

ELECTIONS TUESDAY

Goldman Off For Chicago

574's Strike Attorney Ready to Serve Again

Albert Goldman, noted labor attorney and advocate of unionism, left Minneapolis early this morning for his home in Chicago after serving throughout the strike as special attorney for Local 574. Although he left at an early hour, a considerable group of brothers was on hand to see him off and to give him fraternal wishes.

Goldman, who is nationally known for his legal work in strike cases in Illinois, Kentucky and other states, rendered Local 574 valuable services during the strike, especially in giving legal advice, supervising the court work in various cases brought by the city administration against union members, and by his speeches at the monster mass meetings.

Especially well remembered will be his address at the great mass meeting on the Parade on the eve of the raid on Strike Headquarters. The 50,000 people (Labor Review figures) who heard that address were deeply moved and received his closing words, a demand for the immediate withdrawal of the troops by Gov. Olson, with enthusiastic applause and cheers.

Before departing, Attorney Goldman left a letter with The Organizer for the Strike Committee of 100 and the officials of the Union, in which he stated his willingness to return to Minneapolis at any time 574 might need his aid. Asked by The Organizer whether he expected that he might return in the near future, Goldman said that he felt confident 574 would be able to muster legal talent and put on a good fight on behalf of any strikers who are subjected to annoyance or persecution for their past strike activities.

"If I can help out by coming back and taking these cases myself, however," he concluded, "you may count on me to do so. I wish I could stay now but other matters call me back to my home town for the moment." The text of Goldman's letter follows:

To the Members of Local 574:

I shall never forget my five and a half weeks stay in Minneapolis. The magnificent struggle of Local 574 in which I was privileged to play a small role I shall remember with a thrill as long as I live. In my opinion there has never been a struggle where workers fought so bravely under such militant and able leadership. I am more than proud to have fought shoulder to shoulder with such men.

Should 574 ever need my services on the firing line I shall be more than glad to serve. Let no one hesitate to call on me.

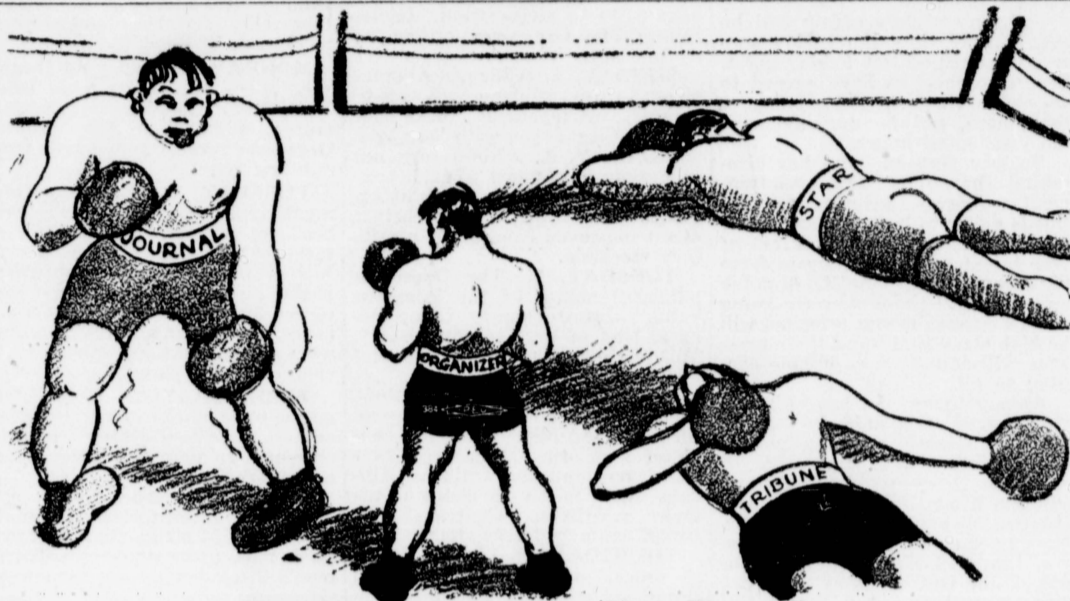
I am sad because I have to leave. But I am happy that my departure comes after 574 defeated such a vicious attack by the Minneapolis bosses. The bosses provoked the strike with the intention of destroying the union. They failed miserably. Local 574 came out victorious even though it did not gain all of its demands.

One lesson I hope every worker of Minneapolis has now learned. The working class can better its conditions only through organization and intelligent struggle.

We have not won everything in this struggle. There are more struggles to come. Be prepared. We must fight for a better world to live in and we shall have no better world until the capitalist system is abolished and until the workers rule.

—Albert Goldman

Mr. Goldman, who was chosen as attorney by the Strike Committee of 100, gave his services for the whole five weeks entirely free.



The Lightweight Champion Meets Them All—
The Bigger They Are the Harder They Fall.

Workers Will Vote for 574

Ballot to Be Secret—All Out!

Arrangements are under way for the union elections, which will be held Tuesday, August 28, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. These elections, which will determine the right of Local 574 to represent the workers employed by the houses against whom the recent strike was chiefly conducted, will take place in the fire station at Yale Place and Thirteenth St.

The Regional Labor Board now has the payroll lists showing employees entitled to vote. These include all who were on the payroll as of July 16, the day on which the strike began. Every man who was on such a payroll at that time is entitled to vote.

Each worker eligible for voting will get a blank ballot when he comes to the voting place in the fire station Tuesday. He may go to vote at any time during the day, from 8 to 8.

The ballot will show two opposing tickets. One will be Local 574. The other will be a list of names.

All union men and supporters of unionism, all those who want to be represented in such a way that they get protection and better conditions through the coming arbitration, should vote for Local 574.

It does not make any difference whose names are on the other list. Do not vote for anything but Local 574!

The bosses have many tricks to fool the worker in this matter.

In other elections they have tried such swindles as putting up against the union a list of names which includes some good union men. If the workers have not been properly informed, they may vote for such a ticket because they see good union names on it and they think that is the way to get the union.

This is to fall into the bosses' trap.

Vote for Local 574 and not for any names of persons, no matter who those persons are.

Don't let anybody at the voting place hurry or frighten you. The union will be officially represented there by two watchers. They will see to it that nothing is put over. Go in, get your ballot, take your time, mark it for Local 574, drop it in the box.

Don't let anybody threaten you. The ballot is secret and the bosses won't know how you voted. If the boss threatens you and tries to force you to vote for his fake ticket and against 574, don't argue with him. Just go ahead and vote for 574.

If you have not yet gotten your job back, that makes no difference. As long as you were working on July 16, you have a right to vote. Get in touch with the Union and get clear on this. Then go and vote. And when 574 comes through in a big way, one of the first things it will do is to force your employer to stop discriminating against you and to put you back on the job.

Go to every man working on the job with you. Explain to him what unionism means, what the benefits will be when we have every truck driver, inside worker and helper organized in Local 574. Tell him to read The Organizer and get straight on these matters. Visit him at his home and talk it over. Call a meeting of the men on your job and get them to stand shoulder to shoulder like men and put the union over.

This is a great opportunity. Let's come through in a big way.

What the Union Means

The victory of unionism in our industry has already been won. In two great battles which stirred the whole country—first in the May strike and then in the strike just concluded—the drivers, helpers and inside workers of Minneapolis showed their determination to have a union of their own free from the influence or coercion of the employers. Now there is to be an election to see if the workers really meant it. Very well. We shall have the election and go through the formality. Our big task now is to get ready for it, and to roll up such an overwhelming vote for the union that the question cannot be raised again.

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There hasn't been a free and honest election held anywhere to our knowledge that did not result in a majority of the workers voting for a union of their own. Even on those railroads where trade unions have been outlawed and "company unionism" has been forced on the workers, the elections now taking place, under the auspices of the National Mediation Board, are resulting in sweeping victories for the bona fide unions, according to the report in Labor, the national weekly organ of the railroad unions.

The awakening workers of America, in every trade and industry, are moved by one common, overpowering impulse which can be expressed in a single word: UNIONISM! Every intelligent worker understands that that is the first step on the road to a better and freer life. "In almost every case," says Labor, "the paramount issue is the right of the workers to organize." Once that is accomplished, the worker, weak and helpless as an individual, becomes strong and independent. He has the confidence to demand improved conditions and better wages and—united with his fellow workers—he has the strength to get them.

And that is just the point. In clinging to the idea of unionism, and fighting so doggedly for it, the workers are inspired by the thought of what the union means!

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The union means bread and butter. The union is the weapon by means of which the workers wrest better wages from the profit-mad bosses. It means more and better food for the workingman's kids and a decent dress for his wife to wear. It means a few nickels in his own pocket to pay for a glass of beer or two if he feels that way. In fighting for a union the worker in real-

ity is fighting to improve his standard of life and to give his family a chance to live like human beings.

The union means protection and a certain degree of security in employment. Once a strong union appears on the scene the arbitrary powers of the employers over the lives of the workers are limited. The old system of hiring and firing according to the whim of the bosses gives way to seniority rights. The union is a protection to the individual worker against discrimination. In fighting for a union the worker is fighting for certain rights of "citizenship" in industry. He is fighting for the right to have something to say about his job. Without a union this is impossible.

The union means the beginning of independence. The unorganized worker has no rights whatever which the boss is obliged to respect. No matter how proud and sensitive the individual may be, he has to take what is offered and keep his mouth shut. Long hours, miserable wages, all kinds of abuse—the worker has to put up with all of that and has no comeback, no means of redress. The unorganized worker is as helpless as a slave.

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The union man stands up on his feet and looks the world in the face. He has something behind him, a power to which he can appeal. The individual "bargain" between the worker and the boss, in which the worker is licked before he starts, is replaced by "collective bargaining" when the union is organized. That doesn't apply only to the question of wages. The union is the "collective" representative of the worker in any dispute he may have with the employer. Feeling that strength behind him, the worker gets more confidence in himself, more self respect, more of the sense of human dignity that befits a useful and productive member of society.

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It is because the union means so much in the daily life of the workers that the movement for unionism is rising like a tidal wave. The workers want a new life and a better one, and the first step on this path is organization.

All Minneapolis workers will watch the election with sympathy and hope for 574.

We are sure of victory if our members remain alert and active from now till Tuesday under the great slogans:

**Vote for Local 574!
Make Minneapolis a Union Town!**

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