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Waterman Drivers Choose 544-CIO in NLRB Election

544-CIO Board Calls Attention To AFL Threats

Following the union victory at Waterman-Waterbury, the executive board of Local 544-CIO issued the following statement, calling attention to the significance of the vote, and to the threats from the Tobin machine to use violence in an attempt to overthrow the democratically-expressed decision of the Waterman workers:

By Local 544-CIO Executive Board

The National Labor Relations Board decision to order election among the employees of the Waterman-Waterbury company reverses the decision of Governor Stassen's labor conciliator, Alfred Blair, to deny democratic rights to the drivers and warehousemen of Minneapolis. The election at the Waterman plant, held Friday night, has resulted in a 2-1 victory for Local 544-CIO over AFL "544," and in a similar victory by CIO Local 1140 over Tobin's union. Local 544-CIO and Local 1140 will immediately open joint negotiations for a new agreement covering all employees of Waterman-Waterbury, who will be protected by one plantwide seniority list.

Drivers Still Want Own Union

The election victory for Local 544-CIO supports every aim of this union that, given the democratic right to vote, would choose Local 544-CIO over Tobin's reactionary racket-ridden outfit. The 544-CIO victory was obtained in the face of the crooked Blair ruling, and despite vicious reckless threats from the Tobin leaders, plus strong pressure from the company in favor of the AFL. If democratic elections were held tomorrow by the drivers and warehousemen, every Minneapolis plant and every industry would vote in favor of Local 544-CIO by large or larger majorities than that obtained at the Waterman plant.

Tobin Gooms Threaten

The AFL Teamsters have already issued threats they will use violence in an attempt to overthrow the democratic election and to force the Waterman-Waterbury workers back into the AFL. We call the attention of Mayor Kline and the public to these threats from the Tobin machine, which has amply shown, last summer against the General Drivers, and today against the Brewery Workers, that it is always ready to resort to the most disgraceful strong-arm methods to violate union democracy. Since June 9, 1941, when the Tobin machine has been in complete charge of the AFL Teamsters in Minneapolis, this city has witnessed the most bloody and brutal display of anti-democratic tactics on the part of the Tobin union.

Will Protect Workers' Rights

Local 544-CIO joins with Local 1140-CIO in pledging that all workers at Waterman-Waterbury will be fully protected in their right to belong to the CIO. These workers voted CIO because they know that within the Tobin union there is no hope of preserving or extending union conditions.

The Waterman election victory is one more step in clearing the road for all Minneapolis drivers, helpers and warehousemen to re-establish their rights and their union. The drivers at Waterman's can win their right to an election, so can the drivers at other Minneapolis companies. We ask all drivers to get in touch immediately with Local 544-CIO. Demand the same rights that the Waterman-Waterbury workers have won. The only road for the Minneapolis drivers is through Local 544-CIO.

LOCAL 544-CIO EXECUTIVE BOARD

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This Is a Special Issue

In view of the importance of the Local 544-CIO election victory at Waterman-Waterbury, the union executive board decided to issue this Special Edition of the INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZER. Barring unusual developments in the coming week, it is not planned to resume regular publication of the INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZER at this time.

All union members, and all union subscribers to the ORGANIZER, are now receiving the UNITED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS NEWS, which carries news of important developments in the fight of the Minneapolis drivers against Tobinism. If you are a member of Local 544-CIO, or a subscriber to the ORGANIZER, and are not receiving your copy of the UNITED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS NEWS, please notify the union office immediately, at 827 Twelfth Ave. S., Minneapolis, telephone AT-lantic 4911.

County Attorney Will Try To Prove "Conspiracy" in Trial of 544-CIO Officer

Tobin-Inspired Suit Against Postal for "Embezzlement" Starts; Case Based On Tobin Lies

The oft-postponed trial of Brother Kelly Postal, secretary-treasurer of Local 544-CIO, in the "embezzlement" case initiated by Dictator Tobin through the county attorney's office, began Monday morning before District Judge Lerl H. Hall. As we go to press the jury is being selected. The "embezzlement" charge is one of many similar charges against the leaders of Local 544-CIO last July accepted by the Hennepin County grand jury after Ray Deal Neal, Tobin's receiver, had testified before jurors. In a nutshell Postal's indictment rests on the false premise that the property of Local 544-CIO belongs to Dictator Tobin. Members instructed Kelly. At the 544 membership meeting last June 9th, following the vote

to leave the AFL and join the CIO, a motion carried unanimously instructing the 544 executive board to take all necessary steps to protect the union's property from the union's enemies. Following out the membership's instructions, Secretary-Treasurer Kelly took steps to prevent Tobin getting his hands on the funds of the Minneapolis drivers. The "embezzlement" indictments followed. The courts have uniformly decided in suits of this nature that the union's property belongs to the succeeding local union.

Charge "Conspiracy"

The Tobin machine, having failed in the "conspiracy" trial to prove that the defendants "conspired to overthrow the government by force and violence," is going to try the "conspiracy" angle

again in Postal's trial. Last week William G. Compton, assistant county attorney, served the bill of particulars on defense attorneys. The state charges that officers of 544 "entered a conspiracy" to protect the union's property from Tobin. No doubt the same bedraggled crew of Tobin perjurers that paraded before the federal court in the "sedition" trial will appear to sing their same songs in the "embezzlement" farve. The "sedition" verdict, freeing all defendants on count one, proved that every one of the Tobin-paid witnesses was regarded as a perjurer by the jury; no credence was given their testimony.

In addition to this "embezzlement" charge, the county grand jury indicted Postal, Miles Dunne and Moe Berk on several other charges of "embezzlement," all of a similar nature.

Gilbert Carlson and David Sman, attorneys for Local 544-CIO, are defending Brother Postal.

Brewery Workers Take Case Against Tobin to NLRB

Tobin Shakedown Racket in Detroit Is Exposed; AFL Teamsters There Accused of Plot to Control Food

In defense against the two-month-old raiding campaign of the Tobin machine against the Minneapolis brewery workers, the Brewery Workers Union Local 205 last week filed charges against the AFL Teamsters and the Minneapolis Brewing Company before the National Labor Relations Board.

Local 205 has also launched court cases against the Coc-Cola company and the Minneapolis Brewery. The union is further planning to institute charges against the Gink brewery, which is trying to run away from its contract with the Brewery Workers Union by "selling" its trucks to a local transfer company.

In its NLRB charges against the Minneapolis Brewing company, the brewery workers point out that the company has instituted a lock-out against its employees; that the company has discriminated against workers because of their union affiliation; and that the company has violated the union working agreement.

"The AFL teamsters are trying to FORCE brewery workers to leave their own International Union, to which they have belonged for many years, and join the AFL teamsters union," Local 205 charges in a brief distributed throughout this city. "AFL teamsters' representatives have intimidated, threatened and brutally beaten brewery workers for their refusal to join the teamsters union."

Asks Aid Vs. Mph. Brewery

In its struggle to defend itself against the vicious Tobin raiding campaign, Local 205 solicits the aid of the public. "Protect citizens against gangster tactics by adopting the slogan: WE DO NOT DRINK MINNEAPOLIS BREWING COMPANY TEAMSTER-MADE GRAIN BEER," Local 205 suggests.

The same ballast tactics used last summer by the imported Tobin hoodlums against the Minneapolis general drivers are today being used by the AFL Teamsters against the Brewery Workers Union. Members of the latter union are being followed, and assaulted on the streets by the Tobin gang. Public officials are wink-

ing at the Tobin campaign of violence, just as they did last summer. When these Tobin hoodlums were brought into court last week for beating up a brewery driver, they were let off with small fines of \$20 to \$25.

Besmirch Unionism Banner

Through its reckless and fraudulent use of the union banner, the Tobin machine in Minneapolis is rapidly making meaningless the whole idea of using a union banner to warn the public against the unfair boss. It is a common sight today to see one or two Tobin-paid brewery carrying signs extolling scenes of beer parties as "unfair," protesting that the beer sold inside is "unfair." The truth is that the beer is being made by members of the Brewery Workers Union under union contract.

Feeling the need to defend themselves, the Brewery Workers Union then places a counter-banner to the Tobin banner. The general public, thanks to Tobin's reckless abuse of unionism, is often only confused by such tactics, and labor's weapon of the union banner is only discredited.

Tobin Racket Exposed

While the Tobin machine continues its violence in Minneapolis against the brewery workers, and threatens new violence against the Waterman-Waterbury workers who voted last week for the CIO, public officials here only yawn.

In other cities, however, the Tobin machine is not getting off so lightly.

The Tobin machine in Detroit was charged publicly last Friday, January 30th, with operating a shakedown racket in an attempt to control the Detroit food produce business. Because the Detroit operations of the Tobin machine are similar to those which Tobin has foisted on his AFL "544"

since last June, we publish details of the Detroit case.

"SHAKEDOWN IS LAD TO TEAMSTERS — MAYOR JEFFERIES GETS FOOD RACKET COMPLAINT" is the headline in a story appearing in the Detroit NEWS of last Friday.

"A double-barreled accusation that AFL teamsters are guilty of shakedown tactics and have attempted to control Detroit's food produce business through unorthodox application of union racket has been laid before Mayor Jeffries. . . . It consists of two letters, one from an Alvin Mack, poultry distributor, who charges that supplies are being 'throttled and intimidated by a bunch of racketeers,' and a second from George V. Branch, city director of markets, who accuses the Alvin Mack charges are 'essentially correct,' and goes into details as to alleged shakedown methods. . . . Possibility that Federal anti-trust laws may have been violated by the AFL Teamsters Union, was asserted by John C. Lehr, United States attorney. Lehr pointed out that James Flinn and Herb Bore, two international organizers for the (AFL Teamsters) union here, were under indictment for anti-trust law violations in connection with alleged union racketeering in Detroit's waste paper industry. This case is now pending before Judge Chicago division."

Charge \$775 "Fees"

According to the Detroit newspapers, poultry growers bringing produce to the wholesale markets in Detroit are being "approached" by union racketeers who seek to let us unload in Detroit unless we are members of the AFL Teamsters Union. These racketeers are reluctantly upheld by the wholesalers, who also act as collectors for the union. The situation in (Continued on page 2)

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One Tobin Trick That Didn't Work

CRDC Raises New Bail For 18

The eighteen defendants in the "sedition" trial cleared a new hurdle late in December, after the Western Surety Company had served notice it was cancelling the bonds on which the defendants are out on bail. Though the surety company would give no reason for refusing to continue the bonds during the appeal, it is believed that pressure from Tobin was behind the move.

The Civil Rights Defense Committee, in charge of the defense, immediately went into action and raised and filed appeal bonds in the sum of \$5,000 each, assuring that the 18 convicted defendants will remain free during the appeal to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

V. R. Dunne On Speaking Tour of U. S.

V. R. Dunne, organizer for Local 544-CIO and a leader of the great 1934 drivers' strike, left Sunday for a nationwide speaking tour under the sponsorship of the Civil Rights Defense Committee. The CRDC, which is conducting the defense of the eighteen workers convicted in the recent Minneapolis "sedition" case, has arranged speaking for Brother Dunne in dozens of large cities.

The Civil Rights Defense Committee, with the aid of the American Civil Liberties Union and labor and liberal organizations throughout the nation, is raising funds to appeal the Minneapolis decision to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The Committee is also giving financial aid to the defendants.

Brother Dunne will address meetings throughout the nation, telling them of the Tobin-led frame-up attempt against Local 544-CIO and the Socialist Workers Party.

N. Y. City Councilman Backs 18

NEW YORK CITY—Dr. Adam S. Powell, Jr., councilman for the Borough of Manhattan, and nationally known as a militant leader of the people of Harlem, has written to George Novack, secretary of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, expressing support for the 18 members of Local 544-CIO and the Socialist Workers Party convicted in the Minneapolis "sedition" trial.

Dr. Powell's letter follows: "I am taking this opportunity of endorsing the work of the Civil Rights Defense Committee in reference to the members of the Socialist Workers Party in Minneapolis."

"It has always been important, but in this hour of democracy's crisis it is doubly important that undemocratic leaders be not allowed to prevent justice to their own side. Whether we agree or disagree on basic philosophies of life, or whether we be black or white, Jew or Gentile, Protestant or Catholic—we are Americans all. Whenever the Civil Liberties of any one American or any American group are threatened, then the Civil Liberties of all are

NLRB Reverses Crooked Blair Ruling; Vote Upholds Claim of 544-CIO that Drivers Will Never Vote for Tobin

In the first election test between Local 544-CIO and Tobin's AFL "544," the Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO has won a smashing 2-1 victory over Tobin's gangster-ridden outfit.

The election, conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, was held last Friday afternoon for the twelve drivers and helpers at the Waterman-Waterbury plant. Eight men voted to have Local 544-CIO represent them; only four voted for the AFL.

Tobin's AFL Warehouse Union Local 359 also took it on the chin when the production workers at Waterman's voted, 18-9, to be represented by the CIO Machinists Local 1140.

Local 544-CIO and CIO Local 1140 will immediately open joint negotiations for a union working agreement covering all Waterman-Waterbury workers.

The NLRB election, sought by both Local 544-CIO and Local 1140, reverses the decision of Governor Stassen's former state labor conciliator, Alfred Blair, to deny democratic elections to the drivers and warehousemen of Minneapolis. In granting the election, the NLRB has decided after hearings conducted by a trial examiner, that the Blair decision is no bar to elections among the Minneapolis drivers and warehousemen. Local 544-CIO has not yet placed other election petitions before the NLRB because the union is awaiting the decision of the District Court in Ramsey County to review the Blair decision.

Supports 544-CIO Claims

"Through the struggle of the Minneapolis drivers against Dictator Dan Tobin, president of the AFL Teamsters International, Local 544-CIO, has changed, week after week, that the Minneapolis drivers and warehousemen would choose Local 544-CIO over Tobin's union whenever the time came to exercise the democratic right to vote. The 2-1 victory at Waterman-Waterbury supports Local 544-CIO's claim to the bill.

Despite the fact that the Waterman drivers were subjected to vicious threats from Tobin's goons, and were subjected to heavy pressure from the company to vote for Tobin, the men voted, 8-4, for Local 544-CIO.

Results of the Waterman election were awaited with intense interest, not only by drivers throughout the city, but by the bosses and Tobin. Last Wednesday the Minneapolis STAR published a lengthy story on the pending vote, pointing out that the "NLRB GIVES CIO 544 FIRST ELECTION CHANCE—the national labor relations board today granted CIO-544 its first chance to compete with AFL-544 for an election to determine the bargaining agent for employees of a Minneapolis firm. The company was one of more than 500 in Minneapolis, covering virtually the entire trucking industry in the area, for which AFL-544 was certified as the bargaining agent September 25 by the former state labor conciliator, A. P. Blair. . . . In the Waterman-Waterbury case, the NLRB apparently decided after hearings by a trial examiner that the Blair decision was no bar to an election. . . ."

No doubt the boss press, after consulting with the company, anticipated a Tobin victory. Charged at Local 544-CIO's victory, the STAR buried the news in a brief item in the inside pages, under a meaningless headline. The other Minneapolis papers refused to print the news.

AFL Plans Violence

Prior to the election, Tobin's hoodlums visited the Waterman plant and threatened the men with violence if they dared vote for Local 544-CIO. The AFL threatened they would organize a boycott against the plant, and beat up the men there, if they exercised their democratic choice to vote CIO. Company officials likewise applied pressure on Tobin's behalf. Despite all threats and pres-

sure, the Waterman victory marks a long step forward in clearing the road for all Minneapolis drivers, helpers and warehousemen to win democratic elections and re-establish their rights and their union. If the workers at one plant can win elections, so can all other workers. Drivers are urged to get in touch immediately with Local 544-CIO and initiate steps to secure a democratic election through the National Labor Relations Board.

UCW Wins Election in Winona

The CIO United Construction workers, with which Local 544-CIO is affiliated, won an NLRB election held last week in Winona, Minnesota. Workers at the Archer-Daniels-Midland company voted, 54 to 38, for the United Construction Workers as their bargaining agent.

The UCWOC has won several other recent elections in southern Minnesota.

In danger, and this is the issue in Minneapolis." Sincerely, DR. ADAM S. POWELL, JR., Councilman, Borough of Manhattan.

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Bob Cramer and Governor Stassen

The LABOR REVIEW is the official organ of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. Its editor is Robley D. Cramer. He is an old-time radical. At one time he thought so much of his opinions that he went to jail and served out a sentence rather than alter his convictions. For that action he must be applauded. In times past, he was a champion of the underdog in the international class struggle. Haywood, Mooney, Billings, Sacco and Vanzetti—in fact, every victim of ruling class persecution in the last two decades has found Cramer's pen dripping ink in horrid protest against these injustices. It took courage to raise one's voice in many of these cases. It took more than courage, it took an understanding of the struggle of the workers.

Go back, if you will, to the files of the LABOR REVIEW. Its pages were a shining window in the darkness of the American labor scene. It was, perhaps, the most progressive sheet published as an official organ of the AFL in the United States. Its editor was a man of intelligence, one who understood the labor movement, and not just its surface politics either.

Bob Cramer is no dumbbell, no dope. He is anything but that. He has been the editor of the LABOR REVIEW for the past 25 years. This record alone means something, and may perhaps explain to some extent what follows:

On June 9, 1941, a great change came over Cramer. Before this date Cramer was a man with a CAUSE. And then something happened.

But before we go into that, let's have a look at Cramer's politics. Cramer was one of the founders of the Farmer-Labor Party. In fact, he was not only one of the "inner circle," but he was at once guardian of its purity and high priest and official spokesman. If Floyd Olson was the front, then Bob was always somewhere in the background. And did he hate Republicans! You just bet he did. He was a professional hater of Republicans, and good.

When the Stassen machine took over the state, the rage of Cramer knew no bounds. When the Republican legislature enacted the Minnesota Labor Relations Act (in the LABOR REVIEW, Cramer properly named it the Stassen Slave Law), Bob was fit to be tied.

Tons of printers' ink was spilled in the pages of the REVIEW, denouncing Stassen and calling upon the workers to fight against the Slave Law. Again, Cramer was right.

Now, go back again to the files of the LABOR REVIEW. From the time of Stassen's election until June 9, 1941, there was scarcely an issue of Cramer's paper that did not contain an attack on Stassen, on the Slave Labor Law, and on Republicans in general.

In fact, so vitriolic were the articles appearing in the Central Labor Union paper that some of the AFL leaders of Minneapolis—who were not so mad at Stassen—tried to check Bob. He defied them. But keep the dates in mind. This was BEFORE June 9, 1941.

On June 9th the membership of the General Drivers Union voted to secede from the AFL Teamsters International and to accept a charter from the CIO. Shortly after June 9th, twenty-nine persons were indicted on framed-up "conspiracy" charges by the federal grand jury. Almost without exception, these 29 persons were long-time militant workers in the union movement. They fought for and defended ideals once held by Cramer and others of his kind.

With the secession of Local 544 from the AFL, there came down upon its leaders the most shameful wave of ruling-class persecution ever recorded in the annals of American labor history. Frame-ups, indictments, charges, slander, governmental interference, the flouting of law by federal, state and city government, all inspired by the top bureaucrats of the American Federation of Labor. Every local and state trade union job-holder became at once the prosecutor and hangman for the witch-hunting AFL higher-ups.

NOW TURN AGAIN TO THE ISSUES OF THE LABOR REVIEW SINCE JUNE 9, 1941. You will find NOT ONE SINGLE WORD written there in defense of the leaders of Local 544. Not a line protesting the "sedition" trial held right here in Minneapolis, a trial that has drawn protest from organized labor in every state in the union, a trial that has drawn condemnation from all that is best in the nation. Not a line about the similar fake "embezzlement" trial of Postal Kelly now unfolding in Minneapolis. Not a stick of type in regard to the most shameful page in the story of the American labor movement.

But more strange and wonderful than all else is the fact that Cramer has apparently forgotten all about his arch enemy, Governor Stassen. Since June 9, 1941, not one word has Cramer said about the instigator and author of the Stassen Slave Law. Maybe it's a good law now? But Cramer should know.

How Tobin Aids Hitler

One of the strongest weapons used by the declining capitalist system in Germany, and by fascist movements everywhere, to break up the solidarity of the workers, is the vile and reactionary weapon of race prejudice. In America, race prejudice has hitherto been resorted to only by such reactionary anti-labor groups and individu-

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunn

Well, it seems like old times to be talking to members of 544. Time, trials and tribulations can never alter the fact that here in Minneapolis, we, I mean all of us, built the most powerful, militant, honest trade union ever erected in the United States.

Local 544 was formed on a program so sound that it exercised a profound influence on the whole trade union structure of this country.

The success achieved by Local 544 was not brought about by accident. It forged ahead, and led the whole union movement, because it was guided by the principle that the purpose of a union is to advance and promote the welfare of its members. Nothing else.

By promoting the welfare of the membership, I mean securing for the rank and file of the union higher wages and improved working conditions and job security.

You cannot have your cake and eat it too. If your labor organization becomes a sick benefit association, that is exactly what you will have—and not a very good one, either. If your union piles up its funds to pay a death premium, then you will have an insurance organization. But history shows that this sort of a union death benefit is more expensive and less satisfactory than can be purchased from an insurance company organized for that purpose.

You may say: "I can't afford insurance." But that is just where you are wrong. If your union is a real union, a LABOR organization, whose leaders fight unceasingly for more wages and better conditions, then the world is your oyster. With good wages you can buy health, accident and death insurance and every other thing every worker wants for himself and his family.

The present Tobin-appointed "leadership"—the goons and slugs and the job-hungry slim that has now holed to the top of the local AFL union are trying to sell you the pills, the froth and the abracadabra.

But these so-called leaders cannot and will not engage Minneapolis employers in the struggle that stands high and above every other consideration—that is the fight for a higher wage level for the membership.

They have not the courage. Oh sure, they may bend a blackjack over your skull, or hire a slagger to "take" you in a dark alley, or threaten you with loss of your job. But they do not have the moral courage to swim against the stream, to risk the displeasure of the bosses, the vilification of the daily newspapers, the frown of

als as the Ku Klux Klan, the German-American Bund, Father Goughlin and such trash.

In recent weeks however, Dictator Dan Tobin of the AFL Teamsters, in addition to his attacks on union democracy, has resorted to the basest appeals to race prejudice, for the purpose of furthering his raid against the Brewery Workers Union.

We call attention to the article in the February issue of Tobin's personal organ, the AFL International Teamster, entitled "Where Is Schickelgruber?" The article reads as follows:

"The planey Brewery Workers' Union is wondering why their membership is decreasing then in the Twin Cities to join the thoroughly American Teamsters Union. Well, here's the result of an election by that union in St. Paul. These are the new officers: John Pateman, Harry Kohlsiedt, August Herzog, Joseph Danish, Carl Rauer, George Benzel, Frank Dichtman, Raymond Lanzmeier, Frank Wenzong, Carl Langswisch and Otto Biedt. The national officers of this outlaw union, recently expelled by the AFL because they refused to obey the American laws of American labor, are Joseph Obengfell, Albert I. Kugler and William J. Kramelstein. Everybody seems to be there but Brother Schickelgruber."

Such an article as that published by Tobin is on its face nothing but a vicious indictment to prejudice against all workers with foreign-sounding names, and particularly against workers of German descent. Such an article by Tobin plays right into the hands of Hitler and his murderous fascist gang.

Hitler and his skilled propagandists unquestionably pick up such articles as this and call them to the attention of the German masses, trying to make the German people believe that the American workers hate them. Hitler is thus able to divert the wrath of the German workers from himself and his bloody fascist system.

And such arguments carry weight with the German masses, and postpone by that much the eventually certain workers' revolution against Hitler's vile system in Germany.

For penning such base innuendoes, to raze prejudice in the United States, Tobin ought to have his ears pinned back (figuratively, of course) by every decent trade unionist in the nation. Tobin's game is Hitler's game.

Against all those vicious forces in society who seek to divide the workers, and who seek to incite them to race prejudice, Local 544-CIO is proud that it has always stood for brotherhood, that it has judged a worker not by whether he was a "foreigner" or a "native," a German or an Englishman, a Jew or Gentile, a Negro or a Japanese, but by whether he was an honest man, devoted to the interests of labor and of progressive trade unionism.

We'd like to read Assistant Attorney General Henry Schweinhaut's mind when he discovers the vile game that Tobin is trying to play in his unprincipled raid on the Brewery Workers Union.

Tobin and the labor bureaucrats and the never-ending struggle with all the odds against them. They like peace and quiet, and they buy it at your expense.

They dread being the victims of court trials, frame-ups, expulsions and hungry days and nights. Quiet dinners with the employers are much to be preferred. The security of their own jobs becomes the most important consideration for them.

But supper parties never raised wages. A boss's handshake and a boss's smile never brought shorter hours for the rank and file. Moral cowardice and the love of ease are a bar to improving conditions of the membership. With every smile, with every handshake, with every bit of boss-collaboration by the union leadership, some part of your hard-won conditions slip away, never to return.

Your union, our union, my union, is today headed for destruction and decay. No trade union can be better than its leadership. When a union elects its leaders, it selects among its members those whom the majority trust to carry out the union's program, whatever that may be. When the leaders fail their trust, they are replaced in subsequent elections.

However, when the leaders are imposed from above (by Tobin), the picture is quite different. Right or wrong, such leaders maintain their position by brute force and the authority of Tobin.

This brand of leadership, dedicated to the policy of appeasing the bosses, to the program of peace at any price, and to Tobin's program of "hell-with-the-membership," can only drag the whole union down to its own level. This is as sure as that day will follow night.

In the eight-year struggle waged by the old leadership of Local 544—the struggle against the boss press, against the employers, against reactionaries in and out of the labor movement, against the Associated Industries and the Citizens Alliance—your leaders were guilty on one count. They waged an honest, never-ending, uncompromising fight against the employers, in the interests of a higher standard of living for the membership. Any union leader who does less only sows the seeds of destruction.

Now comes a question that should interest every member of Local 544: Does the present program and leadership of Local 544-AFL meet with the approval of Minneapolis employers? No, not quite. (The bosses don't want any drivers' union at all.) But from their standpoint, the Tobin-dominated organization here is a vast improvement for them.

Ask for an election in Tobin's union today, and see for yourself how far you will get. In order to protect the rights and conditions you have built up at such sacrifice during past years, you are discovering that you have to fight not only the bosses but the Tobin leadership as well. The only road for drivers to take is to press for your lawful rights to vote for the labor organization you wish to represent. You. Vote CIO!

Brewery Men Take Case To NLRB

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Detroit is rapidly becoming as bad as it was in New York a few years ago.

Charges Verified

The Detroit director of markets, Mr. Branch, states that the charges against the Tobin machine are "essentially correct. Our investigation shows that last spring the AFL Teamsters Union Local 857 took over, more or less by dress, the drivers and workers in local wholesale poultry and egg establishments who formerly had been members of the AFL Local 428 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters. After this the union, early last fall, started to compel the out-of-town truck operators who bring truckloads of poultry and eggs to our local wholesale merchants to also join the union."

Branch charges that the AFL Teamsters have charged initiation fees up to \$375 on smaller dealers buying supplies at the terminal, but then the AFL later cut the fee to \$27. "From reliable sources I have learned that poultry and egg drivers entering Detroit last summer were told to join the AFL Teamsters' Union and were charged \$27 for each occupant of the truck, whether drivers or helpers."

The AFL Teamsters' outfit in Detroit doesn't bother to collect "dues" and "initiation fees" from the out-of-town truckers, but has made an arrangement for a check-off whereby the wholesale bosses collect the money, according to the charges.

Red O'Laughlin, Tobin's international organizer in charge of Minneapolis operations, came here from Detroit several months ago.

Tobin Gunmen Are Due for Sentencing

George O'Brien and Axel Soderberg, trustee and organizer for the AFL "544", are due to be sentenced early this week for criminal assault on Walter Doree, Hill City farmer.

Both pleaded guilty in their recent trial to attacking the farmer following an argument over a truck.

Laugh-of-the-Week
Dictator Dan Tobin, who has about the same belief in democracy as has Adolf Hitler, shouting in the February issue of his International Teamsters' blabber about "our obligation to abide by the decision of the majority."

544 Heads Are Denied Jobless Pay

Tobin Helps State Establish Evil Precedent

If you have occasion in the future to apply for your unemployment insurance, and you get turned down, you can thank Tobin's Quislings here for having done their utmost to establish a precedent against paying unemployment insurance to workers entitled to such payment.

Last September most of the staff members of Local 544-CIO applied for their unemployment insurance. The Tobin Quislings, led by Harold Seavey immediately protested to the state that the insurance should not be paid.

For five months the state unemployment office has exhausted its ample supply of red tape in postponing a decision on the claims of the 544-CIO leaders. Several hearings were held, at which Seavey and the cut-rate leader of AFL "544" testified.

Last Saturday, the state unemployment office finally notified the 544-CIO men their claims had been rejected.

No chiseling boss ever fought harder against a worker's claim for unemployment insurance than the Tobin machine fought against the claims of the 544-CIO leaders.

Local 544-CIO will continue to press its claims, appealing from the decision of the three-man tribunal. It is necessary to win these claims in order to prevent an important precedent from being established, which would permit employers to deny unemployment insurance to workers.

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Perjurer Bartlett Fired by AFL '544'

Job-Hungry Cliques in Tobin Union Fight Each Other for Leadership

James Bartlett, Tobin's chief perjurer in the recent "sedition" trial and leader of the "Committee of 99," has been fired from the staff of AFL "544." Bartlett was Tobin's leading instrument here through which the dictator of the AFL Teamsters International manufactured fake charges against the leaders of 544, and called in the FBI in an effort to railroad the builders of the drivers' movement to prison.

Bartlett Turned Down

Reports from the AFL headquarters indicate that Bartlett was fired in the following manner: For months the AFL staff has been torn with dissension. Grievances have gone unsettled, the membership refused to pay dues. Various cliques arose and have been fighting among themselves in an unprincipled manner for leadership.

Recently, an organizer was fired by AFL "544." He obtained a put from Bartlett and is reported to have threatened five leaders of the Tobin outfit. Seizing upon this

incident, the AFL "544" executive board met and voted to fire the said Bartlett.

Bartlett, outraged, carried his case to the last AFL membership meeting. The few members in attendance, after listening to Bartlett's spiel, voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the board.

Less reports have it that Bartlett has gone back to work managing his bowling alley.

Several other AFL "organizers," among them some who gave perjured testimony against the leaders of Local 544-CIO in the recent "sedition" trial, are also reported out.

Scores of Unions Pledge Support, Contribute to 18

Despite War, Labor Continues Defense Of Its Rights—Church Group Sends \$50 — I.W.W. Defense Committee Sends \$100

Since the last issue of the INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZER on December 20th, scores of CIO and AFL unions and state union councils, church groups, defense committees and labor political groups have adopted resolutions and donated funds for the 18 members of Local 544-CIO and the Socialist Workers Party. Despite the war, labor support for the appeal from the verdict in the "sedition" trial mounts daily.

Among the recent organizations to pledge solidarity and contribute funds to the Civil Rights Defense Committee are the following:

The CIO Marine Cooks & Stewards Association of the Pacific Coast has adopted a resolution protesting the prosecution of the leaders of Local 544-CIO and the Socialist Workers Party, and requesting affiliated CIO locals "to give their full moral and financial aid to these defendants." The union condemned the use of governmental agencies to oppress and harass any labor or political organization.

Local 120 of the United Eubner Workers adopted a resolution protesting the Department of Justice persecution of 544-CIO and the Socialist Workers Party, endorsed the work of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, and sent a financial contribution for the defense.

Dodge Local 3 of the United Auto Workers contributed \$50 to the defense and sent a letter signed by Secretary John A. Zambra pledging solidarity to the 18 convicted workers.

New Jersey CIO Protests

The New Jersey State Industrial Union Council of the CIO, representing more than 250,000 workers, has pledged its vigorous support to the 18 defendants and calls upon its affiliates to give "support in this case," to aid in the appeal of this case to the Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of the Smith Act and free the eighteen defendants.

The General Defense Committee of the I.W.W. sent contribution of \$100 to the CRDC with a letter expressing the hope that "this small donation will help you in your efforts to vindicate these fellow workers of any wrong done against society."

Local 9 of the Industrial Workers of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, of Los Angeles, contributed \$25 toward support of appeal.

Local 1845 of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, of Huntington Park, Calif., donated to aid the defense.

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Church Liberals Donate

The Church Emergency Relief Committee has sent a check \$50 "to be applied for relief expenses of the families of the Minneapolis prisoners. . . . We were glad if you might convey good wishes to the families of (defendants). The money comes from liberal-minded church people from all parts of the United States."

Local 433 of the Plaything Novelty Workers, CIO, of Bridgeport, Conn., likewise sent a financial contribution.

Local 203 of the International Typographical Union of New Jersey, has pledged its support.

The state legislative conference of Labor's Non-Partisan League of New Jersey has adopted a resolution calling on all affiliates to support the defense of the 18 members of Local 544-CIO and SWP. The League, representing many AFL and CIO unions, notified the Smith Gag Law as "dangerous weapon against labor and the democratic rights of the American people," and protested "the use of the FBI to interfere with the democratic procedure of the labor movement."

More Unions Donate

In addition, contributions have been received from Local 854 of the United Auto Workers, Syracuse, N. Y.; Local 6-28 of the CIO International Woodworkers of America, District Council of the United Auto Workers, Local 410, N. Y.; Midland Steel Local 20, UAW, Detroit; Local 20 UAW, Detroit; Republic Local 1743 of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Buffalo, N. Y.; General Electric Local 203 of the United Electrical Workers; Local 836 of the UAW, Saginaw, Michigan, etc., etc.

Such broad support from thousands of labor throughout the country clearly indicates that the best sections of the labor movement understand that, war or no war, it is necessary to continue to fight to protect civil liberties and workers rights.

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