

**UNITED
LABOR
ACTION**

THE ORGANIZER



TWO TWENTY-FIVE

SOUTH THIRD STREET

**SMASH THE
CITIZENS
ALLIANCE**

VOLUME 1, NO. 46

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1934

PRICE TWO CENTS

Fargo Drivers Bring New Life to Unions

Truck Industry Provides a Base for Building Solid Movement

History has charted the same course for the labor movement of Fargo and Moorhead as it did for the entire labor movement of the country. It rose to power during the war and post war period only to begin its decline with the wave of false prosperity which began during 1924.

During its period of power, the movement exerted a tremendous influence upon this industrial community which has a common economic problem despite the artificial division created by the Red River. The workers were able through their organizations to command a standard of living far surpassing that which they now endure. The entire populace profited from labor's increased buying power.

Lacked Permanent Base

The strength of the movement lay chiefly in the railroad unions, the printing trades, and the building trades. With the sharp decline in carloading and the cessation of activity in the building industry, only the printing trades were left to form the base of the movement and it began to decline sharply. The printing trades remained firm, but the very nature of their position in the economic set-up made it impossible for them to serve as the key for a broad movement. Even the three-story building owned by the unions was lost.

With the coming of section 7A of the NIRA, the unions once again began to stir. The Cooks and Waiters union seized the opportunity quickly and has made great gains. Today there are twenty-seven local unions in Fargo and the city is beginning to hum with labor activity.

To make the picture complete, we find a lusty youngster appearing in the Fargo-Moorhead movement which is destined to become the key to unionization in that area. With this community serving as the distributing center for all of North Dakota and the trucking industry rapidly replacing the railroads in the hauling of freight, (Continued on Page 2)

Cudahy Moves Again

The Cudahy Packing Co. is still groping about for some method to clear themselves of suspicion in the firing of Frank Chesvick, a union driver.

First they said he was laid off for lack of work. The union replied that they were violating his seniority rights since there were younger drivers still working. They next dug up a fake disability report which pretended to prove that Chesvick was not capable of hard work because of an old disease of the back. The union pointed out that Chesvick is capable of hard work and that if he were not it would be the responsibility of the Cudahy Company since he was at one time injured by a fall on an icy sidewalk while carrying a quarter of beef. The disease mentioned is only a product of the fertile imagination of a company doctor. Cudahy then proposed that Chesvick go to Newport to work in the slaughter house. This was a dastardly proposal to exile a worker for joining the union. It was flatly rejected.

The mental giants at the Cudahy Co. now want Chesvick to sign papers relieving them of any responsibility if he should be injured on the job. This doesn't work either. The Cudahy distributors of Puritan products must restore Chesvick to his job with the full rights of a citizen. Until they do this, we must assume that they want no patronage from unionists and their friends and sympathizers.

Remember the Past— No Truce

President Roosevelt has called upon the labor unions of America to go into a pact with industry for an indefinite period. It is proposed that labor lay aside its strike weapons and depend upon the generosity of the employers for any benefits that may be given to the workers for participation in the industry of the country.

This proposal is put forward with the suggestion that the decisions of the government boards and other constituted authorities be accepted by the workers' movement as final and binding in all cases. Labor has had a considerable experience with such boards during the past several months and almost without exception the experience has been, to put it mildly, disappointing.

The National Association of Manufacturers comes forward immediately with a wholehearted endorsement of the President's plan. The American Manufacturers Association sees in such a period of peace between capital and labor, only benefits for the employers. This is clear when one reads the declaration of this group who quickly challenge the A. F. of L. to accept.

The reply to the president's proposal by the heads of the A. F. of L., now assembled in convention at San Francisco, gives little assurance that there will be any fundamental change in the policies of that body. William Green, speaking to the convention, said Labor and the President "speak the same language." His remarks are untrue and absolutely without foundation. **Labor cannot and will not give up the strike weapon.**

Labor has not in the past received any real benefits from the governmental boards and constituted authorities. What Labor has received in union recognition, wage raises, and betterment in conditions of work, has been won **in spite of such boards.** In support of this view, we have only to refer to the Steel, Automobile and Textile industries on a national scale. What benefits have the workers in these vast plants received from the NRA and the mediation setup which goes with it?

On the other hand the employers are really speaking, on this question at least, in the exact language of the President. They do not lose a single hour in broadcasting to the whole country their endorsement of the entire scheme of so-called industrial peace.

Who do these bosses expect to deceive by this? The answer is quite plain. They expect to deceive the unorganized worker who is just now, within the last few months, turning towards union organization as the only way to protect himself and his family, to have some measure of security on the job, and some assurance of a decent standard of life at home. Hundreds of thousands of unorganized workers are moving into the organized ranks of trade unionists, and, sensing the power of organization, are pressing forward for action. They want and firmly believe that they are entitled to some of the wealth they see all about them, in many cases going to waste. This attitude on the part of the workers is forcing the unions, even over the objections of the Greens and the Morrisons, to make demands on the employers. These employers, who want nothing less than the entire wealth of the country, do not willingly give a single cent of wage increase and in every case resist to the last.

What weapon has Labor except the strike? The answer again is clear. The strike is the one weapon that the employers respect.

At such a time as this it is well to recall that under another President, under another administration, a similar call was issued to Labor. President Hoover, who made no pretense as a new dealer, and who had made quite a number of estimations as to the character of the depression, found, some months after the stock market crash in 1929, that the workers did not propose to sit quietly by while the employers went on a rampage of wage slashing and union busting.

He also was faced at that time with the possibility of widespread strikes. The big and the little employers were taking full advantage of the panic to lay off their employees by the thousands, and to use the unemployed as a threat to the wage standards of those still on the job.

Not only were workers by the hundreds of thousands turned out in the streets to shift for themselves, but wage cut after wage cut was the first order of the day. The living standard of the American worker was being forced down at a furious pace. Hoover then issued, just as Roosevelt does now, a call to the Labor leaders and the employers' representatives to gather in Washington and conclude a sort of "peace in industry" plan. Then, just as now, the radio incessantly dinned in the ears of the people that the President had proclaimed a brilliant plan. The press of the country headlined the story. A master stroke, a truly statesmanlike proposal, they called it. The employers of the country were, then as now, quick to grasp the meaning of the move. They said, in a thousand different ways, that they would endorse any peace plan that would "in the interest of their country" outlaw strikes.

At that time, the leaders of the A. F. of L. were, if anything, even ahead of the employers in endorsing the plan. They were then also in "full accord with the President." Whether or not they "spoke the same language" is rather unimportant in view of the action of these labor leaders. Not only was Hoover's plan of industrial peace endorsed, but the trade union leaders did actually gather in Washington with the industrial overlords and solemnly agree to a truce.

The manufacturers promised not to cut wages. The labor leaders promised not to ask for wage increases nor to conduct strikes against the employers. The pledge of labor leaders was carried out to the letter. **For two whole years** the trade union movement stagnated. During this same period the employers, without a moment's hesitation, continued the wage slashing program on which they had already started before the conference was called. Wage rates dropped to the lowest level of the decade. In many fields of labor, conditions became unbearable. These were the chief fruits of the "peace" pact.

All this was done in the name of patriotism. The employers understood their duty to **their** country. They cut wages, lengthened hours, speeded up those on the job, and sent millions of workers to the breadlines.

Labor cannot place its fate, which means the fate of mankind, in the hands of mediation boards which are, in the final analysis, dominated by the bosses.

Labor will answer the President thus: "We propose to organize our unions. We propose to seek and obtain higher wages, shorter hours and better conditions. Whether or not there is a period of industrial peace will depend upon the employers' reply to our demands."

Grocery Driver Gets Wage Raise

Union Membership Brings More Pay, Fewer Hours

After a banner had been carried before their stores for two days, and the other labor organizations of the city had co-operated in bringing pressure, the Ruff Bros. Grocery agreed to pay the union scale to a member of Local 574 who is in their employ.

This worker, who serves as a combination driver and inside worker, had been working from 52 to 54 hours per week for only \$16.20. Receiving such a miserable wage as this, he was greatly interested in the organization drive and the fights with the employers carried on by 574. He joined the union and stayed with it through both our struggles.

He has now placed himself in a position to draw real benefits from his union membership, and it is pertinent that we note in passing that he did not improve his circumstances by the mere payment of dues. He fought for his rights, and he stuck to the battle till he had won.

He now receives the union scale for his driving and for his inside work. His salary of \$16.20 has been increased to \$22.70 per week and he works fewer hours.

At the Sunnyside Grocery, a firm which signed the Haas-Dunnigan proposal, the driver was not returned to work at the union scale. The union is carrying on a fight against this firm also. The proprietor has indicated that he is willing to pay the scale but he does not want to return this driver to his job. He does not want this driver because he refuses to submit peacefully to the bosses' chiseling tactics.

With a union membership to protect his job, this worker has taken his employer-swindler before the NRA Compliance Board in the Roanoke Building, and extracted from him \$39.98 which he had chiseled away from even the low code minimum.

Of course the boss doesn't want this man. He doesn't want him because he refuses to play this famous "silent partner" role. He doesn't want him because he believes in defending his rights. But he is going to take him back just the same.

Arbitration Nears End

Both the union and the employers have made their arguments before the neutral chairman, Mr. John R. Coan, and it is expected that a final decision on the wage scale will be reached within the next few days. The union committee hopes to have a complete and final report to bring before the membership at next Monday's meeting.

Important Meeting

At the full membership meeting which will be held next Monday, October 8, important decisions will be made on questions which have a vital effect on the future of Local 574.

This will be a closed meeting and all members must be present to voice their opinions and cast their vote.

Kuehn to Be Tried Oct. 3

Carl Kuehn, chairman of the MCCW, will be tried before Judge Carroll Wednesday, October 3, on a disorderly conduct charge growing out of his arrest in a demonstration before the Broadway Relief Station last Friday.

The arrest of Brother Kuehn is another of the typical police injustices against workers who are struggling for a livelihood. Make it your business to attend his trial.

The one efficient agitator in the world today is injustice.—Lord Acton.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

The National Picket Line

With the issues of wages, hours, the stretch-out, unionism and discrimination still unsolved, the textile workers are in exactly the same position as they were four weeks ago, before the general strike began. One gain the workers really made in the last strike was the impressive demonstration of organized labor's strength when called out on a nation-wide strike in a large industry. No set of timid and wavering strike leaders can rob the rank and file of this knowledge. Impressively the textile workers showed that when they decide the shuttles shall stop, those shuttles stop. Precious little cloth was woven during the three-week strike by the scabs and no-bills who so bravely sided with the mill owners and attempted to man the machines. This knowledge of their organized power may give the textile workers the courage to go out again, in case the Winant Board will not hand down decisions agreeable to the workers. (And a government board has never yet given any evidence that it took labor's rights into consideration when making its decisions.)

Strikers Still Out
Tens of thousands of textile workers are still out, many of them victims of gross discrimination on the part of the bosses, the rest determined to stay on the picket lines until their just demands are won.

For instance, in New London, Conn., the Armstrong Silk Co. refused to rehire 125 of the most militant union fighters out of the 400 who went out on strike. All the workers in the nearby Bloom mill had been rehired. Yet every single worker in the Bloom mill stopped work and went out on the picket lines last Thursday to help their brothers from the Armstrong mill.

In Bridgeport, Pa., the police attacked the picket lines surrounding the James Lees and Sons mills, where, as in many other Pennsylvania towns, a militant fight is still being carried on against the lock-out and discrimination of the bosses.

In Atlanta, Ga., 20 textile workers have been seized by the National Guard and transferred to secret military prisons where they are being held incommunicado.

It will probably be weeks, and maybe months yet before there is any peace in the hellish factories and mills where America's textiles are woven out of the blood and sinews of America's workers.

Seamen Gird for Battle

Insisting that if the shipowners do not meet the demands of the marine workers by October 8 a general shipping strike on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts will take place, longshoremen and ship workers are speeding preparations for what promises to be a militant battle. These seamen have little faith in the conferences and negotiations which government boards are trying to use to disorganize and delay the strike. Radio operators, fishermen, all workers who live on the sea are preparing united front agreements with the longshoremen and in city after city all along the coast sentiment is developing for a strike that will be strong enough to sweep away the terrible injustices that have been the lot of American seamen for too many years.

Pocketbook Bosses Retreating
As a result of individual agreements reached by the International Pocketbook Workers Union with 30 manufacturers, 600 pocketbook workers have already gone back to work, having won the 36-hour week and a 10 per cent wage increase. Six thousand five hundred workers are still out in the general strike in this industry, which has shut down production in plants in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Militant Leader Elected
Harry Bridges, one of the militant leaders of the West Coast longshoremen's strike, was overwhelmingly elected president of the I. L. A. local in San Francisco. The vote was 1,283 for Bridges as against 432 for Johnson, one of the conservative labor leaders.

Once the workers in America find a leader that is militant, capable and honest, they hang on to him—which is one of the best signs of hope for our class.

Frame-Up in Chicago
It looks very much like a frame-up is being worked in Chicago against the bus drivers who are still very much on strike in that city. James Kelly, a scab, was killed last week. The police use this as an excuse for rounding up Stolzmann, union leader, and slapping him into jail, on the evidence that a saloon keeper has stated that Stolzmann gave him \$400 to hire gunmen and sluggers. Stolzmann called the saloon keeper a liar; nevertheless, the union leader is being held in jail. The bosses hope in this way to seriously cripple the 40-day strike.

Last week police shot Carl Olson, a striker, claiming that he threw a brick through a pool hall window. Despite the boss violence and intimidation, the Chicago bus strike goes on.

Our Boston Brothers
Two thousand three hundred of Drivers Local 25, Boston, have voted unanimously to go out on strike, referring the exact date of strike to their executive board. Our brothers in Boston are demanding union recognition, an 8-hour day, time and a half for overtime, with the present basic wage scales.

Workers Abroad
A strike of 130,000 miners in the South Wales coal pits has been averted after a recent conference at which concessions were made by the mine owners.

A strike in Japan is approaching which threatens to tie up all the largest steamship lines; the seamen's union is asking for higher wages, better rations and larger crews.

Packers Raise Wages
Fearing strike action by their workers, the major packing companies in the United States have raised wages of all their workers 8 per cent, effective last Monday, October 1. Packing house workers

First and Last Stop MIKE'S BAR
Quality Liquors and Wines
100% UNION HOUSE
2029 Wash. Ave. N. Hy. 9973

LYONS' BAR
313 2nd Ave. South
Telephone Atlantic 6844
100% UNION HOUSE

are still protesting, however, against the terrific speed-up, which is greatly increasing the productivity of the workers and resulting in a decline in total employment.

From what little news filters through the censorship, it appears that the great Costa Rican banana strike has been temporarily halted, and that a country-wide strike in the coffee fields is being planned for December.

Cuba has suspended indefinitely all constitutional guarantees because of the Wall Street puppet government's fear of the revolutionary consequences of the present great taxicab strike in Havana and Oriente provinces.

More About Hardin's Union

The workers pay no dues in the Colonial Warehouse union, and they receive the same in benefits that they pay in dues—nothing.

Now a non-union man has been fired. He didn't join the union because he was afraid he might lose his job. Too late, he realizes his mistake. The famous job committee failed to do anything for him.

The first committee member he approached told him he would like to help but he had to be careful of his own job. The boss has one key man on the committee who is there for the express purpose of preventing discrimination complaints from getting back to him. The fact that the men know of his hook-up with the boss makes them fearful of the results if they complain to him. A very clever scheme, indeed. How long will it take the workers to see through it?

The workers give this as part payment for the \$5 vote loan, the beer, and the big feed that they received before the election. We repeat that it is only part payment. There is much more which the boss will collect for his earlier generosity, much more.

Wake up, fellows! There are hundreds of men about you enjoying job security and better wages through the union. You too can have these benefits. JOIN THE UNION!

CRYSTAL Co-operative Cleaners and Laundry
100% UNION
Not Union because of this strike, but built by Union Labor, controlled by Union Labor.
3108 Penn Ave. N.
CH. 4488

24 Hr. Service GE. 7513
Peter Watzek D. V. M. VETERINARIAN
99 Glenwood Avenue

"Red" GOLDEN'S CAFE
100% UNION
"Bozo" Wolf's Orchestra
Dancing Every Night
Washington Ave. at Plymouth

2833 Central Ave. GR. 1572
Geo. Wachsmuth UNION MEAT MARKET
For Quality Meats and Service
Phone Us — We Deliver

La Salle Cleaners and Dyers
2609-11 Nicollet RE. 5291
Quality Work and Prompt Delivery Service
100% UNION SHOP

PATRONIZE ORGANIZER ADVERTISERS

Cigars of Quality
"La Lunda" and "3-C" Cigars

Fargo Drivers Bring New Life to Unions

(Continued from page 1)
the truck drivers' union becomes the dominating factor in labor organization. The long coal season is another element which contributes heavily to the economic power of the truck drivers.

Drivers Hold Power
It is only necessary to know that the total membership of the Fargo General Drivers' Union has increased from seven to seven hundred in slightly less than one year to realize fully the possibilities of this organization.

The power of this type of union has been clearly demonstrated by Local 574 here in Minneapolis. The healthful and stimulating influence which such a union has upon the entire labor movement has also been proven by the new enthusiasm and prestige which has come to all Minneapolis unions both through the impetus they received by pitching in to help 574 fight and by the moral and physical courage with which they were imbued as a result of the smashing victory.

The truck drivers' union is the backbone of the Fargo-Moorhead movement. Every worker must support it militantly in the interest of his own salvation.

Local 574 can and will render a service to the Fargo-Moorhead workers by seeing that every driver pulling into our terminals has a union button.

GENERAL HAULING AND MOVING
310 S. 9th St.
Independently Owned and Operated
Reasonable Rates by Hour or Day

BECKELMAN'S GROCERY
800 S. 10TH ST.
We Deliver
Fresh Meats - Groceries
Come In and Get Acquainted
Our Friday and Saturday Specials Will Save You Money
We also give you 10 Extra Security Red Stamps with \$1.00 purchase or over
We accept City Relief and Soldiers Relief Orders

General Hauling WALTER LUDGATE 701 Bradford N.
MAIN 5643
Independently Owned and Operated on the Union Standard

Zuckman's Oil Co. 1429 Washington Ave. N.
Gasoline, Oil and Fuel Oil for Less
100% UNION

LUNCH
Try Our 25c Dinners
QUALITY FOOD AND BEER
100% Union House
609 1ST AVE. N.

"If you want anything for your car—see one of the boys"
Hork's Auto Parts
1500 WASHINGTON AVE. N.
Cherry 4242

Market Recreation
119 N. 6TH ST.
100% UNION HOUSE
Just around the corner from the Central Labor Union

GAYETY BURLESQUE
TWO SHOWS DAILY
MIDNIGHT SHOW EACH SAT.
PHONE GENEVA 8985

PATRONIZE Organizer Advertisers

Ten Weeks to Pay

Men, It's Only Logical . . .
to expect the greatest Clothes Values at Brown's—where the Northwest's Largest Selection of Fine Garments Awaits You!

Men's Union Made 1 and 2-Trouser SUITS, O'COATS \$19.85

THE SUITS
Here they are! Plenty of double-breasted Sports Backs, in Oxfords, Blues, Browns, Greys, etc. Pure virgin wool fabrics, tailored to Brown's exacting standard of surpassing style and long-wearing qualities! Ultra stylish, as well as the more conservative models—all sizes!

THE O'COATS
Man, oh Man, they're Classy! All of the newest styles and fabrics, including Fleeces, Meltons, Boucles and many others! All sizes—shorts, longs, regulars and extra long models.

Special Grouping T'COATS \$14.85
They're all new models—new shades. Stylish, well tailored garments. You'll be proud to wear one of these! But the number is limited, so HURRY for your size. Choice only \$14.85 while they last.

A Sport Combination That's a Big Hit! Scotch Spun Slacks
Hundreds of them—a regular \$5 value, special **\$2.85**
Zipper Jackets
Genuine Suede Leather; also all wool Meltons, special **\$4.85**

Boys' Genuine Tweedroy Knickers
Well made, sturdy. Here's something every boy wants.
\$1.85
Cash, Charge Account or \$4.85 Down—Balance in Ten Weeks

Your money back if you can duplicate my values anywhere!
Brown's BON-ART CLOTHES
306-308-310 NICOLLET AVE.

ANOTHER 100% UNION OPERATED CO-OP OIL STATION
WILL BE OPENED
at Washington Ave. N. and 22nd Ave.
SATURDAY, OCT. 6
Gasoline - Oil - Grease - Tires
Tubes - Batteries
High Pressure Chok Chart Lubrication
Washing - Polishing - Tire Repairs
SHARE IN THE EARNINGS
CO-OP OIL ASSOCIATION
4th Ave. S. and 7th St. 249 Penn Ave. N.
14th and East Hennepin 2410 E. 25th St.

574 Smashes Employers' Line for Decisive Victory

—By G. J. D.

Minneapolis, July 16th.

The first annual football game between the employers and truck drivers is being staged today with the entire population of Minneapolis as spectators. An unusual amount of interest is being shown on account of the difference in the weight of the teams and the experience of the two squads. The employers' squad has met and defeated every workers' team for the last 20 years but has not met the truck drivers since 1916 at which time the truck drivers were defeated by a narrow margin after a bitter struggle. There is very little betting on the outcome of the game. The employers are offering odds of 10 to 1 with lots of money to wager. The truck drivers are not betting any

smash through center. He fails to gain as his own center, M. Posnik, blocks his path. Skellet fumbles on this play and the ball is recovered by M. Dunne with Bearman a close second. Time is called and M. Johannes is substituted for Dunnigan. Dunnigan seems badly hurt. A cheer goes up from the employers' section as Johannes trots onto the field. The Citizens Alliance band plays "Hail Our Savior."

On the next play, running behind perfect interference, Jack Severson brings the crowd to its feet with a smashing drive through the transfer lineup. It looks like a complete stoppage.

While the referee's back is turned, Johannes slugs Bill Brown and recov-

Weight	THE LINEUP	Weight
205 S. Levy	LE	M. Dunne 110
215 I. Bowan	LT	F. Dobbs 121 1/4
220 P. L. McAloon	LG	H. Beal 280
310 M. Posnik	C	K. Postal 185
242 L. Bearman	RG	D. Tutty 160
190 T. Skellet	RT	B. Levine 90
195 E. McDeavitt	RE	C. Skoglund Unknown
190 A. W. Strong	QB and Capt.	Bill Brown 140
\$75,000 G. Dayton	LH	H. De Boer 170
195 net E. H. Dunnigan	RH	G. Dunne 162
280 F. J. Haas	FB	J. Severson 160

Referee, G. Scott, University of Gamble Robb.
 Umpire, C. Witt, University of Witt.
 Head Linesman, W. Hardin, Colonial University.
 Cheer Leaders: Employers, J. McNutt; Truck Drivers, Young Organizer.

money but are willing to gamble their future against the bosses' cash.

The huge stadium is rapidly filling and the employers' section is already jammed. The Citizens' Alliance band, led by J. Cochran and the Minneapolis Police Band, led by F. Brunskill, are marching around the field in formation. In the place of a baton, Brunskill is using a shotgun which he twirls with all the dexterity of a Sousa. The truck drivers do not have a band, but the cheer leader, Young Organizer, has aroused the enthusiasm of their cheering section. The truck drivers have a very clever yell which goes as follows: 42 1/2-52 1/2—let's all give the bosses the laff, y-a-a-a-h.

In an interview before the game, Captain Brown of the truck drivers predicts victory for his team but states that he expects it to be a hard fought battle as he anticipates the employers will resort to dirty tactics. He also states that the reserve strength of the employers is very great as they not only have the cash but also the entire strength of the Police Department and the National Guard to fall back on.

Both teams are now on the field getting some warming up practice. Haas of the employers' team is reading a prayer to his squad, and the writer in the press box can hear their amens. The amens are caught up and echoed by the employers' cheering section until the stadium rocks on its foundation.

Captain Brown is on a soap-box making a fight talk to his squad. "No trucks shall be moved by nobody," shouts Brown. The squad cries, "Let 'em try."

The truck drivers are now thumbing their noses at the employers' team. This is the first time a workers' team has had the courage to bait the employers.

The captains are called to the center of the field and the referee tosses the coin. Brown wins the toss and chooses to defend the market. The teams take their position, the whistle blows, and the game is on.

K. Postal kicks off to Haas on his five yard line where he was downed in his tracks on a flying tackle by B. Levine. On a spinner play, Dunnigan was thrown for a five yard loss when H. De Boer grabbed his glasses. Time was taken out while Dunnigan got a new ribbon for his cheaters. Play is resumed. Tommy Skellet tries a

ers the ball for the employers. With the entire police force behind him, Johannes makes a shotgun thrust through tackle, placing the ball on 3rd St. N. All the cops' guns are smoking from this play. The truck drivers are putting in subs. H. De Boer is badly injured. Tutty is limping.

F. Olsonabee, substituting for Johannes on the demand of a delegation from the Central Labor Union, tosses a long pass to McDeavitt. The pass is completed and the employers are now for the first time in the truck drivers' territory at 215 S. 8th St. Passing at this time does not seem to be good strategy but Olsonabee tries it again. His next heave to McDeavitt places the ball at 614 1st Ave. N.

Olsonabee is playing a dangerous game. Another thrust at the truck drivers' line by McDeavitt gains only a few inches, but M. Dunne and Captain Brown are removed from the game. This is a heavy blow to the truck drivers.

G. Dunne is now acting captain. B. Bove and B. Bell are substituted for M. Dunne and Captain Brown. P. Donaghue goes in for F. J. Haas. Play is resumed. On a lateral pass, P. Donaghue fumbles and Bove recovers the ball. With K. Postal calling signals and directing the play the truck drivers strike so fast and hard at the employers that they have them completely routed as the quarter ends.

At this stage of the game F. Olsonabee calls on his M. P.'s (Military Permits) and for the next two quarters the game is played in the center of the field with neither side having any advantage.

During the first part of the fourth quarter the game is slow and uninteresting. Captain Brown and M. Dunne have returned to the game. M. Dunne has the stockade rash. Both sides are throwing long passes, hoping to score. With the ball in the truck drivers' possession, Happy Holstein, substituting for Beal, punts to Donaghue on the employers' five yard line. Donaghue fumbles and the ball is recovered by F. Dobbs, who carries it across the line for the only score of the game. After Bill Brown, refreshed from his rest at Olson's Resort, easily kicks the goal, the gun is fired, ending the game.

The final score is Local 574, 52 1/2, employers nothing.

SUBSCRIPTION BLANK

To the Editor of the **Organizer**
 225 South 3rd Street
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Enclosed you will find one dollar (\$1.00) in payment for a one year subscription to the weekly **Organizer**.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY..... STATE.....

An Open Letter

Sept. 22, 1934.

To the Executive Board, officers and members of Local 574, Minneapolis

Dear Brothers:

I have received from President Brown a communication informing me that I have been elected to honorary membership in 574, in appreciation of my services as managing editor of **The Organizer** during the recent strike.

I regard this election as a great honor.

I came to Minneapolis to report the strike for a New York paper. I stayed to help bring out your paper and to participate in a fight whose outcome was of profound importance to the whole labor movement. Together, the sound leadership of the Organizing Committee, and the determined courage of the members, brought victory. I am sure the union is going on soon to even greater achievements, but it was a great privilege to participate in this one.

If I can ever be of service to Local 574, here or elsewhere, call upon me. I shall respond like a true member of 574.

With best wishes to all my friends in the union, I am fraternally yours,

HERBERT SOLOW
 223 W. 13th St.
 New York City

Schedule of Meetings

The following schedule for regular monthly meetings of Local 574 has been established by the Executive Board and Organizing Committee to become effective October 1st:

Full membership meeting—second Monday.

Coal workers—first and third Monday.

Market workers—fourth Monday.

Taxi drivers—fourth Tuesday, day drivers at 7 p. m. and night drivers at 1 p. m.

Laundry drivers—first Wednesday.

Transfer workers—first Friday.

Retail workers—second Friday.

Petroleum drivers—third Friday.

Building material haulers—fourth Friday.

These meetings will be held regularly each month per the above schedule. Special meetings will be called whenever necessary.

Ask for
Sterling Blue Ribbon Spud Chips
 CHILI AND NUTS
STERLING PRODUCTS
 2328 E. Franklin AT. 7641

Stop wherever you see a
Blau Oil Sign
Use Better Blau Gasoline

James Barber Shop
 100% Union
 233 2ND AVE. S.
 Four Chairs, No Waiting

Phone Main 9842

Budapest Gardens
 Imported Meats, Sandwiches, Cold Beer
 FINE WINES AND LIQUORS
 Music and Entertainment
 C. H. SIRMAI UNION HOUSE 729-731 THIRD AVE. S.

BEER BEER
\$1.29 Per Case
 Malt Syrup, 3 cans for \$1
J. Weisburd Malt Company
 232 N. 7TH ST. BR. 1802

The Emerald Club
 1856 East Franklin

Wolk Transfer Co.
 Moving-Packing-Storing
 203 WASHINGTON AVE. N.
 Main 4434 and Atlantic 2610

Bell's Recreation and Beer Parlor
 250 3rd Ave. S.
 AT. 9492
 A Place to Patronize

Dunne's Cafe AND DELICATESSEN
 19 1/2 West 15th St.
 A Place to Remember

Palmer's Cafe
 "A place to get a good lunch and glass of beer"
 DON'T FORGET SUNNY
 1024 Henn. Ave. At. 9400

SOUTH SIDE BAR
 1200 S. 3rd St.
 Where your money goes farther
 Specialize in Cordials
 Wines - Beer
 LUNCHES 20c AND UP
 100% Union House AT. 9887

Cedar Ave. Pool and Lunch
 412 Cedar Ave.
 A good place to spend your spare time

Metropole Hotel
 921 4TH AVE. S.
 Main 9505
 Rooms with bath \$1.50
 Without bath \$1.00

Get Your Organizer at
Weiss' Grocery
 901 Plymouth Ave. N.

THE ORGANIZER



Official organ of General Drivers, Helpers, Petroleum and Inside Workers Union, Local 574, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Published Weekly at 225 South Third St., Minneapolis, Minnesota

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1934

VOLUME 1, NUMBER 46

Hyde's Formula

Herbert Hoover's former secretary of agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, who used to solve all problems by plowing under every third row, has formulated a new panacea for our economic ills. He now proposes to bring us that "chicken in every pot" and "two cars in every garage" by returning us to religion, revival, faith, brotherhood, and rugged individualism.

He poses these cure-alls against the merits of a new economic system which would provide an equitable redistribution of property and a guarantee that a stable economic balance would be maintained. The workers are demanding that the government fulfill its obligation to serve all the people by taking definite and immediate action to relieve them of their economic distress. Mr. Hyde would quiet them by teaching them a new and more cultured way of bearing the same old burdens. Or is this the Dr. Jekyll of a dual personality who mouths such nonsense to the workers?

Another of his remarks which we didn't like was the one about the American system being founded on the idea that every man is born with certain God-given rights which rise above any form of absolute government.

What we want to know is how come there are so few who have the God-given right to live in luxury and so many who are blessed with the God-given right to live in poverty?

Labor Sees Them Too

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the National Association of Manufacturers report to the business men of the country that they visualize the possibilities of new misdeals in the impending reorganization of the NRA.

These boss organizations have begun the polling of the congressional candidates to ascertain their views toward "a number of things about which business is concerned."

Labor also sees the possibilities of new misdeals. Especially if the bosses go through with their age old program of "getting to" the congressional candidates, and there is no reason to think that they won't. In fact there is already a definite indication that the NRA is going to be changed to suit the bosses' demands. We refer to Mr. Richberg's statement that the administration will make no immediate or drastic changes "without close consultation with business."

All we have heard about labor in connection with the change is that the president is going to propose to the workers that they submit all their troubles to mediation and arbitration and refrain from precipitating industrial struggles. You will of course continue to have the right to have your troubles talked about.

There is that about the whole thing which rings ominously to the workers. Into the unions, fellow workers, and continue the struggle for a decent American standard of living. The power of the workers as a united force is a guarantee which transcends all political gestures.

Some Questions About the Union

If Local 574 had not come to grips with the employers would you be getting the pay you now get?

If you were not a member of the union would you have the feeling of job security which you now enjoy?

If you are being paid more than the union scale would you like to have the guarantee that your pay will not be reduced?

Would you like to have a spokesman to go to bat for you when you have a grievance to present to the boss?

Would you enjoy definite assurance that you will be paid in full for any and all overtime which you work?

Would you like to learn more than your role in the social system?

Would you like to learn how you can continue to improve your standard of living?

Would you like to meet and exchange ideas with the men who work in your industry?

Could your wife use a contribution of one dollar from each member of the union if you came to an untimely end?

JOIN THE UNION AND STAY IN IT TO SAFEGUARD THAT WHICH YOU HAVE GAINED!!!

The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent.—Daniel Webster.

Champagne Drinking Causes Dip in Milk Consumption

From the Minneapolis Journal: "Minneapolis families consume considerably less milk than standard health diets prescribe, but nevertheless rank far ahead of most cities in per capita consumption, a recent survey reveals. . . Bearing in mind that the average per capita milk consumption in Minneapolis is 128 quarts per year, the following are the per capita milk health requirements fixed by the department as essential to health: a liberal diet, 305 quarts per year; an adequate diet, 260 quarts; a restricted diet, 105 quarts. . . Comparing Minneapolis with other cities, the survey sums up Minneapolis as follows: 759 families reporting; average weekly income, \$23.96; families consuming under the restricted amount of milk, six per cent; under the adequate diet, 44 per cent and under the liberal diet, 52 per cent.

When WILL the Minneapolis workers learn not to blow all their money for champagne?

News and Views

Steve Glaser reports that he has recovered almost completely from the gunshot wound in his arm.

A Hawthorne Fuel truck was seen backing over a curb to make a delivery. Watch this, boys, the agreement says no backing over curbs.

What was needed last Friday night was just one good man.

Ole Shugren came into head-¼s the other day looking fit as a fiddle.

Sam Haskell lost his title by default.

That boy Corbett sure is a brunette Venus.

Bill Brown won't be so anxious to referee another fight, and your editor will be a bit more careful about boogie.

Mickey Dunne spent the weekend in town. From what he tells us, those Fargo boys are real go-getters.

For once in his life O. O. O. Bove didn't want to rastle.

In Wales, unemployed "volunteers" are reported to be working for two packs of cigarettes a day and a noon meal. The next thing we know these thankless creatures will be on strike for toothpicks.

Babe Nolan is tickled pink about something or other.

Local 18005 will hold its Third Annual Dance and Frolic at 225 S. 3rd St. Saturday, October 6. Music by Smiling Low's Union Ballroom Orchestra.

Let's have some contributions to this column, fellows.

What passes for humor in the bosses' clubs and at Citizens Alliance meetings is stories of how workers will suffer and starve when they go out on strike for enough wages to keep their loved ones with food on the table.

A labor spy can imitate everything except the ethics of the working class.—Kropotkin.

New members have been coming into the union steadily since the strike. Many workers now see more clearly than before, what organization can do for them and are responding to the suggestion of their fellow workers to join up.

If you permit yourself to be a worm, do not complain if you are trod upon.—Kant.

Any government that keeps ten million men out of work is a dismal failure.

"A tyrant must put on the appearance of uncommon devotion to religion. Subjects are less apprehensive of illegal treatment from a ruler whom they consider God-fearing and pious. On the other hand, they do less easily move against him, believing that he has the gods on his side."—Aristotle.

Labor Looks at the Press

Our good friend, Judge Levi Hall, speaking for the Low and Odor League over the radio the other night, broke down and admitted that: "Respect for law begins at home."

That's as it may be, judge. But disrespect for law begins in the Market, when policemen gangsters shoot 50 lawful pickets in the back. Did you think of this one?

From a Council Bluffs, Iowa, paper: "Roving packs of homeless dogs in the south and west parts of the city have become such a nuisance and a menace that their slaughter has been ordered. The dogs are victims of the depression, their owners no longer being able to care for them."

Looks to us like a Communist trick. The dogs aren't hungry at all—just wolves in sheep's clothing, like as not—inciting a riot—working for a Red uprising. The Governor ought to declare martial law.

Item from the Journal: "Judge E. F. Waite today signed an order permanently restraining the Independent Motion Picture Operators Union from picketing the Bijou Theatre."

Ever know a judge who wouldn't issue a permanent injunction against labor at the drop of the hat? This is what judges are for.

Dr. C. A. Prosser, chairman of the new Employer-employee committee of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association, wastes his breath on the following: "If Minneapolis is to go forward, there, must be a wider recognition on the part of both the employer and the employee that their interests are mutual. . ."

Our interests are mutual, all right—just so long as everything goes the employers' way.

News item from Washington showing the breakdown of a sell-out artist: "With tears in his eyes, General Hugh Johnson said farewell to the NRA. He said, 'This is the saddest and happiest moment of my life. Sad because it is the end of my job, happy because it was a job well done.'"

We're sad and happy too, General. Happy because we won't be seeing your reactionary mug any more, and sad because you weren't on the Morro Castle or something. You're the guy who started those raids against the workers in Frisco, you know, and who attacked the workers in this country every chance you got.

Mussolini, then Hitler, then our Roosevelt, on Sunday night: "I propose to confer within the coming month with small groups of those truly representative of large employers of labor and of large groups of organized labor, in order to seek their co-operation in establishing what I may describe as a specific trial period of industrial peace."

And what we may describe as a move on the part of the government to outlaw strikes. The bosses will just hate this new idea, won't they. In Johnson's eye, they will.

Sure enough! The National Association of Manufacturers: "The President is assured that employers, with a large stake in recovery, are desirous of seeing this situation (unionization) ended"

Prepare Strike Plans

Empowered by the membership to call a strike if they deem such action necessary, the Executive Committee of the Minneapolis and St. Paul locals of the Machinists and Auto Mechanics Union decided last night to make one final request for the garage employers to meet and negotiate with them.

The garage bosses have consistently refused to comply with the workers' requests for collective bargaining on the question of wages and working conditions. If they again refuse to meet with the workers' representatives, a strike is inevitable, and the responsibility for the strike will rest squarely upon the employers.

Union officials announce that co-operative garages will be organized to serve the public during the strike. Careful plans are being laid to guarantee a successful strike.

and they will co-operate to the fullest to obtain peace. They are ready to join in laying aside the weapons common to industrial warfare, if they must be used at all, until the more normal period following the existing emergency. The employers of the nation will welcome the proclamation of a truce period. . . and challenges organized labor to bring forth a similar acceptance."

This is very much like an executioner on the business end of a guillotine challenging the prisoner to put his head on the block.

From a good old Journal editorial: "The employment situation today is another story. It is tragic, indeed, for boys and girls leaving school and unable to find places where they may earn an independent living. But it is wrong and misleading to attribute this condition to the 'capitalist system.'"

Yes, it must be due to sun spots or something.

Hearst, and the rest of the boss newspaper publishers, considered it worth while to pay Arthur Brisbane \$10 or so a word to write the following in his column: "Intelligent labor men should know that it would be dangerous if the plan to organize all labor were successful. To do that would be to establish another government of the United States, a super-government of organized labor and organized voters to run the nation. That would not be good for the country, and it would be bad indeed for labor leaders."

Yes, organized labor is dangerous all right. Dangerous to the bosses who want to go merrily along picking our pockets.

And of course there isn't at present a super-government of organized capitalists who are running—and ruining—the nation. But this is O. K. with your bosses, isn't it, Brisbane?

Local item: "The city council police committee approved settlement of a \$7,500 claim growing out of the death of Peter Erath, fatally injured while serving as a special policeman during the May drivers strike. The claim will be settled for \$2,000, which Mrs. Erath agreed to accept."

Do you see, workers, whose interests it is that our government serves. You won't find them granting thousands of dollars to the families of Ness and Belor. No. Only strike breakers and special depts get dough like this.

Albert Deane, deputy administrator of the Federal Housing Administration, and president of the General Motors Holding Corp. of New York, on social security: "I am opposed to unemployment insurance and other mass relief measures as adopted by European countries. They are palliatives, based on class progress and not germane to the American scene. What the American wants is security of opportunity."

But while we're waiting for "security of opportunity," Mr. Deane, we'll settle for that unemployment insurance that you so gracefully cast aside.

Women under fascism: "Mussolini today began his campaign to escort women from the office back to the kitchen. This exodus of female workers from the ranks of industry and commerce is designed by the fascist state to solve the male unemployment problem, and at the same time increase the population."

On the theory, we assume, that a woman will marry any stumblebum rather than starve to death. This sounds like the sort of liberty that Hoover is so fond of chanting about.

Chicago news item concerning our friend, Albert Goldman: "Albert Goldman will speak on 'Lessons of the Minneapolis Strike' on Oct. 12 at the Socialist Open Forum at 3437 Roosevelt Road."

Laughs from the American Guardian: "Looks like the New Deal is solving the unemployment problem by letting the militia kill off the strikers."

The textile strike settlement," said Brother Billy Green, "was a great MORAL victory for labor." Here's praying it isn't as bad as all that.