

2,000 Metal Polishers In 2nd Week of Strike

Union Says Men Are 'Bedfellows' of Silicosis; Demands Sanitary Improvements as Well as Better Pay, Hours

More than 2,000 metal polishers start the second week of their general strike today. Working under conditions which make silicosis and cyanide poison common diseases in the trade, the men are out to gain sanitary conditions and higher wages in the trade. With all the jobbing shops in the trade tied up, Locals 8 and 26 of the Metal Polishers, Buffers and Platers Union, has succeeded in striking the whole industry. William Downing, recording secretary, announced that since the strike, the union has grown from 750 to more than 2,000.

Connecticut and New Jersey locals are cooperating with the strikers, the union reported. This is the height of the busy season, and the bosses can well afford to grant the demands in this hazardous industry. Downing stated, Downing said that jobbers are constantly calling the union and offering to settle.

Ask Sanitary Improvements

Almost everything worn or used in the home or elsewhere is touched by this trade—through nickel plating, chromium plating and other forms of electroplating. Dust is haled all the time, so that silicosis is a very common disease in the trade. Cyanide poisoning has also injured the men, the union charged.

Sanitary conditions, as well as wage increases, are demanded by the strikers. A minimum wage of \$1 an hour for polishers and platers, 70 cents an hour for platers' helpers and 50 and 40 cents for the workers general helpers is demanded. Other points at issue are union recognition, reclassification and the elimination of "family" shops.

In some shops, the union has found boys working as apprentices for 25 cents an hour while doing the work of mechanics. In others, ten men, working with cyanide, have only a small sink without hot water to wash in. There is hardly a man in the industry with unmarred hands, the union charged. If a man gets off with only a couple of scars, he's lucky.

Bedfellows of Silicosis

The strikers pointed out that if the bosses want to hire unskilled men they will only be going in for wholesale murder. At the strike hall, at 827 Broadway, one of the workers stated that the industrial companies wouldn't even insure them.

"We are bedfellows of silicosis," Paul Eldridge, one of the strikers declared. "Many of the shops have no ventilation system, no blowers, no sinks and not even lockers to hang our clothes in," Joe Adamo, head of the strike committee charged.

Adamo, a short, energetic man, said that men work from 12 to 14 hour a day, at 30 and 40 cents an hour. Praising the militancy of the strikers, he said that the men are glad to go out and fight for decent wages and working conditions.

Employe Coercion Charged Against Ohrbach's Store

Ohrbach's Store will be charged in court this morning with illegally compelling employees to contribute to a benefit fund, in an action brought by Leon Tenor, a locked-out worker, now picketing the store.

The suit accuses Ohrbach's of violating Section 390 of the New York Labor Law, which states that corporations shall not compel employees to make contributions to a benefit or insurance fund.

The case will be heard at the First District Municipal Court in Brooklyn. Herbert Lebovitz, lawyer for the locked-out worker, said he believed this is the first time the violation of the law is being challenged. Lebovitz added that corporations are insuring themselves a constant "kickback" from wages by such benefit societies.

Laundry Workers Union To Hear Mahoney Speak On Organization Work

William Mahoney, New York State organizer for the American Federation of Labor, will address a meeting of Local 290, Laundry Workers Union, on Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock at the Harlem Labor Center, 312 W. 125th St.

Mahoney will speak as a representative of the Committee to Organize All Laundry Workers, which consists of representatives from the A. F. of L. Central Trades and Labor Council, Union Label Council, United Hebrew Trades, Women's Trade Union League and the Negro Labor Committee.

Noah Walters, Local 290 organizer, stated that this committee will conduct a campaign to bring within the union 50,000 unorganized laundry workers.

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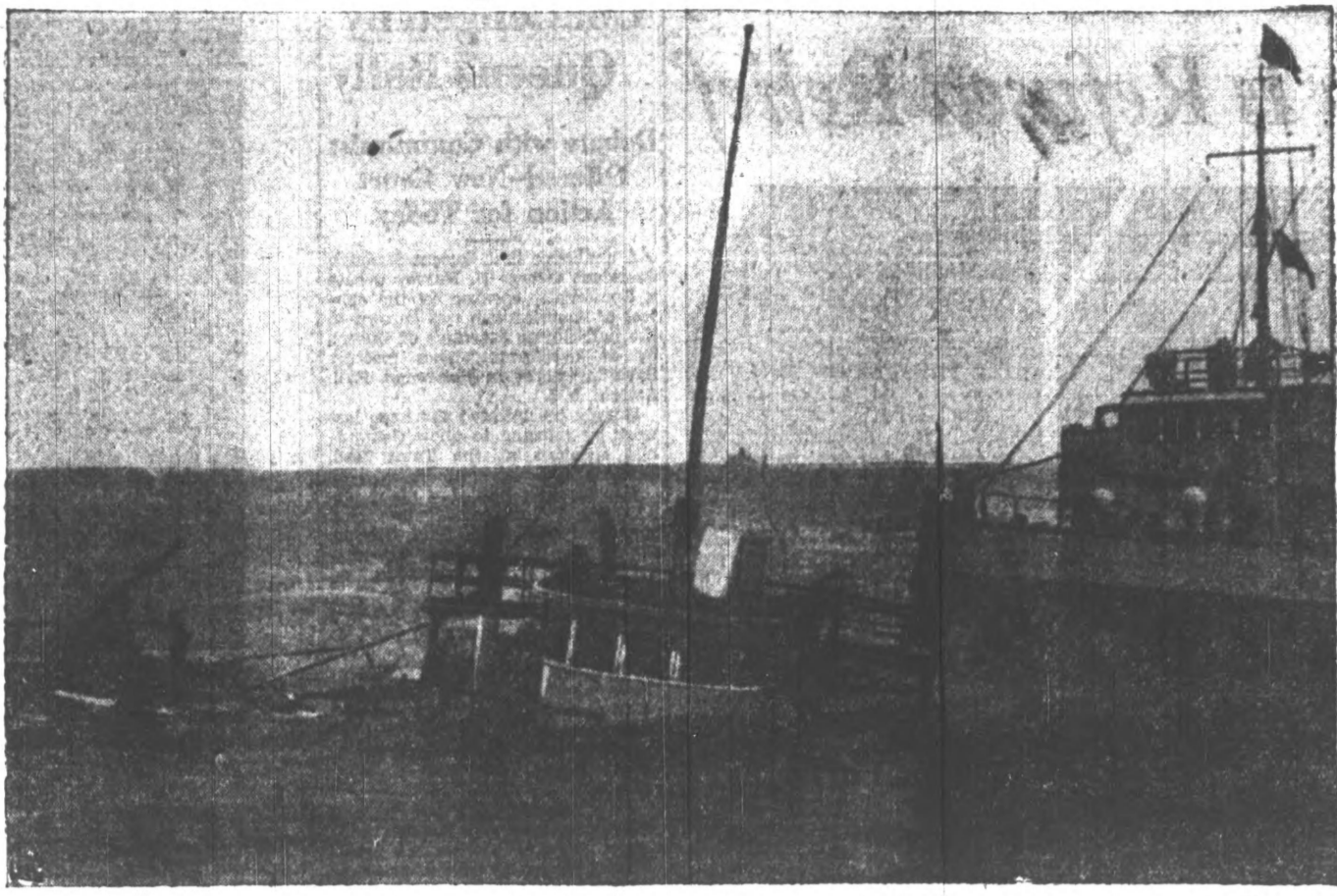
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Registration Notices

REGISTRATION for Fall Term is now being held at Workers School, 35 E. 12th St., Room 201. Descriptive catalogues obtainable upon request.

Coast Guard Inspects Sunken Excursion Steamer



As 212 persons praised the rescue work which saved them from death when the excursion steamer Romance was sunk in Boston harbor, government investigators inspected the submerged hull to determine responsibility for the near-tragic accident. Cutter is shown beside the sunken Romance.

Big Tasks and Opportunities Face Textile Union Convention

By Edith Berkman

The Bi-Annual Convention of the United Textile Workers of America opens today at the Hotel Woodstock, New York, and will last until next Saturday. This International union is the first one to hold its convention since the suspension of the C.I.O. unions from the American Federation of Labor. It is one of the largest unions which has wholeheartedly endorsed the program of organization of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

It is natural that the United Textile Workers Union should be one of these unions. The experience of the original craft locals of the U.T.W. had forced the whole International to accept the policy of industrial unions long before the campaign had taken on its present form in the A. F. of L. The United Textile Workers Union also originated the famous "Gorman Resolution No. 13," in favor of a Labor Party at the last A. F. of L. convention.

The determination of the textile workers to form Farmer-Labor Parties in every State is a result of bitter experience. The leaders of the United Textile Workers Union who have sponsored this resolution should be given the full credit they deserve.

Since Last Convention

The 1934 U.T.W. Convention made history. It was this Convention which resolved to organize the thousands of unorganized textile workers, even if it required strike action. The strike of 1934 will go down in the annals of the labor movement as one of the most heroic struggles of the textile workers to unionize themselves and to improve their conditions. The blood of the 17 textile workers who paid with their lives during that strike to improve the conditions of their brothers and sisters in the industry must be remembered and honored at this convention.

The strike of 1934 proved to the textile workers that before any victories can be won the textile workers must be solidly organized. They have learned that strikes cannot be conducted from "Washington" alone, that strikes through "official" communications and statements cannot be successful, and that strikes must have strike machinery and strike machinery and strike weapons. The textile workers have learned that the workers themselves must conduct their strikes, must have strike committees elected by themselves to assure the right to a final vote on ending any strike.

IN DEFENSE OF SAN SEBASTIAN

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11 Fishermen Rescued After Hope Was Lost

Giant Wave Smashes Trawler, Cargo Shifts, Life Boat Swamps

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13 (UP).—Eleven men on the fishing trawler Sea Pride were saved in a dramatic rescue at sea last night after virtually all hope had been abandoned for them.

Two coast guard cutters raced to where the disaster trawler was going down, approximately 45 miles north of the Golden Gate, off Point Reyes.

The Sea Pride, it was reported, was loaded heavily with 90 tons of sardines, and was taking another ton-slinging load aboard when a huge wave struck the ship and shifted its cargo.

The boat was disabled immediately and the crew swung a surf boat on the upper side into the water and leaped into it.

They had little chance to reach shore but their plight was seen by another trawler, which sped to the life boat and took the men aboard just before it swamped.

The disabled Sea Pride crashed on the rocks and then drifted toward shore and sank.

Labor School Asks Unions For Support

The New York Workers School will inaugurate its fourteenth year of labor education with an enlarged and varied program of courses scheduled for the fall term, which opens Sept. 28. Registration is now going on.

In a letter sent out to all trade unions and labor organizations, A. Markoff, director, said in part: "The education of its membership in the viewpoint, program and policies of the labor movement is a matter of great importance to every trade union and labor organization. . . . American workers as well as workers of all countries are deeply concerned in the struggle against fascism and the fight for the preservation of peace. In the face of these events, it is imperative, as never before, to increase the power of the trade unions and workers' organizations and unite the ranks of labor against the reactionary forces of the country. . . . 'The Workers School, the largest labor educational institution in the country, offers your organization such a program. During the Fall term, the Workers School will give a whole series of popular courses for workers in New York.' . . . Descriptive catalogues can be obtained from the Workers School office, 35 East 12th Street, Room 301.

C.P. Functionaries Urged To Attend Meet Tonight

The District Organization Department of the Communist Party announced yesterday that an important meeting of all functionaries will be held at the Manhattan Lyceum, at 66 East 4th Street tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

All unit functionaries, section committee members, active members of the campaign committee, trade union fraction secretaries, and also candidates are urged to attend.

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Handicapped, Deaf Win WPA Demands

Somervell Promises 7 Percent of All Assignments; Will Hire Members of 2 Leagues; Have Picketed Months

As a result of their fight to work, the League for the Physically Handicapped, and the League for the Advancement of the Deaf, were able to announce yesterday that in a conference with Colonel B. B. Somervell, a new policy of hiring 7 per cent of all WPA assignments from the ranks of the handicapped persons has been won.

"The WPA bureau for the physically handicapped will be re-organized under a new director to correct present weaknesses. . . . Another point gained by the conference was the right of the standing grievance committee of the League of the Physically Handicapped and League for the Advancement of the Deaf to gain ready access to WPA officials on any difficulties which may arise. . . . Supporting the recommendations offered by the handicapped people, Mrs. Flora Preese of the Flora Preese Welfare League, and Hahbi Hyman A. Rabinowitz of the Congregation of Israel were also present at the conference.

The two leagues have been picketing WPA headquarters at 70 Columbus Avenue, and the old headquarters at the Port Authority Building for months in order to gain the right to work.

Cigar Makers Raise Funds To Aid Spain

A mass meeting for the United People's Front in Spain, was held by Local No. 144 of the Cigar Makers International Union of America, at the Club Obrero, 1490 Madison Avenue. The organization collected the sum of \$213. The cigar workers are sending in sizeable contributions each week.

Several unions in conjunction with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, have pledged \$100,000 to support the workers in Spain. This week, Local No. 144 handed in to the Finance Department in charge of collections, the sum of \$750.

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