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

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On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

A threatened strike which would have attained major proportions was "averted" by the patriotism boys again when 15,000 New York truck drivers agreed to postpone their strike for one week, pending further negotiations.

Local 807, the largest local union covering both over-the-road drivers and local pickup and delivery men voted on Sunday to postpone strike action one week.

Sidney Hillman's name did not appear in the press in relation to this strike, but his hand must have been somewhere in the pie.

Issues involved included the shortening of the work week from 44 to 40 with no reduction in pay, a week's vacation with pay, and other working conditions which a spokesman for the employers said were "too burdensome for the industry to bear at this time."

The Highway Transport Association which was also under contract with Local 807, has written the local proposing that the present wages be extended for two years, and that other working conditions under dispute be submitted to further negotiations for 30 days.

I heard both John L. Lewis and President Roosevelt speak Labor Day. Roosevelt's speech was just what was expected—but we listened to Lewis very closely to see what he had to say about both the Draft bill and his vaguely threatened third party.

Wait—while those two old parties, controlled by the boss class and working in their interests only—wait until when? Is any further proof needed that both of these two political parties have failed utterly to do anything except pull the country closer to the edge of cataclysmic war?

We need a Labor Party now—A Labor party composed of and led by class-conscious workers. Not a reformist party which would compromise the class interests of the working class with the bourgeois.

And that enemy is right here at home.

Kelly Roth Ties Up Game



The mighty Kelly Roth crosses the plate in the ninth inning on his smashing home run, to receive the congratulations of his jubilant teammates and Local 977 fans.

977 Rallies, Wins 3-2; Plays Again Sunday at Parade

Kelly Roth's Homer Leads Ninth-Inning Rally that Puts Oilers in Semi-Finals of City Title Race—Over Two Thousand Fans See Game—Local 977 Plays Anglesey Cafe Team Sunday at Parade 6

In a Rover Boy ninth inning spurt, the classy Local 977 ball team came from behind Sunday to defeat the favored St. Lawrence team, American division champs, 3 to 2.

Trailing 2-1 in the ninth, Kelly Roth, Local 977 third sacker, came to the plate with fire in his eyes and smashed out a long homer in deep left to tie the score.

Floyd Feikema, Local 977 pitcher, then showed his measure of control over the St. Lawrence batsmen by whiffing the three hitters to face him, and the huge crowd flooded out on the playing field to congratulate the Filling Station Attendants nine.

The game was replete with thrills that had the overflow crowd of partisan fans standing on its collective ear. Local 977 scored in the first, only to see the score tied up in the second.

Feikema's pitching exhibition in the ninth inning is all the more remarkable for the fact that, in the seventh, he was hit on the left forearm with a line drive; he made the throw to first, smiled uncertainly, started to walk to the bench, and suddenly slumped over in a dead faint.

With the magnificent showing Local 977 has made in this season's play, all union fans ought to come out to Sunday's game at the Parade and root for the union team.

Senator Lundeen's Death Blow to Labor Movement

The crash of the plane that snuffed out the life of Senator Lundeen struck a blow at the liberal cause that is most keenly felt by all those actively interested in the labor movement.

HAROLD H. SEAVEY, President Teamsters Joint Council No. 32

Welcome Dance to Be Gala Affair

The "Welcome Home" dance for the freed WPA strikers will be labor's gala affair of the year, if the hundreds of returns from union organizations and individuals is any criterion.

Among ticket purchasers for the September 7th dance are the Lathers Union, \$5; Tom Davis' office, \$6; the Boilermakers Lodge 647, \$5; the City-County Laborers, \$2; John Goldie, \$2; Josiah Baker, \$1; the Bricklayers Union, \$5; the Machinists Union Local 382, \$5; the Cabinet Makers, \$6.25; the Printing Pressmen, \$5; the United Firemen; the Sheet Metal Workers, \$2; the St. Cloud Drivers Union, \$2, and scores of other unions.

The dance will be held Saturday evening, September 7th, in the Teamsters Hall at 253 Plymouth Avenue North. Unionists in this area will have a chance to greet the released WPA strikers, who will be present at the dance and speak a few words during the program.

The dance is sponsored by the Federal Workers Section of Local 544.

359 Names Three Delegates to SFL Convention

The Warehouse Workers Union will send three delegates to the convention in St. Paul, the union executive State Federation of Labor convention board decided at its meeting September 3rd.

The three delegates named are Erling Nelson, Fred Tepilo and Don Penwell. Phillip Snyder was named as alternate.

Co-op Services Refunds \$60,000 To Its Members

The Cooperative Services, Inc., owned by 3,000 local consumers, has paid cash refunds of over \$60,000 to its members during the past seven years.

Carstater Case Due for Showdown

Thursday morning when the state board of education meets, the board will have to make up its mind where it is to jump in the case involving Eugene Carstater, state vocational training director removed by the Stassenites.

The state board must decide one of two things: either to heed the statewide protests over Carstater's removal and reinstate him in his job; or to fire him and make public its reasons for so doing.

The 30-day suspension order on Carstater expires September 8th. The board of education is expected to fire Carstater. In such a move, Mr. Carstater will then have the opportunity to ask the state civil service board for a trial and investigation of the board of education.

Thursday's meeting was called, not by Dr. Rockwell but by Mr. Boras of St. Olaf college, chairman of the board.

T. P. O'Hare Passes On

Members of organized labor sorrowed with Joe O'Hare, secretary of the Bakery Drivers Union Local 289, at the loss of his brother, Thomas Peter O'Hare, who died last week. The funeral was held Friday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Hare, and at 9 a. m. at St. Anne's church. Burial was at the Sunset Memorial cemetery.

359 Members Warned About Withdrawals

It has come to the attention of the executive board of the Warehouse Workers Union Local 359 that several members have been working on withdrawal cards.

The executive board considers this a serious violation of union principles. Members who are working on withdrawal cards in the future will be subject to a fine and possible suspension from the union.

Foundry Strikers Stand by Demands; Reject Ultimatum

Many Union Men Running In Primary

Roy Wier, Ole Ogg, Herman Oplund, Oscar Cleve Are Among Candidates for State and Federal Posts—All Union Men

Many union leaders have filed for public office and are turning to organized labor to back them in the primary election September 10th, next Tuesday.

Roy Wier, organizer for the Central Labor Union, has filed for the congress in the third district on the Farmer-Labor ticket. Wier served in the state legislature for six years and introduced many measures in the interests of labor.

Ole Ogg, well-known member of the Milk Drivers Union, is running for state representative in the 35th district, on the slogan of "A Union Man to Represent the 3rd and 10th Wards."

Herman T. Oplund, business agent for the Twin City Carpenters' District Council, is seeking the post of county commissioner in the first district, announcing himself as the American Federation of Labor candidate for that post.

Oscar Cleve, a member of Local 363 and chairman of the executive committee of the 11th ward Farmer-Labor club, is running for state representative in the 32nd district.

And old S. A. Stockwell, almost the only public official who openly proclaimed his sympathy with the WPA strikers last summer, is now seeking nomination as state senator from the 32nd district.

Give Stiff Answer to Boss Demand That Strikers "Conform" — Strike Committee to Meet Stassen Thursday Morning—Union Thanks General Drivers and Switchmen for Aid

The 350 striking foundry workers of Minneapolis entered the sixth week of their struggle more determined than ever to defeat the bosses and the Associated Industries in their foul attempt to starve out the strike and break the union.

Attempts of the bosses to distort the aims and the solidarity of the union will be in vain. The Machinists Union Local 1139 is demanding the union shop and hourly wage increases of 5c-10c, which will bring the Minneapolis wage scale up to the scale that has been paid in St. Paul for the past two years.

The employers are seeking to play on the backward prejudices of sections of the public by claiming the strikers are demanding the closed shop. It is the UNION SHOP, not the closed shop, that the strikers are determined to win.

Thursday morning a meeting between strikers' representatives and Governor Stassen is scheduled to be held in the governor's office.

Ranks Answer Bosses The foundrymen displayed their solidarity and understanding of the issues involved, in the answer the broad strike committee of 34 gave to a letter from Quest, chairman of the Foundry Employers association.

Quest had written the union last week, stating the union's proposals "afford absolutely no basis upon which negotiations for an agreement can be resumed," and demanding that the union in its future proposals "conform to the conditions I stipulated."

The strikers replied to Quest's letter as follows: " . . . We wish to inform you that the law of the land requires the employers to bargain collectively with our chosen representatives and that your communication confirms the reports of our negotiators who have told us that they think the Associated Industries is dictating to the employers, thereby preventing an agreement from being consummated."

"We, the undersigned rank and file Strike Committee, wish to inform you that the proposed agreement which you refused to use as a basis of negotiations was drawn up by a rank and file committee and fully approved by the rank and file on strike, and that no union officials are dictating to us as you had expressed yourself on several occasions."

All the 34 members of the Strike Committee signed this strong letter.

Strikers Thank AFL Unions All the AFL unions in Minneapolis were warmly thanked this week by the strikers for the loyal support given in the struggle, both financially and morally.

The General Drivers Union Local 544 and the Switchmen's Union are particularly thanked for their support in cooperating to defeat certain moves of the labor-hating employers.

Walgreen Signs Pact With 544

Tuesday a new one-year working agreement was signed between the Walgreen Drug company and the General Drivers Union. The pact brings hourly wage increases of 5c to those in the lower brackets, raising them from 55c to 60c. Whereas formerly employees received only one-half pay for holidays, now they will receive full pay.

The new pact is retroactive to May 18, 1940, and will run to May 31, 1941. About fifteen men are covered.

TJC Meeting Is Postponed

The regular monthly meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council, scheduled for Friday, September 13th, has been postponed indefinitely due to many delegates participating in the international convention in Washington, D. C. All delegates will be notified of the date for the meeting.

Local 544 Has Best Drivers in North; Proves It at Labor Day Truck Rodeo

The Minneapolis General Drivers Union has the best truck drivers in the state. And two Local 544 men proved it Labor Day when they were crowned champion truck drivers at the North-west Truck Rally held at Detroit Lakes under auspices of the state trucking association.

Emery Manuel, driver for Consolidated Freightways, is champion. Jack Elsbury, driver for Dakota Transfer, is runner-up. Norman Sunde of the St. Paul Local 120 won third place.

Only one-eighth of a point separated the two 544 men, Manuel earning 77 points and Elsbury, 76½. Sunde scored 74½. Other Local 544 men to compete were Harold Evans, A. Anderson, Al Franklin and Harold Way.

Judging was based upon these factors: Mental driving, actual driving, brake reaction, safety driving and trouble shooting. In the latter test the driver had to find five defects in his truck in five minutes.

Manuel and Sunde did their work in a Mack truck with Fruehauf trailer, Elsbury with an International and a Fruehauf.

Manuel to Los Angeles Emery Manuel will go to Los Angeles in November to compete for the national truck driving title. Over \$400 in prize money has been put up for this affair. In Monday's competition, Manuel won \$50, Elsbury \$30, and Sunde \$20, the prize money being put up by the Teamsters Joint Councils of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

