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You use your power,
The world must fol-
low you.

Stand all as one
Till right is done!
Believe and dare
and do!

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CLARK STRIKERS 'SIT DOWN'

UNION RALLY PACKS HALLS FRIDAY NIGHT

Many Speakers Praise 574
for Its Support of
Movement

Crowd Packs Building to
Hear Speaking Program
and Music

Packing every available inch of space of the two floors, Local No. 574 halls, 3,000 members and sympathizers listened intently to a long program of speaking and music Friday night. Local No. 574's new band greeted early arrivals at the meeting with a program of popular music. A loud-speaking system had been installed which made it possible for all to hear the program, which was held on the third floor in the large auditorium.

The crowd cheered wildly as speaker after speaker pledged loyalty to General Drivers Union and cited the contribution that Local No. 574 had made to the Minneapolis labor movement. William Brown, President of Local No. 574, acted as chairman of the meeting. As he opened the meeting Brown stated that the purpose of the gathering was to lay before our members, friends and sympathizers the situation that prevails, at the present time.

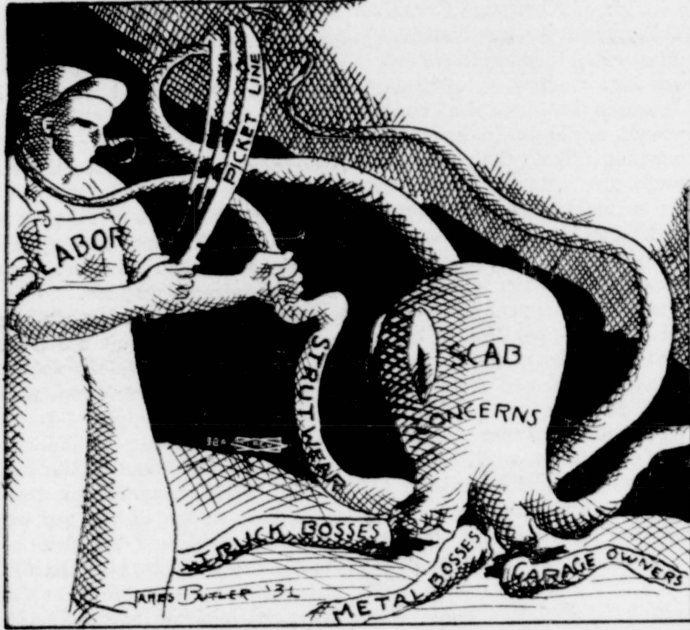
Leslie Sinton, International vice president Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, said that the Cooks and Waiters are with Local No. 574 "heart and soul." He said that General Drivers Union had supported his organization and that they, in turn, would support us. Earl Martin, business agent of the Iron Workers Union, spoke briefly but to the point. He said the Iron Workers were with Local No. 574 100 percent.

George Phillips, president of Local 160, Northern States Employees Union, was the next speaker. He told of the service that had been rendered his organization by Local No. 574. He spoke of the near disaster that had been suffered by his union and how they made a come-back with the help of General Drivers Union. Representative Bellman stated that 99 and 44-100 per cent of the membership of the Farmer-Labor party is solidly behind Local No. 574. He offered the opinion that Local No. 574 delegates would be seated in the coming State Farmer-Labor convention.

Alex McKeown, International vice president of the Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers Union, reviewed the history of the Strut-wear strike and state that it was the duty of every member of organized labor to assist the Strut-

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The Fight Is Not Over



St. Louis Union Tells of Charter Lifting by International Officer

Grocery, Fruit, Vegetable, Provision and Warehouse Employees'
Local Union No. 667
4046 Folsom Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

March 18, 1936.

Mr. Miles Dunne, Editor,
Northwest Organizer,
257 Plymouth Ave. North
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Ironically enough your letter arrived in the same mail with another which was from our International office, revoking the charter of Warehouse Union No. 667, so that you can appreciate the encouragement you extend when you state that, "Your charter is only good when it means that by affiliation with an international union you receive help and assistance from that body."

Personally, I did not think the International office would withdraw our charter because the labor movement generally has supported us so wholeheartedly but now that it is done, neither I nor the membership of No. 667 will shed any tears, but pitch in and intensify this fight until the Kroger Company yields to our just demands.

The morale and spirits of our membership is good, despite four months of privations and hardships. If genuine trade unions continue their support I am confident that we can win this fight, charter or no charter. At least No. 667 will continue to fight on to the limit.

The treatment given us by our International was outright betrayal. They drew a contract with the Kroger Company which denied us every demand we asked; it meant the return to slave conditions and the loss of every principle that we struck for. Our membership

Monday, March 30, at 8 p. m. will be held the first meeting of independent ice drivers and dealers. It is imperative that every independent ice dealer be present at this meeting. Important matters will be taken up that will affect the future of all workers in this industry. Everyone wishes to get away from the chaotic conditions that have prevailed in the past. To do that organization is necessary. Unless you are at the meeting to give your counsel and voice your opinion, actions may be taken that are not to your liking. Do not fail to attend. Time, Monday, March 30, 8 p. m. Place, General Drivers hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North.

naturally rejected it. The penalty now is loss of our charter.

I want to thank you again for your interesting letter and the encouragement it contained. Hoping I again may hear from you, especially in light of the new developments, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR T. WILES,
Secretary.

Thirty Days to File Laundry Complaints

Attention Cleaners, Drivers, and Laundry Workers: Complaints of any violations of our agreement must be made within thirty days of commitment. It is advisable that any grievance shall be reported to business agent as soon as possible.

Bonus Applicants

Geo. Gites announces that he is still available and will gladly assist any war veteran who is a member of the union or of the Federal Workers in filling out their bonus applications. Geo. can be reached any Friday night.

Milwaukee Guild Quotes W. Brown

The striking Guild workers in Milwaukee, who are struggling against the Hearst owned Wisconsin News, are issuing an interesting daily strike bulletin. It is a mimeograph sheet telling the progress of the strike and listing the human interest angles that always are present in a labor controversy.

Their bulletin of March 16th is particularly interesting. It contains a description of the mass picket line and the mass meeting which followed it. They quote, at some length, William Brown, President of Local 574, General Drivers Union of Minneapolis, who was the principal speaker at their Saturday meeting.

"If any one individual in the United States today can bring fascism to America it is Mr. Hearst. How then can the rest of the labor unions in the country sit calmly by while the Newspaper Guild in Milwaukee carries on our fight against the worst enemy labor ever had? We are fighting a common enemy. It is the duty of every trade unionist, wherever he may be in the United States, to get in this struggle and knock-out Hearst once and for all."

Brown pointed out that in his belief industrial unionism is the answer to situations such as exist in the present strike where union men in the printing crafts continue to work on the strikebound paper and have, in some cases, signed a statement designed to break the strike which the Wisconsin News management is distributing.

"How can we as labor leaders say that Hearst is public enemy number one," he challenged, "and at the same time allow our union men to go into his plant to work when an organization of workers is out on strike? I say that there is no difference between a union man who walks through your picket line, where you're out with your wives and children fighting for a decent living, and the worst kind of a scab."

Carnegie Steward Thanks Friends

Sherman Oakes wishes to thank, through the columns of the Organizer, the union, members and friends whom he says have treated him very kindly during the time he has been laid up with a broken bone in his ankle.

Christ Moe Finds Purse

Chris Moe, steward at Fuel Distributors, reports the finding of a coin purse containing 81 cents in cash, three street car tokens, and a chauffeur's badge, No. 12307.

These articles have been turned in at the union office and the owner can secure them by properly identifying his property.

CLARK WORKERS 'SIT DOWN' IN STRUCK PLANT

J. R. Clark Company Workers Fight Against Unfair Discharge

Strike 100% Effective as All Union Members Stay in Plant

As we go to press, members of the Furniture Workers Union at the J. R. Clark Company are in the midst of a "sit down" strike.

Taking a leaf from the Akron rubber workers, the employees at the Clark company elected to stay in the plant rather than picket in the streets.

Monday morning 300 union workers went into the factory at the usual time and took their appointed places in the various departments. But when the starting whistle blew and the machinery commenced to hum, the workers, instead of going about their tasks, simply sat down.

Production came to a standstill and the power was turned off. Guards were posted at all doors as meeting was called on the second floor. Committees were set up to function for the strikers.

When noon came, the management sent coffee and food to the strikers. This was refused by the men. The union committee had arranged for a food supply for the members, and during the day over a thousand sandwiches and many gallons of coffee were consumed by the workers.

Tuesday arrangements were being made, by wives of the strikers, to set up a kitchen in General Drivers hall.

The cause of the "sit down" strike was a violation of the union agreement by the management in discharging a union member out of seniority and without sufficient cause. The men state that they are determined to have a showdown with the company on this question.

Laundry Agreements Are at Union Office

Announcement to all members of Local 18005-183, Cleaners, Drivers, and Laundry Workers. Copies of our Working Union agreement are being compiled and getting ready for distribution for members desiring them. Call At. 7678 at office. Everyone should have a copy.

The committee from the Building Material Drivers met with a committee from the Independent Truck Owners, Sunday afternoon, in the union hall. A common program was the objective.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

UNION RALLY PACKS HALLS FRIDAY NIGHT

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wear strikers in winning their fight in order that unions may continue to grow and make progress here. He asked everyone to support the labor demonstration that will be held April 1 for the support of the Strutwear strike.

Farrell Dobbs made his first report on his visit to the committee for industrial organization in Washington, D. C. At the outset Dobbs remarked that if anyone had the idea that Local No. 574 was not known nationally, they were badly mistaken. Brophy, he stated, received the delegation warmly and was fully informed about Local No. 574, its expulsion from the Drivers International, and its situation in Minneapolis.

Dobbs said that their visit to Washington was fully repaid by the new information and the new outlook that had been gained on the national aspects of the labor movement. Dobbs reported that the object of the visit to the C. I. O. had not been to attempt to secure a charter from them. They have no authority to issue charters.

Miles Dunne, editor of the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER, spoke on the local situation. He particularly stressed the fact that despite a truce that is supposed to exist between Local 574 and the rest of the labor movement that General Drivers Union is being subject to attacks by unions in the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council. He cited two cases in point where members of Local No. 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, were scabbing on a No. 574 strike. He pleaded for the united support of all organized workers for General Drivers Union.

John Janosko, president of Furniture Workers Union, Local No. 1859, was the last speaker. He stated that when his union was fighting to obtain a contract with the J. R. Clark Company they came to Local No. 574 for aid and advice. He said that when the employer pleaded with them not to come to us for help, he knew that we must be right. He said that the J. R. Clark Company was almost 100 per cent organized. Although the meeting adjourned shortly after 11 o'clock, it was long after midnight before the halls were emptied of the crowd.

Hall Offers to Furnish Scabs

The statement made by Cliff Hall, sterling organizer for the Teamsters Joint Council, at the Swanson Fuel and Transfer Thursday, is a trade union classic.

He told Mr. Swanson quite plainly "If 574 strikes this yard we will fill their places with No. 221 members inside of an hour." Very neatly put.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Local No. 160, N. S. P. Co. Employees
 Thursday, March 26—Executive Board.
 Wednesday, April 1—Membership meeting.
 Thursday, April 2—Executive board.
 Wednesday, April 8—Organization Committee.
 Thursday, April 9—Executive Board.
 Department meetings will be held subject to call.
 All meetings at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., second floor.
 Members may present grievances at any of the above meetings.

Local Union 160 Writes to Tracy

Local 160, Northern States Power Employees Union, two weeks ago wrote to their international office in regard to dropping the insurance feature of their charter.

They explained that they felt that in as much as most of the members of the local union carried insurance, paying \$2 per month to the International office out of the \$3 dues, worked too great a hardship on the members and also left the local union in a position where it was difficult to finance its local affairs.

President Tracy of the I. B. E. W. some time ago, offered to take into his organization members of the Radio Workers Union without compelling them to pay the insurance that is provided by the Brotherhood.

Abolishing the insurance assessment means low dues and affords lowly paid workers an opportunity to become union members. The reply of the International is printed below.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD ELECTRICAL WORKERS

March 17, 1936

Mr. George P. Phillips
 2745 Lincoln St. N. E.
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Referring to your favor of February 10, addressed to President Tracy, requesting that the Executive Council grant a special exemption to Local 160 on the question of insurance as provided by the Constitution, would advise that the action of the Council was that as the Constitution does not grant them the right to set aside any of the provisions of the Constitution, they were unable to grant your request.

With best wishes,
 Fraternally yours,
 G. M. GUGMAZET,
 International Secretary.

Yellow Notes

An example of how Yellow Cab boys take care of their former fellow members. Recently a driver who was forced to quit last spring because of failing health was the recipient of a \$50 donation which was collected among the drivers.

The company officials and office employes also contributed which I am sure was much appreciated by the recipient.

Broadway Jack is contented now as he is back in his home locality made possible by the re-installation of the light and phone.

The Yellow Cab will soon be in its new home located at Second St. and First Ave. N. E. Moving operations will begin in earnest Monday, March 23, and the switchboard will be moved early Monday morning, March 30. It is expected that the new quarters will be much more satisfactory in many respects.

The first shipment of new Yellow Cabs is expected the early part of April. A new home and new equipment ought to help some.

We see our old friend "Buck" Chambers has returned to our midst. Not such a bad job now to return to. How about it, "Buck"?

The boys from Mankato report they are making splendid progress in that Southern Minnesota town. A committee from their union visited at the union hall Saturday.

Bill Brown Says—

Local 574 is one thousand per cent for the industrial form of union organization. This must be what the workers want, because we are taking new members at a more rapid pace than ever before. It is a good thing for workers to know that not one strike has been lost since Local 574 won the coal strike in 1933.

Although some office holders call us outlaws, they find that it's pretty handy to have us around when their organizations are out on strike. In many cases we have returned good for evil by assisting labor organizations whose leaders are quietly trying to put a knife in our back. Local 574 is still setting the pace.



BILL BROWN
 President of 574

574 Union Fan Scores Farmer-Labor Party in Strong Letter

To Editor of Northwest Organizer
 257 Plymouth Avenue North
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

It seems that a word of encouragement would be in keeping to somewhat offset the continuous treacherous attacks made upon your splendid organization by so-called labor leaders and "brother" unionists.

The attitude taken at the recent Farmer-Labor convention in St. Paul relative to 574 and their threat to "take a walk" in case delegates are seated from 574, is enough to make a man throw up his guts if he happens especially to be a trade unionist.

Our own central committee (of which I am a member) came away from that meeting with comparative clean noses; however, there were a few scattering noes when the vote on 574 was taken from the same people who refused to repudiate Mayor Latimer in his own ward.

Local 574 is unique in the trade union movement in that the leaders back up the rank and file instead of the reverse. Such an organization is truly democratic and under this policy has been able to

Independent Owners Meet Thursday Night

The Independent Truck Owners of 574 held a large and enthusiastic meeting in the union hall Thursday night. Persistent reports that Local 500 is organizing independent truck owners, on some projects, was reported. Ray Rainbolt was assigned to check up on these reports and to conduct a general survey on all WPA projects where independent truck owners are employed to find out what, if any effect, has been made by Local 500 activity.

The demand for union independent truck owners appears to be good. Despite the fact that forty trucks were laid off the Belt Line job, few of the owners so affected have registered themselves as unemployed at the union office.

A detailed report was made of the activity of the Independent Section that led to the securing of 65 cents per hour for drivers on fleet-owned trucks. Reports that these drivers were being paid off at the rate of 55 cents per hour instead of 65 cents were investigated and found to be true. When this fact became known a committee waited upon the proper officials at the WPA office and laid the matter before them. This was followed by a letter setting forth in detail the abuses that existed.

A demand was made that these drivers be immediately paid at the WPA rate and that back-time be given them. Steps have been taken to correct the situation and all fleet owners have been notified that the WPA hourly pay rate for truck drivers must prevail. It was reported at the meeting that John Holm, long time member of Independent Truck Owners Section, was seriously ill.

The next meeting of the Independent Truck Owners Section will be held Thursday, April 2.

accomplish more for the labor movement in Minneapolis in the last two or three years than some of the labor nabobs have done in the last twenty years.

In spite of the knifing that 574 has been subject to since the historic strikes of 1934 they have never withheld their support in spite of the chance of even up with certain reactionary leaders when workers were on a strike.

The only sin I can see you have committed is that you are ahead of the times. It is in my opinion that a concerted and sustained subscription campaign for the Northwest Organizer be launched in St. Paul and some of the back wards in Minneapolis to teach them that stench of the red hering really comes from that old Fascist dragon known as the Citizens Alliance, as is consistent with the usual program of the Fascists by using just these sort of opportunities to further dissension and racial hatred among the workers.

More power to you and your paper as the torch bearer to the labor movement in the northwest.
 O. S. N. Requit

Building Material Drivers Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, there was a specially called meeting of all the building material drivers, helpers, and inside workers held at General Drivers hall. The response to the call for this meeting was excellent. No fewer than 200 of these workers were present when the meeting opened.

It was pointed out that the building material season was at hand when a substantial upswing in employment in this industry would take place. It was also disclosed at the meeting that most of the building material companies are under individual contract to Local 574. In this respect the conditions of employment differ to a considerable extent.

This condition does not exist in the transfer, coal, and market where the workers are covered by blanket agreements.

A committee was set up at the meeting whose duty will be to draft a new agreement which will cover the industry as a whole. The committee will meet Sunday at 2 p. m. There will be a general meeting Wednesday, March 25, at 8 p. m.

All building material drivers, helpers, and inside workers, union and non-union, are invited to attend.

Editor Northwest Organizer
 Dear Sir:

Although I am an A. F. of L. trade unionist, I want to congratulate you for the splendid paper you publish. I think it is the most progressive labor paper in this part of the country.

Your stand on Industrial Unionism is fine.

Keep up the good work. We need your kind of a paper.

Best of luck.

Fraternally yours,

A. F. OF L. MEMBER

On WPA Projects

Trucks are being transferred from the Belt Line project to Rose Bros. Sumner Field wrecking job. Such trucks as are being removed are trucks owned by relief clients. According to WPA regulations the trucks so removed will not be replaced.

The laborers' crew on the Belt Line job is being reduced from 1,300 to 1,000 men. This is being accomplished by transferring single men to other projects.

Testifying to the bad driving conditions on some of the projects a constant stream of reports come into the union office regarding damaged equipment. Monday on the Belt Line three more trucks tore out rear ends.

Apparently the project at 29th and Pleasant Avenue has become a clearing house for WPA workers who, for some reason or other, are found undesirable elsewhere. Almost all transfers that are being issued send the transferred worker to 29th Street and Pleasant Ave. There they're either sent to other projects or get their 403. Many WPA workers now regard their transfer to Pleasant Ave. merely as a preliminary to discharge.

Building Workers Suffer Reverses

The inclusion of the vicious "violence" clause in the settlement of the New York Building Workers' strike has already led to trouble, as was correctly pointed out in the columns of last week's Organizer.

Confirming this prediction comes news that over 2,000 striking workers are still locked out. While Walter Gordon Merritt, counsel for the Realty Advisory Board, notorious anti-unionist and long time guiding spirit in the open shop League for Industrial Rights, passed the arbitration buck to several thousand New York building owners, some 2,000 former strikers continued their picket line treks carrying "locked out" placards.

In what the New York Post called the "shabbiest trick in the history of American trade unionism," Merritt declared that the Realty Board, which had acted as spokesman, strikebreaker hiring agent, and negotiator for the landlords, was powerless to settle and that ratification of the arbitration proposal must come individually from thousands of its members.

Definite appointment of Ferdinand Silcox, Department of Agriculture chief forester, as arbitrator on wage and hour disputes, rests upon the landlords' decision. Meanwhile, Hugh Robertson, arbitrator on lockouts, appointed by Mayor La Guardia's emergency committee, faced scores of union members' complaints of discrimination when they sought to regain their jobs after the strike was called off.

At London Terrace, huge apartment colony, 200 workers continued their strike when the management sought to bar 20 former strikers from regaining their positions. To a lesser extent the same process was being repeated in other places throughout the city, while tenants and workers assailed as treacherous the landlords' discrimination moves.

Pittsburgh Headline: "Andrew Mellon Reported Buying More Art."

The aluminum workers can look for another wage cut any time now.

Cokato WPA Workers Protest 14-Mile Daily Trip to Project

A classic example of the unparalleled stupidity of WPA administration in the rural districts of the state is found at Cokato, Minnesota. WPA workers who reside there are compelled to travel 28 miles each day to reach their project and return home. The French Lake project, on which the Cokato workers are employed, is located over 14 miles from the town in which they reside.

With such a great distance to travel the uninitiated would necessarily assume that free transportation would be provided for these workers. However, such is not the case. These workers out of their meager salary of \$44 per month are compelled to provide their own transportation.

This would seem to be hardship enough to impose on anyone, but that is not quite all. Now that the spring break-up as at hand it is becoming increasingly difficult to reach the job. The foreman on the project, when informed of the difficulty of reaching the work, told the workers that they should start out a "couple of hours earlier each day." This, in spite of the fact that the Cokato project workers are now spending four hours daily to get to and from their work.

The project foreman has informed the workers that they will be docked for any time lost whether caused by impassable roads or for any other reason. A delegation from the Cokato Federal Workers Section was in Minneapolis Monday to lay their complaint before the state WPA administrator.

Baseball Team Will Meet Wednesday Eve

The next organizational meeting of Local 574, baseball team, will be held Wednesday, March 25th. The baseball team is attempting this year to get the jump on the season and get started at least a month earlier than it got under way last year.

While it is too early yet for outdoor practice it is important that players desirous of performing in the uniform of General Drivers Union, get together at an early date. Already most of last year's team have signified their desire to be with our local again and a host of new players are in prospect. The meeting will be in charge of Fred Nelson.

MEETING SCHEDULE Local No. 574

- Monday, March 2—Coal Workers.
- Tuesday, March 3—Executive Board.
- Thursday, March 5—Independent Truck Owners, Federal Stewards.
- Friday, March 6—Federal Workers, all No. 574 Stewards.
- Monday, March 9—Full membership meeting.
- Tuesday, March 10—Executive Board.
- Thursday, March 12—Federal Stewards.
- Friday, March 13—Coal Stewards, Federal Workers.
- Monday, March 16—Coal Workers.
- Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day.
- Thursday, March 19—Independent Truck Owners, Federal Stewards.
- Friday, March 20—All Stewards, Federal Workers.
- Monday, March 23—Full membership meeting.
- Tuesday, March 24—Executive Board; Taxi Drivers, Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m.
- Thursday, March 26—Federal Stewards.
- Friday, March 27—Federal Workers, Coal Stewards.
- Tuesday, March 31—Executive Board.

CLU Will Sponsor Education Night

The Minneapolis Central Labor Union will sponsor a special Workers' Education Night on Tuesday evening, March 31, 1936, at the large auditorium at 18 North 8th Street. The program will begin at 8 p. m., and will consist of many outstanding features which aside from their entertainment value, are highly instructive. The Workers' Education debate team will present its provocative and pertinent debate on Industrial versus Craft Unionism. Several delightful and amusing puppet plays will be presented by the Labor Players. There will also be music and other entertainment.

Speakers will explain the various subjects which are being offered to the people of Minneapolis by the Workers' Education Program of the WPA. Those who wish to sign up for the spring classes will have an opportunity to enroll during the evening. The meeting is open to the public, and the Central Labor Union invites all those interested in the program of Workers' Education to attend on Tuesday night, March 31, at 8 o'clock. Admission free.

Elliot Roosevelt Hearst Employee

Elliott Roosevelt, second son of the president, has become a Hearst executive! The fact that young Roosevelt is a vice president of Hearst Radio, Inc., which at present controls five southwestern radio stations, came to light when the company filed application for purchase of the stations from the Federal Communications Commission.

Other stations will be acquired by the Hearst outfit in the near future it is expected.

Tracy Sugar Strikers Tell of Bosses' Attempt to Bust Union

The Sugar Workers Union which has been on strike at the Tracy Sugar Factory, Tracy, Calif., since October 17, 1935, must be causing the officials of the Holly Sugar Corp. considerable discomfort.

They have tried every means of intimidation to break the Sugar Workers Union, but to their sorrow their efforts have failed. They have found that the Sugar Workers Union has been taking in a good many new members every Wednesday night, which is our meeting night. So the Holly Sugar Corp. has started a company union, which every union man knows is no union at all, but just a farce.

Art Harry, assistant superintendent, has been in front of our meeting hall every Wednesday night watching over his poor ignorant hirelings (who have not enough common intelligence to think for themselves) to see that none of them get inside that (nasty) union hall. Mr. Harry has the air of an old chicken hen with a flock of little ducks trying to keep them out of the water. Water as we all know is good for ducks and they have enough intelligence to know it. A union is good for all the working class but some people are not as smart as our feathered friends, so they stay out of the water and unions too.

It seems that some of the higher bosses and their stool pigeons have taken up playing Chinese lottery in front of our union hall every Wednesday night, although there are lots of other places, and six other nights in which to play lottery.

The Sugar Workers are here to

Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, there will be the first of a series of general membership meetings for the Cleaners, Drivers, and Laundry Workers Union No. 18005 and 183. Business representative, Rubin Latz, urges that all members of the organization take advantage of the first meeting in April to bring their fellow workers in the laundry and dry cleaning plants, who are not members of the union, to the meeting. All will be welcome. New members will be taken in at this time.

Food Workers Union Wins Forum Strike

The strike of the Miscellaneous Workers, Local 665, came to an end Saturday noon, with a victory for the striking restaurant employees. The settlement of their difficulty included the returning to work of the discharged worker, whose case led to the calling of the strike.

Finally taking advice from the columns of the Northwest Organizer, who have consistently advocated that food deliveries to struck restaurants be stopped, Saturday, all, food, milk and meat deliveries, were turned back from the Forum.

Not four hours after this correct tactic was used, the Forum management settled. Thus, once again, is demonstrated the power of the driving crafts.

Hennepin Board Raises Boss Pay

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution requesting that the pay of WPA foremen be increased from \$85 to \$115 per month. It seems that the WPA workers can't get even a dollar increase over the \$60.50 that they now receive but that foremen can get wage increases of \$25 at a time.

It's the old capitalist scheme of keeping the workers divided.

stay and to organize a Sugar Workers Union in the Tracy Sugar factory, no matter how long it takes. We have had splendid support from union organizations all throughout the whole United States, and that is what is going to win our strike.

Although the company bosses told the men that did not go out with us that we were an outlaw union and did not have any backing and would soon be broke and would all have to leave town, we have received donations, checks and letters assuring us they would "BOYCOTT" all Holly Sugar and its by-products of the Tracy plant.

If the officials could see some of our correspondence, they might start playing lottery on Sunday nights.

Tom Mooney Gets Raw Court Deal

Anything goes, it seems, as state prosecuting attorneys seek to build up their case against Tom Mooney in his habeas corpus hearings before court-pointed Referee A. E. Shaw in San Francisco.

Though Shaw barred important evidence introduced by Mooney's counsel on "irrelevancy" grounds, he allowed former Assistant District Attorney Edward Cunha to make denunciation of Mooney's political beliefs and shout that Mooney wanted to go to jail because he was "mad."

Commented Defense Attorney John Finerty: "Who's looney now."

The Railroad Unions

Fellow Railroad Workers:

Why are the workers in the railroad industry kept divided into 21 separate labor organizations?

Is this an economical arrangement?

Do you think such division and split-up makes us strong and influential in bargaining with our employers for wages, working conditions, pensions, the six hour day and adjustment of grievances?

These are important questions which should be discussed and acted upon by the membership of all the railroad unions. A proper discussion under the present craft division, with Brotherhood magazines refusing to publish articles on such matters, is impossible. It was for such reasons that the Minneapolis Railroad Council was organized; to provide an opportunity for all railroad workers here locally to get together occasionally to take up these and other questions of mutual concern.

This Council is not a labor union. It consists of delegates from the different craft unions in the industry, organized to furnish all railroad workers of Minneapolis with a program of joint activities for their common good. Since 1923, progressive workers in the railroad unions in this city have discussed these questions of needed changes in union policies and what to do to rally the workers of all crafts around a program of action for an organizational structure for all workers in this industry that can more adequately protect their interests. These discussions resulted in the organization of the Railroad Council on October 23, 1932. Ever since its origin the Council has been a source of inspiration to an ever growing number of railroad workers and a clearing house for progressive ideas. It has conducted numerous Council and union meetings and furnished these meetings with constructive proposals. It has established contacts with progressive groups and workers in other parts of the country and through such contacts have become convinced of the correctness of its program and that such terminal councils are necessary in order to overcome the conditions existing under the present craft divisions.

The Council program calls for ONE industrial union of railroad workers instead of 21 craft unions; free membership expression in Labor and the Brotherhood Journals; elimination of all gag-laws, obligations and rituals; referendum elections and the recall; lower dues for members and union wages for officials; serve our demands on the employers, not on Congress, etc.

Brother Railroad Workers: We urge the organization of similar Councils in every terminal. By doing so, you will find that the majority of problems faced by the members of one craft are identical with the problems faced by the other workers in the industry and that a real need exists for joint discussion and action on the problems that requires united action for a successful solution.

"Let's Get Together"

Fuel Distributors Settle Seniority

The seniority difficulty which has arisen at the Fuel Distributors yard in the last few weeks was settled Monday morning when Carl Skoglund, union organizer, had a chance to confer with the company officials. The matter has been adjusted to the satisfaction of all.

FOR SALE—One 1½-2 yard gravity steel dump box. Cheap for cash. Colfax 4809.

END IN SIGHT IN STRUTWEAR COURT FIGHT

Judge Admits Strutwear Yellow-Dog Contract in Evidence

Testimony of Finks Shows That They Feared to Organize

As the Strutwear injunction suit goes into its third week, it appears that the conclusion of the trial will be reached before the weekend. Attorneys representing Strutwear have already put a parade of over sixty witnesses through the court room. The witnesses called so far have consisted principally of non-union men and women workers from the Strutwear plant.

Although these people showed evidence of being carefully coaxed prior to their appearance, the stories they told caused trade unionists to turn sick with shame. Some of them spoke with pride of being "satisfied" with wages as low as \$13 per week. Many of them stated that they were given to understand that they could not join a union without securing permission from the management.

Two important developments were the highlights of last week's legal tilt. One was the victory won by the union attorneys when they succeeded in introducing as evidence copies of the Strutwear yellow dog contracts. This point was won only after a determined stand had been made by the Strutwear attorneys against it.

The other was a ruling by Judge Hughes which upheld the right of officials of Local 574 to notify union members not to haul goods from the Strutwear plant. Last week saw G. Dunne, William Brown, Roy Wier, Bob Cramer, Alec McKeown, and a number of other trade union leaders take the stand. Copies of the Northwest Organizer and the Minneapolis Labor Review were introduced into court records.

The forthright statements made by Dunne and Brown in regard to their union's position on the Strutwear strike drew admiring comment from trade unionists present at the trial.

Wisconsin Strikers Forced from Capitol

The WPA strikers who have besieged the State Capitol at Madison, Wisconsin, for the last two weeks, have been finally dispossessed from their vantage point in the lobby of the Madison Capitol Building and are now on the outside looking in.

Clamoring for an increase over the allotted wage of \$44.00 per month, the WPA strikers entrenched themselves in Wisconsin's capitol some two weeks ago. "Liberal" Governor LaFollette denied that he had power to grant their demands and gently eased them out.

The strikers stated that they were determined to rally new forces to their assistance and again take up the siege.

MEETING SCHEDULE
Furniture Workers No. 1859
Wednesday, March 4—Membership meeting.
Wednesday, March 18—Membership meeting.
The Executive Board of Local No. 1859 meets on call of the chairman.
All special meetings and all department meetings will be called either by special mail notices or will be published in the Northwest Organizer.

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"When I ply my needle, trowel or pick,
I'm a decent Sheehey, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike, I'm a Bolshevik
I'm labor."

The FLP "Red Scare"

The Minnesota Leader is to be congratulated for the editorial that they carried in the March 21st issue. They show plainly that the so-called "red issue" that is being raised in Farmer-Labor ranks is nothing more nor less than the same old bogey-man that is always raised by the entrenched interests who definitely have an axe to grind. The question of seating delegates from General Drivers Union is a pertinent one now. According to the capitalist press it is one that threatens to disrupt the State Convention. However, we consider it impossible in this politically enlightened state, that Farmer-Laborites will allow themselves to be stampeded by this threat of the reaction. The issue is clear cut. Any right thinking person knows that the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party is not an institution relying solely upon the American Federation of Labor for its political advancement. Rather, it is or should be a political organization composed of delegates from labor and fraternal organizations who subscribe to the principles and platform of Farmer-Laborism. Who such organizations choose to represent them is a matter of small importance, except that such delegates as these organizations elect must necessarily have the confidence and endorsement of the membership. To attempt to unseat such delegates is the height of folly. Such tactics will lead to the tearing down of the political institution that has been erected in Minnesota by the Farmers and Laborers.

The Goodyear Strike

The strike on the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio, came to an end Saturday, March 21st. According to the meager reports supplied to the capitalist press, the rubber workers in Akron came out of the struggle with at least a partial victory.

The strike of the rubber workers in Akron was in reality a sort of a trial balloon. It was conceded by almost every student of economic affairs in the United States, that the outcome of the struggle would have a real bearing on future union organizational activities in America's basic industry.

Had the rubber workers met a crushing defeat there is no doubt but that this would have had a disastrous effect upon the carrying out of a program advocated by the Committee for Industrial Organization, headed by John L. Lewis.

It is more or less of an open secret in trade union circles that the Goodyear strike was financed and led by the C. I. O. and its representatives. The committee considered that this was a good place to put their theories of union organization to the acid test. The victory in Akron means a vindication of their policies. The outcome of the Goodyear strike distinctly adds to the prestige of the exponents of Industrial Union organization.

Tracy Attacks C. I. O.

The March issue of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Journal charges the Committee for Industrial Organization with all the crimes in the trade union calendar. Tracy, president of the I. B. E. W., smarting under his recent rebuff by the Radio Workers, who recently refused to recognize the jurisdictional award of the A. F. of L. Executive Council, comes out with a long, bitter attack on the C. I. O. Disregarding the real issues involved, Tracy hurls personal charges directed at John L. Lewis.

We are not disposed to hurriedly rise to the defense of John L. Lewis or any other individual connected with the Committee for Industrial Organization. We assume that they are amply able to defend themselves and their past trade union records, but we consider it the duty of every progressive and forward thinking trade unionist to defend the stand these individuals have taken in the matter of future organizational reform to be used in unionizing American industry.

We are not interested in defending individuals. But we are interested in principles, programs and platforms. It is of small moment who advocates Industrial Unionism for the American worker. But it is important that it be advocated and fought for.

Federal Workers in Single Men Fight

The Federal Workers Section of Local 574 spent last week in a battle against the sending of WPA workers to the forced labor camp at Cannon Falls. Early in the week they secured an agreement with WPA officials that no one would be banished from Minneap-

olis without a hearing at which they could be represented by their organization.

This agreement, however, was soon broken and before the week was well underway a new group of victims had been selected and had been notified to make their way to Cannon Falls camp. This action redoubled the efforts of representatives of the Federal Workers Section to end this abuse

March Union Buttons Ready for Drivers

Laundry Drivers Attention: March buttons on hand. Please call at office or phone At. 7678 and the business agent will bring it over.

Keeping Step With 574

By Mickey Dunne

A demonstration of the efficiency of the Northwest Organizer want ads is attested to by the fact that the Ford bumper which was advertised as lost in last week's issue has already been returned to the owner.

Raymond Rainbolt is the Head Man of the Independent Truck Owners Section.

Swede and the Snyder girl are one.

The little flurry at the Swanson Fuel and Transfer is all over. The sun is shining again.

The Rose Brothers, American Wrecking job is kosher. But why not?

Big things are breaking in the Midway district. Next week's news columns will probably carry the story.

C. Moe and H. DeBoer moved Happy Holstein last week. Happy is still on the sick list.

Last week the long awaited happening finally took place. A driver for the Winona Dray Line, Strutwear finks, was finally cornered. Almost every transfer driver in town has been on the lookout for the scab Winona firm that hauled the material out of the Strutwear. Hinkey Haynes was the lucky man. He cornered one of them at 4th and Washington. Get him to tell you the story.

The Friday night mass meeting should tell Meyer Lewis whether or not our Union is falling to pieces, as he is in the habit of saying.

We would like to offer a bet that the injunction will be granted in the Strutwear case.

The River Terminal Coke and Coal Company have had ample demonstration in the last two months what it means to fight Local 574, despite the fact that Local 221 has been scabbing on our drivers and has been promising the Terminal Company, the support of the organized labor movement, this scab concern disposed of less than 100 tons of coal in the past thirty day period.

The Furniture Workers Union, are still asserting their rights on the 2nd Avenue front.

F. Frosig and C. Skoglund spoke to a meeting of the Federal Workers Section in Cokato, Thurs-

and put a stop to the high-handed actions of local officials.

While no definite agreement has been reached in regard to this question, there has been a temporary letdown on the part of the officials to carry out their program. There are now about 70 single men at Cannon Falls. It has been established that the local administration plans on filling this camp with about 130 more WPA single men. At this writing no transfer orders are being given to the out-of-town camp.

day evening. About eighty workers were present.

The Guild fight is still raging in Milwaukee. A letter from one of the strikers said that Brown's speech was the real McCoy.

The Miscellaneous Workers are to be congratulated for their stand at the Forum.

George Gites, member of Local 574 and World War veteran, announces that he will be on hand every Friday night at the union hall to assist veterans in making application for their bonus. George has already helped dozens of union members in making their applications. Brother Gites is donating his services.

LABOR . . . Looks at the Press

Dog Bites Man Dept.: "Secretary Ickes Says G. O. P. Exploits Negro."

Local news item: "Dean Coffey States Security Held Dangerous to Individualism."

Oh, gee, if that's the case I want my individualism—t'hell with security.

Old Songs Are the Best Department: George Getz, treasurer of the Republican national committee says: "I believe the day of huge political contributions is past and we expect smaller amounts from an increased number of donors. Our party will depend on small change to finance the presidential campaign this year."

Or what looks like small change to the Liberty Leaguers.

Dr. Morris Fishbein warns that new additions to the baby's diet must be made slowly.

The first job, Doctor, is to get the beginnings of a diet—but then you might not understand—you've never been on relief.

Washington news item: "Reports submitted to the house for the first two months of this year disclose that the Republicans received campaign contributions aggregating \$261,387. More than a score of them were gifts of \$5,000 or higher."

Yep, there's your small change all right.

Oregon headline: "Dr. Alexander Goldenweiser Advocates Death for Feeble Minded."

That guy wants a wholesale slaughter—because think of all the dough-heads who think they've got a chance under this profit system.

Catch this one—"13th Ward Farmer-Labor Club Fails to Act on Latimer Ouster."

And that's the party that says it's going to abolish the profit system.

One guy sez: "We won't take any action on Latimer—we'll just ignore him!"

Mrs. Mary W. Dewson, prominent Democratic national committeewoman sez: "The day of co-operation is here, the day of balanced interests."

That is correct—the misery of the working class is balanced by the profits of the bosses and the bullets of national guardsmen.

Famous Last Words: "I am against dictatorships both of the right and of the left."

Simile—Meaningless as Mayor Latimer's campaign pledges.

Daily Doubt—"Indignation was

Worker Crucified In Ocala, Florida

From Florida again comes startling and disconcerting news for labor. Following on the heels of the Fascist terror instituted at Tampa, where Henry Shoemaker met his death with his body bruised, broken and covered with boiling tar, a new outbreak of labor repression is reported from another locality, Ocala, Florida.

George J. Timmerman, a jobless bricklayer was found nailed to a cross with his lips sewn together with binder twine. Timmerman had committed that grave Florida crime of criticising the existing order of things. Chief of Police, J. H. Spencer, gave out the statement that he thought that Timmerman had allowed himself to be crucified so that he might become a "martyr" and "gain public sympathy."

This statement was given out despite the fact that the police were compelled to extract many four and one-half inch spikes from Timmerman's hands and feet before he could be removed from the cross. So goes American free speech.

Party Raises Funds For Labor Defense

The Minneapolis and St. Paul branches of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense combined Saturday night in giving a social affair at the home of John Bosch, 4745 13th Avenue South. The party was given to help raise funds which are sorely needed for local defense work.

The Bosch family generously donated their home for the occasion. About one hundred friends of the movement attended. The evening was spent in dancing, card playing, and other amusements. Later in the evening lunch was served to the guests. About \$50 was raised.

The local branch of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense said that about \$200 more was needed to complete the appeal in the Al Russell case.

Russell was the Strutwear picket who was convicted and sentenced to three months in the workhouse. He is now out on bail pending the outcome of his appeal.

displayed before the senate lobby committee as five members and a senator testified they had attended dinners given by Robert Smith, power and railroad lobbyist, in complete ignorance of the man's connections.

"No one is more unhappy than I am about laying people off," said Walter Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

How about the guys who get laid off?

Washington news item: "A direct congressional threat to take \$26,500,000 away from American merchant shipping and give them instead a mere \$4,850,000 subsidy for carrying the mails during the coming year aroused a storm of protest from shipping interests."

That ain't acting rugged, like you want us to act.

Commentary on certain union leaders: "Miss Francis Perkins, secretary of labor, left a dinner party at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., to settle over the telephone a strike taking place in California against the Panama-Pacific Steamship Company in California."

New York item: "The Court of Appeals yesterday decided, by a 4-3 decision, that a state law setting minimum wage standards for women was unconstitutional."