544 and that every effort was made to place party members in key positions in other unions. He said the union had organized a defense guard of from 200 to 500 members—estimates vary. He said the defense guard had from ten to fifty guns to practice with and that its members did calisthenics regularly. The government has evidence that on one particular evening there was a test mobilization which brought all members of the guard to union headquarters within an hour. "What did they do when they got there?" I asked him. Mr. Schweinhaut said they went to the Gaiety, a local burlesque house. He said each admission cost 75 cents, and the government wants to know who paid for the tickets. This was told me in all seriousness. I have heard of the Gunpowder Plot. Maybe this will go down in history as the G-String Conspiracy.

All Polls Prove People's Hatred Of Boss War
The flood of straw polls in every section of the country furnish overwhelming proof of the anti-war sentiment of the American people, and their refusal to be hurled again by lies whereby an imperialist war is presented as a "crusade for democracy."

Three Examples from Iowa Of Dan Tobin's "Democracy"
Here are three thumb-nail sketches of the high-handed dictatorial manner in which Daniel J. Tobin, war-mongering president of the AFL Teamsters Union, institutes receiverships over his subjects. All three receiverships outlined were ordered in the last few months, and all involve Iowa unions.

Mason City, Iowa.—The drivers union here has been in receivership for about three months. Under Tobin's orders, an international business agent Joe Pease, who had held the job for three years. Pease was told he was a "subversive" element. He was not permitted a trial. Neither Walter nor Tobin permit trials. No driver locally would accept the job of business agent under a receivership, so Jim White, business agent of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, drivers' local was brought in. White gets \$30 a week from the Cedar Rapids local and \$35 a week from Mason City. The receivership is nice for Tobin. It increases his power. The receivership is nice for the bureaucrats who play along with Tobin. Their salaries rise. But it means death to democracy in the ridiculed union.

Waterloo, Iowa.—The drivers' union here has been in receivership for over three months. Tobin's international representative came in and ordered the removal of Frank Crain, business agent. When the Waterloo Central Labor Union, the Building Trades Council and the rank-and-file drivers protested, they were told by Tobin and Gillespie that it was none of their business. No regular membership meeting of the drivers has been held in Waterloo since the Tobin receivership might lift upon the union. The new business agent is a man who was appointed by his own union, the Des Moines Truck Drivers.

Needless to say, no charges were filed against Frank Crain, no explanation was given to the rank-and-file. No trial was held. Dictator Dan Tobin doesn't bother about such democratic customs as these.
Dubuque, Iowa.—Tobin's con-

tempt for democracy and for the sentiments of the rank-and-file membership is nowhere better shown than in the ugly fashion in which he ordered his representative to over-ride the expressed will of the Dubuque membership. About four months ago, the Dubuque drivers union held its election, and chose, by a vote of about 265 to 50, a business agent. Along came one of Tobin's tin-pot Yellers of the stripe of Raw Deal Neal, and declared the election null and void. This Tobin agent, installed as business agent the very man whom the membership had overwhelmingly rejected in the election. When the membership complained, they were warned that if they didn't accept the receivership, their charter would be jerked. All active officers of the union were removed.

In typical Tobin fashion, the dictatorship was put over amid a cloud of dirty lies and slander against the removed officers. The charge was made that the books were not right and that an irregular audit had been made. It wasn't until weeks later that Tobin's dirty charges were disproved.

The above constitute but three of the scores of examples which might be cited to show how Tobin exercises his ruthless dictatorship over the victimized drivers within the AFL. And this contemptible union bureaucracy has the nerve to proclaim, through the war-mongering "Fight for Freedom" committee, that he is devoted to democracy and democratic processes.

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

SIGN Local 544-CIO's application cards for the elections. SUPPORT Local 544-CIO's demand for free and democratic elections. SUPPORT the democratically-elected leadership of Local 544-CIO. STAND BY the union and the union leadership that have stood by you for seven years. WE MADE MINNEAPOLIS A UNION TOWN! WE WILL KEEP IT THAT WAY!

Roosevelt Helped Shove the Smith Act Through Congress

The twenty-nine persons, sixteen of whom are members of 544-CIO, under indictment for "seditious conspiracy," will be prosecuted under Sections 9, 10, 11 of Title 18 of the Criminal Code, which was added to the Code by the notorious Smith Act, known also as the Omnibus Gag Law. This bill is a compilation of all of the anti-radical

Thomas Jefferson turn over in his grave. It is without precedence in the history of American legislation. It is an invention of intolerance contrary to every principle of democracy. . . . Even the New York Herald Tribune, which is by no means a liberal paper, had to editorialize against the bill. On July 31, 1939, the Herald-Tribune said: "There is more prejudice and politics in a measure like the Smith Act than clear purpose. There is more appeal to emotionalism than consideration of methods."

In spite of the country-wide opposition, led by the organized labor movement and the Civil Liberties Union, the bill was reported out of committee onto the House floor and passed without amendment by a vote of 273 to 40. In the Senate, the bill was reported onto the floor by poll-tax Senator Connally of Texas and passed.

The American Civil Liberties Union spokesman said: "It is obvious at once that it is opposed to the first amendment of the Constitution and is wholly unnecessary in practice. . . . It would end free speech in relation to the Army and Navy—and lead to the use of the National Guard in strikes. "Such a federal law would become an instrument of oppression against unpopular minorities and organized labor."

Representative Geyer of California said: "Let us recognize this bill for what it is, an attempt to put to an end this trend toward real democracy. It is an attempt to break the labor movement that is just now gaining so fast in membership. It is an attack on a minority group. . . . Representative Martin of Colorado said: "It is enough to make

Drivers Don't Pay Dues To Tobin's Goons

Local 544-CIO advises all drivers, warehousemen and inside workers to continue to refuse to pay dues to Raw Deal Neal's set-up. Though legally your payment of dues to the AFL will not interfere with your right to vote as you choose in the labor board elections, yet the Tobin attorneys and Neal are attempting to use this as an argument to further confuse and postpone the elections. They point to the dues their hoodlums have been able to collect at the point of club and fist, and argue that this proves the men want their brand of unionism.

Pledge Aid To CIO at Honeywell

The text of the letter sent Local 1145 by Local 544-CIO follows: "Dear Sirs and Brothers: "We consider the action of the American Federation of Labor in chartering a company union in the Minneapolis Honeywell plant as a further step in a premeditated AFL campaign to raid and thus attempt to crush all CIO unions in the city and state. "Acting in a frenzy of desperation the AFL is already carrying out an attack against Local 544-CIO which is unprecedented for its reign of violence and terror. This same arrogance and contempt for the democratic rights of the workers is now carried over to the current attack upon your union. The chief characteristic of this campaign by the AFL is its complete disregard for the welfare of the workers involved. "In the attack upon Local 1145 the AFL will seek to use Tobin's goon squads just as they have used them in their violent but unsuccessful attempts to crush the spirit of the Motor Transport and Allied Workers of this city. In every instance where the AFL makes an attack on a CIO union it can now be expected that not only Tobin's goons, but also the hatched men who have been sent to Minneapolis by William Green will be called upon to fight the CIO workers. "We recognize the urgent necessity for complete solidarity in the ranks of the CIO to meet this onslaught of the AFL which is becoming more and more violent in its desperate attempts to preserve the discredited and antiquated craft-union system. Local 544-CIO stands ready to extend all possible support to Local 1145 of the UBERN and to any other union so attacked by the AFL."

Austin Dairies Sign Up With CIO

A threatened strike of dairy workers in Austin, Minnesota, was halted when the bosses felt into the end signed a contract with the CIO, calling for a 2% hourly wage increase and a cost-of-living clause. The wage increase is retroactive to June 1st.

Don'ts and Does for Union Drivers

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

Thoughts While Reading The Minnesota Teamster

That was a pretty complete news coverage that Holy Joe Casey, front man for Tobin's goons, gave to the shooting of the Hill City farmer by a group of Tobin's gunmen, among them the trustee and the organizer of Casey's "544-AFL" organization. Casey didn't even mention the tragedy, nor criticize his goons for shooting a farmer. And why should Casey or Tobin criticize any AFL Teamsters organizer for shooting a man?

"Farmers Ask Teamsters' Aid," writes Casey. You can bet the farmers up around Hill City aren't asking anything of the Tobin set-up. By the way, Axel Soderberg, one of the Tobin organizers held in the shooting, was the guy who came to the microphones at the June 9th meeting just before the membership voted to go CIO, and remarked: "Here you see how the Dunes carry out their revolution."

What kind of revolution were you and Brennan or O'Brien trying to carry out up at Hill City, Axel? What an ugly lot of humbug Casey heads! "Having won a war against Radicalism, the Teamsters of Minneapolis are now mobilizing for a war against Reaction." The program of Tobin-Casey-Neal is one of the blackest reaction within the labor movement of Minneapolis and the nation. These boss stooges can never fight reaction, because they are tied to the bosses and to the bosses' political machinery and to reaction by a thousand cords.

Ray Deal says it ain't so, that he didn't tell the mayor who he should appoint as police chief. "All we desire is to see a fair-minded and impartial man appointed to the job," gasps Neals. A gentle warning to any worker who might be hoodwinked into thinking Casey could even negotiate a good union agreement—good from the WORKERS' viewpoint, that is. That article in Fortune magazine exposing Tobin wasn't kidding one bit when it reported that out in Casey's union, the boys have a reputation for "being lenient with the employers."

Unwittingly, Casey has raised a question of extreme interest and importance, in his editorial lament in the future of the AFL to win back the Teamsters who went CIO, and his further failure to negotiate a union agreement. The point that Casey publicizes, and that we wish to repeat, is "We are opposed to the American way—slavery. It is much better under the European plan where labor is controlled by controlling their wages."—MEYER ROFSCHINLS 1945.

The Quilings are now signing a form of contract new to Minneapolis— "verbal agreements." Read all about it in Casey's rag.

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Some Amazing Admissions By Holy Joe Casey

We recommend without reservations that every driver in Minneapolis carefully study the lengthy editorial entitled "Comes Now the Employer," appearing in the July 25th issue of Casey's rag, the Minnesota Teamster. Casey's lament boils down to a 1,500-word admission that his policies followed here are BANKRUPT, and that he hasn't got to first base in his eight-week campaign to Tobinize the motor transport industry of Minneapolis.

Though naturally Casey's editorial, written in tortured English, is shot through with lies and misrepresentations, yet it contains many nuggets of truth. It is the purpose of this editorial to reveal these nuggets.

In a nutshell, Casey is now claiming that the employers have double-crossed him, that they are acting in bad faith in negotiations with the AFL, and that they are showing an increasing hesitation to become involved with a 100 per cent Tobinized union such as Casey and Neal are attempting to create in Minneapolis.

"When international representatives of the Teamsters Union came into Minneapolis some weeks ago, they believed that they were voicing the sentiments of the majority of the workers and the honest employers..." Casey writes.

What made Tobin's agents think they were voicing any sentiments but Tobin's when they barged into Minneapolis to clamp a receivership on 544?

Certainly not 544's membership, which had just voted overwhelmingly to leave Tobin's union and affiliate with the CIO!

What about the Minneapolis employers? It is no doubt true that a few leaders of the Laboring Associated Industries had talked by phone with Tobin and promised him a "deal" if he would get rid of 544's militant leadership.

But the bulk of the Minneapolis employers did not invite the Caseys and Neals to Minneapolis.

The kind of unionism sponsored by Tobin and Casey and Neal is a cut-rate unionism, with discounts to any employer who will buy it.

No doubt there are many employers who would accept a Tobinized union—but only at cut rates. They refuse to give the Tobin negotiators the same union conditions and wages that an honest-to-God militant union like Local 544 forced from them.

Casey Caught in Trap And this is where the catch is, so far as Casey and Neal are concerned. They are personally willing to accept lower wages and poorer conditions—after all, it is no skin off their teeth.

But the handful of misguided workers who still cleave to the AFL are in no mood to accept poorer conditions than those they enjoyed under Local 544. Instead, these workers correctly want higher wages to meet the rising cost of living. This, Casey and Neal cannot obtain for them—not with THEIR kind of unionism.

As negotiations have continued between the bosses and Casey and Neal, the employers have increasingly realized what it means to open the door to Tobinism in Minneapolis. It means a new kind of unionism in this city, a unionism not hitherto seen here. It means all sorts of under-the-table favors of all kinds for those at the head of the Tobin union.

Casey whines that the employers don't negotiate with him.

WHY SHOULD THEY? The employers know, just as every intelligent person knows, that Casey doesn't represent the transport drivers and allied workers of Minneapolis. The employers can see this every day, in their own plants. They can see that the men are still loyal to Local 544-CIO.

In an effort to frighten the employers into signing with him, Casey makes a thinly-veiled threat. He threatens to ally himself with gangsters and racketeers in this fight. He wonders "if the employers really want other persons of not such unimpeachable background to take over the city and institute a reign of rackets; have gangsters muscling in as already they are trying to do" (here Casey is saying that he's already made connections with the underworld).

A breakdown in negotiations with him would leave only two alternatives, Casey says:

"Have the international step entirely into the background and leave the process solely to the rank-and-file with every possibility in the world that a strike call must be issued, or

"Have the responsible international representatives withdraw entirely from Minneapolis and return to their own cities where their services are badly needed."

Casey assumes that either alternative would be disastrous for the future of Minneapolis.

Not at all, Casey. We especially like your second alternative—for you and Neal and your hoodlums to withdraw from Minneapolis and go back home.

And by the way, we've prepared a nice surprise for you. You'd better hurry if you want to find any of your union membership left. Don't be too shocked to find about half of the men already signed up in the CIO.

Casey unwittingly tells a great truth towards the end of his editorial, when he chastises the Minneapolis employers for "raising the bugaboo of the comparison between the conditions existing in this city and those in St. Paul. FOR YEARS IT HAS BEEN AN OPEN FACT THAT MINNEAPOLIS HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED AN ADVANTAGE OVER ST. PAUL IN THE MATTER OF WAGES, HOURS AND CONDITIONS," Casey states.

This is EXACTLY the point, Casey. But WHY does this differential exist? Because in Minneapolis the drivers have maintained a militant union that knows how to fight and win demands for the men, whereas in St. Paul the drivers have been cursed with a set-up run by a boss-minded weasel in the very best Tobin tradition. In Minneapolis we have had higher wages and better conditions and strictly-enforced contracts. In St. Paul, in a union blessed by Tobin, the workers have always received lower wages and poorer conditions.

The Minneapolis employers are quite right to raise, in negotiations with Casey, this point about lower condi-

The Spoiled Brats



tions in St. Paul. After all, isn't Casey trying to sell them a Tobinized union like that in St. Paul? Why should he expect Dunne Brothers wages and conditions for the workers in his Tobin set-up?

"Desperate," Says Casey "The situation is perhaps more desperate than many realize," says Casey. "Here are a group of men, responsible leaders in their own communities, where they are respected citizens (?), leaving their commitments to help find a solution to the problems in this city."

And what do these respectable, home-loving, tax-paying agents of Tobin find in Minneapolis? They find that the employers and their representatives "are desirous only of personal gain and petty advantages."

Well, and what in the world did the Caseys and Neals think they would find here? A group of affable philanthropists ready to pay the full union scale plus a bonus to a Tobinized union, perhaps?

No, Casey, life doesn't work that way. If you run the sort of union you and Tobin approve of, you've got to expect the consequences, in lower wages, poorer conditions, loss of seniority for the men, and all the trimmings.

We still like that alternative you mentioned—for you and Raw Deal and Worsberg and all the hoodlums to get out of Minneapolis and cease interfering with the democratic rights and desires of the Minneapolis drivers, warehousemen and inside workers to run a union of their own choosing—Local 544-CIO. Here's your hat.

Major Says Government Wants Young Blood in Army

Major A. E. Merrill, army induction chief at Los Angeles, tipped the hand of the Federal Government in its new plan to eliminate all men 28 years old or over from the army to a statement last Monday. He said—

"If you want a man who takes life seriously, find one twenty-eight years or over... if you don't, pick him younger."

The Major went on to say— "It's a peculiar thing that since we stopped getting men 28 and over, there hasn't been a single instance of complaining by men being sworn into service... before that the men 28 and over almost invariably had some grumbling to do..."

The army doesn't want men who can think for themselves. In fact, in the army, it's almost treason for a man to use his own head. He is chosen to obey orders, blindly, with no questions asked.

Most men who are over 28 years old have had several years of working for a living, fighting for their rights. Most of them have had some really serious trade union training, been involved in strikes.

These men don't bend their backs to their officers' commands as blindly as do the youth who has never had to bend their backs for an employer. They "grumble," that is, they think for themselves. Most men in the 28 and over

age group have, in addition, responsibilities at home which irk and worry them. Letters from home telling of the rising costs of living, unemployment, etc., make these men anxious to get back to civilian life to help take care of their families. The youth who never had a job seen in the army as a means of living. He is more easily convinced that it is necessary that the draftees be kept in service after the year for which he was inducted has expired.

There is another phase to the program of getting youth, and youth alone into the army. Part of the training now being given our draftee army is to prepare them for strike-breaking duty. Older men who have been unionists not only resent this training but they talk about their resentment to their youthful companions. When the young soldiers grumble at strikers for "holding up national defense" it is the older men who call their attention to the fact that these striking workers are actually fighting the battle of the young soldier, by holding up the wage standards so that when (and if) the youth get out of the army there will be decent wages and working conditions for them to go back to. The army doesn't like this sort of thing. They want the men to obey orders, to go into action, anywhere, whether it is against a foreign foe or an American strike.

Rosevelt made a promise to the draftee army. He said that after one year they would be released from active duty, be allowed to go back to their families. He also promised the mothers and fathers of that army that their sons would not be used outside the Western Hemisphere.

He stands a much better chance of further expanding the boundaries of the "Western Hemisphere" with a young army, of keeping that army in active service for a long time, if he has only young, pliable material with which to work.

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On the National Picket Line

Mervel Schell

Another victory over anti-labor legislation can be chalked up to the national CIO. Recently it was the work of the legislative committee from the CIO which helped to defeat the two reactionary amendments tacked onto the draftee age limit bill. That bill was sent, in its abbreviated form to the senate, where two equally reactionary amendments, offered by the authors of the original appendages, Connally and May, were again tacked on, sugar coated but nevertheless, as full of potential danger to the labor movement as they had been in their original form.

John T. Jones, legislative representative of the CIO in Washington, sent all unions a telegram last week, warning them against the new amendments. Jones said—"Joint House - Senate conference committee reported out 5 1524 with sugar-coated anti-labor Connally amendment which authorizes government to take over and resume production in any plant where production is interrupted. This in effect permits use of the army and navy to break strikes and could be used to force compulsory arbitration on labor. Both are contrary to CIO Policy."

Jones also urged all unions to immediately contact their senators and representatives, protesting the inclusion of the May-Connally amendments, in their sugar coated form, in the draftee bill.

On Tuesday of this week the House received the new version of the draftee bill, and immediately sent it back to the committee with specific recommendations that they keep it until they could report it out in the same version which the House accepted last week—that is, minus the strike breaking powers which the president wanted.

The House rejected the newly revised bill by a vote of 255 to 114. Most of the debate during an uproarious session was directed around the question of the government's right to break strikes. This action by the House is interpreted by the Associated Press as a rebuke to Roosevelt for his action in sending troops into the North American Aircraft Corporation in Ingleside, Calif., last month. They also say that "Administration leaders have been frank to admit that one of the aims of the measure was to validate the taking over of the plant at bayonet point during the strike."

The House Military Affairs Committee approved, on July 30, legislation which will retain in service draftees, national guardsmen, reserve officers, and enlisted personnel of the army for training beyond one year.

Two major strikes were settled early this week when the workers at the Bendix, N. J., plant of the Air Associates, Inc., voted to return to work under a proposal submitted by the National Labor Defense Mediation Board. Last week the union agreed to these terms but the company asked for "just one more day to consider."

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Cleveland CIO Council Pledges Aid to 544-CIO

According to word received from Secretary A. E. Stearns of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council, the following resolution pledging all-out support to Local 544-CIO was adopted at the July 9th meeting of the powerful Cleveland central body.

"WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 workers in the City of Minneapolis, former members of the AFL Teamsters Union voted on June 8th to disaffiliate from the AFL and join CIO, and

"WHEREAS, the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, as a result of the request of these workers issued a charter to them, and

"WHEREAS, the AFL has imported into the city of Minneapolis a large number of their representatives for the purpose of intimidating these workers in an attempt to start a national boycott against any trucks driven by CIO members and opposing the proposal of the CIO for a Labor Relations Board election, and

"WHEREAS, the employers involved have joined with the AFL in this campaign to deny to workers the right to select union of their own choosing,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cleveland Industrial Union Council goes on record as approving the act of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee in issuing a charter to these workers, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pledge our support in whatever manner it is possible to aid in this struggle American workers to select a bargaining agency of their own free choice, and

"BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be directed to the Chairman of the UCWOC and to the officials of Local 544 of that organization in Minneapolis."

North Shore CIO Council Pledges Support to 544-CIO

"You can count on the fullest support of this Council in all your activities in this area," the North Shore Industrial Union Council wrote Local 544-CIO last week from Lynn, Massachusetts.

"For many years we of the Council have been following with the greatest admiration, the great achievements of Local 544 reported in the columns of the Northwest Organizer.

"We were especially glad therefore to have learned of your great forward step you had taken in affiliating with the CIO.

"The CIO, as the most progressive of the two labor federations, can appreciate and make use of the type membership and leadership which has made the number 544 represent all that is best in unionism, and an inspiration to workers all over the country.

"Under the banner and with assistance of the CIO you will forward to still greater success throughout the United States.

The letter is signed by Benjamin Fishman, Council secretary.

Also received by 544-CIO a days ago was a message from J. Gibbons, international representative of the United Retail Wholesale Employees, CIO, in that "On behalf of three thousand organized warehouse workers in the city of St. Louis, let me congratulate you on the forward step you have taken by affiliating with the CIO. We have watched with great interest your fight against your boss and we are glad you to a man."

From Quakertown At the regular meeting of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, Industrial Union Council on Monday, July 18th, Secretary Howard Stump was ordered to send following message to the motor transport drivers of Local 544-CIO:

"Best wishes and congratulations to the Motor Transport workers of the Northwest, and especially Local 544 of Minneapolis. Hoping the rest of the motor transport and construction workers will follow this progressive move, and throw off the dictatorship of the AFL racketeers, who cannot stop the forward march of progressive unionism."

Who doubts the willingness of the British bosses to sacrifice? They have now faithfully promised to stop the resale of American goods obtained free under lease-lend act. — AMERICAN GUARDIAN.

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

Revive the Spirit of 1934!

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE	
Friday, August 1—Job Stewards	Monday, August 18—Furniture Stores; Coal; Paper and Printing
Monday, August 4—Package Delivery; Department Store	Thursday, August 21—Text & Apparel; Newspaper; 99 c. m. TTY; Wax & Means
Wednesday, August 6—Sausage; Petroleum	Friday, August 22—Coal Storage & Produce
Thursday, August 7—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners	Monday, August 25—Spring Water; Tuesday, August 26—Building Material
Friday, August 8—Wholesale Grocery	Thursday, August 28—Transfer & Warehouse; Wholesale Drug Store; City pickup, dockmen and road drivers who come under the road contract, 2 p. m.
Sunday, August 10—Over-the-Road	Monday, August 31—General Membership
Monday, August 11—General Membership	Tuesday, August 12—Lumber
Tuesday, August 12—Lumber	Wednesday, August 13—Market; Wholesale Liquor

Two Danish Sailors Held Here Receive Aid from Local 544-CIO

When Carl Skoglund, 544-CIO organizer and former 544 president, was being held in the Hennepin County jail by the Department of Immigration on \$25,000 bond, he met two young Danish sailors who were also being held by immigration authorities, for alleged "illegal entry."

The two sailors had been through harrowing experiences. Kjeld Goth, 29, and Christian Vindum, 27, have not seen their homes in Denmark since 1939. They were sailing on a Danish vessel in an England convoy around Africa when a German submarine

picked off their slow vessel with a torpedo. The engine went down with the boat but Goth and Vindum, together with 23 other sailors, escaped in a lifeboat and after being adrift at sea for days landed safe on the South African coast.

They signed on another ship under the English flag and eventually made their way to the port of Halifax. Conditions were so unbearable and prison-like on the English ship that the entire crew, even the captain, left the ship. Goth and Vindum decided to try to get to San Francisco where they hoped to sign on an American or Swedish ship. However, they were picked up in Boston by the immigration authorities and sent inland to Minneapolis.

They were singing workers' songs in Danish when Brother Skoglund met them in prison. Like most Danes, the two sailors are good union men and firm antifascists. Upon his release, Skoglund took the case up with the Danes on the 544-CIO staff. Brothers George Frosig and Emil Hansen. Emil immediately contacted the local Danish counsel, Mr. Andrew Johnson, and the Danish Brotherhood. The Danish counsel

is seeking to gain the release of the two sailors. A collection for the pair was taken up at the Local 544-CIO hall and \$15.50 raised and turned over to them. A Danish Relief Committee has been formed to raise fare for Goth and Vindum to Frisco where they have every chance to go to sea again. Danes interested in helping their fellow countrymen, and workers desiring to help two fellow workers in need, may contribute to the fund through Hansen or Frosig at Local 544-CIO headquarters, 1328 Second Street North, Minneapolis.