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Till right is done!
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and do!

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GENERAL DRIVERS UNION EXPOSES SINISTER PLOT

Position of Local 574 Set Forth in Official Statement of the Union

Hookup Shown With Meyer Lewis, Latimer and Corcoran

There is a treacherous and unholy alliance abroad on the streets of Minneapolis which threatens the very existence of the labor and progressive political movement. These forces are operating under the banner of the Teamsters Joint Council; they manufacture multiple slanders against the General Drivers Union, Local 574 and openly declare that it is their avowed objective to destroy our union. They have succeeded in confusing the minds of many honest working men and women by their vicious propaganda, but by this very token, and through the damnable tactics they are pursuing, they have opened the way for anti-labor forces beyond their control to launch a simultaneous attack, behind the cloak of the Teamsters Joint Council attack on Local 574, to strike a stunning blow at labor as a class.

Local 574 is branded Outlaw, Radical, Racketeer and yet its only crime is that it has fought persistently, militantly to protect and to serve its members. It has given Minneapolis labor a solidly organized transportation industry, a granite bulwark for the protection of all organized workers. Despite its unjustified expulsion from the A. F. of L.—and we wish to recall to your mind that the Minneapolis Central Labor Union after careful investigation, protested to the A. F. of L. and the Teamsters International against the revocation of Local 574's charter and recommended immediate reinstatement—Local 574 has stood shoulder to shoulder with the A. F. of L. unions in every struggle, lending aid to machinists, metal workers, mechanics, hosiery workers, building tradesmen and many others. Local 574 has used its influence to project groups of newly organized workers into A. F. of L. unions—candy workers, sash and door workers, and others. With the splendid impetus of mutual co-operation from all sections of the movement, and with a solid fighting front presented to the employers, Minneapolis labor has made great gains during the past three years, increasing the membership of many existing unions and bringing newly organized unions into the fold.

With a flagrant disregard for the consequences to a growing labor movement, the Teamsters International under the direction of Daniel J. Tobin has opened a fight on Local 574 through the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council with the avowed aim of crushing the General Drivers Union. The fight opened with the officials of the Joint Council attempting to recruit 574 men into the so-called Local 500, a dummy union set up in opposition to Local 574 and claiming its jurisdiction. Employers under contract with Local 574 were visited by a Teamsters Joint Council Committee and asked to break these contracts and sign with Local 500. The employers hesitated to do this because the men were solidly organized into Local 574. At the LaBelle Transfer and Storage Company and the D. M. Gilmore Co., attempts were made by Local 500 to recruit members for the purpose of trying to break a strike called by Local 574 at these companies. They did not succeed. Shortly thereafter the Teamsters Joint Council

solicited the aid of other A. F. of L. union officials for a bigger and better strike-breaking effort. This opportunity presented itself when trouble impended at the Glenwood-Inglewood Co., because of the refusal of the management to sign an agreement with Local 574. A deadline date for settlement had been set for Monday morning. On Saturday morning the above group met in a star-chamber session with Mayor Latimer. After the meeting the group issued a statement to the public press announcing that they would back Latimer to the limit in enforcing "law and order." Despite this open promise of co-operative strike-breaking, the management of the company, awed by the solid organization of the workers, contacted 574 officials on Sunday and the dispute was peaceably settled.

Shortly thereafter Meyer Lewis, personal representative of President Wm. Green of the A. F. of L., arrived in Minneapolis to open a red-baiting campaign, directing the brunt of his attack against 574. Scare headlines and long columns of type were devoted to Meyer Lewis' mouthings by the big daily papers. It is a matter of public record that, during this period of frenzied slander against Local 574 and other progressive unions and union leaders, Meyer Lewis appeared frequently before meetings of groups of employers and employer-controlled clubs, but never once was he seen at a meeting of any union. A plenipotentiary from the court of King Wm. Green whose actions were so contemptible that he dare not show his face before the workers. What a farce! What a mockery of trade-union ethics!

Under the protective covering of this newspaper blast, Mayor Thomas E. Latimer, Meyer Lewis and the Teamsters Joint Council leaders called meetings in Latimer's office with the coal and transfer employers, both groups were under contract with Local 574. The employers were again urged to break their contracts with 574 and sign with Local 500. Mayor Latimer offered them full police and military protection to do this. But Local 574 has all the workers in these companies organized, and the members of Local 574 have proven their ability to fight. The employers again declined the offer.

The first big gun in the "Holy War" against Local 574 had been fired and the shell proved to be a dud. Meyer Lewis returned to Washington and Green for further instructions. It was decided that he could not succeed against 574 without the help of the trade union movement. He proceeded to carefully begin building his fences in the unions. His first visits to the Central Labor Union meetings were dark and troublesome for him. But he found comfort and solicitude in the arms of the right wing, especially among the connivers in the Teamsters Joint Council. One by one the progressives-for-a-day who quickly grew tired of fighting, succumbed to his siren song. Those unions which did not yield themselves up to him were viciously attacked both by Meyer Lewis and his newly found allies in the upper circles of the local movement. Notable examples of such victimized unions are the Laundry Workers and the Petroleum Workers. By spring of 1936, Meyer Lewis was quite comfortably ensconced as A. F. of L. overlord of the province, surrounded by a retinue of puppets who call themselves labor leaders. It is significant to record that the ranks of the local unions have remained firmly opposed to him despite the capitulation in many cases of their officers.

Meantime a series of meetings held between the Executive Boards of the Central Labor Union and Local 574 had resulted in an agree-

ment whereby the Central Labor Union agreed to recognize the jurisdiction of Local 574 in the general driving industry, pending the return of its charter, and Local 574 agreed to continue its policy of supporting the legitimate A. F. of L. unions. Local 574 has carried out its part of the bargain to the letter, but the Central Labor Union has permitted constant, vicious and brutal violation of its part of the agreement.

With the stage now set for the second "big push," Meyer Lewis again went to Washington for last minute instructions. He was accompanied on his return by a Chicago importation, one L. A. Murphy and a band of thugs captained by one Gaglianna. Mr. Murphy took over the helm of the Teamsters Joint Council, in the name of Daniel J. Tobin, and set up shop in an office rented by the Teamsters Joint Council at 306 Pence Building. On Thursday, May 21, 1936, two officers of Local 574, V. R. Dunne and George Frosig, were distributing meeting notices to truck drivers at the Omaha Freight House. They were attacked by five thugs and severely beaten with blackjacks. "This is just a warning," the thugs told them as they drove off in a black Buick sedan, License B 271-185, registered in the name of L. A. Murphy, 306 Pence Building. The officers of Local 574 applied to Police Chief Forestal for permits to carry guns for protection in case of further attacks; their request was refused.

On Wednesday, May 27, Vice-President George Frosig of Local 574 was arrested by police on a charge of carrying a gun. The very next day the police staged a surprise raid on the meeting halls of Local 574 to serve a John Doe warrant on a beer charge. No evidence could be found against the Union. The large detail of police was accompanied by newspaper photographers and reporters. The meeting halls have since been raided twice by the police, both times on flimsy pretexts, and despite a careful search, nothing could be found to use against the Union.

At Seventh and Washington Avenues North, on Thursday, June 4th, four members of Local 574, driving in the car owned by George Frosig, were crowded into the curb by two carloads of thugs, attacked with blackjacks, and forced to run for their lives to escape a volley of revolver shots. One of the cars used by the thugs, a Hupmobile sedan, license B 115-854, is registered in the name of Bruce Vincent, 3647 Aldrich North, a local organizer for the Teamsters Joint Council. After this attack, a press statement issued through a conference between Mayor Latimer, Meyer Lewis and L. A. Murphy, accused Local 574 of starting the fight and claimed that the 574 members fired the shots after losing a fight with the employees of the Stanchfield Transfer Co. This is a deliberate falsehood. In the first place, the employees of the Stanchfield Transfer Co. are members of Local 574, and in the second place, the attack occurred two and one-half blocks away from the Stanchfield loading dock, and there are dozens of witnesses who saw the thugs climb from their cars, guns in hand.

Not only do the police fail to take any action to apprehend the gangsters who roam the streets of Minneapolis shooting and slugging in broad daylight, but Mayor Latimer, the head of the police department, joins hands with Meyer Lewis and Murphy in a public statement which attempts to whitewash the gangsters. Mayor Latimer has again dipped his pen in the slime to attempt to blacken the name of Local 574 in connection with the Sash and Door Workers strike. He accuses us of denying freedom of expression to these striking workers and

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Make Minneapolis a Union Town

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 further accuses us of trying to prevent their entry into the A. F. of L. This is just another cheap and tawdry trick of a spineless individual. Local 574 aided the Sash and Door Workers to become organized, made its meeting halls available to them for a strike headquarters and has consistently advocated their entry into the A. F. of L. So far as Local 574 is concerned, the affairs of this union are completely in the hands of its members. We are interested only in seeing the strike won and a new group of workers brought into the fold of organized labor.

A job steward of Local 574, on Wednesday, June 10, was dragged from his truck on 2nd Ave. N. and 3rd St. at the point of a gun, and beaten with blackjacks and gun-butts. The car used by the thugs, a maroon colored Buick sedan, license B 565-515, is registered in the name of L. A. Murphy, 306 Fence Building.

Daniel Tobin and the Teamsters International Union are bent upon the destruction of Local 574. The Teamsters Joint Council is their local agent to do the hangman's job. They turn a deaf ear to the appeal of Local 574 for reinstatement into the Teamsters International and the A. F. of L. They attempt to carry out their fiendish program of union-smashing regardless of the consequences to the local union movement.

Meyer Lewis is the envoy of craft union autocracy. He is sent here to destroy, not to build. His actions have spoken louder than any words we might be able to marshal against him. He finds a community of interest with the ambitious would-be smashers of Local 574. But he is out for bigger game. That would be only a start for him. He represents a form of unionism which is now in its death throes. Like a drowning man, craft unionism is attempting to pull under everything around it in a desperate attempt to rescue itself as it goes down under the rising tide of industrial unionism. Meyer Lewis is the personal representative of this walking corpse.

Even if we admit that there are some who were not able to understand the meaning of the events which have gone before it, there is no honest person who can claim ignorance of the fatal consequences of gangsterism in the labor movement, especially when it is introduced by unscrupulous forces within the movement. Such tactics are an open invitation to the organized employers, the Citizens Alliance, to introduce a reign of gangster terror against all unions. The only kind of union the bosses like is a company union. They tolerate legitimate unions only so long as the workers maintain a solid organized front. They are always on the alert for an opportunity to smash the trade unions. Attempts have already been made to set up company unions at those points where Lo-

cal 574 has been most viciously attacked by the Teamsters Joint Council. Unless this gangsterism is stopped the bosses will create their own gangs, their own Black Legion, and every union will find itself subject to a campaign of terrorism.

As to Mayor Latimer, everyone knows that he has gone over boots and breeches to the enemies of labor, but what about the Farmer-Labor Party which still allows him to remain within its ranks. Are they going to continue to harbor such traitors? Several of the engineers of the existing plot against Local 574 are within the Farmer-Labor Party, some hold responsible offices in the party. Are they going to be protected and shielded? Are we to understand that the Farmer-Labor Party is aligned with the A. F. of L. against the non-A. F. of L. unions? Doesn't the Farmer-Labor Party need the support of the unions not affiliated to the A. F. of L.? If this is the case, why was Local 574 accepted as an affiliate of the Farmer-Labor Party? Why does the Farmer-Labor Party accept per capita tax from Local 574 every month? Many members of Local 574 are members of Farmer-Labor ward clubs. Are they to understand that they are not needed as members? Can the members of Local 574 be expected to remain loyal to a party which harbors known traitors in high places, within its ranks? Can it be true that the leaders of the Farmer-Labor Party do not understand that the destruction of the progressive sections of the union movement means the destruction of the Farmer-Labor Party?

We demand an answer to these questions. We call upon every member of the Farmer-Labor Party to demand an answer.

The General Drivers Union Local 574 represents the organized general trucking industry of Minneapolis. It presents a solid bulwark to be used to defend and to build the entire trade union movement. Local 574 wants to be reinstated into the Teamsters International Union, to be a part of the American Federation of Labor. We ask only that we be reinstated with the same rights and privileges which we enjoyed before our expulsion. We ask only that we be permitted to join hands with all other unions on the basis of friendly co-operation to work for the good and welfare of all organized Minneapolis workers.

We call upon every local union to take a public stand against gangsterism in the labor movement, to bring pressure through the organized labor movement to see that it is stopped immediately. Fight for the reinstatement of General Drivers Union Local 574 into the A. F. of L.

Let us all join hands to MAKE MINNEAPOLIS A UNION TOWN.

Fraternally yours,
 GENERAL DRIVERS,
 HELPERS AND INSIDE
 WORKERS UNION,
 LOCAL 574
 WM. S. BROWN,
 President.

Contract Near for Furniture Drivers

Negotiations, which it is hoped will lead to a union agreement between furniture store employers and union workers in that industry, have been resumed between the union committee and the employers. F. Dobbs and a committee of the workers are in charge for Local 574.

Bill Brown Says—

With all of the letters coming into the office these days from the real Farmer-Laborites that are holding office, pledging their support to Local 574 in the fight against gangsterism tactics in Minneapolis on trade union leaders, Mayor Latimer's statements to the press seem rather silly. He seems to be building his fences for a campaign on the Citizens' Alliance ticket at the next city election. It's a cinch that no progressive worker in Minneapolis would ever cast another vote for Latimer for any office; and that the members of 574 who helped elect him won't make another mistake.



BILL BROWN
 President of 574

Real Enemies of Drivers Union Shown to Be Citizens Alliance

Labor Hating Employers Help Back Attack on Local 574

Claims, by enemies of Local 574, that our union is melting away are about as reliable as other reports that are circulated by covert ill-wishers of trade union progress. Every member of a union in Minneapolis should stop for a moment and consider.

Who, in reality, wishes the destruction of General Drivers Union, Local 574? Is it the members of our union who have benefited by being affiliated to it? Why should they want something destroyed that has brought them many increases in wages, shortened their hours of work and has given them protection on the job? No member of Local 574 but will testify that the union has brought him a decent and secure living. Local 574 has reduced hours of labor, in the driving industry, 30 per cent. It has raised wages on an average of 40 per cent. Do workers turn on the thing that has brought them many advantages? No, the ranks of Local 574 are more solid than ever before.

Do then, the rest of the rank and file members in other trade unions wish to see Local 574 put out of the picture? What could be their reason for such a wish? Has

Laundry Workers Report Progress

The Laundry Workers and Drivers Union report that their drive for new members in the laundry industry is meeting with unqualified success. New members are constantly coming into their organization and new plants are being signed up by the union to an agreement.

Some time in the near future it is planned to hold an open mass meeting where the benefits of a union in the laundry industry can be explained to a large number of workers. Details of the meeting will be announced by the committee later.

Labor Defense Thanks Drivers

406 Fifth St. S. E.
 Minneapolis, Minn.
 June 11, 1936

Mr. Miles Dunn
 257 Plymouth Ave. N.
 City

Dear Mr. Dunn:
 This is to acknowledge receipt of five dollars from Local 574 contributed to the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, and also to thank you for the very great favor and courtesy in allowing us the use of 574's hall for our Carnival-Dance Benefit on the evening of June 6. All ticket money turned in to date on this carnival has netted us something over \$65 over and above all expenses.

For the first time the Non-Partisan Labor Defense is free of all financial incumbrances, as the Al Russell case is now fully paid for. We now stand anxious and willing to take up the next important labor case that comes along.

Fraternally yours,
 ROBERT B. WEST
 Treasurer

Gamble - Robinson Shutdown Is 100% as Workers Strike

Company Has Refused to Renew the Union Agreement

Fifty union drivers, helpers and inside men employed by the Gamble-Robinson Company are now carrying on a determined and militant strike against the only firm on the Central Market that has refused to renew their working agreement with General Drivers Union. After every attempt at peaceable settlement with the Gamble-Robinson Company had been exhausted the workers there had no recourse but to go on strike. While negotiations with the committee of market employers was being carried on by the Union, which covered a month's time, the Gamble Company had indicated from the first their intention to attempt to smash Union wages and working conditions which were established on the Central Market by General Drivers Union two years ago.

As a result of the strike, business of the Gamble-Robinson Company is at a complete standstill. Not only did the employees of the Minneapolis house walk out 100 per cent but a strike wave is now sweeping the branch houses of the Gamble-Robinson Company which are located in various places in the Northwest. Striking workers of the Gamble Company are to be congratulated for the splendid manner in which they are carrying out their strike action.

Picketing is being carried on in a spirited and thorough manner and the branch house and garage are constantly guarded by the strikers. Merchants who attempted to do business with the Gamble Company after the strike was declared quickly found out that it did not pay to incur the displeasure of Local 574.

As is usual in Minneapolis strike difficulties, the Citizens Alliance, labor-hating association of Minneapolis employers, have interjected themselves into the controversy. The few scabs that had the courage to go into the struck concern have been furnished by the Citizens Alliance employment agency.

Tuesday night a meeting will be held in the Union headquarters for the employees of the out of town Gamble branch house drivers, helpers and inside workers. An agreement covering the wages and working conditions of the branch house employees has already been presented to the Gamble-Robinson Company.

Married

Martin Mengelkoch is going to center aisle on Wednesday night, June 17, so get your cigars. The ball and chain will locate him at Medicine Lake for the summer.

We understand that the birthday party held in honor of the future Mrs. Z. Saturday, June 13, was a grand success. We also understand the bartender was a Union man.

What Consolidated Delivery driver is going to submit to matrimonial handcuffs July 3rd?

CARD OF THANKS To Local 574:

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expression of your sympathy during our bereavement. We wish to especially thank all the drivers who donated their services in using their cars for the funeral.
 Mr. and Mrs. DeSautelle and family
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeSautelle and family
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeSautelle and family
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam DeSautelle and family

Yellow Notes

Pat Hurley, Yellow Cab ball team manager, would like to book an out of town game for July 4th. Address all inquiries regarding the above to him at 127 1st Ave. N.E.

With so many of the boys collecting on the Vets Bonus, it will be quite a problem to keep them from becoming "Nigger Rich" and forgetting to show up for work.

Bill Sanders is now able to take rides in the wheel chair and would appreciate some of the fellows donating an hour's time once in a while to take him out for a ride through the park. Don't forget he is still in the Eitel hospital and has been there for a long time.

The Baggage Dept. is doing a land office business now, with all the students and teachers traveling. Plenty of overtime which means "bucks" for the workers.

The "Blah" put out by the candidates for the different offices reminds a person of the sparrow following the model T Ford. He can't live on promises.

Did you hear any portion of the big broadcast of the Republican convention? It reminded a person of the cab drivers meetings.

LOCAL 574 MEETING SCHEDULE	
Friday, June 12	Federal Workers
Thursday, June 18	Independent Truck Owners
Friday, June 19	Job Stewards: Federal Workers
Monday, June 22	Full Membership
Tuesday, June 23	Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.
Friday, June 26	Federal Workers.
Other section meetings will be specially called.	

Local 574 Challenges Scandal Mongers to Make Examination Real Record of Drivers Union

Despite the fact that enemies of 574 are causing to be circulated false and lying rumors in regard to General Drivers attitude towards other crafts, an examination of the real record discloses facts that cannot be contested. Since 1934 there is not one local union in Minneapolis that has more consistently supported other unions than has Local 574.

The local Building Trades Unions owe many a victory to the support of the Drivers Union, which has, time and time again, refused to make deliveries on struck jobs until a settlement had been effected. The New England job, the Armory job, the Sumner Field Housing Project and in many other places the unions of the building Trades owe their success to the assistance that was accorded them by the General Drivers Union.

In the long struggle of the Hosiery Workers Union at the Strutwear plant, no union rendered the hosiery strikers more solid and real support than did Local 574. Not only were members of Local 574 on the picket line, but by motion, passed in a union meeting, all members were instructed not to make deliveries or pick-ups at the Strutwear plant on pain of expulsion from the local.

It is being charged that Local 574 is organizing workers from other crafts and calling that do not come under the jurisdiction of the Drivers Union. A look at the records also proves that charge to be without foundation. It is true that, in the past two year period, Local 574 has assisted in the unionizing of many groups of workers. But, without exception, all of these workers have been turned over to A. F. of L. unions.

Between the fall of 1934 and the spring of 1936, Local 574 has turned over to the American Federation of Labor, thousands of workers. The Gasoline Filling Station Attendants union was first organized by the Drivers Union. It now has an A. F. of L. charter. The Candy Makers were organized and won wage increases under the leadership of Local 574.

Independent Truck Chatter

To you members who are taking a vacation or just getting spring fever it might be well to refresh your mind that the Federal requirements are that you cover your driver with Compensation Insurance while he is employed by you. The minimum fee for this is sixty dollars per year. Also, several stewards have reported drivers not being Union men or even hearing of 574.

The reports from some of the stewards in regard to Union and non-Union truck owners are giving the Ways and Means Committee some good results.

Johnny Hough and your recording secretary, Gene Lundholm, went fishing at Rush Lake. They came home in 59 minutes, so they say. Just a case of two Russians, rushin' home from Rush Lake.

Next meeting will be held on the third floor on June 18, 8 p. m. Everybody out. No need for towels.

Tuesday afternoon, May 26, Local 574 Executive Board committee met before the Good Roads committee and demanded that the Independent Truckers working on city work be listed on the Civil Service seniority list because of the city's continual addition of trucks. Alderman Hudson made the following motion: "Your committee recommends that the Civil Service Commission be requested to give a hearing to men who have driven their own trucks in the past ten and twelve years in the city's service, for position on the reg-

We turned them over to Roy Wier, organizer of the C. L. U. They now have a Federal Charter in the A. F. of L. General Drivers Union provided the first meeting place and gave the first organizational assistance to a group of workers who are now organized in the Miscellaneous Workers Union, Local 665, an A. F. of L. affiliate. They were turned over to Leslie Sinton of the Cooks and Waiters.

Over 700 Sash, Door and Mill Workers were organized by General Drivers Union. After conferences with Andrew Leif, organizer for the Carpenters International, we urged the Sash Workers to enter the Cabinet Makers Union, Local 1865. They have since taken that action. The cemetery workers came to Local 574 for advice and assistance as to how they could form a union. After assistance had been given and after they had formed an organization, they were turned over to the Central Labor Union organizer. They now hold a Federal A. F. of L. Charter.

Beside the groups mentioned here thousands of miscellaneous workers have applied to Local 574 for membership. When such applicant did not come within the jurisdiction of General Drivers Union they were directed to the proper union. There is perhaps not one local union in Minneapolis which has not benefited, in membership, by this fixed policy of Local 574.

We defy any member or leader of an A. F. of L. union to prove a single case where General Drivers Union has failed to yield to a jurisdictional claim. All transactions listed above are matters of record. Not our records but A. F. of L. records. They can be examined by anyone interested in the truth.

We know that those who have spread rumors and lies are not interested in truth. They are attempting to injure Local 574 in the eyes of Minneapolis trade unionists. We submit records as opposed to rumors.

ular truck drivers lists before they draw from new lists that may be made." As a result the Independents will have a meeting with the Civil Service Commission June 24 at 10 o'clock a. m. Those concerned should by all means attend.

All stewards who have collected donations for the ball team will please turn in such contributions to Gene Lundholm on or before the evening of June 18.

Tuesday, June 7, Tom McCue, spokesman for a committee of ten members, met with the Good Roads Committee and demanded a replacement of the cut in pay of January 24, 1932. This means an increase of ten per cent and it looks like Tom really accomplished something. Alderman Scott stepped right in line with Tom,

To you members on the Belt Line who are interested in a Belt Line ball team, see Norman Chris-

Ernest Lundeen Writes to Union

June 9th, 1936
Mr. William S. Brown, Pres.
General Drivers, Helpers & Inside Workers Union
257 Plymouth Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Brown:
Your letter of June 2 received, calling attention to attacks being made on your headquarters and its members.

The members of Local 574 know where I stand on union smashing by reactionary forces in the Twin Cities. The forces of unions of the Twin Cities standing together, will be able to stamp out the union smashing activities of the Citizens Alliance and any other reactionary forces. Certainly the Farmer-Labor Party will do all in its power to protect labor from "Black Legion" elements. I take my stand with your organization.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
ERNEST LUNDEEN

Prizes, Games, Fun at S. P. Picnic Sunday

June 21 is an important day for two reasons! The first day of summer and the day the Minneapolis Local of the Socialist Party has chosen for its first outing. Picnic to be held at Riverside Park.

The big feature of the day is the diamondball games of Local 574 and Local 1859. Let's see these two flashy locals in action when they're diamondballing it.

Refreshments, races, volley ball, prizes, music—all this and more goes with it. Let's all be out there. To get there take the southbound Minnehaha car and get off at 9th St. and 27th Ave. Walk one block north or take the Franklin-Robbinsdale car to 27th Ave. So., walk two blocks north.

Federal Workers to Hold Mass Rally

The Federal Workers Section of Local 574 will hold a mass meeting Friday, June 26, at 8 p. m. A splendid speaking program has been arranged and the subject of relief chiseling will be thoroughly gone into by people competent to tell who the real chiselers are.

A. P. Zimmerman, state relief administrator, has been invited to address the meeting. Senator M. J. Galvin, chairman of the Interim Tax Committee, will tell about the fund-raising side of relief.

Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, will also be on the program. Hand bills will be distributed at all relief stations and on WPA projects.

tianson, the tool man, Red Seeker, or Earl Seeker.

Callander, Ontario: "The Dionne quintuplets have earned \$500,000 so far."

That's one way to be sure of a job in this lousy world—be born with four ditto marks.

Carl and Einar's Feed Market Finks

Carl and Einar's Restaurant, on the corner of Second Ave. and Fifth St. N., in the heart of the market district, where hundreds of Union men eat, and who have solicited and received patronage of Union drivers, Saturday, forfeited all claim to being called a Union business house.

Scabs from the Gamble-Robinson Company ate their noon-day meal there under police protection. No matter how the place is disinfected or cleaned in the future it is certain that members of 574 will find the atmosphere of this restaurant intolerable from now on.

Notes to You by Kenn Harlan

NOTE: This week's column is written by Lloyd Gould, who at the tender age of 22 years has achieved concert solo work as a violinist as well as excelling on the tuba with John Marshall concert band. Not a boy "protégé," but none the less a good musician. . . . Dear Kenn:

I am not a critic, neither in drama nor music nor art. I hope that nothing I might say may be misconstrued as a form of destructive criticism. Criticism at any cost should always be constructive.

I have had occasion several times to see 574's band at work; once shortly after its inception. And may I say at this point that improvement is clearly marked. Without waxing technical I should comment on the growing smoothness. The rhythm section seems to be finding its groove. The leads are surer and more accurate. Time and tempo are more regular. You have that swing!

Might I suggest that, economic conditions permitting, another piece or two should be added to the brass section. This would tend to fill out the orchestration and subdue the rhythm.

Your pianist should be encouraged to continue dance arranging. His Leiberstraum arrangement is one of simple beauty. The harmony is very good.

May I add my compliments to all those who have had a part in the making of the band. Sincere best wishes to your maestro, Dick Atherton. To the officials of your union, my compliments.

Yours,
LLOYD GOULD

Thanks, thanks to thee my worthy friend, and thanks for not mentioning the incident wherein the piano top did fall afrighting me so that I did quickly jump and adle my pate upon the ceiling. Going up!

N. S. P. Local 160 Seeks Showdown

Union employees in the Overhead and the Underground Department at the Northern States Power Company are preparing themselves to have a show-down with the employer. Among the causes for dissatisfaction in these two departments is that despite Robert Pack's promise that wages would be restored to the 1932 level, this has not been done.

The failure of the company to establish seniority lists in these departments is also causing grave dissatisfaction of the workers employed there. Another cause for grievance is that the company is putting into effect a deliberate policy of different rates of pay for the same classification of work. Monthly, hourly and weekly rates of pay are the regular thing in these departments which makes it difficult if not impossible for the workers to establish a common pay standard. Both departments are demanding that their pay rate be based on a monthly standard.

A meeting with the heads of both the Overhead and Underground Departments have been asked for and an attempt will be made to adjust the differences that exist. Other departments in the Union report that splendid organizational progress is being made.

Fishing stories have started to pour into the editorial office. In justice to all the liars, none will be published.

Sash Workers Continue Fight With Employers

The Sash, Door and Mill Workers, whose strike against the sash and door mill is entering its fifth week, are still standing firm against efforts of the Citizens Alliance to break the strike. Monday, June 8, the sash mill owners announced that they were prepared to start work in the factories with non-union workers.

As usual the daily papers played the story up in headlines and said that the mills were operating. This story proved about as truthful as are most items pertaining to labor news. Union pickets were on hand at all of the factories Monday morning and despite all kept newspaper headlines, rumors and wishes of the employers, no workers went into the sash mills.

A few scabs were on hand at Carr-Cullen's when operating time arrived. With the assistance of the police half a dozen were gotten into the plant. By noon Monday the non-union workers were all out and the strike was still 100 per cent.

There is no sign of weakening in the ranks of the strikers. They are determined to win a complete union victory before the struggle is over. The sash and door industry in Minneapolis, which employs about 800 men, has never been organized before.

Sash Workers Join AFL Cabinet Union

Last week members of the Sash, Door and Mill Workers Union, who have been on strike for over a month against all Minneapolis sash and door mills, dissolved their independent union and joined forces with the Cabinet Makers Union, Local 1865. Negotiations have been carried on for two weeks. Agreement was finally reached last Thursday and the mill workers immediately started transferring themselves into the Cabinet Makers Local.

Local 1865 is one of the oldest chartered locals of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America in this part of the country. The sash, door and mill workers are now affiliated to the American Federation of Labor through the Carpenters International. The joining of forces by these two organizations brings into being in Minneapolis a powerful union organization in the sash and door factories and in the fixture and cabinet making shops. Something over 700 sash and door workers, who had been members of the independent union, were involved in the transfer.

Reign of Terror Against Strikers

The reign of terror against striking Arkansas farm workers continues unabated. In St. Francis county police officials dug up a hitherto forgotten law to prevent picketing, while arrests and shootings in other affected counties have been frequent as planters seek to forestall possibility of the strikers winning their demands of \$1.50 for the 10-hour day.

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

The Teamsters Council

The latest stand taken by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council is amusing if not logical. The newest attitude of the local "leaders" is to pretend to be blandly unconscious of any wrongdoing on the part of their hirelings. So great has been the horror and indignation of honest Minneapolis trade unionists at the reign of terror inspired and paid for by the local teamsters leaders that an attitude of innocence is the protective coloring that they assume to hide their guilt. Pat Corcoran can no more conceal his guilt than a tiger can hide his spots.

He and Meyer Lewis are responsible for the shameful condition that prevails in the Minneapolis trade union movement. Taking a leaf out of the constitution and by-laws of the anti-working class "Black Legion," these two enemies of the organized labor movement have brought its counterpart into being in Minneapolis. No matter what they say, in spite of all the explanations they can make, Lewis and Corcoran are playing into the hands of the Citizens Alliance, the Minneapolis employers and are laying the base for an attack on the whole trade union movement. Despite all their protestations, an attack on Local 574, backed, financed and encouraged by the employers constitutes a grave and a real danger to the organized labor movement in the Northwest.

The Central Market

Once again the Minneapolis central market is the scene of a labor action which will, in a large sense, determine the fate of the wages and working conditions of several hundred men. No one who is conversant with labor conditions which prevailed on the central market prior to the 1934 drivers strike can help but realize that wonderful improvements have taken place there in the past two years. Wages have been raised almost 100 per cent and working hours have been reduced from 80 and 90 hours per week to 48. All this has been due to the efforts of General Drivers Union who conducted the struggle there in 1934 against the near slave conditions that were common before the unionization of the market workers.

The new working agreement, calling for improved wages and working conditions, which was presented to the market employers this spring, has been signed by all of the market firms with one exception. This firm, which has always been the spearhead in the Citizens Alliance attack on 574, has refused to enter into an agreement with the union. By this action they have indicated that they intend to break down the union conditions that have prevailed on the market for over two years. Realizing the danger that involves the whole market group, the workers have properly struck this firm. The test is not whether one firm can resist the union's demands, but rather whether or not one company shall be allowed to break down wages and working conditions for the entire market section.

Milk Drivers to State Position

Brother Milkman:

The Teamsters Joint Council of Minneapolis, under the leadership of P. J. Corcoran, has launched a campaign of terrorism against the General Drivers Union Local 574 of which I, your customer, am a member. The object of this attack is to smash Local 574. These people are exerting every effort to try and prevent my Union from obtaining a signed agreement with my employer which would assure me higher wages and improved working conditions.

As the spearhead of this drive, the Teamsters Joint Council has imported thugs from out of town and is receiving the co-operation of the police department and the Citizens' Alliance. P. J. Corcoran

Ice Notice

Again members of Local 574 are cautioned not to accept ice deliveries from any ice driver not wearing a Local 574 button. You are playing into the hands of your enemy when you do otherwise. When in doubt as to what 574 companies should serve you, call the Union office.

is an officer of Milk Wagon Drivers Union Local 471, which Union is a part of the Teamsters Joint Council.

You, brother milkman, are a member of Local 471. I, your customer, am a member of Local 574. My Union has always been a staunch supporter of Local 471. I feel that I have the right to know where you stand on this question. Are you for my Union, or are you against it? You cannot sit on the fence!

If you are for my Union, Local 574, please sign the following statement:

I, as a member of Milk Drivers Union Local 471, recognize the right of my brother workers who are members of General Drivers Local 574 to have an organization for their protection. It is my belief that Local 574 has given its members substantial benefits and that it has rendered a great service to the Minneapolis labor and all attacks made against Local 574, and I will do all in my power to prevent the members or officers of my Union from taking any action which would be detrimental to the interests of Local 574.

(Signed) _____
If you are against my Union,

Keeping Step With 574

By Mickey Dunne

The Skellet Transfer Company pays its men every night.

Axel Berg paid a \$25 fine in municipal court Thursday.

Joe Ellis was a busy man last week—strike trouble.

Mike Max fathered an eight pound boy Wednesday night. Mike reports that everything is O. K.

Contributors to the columns of the Northwest Organizer are warned that their copy must be in the office not later than Monday noon of each week.

The Laundry Workers and Drivers Union will hold their annual picnic at Powderhorn park, Sunday, July 19. The union committee in charge says that it will be a real affair.

Arnold Johnson, who suffered a broken bone in his right foot during an attack by A. F. of L. gangsters, is getting about on crutches.

Last week was a busy one for the office force. Two different notices went out to all union members. This involved handling over 6,000 separate pieces of mail.

The milk wagon drivers are due for a surprise.

Several new groups of drivers have come into the union in the past week.

The beaver competition at the Murphy Transfer Company has ended. Dick Das weakened.

Hinky Hayns took a few on the chin last Tuesday morning. Sure, it came from the same place, 18 N. 8th St.

Found—Chauffeur's license No. 41836 and 584 May union button at 14th Ave. N. and 3rd St. Call at union office.

Brother Theo. DeSautelle buried his father Tuesday. The Union furnished cars.

Members are requested not to park their cars on Third St. between Plymouth and Twelfth Avenues. Several tags have been applied there. Touchy neighbors.

The Lathers Union passed a resolution at their last meeting, protesting against gangsterism in the local labor movement.

C. Skogland says that he is going on a fishing trip on the 21st of June. Alone, Skogy?

Bill Brown is all set for another accident.

Mrs. G. J. Dunne is walking with the aid of a cane.

Cement block makers report that competition in the industry is at a better level since the unionization of the block plants.

The St. Paul Drivers Union is on the verge.

The Sash, Door and Mill

Local 574, please sign the following statement:

I, as member of Milk Drivers Union Local 471, am opposed to General Drivers Local 574 and wish to see it destroyed regardless of the consequences to its members and to the entire labor movement.

(Signed) _____

Workers are now a part of the A. F. of L.—Cabinet Makers Union, Local 1865.

The June assessment is being paid cheerfully by members who realize that it is for the welfare of the whole union.

Fredlund's has been a busy place since the little "beer raid."

The Independent Union of All Workers gave valuable support in the market strike. Many thanks.

Fargo Gamble drivers are working for as little as \$18 per. And a long week, too.

A new meeting bulletin board has been installed in the lobby on the second floor. Notices of all meetings are posted there.

FOR SALE—Chesapeake pups, six weeks old. 916 14th Ave. N. E.

The new halls have been sound-proofed.

WELL KNOWN FACT DEPT.

John L. Lewis and Meyer Lewis are not related.

The demand for union drivers has been excellent during the past few weeks. Dozens of union drivers and helpers have been provided with employment. Unemployed members of the union are urged to register at the union office. Many employers are now calling upon them to furnish them with help. If you are unemployed, register.

Warehouse Section Will Meet June 25

All warehouse men and warehouse employees will hold a special meeting Thursday, June 25, in the Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. It is extremely important that all workers coming under this classification be on hand for the Thursday meeting.

A new agreement is being drawn and the assistance of every member is required to write into the proposed Union contract provisions covering wages, hours and working conditions that will be satisfactory for the majority. Warehouse men should keep this date in mind as no other notice of the meeting will be given.

Workers Join Union At Puffer-Hubbard

A new group of Minneapolis workers have been organized into a Union in the past three weeks' period. Employees of the Puffer-Hubbard Company, south Minneapolis woodenware concern, have joined the Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, and have presented a Union agreement to the employer.

As is usually the case in such companies, the workers receive very low rates of pay and conditions of employment have been extremely bad. The new Union contract calls for substantial wage increases, establishes a 48 hour week, provides overtime pay and sets up a seniority list.

One meeting has been held between the Union committee and the employer, and a second meeting has been arranged. About 100 workers are employed by the Puffer-Hubbard Company.

Father Francis Joseph O'Hearn, head of the employment agency at St. Louis University, discusses the seniors' prospects: "Permanent employment will be difficult to find."

Come on in, boys and girls,—graduate onto WPA.

LABOR . . . Looks at the Press

Syracuse news item: "Mayor Rolland Marvin announced that the result of the balloting of the striking Remington Rand workers to return to work was almost unanimous, although only one-fifth of the 1700 employees Voted."

New York news item: "Seventy leading employment agencies today urged the government to gather authoritative statistics on the actual number of unemployed persons in the United States, particularly those desiring work."

The filthy slave traders—I suppose they think the unemployed enjoy their plight.

Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale University today proposed four steps to attain national recovery: ban news taxes, discontinue both work relief and home relief, stop interference of all kinds with labor supply and demand, provide extensive government loans to industry.

Why Mister Fisher, that was Hoover's plan, and it didn't work so well. You don't want national recovery; you want civil war.

Colonel Francois De La Rocque, leader of France's fascist movement: "I intend to be arbiter of France, instead of dictator — I don't think a dictatorship would suit the spirit of our country. My Croix de Feu movement serves the French simply by restoring to them a taste for national mysticism. I have no national program, I am only making spiritual preparation."

Madrid news item "Premier Quiroga, who was brought into power by a coalition of Communists, Labor Parties, Socialists and other Leftist groups, yesterday declared that strikes as an instrument of labor must cease."—Christian Science Monitor.

Just a neat little "victory" for a Popular Front, eh, Browder?

New York news item: "Overcrowding of the bar has become so serious here that 10 per cent of 15,000 practicing lawyers are practically on relief, the New York County Lawyers' Association reported in a survey published today."

Well, I knew some good was bound to come out of the depression.

The Archduke Otto, claimant to the defunct Austrian throne: "I am ready at any hour to return to the fatherland and give Austria its old unity, power, and happiness."

In 1918 the Austrian workers held a nice revolution and set Otto outside on his can—but some guys never learn.

Headlin of the week: "Abolition of War Called Way to End World's Problems." — Christian Science Monitor.

That's right—and the way to end war is to end capitalism.

Local 160 Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, June 3—Regular membership meeting.
- Thursday, June 4—Executive Board meeting.
- Wednesday, June 10—Stewards and open organization meeting.
- Thursday, June 11—Executive Board and special Kelvinator Dept. meeting.
- Wednesday, June 17—Regular membership meeting.
- Thursday, June 18—Executive Board.
- Wednesday, June 24—Stewards and open organization meeting.
- Thursday, June 24—Executive Board.