

Demonstrate Against Reaction - FLP Mass Rally Nov. 5th at Auditorium

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Swamp the Auditorium at FLP Rally Saturday

On the National Picket Line

The Emergency Fact Finding Committee, appointed by President Roosevelt to determine the wage-cut question on which the Railroad Brotherhoods and the Railroad Association were deadlocked, has handed down its decision—against any wage cuts.

This committee, which came into existence as a due process of the law under the Railway Labor Act of 1920, found against the carriers for the four following reasons—

Number one: "Wages for Railway labor are not high even as compared to wages in other comparable industries."

Testimony brought out that fifty percent of these workers earn \$1,000 a year, forty percent of the employees get up to \$1800 annually, and only ten percent earn as much as \$2400.

Moreover since 1920 there has been a steady decline in the number of workers employed by the carriers, both for maintenance of the road-beds, and as trainmen. Hence operating and maintenance costs have dropped consistently. Despite this steady decline in the numbers employed, the car loadings have increased to a point where today less than half of those formerly employed handle the same amount of business.

Reason number two: "A horizontal reduction of wages on a national scale would not meet the financial emergency of the industry since the savings would not be distributed merely to the needy roads."

More than half of the \$250,000,000 which was to have been lopped off the wages of the workers would have gone to the eight largest roads, which in the opinion of Judge Stacy, a member of the Committee, "are hardly entitled to consider themselves in acute distress."

Number three: "The wage reduction in the railroad industry would run counter to the general trend of wages in industry generally."

According to very reliable sources the heads of all other basic industries were awaiting eagerly the outcome of the railroad wage controversy. Had the Fact Finding Committee found for the carriers, Steel, Auto, Rubber, Textile, in fact all of the basic industries were intending to institute general wage cuts immediately.

Point number four: "The financial distress of the carriers which has obtained since October, 1937, when the last

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Joint Union Meet Backs All FL Men

A sweeping endorsement of all Farmer-Labor state and county candidates; a demand for a \$25,000,000 local housing program; a resolution to liberalize the social security program; and a proposal to hold a general political strike in 1940 to free Mooney and Billings should these labor martyrs still be in prison, were some of the actions taken at a special meeting of five building trades unions held last Saturday morning in the East-side Eagles Hall.

The unions sponsoring the joint meeting were Lathers Local 190; Plasterers Local 65; Tenderers Local 111; Cement Finishers Local 557; and Roofers Local 96.

Among the speakers were Governor Benson, Judge Vince Day, Roy Weir, Robley Cramer, Walter Frank, Harry Martin, Carl Jacobson, etc., J. Golden, of the Roofers Union, acted as chairman.

For Housing Program
Besides pledging enthusiastic support to all candidates of the Farmer-Labor Party, the mass meeting called for a large housing program, and proposed that both state and municipal housing authorities be created immediately.

It passed a resolution calling upon the Federal Housing Authority to liberalize its program so as to grant lower interest rate, smaller down payments, extend the period for payments, and provide protection against losing homes through forced unemployment.

The meeting went on record in

Militant FLP Resolution Passed

Below is the resolution passed Saturday by the five building trades unions:

Be it resolved, that we pledge to unitedly and effectively work for the re-election of Elmer Benson for governor, and the election of all the candidates of the Farmer-Labor Association, and

Be it further resolved, that we will work to strengthen the Farmer-Labor Party upon the basis of the real economic and political needs and aims of the workers and farmers in their struggle against the exploiting class, against fascism, and against imperialist war, and for real economic and political democracy of the workers and farmers.

favor of working for workmen's compensation and social security benefits for all WPA workers.

Should the capitalist courts and the state of California continue to hold Mooney and Billings as prisoners, the 800 unionists present adopted a resolution calling upon the labor movement to study the feasibility of staging a nation-wide general political strike in 1940 to free these guiltless unionists.

A proposal for a daily labor paper in Minneapolis was also endorsed.

Thumbs DOWN!

STASSEN!
BOSSSES!
SILVER SHIRTS!



Defeat the Plans of the Boss Press, Which Is Trying to Kill the Auditorium Meeting—By Your Attendance, Contribute a Resounding Answer to the Republicans, the Associated Industries, the Silver Shirts, and the Rest of the Labor-Haters in Minneapolis and the State—Show That the People in This Area Don't Want Any Part of the Union-Smashing Program of Stassen

Despite attempts of the Republican-controlled daily press to kill the Farmer-Labor mass rally by refusing it publicity, an informal poll of union and ward club memberships made clear, early this week, that the auditorium would be packed to the topmost tier Saturday night shortly after the doors open at 7 o'clock.

Efforts of the boss press to flatten out the election-eve Minneapolis rally have really aroused the masses of working-class voters.

"If Stassen's friends are trying to put the cramp on that Saturday rally, all the more reason to be there and make it go," was the way several unionists put it yesterday.

To Expose Dies
A national speaker, whose identity has not yet been made known by the Hennepin County F-L Campaign Committee, will appear at the mammoth rally to expose the background and connections of the reactionary Dies committee, which has been intervening on behalf of reactionary candidates in several different states.

Special addresses will be given by Governor Benson and by John Kinzer, candidate for lieutenant governor.

A band will provide music prior to the start of the program at 7:30 p. m.

In addition to the national speaker, there will be other surprises in store for the audience, including a novel exposure of Republican campaign tricks.

The monster Victory Rally and demonstration for the candidates of the Farmer-Labor Party at the municipal auditorium will see the wind-up of the campaign in downtown Minneapolis. All union members are urged to bring their families and friends and attend the auditorium rally Saturday night.

Silver Shirts Meet Again, Denounce 544

Well-guarded by the St. Paul police to whom they had appealed for protection, the Fascist Silver Shirts held a meeting at Minnehaha Hall in St. Paul, last Friday night.

The speaker was Roy Zachary, national Silver Shirt leader. His speech contained several virulent references to the Northwest Organizer and the drivers' unions. Zachary, apparently alarmed by his agents' reports of the militant response of 544 members to his call for armed raids on 544 headquarters at a meeting last month, declared that he had "only meant that 544 members themselves get together to clean out the union hall."

In an attempt to protect Stassen from the reaction to the Northwest Organizer's recent revelation that the Silver Shirts had sent written orders to their gangs to defeat Benson, Zachary claimed Silver Shirts were not campaigning for Stassen. But he blandly ignored the evidence cited by the Northwest Organizer.

Zachary boasted that police would protect Silver Shirt meetings not only in St. Paul but also in Minneapolis. "Leaders of 544 have said we cannot hold meetings in Minneapolis, but we shall hold them, with the aid of the police," declared Zachary. "The police know that some day they'll need our support and that's why they're supporting us now."

For the rest, his speech was the usual Fascist combination of Jew-hating and anti-labor propaganda.

Johnson Absolved in Brown Murder Trial

How Stassen 'Helped' the 1933 Strike

Arnold Johnson was found not guilty of the murder of the late Bill Brown.

The jury reported Tuesday morning after more than seven hours of deliberation, and five ballots ranging from 8-4 for acquittal to the final unanimous verdict.

Concensus of jury opinion, explaining the verdict afterward, was that the state had not presented sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction. Jurors indicated they were particularly impressed with the defense plea that Johnson was in a mental fog from the morning of May 25th—the day of the murder—until three days afterward.

Unionists who had been called as witnesses in the trial stood ready to testify in any further investigation of Bill Brown's death.

Killers At Large
The killers of both the late Pat Corporan and Bill Brown are still at large, leaving the threat of assassination still hanging over the heads of active union leaders.

Meat Workers Oppose Stassen

In order to clear the name of the organized workers in the meat industry, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America, Local 615, at its membership meeting on October 25th, passed the following resolution, which it requested the Northwest Organizer to print in full:

"Whereas: Gene Dahl, Secretary of Meat Cutters Local 615 has seen fit to attempt to give the general public the impression that he voiced the sentiments of the meat industry in endorsing Stassen for Governor, and

"Whereas: such a condition is by no means true.

"Now, therefore be it resolved: That we, the members, of Local 615, of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America in regular meeting assembled this October twenty-fifth do hereby affirm our wholehearted support of Governor Benson for re-election to office, and also the whole Farmer-Labor Ticket.

"And furthermore: We protest this action of Gene Dahl which does not represent the feeling of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters of America as a whole.

Meat Workers Oppose Stassen

By Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America, Local 615.

By NELS SPARRING, Secretary-Treasurer

Press Fakes 'F-L' Stassen Backers

The Republican-controlled daily press of the Twin Cities hit a new low in dishonest politics this week, when it solemnly gave front-page display to the endorsement of Stassen by the "Younger Farmer-Labor Association."

With not a word of explanation concerning this "organization" is and how it came into being, the story was designed to make voters believe that an established unit of the Farmer-Labor movement had gone over to Stassen. But the truth is that this so-called organization was created during the primary fight in order to fight against Benson.

The only known members of it are Luke Rader, Jr., son of the notorious reactionary, and Steve Gadler, who recently provided the Dies Committee with anti-labor ammunition.

Its chief function since its creation has been to distribute a vicious speech by Rev. Luke Rader against Benson, appending to it a typical Fascist appeal, "all Christians, awake."

Needless to say, every newspaper which ordered the "news" of its support to Stassen to be printed, knew the function of this organization. But the desperation of the reactionaries against Benson knows no bounds. If lies will help, they will fill their papers with lies.

Twin City Lumber Company Workers Meet Saturday
A special meeting of all workers employed by the Twin City Lumber and Shingle company will be held this Saturday morning, November 5th, at 11 a. m. at the union hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue North. The meeting is called by Furniture Workers Union Local 1859.

Mineral Products Workers Win 10c Hourly Increase

Following lengthy negotiations, the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 won a working agreement this week from the Western Mineral Products company, providing for 10c hourly wage increases and the 8-hour day. Formerly employees worked as long as 12 hours.

Jerome Hammer, whom the union claimed was fired for union activity, is to be returned to the job without discrimination according to his former seniority standing.

The agreement provides for seniority, the 8-hour day, 40-hour week, overtime at the rate of time and one-half, etc. It runs for one year to October 25th, 1939. The minimum wage in the plant is now 65c hourly, with shift foreman receiving 70c. Six men are involved.

Hearing Promised For N. D. Vigilantes

The Fargo Trades and Labor Assembly has received assurances from persons close to Governor Langer that a public hearing on charges placed against a group of Stark County officials will be held in the near future. The public officials were among the mob of business men-vigilantes who ran two union organizers out of Dickinson, North Dakota, in September.

Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

Vote for All Farmer-Labor Candidates

- Clip and Take to Poll**
- Governor—Elmer A. Benson
Lt. Governor—John J. Kinzer
Sec. of State—Paul A. Rasmusson
State Auditor—John T. Lyons
State Treasurer—C. A. Halvorson
Attorney General—William S. Ervin
R. R. and Whse. Commissioner—Harold R. Atwood
Clerk of Supreme Court—L. C. Strout
Congress, Third Dist.—Henry G. Teigan
Congress, Fifth Dist.—Dewey W. Johnson
County Commissioner, 2nd District—Guy Alexander
County Commissioner, 4th District—L. G. Scott
Sheriff—Albert Bastia
Legislator, 28th District—William Kohan, John J. McNulty
State Senator, 28th District—Joseph Kozlak
Legislator, 29th District—Lucie Lawson
State Senator, 29th District—Roy W. Wier
Legislator, 30th District—Mrs. Antoinette Castren, Ed Dubois
Senator, 30th District—Edward P. Kelly
Legislator, 31st District—Carl H. Haglund, E. M. Stanchfield
Senator, 31st District—Carl G. Erickson
Legislator, 32nd District—Don Harkins, S. A. Stockwell
Senator, 32nd District—A. O. Devold
Legislator, 35th District—S. H. Bellman, W. F. Bennett
Legislator, 36th District (North half)—M. Tony Curry

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