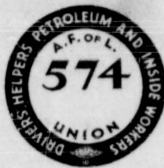


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MASS DEMONSTRATION OF UNIONS FRIDAY JULY 6, BRIDGE SQUARE TO AUDITORIUM

The Sharp Shooter

ford reports in his last issue that he giving the breweries free advertising e. We suppose that he can afford to his if we can assume that the Citizen's nce is paying for the space in his ans.

NEWS

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LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT

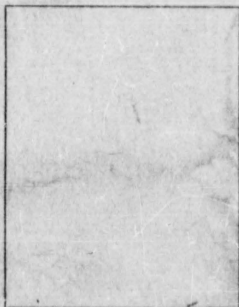
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—Anxious Taxpayer

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—I. Summons

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Some Old Grievances Many New Ones—Which Demand Settlement

That the Trade Unions have a real base for united action at the present time is indicated by statements of spokesmen from the various organizations represented in Thursday's conference.

The Laundry and Dry Cleaners announced that they have been turned down coldly by the employers on the question of wages and other demands and said they await the strike call of Local 574.

The Ice Wagon Drivers likewise indicated that the matter of wages could be settled at the same time.

FLASH

Nicollet Avenue to be roped off! Demonstrators assembling on Bridge Square shall watch placards on telephone poles to determine where their organization will form for the march. Handbills carry complete plan. All workers, employed and un-employed, should participate.

The Retail Clerks Union has been trying to negotiate a wage raise for the miserably low paid workers in the retail shops. An arrogant refusal to deal with the union has been the only answer. United action by the unions will change the tune of the bosses in this industry also.

The Street Railway workers have just signed an agreement with the Twin City Rapid Transit Co. which leaves a large part of these workers under the domination of a Company Union. This means disaster for the Street Car Union unless quickly corrected. An open fight is the only way.

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Employers Challenge All Organized Labor by Violating Agreement with Local 574

Farm Holiday Joins Hands With Labor

Deeply aroused by the refusal of the employers to arbitrate wages with Local 574, the conference of delegates from all Minneapolis unions, the St. Paul Transportation unions, and the Farm Holiday Association voted unanimously to hold a mass demonstration on Friday, July 6th, in protest against the employer's action.

The demonstrators will gather on Bridge Square at 6:30 P. M. Friday and will march up Nicollet Avenue to the Auditorium where a gigantic mass meeting will be held.

Although the bosses have trained their guns upon Local 574, it is plainly evident that they are attempting to deal a crushing blow to all labor organizations. As the focal point in the May strike, which was splendidly supported by all unions, Local 574 has become the symbol of defeat to the bosses and a beacon of hope to all labor, organized and unorganized.

As a result of the victorious May strike, thousands of workers have found a new freedom; they have tasted of the benefits of organization and the sensation has been a pleasant one; they see a vision of security, of a decent living, looming on a horizon which has heretofore been dark and hopeless. To gain this goal, they were forced to meet the hirelings of the bosses in what amounted to open warfare. They did so and came off victoriously!

What does this mean? It means that every worker in Minneapolis, every worker in the United States, is looking toward organized labor with an entirely new perspective. Workers everywhere are flocking into the ranks of organized labor

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Petroleum Workers Organization Campaign Under Way

The last meeting of the Petroleum Workers was well attended. There were many new faces and almost every Company was represented. The boys who portion out our gasoline are becoming more and more Union conscious.

Ten additional members were selected at this meeting for the organizational committee which will outline a future program and also prepare for the election of permanent officers at the next meeting. Every Petroleum Worker in the city is urged to attend this meeting—Thursday, July 12th, 9:00 P. M.

Some Union Stations have reported as much as 35% increase in business due to union patronage, and also that non-union

Petroleum Workers To Meet

The organization committee will bring in definite recommendations for ratification at the next meeting of the Petroleum Workers, Thursday, July 12th, 9:00 P. M., 225 So. 3rd St.

stations are suffering a loss because they do not have Union Workers at the pumps.

The Oil Companies are becoming alarmed at the growth of this organization affiliated with Local 574 and are trying to stem the tide of true labor organization by offering the workers the sugar-coated arsenic of company unionism. But the time has passed when the workers can be misled by such tactics.

The Petroleum Workers should not overlook the fact that this organization is their Union. Although under the charter of Local 574, they have prepared their own demands, made their own plans and their own decisions. This is the union for every Petroleum Worker in the city of Minneapolis.

Men And Concrete

Concrete, properly mixed, made with first class ingredients, makes a firm and dependable construction. Now it is known that men's lives are largely influenced and shaped by the work they do.

We were prompted to the above observations after a visit to one of the large plants on the south side. If any one is in doubt as to the truth of these observations, they can be given a (we were about to say) "concrete" example of 100% union organization in a plant that specializes in firm foundations and lasting structures.

Strike Deputies

These would-be Blackjack Artists tried to break the May Strike.

- Joe. R. Abrams, 140 8th Ave., N. E.
Harvey W. Adkins, 710 Aldrich Ave., No. Ch. 5415.
G. J. Aitchison, 4108 23rd Ave. So., Du. 2152.
Leo Aro, 721 Bradford Ave., Ma. 5012.
H. D. Allen, 2501 So. 9th Street.
J. S. Allen, 728 6th Ave. So., At. 3702.
Leroy Allen, 706½ 6th Ave. No.
Vernon Allhouse, 117 University, S. E.
C. O. Amdahl, 1800 E. 31st St.
Alfred Andersen, 620 7th St. So., Ge. 1444.
Ever Anderson, 1605 So. 6th St., At. 5004.
Fred J. Anderson, 1803 Elliot Ave., Ma. 4766.
Henry A. Anderson, 3125 Nicollet Ave., Br. 2713.
J. A. Anderson, 2335 Benjamin St. N. E.
Lloyd Anderson, 3625 11th Ave. So., Dr. 2129.
Wm. C. Anderson, 3344 10th Ave. So., Co. 7064.
A. A. Appleby, 4005 17th Ave. So., Dr. 4289.
O. S. Arneson, 3015 1st Ave. So.
James L. Bach, 3933 25th Ave. So., Du. 0919.
A. J. Baker, Address not known.

There have been so many requests for these names that we are publishing them in spite of the limited space available in The Organizer. **Additional names will be published in succeeding issues.**

The services of the above list were obtained for the sum of \$265.81—**\$13.29 per head**—we use the term "per head" because it is customary when speaking of dumb animals.

Most employers feel that they and the workers are all part of a happy family as far as handshakes and "good morning" salutes go, but wages and working conditions, Oh My No! That is radicalism, and entirely unpatriotic.

Send in news from the job for The Organizer.

Laundry Drivers Meet July 5

The Laundry Drivers are seriously engaged in a campaign to organize every driver in Minneapolis. An organization committee will be elected and wage demands will be prepared at the next meeting—Thursday, July 5th, 8:00 P. M.

225 So. 3rd St.
Be there!

Grocerymen's Note

By Bob

The Grocery Industry Group came from among their canned goods prunes last Wednesday night for postponed meeting. It was deplorable to see such a small representation to act such important business for so many workers. However small the attendance their spirit was great and they set it in a business-like way and made a complete set-up in wage scales and which was forwarded to the Strike Committee for action. Many other matters of interest to workers of the industry were discussed. Permanent meetings were set as the first and third Wednesday of the month. However, the next meeting falling on the Fourth, was postponed to Friday, the Sixth. We are looking forward to a large attendance. If you are a worker in the grocery industry you are invited in this group. It is a place where you can feel free to express yourself among those who understand you. Come up and join a non-member of the Local. We will give him a pretty button. Pete Harris, scribe, will be ready for him anyway. He is like a French general. He enjoys giving out decorations.

Benny Levin, our worthy Vice President, was forced to spend much of the evening with the strike committee. "Shine" spent much time around the deserted bar, in silent expectancy of free beer. Shine's idea is to make more money to buy more beer to increase breweries output to employ more workers. Make more money to buy more—Come out you groceries. See you Saturday.

A 574 Man Speaks His Mind

Drivers, Helpers, Platform Men, Petroleum Workers, and Inside Workers. Every working man with a family should always be willing to protect his children and one good way to protect them is to join Local No. 574 and, under the leadership of our organization, your children when at a working age, will receive higher wages and better working conditions. We are not going to quit this organization. **Join Now, don't be a coward!**

Don't forget men, united we stand, divided we fall. The writer has six children in his family and he plans on standing firm. Falling.

When do the forces of reaction use the most brutal means to gain their ends? Answer: When the masses are in pain and are organizing to protect themselves.

Women! Don't Forget Your Own Organization

The Ladies Auxiliary to Local 574 was during the heat of battle in the strike and has enjoyed a healthy through the efforts of the small of militant women who served so fully during this strike. These wives sweethearts of the men of 574 have unwavering faith in organized labor a clear understanding of the role that women are destined to play in the movement. This faith and understanding to them through their experiences a first-aid station, in the commissary, in the office at strike headquarters, through their observation of grim ty on the picket lines.

You, too, must realize that, in this struggle for a decent living, for the right educate your children and give them a chance to continue to live decently you have passed on, you must take place beside your husband. His struggle is your struggle. His wages are livelihood. Stand shoulder to shoulder with him and fight!

What can you do? Attend the Auxiliary meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month. Take an active part in the work of the organization. Help to further the cause for which your husband is fighting!

March with your husband in the mass demonstration on Friday, July 6th.

Organizational Developments

As stated in the last issue of The Organizer, the Committee is working on a plan of organization that will be more practical and will better serve the interests of the membership. To promote harmony and to most efficiently serve the needs of the various groups of workers who are part of the organization, it becomes essential to departmentalize the membership and to reconstruct the organizational machinery. The principal objective toward which the Committee is working is to create a structure wherein each member will be able to obtain careful consideration of his individual needs and at the same time weld the entire membership into a united front against the employers.

This problem requires careful consideration and many ideas. We urge every member to contribute his suggestion to Brother Glund who is directing this work.

THE NEW BUTTON

The new button, which will be patterned after the cut on the mast-head of this issue of The Organizer, will be ready for distribution in August.

Street Car Men of Milwaukee Mark Out The Road

Press dispatches carry the story of the beginnings of a militant workers fight for justice in Milwaukee.

Carrying the mass of union and unorganized workers with them, the Street Railway men of Milwaukee have stopped all trolley traffic. Giving the lie to the bosses and their press, the workers have demonstrated the power of the union. The Employers had made the customary boast of "service as usual" only to be shown up for what they are—a group of rich and ruthless men who demand servile service from the workers and an uninterrupted flow of Profits into the company strong-box.

These employers, in accord with employers elsewhere, made every possible preparation for the Strike; which they knew was in the order of the day. To the demand of the workers for more wages and shorter hours with union recognition, they made reply with police clubs, tear gas, and other brutal attacks, together with wholesale arrests. The workers have replied in manly and heroic fashion. Full fraternal greeting to our Brother fighters in Milwaukee.

What The Labor Board Means To The Union

With the passage of the National Industrial Recovery Act, there followed the setting up of Labor Boards in districts throughout the country. All the employers, and particularly their Brain Trust, knew the unrest throughout the country. For that reason, they set out to devise a system that would serve them to hold the workers in subjection. In the first place, this Board had no authority to settle any question except by a voluntary agreement. The record of any settlement up to the present time, in every case, has been used to force the workers into submission. Some of the outstanding settlements were the Automobile Workers, and Weirton Steel Company on a national basis, and our own Local 574 question on a local scale. The record is evasion, delay, and double dealings that mean nothing to the workers.

The only way the workers will advance their cause is by building a powerful organization that will at all times be on guard against any violations of agreements entered into between the employers and the unions.

See that every worker on the job is a reader of The Organizer.

Longshoremens Continue to Extend a Magnificent Labor Battle Front

Although distorted and delayed by the Capitalist Press dispatches, news of the water front strike justly occupies a prominent place in the daily news from the Pacific Coast.

Forced by the greed of the shipping companies to organize and fight for their lives, the water front men are making labor history. Merging their union strength into a compact fighting machine, they have tied up the shipping in all western ports for a number of weeks. Police, armed guards, hired thugs, reinforced by army men, have proved unequal to the task of breaking this militant labor front.

Here, indeed, is a lesson and an example for union men and women everywhere. The most effective support that can be given to these courageous men is follow their example.

Men of the Water Front, we are and will be with you!

Three Ordinary Pork Chops

Laborers wonder whether the farmers are justified in their constant complaint about economic conditions. The average laborer does not know how little of what he pays for food reaches the farmer.

Harry Swenson, of Svea, shipped 11 pigs and received \$1.46, an average of between 13 and 14 cents a piece. The price of three ordinary pork chops!

John Harker, of Illinois, shipped a 1010 pound hog and received \$5.05. The government collected \$22.72 in taxes.

R. E. Rice, of Missouri, shipped 670 pounds of hogs and with his check was able to buy 18 cents worth of bacon.

Frederick C. Howe stated that even if the American farmer were to give his wheat away, bread would still cost the consumer more than in most of the European countries. And yet the farmers there receive more for their wheat than do the American farmers.

It is evident that what the consumer pays for food has no relationship to what the farmer receives. It is also evident that the consumer and producer need to do something about it. The only way is through organization.

—John H. Bosch, President
Farmers' Holiday Association.

Criticism for the purpose of uniting and advancing the cause of the workers is one thing, but to criticize for the purpose of destroying is an entirely different matter.

Mass Demonstration July 6

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because of this new hope. 574 has a role to play in Minneapolis; Minneapolis has a role to play before the eyes of the entire nation.

The bosses are conscious of these facts. They have witnessed this new spirit. They have already felt the weight of labor's hand. They do not like it because it robs them of their "freedom", their "freedom" to juggle the very lives of the workers to suit their whims and fancies. A decision which means a living or poverty to a worker is only a matter of routine to the boss. When solidly united, the workers upset this routine and guarantee themselves security and a decent living. The bosses highly prize this "freedom" to use their workers as chattel slaves. They say that 574 must go.

The workers prize job security and a decent living. They say that 574 must continue on to complete victory. Victory for 574 is victory for all workers!

The employers agree to arbitrate wages but, since the strike, they have consistently refused to do so. They have portioned out a few piece-meal increases which were deliberately calculated to create dissension within our ranks. They are playing the old game of sowing the seeds of resentment between the different groups of workers to prevent solid organization. They are attempting to break up the union.

The employers must be forced to grant wage increases to all members of Local 574 just as they have agreed to do.

The farmers are rallying to the support of the workers. John H. Bosch, President of the Farmers' Holiday Association, in his speech before the conference, stated that, "The problems confronting the farmer and the worker are identical fundamentally. Both are confronted with the problem of wresting the necessities of life out of a muddled and confused economic system. The workers and the farmers must join forces in this fight. The Farmers' Holiday Association is prepared to give the Minneapolis labor movement all possible assistance in the forthcoming struggle."

A committee of ten has been selected to make all arrangements for the demonstration and mass meeting. All unions are called upon to stand ready to give the committee all possible assistance. All organizations must prepare banners and slogans for the parade. We want Minneapolis to know who we are and what we are fighting for.

All workers into the unions!

All Unions into the demonstration!

For job security and a decent wage!

Some Old Grievances

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The Dental Mechanics and the Upholsters have not forgotten the raw deal given them by the employers and the Regional Labor Board. These workers have felt the heavy hand of the organized bosses. They have learned a real lesson and are prepared to go into a finish fight in order to win in a common struggle with the other Unions.

The Auto Mechanics Union has a large membership, which is pressing for a new deal for the men employed in the shops and garages. Thousands of workers in this industry exist upon totally inadequate wages. Here, too, united action is the shortest and surest road.

In the Building Trades, where the conditions have been intolerable for a number of years; where wage scales have been torn to shreds by the employers, a condition confronts union men which demands a clear and decisive answer. That answer was given at the conference; unity on the picket lines; united demand to the employers! Live up to the agreement signed with 574 Local! Raise wages, shorten hours of labor!!

It is, of course, impossible to enumerate here each separate grievance. Rather we must let the mass demonstration and Auditorium meeting speak for the men and women, who realize that the fight of 574 is the fight for Trade Unionism in Minneapolis.

Against the Organized Bosses!

Against the Citizen's Alliance!

For a decent standard of living!

For a Union Town!

All workers into the demonstration!

Friday, July 6th, 6:30 P. M.

The Sharp Shooter

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The LOW AND ODOR LEAGUE, over on Second Avenue is still recruiting strike breakers for the next strike. We advise that these recruits, in addition to their regular equipment of club and shield, be given a good pair of running shoes.

WEEKLY FABLE

One Upon a Time, in a certain Factory where the Workers were receiving more Promises than Pay, the Boys started talking things over in Undertones. They finally decided that they were Tired of getting the Run Around and that they were going to take the Boss into the Ring. They set the Date to begin their vacation and got the Agreement of all of

the Serfs except One. He said he satisfied. Although He wasn't getting Money, the Boss had promised him, worked hard and didn't complain Loudly, that Some Day he might not to punch the Big Clock by the Door. Ring Leader of the Revolters remarked that he had read the Horoscope of Friend and predicted that he was in a Run of Bad Luck. With that, walked out to start the Revolution the end of the Third Round, the threw in the Sponge and decided to the Boys more Potatoes. Strange Things began to happen to our Friend Percival. His arms and Legs were always getting caught in the Belts or Pulleys, or he would happen to be Standing where someone decided to run a Big Truck. Finally, a large Hammer lit on his Nog-gin dropping quite a considerable Distance. One of his Fellow Workers remarked his Luck might change if he signed the Union. Percival did. Moral: Union Cards are better insurance than Boss Promises.

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THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

How much Gilford got from the Citizen's Alliance.

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When complaints are made relative to the amount of soup that is served at the Hotel's Resort on Parkers Lake, to be sure we must record the fact that they "Hesch" out there three weeks running.

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Gilford's scandal sheet records as the fact that the chicken pickers and truck drivers have amalgamated. We record the fact that the Citizen's Alliance and Gilford have amalgamated. Perhaps this is not news, we wish to register this as a scientific observation on how low a member of the human race he descends.

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The Minnesota State Police Federation Convention at Detroit Lakes were record as being opposed to the formation of Low and Odor Leagues. Even the boys don't like them.

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SOCIETY NOTE

At the party given at 225 South Street, headquarters of Local 574, refreshments were donated by the Lyons Babe Lyons and Bennie Vail parties. Many Thanks.

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Please lend me \$5.00 Mr. Hall. No more.
The Sharp Shooter