

Strikes Can Be Won Even in Crisis; Here's Proof

Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union Lists Some of Its Recent Victories

NEW YORK.—The Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union points out through a recent report on its activities made by Rose Wortis, assistant secretary, that although this is a "slow season" with lots of unemployment the needle workers, led by the union and fighting with determination, have won a number of strikes. They have stopped wage cuts, abolished bad conditions, and gained increases in many shops. Some of the typical struggles are listed below—all taking place within the last month.

Claire Knitting Mills.

A shop committee of the NTWIU existed in Claire Knitting Mills, 143d St., Bronx, but most of the 40 workers were unorganized. The boss declared a wage cut. The shop struck solid under the shop committee's leadership, and after two days won withdrawal of the cut, recognition of the shop committee, equal division of work and no discrimination.

Magun Fur Co.

The Magun Fur Co., 242 W. 30th St., belongs to the association. The strike was against wage cuts and an attempt to make them take out working cards. After seven weeks' fight against the company union gangsters and the boss, the strike was settled with increase in pay and recognition of the NTWIU.

The fur workers of Cooperman &

Greenburg, 224 W. 30th St., struck against piece work and wages as low as \$15 a week for 50 hour weeks. After three days the union scale was won and the boss agrees to pay three per cent toward the unemployment insurance fund.

P. Barlow

The fur strike in P. Barlow, 251 W. 34th St., an association shop, was against cuts below the minimum scale. After a short strike all received \$5 increase, and the floor boy got \$6 increase.

There have been 35 strikes in the past month in the fur department.

Barsha Dress Co.

Among 40 workers of the Barsha Dress Co., 545 Eighth Ave., there was a shop committee of ten. Ten workers were fired and a demand for a 5 cent increase was refused. The whole shop struck, and won a two and a half cent increase.

Numerous Victories.

Other dress shops settled within a single week are: Getty Dress Co., 134 W. 29th St.; Irving Silver, 54 W. 21st St.; I. J. Dress Co., 146 W. 24th St.; and Paris Dress Co., 253 W. 26th St.

In addition to these strike victories, there were numerous stoppages, such as at Goltar Dress Co., Schwartz & Dorfman, where the workers received 10 per cent and 13 per cent increases.