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Petitions Laid Before Council By Two Groups

50,000 Endorse Union's Move Against Johannes

This morning two petitions were presented to the City Council. One, circulated by Local 574 and presented by Alderman Ed Hudson, had over 50,000 signatures affixed.

It asked the impeachment of the Mayor and the Chief of Police. The second, representing a large group of private citizens, also asked that the Mayor be removed, charging him with a number of misdeeds.

A motion was made by Alderman Scott to appoint a committee of five to investigate the Mayor. A substitute motion that this petition be laid on the table was passed by a vote of 13 to 11. This means that the motion was killed.

A motion to refer the petitions to the Welfare Committee, also made by Scott, was passed. Alderman Ed Hudson made a motion that the Welfare Committee hold a public meeting Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. This motion passed by a vote of 14 to 11.

The hall outside the Council Chamber was tightly packed by workers at the time of the presentation of the petitions.

Workers of Minneapolis will watch with the greatest interest the fate of these petitions demanding the removal of the puppet Bainbridge and the murderer Johannes from public office. The first step in this vital movement will be taken next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

At the same session of the Council, a resolution of the Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council, signed by Emery Nelson and A. H. Urtabees, was presented. This resolution heartily endorsed the strike and its present leadership, characterized 574's struggle as one which is the concern of the entire labor movement, and demanded the removal of Johannes.

Flash: Si Barach Released

Si Barach, arrested by one of Bloody Johannes' cops yesterday on his release from the hospital where he was treated for 23 wounds given him on Bloody Friday, has been released from jail. The cops tried to hold him for vagrancy, but he turned out to be a resident of Minneapolis! Barach is a member of the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers. Although unemployed for a long time, he refused to scab against 574. With thousands of other unemployed, he backed our strike. That is why he was persecuted by the agents of the Citizens Alliance.

Deps Attack Kohler Strikers

A large band of deputized thugs today broke through the picket lines thrown around the Kohler Manufacturing Company, also raiding the strikers' field headquarters. Pickets offered no resistance before the unexpected and vicious onslaught.

At the conference with Governor Olson he stated that interstate commerce must be permitted to move. All trucks, however, must have permits. No load may contain anything not destined for legitimate interstate commerce. Merchandise from over the state line which is unloaded may not be classified as interstate commerce after the unloading.



STILL IN THE FIELD

Why Not Stick to the Issues?

Ever since this strike began, the Citizens Alliance has been trying to isolate the strikers from the general population and to split the strikers among themselves.

They have said our pickets are ex-convicts and roughnecks.

They have said that somebody stole \$26,000 from our Union funds.

They have put Communism on the same level and said that our leaders and even our thousands of members are Communists.

This is done to turn people against us, to isolate us and beat us.

But the first red scare flopped.

The Union took the position that it would not let the Citizens Alliance dictate to us who our leaders shall be, and that it would not inquire into the politics of any member of 574 but would only ask him to be a loyal union man.

This position was endorsed by the whole union movement of the city. Emery Nelson, Secretary of the Central Labor Union, at our great mass meeting last week, said that labor will never tolerate that bosses shall examine our officials and decide which leaders we may have and which we may not have. Not any more than we will let them tell us we can not have the inside workers in our union.

Our Union is a labor union, and the bosses must keep their hands off.

Two days ago the bosses started another red scare in their kept press. They had the cops arrest two New York Trotzkyites who are in Minneapolis to write articles about the strike for papers which are published in New York. Bloody Johannes had no more grounds on which to arrest these men than he has had against our pickets.

When Attorneys Hiram Z. Mendow and Albert Goldman forced Johannes to produce the two Trotzkyites in court by a writ of habeas corpus, the charge of vagrancy was immediately dismissed against them. Every paper in town says these men were living at the Hotel Summit. Does that make a man a vagrant?

The whole trick was arranged to provide dope for some more Employers Advisory Committee (Citizens Alliance) high-priced ads in the prostitute press.

Any worker knows that when bosses who won't give a penny raise in wages, spend thou-

sands of dollars on ads, it is not for the purpose of benefiting the workers. But what exactly was the idea behind this revival of the red scare?

Simply this:

The bosses were getting ready to throw down Father Haas and E. H. Dunnigan, Federal Conciliation agents. They knew that this would make it clear to everybody that this strike is continuing not because Communists want to make trouble but because the bosses are open-shop hogs with an insatiable appetite for profits and without a single human instinct.

And they wanted to cover themselves, to divide workers against each other, to give the strike a black eye with red paint. As Governor Olson says, they try to answer a request for a \$12 weekly wage by calling people Communists.

But again they have failed. Again the labor movement and the mass of the population has rallied to 574. The Central Labor Union this morning presented to the City Council a new resolution heartily endorsing the strike and its present leadership.

Local 574 is glad to announce that the bosses' reactionary propaganda is again proving ineffective. We are glad to print a letter received from a union member discussing this red scare of the Citizens Alliance. It reflects the views of the overwhelming mass of strikers.

Local 574 reaffirms its traditional position:

If you are a truck-driver, a helper, a platform man or an inside worker, you belong in Local 574. We do not care where you were born, what your religion is or is not, what political party or group you belong to, or what color your hair or skin is. All that is as indifferent to us as whether you prefer dark beer or light beer. We want good Union men.

And we are glad to say we have them, of every variety and species.

To the bosses we say this:

We want better wages. We want decent conditions. We want our Union recognized.

Those are the issues in this strike.

Communism is not an issue in this strike.

Stick to the issues!

We'll stick to the picket line!

Someone must back down. And it won't be the workers of Minneapolis!

574 Protests Guards' Effect On City Tie-up

Bosses Once More Turn Down Haas Proposals

Grasping at the provisions of the martial law edict of the newly appointed military administration of the city, the labor-hating exploiters set a number of scab trucks in motion today.

The trucks moved under a variety of false banners such as signs claiming that they were moving interstate commerce. In most cases this was a fake. In several cases one box was addressed over the Wisconsin line and the rest of the load to Minneapolis and St. Paul stops. For a while they got through due to the interference with picketing by the National Guard. Later in the day the lines were tightened up, however.

The presence of the National Guard in the city has caused a good deal of satisfaction to the bosses. They feel that now they can pull off a whole series of rackets to smash the strike, 574 and the trade union movement in general.

Rev. Haas and Mr. Dunnigan, Federal conciliators, who were thrown down by the Employers Advisory Committee, today tried to coax the bosses into reconsidering their rejection of the Haas-Dunnigan draft plan. Not a word of condemnation of the bosses' impudent refusal is in the letter. The government officials, who roar like lions when speaking to workers, coo like suckling doves when speaking to the bosses.

Two hundred and fifty employers meeting in the Radisson Hotel stood pat on their refusal to consider the Haas plan. Their statement pretends that the reason is that they are patriots and dislike Communists. Actually it is because they do not want to grant the return-to-work wage scale or recognize honest unions.

At a conference this afternoon between Governor Olson and a delegation representing the Central Labor Union, the Building Trades Council and Local 574, a protest was entered by the workers of Minneapolis against the use of militia as a front for scabbing.

Olson feels the National Guard will be able to protect the interests of everybody concerned. Carl Skoglund of the Organizing Committee of Local 574 stated to the Governor "in our opinion the employers would have been forced to sign the agreement if martial law had not been declared and troops brought in to the city."

This conference with the Governor was arranged after a meeting of the representatives of the Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council with a committee from Local 574. At this meeting the committee from 574 expressed the view that a fight must be made to get the troops out of the city in order that the drivers, helpers and inside men can continue to tie up scab movements and force the employers to the wall.

Sentiment in the C. L. U. and the Building Trades Council was unanimous in endorsing the view of the situation taken by the representatives of 574.

The C. L. U. is sending telegrams to President Roosevelt and Secretary of Labor Perkins demanding that they force the bosses to abandon their position.

News and Views

The first shipment of goods for the 574 Commissary run by the Ladies' Auxiliary arrived yesterday from the Farmers Holiday Association.

Local 574 and the Strike Committee of 100 accept this donation to our cause with deep gratitude.

Mrs. C. R. Brown, 1910 Columbus, sends a gift of money and with it this statement: 'If St. James had lived in this day, he would have been called a communist.'

An M. C. C. W. worker suggests that every individual keep after his alderman until we get rid of Murderer Mike.

Among contributions received yesterday from labor organizations were the following: Ice Wagon Drivers Local No. 221 \$200

Workers, here is some news from Frisco. Major David W. Gooch, 38 years old, of the National Guard, killed himself on July 21.

The Ray Carciofio who had that auto accident out near Minnetonka happened to be a special dep in the May strike.

From our striking Chicago brothers in the stockyards, we learn that a general strike call will be issued unless 100 scabs, hired on Wednesday by the company, are immediately discharged.

Francois Coty, wealthy perfume manufacturer who died this week in France, gave millions of dollars to organizations like our Citizens Alliance; money used to hire thugs to beat into submission the starving working class.

Mrs. Louis Bolduc, Hamel, Minn., happened to get a copy of The Organizer. She now writes us asking that she be mailed copies every day so she can get the truth and she offers to send us the money.

Mrs. Carlson writes in that she heard a broadcast over WCCO saying that Harry Ness's death is the fault of communists. We suggest that a few people who know the truth write to WCCO and tell them where they get off.

Mrs. M. O'Shea, Osseo, Minn., asks that The Organizer be sent to the farmers so they can get the truth. We are trying our best.

Arthur W. Hopkins, 1628 8th St. S. E., writes in that if we do not publish Albert Goldman's oration at the funeral of Brother Ness we will be remiss in our duty as a reporter for labor.

One scab was badly beaten, and another stabbed with a pitchfork, in rioting provoked by the employers of the Union Stockyards and Transit Company in Chicago yesterday.

On The Strike Front

Minnesota Farmers Are Strong for "Organizer"

That not only the Minneapolis workers, but a tremendous number of farmers in the state, proudly regard The Organizer as their own paper, is shown by the subscriptions to 574's fighting paper which continue to pour in.

Three large bundles of The Organizer are now sent out daily to farmer subscribers in nine counties. The deep-seated indignation of those who raise the nation's bread, with all "Deals," both New and Old, is indicated by the fact that most of our latest subscribers are farmers living in the Southeast section of the state.

B. E. F. Vets Endorse Strike; Hit Johannes

Minneapolis Unit No. 33 of the Bonus Expeditionary Force yesterday adopted a resolution that

"Whereas the General Drivers and Helpers Union No. 574 have been and still are engaged in a just and courageous struggle to secure a decent livelihood consistent with an American standard of living, and whereas the Citizens Alliance in endeavoring to keep the working men and women of Minneapolis down to a garbage can standard of living, have stooped to every foul and dirty method to discredit these working men and women, even to cowardly and yellow murder through their back-shooting police force; and Whereas the Bonus Expeditionary Force was organized because of the cowardly and brutal attack on unarmed men, women and children instigated by the same labor hating interests that caused the dastardly murder of Comrade Henry Ness, together with the brutal shooting of scores of peaceful citizens, we do hereby protest such cowardly, brutal and unAmerican tactics."

The resolution goes on to demand the removal and punishment of Mayor Bainbridge and Chief of Police Mike Johannes for the shooting of Minneapolis citizens.

The resolution is signed by Merle B. Snell, National Judge Advocate, George Gites, State Vice-Commander and Arthur Techau, Commander, Unit No. 33.

The Workers' Voice

To the Editor:

Let me tell you the story of the terrible bogey men in 574, the awful communists. Michael Johannes and the Cits Alliance heard that two communists were registered at the Summit Hotel. So they sent their heroes to capture these demon communists (who, incidentally, were registered in their own names—they must have felt they had nothing to conceal). The cops caught them all right—"sitting in a theater."

Both of these men are editors of papers, intent upon getting the news, just as are many other newspapermen. Other newspapermen here are Walter Davenport, who writes for Colliers; Selden Rodman, editor of Common Sense; John T. Flynn of Harper's Magazine; a writer from the American Mercury, and a correspondent from The Nation. Why don't the cops pinch these men and women, too?

We don't care about the political affiliations of workers who are members of 574. In our organization are farmer-laborites, democrats, socialists, maybe communists (though if so, they never try to force their views on their fellow workers) and—believe it or not—four republicans.

So don't pay any attention to this communist scare of the Minneapolis Journal. Remember what the Governor himself said about the Minneapolis Journal: "The public mouthpiece of this unAmerican combination (the Citizens Alliance. Ed. note) is the Minneapolis Journal." It's a nice smelly red herring that they pull across your noses every 24 hours.

(Signed) A 574 man since

February.

Omaha Street Car Workers Strike

Because the 400 employees of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway Company were cheated out of their victory gained in the settlement ending an earlier strike in April, they again went on strike yesterday to clinch their demands.

574's Attorney Reports On Status of Prisoners

Mr. Irving H. Green of Rand Tower, official counsel to the Union in this strike, has made his first report to the Strike Committee of 100 with respect to the disposition of cases brought against peaceful picketers by the strike-breaking cops.

Mr. Green reports that the first arrest made in this strike was that of Henry B. Ness, later murdered by Bloody Johannes's yeggs. Charged with disorderly conduct on July 17, Brother Ness was fined \$10 the following day.

On July 18 Barney Bernhardt was also charged with disorderly conduct and fined \$10. George O'Brien and John Lindahl were released.

On July 20, Robert Childer and E. Robertson were charged with disorderly conduct; \$10 cash bail, cases continued. Emanuel Holstein was charged with disorderly conduct. A \$100 bond was put up and his case continued.

Jack McCoy was arrested July 20 and \$200 bond was put up. Case continued. Arthur Mudge was charged with failing to move on and \$25 cash bail was put up and his case continued.

Jack Pierce and Theo. Stoffels were charged with disorderly conduct. \$100 bond was put up and the cases continued.

Herman Tjosvold was released on a writ of habeas corpus.

Frank Broze now in critical condition from gunshot, charged with disorderly conduct. Victor Gastuch and John Dutcher, both shot by the cops, are charged with disorderly conduct. \$25 cash bail was put up and the cases continued.

Palmer Jelvick was charged with disorderly conduct and put up \$25 cash bail which afterwards was reduced to \$10. Case continued.

On the 21st Marvin Boqita and Gilbert Grant were charged with disorderly conduct. \$25 cash bail was put up and the cases continued. Herman Hultine was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and his wife put up \$25 cash bail for him and his case was continued. Remer Carlson, charged with careless driving, was released without bail, and his case continued.

On the 23rd, Chester Hume, Howard Clymer, Andrew Klatt and Matt Adkins were all charged with disorderly conduct. Bond for \$100 was put up in each case. These cases were tried on the 24th, and each of them found not guilty.

On the 24th, Peter Worwohl was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. A \$100 bond was posted and his case continued. He was run down by Freddy Westergreen.

Five pickets arrested yesterday for picketing at Freddy's have been released. They are Earl Barnett, Donald Bergstrom, Oscar Winger, Clarence Knutson and Cy Robertson.

Yesterday Simon Barach was arrested as he left the hospital where he has been since the shooting.

TO 574

By Arthur W. Hopkins

1628 8th St. S. E. When toil is hard, then life is long; When toil is short, then life's a song. We want time off to see the sun, We want time off to have some fun; We want our share of commonwealth While we are young, still have our health. For this we'll fight, if necessary; No longer on our backs we'll carry The burdens of the world alone; No longer shall we take a bone. Shall we be men—or mice and fools, Play bosses' game with bosses' rules? No need to tell you men, arise. Labor is at last grown wise!

Another Sinister Slander Answered

Today a worker called our attention to an item, written by a Mr. Cedric Adams, appearing in The Shoppers' Guide, a local throw-away. Mr. Adams, in the usual cowardly manner of gossip-mongers, says that "we're simply relaying rumors we've heard which say that there is \$26,000 in Truck Drivers' funds mysteriously missing."

All right, Mr. Adams. The Organizer will answer you, as it answers all enemies of the workers, with some cold facts.

1. The General Drivers Union 574 has never had any such amount as \$26,000 in its treasury.

2. It is well known to all workers that the monthly dues for 574 are \$1.60 for each worker; that only after the February strike has 574 had a large membership; that of the funds collected each month, a large percentage is sent to the International Headquarters.

3. It is well known that 574 has been in three strikes since January; that strikes are expensive for the workers and the union involved; that 574 has no Mr. Daytons to donate forty and fifty thousands in strike funds.

4. If \$26,000—or 26c were "missing" from the Union, only the officers or the members of the executive board could have taken it. But all these men are up at strike headquarters today. They were there yesterday. They will be there tomorrow. Why don't you do something about it?

No, Mr. Adams, you have permitted yourself to be a tool for just another of the vicious lies of the Citizens Alliance against 574, and the workers of Minneapolis. You, with your Whiz Bang mentality, should return to the lighter things of life, and not lend yourself to attacking working men and women who are fighting for only one thing: decent living conditions.

We referred to the shopping paper in which Mr. Adams' item occurred as a throw-away. Workers will know what to do with the shopping paper from now on.

CALLING THE TUNE

A Newspaper Playlet

Scene 1: Seated in the Editor's room are the Banker (owns a mortgage on the paper for \$200,000; he is a charter member of the Citizens Alliance); the Editor; the Advertiser. The door opens and the Dumb Reporter comes in.

Banker: Your stuff is no good. We got to have some Communist documents—spread them all over the front page!

Dumb Reporter (timidly): But after all, sir, we haven't any real proof that Communists caused this strike. You know, sir, there are seven or eight thousand men in 574, and they elected the leaders.

Editor (reproachfully): Melvin, after all I've taught you! (sighs).

Banker (very angry): Cease, before I commit manslaughter! Get photostats of all those letters and wires from New York that Johannes got hold of. Shovel 'em on the front page. Run a headline like this: "Drivers Manipulated by New York Red Hangout." (Editor grabs pencil and writes: "Raid Reveals Communists Run Strike from New York Office.")

Dumb Reporter (resignedly): What reason shall we give for the refusal of the employers to deal with the Union?

Banker: You puttyhead! The employers are always ready to deal with the Union. Don't you know that? You might say—"Employers Reject

Communists, and so on." (Editor scribbles).

Editor: And what about the Governor's statement, chief?

Banker (grows red in face at mere thought): Well, Ed, we'll have to run it, of course. All the other papers have. But we'll throw in so much junk against the Reds that the people will forget the Governor.

Dumb Reporter: Say, what shall I do with this human interest story about the old women and the young boys and girls who have volunteered their services to the cause of 574?

Banker: Oh, you want to know what you should do with that. Can't you guess? (Appeals to Editor): Ed, why the devil don't you can this guy? He seems to think that strikers are human. Doesn't he know the advertisers wouldn't stand for any stories like that?

Advertiser: Well, uh—

Banker (to advertiser): John! Were you going to say something? (John thinks of the ten grand he owes the bank, and shuts up).

Banker (rises): One more thing, Ed. Make a final attempt to start raids on workers' homes and meeting places, and on that damned strike headquarters. Say something like this: "Because the Communists failed to get anywhere in California, due to prompt action of—ah—citizen vigilantes, they have now concentrated in Minneapolis." And for God's sake,

dere emily

Friday

dere emily,

Well kid, here it is eleven days we been on strike now, and me and the boys is just gettin into the swing of things agin. yestiday the Governor sent in the national guards, and now marshall law is declared. i think thats a rotten trick, but nothin is going to keep us from winnin this here strike.

the Union was willin to accep Father Haas'es settlement but the bosses turned it down. so why not let us fight it out with the bosses and their cops, everything above board? we tied them up rite along, and we can tie them up until a republican is president again, which wont be ever, i expect.

but even if the Governor did call out the soljur boys, the boys was sure tickled at the way he cracked down on the cits alliance and the journal. gosh, he says stuff even more radical then what our guys say. the only trouble is, he dont do stuff that helps us.

for inst., Olson sure pinned the tail on the cits alliance. he says they is a small click of men which hates all organized labor and is determined to crush it, which is just what we new all the time. he calls them "sinister" and says that they prevented a settlement of this strike and the May strike too. he says that the two big chain banks—the same ones, emily, your pa is allus railing against—and the alliance are able to dictate the destinies of the people. and best of all, the Governor says that the mouthpiece of the cits alliance is the minneapolis journal. boy, thats tellin em, eh, emily.

i aint told you about our radio station yet, have i emily? we got two big microphones in headquarters, and all the time our guys are talkin over it. one of our guys called Sloan is the announcer, and hes a cracker-jack, emily.

in fack, kid, there dont seem to be nothin the fellos in our Union cant do.. which just goes to show that workers has got heaps of initiative and talent which is hardly ever givin a chance to come out except in times like these. we got guys in 574 which write our paper, which runs our radio station; which fixes our cars. wives and girls cook all our meals, and they are all very good, too. much better than what i got at the boardin house. my stomick is fine now, emily, it dont ever hurt any more. then other workers has set up a barber shop in the headquarters, so now we can get shaves and haircuts whenever we want to. the guys has all been laffin at the way i had my hair cut. so yestiday i had one of the Union barbers cut it and he sure does better than old Jake up at Turtle Creek. dont tell Jake that tho, emily, i dont want to hurt his feelins. but ya ought to see yure boy friend now, emily.. "hansum mike," thats what the guys are callin me since i got my hair cut. but a course they is just kiddin.

then we got guys that fixes all our cars. in fack, i believe we cud even fill our own teeth if we had to. leastwise, i hurd Bill Brown say that he would maybe have to ack as dentist, now we got a barber shop and all. but i dont think Bill would make a very good dentist.

yessir, emily, these strikes sure show me that workers can run there own affairs as good—and a heap better—than outsiders. yep, we can get along fine without the bosses, but the bosses cant get along without us. because we are the fellos who do everything.

i was walkin down the street this morning, emily, and i looked around me, and darned if i could see a single thing that wasnt create it and bilt by the workers. did you ever think of that, emily.

telephone poles, paving, all the buildings, all the materials sich as glass, bricks, steel, and so on; all the autos, the clothes, the food, everything, is produced by only the working class. bosses dont build a single thing, we do all the work, not only building everything but keepin it up everything clean and in repare also.

who do ya think showed up at headquarters yistiday. no one but yure dum brother. anyhow i was glad to see him, cause hes from home. i took him up to the commissary and got him a meal and now he wants to go out and picket for oid 574. i take back everything i always said about Sammy, kid, hes alright.. i took him over to my room and the landlady put another cot in, so he is goin to stay with me. sammy thinks minneapolis is awful big, and i had more fun kiddin him about stuff.

yours,

Mike

ps. sammy says hello, and will you please mail him his shoes.

remember to put in that the reds ain't interested in winning this strike. Say they're trying to start a revolution on—uh—August 16th or so. You know how to dress up stuff like that. (Advertiser gets up and goes out with Banker. Editor scribbles. Dumb Reporter goes out, sadder but wiser.