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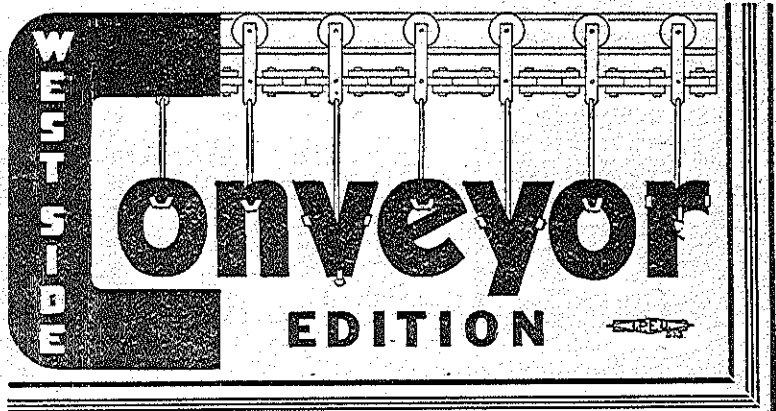
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## JOINT COUNCIL

SATURDAY JUNE 24 AT 10:30 AM  
and  
SATURDAY JULY 8 AT 10:30 AM



The Brown McLaren picket line that won the strike.

## TERNSTEDT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday June 16 at 7:30 P. M.

Findlater Hall

Lafayette and Waterman

**VOTE** On how you want to be called back to work!

Many workers are being called back to work. The Committee has worked out seniority groupings for each plant. This will determine how the workers will be called back. The groupings are a combination of occupational and division-wide seniority arrangement.

**Be SURE it's what YOU want!**  
**Come out and VOTE!**

Be on time and the meeting will be short.  
Bring your dues receipt.

## West Side Whispers

The celebration in the Union Hall after the Brown-McLaren strike was won was like a revival meeting of the picket gang in a tabernacle. They all got singing the good old union songs. Experience is the best teacher. No one appreciates the union until he gets sore feet on the picket line. Don't take the Whisperer's word for it—ask Ivor Johns or George Hollway or any of the pickets. . . . The girls of the women's auxiliary sure were on the job in the kitchen, on the picket line, on chiseling committees, even at the Briggs Stadium affair, and after all that exercise they danced the paw-paw dance at the national auxiliary party on Sproat St. The auxiliaries from Cleveland and other auto towns sure enjoyed that show and dance. . . . I'd like to

know what Babe Gellis was telling the policeman who was pulling her by the arm and taking her to the Trumbull jug; and also Marion Bascom—well, the gals sure have what it takes. . . . The West Side ice girls are sorely missed at the Saturday dances in the Union Hall. What's wrong, gals, is boy friend getting jealous? . . . West Side entertainment committee, getting ready for the picnic Aug. 19, is getting the breaks as usual. First they try Holland beer, then Pfeiffers, Goebels, and all the rides at the different parks. Some new members on the committee are Mabel and Elizabeth from Precision Spring. They know how to pick them at that plant. . . . Nice to see you around every so often, Verna; you too, sweetheart—ask Ma who we mean.

## Brown McLaren Members End Victorious Strike With Fine Settlement

### STEWARDS REINSTATED; RUNAWAY MOVE STOPPED

The 3-week strike of West Side Local's militant Brown McLaren division ended in victory June 8 when the proposed agreement was unanimously approved by the strikers. Work was resumed at the plant. The picket line was so effective that the company didn't even try to operate during the strike.

The strike was called May 17 when Chief Steward Harold Sharpe was laid off in violation of the seniority clause. The company had also been moving machinery to its runaway plant at Hamburg, Mich.

### West Side Picnic

Remember the dandy picnics West Side Local had last year and the year before? Then get ready for a still better one this year.

Chairman Louie DuLong and his entertainment committee are hard at work on arrangements for the WEST SIDE PICNIC Saturday, Aug. 19 at Edgewater Park.

Keep that date reserved for the biggest and best union picnic in the history of the UAW-CIO. Get tickets at the dues office.

### Huron Forge

SPECIAL MEETING Friday June 16 at 7:30 pm at Union Hall, 2730 Maybury Grand near Michigan. We nominate plant officers for the coming year and hold the election of stewards. Important—everybody out!

### Use Union Polish

Members of West Side Local's McAleer division point out that their plant is the only union shop in the country making polishes and buffing compounds for the auto industry. Every employe belongs to the union and we have a closed shop in practice because no nonunion people work in the shop.

All union men on buffing and polishing jobs in other plants should ask for McAleer compounds, says Plant Chairman George Schewe, as they are the only union made compounds.

And when you wax or polish your car, be sure to use McAleer's.

### TOOL & DIE TO VOTE ON STRIKE

General Motors tool and die-makers, maintenance and engineering workers, meeting in Detroit Sunday, June 11 voted to take a strike vote next Sunday if necessary to win a supplementary agreement to the contract between the UAW-CIO and the G. M. corporation.

Next meeting Sun. June 18 at 10 am at 51 Sproat st.

Walter P. Reuther, director of the G. M. department of the UAW-CIO, declared that such a strike would completely tie up all work on tools and dies for G. M.'s 1940 models. If a strike is voted, he said, it will not apply to production workers or to skilled men engaged in repairing tools and dies for the 1939 cars.

Pres. R. J. Thomas of the UAW-CIO, promised the full support of the international union. William Stevenson, president of Tool & Die Local 157, Detroit, presided.

Reuther, himself a tool and die maker, told the meeting that G. M. had received notice last October, under the contract with the UAW-CIO, of the desire of the union for a supplementary agreement. He said a request to resume

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moving machinery to its runaway plant at Hamburg, Mich. The strike settlement restored Bro. Sharpe to his rights under the seniority provision, stops the movement of any machinery for three months, permits an audit of the company books by union auditors and leaves all toolroom operations in the Detroit plant until every man with seniority has been called back.

Plant Chairman George Hollway and Organizer Victor Reuther led the union negotiators.

The settlement was followed by a luscious celebration that will be remembered with delight by both union and company representatives. Matters of worldwide concern were thoroughly threshed out during the celebration with vigorous statesmanlike gestures. A party at the Union Hall took place after the vote on the agreement.

The three months in which no machinery can be moved will be used by the UAW to organize the Hamburg plant and the non-union competitors in the screw products industry.

"West Side Local realizes the problems faced by management under competitive conditions and will do its part to help solve them," declared Pres. Manning. "We want all our members employed."

The cooperation of unionists in Ternstedt, Universal Cooler, Handy Governor and other plants, who refused to handle the struck Brown McLaren products, was an effective factor in winning the strike.

The help of merchants and others who donated to the strike kitchen was also a much appreciated item.

## NATIONAL GM COUNCIL ASKS A GUARANTEED ANNUAL WAGE

A guaranteed annual wage on the basis of 40 hours a week pay for five days work, six hours a day, was demanded by the national G. M. council of the UAW-CIO which met in Detroit June 10 and 11.

The council also demanded the union shop in a new contract to be negotiated with G. M. as soon as union strength and the date of the new production season permit.

The council, meeting with Director Walter P. Reuther of the union's G. M. department, elected an executive committee with Wm.

Stevenson, Local 157, Detroit, chairman; John Livingston, Local 25, St. Louis; George Morelli, Local 235, Detroit; Art Johnstone, Local 594, Pontiac; and Ed Geiger, Local 599, Flint.

The delegates to the national G. M. council of the meeting in Detroit June 10 and 11 were:

### SUBCOUNCIL No. 1

Edmund Geiger, Buick Local 599, Flint; Arthur Johnstone, Yellow Truck Local 594, Pontiac; Emil Luter, Fisher Body Local 596, Pontiac; Arthur Sampson,

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## Briggs Workers Win

The Briggs settlement, reached June 6, was approved by a membership meeting of 3,000 strikers. Enthusiasm ran high as Intl. Pres. R. J. Thomas and Pres. Emil Mazey of Local 212 outlined the gains.

Deafening cheers greeted Mazey's report to the strikers, who had stayed out for more than two weeks with not a single deserter.

The strike victory came toward the end of the production season, when strikes are usually at a disadvantage. It was fought through with daily picketing of seven plants. All Detroit locals heartily supported it. Hundreds of workers from other plants joined in the picketing.

Remarkable solidarity was shown by the Chrysler workers. 55,000 of them were made idle when the Briggs company forced the strike.

Despite two weeks of unemployment, Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler and other locals were ready to stay out as long as the Briggs workers needed them.

The contract won by Briggs was

described by Mazey as one of the best in the automobile industry. The strike also won reinstatement of 12 workers who had been unjustly fired.

Here are other gains in the new contract:

1. Exclusive bargaining rights for Briggs Local 212, UAW-CIO.  
2. A national agreement covering Detroit, Highland Park and Evansville, Ind. plants.

3. Pay for members of the shop committee for time spent in weekly meetings with the company.

4. Union stewards and agrieved members together will take up grievances with the company, as the first stage of the grievance machinery. The old contract read "union members or stewards."

5. The negotiating committee and the management meet on the



request of the committee, within 24 hours, instead of five days, as previously provided.

6. Employees unfairly discharged shall be rehired with all back pay. The old agreement said five days pay at the most.

#### TIME AND A HALF

7. Powerhouse operators and helpers receive time and a half after 44 hours instead of 48.

8. Maintenance men receive time and a half after eight hours, time and a half all Saturday and double time Sunday. The old provision called for straight time Saturdays and Sundays.

9. Employees transferred from a lower to a higher classification receive 5 cents below the higher rate. They receive the maximum after 28 days.

10. Employees starting work before regular time get time and a half for that period, except Sundays and legal holidays, when they get doubletime. The old contract provided for straight time.

11. Departmental chief stewards, demoted for lack of work or a abolition or curtailment of shifts, retain their seniority as chief stewards for a year.

12. The company to furnish an up-to-date seniority list to all employees.

#### NO LUNCH PUNCH

13. Workers ring in at the start and end of each shift, instead of also during the lunch period as in the old contract.

14. Employees previously employed shall be recalled before new workers are hired.

15. Motor-driven tools, acetylene and gas torches to be placed on the line permanently, eliminating the necessity of workers getting their tools on their own time.

16. All employees to be paid on company time.

17. More union bulletin boards in the plants.

18. Foremen not to perform work which deprives workers of their jobs.

19. The no-strike clause is eliminated. The new contract provides only that there shall be no strike until all steps of the grievance machinery are exhausted.

The old clauses forbidding the company to coerce union members, interfere with or restrain them in their legitimate union activity are also in the new contract.

The grievance machinery has been greatly improved and the steward system strengthened. The 8-hour day, 40-hour week continues and there are numerous wage increases, particularly in overtime provisions.

#### Win at Brown-McLaren

The strike at Brown McLaren Mfg. Co., Detroit screw products shop, ended June 8, the same day as the Briggs strike. It was also highly successful. The settlement was signed for West Side Local 174 by Org. Victor Reuther and Plant Committeemen George Holloway, Harold Sharpe and John Adams.

Chief Steward Sharpe was reinstated, the runaway movement was stopped and a new agreement was made. No machinery is to be moved out of the Detroit plant in the next three months and no tool and die work farmed out, either to the company's Hamburg, Mich. plant or contract shops, until every man with seniority in the department has been called back.

Effective pressure on the company was exerted by other UAW-CIO plants where the members refused to touch scab products. These shops included Ternstedt, Motor Products, Auto-Lite, Universal Cooler and Detroit Lubricator.

The 3-month breathing space will be used to organize the Hamburg runaway plan and the competitors of the concern.

#### COMPANY UNION WINS

Assisted by officials and foremen of Graham-Paige, the company union there won an informal election for committeemen June 9. Affidavits in the hands of Regional Director R. T. Leonard tell of the pressure used by foremen on employees to vote for the company union slate.

# THE BRIGGS STRIKE SETTLEMENT

## CIO Triumphs in Challenge Provoked by the Management

The Briggs Mfg. Co. deliberately provoked the strike that ended June 7, Pres. Emil Mazey of Briggs Local 212, UAW-CIO, reported to the membership in a Detroit broadcast the following day.

The management provoked the strike as a challenge to the strength of the CIO, he said, and the management discovered that the CIO is a power not to be trifled with. Portions of Mazey's report follow:

"Much has been said in the public press and over the radio about the advisability of our strike and what it could achieve. While we are convinced that the settlement we have now negotiated could have been just as easily realized without shutting down the Briggs plants, we are just as convinced that the company had something in mind in this dispute too.

#### TEST OF STRENGTH

"We are thoroughly of the opinion that the Briggs Mfg. Co. was seeking once again to test the strength of the CIO in their shops. This becomes increasingly evident when we realize that for more than a week after the strike had begun the Briggs management showed no inclination to bring about a settlement.

"U.S. Conciliator Dewey in his rulings substantiated the union's claims for the reinstatement of 12 of the 15 discharged workers and upheld the company in only one instance.

"In this ruling on our grievances the union feels that Mr. Dewey has completely justified our insistence that the Briggs management has used poor judgement on many occasions in its relationship with its employees and therefore we have been justified in demanding a redress of our grievances.

"In the new agreement we can list 19 outright improvements over our last year's contract.

"I think we are safe in concluding from this overwhelming evidence that the union's claims have been just claims. In the eyes of American labor Local 212 and our great international union of auto workers has carried out to a successful conclusion our defense of the rights of our people.

#### FOUR BIG PROBLEMS

"We fully realized on the eve of our strike that we had four major problems to face. First, we were convinced that the management was incorrigible toward the union and this was going to make it difficult for us to minimize the effects of the shutdown.

"Secondly, we faced a city political administration which we believed dedicated to an anti-labor policy.

"The third obstacle was the presence of an AFL organization which was only too willing to be a tool of the employers in an attempt to smash the CIO.

"Last of all, we were faced with the problem of having a local union membership that never before had been tested in a major struggle with their own company.

"The methods our members used in overcoming these difficulties certainly are a tribute to our people. In spite of the hostile attitude of the Briggs management towards signing a new contract with our union and in spite of the anti-union propaganda our membership stood solid.

"The attitude of the automobile manufacturers toward our strike is ably demonstrated by the following quotation taken from the June issue of The Annalist, an information bulletin of the manufacturers:

#### WANTED SHOWDOWN

"The Briggs strike may well prove to be a turning point for the better in automobile labor conditions, this journal said. Reports from Detroit last week indicate that the motor and motor accessory companies have decided the time has come for a showdown. The manufacturers feel that they have the upper hand for three reasons—namely, the production season is drawing to a close, the unions are fighting each other, and the membership is discouraged. The companies feel, therefore, that the time is ripe for concerted action and they do not propose



Babe Gelles and Marian Bascom (right) of Auxiliary 15, West Side Local 174, hold their own against the uniformed brute in the Briggs strike.

#### FAIR AND WORKABLE, SAYS PRES. THOMAS

Pres. Thomas said:

"The settlement of the Briggs strike is a victory for the UAW-CIO, as well as for the Briggs strikers. It embodies the essentials of a fair and workable agreement, which, if enforced, will insure stable and just industrial relationships in the Briggs plants.

"This has been the most serious industrial situation

to throw their opportunity away."

"Our membership must never forget the slogan with which we began this strike, and must leave no stone unturned in the future to continue to protect the aim expressed in that slogan—

"Every Briggs worker must know that when we strike, we win, and what we win, we keep." We have a victory comparable to our sacrifices. Let us now take the necessary steps to protect that victory."

#### TOOL & DIE (contd.)

negotiations, which broke off last December, was forwarded to the corporation June 8.

Urging the UAW-CIO union label stamped on all G. M. tools and dies. Reuther said the label would prevent "G. M. from farming out work to low-wage, non-union centers."

He said G. M. is "engaged on one of its heaviest production schedules of tools and dies. A recent strike in Philadelphia," he added, "kept most of the tool and die work in Detroit, where it is now in an unfinished state.

"G. M. can't afford a tieup of its 1940 tools and dies," Reuther continued. "On the other hand, it can't get enough tool and die-makers. If G. M. thinks we are going to complete its production program and then let them throw us out on the street for another nine months, they are badly mistaken. We are not going to do it. If G. M. refuses to honor its contract with the UAW-CIO, it will have to bear the responsibility."

The conference approved the following demands and set up a committee to work out wage and seniority clauses.

#### WAGES AND HOURS

Section 1: (a) The policy with regard to the work-week is subject to such national and state legislation which may apply. Employees shall not be required to work more than 8 consecutive hours in any one day, nor more than 40 hours in any one week, except as is hereinafter provided. No work-week shall be deemed to start on Sunday. There shall be a specified starting and quitting time, and men working before or after specified hours shall be paid overtime as hereinafter provided.

(b) Employees shall receive time

since the efforts to disrupt the UAW-CIO were launched several months ago. The victory shows what we have always known—that the ranks of the union are solid behind the UAW-CIO.

"I want to express the thanks of our union and its members to Mr. Dewey for his conscientious and able work in a difficult situation."

#### Text of Tool & Die Letter to GM

The following letter was delivered June 8 to V. Pres. C. W. Wilson of General Motors Corp., signed by UAW Pres. R. J. Thomas and Director Walter P. Reuther of the union's GM department:

"On Oct. 31, 1938, you received a letter from our organization notifying the General Motors Corp., in accordance with sections 15 and 16 of the agreement of March 7, 1938, of our desire to make certain enumerated changes and additions to our agreement.

"There were negotiations between representatives of the corporation and the union, which unfortunately have not been concluded.

"We are asking for a conference to resume negotiations and bring to speedy conclusion the points covered in section 11, paragraph (f) of the Oct. 31, 1938 letter, which deals with the question of a supplementary agreement.

"The delay in negotiations on this matter makes it imperative, from the point of view of the workers involved and the corpora-

and a half for all work over 8 hours in any one day, and over 40 hours in any one week, and the first 8 hours on Saturday.

(c) Doubletime shall be paid for Sundays, the following holidays and over 8 hours on Saturday, and over 2 hours overtime on Monday to Friday, inclusive. There shall be no work done on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, except by agreement with the shop committee: provided further, that tryout work on Sunday shall be excepted from the need for agreement with shop committee and shall not exceed 10 hours on Sunday.

(d) In no case shall overtime be compulsory.

Section 2: Any employee who takes advantage of the overtime provisions mentioned herein by working overtime hours and then losing time by coming in late, or laying off without good cause during the same pay period, shall be subject to disciplinary measures by the union. Any employee sent home before having worked 2 hours, or permitted to come to work without having been properly notified that there would be

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

### Women in Strikes

Think of this, union men: In time of strike the woman in the home is either a strong force for union solidarity or she is a drag and a hindrance.

The manufacturers know this only too well. They send people to visit Mrs. Union Wife and tell her stories to break down her faith in you and your brother unionists on strike.

If your wife is to be of real assistance during a strike she should have the organizational tieup BEFORE the strike takes place. Then she feels the justice of the strike and how necessary unions are to protect the worker and his family.

That organization is the Women's Auxiliary. Have your wife, your sister, your mother, your sweetheart, join the auxiliary of your local. If your local has none, see that one is organized. The UAW-CIO headquarters will help you.

#### NEWSPAPER GUILD STRIKE

The Chicago Newspaper Guild is entering the 6th month of its strike against the Hearst papers. The strikers need moral and financial support. Women in auto note the address: Hearst Strike Committee, 188 W. Randolph St., Chicago.

#### LONG BEACH

AUX. 42, Long Beach, Calif., opened a membership drive with an open house Friday June 2. Each sister was presented with a corsage of sweetpeas. Cake and coffee were served. We are looking forward to a gala crowd at our dance at the Skylight Cafe, 1111 Atlantic blvd., Compton, Calif., June 23 at 8:30 pm. Tickets 25c, Sister Marina Fletcher reports.

tion's production schedule on 1940 models, that negotiations be resumed and concluded at once.

"We are holding a national conference on Sunday, June 11, in Detroit, of GM workers directly involved in this question and would like an answer to our request in time to report to the conference. At any rate, we are requesting that negotiations be resumed early next week.

"We are certain that you will agree with us that further delays in these matters will not be conducive to efficient handling of problems of industrial relationships.

"We are anxious to settle these matters in accordance with the established American principles of collective bargaining.

"Looking forward to your immediate attention and cooperation on these problems, we remain

R. J. THOMAS, President,  
UAW-CIO.  
WALTER P. REUTHER,  
Director, GM Dept.

no work, shall receive a minimum of 2 hours pay at the regular hourly rate.

Section 3: It is further agreed that employees shall continue to receive 10 per cent per hour additional compensation for working upon the second and third shifts.

Seniority: 30 days probationary period. After 30 days, men employed in these divisions will acquire seniority.

Layoff Procedure: There shall be no layoffs of seniority men until the work-week is cut to 32 hours in their respective occupational groups.

Union Label: The company agrees to allow committeemen all time necessary to affix the UAW-CIO union label to all tools, dies, jigs, fixtures or special machinery when completed in its plants. The company agrees to use only tools, dies, jigs, and further agrees to produce in its own shops all its tools, dies, fixtures and other such equipment to the extent of the technical capacity of its shops.

This supplementary agreement shall be a part of the general agreement in existence between the UAW-CIO and the General Motors Corp.



# Michigan Grist of Laws is Reviewed

## Labor Relations Act Not So Bad as Was Feared

To labor, the most important issue in the session of the Michigan legislature that just closed was the labor relations act. The original bill as introduced by the late Gov. Fitzgerald was a masterpiece in anti-labor legislation. It required a majority vote of all employees before striking, only those employed at a struck plant to be allowed on the picket line and give recognition to company unions and strikebreakers, says UAW legislative representative Alan Strachan.

To this the house labor committee added 65 amendments making the bill even more vicious. It passed the house by 57 to 38, all Democrats voting in opposition. The senate rewrote the bill establishing a state labor relations board. All strikes before they are called must be reported to the board. It may endeavour to mediate the dispute. It is voluntary mediation.

It was necessary to include a harmless 5-day cooling off period to satisfy the house.

sharks was again the subject of controversy. The senate passed a bill reducing interest rates on loans of \$300 or less to 3 per cent a month for the first \$100 and 2½ per cent for the remainder. The former legal rate was 3½ per cent a month. The bill had the approval of the finance companies.

The bedsheet ballot in Michigan is now a thing of the past for both houses approved the narrow ballot bill. It will in future be considerably harder for minority and new political parties to get on the ballot.

A new welfare bill was adopted after heated debate between the rural and urban legislators. It is a compromise. The desperate welfare situation existing throughout the state brought little response from the rural legislators. A deficiency appropriation of \$4,000,000 was made, though the labor organizations and municipal officers protested that this was not nearly adequate. Eventually another \$750,000 was granted.

### WRECK CIVIL SERVICE

The Michigan civil service system had been considered by experts as one of the best in the country. The Republicans proceeded to tear it apart. They passed a bill which opened the door to the political spoilsmen.

The most troublesome problem to the Republican was that of balancing the budget. They promised no cut in school funds and no new taxes. As the session adjourned the budget was not balanced and the schools still did not know what they could expect. Welfare has been budgeted \$8,750,000 for each fiscal year, a hopelessly inadequate figure. The state spent over \$18,000,000 last year.

If the Republicans are determined to balance the budget it can only mean a cut in the school and welfare departments or the institution of new taxes.

The legislature meets June 27 to finally adjourn. Gov. Dickinson says he will call a special session if it adjourns without completing its work.

### KILL LITTLE DIES BILL

Sen. Baldwin, co-sponsor of the infamous Dunckel-Baldwin act of the 1935 legislature, introduced a bill to investigate any organization or individual upon charges preferred by any person that they were subversive. The sweeping powers and dangerous language caused a tremendous outburst from the labor movement and all liberal organizations. The bill became known as the "little Dies bill." Many groups demanded a public hearing. When it reached the floor of the senate Baldwin was unable to muster the 17 votes necessary for passage. Its defeat is a victory for the labor movement.

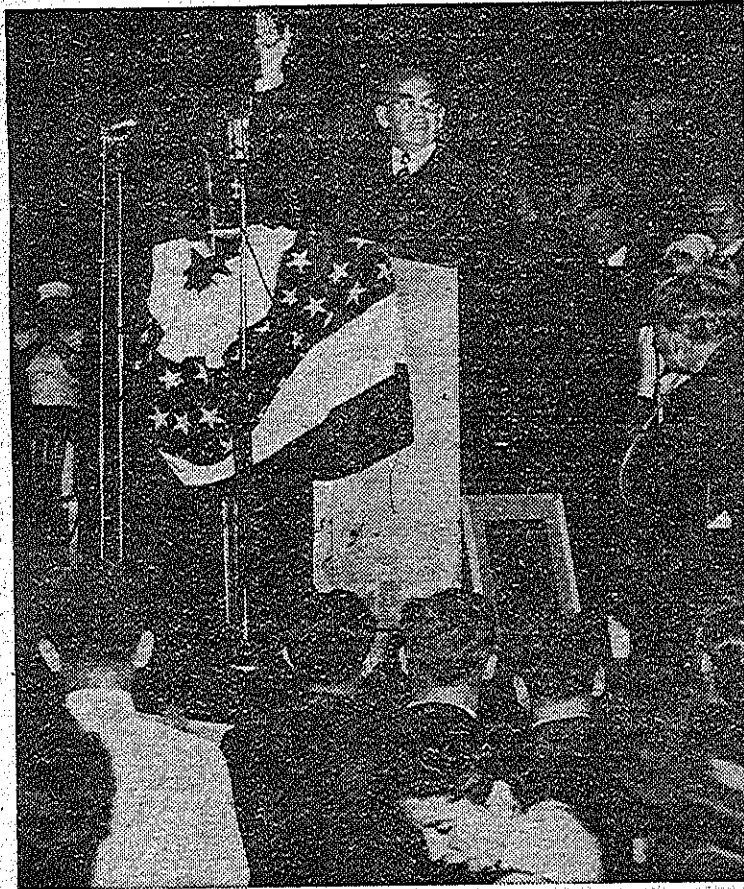
The legislature passed bills on cooperative hospital and medical care. They allow for non-profit health organizations of not less than seven people.

An excellent bill passed the house against the deficiency-judgment abuse was buried in the senate.

### REDUCE LOAN INTEREST

The regulating of small-loan

## Tom Mooney Urges Labor Unity



Mooney speaking in New York City.

FEDERATED PICTURES

Welcomed by a great throng at the Detroit airport June 10 and at a luncheon in his honor, Tom Mooney, world's most famous living labor martyr, made a telling speech for labor unity at the fair grounds the next day.

Over 7500 workers turned out on a raw day to hear Mooney deliver his message of labor solidarity. The meeting was under joint auspices of the CIO, AFL, and

Civil Rights Federation.

Pres. Thomas of the UAW-CIO had a message for the meeting and Intl. Rep. Victor Reuther made an effective collection speech.

The UAW had long been a champion of freedom for Mooney. He was framed up on a murder charge by California employers and financiers in 1915 and was pardoned by Gov. Olson early this year.



Rep. Joseph Casey, Massachusetts, denounces the attempts to clash the WPA in congress. He is author of the Casey bill to provide a WPA budget of \$250,000,000,000 and finance 3,000,000 WPA jobs next year.

## WPA MASS MEETING THURSDAY

Support of the Casey bill, now before congress, will be asked by the WPA mass meeting Thursday June 15 in Clark Park, Lafayette and Clark sts, Detroit at 7:30 pm.

Sec.-Treas. Addes of the UAW-CIO and other speakers will be there. The Dodge Local 3 band will play.

This bill, endorsed by the CIO, provides for a \$2,250,000,000 WPA appropriation for 1940, and 3,000,000 workers on WPA until private employment increases; and a labor bureau to handle grievances and increases in WPA wages, both

in hourly rates and monthly payments.

The meeting is sponsored by the Wayne County CIO council, the WPA Dept. of the UAW-CIO, Labor's Non-Partisan League and the United Office & Professional Workers.

"Congress is trying to smear WPA with reactionary attack," said Edwards. "Our only chance to be heard is to turn out at Clark Park Thursday night and show congress what Detroit workers demand."

## WPA DEPT. ADDS MEMBERS

The WPA Dept. of the UAW-CIO June 8 welcomed into its ranks 200 Detroit officers, stewards and members of a dying rump organization that got a still-born charter from the company union outfit.

The return home was led by Alex "Scotty" McKay, who resigned as president of the rump county unit.

"We learned that the rump outfit was a phony from the start," McKay explained.

### FIGHT SATURDAY WORK

The WPA Dept. Detroit steward body of the UAW-CIO is mobiliz-

ing to fight Saturday work, speedups and labor-displacing machinery on projects. It is ready to take strike action if necessary.

"The hysterical attempts by the WPA operations division to compete with what it thinks standards of private contractors are contrary to the basic principles of the WPA program," Director George Edwards of the union's WPA department, said. "These measures cause layoffs and overload the supervisors and time-keepers."

If negotiations fail, the UAW-CIO will be asked for strike authorization.

### UAW-CIO Record

In facing the welfare crisis in Detroit and Michigan the WPA-Welfare Dept., UAW-CIO, can list the following accomplishments, according to George Edwards:

- 1 1000 workers fired May 15 to be returned to WPA under "tempered" rulings.
  - 2 53 discrimination cases settled favorably and workers returned to WPA after being laid off April 8.
  - 3 Order cancelled for department of public welfare to investigate cases of persons laid-off WPA.
  - 4 3000 additional jobs won for Detroit from WPA.
  - 5 8-out of 16 discrimination cases returned to work in FLINT over threats of city manager to close all projects.
  - 6 Ban on single persons and childless couples lifted by the welfare.
  - 7 Review of 3000 single persons and childless couples, dropped from welfare, agreed to by welfare commission.
  - 8 \$750,000 welfare bill introduced into Michigan legislature and passed by senate—pending in house.
  - 9 Drinking fountains promised for all Detroit projects.
- "What we have had to do locally is only a reflection of what we'll have to do nationally," said Edwards. "The fight is on to defend WPA as a national institution."
- "The house appropriations committee in Washington has started hearings on the vitally important item of 1940 appropriations for WPA. They are refusing to hear any persons outside the government departments," Edwards stated. "The UAW has petitioned Washington for a hearing. We want congress to hear what the auto workers have to say about WPA."

The department has pledged support to the Casey Bill, H. R. 6470, embodies the principles advocated for the WPA by the CIO. Meetings and supporting committees are being planned. Any support of the bill should be communicated by writing both to your congressman and to Edward T. Taylor, chairman, house appropriations committee, Washington, D. C.

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### Flivver King

Ford Local 600, Dearborn, is asking other UAW-CIO locals to buy quantities of Upton Sinclair's Ford novel, The Flivver King, at 10c a copy.

All proceeds are used by the local and the national Ford organizing committee to carry on the Ford drive, Pres. Percy Llewellyn explains. Checks should be sent to him at 2730 Maybury Grand, Detroit.

## INFORMATION WANTED

By Competitive Shop Dept., UAW-CIO

All UAW-CIO locals having contracts with competitive shops are urgently requested to send the following information to the Competitive Shop Dept., UAW-CIO, 281 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit:

- 1—What does the company make?
- 2—Who are its chief customers?
- 3—Number of men and women workers normally employed?
- 4—How many workers get the minimum rate?
- 5—What improvements in the present contract over the old one?
- 6—What is the average hourly rate for
  - a) Production workers, men and women?
  - b) Nonproduction, men and women?
  - c) Toolroom?

## CURTISS WRIGHT WORKERS LINE UP TO GET THEIR UAW PAPER

A committee of eight CIO organizers is assisting the UAW in the campaign to unionize the Curtiss-Wright aircraft plant in Buffalo, CIO Regional Director Hugh Thompson of Buffalo reports.

This committee is cooperating with a committee of 25 from Bell Aircraft Local 501, a thoroughly organized plant.

"The workers at Curtiss-Wright line up to get UAW paper. We never have enough for them though we get a big consignment each week. They seem to eat them up. Some of them try to grab a paper out of turn but we make them stand in line and they do it, they want the paper so much,"

Thompson said. Meetings and house to house organization work is proceeding. The campaign has gone deep enough to make weekly meetings and radio broadcasts necessary.

"New CIO unions are springing up in a dozen industries in Buffalo," Thompson said. "Among them are bakery salesmen, optical workers, pharmacists and chemical workers. Every macaroni shop is 100% organized with closed shop contracts."

"Established CIO unions are booming, including Amalgamated Clothing Workers, SWOC, Textile Workers, Office & Professional Workers, radio workers and of course the UAW-CIO."

## Canadians Face Tariff Issue

Canadian auto workers must unite in protest against existing Dominion tariff regulations, declares Regional Director George Burt in an appeal from the region-

al office in Windsor, Ont., to all who work in the Canadian auto industry.

"The tariff," Burt says, "threatens to rob most of us of our living. Our American brothers are powerless to help us as a fight by them would simply mean that the unionized U. S. companies would suffer while the nonunion firms would take advantage."

"We must fight our battle in Canada and the best way is by strong organization. Everybody should join the UAW-CIO, which has already caused our lawmakers much serious thought about the tariff. We can do a lot more by increasing our strength."

"Every auto worker owes it to his family to take part in the mass meetings we are planning in the public parks this summer in the auto centers, and in representations to the tariff board and the government."

Burt reports many former members returning to the union. The door is open for those who wish to return. Locals 195, 199 and 222 are especially active in expanding their membership, he says.

## CIO Musicians Ask Engagement

United Musicians Local Industrial 735 (CIO), Detroit, asks UAW organizations to bear in mind the following CIO orchestras when in need of music for dances or other occasions. Phone Bus. Agt. Frank Bitner, TR 1-1381; Field Rep. Alvin Schneider, TO 8-0683; or Sec. R. Van Steenhoven, TU 2-2709.

Ralph Van Steenhoven and his Artist-orcrats; Don Gordan and his orchestra; Les Shank and Dixielanders; Ed Frees and his orchestra; Sherman Schwartz and his Rondoleers; Ken Chaundy and his Stylists; Eddie Hatfield and his Electric Hawaiians; Kincaid and his Old Time Orchestra; Red Haron and his orchestra; Groove Johnson and his orchestra; Charlie Kay and his orchestra; Arthur Perry and his Rhythm Aces; Pop Jones and his Hot Brownies; Rosalie and her Melody Boys; Tamburitza Guild; Jugoslav Serenaders; Buducoust (Future); Jugoslavia; Tamburitza Serenaders; Zora (Dawn).

## Addes Reports Rushing Business

"A land-office business in membership applications is being done by the UAW-CIO in Saginaw and

Flint, following the complete fizzle of the AFL outlaw strike there," says Sec.-Treas. George F. Addes



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## TWO VICTORIES FOR UAW-CIO

On two important fronts where the manufacturers ventured to test the strength of the UAW-CIO they were decisively defeated last week.

The first was in the seven Briggs body plants in the Detroit area. The Ford Motor Co. and other employers egged on the management to provoke a strike and then try to smash the CIO.

The whole UAW rallied in support of the Briggs Local 212, which now has sole collective bargaining and a greatly improved contract as a result of meeting the challenge of the employers and beating them down.

The second test was in the relatively small Brown McLaren screw products plant, also in Detroit.

Here the challenge to the union took the form of a run-away movement to a little Michigan village and chiseling on the contract in Detroit. The challenge was taken up just as promptly as at Briggs. The victory after a well conducted strike was just as complete.

A responsible union like the UAW-CIO does not strike on every little provocation. It uses the grievance machinery to negotiate an adjustment. But when the provocations pile up and become more deliberate week by week, a responsible union does not hesitate after fair warning to use the only weapon on such an employer will understand, namely, a clean, hardhitting strike. That restores the employer's own sense of responsibility toward his employes under the Wagner act.

Two such outstanding victories in one week speak well for the justice of the union's cause and the power of its membership.

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

It speaks volumes for the stability of the UAW-CIO that it is moving this week into new and spacious headquarters.

In the midst of strikes and complications, brought on by unfriendly employers and their company union agents, the UAW-CIO goes calmly ahead with its plans for long-term efficient functioning.

The brick building on a beautiful boulevard on the west side of Detroit has three stories and a basement, affording ample room for the various departments.

It is situated well out of the high-rent district of the city and yet only a few minutes from downtown.

The solidarity and strength of the building symbolize the power and responsibility of the UAW-CIO.

Auto workers have demonstrated their confidence in our union. Employers have learned in strikes and negotiations that the UAW-CIO is stronger, more united and better led than ever before.

The new headquarters building will be a permanent reminder to all concerned that the union is here to stay, to stay and develop its main purpose—the protection and advancement of the organized workers in the auto industry.

## LOOK AT THAT WILDCAT AFL

The dear old dears that run the AFL in Washington must have been flabbergasted last week when they saw their ugly duckling in the auto industry performing in Flint.

The duckling, with most of its down and feathers gone, suddenly turned into an irresponsible wildcat.

At least it tried to. But it couldn't waddle on the picket line. It couldn't get anybody to follow it out of the shop. It couldn't read its own constitution on how to call a legitimate strike.

All it could do was quack, quack, quack.  
 Quack is right.

Funny Willie Green ever took up that quack.

## The Upper Crust



"I'm afraid Philbert is worried about vaudeville—all night he keeps yelling, Kill the Wagner Act."

## A Little Gossip From Hollywood

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN, Federated Press

Sonja Henie has left for a 2-month vacation in Europe, and, as is her wont, took along one of her less fortunate friends, Belle Roberts, a member of her skating troupe who had never left the U. S. before. Last year Sonja took along her hairdresser, just to give her the trip . . . Irving Hoffman columns that Harold J. Rome (the Pins & Needles song-writer) and Irving Berlin are getting so friendly there is talk of a Rome-Berlin axis in music . . .

The same columnist claims a recent Hollywood wedding was so colossal that after the ceremony they threw Grantland and Florence Rice at the bride and groom . . . Marlene Dietrich leaves this week for France, where she will make a picture. She spent the last year in Hollywood without doing anything, which seems to indicate that she is pretty well washed up here . . .

Carole Lombard will be seen as a brilliant young mathematician working on a military invention of world importance in The Flashing Stream, which Alfred Hitchcock will direct this fall. While Carole trains for the role of genius, she and Clark Gable will honeymoon in Europe, the first trip abroad for each of them, as soon as he winds up in Gone With the Wind . . . Sigrid Gurie, who passed out of films after Marco Polo and Algiers, will be seen again in the appropriately-titled Forgotten Women. Universal is so impressed with her work that they have signed her to a long-term contract . . .

Music lovers will be sorely pained at seeing little Gene Reynolds break 20 violins in the Jascha Heifetz picture, Music School. They will really be special breakaway instruments made of soft South American balsawood. They cost about \$2,000 (10 times what 20 cheap violins would cost), but have to be used to avoid accidents . . .

## AFL Charter Docks Rump Tail

### Nothing But Original Jurisdiction Granted

To clear up the false statements from rump headquarters on the extent of the jurisdiction granted them by the AFL, we publish extracts from two official documents that ought to settle the matter once and for all.

These documents are the official publicity release from the AFL Information & Publicity Service, Washington, dated June 6, and the official Proceedings of the 1935 UAW convention in Detroit convened, as its title page says, "by authority of the AFL."

The AFL official publicity release of June 6 says:

#### WHAT GREEN SAYS

"Pres. Wm. Green of the AFL today issued the following statement:

"The UAW as represented by Pres. Homer Martin and his associates voted to come back home to the AFL. The vote was most

decisive as well as significant. In conformity with the decision of the UAW the ORIGINAL CHARTER of affiliation was returned."

What was this original charter that Green restored to the rump? The 1935 UAW convention proceedings, page 15, state the jurisdiction under this AFL charter as follows:

#### WHAT CHARTER SAYS

"To embrace all employes DIRECTLY engaged in the manufacture of parts (NOT INCLUDING tools, dies and machinery) and assembling of those parts into completed automobiles but NOT INCLUDING job or contract shops manufacturing parts or ANY OTHER employe engaged in said automobile production plants."

The words in parenthesis are in the original quotation.

This means that the jurisdiction of the rump, as originally granted in 1935 and REAFFIRMED by Green on June 6 of the present year includes ONLY:

- 1—Auto production workers.
- 2—Parts production workers in plants owned by the auto manufacturers but not tool and die and machinery workers.

It specifically does NOT INCLUDE aircraft, farm equipment, independents parts, tool and die, maintenance, sales, garage, office or other workers.

#### A RUMP JURISDICTION

No weasel-worded telegrams from the 3d or 33d vice president of the AFL can do anything to change the fact that the rump jurisdiction is the ORIGINAL sawed-off jurisdiction granted by the AFL in 1935.

That was a rump jurisdiction then and it is the proper jurisdiction for what's left of Homer's outlaw rump today.

## It's A Great System!

By JOHN PAINE  
 Federated Press

More and more the labor union is playing a vital role in the life of its members.

One local is now engaged in a search for a missing member who doesn't know she won \$500 on a sweepstakes ticket.

In Houston the waiters union is demanding more clothes for girls who wear grass skirts and shorts at drive-in sandwich shops. Helps the garment workers.

Indian extras in Hollywood have organized and raised their wages from \$5.50 to \$11 a day.

The braves are on the warpath for more wampum and the pale-faces had better come across.

#### NAME-CALLING DEPT.

The Italians have renamed the Albanian port of Santi Quaranta for Mussolini's daughter, Edda.

There are a lot of Spanish towns that might qualify for Mussolini family names, too.

Believe it or not, but Germany has a Nutrition Board.

Its chief function, we suppose, is to find out how little the public can eat.

#### ENOUGH

The electric power industry is being urged to expand in the interest of national defense.

We'd be satisfied if the rates would contract.

#### IT WAS FUN IN 1929

Attacking planned economy, Herbert Hoover told 51 members of the graduating class at Lincoln Memorial University: "We must have risk and adventure if we make progress."

#### DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER!

The question of a bathing place for Negroes has been happily solved in New Orleans.

A spot in Lake Pontchartrain, four miles from the beach used by whites has been designated, the only hitch being that there is no transportation.



## Washington News Between the Lines

By CECIL OWEN  
Labor's Non-Partisan League

A year's intensive work by 90 experts of the federal trade commission that cost the government \$150,000 is represented by 20 unopened volumes piled up in a house committee room. It is the FTC report on the auto industry. This paper published a summary last week and has another article on the next page this week.

This is one of the most thorough jobs the commission has done on any major industry. Extensive data on profits, costs, wages, sales etc. is contained in the report. Unions can have a glimpse into many secrets of the industry.

Yet this valuable report may never be seen by more than a mere handful of persons. There are no plans to print it. The house interstate commerce committee to which it was sent has not even opened the report.

Cost of printing these reports is but a fraction of the cost of making the inquiry. The real reason for reluctance to print is not cost, but pressure from the auto interests who prefer that this factual data about their operations remain unknown.

Enemies of collective bargaining are still having their day in court at Wagner act hearings before the senate and house labor committees.

With a witness from the Iron & Steel Institute on the stand, the senate committee for the first time got an admission that not amendment but outright repeal of the Wagner act is the aim.

Quoting from Steel Facts, a business organ, Sen. Ellender read this: "The measure is not a bill whose vicious features could be remedied by amendment, because the whole idea behind it is basically unsound."

Ellender inquired if this was not the attitude of the steel industry toward the Wagner act.

The witness admitted opposition to the law at the time of enactment and since, saying their "worst fears had been fully justified." It was then pointed out by Chairman Thomas that resistance to the law involved spending \$500,000 a year by some corporations for labor spies.

It took page after page of testimony to nail down the fact that the Iron & Steel Institute financed George E. Sokolsky to write anti-union stuff in his columns. Sokolsky, a columnist for the New York Herald Tribune Syndicate, got \$28,599.47 from the institute while at the same time drawing pay from his newspaper clients. His columns were filled with anti-labor propaganda.

## Prospects Better in Kansas City

While G. M. Local 93, Kansas City, is still playing around with the AFL union this is largely because the leaders do not let the membership hear the UAW-CIO case as it would be presented if both sides appeared on the same platform.

The St. Louis members heard both sides when Elmer Dowell of Kansas City spoke, though without success for the AFL group.

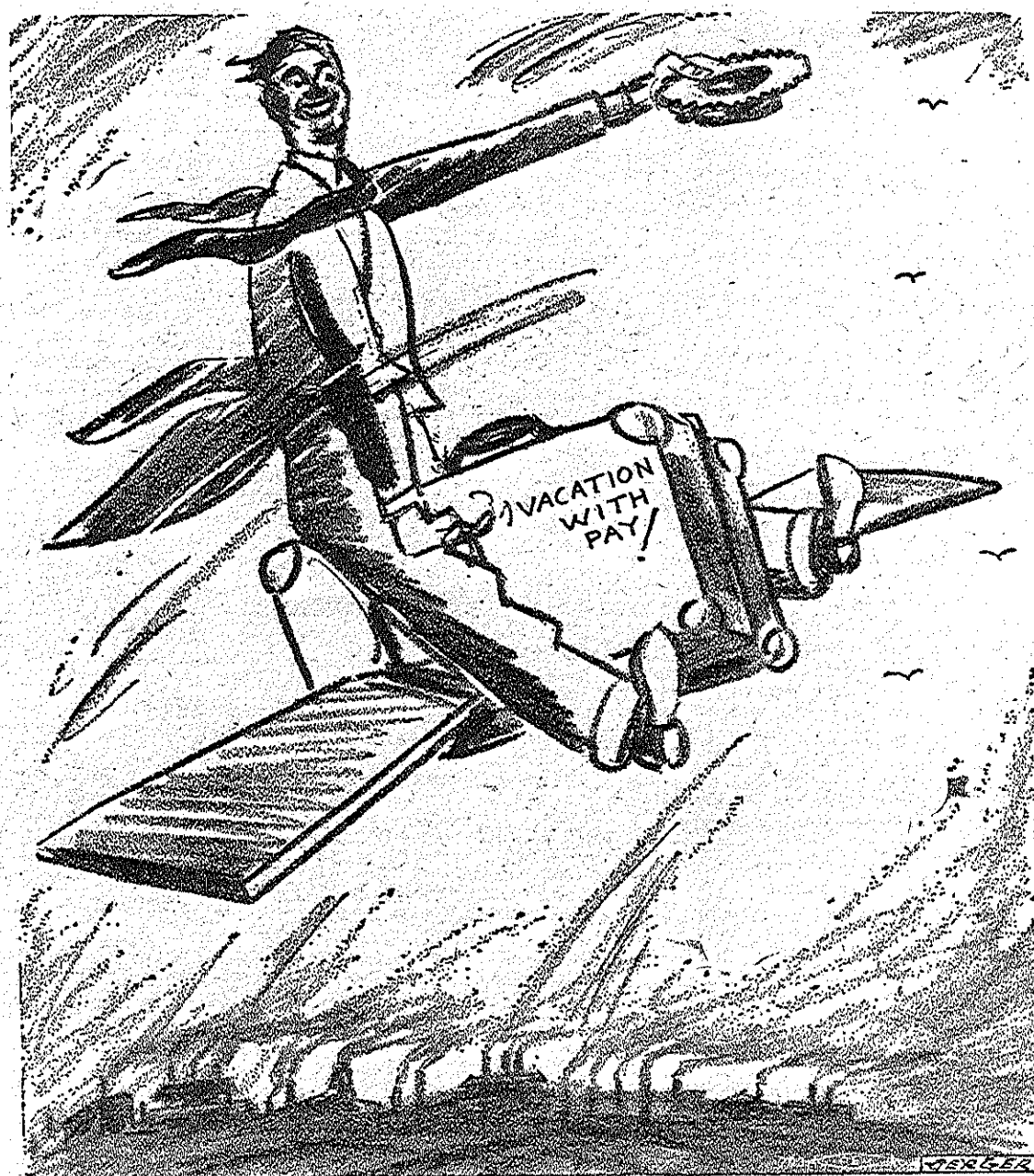
Outside of the officers it is hard to meet a single member who is interested in the AFL, but a great many want to be back in the CIO just as soon as a vote is permitted.

It is taking strongarm tactics to keep the membership in line for the AFL. Since Pres. Green of the AFL announced in Washington that nothing but the original AFL charter was given to the Martin group the local officers are finding it hard to answer questions about the AFL and its chiseling craft union.

Questions are ruled out of order by the Local 93 leadership, and now the attendance at meetings is getting slimmer every week.

## Local 303

Consumers Steel Local 303, Detroit, enjoyed a successful dance and party June 2, arranged by the entertainment committee. We hope there'll be more.



The UAW-CIO has been very successful in getting vacations with pay for its members. Last week Rinsed Mason division of Local 174, Detroit, got two weeks with pay for all employees.

## NEWS OF UAW LOCAL UNIONS

### Local 600

Ford Local 600, Dearborn, has been signing additional members since the rump outfit went AFL and company union. Most of the Ford workers who already belong to the union feel the way one brother expressed it in a letter to Pres. Llewellyn: "I do not want anything to do with Homer Martin. I do not care anything about Bill Green and his AFL, but give me the CIO and John L."

### Local 175

Ravenna Furnace Local 175, Ravenna, Ohio, has these officers: Pres. Jerry Flowers; V. Pres. Paul Sarrocco; Rec. Sec. George S. College; Fin. Sec. Harold Viebranz; Trustees Harry Lange, John Cale and Wm. Kline. We meet 1st and 3rd Mondays at 613 S. Chestnut St. We are organized 100 per cent.

### Local 248

Allis-Chalmers Local 248, West Allis, Wis., is negotiating a new agreement with the company. The company is keeping the plant closed during negotiations.

### Local 85

Walker Mfg. Local 85, Racine, Wis., has the following officers: Pres. Leo Spanjers; V. Pres. Alvin Heck; Rec. Sec. Arthur Meyer; Fin. Sec. Wm. J. Senso; Treas. Marvin Nelson; Guide Ben Simons; Sergt. John Light; Trustees Vernon Chumbley, Joe Becker and Willard Stephen. Our committees and stewards meet at 422 Wisconsin St.

### Local 154

Hudson Local 154, Detroit, Dist. 20, surprised Chief Steward O. Starr with a gift in appreciation of his services the past year. He replied by praising the fine support the members had given him.

### Local 595

G. M. Local 595, Linden, N. J., scheduled the first annual picnic of the material department for June 10 at Shady Grove. Russ Howe and his committee arranged the affair which included a softball game between the married and unmarried men and lots of

what Treas. De Filippis calls the amber fluid. Last year, when the union was weak, the management smothered an attempt by the workers to have a picnic. Now it isn't so dictatorial anymore.

### Local 203

Motor Products Local 203, Detroit, is making wonderful progress in consolidating the membership against gang Green and other pests. We're coming through fine and when the labor board hands down its decision on the hearings that ended last week, Local 203 will be running as smoothly as the other UAW-CIO locals.

### Local 174

West Side Local 174, Detroit, had two pieces of good news last week, Pres. Michael J. Manning announces. We won the Brown-McLaren strike, and at the Rinsed Mason division the management announced two weeks vacation with pay for every employe, regardless of time he had worked. At Detroit Lubricator we are working nicely under the new agreement, the first the shop ever had with a genuine union.

### Local 189

Peninsular Metals Local 189, Detroit, submitted an agreement June 5 that the company is stalling and so we may take a strike vote to get action. We have operated without a contract for a year.

### Local 62

Eaton Bumper division, Jackson, Mich., at a membership meeting June 10 voted 175 to 3 in favor of the UAW-CIO and is applying for a new charter. It was part of the old Local 62 that now is little better than a shell as 9 of the 11 divisions have gone along with the UAW-CIO.

### Local 482

Lycoming Motor Local 482, Williamsport, Pa., voted unanimously June 5 to go along with the UAW-CIO again and preliminaries for a contract will soon be negotiated with the aircraft concern to cover its four plants. We were 100 per cent organized two years ago.

### Local 196

Wilcox-Rich Local 196, Battle Creek, voted 2 to 1 against the AFL June 9. It decided to send no more per capita to the AFL auto workers outfit.

### Local 208

Bohn Aluminum Local 208, Detroit, is still negotiating for a new contract. Definite action is expected this week. Plant 7 meets at 1343 E. Ferry Thursday, June 15 at 8 p.m.

### Local 653

Pontiac Motors Local 653, Pontiac, will hold a dance Saturday, June 17 at 9 p.m. to celebrate the new hall at 21½ E. Lawrence St. Swing band; all invited, tickets 25 cents a piece. UAW-CIO buttons are sprouting all over Plant 8. Let's make it 100 per cent for the 1940 models. It's curtains in Plant 7 on the 1939 model. Those who still stick with the company union weren't so hot for the AFL in spite of heavy work by the rump.

### Local 170

Williams Local 170, Ravenna, O., voted at a membership meeting to reaffiliate with the UAW-CIO. Our plant makes electrical equipment.

### Local 85

Walker Local 85, Racine, donated \$10 to the Chrysler 230 defense fund in Los Angeles. We are negotiating a new contract.

### Local 618

Mack Truck Local 618, Allentown, Pa., is sticking with the UAW-CIO, says Pres. Walter I. Huhn. We are beginning to grow and hope to get all the 2,500 employes into the union.

### Local 371

New Castle (Ind.) Local 371 sponsored a CIO memorial meeting in the Presbyterian church with the UAW-CIO quartet singing. Over 2,000 heard the Rev. Felix preach on labor. Our next educational program is a basket picnic at Bakers Park.

## UAW Nuts and Bolts

RALPH H. MARLATT

The other night in Flint I attended a banquet at the Buick local. The tables were crowded with union men and their wives. And I heard Adolph Germer, George Addes, Walter Reuther and Sam Sponseller speak in glowing terms of the part played in the lives of the workers by the women. In the rush and bustle of the excitement of living we are prone to forget the inspiration and the help we receive. The men of the union are in the thick of the battle and receive the plaudits to warriors, but behind these men, urging them on, suffering with them, sacrificing for them are the women.

There have been women whom the world recognizes as leaders of labor. There was Mother Jones. I have talked with old timers in the labor movement who worked with Mother Jones of the miners and counted it the greatest honor of their lives. Then there was Lucy, the wife of Alfred R. Parsons, who stood beside him through the terrible ordeal of his trial and execution in the Haymarket frameup in Chicago. And there were union wives and mothers whom I remember carrying the burden of keeping their families while a son, husband or father served prison terms for his allegiance to labor. I remember my own mother through a long, miserable year keeping a couple of kiddies alive while my dad went to jail because he was an organizer.

Whenever men fought and bled and died to build a better world the women were always there. And so it is today in our own union. Our wives, our mothers, our sisters have been loyal to the UAW. As I traveled from local to local, night after night union men and women were meeting to save their union. Thousands of men and thousands of wives have built our union, have saved it from destruction and now will continue to help make it grow.

This brings me to our women's auxiliaries. In our strikes much of the success depend on the aid we received from the auxiliaries. While men were on the picket lines and strike duty, members of the auxiliaries set up soup kitchens, raised funds, and kept the strike going. After our strikes, when we had time to play and enjoy more of the good things of life, these women helped to make our several affairs more enjoyable. Without the understanding, without the aid, without the inspiration of the women's auxiliaries our union will fall short of its goal.

All over the country, wherever an auto plant has a UAW local, there should be an auxiliary. As we organize the auto industry 100 per cent, I hope our auxiliaries will follow right along with 100 per cent membership.

## Maintenance Men

Dave Craig, secretary, Detroit Area Maintenance Coordinating Committee, announces a meeting of representatives of all locals Thursday, June 15 at 7 pm at Briggs Local 212, auditorium, 11248 Mack Av. Craig's address is 5425 Eight Mile Rd., E. Van Dyke, Mich.

## Local 140

Dodge Truck Local 140, Detroit, has arranged courses in public speaking and steward problems through education director Andrew Kaip, who is at the local every day from 4 to 5 p.m.

## St. Louis Locals

Ford Local 325, St. Louis, put one over on the Ford company union when we got CIO unions to bring pressure to keep it from defiling Gray's Grove with its proposed picnic. The grove is used by most bonafide St. Louis unions for their picnics. The dues drive of GM Local 25 is succeeding practically 100 per cent and we are negotiating with good effect in the GM plants. Work is increasing in the spring plants, Intl. Rep. Norman Smith reports.

# GM Made 3 Billion in 29 Years, Says U.S.

## Federal Trade Commission Records Financial Grab, Including The Depression Years

All the following paragraphs are reprinted from the federal trade commission's report to congress on the motor vehicles industry submitted June 5, pages 4 and 5. If you want a free copy write to Director of Information, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C.

### TEXT OF REPORT

"During the 29 years of operation, 1909 to 1937, inclusive, General Motors made net profits amounting to \$3,013,013,048 before payment of income taxes. After setting aside \$402,127,492 for payment of income taxes there remained a balance of \$2,610,885,556.

"This balance was disposed of by paying cash dividends to common stockholders amounting to \$1,653,153,244; by paying cash dividends to preferred stockholders amounting to \$164,510,372; by increasing the par, or stated, amount of common stock accounts by the sum of \$164,189,635 and issuing common stock as stock dividends; by setting aside \$8,212,519 for outstanding minority interests; by paying \$168,336,996 to executives and employees through profit-sharing plans.

"The balance remaining after paying dividends and bonuses was used for general corporate purposes or retained in the business. Including the sum added to the

### California Progress Reviewed by Olson

Handicapped by Gov. Culbert L. Olson's poor health, by the death of his wife, by the inexperience and the conflicting ambitions of many of the progressive legislators, the popular government of California is making some gains against the well-oiled reactionary machine, which consists of a combination of highly skilled Republican politicians and reactionary Democrats.

Reclining on a couch in the governor's mansion in Sacramento, Olson told of his difficulties.

"The attention of liberals last fall was concentrated too much on electing the heads of the ticket," he said. "But the reactionaries concentrated on electing legislators who would hamstring the governor. Even the lower house has a majority who oppose the progressive program."

Result is that hardly a single piece of progressive legislation has passed the legislature.

"The most we could do," said Olson, "was to get everyone on record. We have a thorough record now of the traitors within the Democratic party, and we expect to carry that record to the people so we can get a better legislature in 1940."

But the record has not been wholly discouraging. The governor vetoed a large number of bad bills. More important, positive headway has been made in the selection of department heads, who have been able to carry out much of the Olson program.

Among the strikingly successful appointments have been George Kidwell, leader in the Bakery Wagon Drivers Local of the Intl. Bro. Teamsters (AFL), as head of the industrial relations commission; Herbert C. Carrasco of the Bro. Railway Clerks as state labor commissioner; and Carey McWilliams, liberal attorney of Los Angeles, as commissioner of immigration and housing.

Commissioner Kidwell recently sprang into national fame when he said during hearings on revision of the Wagner act that the strife in Westwood between CIO and AFL unions had been caused by reactionary and corrupt officials of the State Federation of Labor (AFL).

par, or stated, amount of common stock accounts; the total profits retained in the business were \$558,979,376.

### 40% OF TOTAL VOLUME

"During 1937, General Motors Corp. built approximately 40 per cent of all Motor vehicles built in the United States and approximately 35 per cent of all those built in the world.

"It built motor for virtually every use from the 1/100 horsepower midget for electric fans to the 6,000 horsepower Diesels that pull streamlined railway trains.

"It not only built motors and motor vehicles, but a long line of refrigeration equipment, air-conditioning equipment, heating equipment, small lighting plants and equipment, electric household appliances and numerous allied items of equipment.

"It has substantial investments in Bendix Aviation Corp., North American Aviation, Inc., Ethyl Gasoline Corp., Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. and in motor vehicle dealerships.

"Through other subsidiaries it finances users in purchasing motor vehicles on partial payment plans

and engages in insuring motor vehicles.

### BIGGEST PROFIT-GRABBER

"General Motors earned MORE PROFITS for its stockholders during the 11-year period, 1927-1937, inclusive, than ANY OTHER manufacturing corporation in the United States, but its total assets of \$1,566,000,000 at the close of 1937, were slightly exceeded by a few other domestic corporations.

"Its year of greatest earnings was 1928, when a profit of \$330,216,167 was earned before provision for Federal, state and foreign income taxes. In three other years, namely, 1927, 1929 and 1936, its annual profits, on the same basis, ranged from \$283,961,144 to \$297,341,859. In no year during the 11 years, 1927 to 1937, inclusive, did the corporation fail to show SOME PROFIT.

"The year of lowest profit was 1932, when a profit of \$10,600,194 was shown on the total operations; however, there was a loss of \$1,340,430 on manufacturing operations.

### VOLUME DID IT

"This remarkable record in view of the experience of most corporations during the economic depression, was made possible through General Motors ability to obtain such a large proportion of the motor vehicle business at substantial profits on unit sales.

"During the 27 years, 1911-1927, General Motors sold approximately 22,000,000 automobiles."

## CIO Opposes Apex Judgment

Anti-trust laws were never intended to apply to labor unions and earlier court decisions to the contrary were in error, the CIO contended in a brief filed in the Apex case in the U. S. circuit court of appeals in Philadelphia.

The CIO entered the case as "a friend of the court" on behalf of its member union, the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, which is appealing from a lower court verdict granting the Apex Hosiery Co. damages of \$711,000 for injuries allegedly suffered as the result of a strike.

"The full legislative history of the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust acts, not hitherto brought to the attention of the courts, conclusively demonstrates that it was intended by congress to excluded labor unions and their activities from the effect and prohibition of such legislation," the CIO argument stated.

"The first decisions interpreting the Sherman and Clayton acts so as to embrace labor unions within their prohibitions rest upon an inaccurate and erroneous statement of the legislative history of these two laws," it continued.

The supreme court is cited as

### Increased Sales by Coop Wholesale

Sales of \$1,000,000 are expected for this year by the Eastern Co-operative Wholesale, Man. L. E. Woodcock reported to the 10th annual meeting in New York. Sales in 1937 were \$533,000 and in 1938 they were \$717,000.

The New York warehouse space had to be tripled and the Boston office doubled, he said.

Woodcock's report drew attention to the testing kitchen, the first ever operated by a cooperative wholesaler. In seven months this housewife's laboratory has conducted tests on 1,225 items to determine quality in various price brackets.

## Auto Chief Quits; Spilled The Beans

The auto executive who predicted that Homer would lose out in the UAW and wept about it because the manufacturers found Homer "easier to deal with" is quitting.

Alfred Reeves, vice president and general manager of the Automobile Mfrs. Assn. went into retirement at his request last week after 25 years of service.

Reeves made the front page of the Detroit Free Press Feb. 17 when he said at a press conference that he believed "most manufacturers thought well of Martin and most of them felt he would be easier to deal with than the CIO."

That indorsement of Homer as the darling of the employers didn't help him with the auto workers.

## Supreme Court Hits Hague Rule

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Jersey City, long the private domain of Mayor Frank Hague, again became part of the United States as the U. S. supreme court in a five to two decision, upheld lower court decisions prohibiting the city from preventing the CIO from distributing leaflets or the holding of meetings.

The court ruled that an ordinance upon which Hague based his refusal to permit meetings or the distribution of literature was unconstitutional.

Before it shut up shop for the summer, the court also declared that the child labor amendment to the constitution is still legally pending.

The reasoning used by the court in arriving at the Hague decision was complicated. Justices Roberts and Black held that the 14th amendment, providing that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States . . ." was their justification for considering the case.

Justices Stone and Reed held that the fifth amendment to the constitution, providing that persons shall not be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, was the proper ground for considering the case. Chief Justice Hughes agreed with both.

"It is clear," the Roberts decision declared, "that the right peaceably to assemble and to discuss these topics, and to communicate respecting them, whether orally or in writing, is a privilege inherent in citizenship of the United States which the amendment protects.

"Citizenship of the United States would be little better than a name if it did not carry with it the right to discuss national legislation and the benefits, advan-

### Girdler Signs CIO Miners Contract

Tom Girdler's Republic Steel Corp. has signed a new 2-year contract with the United Mine Workers (CIO) and operation of the Alabama mines closed since April 1 has been resumed.



MAYOR HAGUE

tages, and opportunities to accrue to citizens therefrom," it added later.

### CIO ON ITS TOES

Criminal prosecution of those who interfere with labor's right to organize will not be asked of the department of justice, Lee Pressman, counsel for the CIO, declared following the supreme court's Hague decision.

### Hearst's Scabby Paper Lose Ads

Advertising losses on Hearst's Chicago Herald & Examiner set a new record in May, figures compiled by the Chicago Newspaper Guild (CIO) show. Linage on the struck paper was down 61.4% as compared with May 1938. Previously the heaviest loss on the struck paper was 56.1% in April.

The Evening American, Hearst's other struck daily, showed a drop of 19.9% from the May 1938 figure. Since the strike began last December the Herald & Examiner has printed 54.2% less advertising than in the same 6-month period for 1937-38, while the Evening American has been 15.6% below its previous mark.

The three other Chicago newspapers have improved their ad lineage. The Tribune gained 6.5% during the 6-month period, the News 4.7% and the Times 7.1%.

## ASK DECENT ANNUAL WAGE OF GM

### Reuther Shows GM Profits And Top Salaries High; Wages Low

A guaranteed annual wage should be paid by General Motors high enough to afford an American standard of living, said Director Walter P. Reuther of the UAW-G. M. department to the national G. M. council of the union at its conference in Detroit, June 11.

He contrasted the enormous G. M. profits, averaging 35.5 per cent a year, with the miserable average wage of \$1,342 paid to G. M. employees in 1938.

"We know the alibis G. M. will raise in reply to our reasonable demands for a guaranteed annual wage," Reuther said. "In the first place, they will say they can't afford it. In the second place, they will talk technological improvements which steadily reduce the need for human labor in their plants.

"We are not against technolog-

ical improvements and have no quarrel with the introduction of more efficient machinery. But improved machinery should not merely mean greater profits for the corporations. It should mean greater income for labor and more leisure.

"Can G. M. afford to pay a guaranteed annual wage? No industry in the United States can afford it better. The current report of the Federal Trade Commission says: 'General Motors earned more profits for its stockholders during the 11-year period, 1927-1937, inclusive, than ANY OTHER manufacturing corporation in the U. S.'

"G. M. averaged 35.5 per cent on its investment. During its 29 years of operation, G. M. made net profits of \$3,013,013,048 before payment of income taxes.

"When we turn to wages paid its employees, we see how miserably G. M. has repaid its workers. The 1938 annual report of the corporation shows that hourly rated employees received \$1,618 on the average in 1937 and \$1,342 in 1938.

"It is no comfort to the thousands of underpaid and only partially employed G. M. workers to know that the executives of G. M. draw salaries and bonuses which would arouse the envy of European royalty.

"Bonuses alone paid to 352 top executives of G. M. in 1938 totaled \$3,538,700. Two hundred and seventy-nine of these received between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a year

in salary alone, 41 executives drew between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Twelve paid themselves between \$30,000 and \$50,000, while 20 others drew princely salaries ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000 in the single year of 1938."

When Pres. Knudsen of G. M. in a public statement declared that the corporation must remain impartial as between the UAW-CIO and the rump outfit, Reuther said:

"The UAW-CIO has not asked G. M. to take sides between the union and the rump faction headed by Martin.

"We are asking G. M. only to live up to its contract. By now there can be no justifiable doubt that the UAW-CIO is the holder of the G. M. agreement, and that the UAW-CIO represents the overwhelming majority of the G. M. workers.

"Martin's so called charter from the AFL deprives him of any jurisdiction over tool and die makers. On top of that, he does not have any of them in his ranks. Under those circumstances, G. M. should have no illusions on who speaks for these workers. Knudsen's continued reference to a factional fight only gives him a pretext for refusing to bargain nationally, as the contract which he signed provides.

"It is not for the corporation to decide whether any of its employees have grievances. That is a matter that concerns the workers alone."



# OPPOSES COMPANY MUNITIONS

## Labor Chairman Would Outlaw Corporation Arsenals

Chapter and verse were cited by Labor Board Chairman J. Warren Madden as he appeared before a senate education and labor subcommittee to urge passage of the oppressive labor practices bill as a supplement to the national labor relations act.

It may be hoped, Madden said, that the bill, which outlaws corporation arsenals, espionage, strike-breakers and private armies, "will succeed in outlawing practices which have persisted in defiance or avoidance of the national labor relations act."

"While I do not pretend," he told the committee, "that the enactment of this bill will eliminate all of our more vicious labor practices or even put strikebreaking and industrial detective agencies out of business, nevertheless it will constitute a great step toward those ends and I therefore urge that the step be taken."

### NAMES CORPORATIONS

Madden cited a list of almost 50 employers found by the board to have used labor spies in an attempt to destroy labor unions.

"The employers implicated include such leaders of American corporate enterprise as General Motors, Chrysler, Jones & Laughlin Steel, Mackay Radio & Telegraph, Hearst Publications, Pennsylvania Greyhound, Remington-Rand, Consolidated Edison, Montgomery Ward, Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. and Brown Shoe Company," he asserted.

He noted that the professional labor spies sometimes attained a great deal of skill. In the Agwilines case, Madden said, the employer was kept so well informed that one of the agents told a union member he was to be elected union president a day or so before the election.

### HITS PRIVATE ARMIES

The use of private armies by corporations was denounced with special vehemence. "The assumption by private employers of the public function of maintaining law and order has led to terrorization of whole communities, disgraceful violence and the complete denial of fundamental liberties," Madden said.

Madden cited the Republic Steel Corp. as the outstanding example of this type of corporation. The labor board chairman said the bill would be of great assistance in carrying out the purposes of the labor act because of its preventive character.

Madden pointed out that under the labor act it was necessary to prove the employer INTENDED to use his weapons against unions while under the pending measure the POSSESSION of specified weapons and the hiring of strike-breakers and labor spies is considered evidence of anti-unionism.

## Labor Board Ends Chrysler, Motor Products Hearing

Hearings before the labor board in Detroit on sole bargaining elections in all U. S. Chrysler plants and the Detroit Motor Products plant ended last week.

The UAW-CIO asked for an election in both cases. The AFL remnant bitterly opposed it, aided in the Chrysler case by the corporation lawyers.

The board's decision may be handed down in a few weeks.

The UAW-CIO petition for an election in all Briggs plants was to continue to be heard this week in Detroit. It is largely a formality, since the strike settlement granted sole collective bargaining by dropping out of the agreement the words "for its members" in the representation clause.

## Bearing Council

The UAW-CIO bearing council hopes to have the Cleveland Graphite Bronze plant in its ranks soon, as UAW Regional Director Richard E. Reisinger reports an organizing drive in conjunction with the Cleveland CIO council.

This plant is an active competitor of the plants represented in the bearing council—Bohn Aluminum, Federal Mogul, and Detroit Aluminum & Brass.

## THOMAS ASKS CIVIL LIBERTY FUNDS

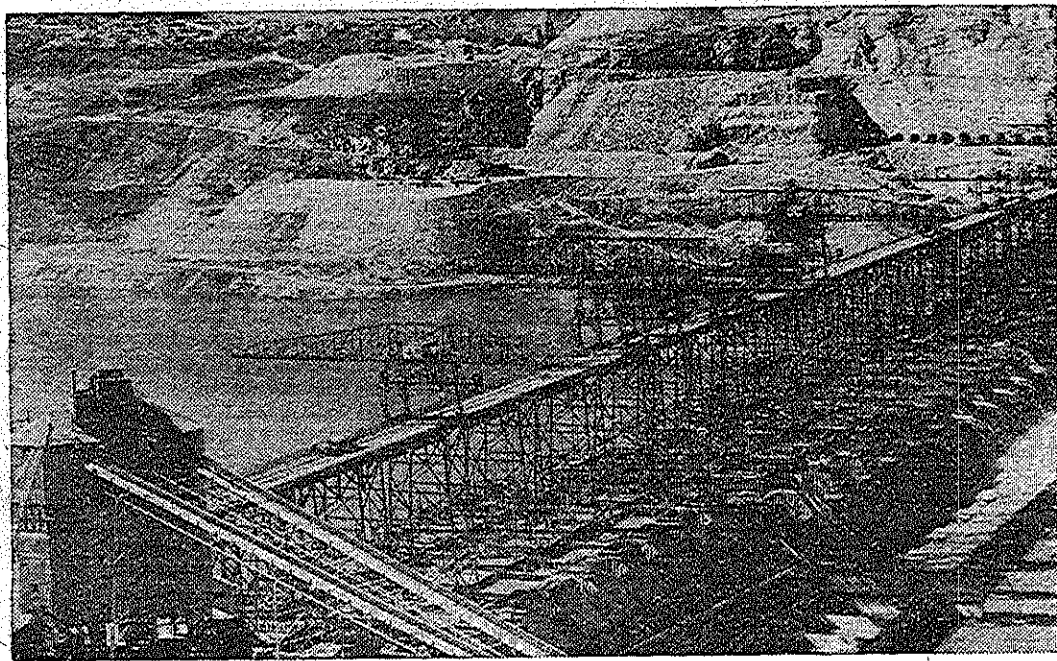
Pres. R. J. Thomas wired June 8 to Sen. Byrnes in Washington asking that the senate be allowed to vote on continuing the LaFollette civil liberties committee. The telegram said:



SENATOR BYRNES  
SENATE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON D C

WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE SENATE CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE WILL BE DISCONTINUED UNLESS MORE FUNDS ARE VOTED FOR IT THIS SESSION AND THAT SENATOR SCHWELLENBACH'S RESOLUTION HAS BEEN HELD IN THE AUDIT AND CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR TWO MONTHS. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE INTEREST OF THE UAW CIO IN THE CONTINUATION OF THE CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE. WE RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT THE RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR THE COMMITTEE BE REPORTED OUT FAVORABLY FOR A VOTE BY THE SENATE

R J THOMAS PRES,  
UAW-CIO



FEDERATED PICTURES

Power and light will be still cheaper on the coast when the big government dam at Grand Coulee across the Columbia river is completed. The power trust kicked hard but lost out here, just as it did on the TVA in the south.

## Spring Council To Draw Up Contract

Great spirit prevailed at the UAW-CIO spring council meeting June 8 at Local 236 headquarters in Detroit. Representatives from Reynolds Spring of Jackson, Van Dresser Specialties of Detroit and L. A. Young Spring of Windsor were present for the first time. A model contract is being drawn up.

Other council members were Falls Spring, L. A. Young of Detroit, Precision Spring, Jenks Muir, Eaton, and Barnes Gibson Raymond. Officers and an executive board were elected. Only

one representative from each plant is eligible as a board member.

Progress was reported in organizing McInerney Spring of Grand Rapids where Pres. Lloyd Jones of Murray Local 2, Detroit, will spend several weeks in the drive.

Negotiations for a new contract should begin at L. A. Young in August. Plans cover the plants in Detroit, Windsor, Trenton and Oakland.

The spring council is dividing its activities into cushion, mechanical, and leaf springs, and wire products.

Delegates will be notified of the next meeting.

## NATIONAL GM COUNCIL ASKS A GUARANTEED ANNUAL WAGE

(From page 1, column 3)

Chevrolet Parts Local 362, Bay City; Charles Spencer, Saginaw Steering Gear Local 434, Saginaw; Louis Strickland, Fisher One Local 581, Flint; Leon Zimmerman, Olds Local 652, Lansing; Terrell Thompson, Chevrolet Local 659, Flint.

### SUBCOUNCIL No. 2--

Robert Pitt, Cadillac Local 174, Detroit; William Stevenson, Fisher 23 Local 157, Detroit; William

McGill, Chevrolet Forge Local 262, Detroit; George Merrelli, Chevrolet Gear & Axle Local 235, Detroit; John Panzner, Chevrolet Gear & Axle Local 235, Detroit.

### SUBCOUNCIL No. 3

Charles Beckman, Fisher Local 45, Cleveland; Edward Borehardt, Chevrolet Local 14, Toledo.

### SUBCOUNCIL No. 4

George Berkebile, Guide Lamp Local 663, Anderson; Edgar Crago, Chevrolet Local 489, Muncie; Charles Lyons, Chevrolet Truck Local 226, Indianapolis.

### SUBCOUNCIL No. 5

John Livingston, Fisher Local 25, St. Louis; Carl Copeland, Chevrolet Local 25, St. Louis.

### SUBCOUNCIL No. 7

James Todd, G. M. Assembly Local 216, Los Angeles; James Dickerson, Local 76, Oakland.

### SUBCOUNCIL No. 8

Clarence Brown, G. M. Local 222, Oshawa.

### SUBCOUNCIL No. 7

G. M. workers in California plants set up Subcouncil No. 7 in a conference at Oakland June 3 and 4. Delegates came from Fisher Body, Chevrolet and Chevy Truck of Local 76, Oakland, and G. M. Local 216, Los Angeles. Bros. Dickerson of Local 76 and Todd of Local 216 were elected delegates to the national G. M. council session in Detroit.

Dickerson is subcouncil chairman and Leonard Jose also of Local 76, is secretary. Regional Director L. H. Michener and Intl. Rep. Dick Coleman represented the international.

## .. Auto Workers Speak ..

Names and addresses must be included, but will be omitted from publication upon request. Opinions expressed in this department are not necessarily in agreement with policy of the UAW.

### PEACE IS OUR MISSION

I am sad when war stalks forth. Then it is that mine must pass through the valley. Then it is that they must go forth to beat back the monster, the destroyer of all that we love. Then it is that they must make the supreme sacrifice. Our loved ones lay down their lives for us. It must be so until right rules human passions and we reign supreme. We would that nations of the earth would harken to my voice: That greed for gain and lust of power and the grasping hand of conquest and false pride and revenge and hatred would depart that our might be spared. Peace and humanity for all. FRED BOLAN, Local 303

### DON'T BE A CHISELER

Are you going to let the people who are supporting you down? Are you going to give them the right to call you chiseler and bum, or two-faced, saying one thing and practicing another? That's

what the business man says. He says you holler union and union made goods, but because union wages make his goods a little higher in price, you don't buy them. You buy scab goods instead to save a few pennies. The business man says you ask for help when you strike, or donations for this or that. But you are only a chiseler because you don't give him the business when he supports you even further by keeping unionmade goods in stock for you to buy. Our buying is our biggest weapon in making the employer union conscious. So let's buy unionmade goods and not give the business man the right to call us a chiseler or bum! ESCHOL SHERMAN, Local 212

### APPRECIATES COOPERATION

Thank you for the attention our local has been receiving from you the past few weeks. Also thanks for the marked copy of the Automobile Worker which you sent.

We are enclosing a little item for next week, and we hope you will sort-a fix it up so it will make interesting reading as you did before. GRACE M. JOHNSON,

### WITH PLEASURE

It is with pleasure that we receive the Auto Worker nowadays to see the change in it from what it was under the former administration. The workers on the west coast certainly appreciate your effort in making our paper a firstclass industrial union journal. SCOTTY ORR, Los Angeles

## Truck Council

The UAW-CIO truck council meets in Toledo Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m. in Local 12 hall, 612½ Huron St. Locals working on commercial bodies, trucks and trackless trolleys in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and New York plants will be represented under the auspices of the UAW competitive shop department.

# Grapes of Wrath

## How California Treats Families Seeking a Job

Reviewed by  
CLAYTON FOUNTAIN

In one month 120,000 copies of Steinbeck's book *The Grapes of Wrath* have been sold. The demand is still growing. There is no doubt that the story of the Joad family's hardships marks a new note in American literature.

John Steinbeck knows what he is writing about. He tells the story with a simplicity and directness that touches the hearts of all readers—with the exception, perhaps, of the big property owners, whom he treats somewhat harshly.

In the dust bowl of the southwest, in Oklahoma, especially, the big landlords find it more profitable to farm their land with tractors than rent it out to the share-croppers. So the people are driven from the land, turned off from the acres their fathers and grandfathers wrested from the prairie. They sell what few farm tools they still own, and turn their weary faces to the west, and head for California, which they be-

lieve to be a land of plenty.

The Joads lose their land. They buy an old Hudson and set out for California. They are hard-working people. All they ask is a chance to earn a living. They are only one family in hundreds of thousands moving in the same direction. In California they are called "Okies" and the name signifies hatred and distrust, for the owners of California fear these migratory workers who are being driven out of the east.

The Joads find that California is the land of plenty all right—but not for the workers. The land is flooded with miserable starving workers. The owners of the rich lands take advantage of the hungry masses, and they hammer wages down. The people are hungry and they must work. One family can only earn enough all day to get a few scraps of food.

They live in Hoovervilles and their children die of starvation. Sometimes the armed deputies hired by the owners and hoodlums armed with pickhandles, raid the camps and drive them away and burn the tents.

There is food everywhere—but no hungry child may touch a single orange. Kerosene is sprayed on heaps of rotting fruit. There is idle land all around—yet no worker may plant a single seed.

But a change is coming and the fear of the change drives the owners to still greater violence. The hunger and misery of the workers is turning into anger and the anger is being stored in "the grapes of wrath for the vintage."

*The Grapes of Wrath* is written by John Steinbeck and published by the Viking Press, New York, at \$2.75.

## Bargemen Win

A 4-week strike by 6,000 CIO bargemen and longshoremen against the Federal Barge Lines, a government-owned corporation operating on the Mississippi, ended with a preferential shop agreement.

The strike was called by the General Council of Rivermen, representing the Natl. Maritime Union (CIO) inland boatmen's division and the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. (AFL).

# Ternstedt Flash

Give news for this column to **AL KIDDON**, Plant Editor

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Come to the Ternstedt membership meeting Friday, June 16, at Findlater Hall, Lafayette and Waterman, to discuss the new seniority plan. See the announcement on the front page.

**IN OUR DOGHOUSE**—We wonder if a certain foreman in Dept. 14D has something wrong with his liver or fails to realize that he is no longer bossing in the B. U. (Before the Union) era. Growling, barking, swearing and intimidating the women is no longer tolerated here. Take a tip from your fellow foremen, or the skids going downward will be well greased. You're at Ternstedt, not Ford's.

**IF LAID OFF**—See your steward about unemployment compensation, whether you are laid off for the entire month or only part-time. Irene Kotlarek and Nick Sahlaney helped a member get a check for \$61 he didn't know he had coming.

## PLANT NEWS

Have you noticed that foremen are no longer working on production while workers have to stay at home? That's unionism.

The model change-over period should end by July 15, though most members should be back

long before that . . . Employees transferred to another plant will go with their jobs . . . Those laid off and now temporary maintenance helpers were selected from applications filed in the employment office and taken on by seniority rating. Turn in your application! The grievance on 1-man operation of two glass channel automatics in Dept. 14A has been appealed to the international office . . . Depts. are undergoing such radical changes even the roaches are getting lost.

## HERE AND THERE

Who is the weasel in Dept. 114, Plant 14, that squawked on a member taking up a collection for flowers for another member who was very ill? . . . The union expresses its deepest sympathy to the relatives of the late Bro. John Graham, diesetter in Dept. 27 . . . A member of the supervision in Dept. 27 should be reminded that certain forms of affection don't look so good in public . . . Sister Marion of 27 eloped with a brother unionist from Briggs and formed a union for two.

**DARK THOUGHTS:** Writing three columns of news and having it reduced to half a column because the local executive board didn't authorize a full-size Conveyor.

# SPOT YOUR MEETING

All Meetings at **UNION HALL**, 2730 Maybury Grand, unless otherwise noted  
Meetings Must Be Booked by Thursday Noon to Make This Bulletin Board

Organization	Day	Hour	Room
DETROIT LUBRICATOR	Friday	June 16	8 pm Aud.
FEDERAL SCREW	Friday	June 16	7:30 pm 1
CADILLAC STEWARDS	Friday	June 16	7:30 pm 3
HURON FORGE	Friday	June 16	7:30 pm Off.
KELSEY HAYES	Saturday	June 17	11 am Aud.
UNIVERSAL PRODUCTS	Saturday	June 17	1 pm 1
HANDY GOVERNOR Steward & Barg. Comm.	Saturday	June 17	10 am 3
HANDY GOVERNOR PLANT MEETING	Saturday	June 17	10:30 am 3
NATIONAL COLD FORGING	Saturday	June 17	4:30 pm 3
KELSEY HAYES Bargaining Committee	Saturday	June 17	9 am Off.
TIMKEN PLANT MEETING	Sunday	June 18	10:30 am Aud.
TERNSTEDT STEWARDS	Sunday	June 18	1:30 pm 1
EDUCATION COMMITTEE	Tuesday	June 20	8 pm 1
UNIVERSAL COOLER	Wednesday	June 21	8 pm 1
SCOTT VALVE	Wednesday	June 21	8 pm 4
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY	Thursday	June 22	8 pm 3
CADILLAC PLANT MEETING	Friday	June 23	8 pm Aud.
McALEER	Friday	June 23	8 pm 1
CADILLAC STEWARDS	Friday	June 23	7:30 pm 3
JOINT COUNCIL	Saturday	June 24	10:30 am Aud.
UNIVERSAL PRODUCTS ENTERTAINMENT	Saturday	June 24	8 pm Aud.
BOWEN PRODUCTS	Saturday	June 24	2 pm 1
ADVANCE STAMPING	Saturday	June 24	2 pm 3
BUHL STAMPING	Saturday	June 24	2 pm 4
KELSEY HAYES STEWARDS	Sunday	June 25	12:30 pm 1
KELSEY HAYES Bargaining Committee	Sunday	June 25	10 am Off.
RINSHED MASON	Wednesday	June 28	8 pm Aud.
FEDERAL MOTOR TRUCK	Thursday	June 29	8 pm Aud.
CADILLAC STEWARDS	Friday	June 30	7:30 pm 3
F10 CADILLAC	Friday	June 30	9 pm 4

# Cadillac Steward

Give news for this column to **J. H. THOMAS**, Plant Editor

## PLANT MEETING FRIDAY

Cadillac membership meeting Friday June 23 at 8 pm at Union Hall, 2730 Maybury Grand. We elect a delegate to the CIO council, three delegates to West Side Joint Council and hear the report of our delegates to the GM council. Let's fill the hall to the limit. Try and bring a new member with you.

## FOR 100% ORGANIZATION

Chairman Daniels of our organization committee is determined to organize Cadillac workers 100%. His committees had lots of success the past month. With layoffs already started the committee is mapping a new plan.

## PICNIC SAT. JULY 1

Cadillac Div. of Local 174 will hold its annual PICNIC Sat. July 1 from 10 am to —? at Fon's Lake at 12 1/2 Mile rd and Southfield. The committee is planning a good time for all fellow workers and their families. Games, good music, dancing, swimming, boating, refreshments, prizes, ice cream and pop FREE for the youngsters.

Tickets 10c or 3 for 25c from all stewards. The assembly stewards are competing against the manufacturing side to sell the most tickets. Loser buys a half barrel for the winner. Watch announcements for further details.

**FOUNDRY PARTY** May 27 was a big success with 800 attending. Some of the boys decided on a fish fry at their own expense and get their money back by a donation plan. They were only \$1.89 short, which the steward body made up. Here's a tip: Never put on a fish fry unless you have lots of members willing to work ceaselessly like Bros. Hoffman, Spiegle, Weagle, Midge and a few more, also women workers like Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Thomas.

The foundry shut down June 2 and expects to start working again not later than July 17. When we get back let's be 100% organized. The bosses won't be so tough if we are, and we can get proper conditions and wages.

**OUR NEW PLANT EDITOR** asks each dept to elect a dept. editor. News will be picked up just before publication.

# Kelsey Hayes Picket

We begin our chore by thanking Bro. Mullin for excellent pinching in the last issue. We're doubly thankful he refrained from taking undue advantage of your columnist. Advance information has 'Russian' Ann and girl friends readying up another ship of state. Ann's intended venture into matrimonial seas was supposed to remain secret for a while but the news leaked out. On reflection, there's only one fault about Kelsey girls. There ain't enough of 'em to go round. Union officials shouldn't sneak 15c haircuts. That kind hardly carries the union label. Proof the Martin movement couldn't stand on its own feet is seen with its affiliation to the ailing AFL. Misery loves company, it seems. Notice how the Martin-ginnies are again yapping about a referendum at Kelsey? That's because they're sure of being squeezed out of the picture the moment the CIO cards are certified. The referendum cry, is only an excuse for further disruptionist activity. Members who frown at publicity should remember every knock is really a boost. Remarks are never long remembered whereas names repeated have a way of sticking in memory. Election day marks the pay-off.

## PLANT PALAVER

Our conception of model unionists are the Gohn Brothers. They pay dues in advance, never utter a complaint and on top of that are conscientious workmen of the

highest type. They're a credit to any organization.

Supt Wilson of McGraw didn't promote plant harmony any when he high-handedly docked certain of his department for cleaning up before the whistle blew. The high-handedness come in because the boys had their production made. Wilson apparently believes he's running a penitentiary instead of an American factory.

Rumor has it that toolwork which could be done by our own tool rooms may shortly be sublet to cheaper concerns. If the rumor is true, and work is to be shipped out at a time when man-hours are pitifully few, then such action invites reprisal. The boys are plenty fed up with dirty work of any nature.

The temper of the membership is again steadily mounting against Martin-ginnies.

From the way the bottom fell out at both plants, the laid-off men may enjoy the laugh over those working. Assuredly it's much better getting 16 bucks per week for doing nothing than to get in a couple days work and earn something less. However, things otta pick up a little with the reopening of Briggs. Cars that need bodies also need wheels. And Kelsey presumes to make the latter. So long, folks.

**DEPT. 44**—How about some teamwork? Pete Jensen claims 44 has the best team of horseshoe

## Detroit Lubricator

**DAVE SYLVESTER**, Plant Editor

**NOMINATIONS** for plant officers and bargaining committee-men and report of the by-laws committee are the program for our meeting Friday June 16 at Union Hall, 2730 Maybury Grand near Michigan at 8 pm. Attend and help select the officers who will do you and the union the most good. ALL OUT!

**FOUNDRY**—Congrats to proud popper Mack Caddell and heap-proud granpappy Johnson Gepson, son and grandson respectively.

**PLANTWIDE**—Welcome to our two new stewards, Wellington Atkin and Charles Williams. Your spirit as made in your pledges makes for better unions.—DLCO Stewards and Plant Committee.

Chairman Kaitting of the sports committee urges all ballplayers to watch the bulletin board for practice games and games.

Our plant editor sure was a hot sketch when he set his bed afire. Didja collect insurance, Dave?

**DEPT. 25**—Our sympathy to Dutch Cluchey in his bereavement.

Best wishes for speedy recovery to Harold Koppitch. 3-minute period is on wrong end, aint-it, Freida?

## PIFFY THE POKESTER

Ya know, initiates Piffy, a lotta guys and gals get the idea when a contract is signed all they gotta do is worry 'bout policy numbers. I recall Org. Kanter's words, reminisculates ol' Piff, that we just won our FIRST skirmish. Which means ya gotta be alert and on the job, ready to check on vicious rumors of former stooges, faithful in attendin' union meetings and keepin' up with the CIO procession by reading union books and papers, persnickitates the pokester.

## Federal Trucker

You brothers who want your coal in for next winter had better see Chas. Owens of the assembly line before he sells that 500 acres of coal land in Pennsylvania. We thought there was a reason for that coal miner's haircut . . . What's this we hear about "Axle" borrowing Tommy Laurence's rifle so he could go and bring his wife back from Kentucky . . . We should remember in the fall election to vote for men who keep the taxpayers in mind. Why should the city buy 150 Ford trucks, 30 GHC and give Federal an order for only 5, especially when Federal was low bidder by nearly \$7000 on the last 35 trucks, and Federal is built in Detroit . . . Our sailors of the fishing fleet report no fish or floaters this week—and to think Louie wanted to haul him into the boat—how about it, Mac . . . We wonder if there could have been any connection between the Briggs strike and the way the Tigers have been winning ball games. Tiger trades have nothing on our Horseshoe League. Pete Bonno tried to trade Alex Imley for Harold Johnson and three schuppers of beer . . . The Federal Old Timers Club has moved into larger quarters. Fourteen new members last meeting and all had a good time . . . NEXT MEETING of Federal Div. at Union Hall Thursday June 29 at 8 pm.

## Universal Products

Everybody is invited to our meeting Sat. June 24 at 8 pm in the auditorium where an illustrated traveling of Michigan memorial parks will be shown. Tickets, free refreshments and prizes.

Members should be sure to come to our summer regular meetings which begin promptly at 1 pm every 1st and 3d Saturday and adjourn on the dot at 2 pm.

## Bowen Products

Jack Messmann from the threaders is still alive, not as reported in the last plant meeting. Why do certain boys in the ship-pingroom always bellyache about the time-sharing (we still have an agreement, boys). Helen Grzybowski from assembly and Kattie Dull from 15 recently got in good with a certain boy friend and the answer was I DO. The girls in assembly are a little jealous, Catherine, since you played poker with those nice cops in the pen, next time watch the road and not the Kroger storewindows. At our next PLANT MEETING Sat. June 24 we will elect various committees. Refreshments will be served afterwards. STEWARDS meet at 1 pm. Our last dance was attended by our oldtime nurse Ella. Well, boys, she sure can warble a good tune when accompanied by a few jingling beerglasses and Frank gladly paid for the beer.

**UNEMPLOYED**, don't forget to report to the office every 90 days. Chuck Donnelly was to leave the hospital June 10. Marie Carter was operated on last Wednesday. Hope you're both back at work soon. How about paying up some dues, boys and girls? Don't forget West Side Local PICNIC Aug. 19.

## Rinshed Mason

**TONY ZIEMBO**, Plant Editor  
An example for all other plants to follow was set last week when the Rinshed Mason management announced 2 weeks vacation with pay for all employees, regardless of how little or how long they have worked for the company. We unionists appreciate the generous cooperative attitude of the management.

Just because a little boy once held back the Atlantic ocean with his finger is no sign the same can be done with a mill full of blue paint. Joe and Leo should know—and were their faces red! or are we colorblind!

The way the RM ballplayers are blasting out homers these days there's going to be a great demand for Wheaties.

After spending many Novembers in the north country with rifle and bayonet, bow and arrow, and \$100 of hunting toggery without success, Buck ran his 9-point deer down on the golf course at Idle Wyld with only a 98c sweater and his bare hands. Tennessee had some hunting luck too, bagging a moose after five men had bit the dust (and we mean DUST). Won't he have a swell bedtime story to tell his kids when he gets those antlers mounted! The whole show would have done credit to any wrestle-royal at the Arena Gardens, even the moon had a smile.

# Timken Union Gear

Give news for this column to **JAMES THOMPSON**, Plant Editor

Union members got letters from the West Side Local office warning them not to sign company bonds. The union negotiated this question when the company brought it up, and the union decided not to consent to this practice. Members who are pressured by company representatives to sign bonds should report the facts and circumstances to the union.

**TIMKEN PICNIC** will be held Sat. June 24 at Fon's Lake, 12

players and an honest-to-goodness team of Scotch dart players that can't be beat. Bro. Mullin bragged he was a crackerjack horseshoe player but maybe it's some other part of the horse he's throwing.

Mile and Southfield rd. Everybody is guaranteed a good time and if there are any proceeds they will go into the Timken Christmas fund. Don't miss this chance for a grand outing with your fellow workers and their families.

When we have close to 100% organization we'll have no trouble with the company. It's tough making some of the workers understand but we must remember how they've been miseducated all these years. Let's give the organization committee all the help we can.

## NEXT CONVEYOR JUNE 28

The next Conveyor, dated June 28, will be made up June 26. The deadline for shop news is therefore Thursday night, June 22.